



## HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS VS. SANCTIONS IN SYRIA

by Chris Breihan

“Sanctions Kill” has long been a claim of people who work for peace and social justice. Sanctions are not a substitute for war; they are a form of economic warfare (*Sanctions Kill Campaign of the International Action Center*.) One might argue they are never more blatantly cruel than when natural disaster calls on the world to come to the aid of a suffering people, and US sanctions prevent that aid from getting to the people who need it.

Such is the current situation in Syria, which along with Turkey, was hit by massive earthquakes on February 6 and 7.

Although the European Commission and the US have both pledged to do all they can to help victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria, they both have long (since 1979 for some things and 2011 for others) imposed sanctions on Syria that have been preventing medicine, medical equipment, drinking water, and food from getting to its people. Now, in the wake of this natural disaster, the Syrian Red Crescent has added the sanctions’ blockade of fire trucks and heavy machinery to its list of obstacles preventing humanitarian rescue and reconstruction efforts from moving forward.

In response to charges that its sanctions are exacerbating the suffering in Syria, a US State Department official (in Arabic) first claimed, “US sanctions include exceptions that do not prevent the delivery of humanitarian, medical, food and other aid to the Syrian people and we will not prevent any country from providing such aid.”<sup>1</sup>

However, the US claim that humanitarian aid could get into Syria despite US sanctions was followed on February 10 by the US Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control’s issuing a six-month sanctions exemption, along with a promise to not let US sanctions “stand in the way of life-saving efforts for the Syrian people.” This development amounts to a tacit admission that US sanctions could have prevented the delivery of humanitarian aid to the country.

A Syrian economist told Aljazeera<sup>2</sup> that the immediate effect of this exemption would be that providers of humanitarian aid would not have to first prove that their specific aid is exempt from sanctions, which requires time

(so scarce in any emergency) and resources. However, it may not assuage the fears of private institutions that their money transfers may make them a target of sanctions enforcers now or in the future.

The Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates goes further and calls the temporary exemption “misleading.” They argue, “US coercive measures and policies have deprived Syrians of their natural wealth, which is being plundered, and have created obstacles for state institutions to improve living standards, implement development projects and achieve targeted goals, and provide basic services.”<sup>3</sup>

In other words, the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Expatriates noted the easing of sanctions means that the US will temporarily restrict its predation of the Syrian people. The US also controls Syrian oil, so machines and vehicles capable of delivering aid are dependent on the US for delivery, not just lifting the red tape around delivery.

The earthquake destroyed large swathes of territory in northeastern Syria, which is not under the Syrian government’s control. Some of these earthquake-affected areas are controlled by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham, an insurgent group linked to Al Qaeda, which is designated as a terrorist organization by the US, and therefore off limits to efforts requiring coordination, making international search teams reluctant or unable to enter.

Economic sanctions that target an entire country are collective punishment and *illegal* under international law. It is argued that there may be times when *specifically targeted sanctions* may be effective and useful to put pressure on individual leaders, but not impact the total population. However, as we have seen over and over in the forty countries, comprising one-third of humanity, where the US employs sanctions as a method of coercion, their impact on the people—the poorest, most vulnerable people, especially—cannot be denied. An act of nature is attracting our attention to an act of the US government, sanctions, that should be halted.

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—Christy Breihan, The Mobilizer, March/April 2023

<sup>1</sup> <https://twitter.com/USAbilAraby/status/1623057151563276294>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/2/10/us-issues-sanctions-general-exemption-for-aid-to-syria>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.presstv.ir/Detail/2023/02/11/698011/Damascus-rejects-US-sanctions-waiver-for-aid-to-quake-hit-northern-Syria-as-%E2%80%98misleading%E2%80%999>

# Not your Mother's Information Environment

by Ann Batiza

Mechanisms that currently curate our information environment are truly astounding. It used to be illegal for the US to propagandize its citizens, but a January 2013 amendment to the NDAA changed all that. Here<sup>1</sup>, Richard Stengel, former *Time* editor and Obama State Dept. official, declares his support for propagandizing the American people at a 2018 Council on Foreign Relations Forum – ironically, on “disinformation.”

