

# **Los Angeles Dec. 10: Human Rights Day Rally & March**

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# HUMAN RIGHTS DAY MARCH & RALLY

RESIST US-LED WAR MOVEMENT

**3250 WILSHIRE BLVD  
LOS ANGELES CA • 6PM  
IN FRONT OF THE EL SALVADOR CONSULATE**

*Join us to commemorate International Human Rights Day to lift up the struggle and resistance of migrants, refugees, indigenous people, and displaced people communities impacted by violence and war. The U.S. currently spends \$693 billion on military defense and only \$60 billion on education.*

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Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM PST

Consulate General of El Salvador in Los Angeles  
3450 Wilshire Blvd Suite 250, Los Angeles, California 90010

On December 10th, progressive organizations in Southern CA will host a march and rally in commemoration of International Human Rights Day to highlight the struggles of migrants, refugees, indigenous people, and displaced communities impacted by state violence and war. The U.S. currently spends \$717 billion on military defense and only \$60 billion on education. We are coming together to build a movement to Resist US-led War & Militarism and we want to invite you to participate in this year's activity.

#### Our Demands\*

- End U.S. Militarism at home and abroad!
- Defund DHS (US Department of Homeland Security)!
- Divest from Boeing and other military contractors!
- Stop military recruitment of students and youth!
- Redirect funds for housing, jobs, and education!

What: Human Rights Day March & Rally

When: December 10th, 2019 - Tuesday at 6:00PM starting at Consulate of El Salvador marching with a few stops. Total Distance is about 1 mile.

To get involved, please contact us as soon as possible and fill out this form  
<https://tinyurl.com/D10-2019>.

For more info: [#HumanRightsDayLA #ResistUSledWar #BuildJustPeace](http://www.resistusledwarmovement.com)

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Student Labor Advocacy Project of UCLA

Unión Centroamericana - UNICA de UCLA

Día de los Derechos Humanos Marcha y Rally (Titular principal)  
Resistir el movimiento de guerra liderado por Estados Unidos (subtítulo)

10 de diciembre, 6 p.m.  
Frente al Consulado de El Salvador  
3250 Wilshire Blvd., Los Ángeles

Únase a nosotros para conmemorar el Día Internacional de los Derechos Humanos para levantar la lucha y la resistencia de los migrantes, refugiados, pueblos indígenas y comunidades desplazadas afectadas por la violencia y la guerra. Estados Unidos actualmente gasta \$717 mil millones en defensa militar y solo \$ 60 mil millones en educación.

Nuestras demandas

Desfinanciar el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS)!  
¡Fin al militarismo estadounidense en el país y en el extranjero!  
¡Alto al reclutamiento militar de estudiantes y jóvenes!  
¡Desinvierta de Boeing y otros contratistas militares!  
Redireccionar fondos para vivienda, trabajo y educación!

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# **Los Angeles Dec. 15: Mumia Abu-Jamal and the MOVE 9**

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Featuring:  
**PAM AFRICA**  
of International  
Concerned Family  
and Friends of  
Mumia Abu-Jamal  
with **JANET AFRICA**  
& **JANINE AFRICA**  
of the **MOVE 9** –  
released from prison  
after forty years.

# MUMIA ABU-JAMAL & THE MOVE 9

PUBLIC FORUM

**DEC 15**

SUNDAY 2 pm

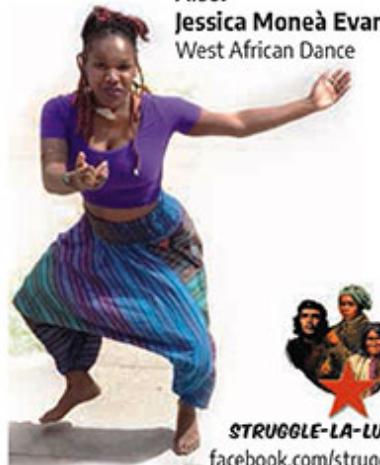
Harriet Tubman Center  
5278 W Pico Blvd, Los Angeles  
(East of Fairfax and West of La Brea)



Janine Africa, Carlos Africa, Janet Africa, Pam Africa  
Mumia Abu-Jamal on the far side.

Also:

**Jessica Moneà Evans**  
West African Dance



**STRUGGLE-LA-LUCHA.ORG**  
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The MOVE 9 were jailed after a siege by police in 1978. In a second police attack in 1985 their Philadelphia headquarters was firebombed, killing six adults and five children, and burning an entire city block. Two MOVE members died in prison, two were released in 2018 and three were released in 2019 after forty years. Two more remain imprisoned.

Famed political prisoner, former Black Panther and journalist Mumia Abu-Jamal has made the case of the MOVE 9 his mission, even as his own life was in peril while on death row. Mumia's death sentence was overturned and he was moved from death row, but the racists running the prison-industrial-complex have since tried to murder him through medical neglect. It is through determined struggle carried out by the activists in International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal, Pam Africa in the forefront, that gains have been made in the cases of the MOVE 9 and of Mumia Abu-Jamal.

Accessible Hall

Donations \$5-\$20 (no one turned away for lack of funds)

For more information call: 323 306-6240

Labor donated 11/2019



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# **50th National Day of Mourning**

## **@ndom2019**

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Thursday, November 28, 2019 at 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM EST

Cole's Hill  
Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360

50th National Day of Mourning, Cole's Hill, Plymouth, MA.  
Official event organized by UAINE (United American Indians of New England) every year since 1970 on US "thanksgiving" day.

Donate: [gf.me/u/vumxka](https://gf.me/u/vumxka)

ORIENTATION FOR 50th NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING 11.28.19

#### WHAT IS NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING?

An annual tradition since 1970, Day of Mourning is a solemn, spiritual and highly political day. Many of us fast from sundown the day before through the afternoon of that day (and have a social after Day of Mourning so that participants in DOM can

break their fasts). We are mourning our ancestors and the genocide of our peoples and the theft of our lands. NDOM is a day when we mourn, but we also feel our strength in action. Over the years, participants in Day of Mourning have buried Plymouth Rock a number of times, boarded the Mayflower replica, and placed ku klux klan sheets on the statue of William Bradford, etc.

