



WORLD**BEYOND**WAR.org

a global movement to end all wars

A War Abolition Movement Was Missing

War not only wreaks its death and destruction upon innocent people and other living things, it leads to the destruction of our Earth's biosphere that supports all life on our planet. War kills people and destroys property. War is a top cause of the erosion of civil liberties, a top justification of government secrecy, the basis for the militarization of local police, a catalyst for racism and bigotry, a top creator of refugees and of cruelty toward refugees, and the reason humanity risks nuclear apocalypse. Militarism is a top destroyer of the natural environment, yet exempted from major environmental standards. Just a small portion of the amount of money spent on wars and militarism could end global hunger, provide clean drinking water, housing, healthcare, college educations, and a myriad of other needs.

Opposition and resistance to particular wars, atrocities, or weapons can be steps toward ending the institution of war, but sometimes end up inadvertently supporting it. Opposing a war in the name of preparedness for other wars, or a weapon because it doesn't work well, or particular types of cruelty because they stray from the Geneva Conventions, doesn't address the institution of war itself. If war is to be abolished, it must not be considered as a viable option, because there is no such thing as a "good" war, just as there is no such thing as "good" slavery. Both of those institutions are abhorrent under any circumstance.





WBW Canada Organizer Rachel Small blocking weapons shipments.



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

Sign the Declaration of Peace at worldbeyondwar.org/individual

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



World BEYOND War Creates Something New

World BEYOND War does not buy into the notion of “limited war,” nor the “just war” theory. As a global organization, we are not defenders of violence from certain quarters; rather, we are principled advocates for the practical and moral superiority of nonviolence. We persuasively argue that war can never be justified, no matter how limited or what the cause, and outline the evidence that nonviolent methods are the most effective and lasting paths by which to resolve conflict.

World BEYOND War recognizes the interconnections between war and social issues that are not always obvious, and so we have forged alliances with groups and individuals in the fields of environmentalism, poverty, health, civil rights, racism, refugee rights, etc. World BEYOND War is a member of a number of coalitions and our affiliate organizations help make connections between issue areas as well.

Our coalitions: <https://worldbeyondwar.org/who/#coalitions>

Our affiliates: <https://worldbeyondwar.org/findchapter>

World BEYOND War's seminal book, *A Global Security System: An Alternative to War* (AGSS), now in its fifth edition, is available in print, ebook, and audio versions, along with a free online study and discussion guide, *Study War No More*.

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

The AGSS and study guide were awarded the 2018 - 2019 Educator's Challenge Award offered by the Global Challenges Foundation. The award acknowledges innovative approaches to engage students and broader audiences in discussions on the importance of global challenges, ranging from war to climate change.