Recent evidence shows government and big tech coordinating to sculpt what we read and hear online and off. Internal communications made available to journalist Matt Taibbi show that Twitter and Facebook leaders met weekly with the FBI and DHS. These meetings relayed *tens of thousands of censorship requests to Twitter and Facebook from the FBI, DHS, NSA, CIA, DOJ, DoD, Congress, Treasury, the Global Engagement Center, cities, and even police forces.*<sup>2</sup> Facebook capitulated early on. When threatened with reputational and economic insults by Congress, Twitter complied as well.<sup>3</sup> FBI and government officials also met regularly with Google, Wikimedia, and other tech groups. It is no wonder that Wikipedia entries and Google searches have been documented as politicized.

But that's not all. Remember all those stories about “Russian bots”? The story is complicated, but the gist, uncovered by Matt Taibbi in his examination of the Twitter Files,<sup>4</sup> is as follows.

“Hamilton 68” is a data analytic that originally claimed to track 644 “Russian bots.” It was conceived by former FBI agent and MSNBC contributor, Clint Watts, and is overseen by a bipartisan consortium of former intelligence, government, and political operatives. In 2018, the “red and blue” co-founders, Jamie Fly and Laura Rosenberger, said they could not reveal the identities of the bots because “the Russians will simply shut them down.”<sup>5</sup> *Hundreds of mainstream stories* were written about these “Russian bots,”

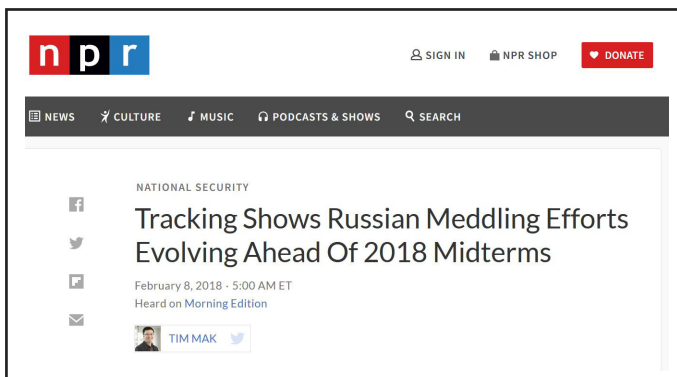
said to be directed by the Kremlin to “sow discord.” Stories attributed to Hamilton 68 by the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *PBS*, *NPR*, etc. taught patriotic Americans what to ignore and what to support. For example, Hamilton 68 was used to smear Bernie and discourage critical examination of news about Syria and Joe Biden. Such stories ginned up anger at “the Russians” and have spurred calls for government control of social media.

Hamilton 68 was a fraud. The Twitter Files revealed that the so-called “bots” were overwhelmingly real people, certainly not controlled by the Kremlin. The editor-in-chief of *Consortium News* was falsely identified as a “bot” along with other individuals, mainly from the US, Canada, and UK. The

entire operation would not have been possible without the obeisance of the mainstream media. Notably the “fact-checkers”

*Snopes* and *PolitiFact*<sup>6</sup> gave thumbs up to these stories. More context for the Hamilton 68 hoax is given in this Chris Hedges interview of Matt Taibbi.<sup>7</sup>

Pulitzer prize-winning and 30-year, New York Times reporter, Jeff Gerth made similar revelations. His 25,000-word expose’ at the *Columbia Journalism*



NPR story sourced to “Russian bots” tracked by Hamilton 68

*Review*<sup>8</sup> details the shoddy journalism practices that produced hundreds of false Trump/Russia stories. He also cites several reporters whose skepticism served them well. Among them are Taibbi, Glenn Greenwald, and Aaron Mate.’

The same Congress that requested that Twitter deplatform journalists and “visibility filter” those with whom they disagreed now clamors for new laws to enforce more censorship. Beware of any powerful institution that suggests it (or “fact-checkers”) can be arbiters of truth.

This is no longer your mothers’ propaganda environment. It must be outed and resoundingly rejected. In the end, all change - whether for peace, social justice, or freedom for the publisher Julian Assange (relentlessly smeared for over a decade”) - depends upon freedom of speech.

<sup>1</sup><https://twitter.com/williamcraddick/status/995026256214179840>

<sup>2</sup><https://twitter.com/mtaibbi/status/1610394197730725889> (See thread of 40 tweets.)

<sup>3</sup><https://www.laprogressive.com/the-media-in-the-united-states/behind-the-curtain-at-twitter>

<sup>4</sup><https://twitter.com/mtaibbi/status/1619029772977455105> (See thread of 42 tweets.)