#### WHEN AND WHERE IS DAY OF MOURNING?

Thursday, November 28, 2019 (U.S. “thanksgiving” day) at Cole’s Hill, Plymouth, Massachusetts, 12 noon SHARP. Cole’s Hill is the hill above Plymouth Rock in the Plymouth historic waterfront area.

#### WILL THERE BE A MARCH?

Yes, there will be a march through the historic district of Plymouth. Plymouth agreed, as part of the settlement of 10/19/98, that UAINE may march on Day of Mourning without the need for a permit as long as we give the town advance notice.

**PROGRAM:** Although we very much welcome our non-Native supporters to stand with us, it is a day when only Indigenous people speak about our history and the struggles that are taking place throughout the Americas. Speakers will be by invitation only. This year’s NDOM is dedicated to Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls & Two Spirits, and to our thousands of relatives who are migrants and are being abused by ICE and other government agencies, including having their children stolen from them. We didn’t cross the border - The border crossed us!

#### [#NoJusticeOnStolenLand](#)

Please note that NDOM is not a commercial event, so we ask that people do not sell merchandise or distribute leaflets at the outdoor program. If you have literature to distribute, you are welcome to place it on a literature table at the social hall following the speak-out and march. Also, we ask that you do not eat (unless you must do so for medical reasons) at the outdoor speak-out and march out of respect for the participants who are fasting. Finally, dress for the weather!

**SOCIAL:** There will be a pot-luck social held at a NEW social hall (to be announced) after the National Day of Mourning speak-out and march this year. Preference for first seatings will be given to Elders, young children and their caretaker, pregnant women, Disabled people, and people who have traveled a long distance to join National Day of Mourning. Please respect our culture and our wish to ensure that these guests will be the first to be able to sit and eat. With this understanding in mind, please bring non-alcoholic beverages, desserts, prepared fresh fruit & vegetables, and pre-cooked entrée items (turkeys, hams, stuffing, vegetables, casseroles, rice & beans, etc.) that can be easily re-warmed at the social hall prior to the social. Our amazing kitchen crew makes great food, with plenty of vegetarian and vegan dishes, too, but if you have special dietary needs, please bring something that will suit you so you will not be unhappy. Thank you.

Kitchen volunteers: Please contact us via [info@uaine.org](mailto:info@uaine.org) to offer your services.

**TRANSPORTATION:** Please check the facebook event page for 50th National Day of Mourning for updates on transportation, including buses and carpooling. We do not recommend MBTA service as it is limited on a holiday.

**DONATIONS:** Monetary donations are gratefully accepted to help defray the costs of the day and of UAINÉ's many other efforts during the year:  
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/uaine-20192020-fundraising-campaign>

On [Facebook](#)



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# **NYC Nov. 25: Picture The Homeless 20th Anniversary**

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20th  
Anniversary

## PICTURE THE HOMELESS

Members & Allies Ask You to  
**Join in Our Celebration**  
**A Celebration of Renewal**

- RE-Dedication to Our Mission & Goals
- Strengthening the voices of those without housing

**AND STILL WE RISE!** Housing is a Human Right!



Share in Our Oral History  
Interactive Presentation,  
Refreshments, Music ♫  
& Silent Auction

The event will be held on Monday **NOV 25** 2019

from **6 pm – 10 pm** in the Gallery

Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building

163 West 125th St. Off Adam Clayton Powell Blvd. NYC 10027

Trains: 2, 3, A, D, C to 125th St. Buses M35, BX4, M101, M60-SBS

Suggested Donations:

♥ \$10 Members ♥ \$40 Non-Member ♥ Solidarity Supporter \$100



11/18 is deadline to request childcare

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# **International Solidarity Conference in Cuba calls for 'counteroffensive against imperialism'**

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Havana — According to the conference final declaration, 1,332 activists and revolutionaries from 86 countries around the world attended the three-day Anti-Imperialist Solidarity Conference for Democracy and Against Neoliberalism in the Cuban capital from Nov. 1-3.

Contingents represented more than 750 organizations united in remarkable and vigorous solidarity for socialist Cuba.

The call for this gathering was announced following May Day 2018 by the president of the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP), Fernando Gonzalez Llort. Gonzalez is one of the Cuban 5 heroes who spent long years imprisoned in the U.S., which Jose Marti rightly termed “the belly of the beast.”

Gonzalez and Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez Parrilla opened the conference, along with a video tribute to historic leader of the Cuban Revolution Fidel Castro, whose leadership was remembered throughout the weekend.

The event took on the character of a call to united action for international solidarity in what a delegate from Peru named a counteroffensive to imperialist aggression and intervention in the Global South.

### **'Dare to debunk myths'**

Six work commission focused discussion and action proposals on topics ranging from people before free trade and transnationals; integration and common struggles; democracy, sovereignty and anti-imperialism; and decolonization, strategic communication and social struggle.

Young people from all around the world spoke in the youth commission, organized by Cuba's Union of Young Communists (UJC).

The largest commission by far was solidarity with Cuba and other just causes.

This Cuba solidarity commission became a conference inside a conference. It was held at the campus of the Latin American School of Medicine (ELAM), with two plenaries and cultural presentations from medical students.

ELAM students in their white coats, national dress and with some holding their national flags, lined the walkway into the school in a joyous greeting. Participants discussed action proposals divided by geographical regions to be reported back the next day.

Uniting all attendees was the common need to combat incorrect and slanderous attacks on socialism being made online and in the bourgeois news media.

In his keynote speech at the end of the conference, President Nicolás Maduro of Venezuela declared, “It’s necessary to take paths of courage and dare to debunk myths, blackmail, and lies.”

In the final action plan assembled by the conference, eight different proposed actions involved media strategies, such as creating an Anti-Imperialist Media Alliance to create media that is “collectively organized and coordinated, for the truth and based on peoples’ resistance.”

