



HOW MANY MORE?

Editorial

We are outraged, horrified, and deeply saddened over the massacre of the 19 school children and two teachers in Uvaldi, Texas on May 24. Fifteen other children were injured. It was only 10 days after the racist attack on a black grocery store in Buffalo which killed 10. Both rampages used the AR 15 assault rifle which is designed to be a military weapon. The hollow point bullets used in Uvaldi explode in the victim and are even outlawed for use in war.

To add to the outrage, the police response to the call for help was unconscionable and shocking. It refutes the claim that an armed officer in a school is all we need to keep our children safe from such mayhem. A person armed with two AR 15s and intent to commit mass murder will always be hard to stop before at least some people are killed. The problem is the GUN!

There are more guns than people in the United States. But the majority of people in this country want a total ban on assault weapons and these deadly bullets. They want universal background checks. They want anyone who wants to buy a gun to be at least 21 years of age and have a waiting period to purchase one. But some countries have gone much further to control guns and gun violence. Australia is a prime example. They had 13 mass shootings (5 or more victims) in the 18 years preceding their ban on assault weapons. In the last 26 years, they have had no mass shootings.

Strong, meaningful gun control must be demanded now and in the coming elections. Those children were not Republicans or Democrats. They were innocent young victims. We must not lose our outrage!

The Purge Against Critical Reporters

by Julie Byrnes Enslow

Independent anti-war journalists are being targeted, smeared and taken off social media platforms in an effort to silence any opposition to or questioning of the US/NATO proxy war on Russia being played out in Ukraine.

YouTube has deleted hundreds of thousands of videos from prominent anti-war journalists and activists such as Abby Martin, Chris Hedges, and Lee Camp. RT America has been closed down. The Jimmy Dore Show has been blacklisted. The brilliant, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and author Chris Hedges has had the entire 6-year YouTube library of his videos totally wiped out, destroyed.

Since before the illegal invasion of Ukraine by Russia on Feb. 24, the mainstream corporate media has been a mouthpiece for US propaganda. Media analysts say the same thing is happening in Europe. A commentator can be crystal clear about the illegality and brutality of the Russian invasion, but if there is any analysis of what led up to this conflict or why Russia felt threatened enough by NATO expansion to go to war, there are immediate accusations of excusing or even supporting Putin's illegal aggression.

Chris Hedges was a foreign correspondent for 15 years for The New York Times, where he served as the Middle East bureau chief and Balkan bureau chief for the paper. He is the host of "The Chris Hedges Report" on <therealnews.com>. Chris warns, "The walls are closing in, with startling rapidity, on independent journalism, with the elites, including the Democratic Party elites, clamoring for more and more censorship."

We offer the following article by Ann Batista on pg. 2 to give you some options for independent news that isn't afraid to ask the hard questions.

Independent News – Who to Trust ?

by Ann Batista, Peace Action WI Steering Committee

There has been a new birth of independent media lately as corporate and state sources have seen waning audiences. These are my favorites:

For reporting on the Julian Assange case, no one does it better than former U.K. Ambassador **Craig Murray** <https://www.craigmurray.org.uk/archives/2022/05/the-power-of-lies/>. He says, “Modern society is not really much more rational than the Middle Ages. Myth is still extremely potent; only the means of myth dissemination are more sophisticated.” One can also often find the latest information on Assange’s case at Assange’s wife Stella’s Twitter page at [@StellaMoris1](#).

Matt Taibbi is an old-school journalist (formerly with Rolling Stone) who works very hard to make sure he does not print something he will have to retract (with the exception of his prediction that Russia would NOT invade Ukraine!) I love this guy. You can find him on Substack at taibbi.substack.com. He is kind in making many of his offerings public, but if you want access to everything, I recommend that you pay the modest yearly fee.



(L-R) Craig Murray, Matt Taibbi, Aaron Maté, Glen Greenwald

Matt started a video/podcast called “Useful Idiots” with Katie Halper that you can find at: UsefulIdiots.Substack.Com. Matt’s role on Useful Idiots has recently been taken over by **Aaron Maté**.