<sup>5</sup><https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2018/02/26/russia-social-media-bots-propaganda-global-politico-217084/>

<sup>6</sup><https://twitter.com/mtaibbi/status/1619029902279479296>

<sup>7</sup><https://therealnews.com/hamilton-68-how-former-intelligence-officials-and-democratic-operatives-conspired-to-manufacture-russiagate>

<sup>8</sup>[https://www.cjr.org/special\\_report/trumped-up-press-versus-president-part-1.php](https://www.cjr.org/special_report/trumped-up-press-versus-president-part-1.php)

<sup>9</sup><https://harpers.org/archive/2023/03/alternative-facts-how-the-media-failed-julian-assange>

# Jewish Voice for Peace Executive Highlights the Plight of Palestinians

by Chris Breihan



Local peace activists rally for Palestine.

As the newly elected, far-right government of Israel settles into power, the news is already filling with even more stories of violence by the Israeli army against the Palestinian people. Homes and refugee camps are being raided and destroyed, and families attempting to defend their homes are being slaughtered.

In a recent article published by Jewish Voice for Peace,<sup>1</sup> Executive Director Stefanie Fox warns that the mission of this new government, elected “by and for the settler movement,” is to extend “settler colonialism throughout historic Palestine.” Toward that end, Netanyahu is determined to inflict as much damage to Palestinians as he can without pushing it even beyond what Israel’s most powerful ally, the US, will tolerate.

So far, the Biden administration seems content to look the other way, affirming our “great friendship” with Israel, even as its army carries out these attacks of racist brutality.

Yet among the people of the US, there are signs of growing support for the people of Palestine, including, says Fox, “among our Jewish communities.” Pro-Israel leaders in Congress are alert to this increasing awareness among the American people, and they fear it. The removal of Rep. Ilhan Omar from the House Foreign Affairs Committee is not only retribution for her outspoken criticism of Israel’s abuses—it is also an indication of how threatened they are by her voice.

Netanyahu’s new wave of terror must be our reinvigorated call to action. We look forward to working with groups like Jewish Voice for Peace to share our message of support for the rights of the people of Palestine.

<sup>1</sup> Fox, Stephanie, “A Crisis Moment for Palestine,” letter sent to followers of Jewish Voice for Peace

## YEMEN CAN’T WAIT!

### Millions Starve while Saudi War Coalition Prevents Aid<sup>1</sup>

**ON MARCH 1-3, PLEASE JOIN  
THE NATIONAL ACTION  
TO CONTACT CONGRESS  
TO END THE WAR IN YEMEN!**

The war on Yemen is only possible because the United States continues to arm Saudi Arabia to provide military, political, and logistical support for the war. We have the power to stop the world’s largest humanitarian crisis.

- Support the People of Yemen through the expansion of humanitarian aid for the people of Yemen.
- Call on Saudi Arabia and the UAE to Lift the Blockade and fully open airports and seaports.
- Stop Weapons Sales to Saudi Arabia and the UAE
- Pass a War Powers Resolution to finally end US involvement in the War in Yemen.

*Sample message on March 1-3 to offices of US Rep. Gwen Moore and US Senator Tammy Baldwin:*

I am contacting you to express my concern over the continued US support in the Saudi-led war on Yemen.

This war is going into its eighth year and the death toll has reached nearly 400,000. According to the United Nations, the war has created one of the world’s worst humanitarian crises. Since April 2022, Saudi Arabia has ceased its airstrikes on Yemen. We want to make sure the fragile pause in hostilities endures. Unfortunately, Saudi Arabia could deploy US-serviced fighter jets at any point and resume their bombing of Yemeni civilians. We hope Congress prevents this from happening by acting to end US support.

We were disappointed by an effort by Sen. Bernie Sanders to vote on a Yemen War Powers Resolution that did not move forward last year. This joint resolution directs the president to remove the US Armed Forces from hostilities against the Houthis in Yemen within 30 days of its enactment unless Congress authorizes a later withdrawal date, issues a declaration of war, or specifically authorizes the use of the armed forces. Prohibited activities include sharing intelligence or providing logistical support to enable offensive strikes by the coalition led by Saudi Arabia.

This joint resolution shall not affect any military operations directed at Al Qaeda or forces associated with Al Qaeda.