The program pledged to support alternative news sources such as HispanTV, Russia Today, and Cubainformación, meant to be an alternative news source for solidarity with the Cuban struggle. Additionally, the conference resolved to carry out coordinated international media campaigns on the 17th of every month.

Cuban representatives and supporters vigorously denounced the U.S. blockade and demanded: #ManosFueraDeCuba (Hands Off Cuba)!

### **Internationalist unity**

Resoundingly, the activists and representatives in the conference plenaries affirmed and reaffirmed their support for President Evo Morales and Bolivia. Speakers praised Evo for championing the fight against climate change in Latin America and the rights of Indigenous people and for implementing progressive reforms for the people of Bolivia.

Speakers opposed the neoliberal undertakings of the International Monetary Fund in various countries, including Ecuador. Representatives from Chile called for solidarity in the popular struggle against the brutal Piñera regime and overturning the legacy of the Pinochet dictatorship.

Again and again, representatives and speakers demanded freedom for falsely imprisoned former Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva. Chants of “Lula

*Livre*” rocked Havana’s Convention Center. Boxes containing more than 2 million Cuban signatures for his release were delivered to the Brazilian delegation.

Among many issues raised, the conference called for the liberation of Palestine from Israeli apartheid, the fall of the fascist Duterte regime in the Philippines, an end to the trade war against China, and support for the people’s movement in Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Indigenous activists from the Wet’suwet’en nation sang a protest chant in defense of Native land and the climate. Anti-imperialists from the United States raised the big banks’ racist austerity measures in Detroit and big business attacks on public housing tenants in the South Bronx.

The conference celebrated the revolutionary advances made by Cuba in the fields of education and healthcare. Cuba founded the Latin American School of Medicine, which trains and sends doctors all over the world to countries where medical care is needed. Numerous current and former students of ELAM attended.

Cuba’s historical defense of the liberation struggles on the African continent, including those in Angola, Namibia, Libya and Zimbabwe, was held in the highest esteem.

### **Venezuelan leader speaks**

In the closing session, Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez and Army General and First Secretary of the Communist Party Central Committee Raul Castro Ruz were joined by Bolivarian Venezuela’s President Nicolás Maduro Moro.

Greeted by thunderous chants and cheering, President Nicolás Maduro put into words the overwhelming spirit of unity that flowed through the conference. “The revolutionary force of a conscious people is unstoppable,” he proclaimed to an enthusiastic and emotional audience.

After analyzing 30 years of the history of struggle and revolution in Latin America, Maduro stated that through building unity, the people of Latin America may stand together and form an unstoppable resistance to neoliberalism and imperialism. He emphasized that building unity and solidarity is crucial for opening up “roads to the truth” in the face of campaigns to divide left-wing, progressive and popular movements.

Furthermore, Maduro stressed, “It is the people that must stand together and obligate that our rulers stand together and respect each other.” He concluded that the people of Latin America share a common destiny and that the road to victory must be charted by the people with courage.

President Maduro described threats aimed at Bolivia’s President Evo Morales Ayma made by Luis Fernando Camacho, a fascist millionaire figure of the right-wing opposition. Morales was forced to renounce his title of democratically-elected leader of Bolivia under pressure from the OAS-backed fascist coup on Nov. 10, just a week after Maduro’s address in Havana.

According to Maduro, Camacho gave Evo an ultimatum to either leave his office in 24 hours or get “knocked out.” Maduro compared this threat to a Nazi tactic. Nevertheless, he confidently declared, “[The Bolivian opposition] will not be knocking out Evo. They will not be able to knock out the people of Bolivia. This ultimatum is not against Evo, it’s against the people of Bolivia — the Native people. That is the truth.”

The Bolivian military may have turned on the people in favor of the fascist opposition, but the people of Bolivia have not wavered in their support for Evo. Marches of tens of thousands of people, led by Indigenous Bolivians, have crowded the streets of El Alto and La Paz. The military has brutally injured hundreds and killed more than two dozen protestors, mainly Indigenous people, but the people’s resistance has not let up.

As Maduro projected: "The Native people, the miners, the peasants, the young people of the universities will be in the streets doing whatever it takes to support Evo Morales." The people of Bolivia have yet to prove him wrong.

With emphasis on unity and the duty of the people to propel their leadership forward, Maduro concluded: "Let us have faith and optimism that a historic time has come for unity, and let us have the spiritual force to drive forward in these times in our history. Nobody will take that away from us. Brothers and sisters, ever onward to victory. We shall overcome."



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## **U.S. groups denounce brutal repression in Bolivia**

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We, the undersigned U.S. organizations condemn the civic-military coup in Bolivia and the brutal repression unleashed by the police and military authorized by the self-proclaimed anti-Indigenous "President" of Bolivia, Senator Jeanine Áñez.

The regime has burned the Wiphala, flag of the Indigenous nations of Bolivia; decreed an exemption to prosecution for the police and military for the use of lethal force against demonstrators; and has criminalized democratically elected officials

and rank and file members of organizations associated with the deposed government. These decrees led to the massacre in Cochabamba on November 15 in which police and the armed forces opened fire on demonstrators killing five people and wounding more than 100, as well as the massacre of Senkata on November 19 in which at least 8 people were killed and at least 30 wounded. They have also led to the deployment of military, police and private intelligence agencies to hunt down and arrest political opponents of the coup regime.

We urge an immediate investigation by the U.N. of the killing of at least 32 people and the wounding of more than 700 by the police and security forces since the coup against President Evo Morales on November 10, 2019, based on official data from the Office of the People's Defender ("Defensoría del Pueblo"). We also call for the release of all political detainees.

We support calls by the constitutional President, Evo Morales as well as the United Nations, for dialogue to avoid further bloodshed. We call for the return of security forces to the barracks and an investigation into the crimes committed by the police and military, as well as those who authorized the use of lethal force, to hold perpetrators accountable.