Aaron is another one of my favorite journalists because he is so careful to back up everything he says or writes. On this show you often find interesting, progressive guests who are banned from corporate TV. Again, much is free, but it is worth the subscription.

Every Monday morning, “Useful Idiots” reviews the Sunday talk shows on “Useful Idiots Monday Mourning.” This is extremely informative, because they show the contrary evidence to many of the brazen lies stated with absolute confidence by the hosts and pundits. Aaron is particularly adept at this on-the-fly commentary with the receipts to back

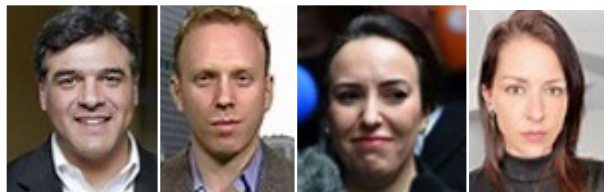


(L-R) Chris Hedges, Ray McGovern, John Pilger

up his claims that he shows on air.

Aaron has two other terrific outlets for his work: his Substack outlet for his writing <https://mate.substack.com/> and his video show called “Pushback” <https://thegrayzone.com/pushback/>, which is hosted by Grayzone. Besides Aaron’s exposure of the scandal at the OPCW (Organization for the Prevention of Chemical Weapons), he is best known for diving into the origins of the Russiagate narrative, which he has debunked. Again, his business model is to provide a lot of free content.

My third top journalist on a par with Matt and Aaron is **Glenn Greenwald**, a former civil rights lawyer turned journalist, who is also on Substack at <https://greenwald.substack.com/>. Hewastheprimaryjournalist to bring back the Snowden files. Like Matt, he frequently comments on the media, but also points up the hypocrisy and lies of those in power, especially the intelligence community. Because of his superb investigative reporting, the former president of Brazil was released from prison. After YouTube began serious censorship, he moved his podcast to Rumble at <https://rumble.com/c/GGreenwald>. Again, you can see and hear a lot that is free. Here recently posted a compilation by Matt Orfalea <https://rumble.com/v15xkey-nicolle-wallace-the-typhoid-mary-of-disinformation.html> that hilariously shows you how Nicole Wallace of MSNBC routinely spreads propaganda and lies. And she is only one anchor! Orfalea is the reigning king of video. This one is about Julian Assange <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6xM7GvKd85duq5fw8qKBOQ>



(L-R) Chris Hedges, Ray McGovern, John Pilger

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Max Blumenthal, co-founder of Grayzone, is also top notch. By that I mean he speaks carefully and only with the documents to back up his claims. He and his colleagues have done excellent reporting on Venezuela, Bolivia, Palestine and the OPCW.

The outlet Consortium News is probably the most useful source for the Ukraine War. Contributors include **Chris Hedges**, editor **Joe Lauria**, **John Pilger**, **John Kiriakou**, and others. You can also get info about the war and the intelligence community from veteran CIA officer and anti-war activist **Ray McGovern** at his website, raymcgovern.com.

Other Suggested Alternative News Sources:

Democracy Now! <democracynow.org>

Mintpress News <mintpressnews.com>

Consortium News <consortiumnews.com>

The Real News <therealnews.com>

Jacobin <jacobinmag.com>

The Intercept <theintercept.com>

Current Affairs <currentaffairs.org>

Bad Faith Podcasts - check out Noam Chomsky interviews.

The Grayzone <thegrayzone.com>

Dissent <dissentmagazine.org>

The Jimmy Dore Show <jimmydorecomedy.com>

The Information War

“The information war is always based on a mixture of selective truths, half-truths and blatant lies (called false flags), organized with the purpose of justifying the military actions of those promoting it. I have no doubt that an information war is now being waged by both the Russian side and the American/Ukrainian side, even if, given the level of censorship that is being imposed on us, we know less about what is happening on the Russian side. Sooner or later the truth will emerge, the tragedy being that it will inevitably be too late.”