Too many Yemeni people continue to die as a result of this war, so we hope to grow support for the legislation this year. We hope (Tammy Baldwin, Gwen Moore) will sign on as cosponsors again when the legislation is re-introduced.



## US PEACE COUNCIL, CODE PINK, AND OTHER GROUPS DEMAND NEGOTIATIONS TO END THE THREAT OF NUCLEAR WAR

by Harry Targ

On February 24, 2022, Russia launched a massive invasion of Ukraine. The Ukrainian response was fueled by billions of dollars of US and European military equipment and private armies. Thousands of Russian and Ukrainian soldiers have died, and millions of Ukrainians have fled the war. The leaders of Russia, the United States, and even Ukraine talk of the possible use of nuclear weapons. Negotiations between competing parties have broken down.

As stated by the US Peace Council January 28, 2023: "Negotiated peace agreements are not based so much on trust as on the mutual understanding that the alternative is in neither side's interest. ... that no negotiation between warring parties has ever been based on trust" but on the necessity of avoiding escalation to general (and perhaps nuclear) war.

Among the lessons to be learned from the Cuban Missile crisis of 1962, when the United States and the former Soviet Union almost engaged in nuclear war are the following:

1. Nuclear war has a high probability as long as "big powers" have nuclear weapons
2. Negotiations are an essential feature of conflict reduction even though the deep structures of global conflicts remain.
3. Both the former Soviet Union, pulling the missiles out of Cuba, and the US, privately promising to close their Turkish base, facilitated ending the crisis.

Today in Ukraine addressing the issue of Russian troop withdrawal, and even more so, stopping the violence must be on the table for negotiations. Also, for sure, an end of the transfer of US/NATO arms must be included. The issues of NATO membership, the EU, the autonomous regions, and Crimea would inevitably have to be discussed.

In the longer term, the peace movement should begin to map out a vision of what we used to call "a New World Order." This vision should include a revitalization of the UN system that gives the General Assembly more power to step up the processes of disarmament, address fundamental global economic and climate issues, and establish a new global security system that does not give legitimacy to regional military pacts. In short, this could be a time for reconsidering a broken system of international relations: military, economic, climate, etc.

## IMPERIAL DECLINE AND THE THREAT OF A NEW COLD WAR WITH CHINA: A BOOK REVIEW

by Harry Targ

*In the Shadows of the American Century: The Rise and Decline of US Global Power*, Alfred McCoy, Haymarket Books, 2017

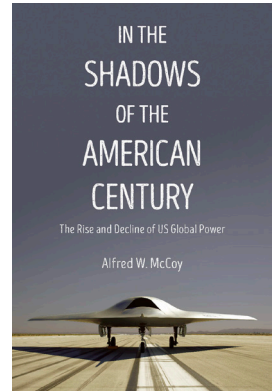
Researchers affiliated with the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* who regularly assess the danger of nuclear war declared that the probability of nuclear war has increased over the last year. Using their "doomsday clock" as a metaphor the dial was recently moved to 100 seconds to midnight; midnight signifying the onset of nuclear war. The scientists believe that the danger of nuclear destruction and devastating climate disaster is greater now than at any time since the early 1980s.

The context for this grim prediction is well-reflected in a 2017 book by University of Wisconsin historian Alfred McCoy, w. The author describes the twentieth century emergence of the US as the global hegemonic power based upon economic superiority and overwhelming military power. However, this economic and military dominance is being challenged today.

Perhaps the most critical challenge to the American empire, he suggests, is the rise of China, particularly as an economic successor to US control of the global political economy: Chinese domestic development, Chinese trade and investment with countries on every continent, and an Asian financial and trading system that challenges the historic US presence in the region. In economic terms the global system is changing from unipolarity to multipolarity.

In response to this decline McCoy suggests that the United States has embarked on a program to expand militarily programs around the globe and in outer space including preparing for cyber space war, occupying space, developing biometrics to identify potential enemies, increasing drone warfare capabilities, and the creation of a whole panoply of weapons that exceed the imagination of science fiction. In sum, therefore, the new militarism is designed to forestall and overcome declining empire.

This book is a must read for the peace movement because it indicates the dangerous world in which we live, the emergence of a New Cold War with China, and the increased probability of global destruction. It suggests that peace activists must continue to oppose militarism and develop a public discourse that celebrates the emergence of a multipolar world, a world in which more countries can participate in global policy-making. The alternative could be, as the atomic scientists warn, a nuclear apocalypse.