We also reject the illegal self-proclamation as "President" of Senator Jeanine Áñez, elected without a quorum and without the presence of MAS members of congress, whose safety is under permanent threat. This self-proclamation also violates article 161 of the Bolivian Constitution, according to which Congress must accept the President's resignation in order for it to be valid, which so far hasn't taken place.

We urge the U.S. Congress and the Organization of American States (OAS) to condemn the coup against the constitutional government and support the path of dialogue over escalating confrontation.

**WE DEMAND AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE KILLING OF INDIGENOUS**

BOLIVIANS!

PEACE FOR BOLIVIA!

SIGNATURES

1. Forum of Sao Paulo, Executive Committee in Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia
2. CODEPINK, USA
3. ANSWER Coalition, USA
4. Democratic Socialists of America, Richmond, Virginia chapter
5. Socialist Unity Party / Partido de Socialismo Unido, USA
6. International Committee for Peace, Justice and Dignity, USA
7. Friends of the Congo, Washington DC
8. National Network on Cuba, USA
9. Popular Resistance, Washington DC
10. Party for Socialism and Liberation, Washington DC
11. Black Alliance for Peace, Washington DC
12. Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press, Washington, DC
13. Communist Party, USA
14. Central Committee of the Peace and Freedom Party of California, San Diego, California
15. Council on Hemispheric Affairs, COHA, Washington DC
16. Peace Council, Greater New Haven, Connecticut
17. Red Nacional de Salvadoreños en el Exterior, RENASE, USA
18. Carolina Peace Resource Center, South Carolina
19. Leonard Peltier Defense Committee, San Diego, California
20. Congreso de los Pueblos, Colombia, international committee in DC
21. FigTree Foundation, USA,
22. Comité de Salvadoreños en Washington DC

23. Friends of Latin America, Columbia, Maryland
24. Rutilio House, Takoma Park, Maryland
25. Committee Against Police Brutality, San Diego, California
26. Women in Struggle, Washington DC
27. Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, CISPES, Washington DC
28. International Womxns Alliance-DC (DIWA)
29. Comité del FMLN de Washington DC
30. All-African People's Revolutionary Party (GC), Washington, DC
31. World Development Alliance, South Carolina

Source: [COHA](#)



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## **Organizaciones de Estados Unidos denuncian la brutal represión en**

# Bolivia

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Nosotros, las organizaciones estadounidenses abajo firmantes, denunciamos y condenamos el golpe cívico-militar en Bolivia y la brutal represión desatada por la

policía y los militares autorizados por la autoproclamada “presidenta” anti-indígena de Bolivia, la senadora Jeanine Áñez.

El régimen ha quemado la Whipala, bandera de las naciones indígenas de Bolivia; decretó la impunidad judicial para la policía y el ejército por el uso de la fuerza letal contra los manifestantes; y ha criminalizado a los funcionarios elegidos democráticamente y a los miembros de organizaciones asociadas con el gobierno depuesto. Estos decretos llevaron a la reciente masacre en Cochabamba el 15 de noviembre pasado, en la que la policía y las fuerzas armadas abrieron fuego contra los manifestantes, matando a cinco personas e hiriendo a más de 100, y a la masacre en Senkata el 19 de noviembre, donde al menos 8 personas fueron asesinadas y 30 fueron heridas. También derivaron en el despliegue de agencias de inteligencia militares, policiales y privadas para perseguir y arrestar a un grupo de dirigentes políticos opuestos al régimen golpista.

Demandamos una inmediata investigación por parte de la Organización de Naciones Unidas (ONU), sobre el asesinato de hasta ahora 32 personas y los más de 700 heridos a manos de la policía y las fuerzas de seguridad que se han producido desde el golpe de Estado contra el presidente Evo Morales, el 10 de noviembre de 2019, según cifras de la Defensoría del Pueblo. Exigimos también la liberación de todos los presos políticos.

Apoyamos el llamado del presidente constitucional, Evo Morales, así como de la ONU para crear instancias de diálogo para evitar más derramamiento de sangre; el regreso de las fuerzas de seguridad a los cuarteles; y una investigación sobre los crímenes cometidos por la policía y el ejército, así como contra aquellos que autorizaron el uso de la fuerza letal, de forma que los perpetradores asuman su responsabilidad judicial.

También rechazamos la autoproclamación ilegal como “presidenta” de la senadora Jeanine Áñez, elegida sin quórum y sin la presencia de miembros del Congreso del

partido MAS, cuya seguridad está bajo amenaza permanente. Esta autoproclamación también viola el artículo 161 de la Constitución boliviana, según el cual el Congreso debe aceptar la renuncia del presidente para ser válida, lo que hasta ahora no ha tenido lugar.

Instamos al Congreso de EEUU y a la Organización de Estados Americanos (OEA) a que condenen claramente el golpe contra el gobierno constitucional y apoyen el camino del diálogo de forma de aminorar la confrontación que sufre el país.

¡Demandamos el cese de la matanza de indígenas bolivianos inmediatamente!

¡Paz para Bolivia!

Organizaciones firmantes

1. Comité Ejecutivo del Foro de Sao Paulo en Washington DC, Maryland and Virginia
2. CODEPINK, organización a nivel nacional
3. Friends of the Congo (Amigos del Congo), Washington DC
4. National Network on Cuba (Red Nacional sobre Cuba), organización a nivel nacional
5. Socialist Unity Party (Partido de Unidad Socialista), organización a nivel nacional
6. Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press (Instituto de la mujer por la libertad de prensa), Washington, DC
7. Central Committee of the Peace and Freedom Party of California (Comité Central del Partido por la paz y la libertad de California), San Diego, California
8. Council on Hemispheric Affairs, COHA (Consejo de Asuntos Hemisféricos), organización a nivel nacional
9. Peace Council (Consejo de la Paz), Greater New Haven, Connecticut