- Bonaventura de Sousa Santos, Emeritus Professor of Sociology at the School of Economics, University of Coimbra (Portugal), Distinguished Legal Scholar at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School

The Assassination of Shireen Abu Akleh

by Julie Byrnes Enslow



The assault on the mourners of Shireen Abu Akleh, who were beaten with clubs in East Jerusalem by Israeli police.

Being a reporter is a very dangerous occupation throughout most of the world. Fifty-five journalists and media professionals were killed worldwide in 2021 and 488 imprisoned. In 2022 at least 11 journalists have been murdered in Mexico alone, and at least 20 international journalists have been killed in the war in Ukraine.

The assassination of American-Israeli journalist Shireen Abu Akleh by the Israeli military on May 12 made international headlines. She was targeted despite clear identification as PRESS on her helmet and bullet proof vest as she was covering an Israeli military raid on the West Bank refugee camp of Jenin. Only a skilled sniper could have shot her in the face.

To add to the outrage, the following day the large funeral procession carrying her coffin from the hospital to the Orthodox Catholic Church was attacked by Israeli police in full riot gear. Pallbearers were beaten with batons and nearly dropped the coffin. This shocking assault on the mourners was seen live on television and stunned viewers around the world.

The Israeli military has had to admit it killed Shireen but as usual is doing its own investigation. The United Nations has called for an independent investigation,

Shireen was a well-known and highly respected journalist. She was also an American citizen. Will this be enough for the US to finally condemn the illegal Israeli occupation of the West Bank, the deadly blockade of Gaza and the constant persecution of the Palestinian people? How many outrages will it take?

Peace Action Wisconsin has supported justice for Palestinians since the early 1980's. We call for the immediate suspension of U.S. military aid to Israel and a thorough and impartial investigation of Shireen's murder.

A Way to Support Peace: Grill the Candidates

by Steve Watrous

Issues of war and peace fill the daily headlines with the horrible conflict in Ukraine and the threat of escalation to nuclear war. Here's a peace effort that would be more successful with your easy-to-do support.

Some of us working in WI for peace noticed that the many WI Senate candidates were not being asked much about foreign policy at forums late last year, so we started planning how to do better: a forum dedicated to peace issues.

The need for educating and pushing all these Senate candidates toward peace policies has never been more urgent.

Ten peace-minded WI "collaborator" groups* helped incubate the idea of asking the Senate candidates in-depth questions about peace and foreign policy. We are finalizing a questionnaire to send candidates and plan to interview them on a live zoom, which will be recorded and available to all.

We will ask about Ukraine, nuclear weapons, the Pentagon budget, congressional war powers, sanctions and more but, alas because of time, not every important peace issue. Naturally, we hope the whole state watches the forum live or recorded, and that WI ends up with a Senator who takes peace issues seriously. (We are not endorsing anyone.)

What we need now are supporters who will help publicize the project, and especially to alert your group members and the public about when the forum interviews can be seen live or recorded. It would be helpful if supporters could come forward very soon so we can mention your group's name and prominent individuals on the letter inviting candidates to fill out the questionnaire and participate in the forum. We need to make it hard for them to dodge this effort and these important issues.

To offer help publicizing the forum, and especially if a group or community leader's name can be on the letter to candidates, please contact Steve at <watrous@uwm.edu>.

*The 10 "collaborator" groups: Friends Committee on National Legislation – Milwaukee and Madison Advocacy Teams, Interfaith Peace Working Group, United Nations Association – Milwaukee and Dane County chapters, End the Wars Coalition [Milwaukee], Peace Action-WI, WI Network for Peace and Justice, WI Cuba Coalition, and WILPF-Milwaukee. Steve Watrous and Jim Carpenter are co-coordinators of this ad hoc coalition.