# THE US MUST STAY IN THE STRATEGIC ARMS REDUCTION TREATY

Review by Pam Richard of February 7, 2023 FAS article,

“If Arms Control Collapses, US and Russian Strategic Nuclear Arsenals Could Double in Size,” by Matt Korda and Hans Kristensen<sup>1</sup>

## Estimated Force Structure Comparison



Currently deployed under New START

	USA	Russia
Launchers	665	533
Warheads	1670	1674

Possible upload without follow-on treaty

	USA	Russia
Launchers	715	533
Warheads	3570	2629

USA could potentially upload ~2.1x additional warheads

Russia could potentially upload ~1.6x additional warheads

Source: FAS. The total number of warheads deployed by Russia and the US will increase by 1.6 and 2.1 times respectively in the absence of New START renewal.

There is great concern among arms control advocates that if the **Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (START)** expires without renewal, the US and Russian Nuclear Weapons arsenals will double in size. Both countries are already developing new nuclear weapons, and the other nuclear-armed nations of the world are also expanding their nuclear arsenals. Unfortunately, the war hawks in Congress, the Biden administration, and defense companies are using a US State Department report on the New START Treaty to push for more spending on nuclear weapons. The expensive nuclear modernization program was the deal made by the Obama administration to implement the current treaty, another deal like this would be disastrous. Unless those in favor of limiting nuclear weapons prevail, the New START will expire in February 2026.

Below are some excerpts of a report by two internationally respected scientists on the dangers not renewing the treaty would cause.

Korda and Kristensen write, “On January 31st, 2023, the State Department issued its annual Report to Congress on the Implementation of the New START Treaty, with a notable—yet unsurprising—conclusion:

“Based on the information available as of December 31, 2022, the United States cannot certify the Russian Federation to be in compliance with the terms of the New START Treaty.”

Korda and Kristensen add, “This finding was not unexpected.”

“At the time, Russia attempted to justify its actions [exempting all of its facilities from inspection by invoking treaty clause] by citing ‘incomplete’ work regarding Covid-19 inspection protocols and perceived ‘unilateral advantages’ created by US sanctions; however, the State Department’s report assesses that this is ‘false:’”

*Contrary to Russia’s claim that Russian inspectors cannot travel to the United States to conduct inspections, Russian*

*inspectors can in fact travel to the United States via commercial flights or authorized inspection airplanes.*

“Instead, the report suggests that the primary reason for suspending inspections ‘centered on Russian grievances regarding U.S. and other countries’ measures imposed on Russia in response to its unprovoked, full-scale invasion of Ukraine.”

“It is also important to note that the United States’ findings of Russian noncompliance are not related to the actual number of deployed Russian warheads and launchers. While the report notes that the lack of inspections means that ‘the United States has less confidence in the accuracy of Russia’s declarations,’ the report is careful to note that ‘While this is a serious concern, it is not a determination of noncompliance.’”

The new Chair of the House Armed Services Committee, “... argued in response to the State Department’s findings of Russian noncompliance that ‘The Joint Staff needs to assume Russia has or will be breaching New START caps.’ As previously mentioned, the State Department report explicitly states that they have only found Russia to be noncompliant on facilitating inspections and BCC meetings, not on deployed warheads and launchers.”

This is doublespeak by the US State Department. The US can’t certify that Russia is in compliance, yet further in the report it states that it’s not a determination of non-compliance. This is fuel for the continued fearmongering among the American public of Russia, driven by war mongers in congress and the manipulation and lies of the US corporate media.

Distrust is increasing, yet the need for diplomacy is greater than ever. The US has already pulled out of the INF Treaty, the ABM Treaty and the Open Skies Treaty. Military spending is spiraling out of control. More warheads being uploaded to the strategic arsenal won’t create more deterrence; they will destabilize the world situation. Increasing the number of nuclear weapons serves to undermine rather than improve US security and puts the whole world at risk. It’s time for a common sense and sober realignment of US nuclear weapons policies and a return to arms control treaties.

This article has several clear tables indicating the increased number of warheads that can be loaded by both the US and Russia per ICBM and SLBM and on bombers, and the >10% increase in the number of ICBMs the US could deploy if the New START Treaty is not renewed. The bottom line is that without a renewal of New START, the US could potentially upload over twice as many warheads while Russia could deploy about 1.6 times its current arsenal.



