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a global movement to end all wars

A War Abolition Movement Was Missing

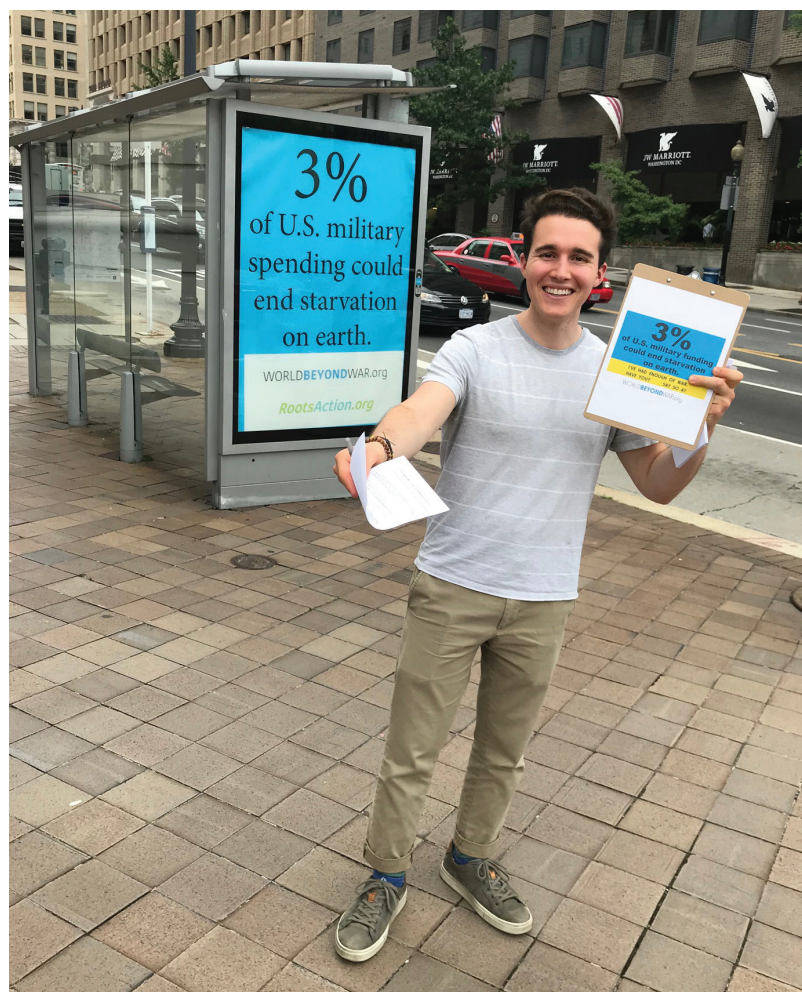
War kills people and destroys property. War is a top cause of the erosion of civil liberties, a top justification of government secrecy, the basis for the militarization of local police, a catalyst for racism and bigotry, a top creator of refugees and of cruelty toward refugees, and the reason humanity risks nuclear apocalypse. Militarism is a top destroyer of the natural environment, yet exempted from major environmental standards. Just a small portion of the amount of money spent on wars and militarism could end global hunger, provide clean drinking water, housing, healthcare, college educations, and a myriad of other needs.

Efforts against particular wars, atrocities, or weapons can be steps toward ending the institution of war, but often end up supporting it. Opposing a war in the name of preparedness for other wars, or a weapon because it doesn't work well, or particular types of cruelty because they stray from respectable mass killing can be self-defeating strategies. Advocacy limited by geography tends to be limited in the wars it opposes. World BEYOND War has been created as a global nonviolent movement to end all war, because existing strategies for peace (that is, for the elimination of all war and all threat of war) have been lacking.



Billboards and other big ads catch people's attention and direct them to visit the worldbeyondwar.org website. There they sign a pledge to help end all war, and indicate how they'd like to help. We provide volunteers with the resources, tools, and training to organize in their communities.