Peace Action Lobbying for Peace

Peace Action of Wisconsin has been having monthly meetings with Congresswoman Gwen Moore and her staff to discuss foreign affairs and militarism. We also had a recent meeting with two DC Staff persons from Senator Tammy Baldwin's office on nuclear issues.

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Pam Richard hosted the meeting, asking Senator Baldwin to support nuclear disarmament and for the US to join the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

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Kevin Kamps from Beyond Nuclear spoke about the danger of transporting radioactive waste from nuclear power plants and the need to keep wastes on the site where they were made instead of shipping them to lands of poor and indigenous people.

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Hannah Mortenson from Physicians for Social Responsibility WI talked about the dangers of extending the license of the dangerous, age embrittled Point Beach Nuclear reactor in Wisconsin.

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Julie Enslow spoke about the threatening danger of a nuclear war if the conflict in Ukraine continues to escalate and Jim Carpenter asked the Senator to vote against the outrageous and immoral spending on our defense and nuclear weapons budget.

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In addition to our own meetings with Congressional staffs, we join Friends Committee on National Legislation at their Congressional visits.

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We believe that it is important to keep communication open through lobbying while we also proclaim our opposition to war and out of control military spending on the streets.

**So come to the demonstrations
and call the Congressional offices.
D.C. Capitol Switchboard:
202-224-3121.**

More Money for WAR

Biden wanted \$33B more for Ukraine.

Congress quickly raised it to \$40B.

Every single Democrat in the House and Senate voted for this. Who benefits? The weapons industry. Half this money is for more weapons and goes right back into the pockets of Lockheed Martin, Northrup Grumman, General Dynamics, Raytheon.

***Where are the voices in DC
for a negotiated peace settlement?***



Forty Years Since Historic June 12, 1982 Demonstration for Nuclear Disarmament

*Commemorate online the Historic June 12, 1982,
Demonstration for Nuclear Disarmament and Human Needs on
Sunday, June 12, 2022 from 11am to 3pm CT.*

This June 12th will mark the 40th anniversary of the largest peace demonstration in United States history. Over one million people marched from the United Nations to New York City Central Park to demand an end to the nuclear arms race.

Peace Action Wisconsin (then Mobilization for Survival) organized 13 busses to travel to New York to participate in the amazing gathering for a nuclear free world.

Email to ask for registration link to join the online commemoration: **June12Legacy@gmail.com**



Nancy Pelosi Calls for “Victory” in Ukraine, Not Peace Negotiations

from Michael Klare

“America stands with Ukraine until victory is won,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared on May 1, after traveling to Kyiv for a meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

Victory? What exactly does Pelosi mean by “victory”? Does that entail the total defeat of Russian forces and their expulsion from all of Ukraine? That can only be accomplished through the participation of US and NATO forces—a scenario that would almost certainly result in a Europe-wide war, with an attendant risk of nuclear escalation. Or does she mean a meat-grinder war aimed at weakening Russia to the point where it is no longer able to fight NATO, as suggested by Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin after visiting Kyiv a few days earlier? That might, conceivably, avert a nuclear war, but would surely result in hundreds of thousands of dead Ukrainian and Russian soldiers and civilians, and leave Ukraine itself in ruins.

Nowhere, in her comments or those by other high-ranking US officials, is there any talk of a negotiated settlement in Ukraine, only of scenarios leading to Russia’s defeat, at whatever cost in human lives.

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PEACE CALENDAR • JUNE/JULY 2022

• **Stand for Peace - Every Saturday from Noon to 1 pm.**
Please wear masks. Flags and signs supplied by Peace Action of WI. See ad for locations.

• **Stand for a Livable Climate**

Every Friday 12 Noon to 1pm. Chase Bank, Silver Spring and Lydell. Organized by 350MKE and endorsed by Peace Action of WI. Signs provided. Check 350 Milwaukee's website for updates.

• **Sun. June 12, 11am to 3pm :**

Commemorate the Historic June 12, 1982 NYC

Demonstration for a Nuclear Free World. See ad. for online connection.