# PEACE CALENDAR MARCH 2023 - APRIL 2023

**March 1- 3 National Action - Contact Congress to End the War in Yemen** - See article on page 3.

**March 7, Tuesday, 6:00-7:30 PM Maestra** - Film about the empowerment of women in Cuba at the Mitchell St Public Library, 9096 W Historic Mitchell St, Milwaukee

**MARCH 11, SATURDAY  
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY EVENTS -  
10AM- 11:30 AM Stopping Violence Against Women in Milwaukee and Beyond** - In-person at the Peace Center (and on zoom), 1001 E Keefe Ave. Sponsored by the United Nations Association of Milwaukee, Peace Action WI, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom-Milwaukee

**12 PM - 4PM HANDS OFF OUR BODIES: HANDS OFF OUR FAMILIES, International Women's Day Coalition March** - starting at Dontre Hamilton (Red Arrow) Park, 920 N Water St, Milwaukee, WI, End at Village Church, 130 E Juneau Ave, Milwaukee, WI

**March 16, Thursday, noon Anti-ROTC Vigil** - in front of the Marquette University Library, on Wisconsin Ave in Milwaukee. Nonviolence as a way of life, not militarism.

**March 17, Friday, 5PM-6PM Monthly Stand for Peace in Eau Claire** - at WI Trunk & Golf Rd, Eau Clair, Organizer: helpsmeet@usa.net

**March 18, Saturday, All Day WI Grassroots Festival, Mazomanie, WI** - Peace Action WI will be tabling there. Contact the office at 414-269-9525 if you would like to carpool with us. Registration link is in the Peace Action WI calendar.

**March 18, Saturday, Washington DC 1 PM National March on Washington: Peace in Ukraine – Stop NATO –** Coalition of over 60 organizations converging on the Capitol. Peace Action of WI supports this effort. See <https://www.answercoalition.org/>

**March 27, 2023, 10 AM Carpools from Peace Action WI to Madison to witness Nonviolent Direct Action Opposing the stationing of F-35 Nuclear Capable Jets at Truax Field.** Please contact 414-269-9525 to reserve a space. Sponsored by Catholic Worker Midwest, Safe Skies Clean Water WI, Madison for World Beyond War. Organizer: Madison Peace Walks

**April 8, Saturday at 6pm – IN PERSON discussion with Julian Assange's father, John Shipton, and brother, Gabriel Shipton, at the Oriental Theatre along with showing of the movie, ITHAKA.** The movie describes Julian's family's efforts to free him. See the Calendar for time closer to the event.

**April 15, Saturday at noon - Special Tax Day Stand for Peace at 51st & Silver Spring** - to protest the huge level of U S military spending and cuts to social and environmental programs.  
6 We call for Diplomacy Not War!



## EVERY SATURDAY, NOON - 1PM MARCH

**March 4:** Oakland/Capitol (20 years of the Stand!)

**March 11:** 43rd/Forest Home

**March 18:** Farwell/Brady

**March 25:** Capitol/Teutonia

## APRIL

**April 1:** King/North

**April 8:** Hwy 100/Bluemound

**April 15:** 51st/Silver Spring

**April 22:** Port Washington/Silver Spring

**Jan 28:** St. Paul/Water

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Call the Congressional Switchboard at

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Access [www.congress.gov/members](http://www.congress.gov/members)

Send letters to First St SE, Washington, DC 20004

## 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.

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The "regulars" brave the snow at Stand for Peace on February 4, 2023.

## Stand for Peace Turns Twenty

by Laura Kukor-Shea

This March marks the 20th anniversary of the Stand for Peace. In the lead up to the 2003 invasion of Iraq, Julie Enslow and a few friends gathered on a corner with signs. They decided to invite others, and on March 1, 2003 dozens gathered on Capitol and Oakland. There they stood with signs and flags for 2 hours. They were greeted with support by some, and jeers and derision by others. However, their commitment to peace led them to spread their anti-war message on a different corner every Saturday.

Although we are no longer in Iraq, war still threatens our world, whether that be in Afghanistan, Yemen, or Ukraine. Our bloated military budget takes funds from the needs of our people. Peace Action still sponsors a weekly Stand for Peace every Saturday from noon to 1. On March 4 we will be back at Capitol and Oakland. Please join us there and at other Stands around the community.

## Thank You to our Peace Action Volunteers

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Julian Assange's Father and Brother  
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