10. Red Nacional de Salvadoreños en el Exterior, RENASE, organización a nivel nacional
11. Carolina Peace Resource Center (Centro de Recursos para la Paz Carolina), South Carolina
12. International Committee for Peace, Justice and Dignity (Comité Internacional para la Paz, la Justicia y la Dignidad), organización a nivel nacional
13. Democratic Socialists of America (Socialistas Demócratas de Estados Unidos), Richmond, Virginia chapter
14. Leonard Peltier Defense Committee (Comité de Defensa Leonard Peltier), San Diego, California
15. Congreso de los Pueblos, Colombia, comité internacional en Washington DC
16. FigTree Foundation (Fundación Higuera) , organización a nivel nacional
17. Comité de Salvadoreños en Washington DC
18. Friends of Latin America (Amigos de América Latina), Columbia, Maryland
19. Committee Against Police Brutality (Comité contra la brutalidad policial), San Diego, California
20. Women in Struggle (Mujeres en Lucha), Washington DC
21. Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (Comité de Solidaridad con el Pueblo de El Salvador), CISPES, Washington DC
22. International Womxns Alliance-DC (Alianza Internacional de Mujeres), DIWA, organización a nivel nacional
23. Popular Resistance (Resistencia Popular), Washington DC
24. Comité del FMLN de Washington DC
25. Party for Socialism and Liberation (Partido por el socialismo y la liberación), Washington DC
26. Black Alliance for Peace (Alianza Negra por la Paz), Washington DC
27. All-African People's Revolutionary Party, GC (Partido Revolucionario para

todos los pueblos de África), Washington, DC

28. ANSWER Coalition (Coalición Answer contra la guerra), Washington DC
29. World Development Alliance (Alianza por el desarrollo mundial), South Carolina
30. Rutilio House (Casa Rutilio), Takoma Park, Maryland
31. Partido Comunista de Estados Unidos

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## **Hong Kong riots share tactics, aims of Bolivia coupmakers**

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Nov. 21 — A standoff between authorities in the Chinese territory of Hong Kong and U.S.-backed rioters who occupied Polytechnic University appears to be winding down. Hong Kong police have the upper hand with a handful of holdouts still inside.

While Nov. 18 saw one of the most violent confrontations to date, after months of right-wing, anti-communist riots, the majority of those who had occupied Polytechnic exited the campus when the police were poised to move in. Much of the university, including libraries and other facilities used by students, has been destroyed.

Destruction of government buildings, blockades of mass transportation, bridges and other public facilities, and violent attacks on police and Hong Kongers loyal to socialist China are the hallmarks of this “democratic movement,” as the Western media characterize it.

This was only the latest episode — and with imperialist maneuvering driving the chaos, a return to normalcy is far from certain.

The U.S. and Britain have egged on the pro-Western protests in an attempt to separate Hong Kong from China. Hong Kong was returned to China in 1997, after the British stole it in 1847 during the Opium Wars and held it as a colony for 150 years.

In the 1997 agreement, China allowed that capitalism could continue to function in Hong Kong until 2047. What was essentially a “mini-constitution” for the city, called the Basic Law, was put in place. The agreement granted wide autonomy to the Hong Kong administration and gave final authority regarding any changes to the agreement to the central government of China.

### **Right-wing rebellion**

What is in fact a right-wing rebellion began in early 2019 over an attempt to pass an extradition law to send a man, who had admitted to murdering his girlfriend, to Taiwan. Similar treaties exist between many countries in the world.

The legislation was later withdrawn as a concession to the protesters, but by that time their demands had morphed into distancing Hong Kong from the People’s

Republic of China. Large numbers of protesters faded away at that point.

Now a smaller, more violent group, coaxed by imperialist functionaries, continue the mayhem. Tactics have shifted from mere property destruction to more use of petrol bombs, hurling bricks, violent attacks and the latest addition: bows and flaming arrows.

Until now, the Hong Kong police have been restrained, compared to what would have happened anywhere in the U.S. under similar circumstances. Imagine the U.S. response if Chinese officials were advising Black Lives Matter or Antifa organizers!

### **Links to Bolivia coup**

The leaders of the Hong Kong protests have carried out actions and have associated with characters that reveal tactical similarities to the so-called color revolutions and other regime-change operations organized by intelligence agencies of the U.S.

One example that comes to mind is how a Venezuelan “opposition” crowd burned an Afro-Venezuelan man to death in May 2017. Earlier this month, the “peaceful protesters” in Hong Kong doused a man arguing with them with a flammable liquid and lit him on fire as well.

In an episode of a podcast called “China Unscripted,” a ridiculous anti-communist host interviewed a young Bolivian woman named Jhanisse Vaca-Daza, who talked about her “nonviolent activism” in Bolivia. She and a handful of others led a propaganda blitz that blamed Bolivian President Evo Morales for the massive fires in the Amazon rainforest, effectively using Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro’s profit-driven recklessness as a counterrevolutionary propaganda tool.

She also praised and candidly admitted that she’s met with Hong Kong protest leaders.

Vaca-Daza happens to be the “Freedom Fellowship Manager” at the Human Rights Foundation. On her [LinkedIn profile](#), the Freedom Fellowship is described in typical National Endowment for Democracy language as “a one-year program that awards ten human rights advocates, social entrepreneurs and nonprofit leaders from countries ruled by authoritarian regimes around the world with the unique opportunity to dramatically increase the impact of their work.”

Numerous U.S. officials have met directly with leaders of the Hong Kong riots. Late in August, some anti-China Hong Kong officials flew to Montana and met under the radar with a bipartisan group, including a U.S. senator and three representatives, to discuss legislation to punish China for “human rights violations.”

The fruit of that meeting is a pair of bills championed by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and passed by both houses of Congress on Nov. 21: the so-called “Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act.” One bill mandates an annual review to determine if Hong Kong’s level of autonomy warrants continuing special trade status and allows sanctions to be imposed. The second bill blocks sending nonlethal ammunition to the Hong Kong police.

The response from China’s Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Geng Shuan, was swift and angry: “This act neglects facts and truth, applies double standards and blatantly interferes in Hong Kong affairs and China’s other internal affairs.

“The United States must immediately stop interfering in Hong Kong affairs and China’s other internal affairs, or the negative consequences will boomerang on itself,” the official said.