• **Mon. June 13, 6pm :**

Round Table Discussion on War in Ukraine Part 2.

Hosted by Milwaukee End the Wars Coalition. Pizza provided.

• **Sat. June 18 : Poor Peoples Campaign March and Assembly in Washington D.C.**

• **Sun. June 19: Juneteenth Day.** Milwaukee
Commemoration of end to slavery in Texas in 1875, Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr., between Center and Burleigh. 11 - 6 pm.

• **Wed. June 22, 7pm :**

End the Wars Coalition Meeting on Zoom.

• **Sat. June 25, 12 noon :**

International Day of Action for Peace in Ukraine.

Stand for Peace at Port Washington Rd. and Silver Spring.

• **Fri. -Sun. June 24-26 Custer, WI. Energy Fair 2022**

"Empowering a Just Transition" See <theenergyfair.org>

• **Wed. July 27, 7pm :**

End the Wars Coalition Meeting on Zoom.

• **Sat. August 6, 6pm : Lanterns for Peace -**

Commemoration of the Atomic Bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Riverside Park Urban Ecology Center, 1500 E. Park St. MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

• **Sat. Aug. 20, 2pm : Annual Peace Action Wisconsin**

Membership Picnic. Kern Park, corner of Humboldt and Keefe. Pot luck, drinks and brats provided. SAVE THE DATE.

More updated information on local peace and justice events can be found on our website, www.peaceactionwi.org

How to Call the White House:

The Biden White House has very limited phone line hours. Call 1-202-456-1111 to be connected to the White House public comment line. Please note, you must call between the hours of 10am - 2pm CT, Tuesdays - Thursdays while the phone line is open.



Every Saturday, Noon - 1pm

June 4 National/27th

June 11 35th/Fond du Lac

June 18 Brady/Farwell

June 25 Port Washington/Silver Spring

July 2 KK/Lincoln

July 9 LaFayette Hill/Lincoln Memorial

July 16 43rd/Forest Home

July 23 92nd/North

July 30 King/Locust

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Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice
(of which Peace Action Wisconsin is a
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Or, pick one or two up at our Peace Action
WI office or at Lanterns for Peace or our
Annual Membership Picnic.

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can keep in touch with current activities.**

Remembering Hiroshima and Nagasaki LANTERNS FOR PEACE 2022

Saturday August 6, from 6 PM to 9 PM

Riverside Park Urban Ecology Center- 1500 E. Park Pl, Milwaukee, WI
OUTDOORS IN THE BEAUTIFUL RIVERLAND TENT

Lantern Making

Traditional activities for children and adults:

- Folding of Tsuru (origami Peace Cranes)
- Story telling about Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes
- Peace symbol coloring pages and Peace Games

Program

*Traditional Irish Music with Kristina Paris,
music by James Oldenberg, and speakers*

Floating Of Lanterns
In The Small Pond.

Peace Procession with lighted lanterns to Oakland Avenue



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Roundtable Discussion on Ukraine- Part 2

Monday, June 13, 2022, at 6 PM
At Peace Action WI, 1001 E Keefe St, Milwaukee

The Milwaukee End the Wars Coalition is continuing the discussion and working on strategies for action to get the US to enter into negotiations and peace talks. We will continue to address the Russian invasion, NATO, US military aid, negotiations, and the effects of sanctions.
Pizza and drinks provided.

A black and white silhouette illustration of a crowd of people. Many are holding flags on poles, and several have their arms raised in the air, suggesting a protest, rally, or celebration. The figures are of various heights and are packed together.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF ACTION FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Saturday, June 25, 2022, at 12 noon
Port Washington Rd & Silver Spring Rd
Sponsored by Peace Action WI Stand for Peace

This devastating war is killing thousands, displacing millions, and causing hunger, inflation, unrest, and increased militarism globally. Add to that the existential threat of nuclear war.

***The way to save Ukrainian lives
is to negotiate now to stop the war.***

*We will provide flags and signs
about negotiations and peace in Ukraine.*