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World BEYOND War's work involves education and nonviolent activism. We work to educate people about the economic, environmental, democratic, and cultural downsides of war and preparation for war, but that is not enough. The case must also be established that there is no upside to war, that it does not protect, but rather endangers. The myths that war is inevitable, necessary, just, and beneficial have to be dismantled. The nonviolent means of resolving conflicts — the systems with which to replace war — must be clearly envisioned. Only then do the arguments for abolition win over new advocates.

World BEYOND War produces books, videos, courses, pamphlets, billboards, posters, a peace almanac for print and radio, op-eds, media interviews, and many other online and offline educational resources and organizing tools. We organize annual conferences and a multitude of events including rallies, press conferences, volunteer meetings, film screenings, and book talks. We poll people before and after public debates and our other events, and consistently find large percentages moved to the belief that all war can and must be ended.



World BEYOND War Creates Something New

World BEYOND War does not attempt the balancing act of limiting war while leaving the institution of war in place, nor that of opposing only particular nations' wars. As a global organization, we are not defenders of violence from certain quarters; rather, we are principled advocates for the practical and moral superiority of nonviolence. We persuasively argue that there can never be a just war, no matter how limited or what the cause, and outline the evidence that nonviolent methods are the most effective and lasting paths by which to resolve conflict.

On this basis, we forge alliances with groups and individuals working on closely related fields often thought of as disconnected: environmentalism, anti-poverty, health, civil rights, anti-racism, refugee rights, etc. We build this larger coalition through education and nonviolent activism. World BEYOND War connects individuals and organizations with allies around the world, helping them to shape their opposition to particular wars as part of a movement toward war's replacement rather than its amelioration. World BEYOND War has had an impact in the media and within activist movements, helping to inspire and shape a variety of activities.

Our strategic campaigns advance us towards war abolition, while providing opportunities for education along the way. By organizing locally and globally for divestment from weapons, we take money out of war and stigmatize war profiteering. By promoting the closure of foreign bases, we unite peace advocates across borders.



World BEYOND War's seminal book, *A Global Security System: An Alternative to War*, is updated and published annually in print, ebook, and audio versions, along with an accompanying free online study and discussion guide.

The book provides a blueprint for ending war rooted in the strategies of demilitarizing security, managing conflicts without violence, and creating a culture of peace. By establishing a clear understanding of what we can replace war with, we advance the project of transitioning to a society designed for pursuing and maintaining nonviolent processes that make war a thing of the past.



“What a treasure. It is so well written and conceptualized. The beautiful text and design immediately captured the attention and imagination of my 90 graduate and undergraduate students. Visually and substantively, the clarity of the book appeals to young people in a way textbooks have not.” —Barbara Wien of American University on *A Global Security System: An Alternative to War*.



War is not ending on its own.

War is being confronted by a strategic popular resistance. We need your involvement and support if we are to reach all of those who would like to be with us or who can be persuaded to stand with us.

World BEYOND War is a people-powered movement for peace. We rely on small donations and on countless volunteers who donate their time for free. We are extremely grateful to every volunteer and donor. Special thanks to our recurring donors and to the Puffin Foundation, Christopher and LuAnne Hormel of the Fire Monkey Fund of RSF Social Finance, Home Rule Globally, John Vehey, the Jubitz Family Foundation, the Wallace Action Fund, Peaceworkers, Stephen Clemens, Angeliki V. Keil, Deb Sawyer, Wayne Martinson, Medea Benjamin, Peter Selby, Josh Mitteldorf, Robert Barkley, Paddy Welles, William McLaughlin, Nancy Weaver, Arthur Milholland, Robin Lloyd, and Helen Alexander.



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“What I appreciate most about World BEYOND War is that it does not ruminate on the pluses and minuses of each military intervention but takes a clear, principled, courageous and unequivocal stand that war is bad, period, and that our job as global citizens is stop all ongoing wars and prevent new ones. This breaks through the fog of ‘humanitarian interventions’ and ‘just wars’ to paint a vision of how we must evolve as a civilization if we are to survive, and that is, precisely, a world beyond war. Bravo!” —Medea Benjamin, author, co-founder of CODE PINK.



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