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



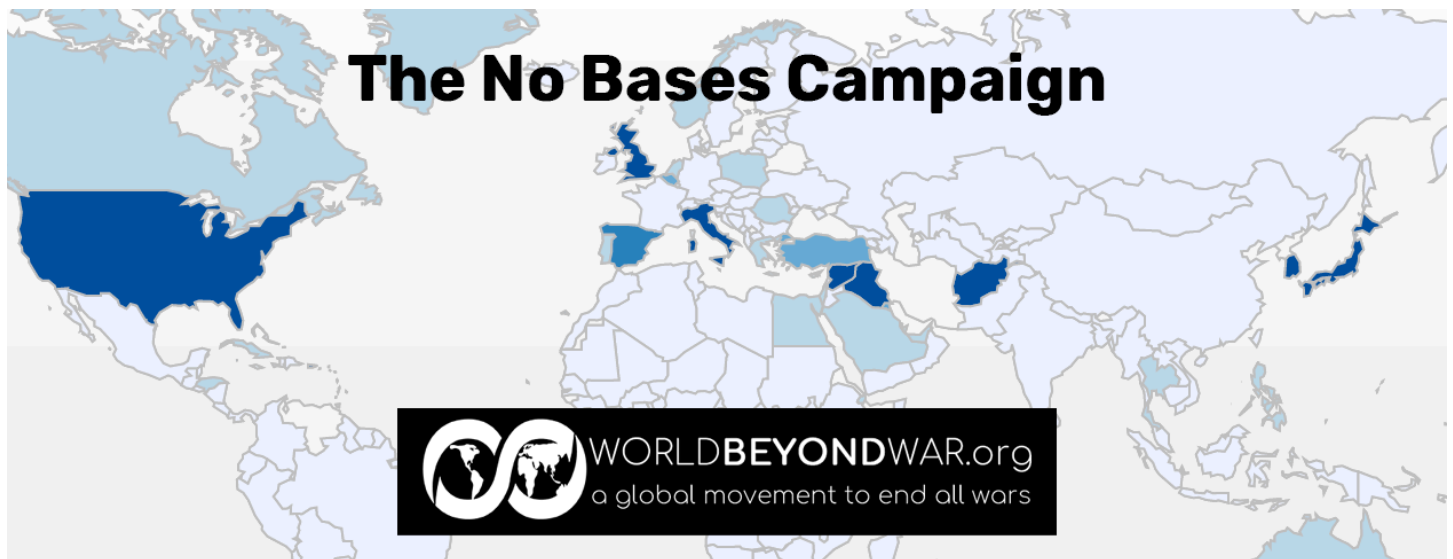
World BEYOND War has two major campaigns in addition to our peace education work. Divestment is one of the pillars of World BEYOND War's work because we see it as a central step in dismantling the war machine by withdrawing the money that is keeping the war machine running. The Divest from the War Machine campaign facilitates the creation of decentralized, distributed organizing campaigns with the goal of individual, institutional, and governmental divestment from weapons manufacturers, military contractors, and war profiteers. We facilitate the creation of city-specific "Divest Coalitions" to carry out localized municipal divestment strategies, providing remote support to activists to run campaigns in their communities. Divestment gives individuals and communities the agency to withdraw our consent from the war machine, on the individual level by changing our banking practices, on the institutional level such as by divesting university endowments, and on the governmental level, such as divesting city pension funds. Divestment also reveals the pervasiveness of the war machine on nearly every level in our society, so it's an educational tool to build awareness about what the war machine is and to stigmatize it.

In 2019, World BEYOND War successfully led a divestment campaign in Charlottesville, VA to divest both from fossil fuels and weapons. Executive Director David Swanson, who is based in Charlottesville, helped pull together a local coalition of community organizations to petition, rally, attend city council meetings, and more, to get the city's operating budget to successfully divest. This was a huge victory and can serve as a model to other cities nationally and globally. In particular, what was so successful about this campaign is how it tied together fossil fuel and weapons divestment, bridging the gap between anti-war and environmental groups, and showing how the two industries are intimately intertwined – for example, the U.S. military is the largest institutional consumer of oil on the planet.

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



Our No Bases Campaign seeks to close the 800+ U.S. foreign military bases in over 80 countries. This campaign offers great opportunities to work with activists around the world, supporting their work, and building the network of resistance. There is a gap in the field of base closure education and activism, which World BEYOND War aims to fill by becoming the preeminent resource for this issue.



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

War Is Not Ending On Its Own

In the few short years of our existence, World BEYOND War has grown rapidly to become a highly respected and influential leader in the movement to abolish war. We now have signers of our Declaration of Peace in 190 countries which makes us well positioned to continue building the movement globally. War is now being confronted by a strategic popular resistance. We need your involvement and support if we are to succeed.

World BEYOND War is a people-powered movement for peace. We rely on small donations and on countless volunteers who donate their time. We are extremely grateful for all of their support. Special thanks to our recurring donors and to Home Rule Globally, Jubitz Family Foundation, James R. and Mary Jane Barrett Foundation, Arc of Justice, Voices for Creative Nonviolence, Alms Committee of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Helen Alexander, Robert Barkley, Medea Benjamin, Amy Blumenshine and Michael Troutman, Barbara Briggs-Letson, Stephen Clemens, Carol Crossed, Charles and Mary Crossed Foundation, Christopher Fite, Gabriela Iaz, Charles and Angeliki V. Keil, Kathy Kelly, Kit Kitterage, Robin Lloyd, Wayne Martinson, William McLaughlin, Krishen and Geeta Mehta, John Melrose, Arthur Milholland, Josh Mitteldorf, Thomas Muller and Rebecca Fisher, John Reuwer and Laurie Gagne, Daniel Riehl, Deb Sawyer, Peter Selby, Walter Singer, Shau Sumar, John Vehey, Donnal Walter, Roger Waters, Nancy Weaver, Paddy Welles, and many others.



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