Many view Donald Trump’s ongoing trade war with Beijing as a possible restraint on more direct U.S. attacks on China’s sovereignty. But so far it has not restrained them.

Hong Kong is part of China. The Chinese government and People's Liberation Army may have no choice but to reinforce the Hong Kong police and end what is essentially a U.S. intervention in Hong Kong.



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# **When others go low, and you die: The loss of safe spaces for Black bodies**

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*A talk given at the event "People Fight Back at Home and in South America" at the Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice in Los Angeles on Nov. 2.*

The abutting murders of Botham Jean and Atatiana Jefferson by police in Texas seem to be pertinent markers of the degradation of safe spaces for Black bodies.

I reflect on the few moments of rest and joy a Black person may find; a moment of privacy to enjoy a snack in your home, family time with a young child that you love. I

also reflect on the constant unrest a Black person always feels, even in those moments; the impending sense of doom, knowing it could be taken at any time.

Before Botham and Atatiana there was Aiyana Stanley Jones and Kenneth Chamberlain Sr. and all of the endless cases in between. Every 28 hours and there are only so many of us.

Unwillingly, an incident that happened to me this summer will not let my mind rest as I reflect on these cases. I want to dismiss it, I want to not give this malefactor any more time or space in my life, and yet her tale so perfectly encapsulates the sentiment of the white ruling class against Black bodies. I feel it necessary to call out this woman by name to hopefully help other Black artists avoid her exploitation.

### **The tale of Shirley Morales**

During a group trip to Senegal that was centered on celebrating Black artists, I was introduced to a white gallery owner, Shirley Morales. During the activities and excursions, Shirley somehow found a way to, time and time again, insert her opinion on how she thought the Black, Muslim nation should be run.

I ignored her for days as she complained about how the cab drivers didn't deserve the money they were making and how inconvenienced she was at the people celebrating Ramadan. In a large group, it was easy enough to avoid her, yet it was as if she was following me.

One day at a group brunch, I was sequestered in a quiet corner after everyone else had finished eating, deep in a personal conversation with a brother from Ghana about police brutality in the United States. Suddenly Shirley appears, she makes herself at home at our table even though there are plenty of open spaces.

I continue, unphased, as I refuse to censor myself in a majority-Black country trying to have a majority Black conversation. I am in the middle of describing the pointedly

systematized way in which police officers hunt down Black people, when Shirley interjects, "Well everyone has a choice."

I am confused, stunned that she felt it her right to interrupt me and honestly unsure of what she could mean. "Excuse me?" I counter.

She is emboldened. "Well if that happens, it means people had a choice to be in those situations." I pause, I really wonder if she is saying what I think she is. "So are you saying Black people choose to get shot by the police?"

I can tell she is uncomfortable with saying this explicitly, but she shoots back, "Well ya. If they are in those situations, they made a choice and I don't want to hear this anymore, so it's my choice to leave." And in true Mephistopheles form she scuttles away as fast as she can after trying to ruin someone's whole day.

I was truly confounded. I'm sure my head was floating at a solid 3 o'clock angle for more than a few moments. The audacity, the total pomposity, had left me truly speechless, a rare and stunning occurrence.

Does this in any way touch the horror of the murders we have experienced, the lives lost to white people thinking they can shoot into the homes of Black folks? Of course not, but I do believe this is where it starts: white people who have the gall to invade Black spaces and violate them. It's just a comment or a "joke," a violation of personal space, a purse clutch, an interruption — but what happens when those people are armed? The people who think Bothem and Atatiana and Aiyana and Kenneth had choices. And even when you are not in the alleged safe space of your home, that you should die for selling loosies, or smoking joints or walking or breathing. The same people who think they should be able to thrive off of the labor and exploitation of Black bodies.

I later realized that I had actually been to Shirley's gallery before I met her on that

trip. I went to see a Black performance artist whose work I admired. Now I know what he represented to her: a paycheck. The same thing our bodies have always represented to the ruling class. Just another way to make a dollar.

## **What safe space?**

I often think about Michelle Obama's famous line, "When others go low, you go high." But no matter how high you put your hands in the air they will still squeeze the trigger, posthumously assigning your thuggishness as your cause of death. When they go low, but you should have went lower, hit the ground so maybe the bullet would miss through that open window. When they go low, but all you have left is the blood pooling around your body, your last breath when you can't breathe, your back snapped hogtied. All of the choices. Just go high. I wonder — is high an afterlife? Is that the last safe space?

We are seemingly in the golden age of Black artists. Millions being spent to own a little piece of Black talent that has always been, yet now is worth acknowledging since there is money to be made. Hang it on the wall where it will stare back but remain silent. The owner can assign whatever feelings and values they choose to their new purchase. An image of a Black body forever stuck in servitude, the entertainment of their master.

Black bodies are currency, both actual and social. Labor sold in prisons, talent exported and exploited. What can a safe space mean when we are merely inconveniences or dollar signs?

There is a growing emphasis on "safe spaces", but how safe can we make them when at any time they are scared, confused, bored — we become target practice, a pin cushion for their spare bullets. When they can kick down the door, shoot through the window, bomb us out, gentrify our neighborhoods, give us predatory loans?

I think of India Kager in her car with baby in tow, 30 rounds. In a parked car, 9 seconds, they saw the baby. But they did not see the baby, not as a human, not as our future. I won't continue to expound, I can't imagine what type of being shoots at a baby. I would not feel it necessary to kill a mosquito 30 times over, to delight in its suffering, plan for it, stalk it, make memes about, start hate groups about it, celebrate it.

## **Capitalism and Black artists**

We cannot be viewed as more than currency under capitalism. The legacy of white supremacy's monumental growth under capitalism will always mark us as dollar signs, something to be bought, manipulated, traded, wasted.

As an artist, I feel it my duty to analyze and discuss the modes in which art can be used to ignite the revolution and the ways it is misappropriated by the ruling class. The artworld is just catching up to sports and entertainment for exploiting Black artists. Though they were late to realize the infinite cultural capital and talent created by Black artists, they are now methodically cashing in on our creative skills.

We are surviving in abject fascist conditions, we cannot consider our collective freedom under any conditions until we collectively end capitalism. It is the only way to build any space that can be safe.

As fascism collectively strains the lives and work of Black art makers, we must make a concentrated effort to keep Black art in the community and support the work of emerging artists as they create art to uplift our communities.



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# Monopoly profits fuel U.S. maneuvers in Southwest Asia

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Trump called an Oct. 27 press conference to brag about the alleged assassination of ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and his family by U.S. Special Operations troops. Baghdadi was said to be hiding in Hayat Tahrir Al Shams (HTS)-controlled Idlib, Syria. He has been reported killed at least five times in recent years.

Trump announced the assassination one year and nine days before the 2020 election. President Barack Obama announced the extrajudicial execution of Osama Bin Laden by U.S. Navy SEALS on May 2, 2011, some 18 months before the 2012 election.

In an [Oct. 30 interview](#), Syrian President Bashar al-Assad had this to say about Baghdadi: "It is well known that he was in American prisons in Iraq, and that they

let him out in order to play this role. So, he is someone who could be replaced at any moment.

“Was he really killed? Was he killed but through a different method, in a very ordinary way? Was he kidnapped? Was he hidden? Or was he removed and given a facelift? God only knows. American politics are no different from Hollywood. They rely on the imagination. Not even science fiction, just mere imagination. So, you can take American politics and see them in Hollywood or else you can bring Hollywood and see them through American politics.

“I believe the whole thing regarding this operation is a trick. Baghdadi will be recreated under a different name, a different individual, or ISIS in its entirety might be reproduced as needed under a different name but with the same thought and the same purpose. The director of the whole is the same, the Americans.”

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov described Baghdadi as a “brainchild of the United States. ... Therefore, to a certain extent, the Americans eliminated the one they gave birth to, if it actually happened,” he said.

### **The ISIS deception**

The “Islamic State in Iraq and Syria” is the product of a U.S.-Saudi project to disrupt anti-U.S. resistance with sectarian violence. Originally called “Al-Qaida in Iraq,” it was first funded by the Saudi General Intelligence Directorate. After the 2003 U.S. invasion of Iraq, AQI launched a bombing campaign against Shia Muslim mosques and holy places across the country.

Saudi Arabia, a virtual U.S. colony, has long funded covert operations on Washington’s behalf. In the 1980s, at Ronald Reagan’s request, the Saudi Kingdom paid for the CIA’s contra wars in Afghanistan and Nicaragua.

ISIS used Saudi cash to recruit thousands of former Iraqi soldiers and mercenaries

from 54 countries. Most came through Turkey. With these forces, ISIS seized land in northern Iraq and eastern Syria, where it found a new source of revenue in captured oil fields.

Oil money allowed ISIS to set up its own “caliphate” and break with al-Qaida. Much of the oil was smuggled out through Turkey to the Mediterranean and sold secretly to Israel.

The brunt of the battle against ISIS, al-Qaida and their offshoots has been borne by the Syrian Army and defense forces, Lebanese Hezbollah, the Iranian Revolutionary Guards, Iraqi Popular Mobilization Units and the Russian Armed Forces. The U.S., however, used “fighting ISIS” as a pretext to bomb, invade and occupy much of northern and eastern Syria, seizing the country’s oil and gas fields. Washington’s proxy war against Syria became an open military invasion.

In April 2017, the Trump regime ordered the first direct U.S. airstrikes on Syrian government installations. In January 2018, the White House announced an open-ended U.S. military occupation of northern Syria. On Feb. 7, 2018, U.S. planes and artillery attacked Syrian forces near oil fields in Deir Ezzor province, murdering 55 soldiers.

### **Thieves fall out**

Washington’s long war in Southwest Asia (“the Middle East”) is a war of plunder. As one would expect in such a war, there are conflicts and divisions among the plunderers, from the mercenary forces on the ground to their state sponsors to the corporate war profiteers on Wall Street and their servants in Washington.

Trump’s phony withdrawal from Syria provoked apparent outrage in Congress, from Democrats and Republicans alike. Some of it, like the withdrawal itself, was a charade. Some reflected a genuine rift over U.S. relations with Turkey.

There was no fury on Capitol Hill when Trump announced that the U.S. Army had returned to seize Syria's oilfields. But the House did pass a nonbinding resolution threatening sanctions against Turkey. It also voted for the first time to condemn the Armenian genocide, carried out by the Turkish Ottoman Empire between 1915 and 1923.

The White House and State Department oppose sanctions on Turkey. So does Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell.

### **Why the U.S.-Turkey crisis?**

The political fig leaf for the U.S. occupation of northern Syria was the "Syrian Democratic Forces" (SDF), an alliance of Kurdish nationalist and former Free Syrian Army (FSA) militias armed and protected by the U.S. military. The Pentagon spent at least \$500 million arming and training SDF troops.

The U.S.-SDF alliance, however, complicated U.S. relations with NATO Turkey. The Turkish state, with U.S. support, has long been at war with the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), which is fighting for Kurdish autonomy in southeast Turkey. The strongest force in the SDF is the People's Protection Units (YPG), led by the Democratic Union Party, the PKK's Syrian affiliate.

Turkey has the second-largest land army in NATO and is the U.S. war industry's fourth-largest overseas customer. It hosts a nuclear-armed U.S. Air Force wing at Incirlik Air Base. It is the main route by which Western-backed forces bring arms and fighters into Syria and smuggle oil out.

If Trump and U.S. oil companies seriously want to "develop" and steal Syria's oil, they would need to bring it out via Turkey. More important to Trump's oil industry bosses, the U.S. needs Turkey's cooperation to keep Iran's oil and gas off the world market.

But Washington's sanctions and wars on Turkey's neighbors — Iran, Iraq, Russia, Syria — have taken a toll on the country's economy. "Turkey Faces Hike in Oil Prices as U.S. Thwarts Iran Oil Sales," Al-Jazeera reported on April 24. "Initially Defiant, Turkey Complies with U.S. Sanctions on Iranian Oil," Oilprice.com reported on May 21.

The sanctions have forced Turkey to buy oil from U.S.-controlled Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. But the situation has also driven Ankara to seek closer economic ties to Russia.

Turkey imports 50 percent of its gas from Russia. It is a potential pathway for Russian gas to reach southern Europe, bypassing U.S.-controlled Ukraine. Several joint Russian-Turkish pipelines are being built across the country. Bilateral trade between Russia and Turkey is expected to reach \$110 billion this year, over five times that between Turkey and the U.S.

In June, Turkey outraged the U.S. military by buying Russian S400 anti-aircraft missiles instead of Patriot missiles made by Raytheon. Russia had agreed to allow greater technology transfer. At the Pentagon's demand, the White House kicked Turkey out of the F35 Joint Strike Fighter program. That cost Lockheed Martin \$500 million.

Republican Sen. Lindsay Graham is now one of the loudest advocates of U.S. sanctions on Turkey. But in August, he represented the White House in negotiations with Turkish officials. In that role, he expressed sympathy for Turkish action against "your YPG Kurdish problem."

Graham also offered Ankara a "free-trade deal" if it broke its missile contract with Russia. We know this because one "Turkish official" Graham spoke with was Russian prankster Alexei Stolyarov, posing as Turkish Defense Minister Hulusi Akar.

## **Looting Palestine's gas**

There's a much bigger prize at stake than Syria's 2.5 billion barrels of oil: control of Europe's energy market. To recapture it, U.S. firms seek to grab newfound gas reserves beneath the Eastern Mediterranean. At least 125 trillion cubic feet of gas are believed to lie there.

Some 20 percent of that is known to be below the waters of Israeli-occupied Palestine. Much of the rest lies in a "joint-exploration zone" between Cyprus and Palestine and off the coasts of Lebanon, Syria and Egypt.

In March, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo presided over an "energy summit" in Jerusalem between Cyprus, Greece and Israel. The meeting approved plans for a \$7-billion pipeline to bring stolen Palestinian gas to Europe via Cyprus, Greece and Italy.

Noble Energy, a Texas-based company with links to the Trump regime, is the lead investor in the project. ExxonMobil, which just found a huge gas field off Cyprus, is also interested. Noble already sells stolen Palestinian gas to Jordan.

Cyprus, however, is partitioned between the Republic of Cyprus and the Turkish-backed Republic of Northern Cyprus. Turkey opposes any energy projects there that don't include Northern Cyprus. It also does not recognize the 200-mile offshore territorial limit that Cyprus claims under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

Turkey, which never signed the convention, is exploring for gas in waters that Cyprus claims. In August, Russian Energy Minister Alexander Novak announced Russia was prepared to collaborate with Turkey on oil and gas exploration in the Eastern Mediterranean.

In April, the U.S. lifted an embargo on arms sales to Cyprus. In October, Pompeo

traveled to Athens to sign a U.S.-Greece defense pact. On Oct. 8, he warned Turkey to stop drilling off Cyprus. On Oct. 9, from Rome, he announced the sale of 90 F35s to Italy.

A bill before Congress, the “Eastern Mediterranean Security and Energy Partnership Act,” supports a Greek-Cyprus-Israel military alliance to counter “Russia’s malign influence in the Eastern Mediterranean.”

Many in Washington seem to have written off the U.S.-Turkey relationship. The Trump regime, however, appears to be using “good cop, bad cop” tactics to try and pull Turkey away from Russia.

“We need Turkey back in the fold,” Defense Secretary Mark Esper said on Nov. 13. Raytheon, Esper’s former employer, provides electronics for the F35 fighter.

### **Monopoly profits depend on restricting supply**

The Saudi ARAMCO auction and Eastern Mediterranean gas discoveries may conjure dreams of huge profits for bankers and investors. But there’s a rub: The contradictions of the capitalist profit system itself.

The world energy market is reeling from oversupply. In the past two months Iran announced big new oil and gas discoveries. Iran leads the world in gas-powered vehicles. “A surge of oil is coming, whether the world needs it or not,” wrote the New York Times on Nov. 3, citing new production in Brazil, Guyana, Canada and Norway.

Meanwhile, new technologies, pioneered by oil-importing countries, threaten the future of fossil fuels. Looming over all this is the specter of a capitalist economic downturn.

Trump and his handlers know there is little chance that U.S. oil companies will

invest in eastern Syria. U.S. troops are there to stop Syria from using its own oil and to block the long-planned Friendship Pipeline from bringing Iranian gas to the Mediterranean.

The U.S. wars against Iraq and Libya, combined with sanctions on Iran and Venezuela, devastated and impoverished those oil-rich countries. But they rescued the energy industry from a crisis of oversupply that followed the fall of the USSR. They created a bubble that drove prices through the roof and brought oil companies years of record profits.

That bubble spurred trillions of dollars of new investment. Much of that was in the fracking industry, which is poisoning land, water and air across North America. That industry has a powerful voice in the Trump regime.

The bubble collapsed five years ago, putting huge investments in peril. The profitability of new energy projects depends upon limiting global supply.

The Obama-Kerry White House tried to take advantage of the bubble's collapse to hurt the economies of Ecuador, Iran, Russia and Venezuela. It ordered Saudi Arabia to raise production and drive prices down further. The Trump campaign was in large part a revolt of the energy industry against that strategy.

No one in the White House, Congress or the Pentagon can admit going to war to restrict the energy supply and drive up prices and profits. But that is what monopoly capitalism is about. That is the hidden motive driving Washington's brutal wars and sanctions against independent oil-producing countries around the world.

Corporate America's need for endless war goes far beyond the military-industrial complex, critical as that has become. In a world where the productivity of labor is surging by leaps and bounds, only war and destruction can maintain the U.S. ruling class's obsolescent position in the global economy. Ultimately, capitalism needs war

because war destroys — and the value of both capital and commodities depends upon their scarcity.

