

A.W.A.R.E.

“Anti-War Anti-Racism Effort” of Champaign-Urbana

*The US government is waging illegal wars abroad -
and confiscating the wealth of the majority at home -
for the benefit of less than 1% of the US population*

**Join our demonstration the first Saturday of every month,
at the intersection of Church and Neil in Champaign, 2-4pm**

*Meet with us at the Farmers’ Market every other Saturday morning
at Lincoln Square for books, bumper stickers, badges, and literature*

*Watch our weekly Urbana Public Television (channel 6) program
“AWARE on the Air,” Tuesdays at 10pm - or join us in the Urbana City
Council Chambers for the live unrehearsed recordings at noon Tuesdays*

**We meet Sundays at 5pm at Cafeteria & Company, 208 W. Main, Urbana
New members welcome: for information write us at <aware@anti-war.net>**

**President Obama has now attacked Iraq and Syria in
violation of the United Nations Charter, which forbids
“the threat or use of force against the territorial
integrity or political independence of any state”
without the authorization of the U.N. Security Council**

Contact the president (202-456-1111) & representatives in Congress (202-224-3121):

President Barack Obama - <<http://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/submit-questions-and-comments>>

Senator Dick Durbin - <<http://www.durbin.senate.gov/contact.cfm>>

Senator Mark Kirk - <http://www.kirk.senate.gov/?p=comment_on_legislation>

Representative Rodney Davis - <<https://rodneydavis.house.gov/contact/email-me>>

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AWARE is a Champaign-Urbana peace group. The name is an acronym for “Anti-War Anti-Racism Effort.” It was established after the attacks of 9/11/2001 by local citizens who realized that the US government would use those crimes to justify its already long-standing attempts to exercise military control over the Middle East. Mideast gas and oil are needed by America’s economic competitors in Europe and Asia, and control of them gives the US an advantage over China, Germany and other countries. For that purpose, the US invaded Afghanistan and Iraq.

Since WWII, the US government has sought to dominate the world economy for the benefit of the American rich, the one-percent. It's not in the interest of the vast majority of Americans to kill people around the world for the profits of the one-percent, but that's what the American government has done, up to and including President Obama's administration.

In 1962 President Kennedy attacked South Vietnam to prevent the emergence in an Asian peasant society of a modernizing economy that was not subservient to American economic control. The US killed four million people in Southeast Asia to insure that result. In 1999 President Clinton attacked the former Yugoslavia for the same reason. Today President Obama is arranging for people to be killed in Ukraine to insure that the Eurasian economy does not pass out of US control. The Russian scholar Stephen F. Cohen writes, “The seemingly unthinkable is becoming imaginable: an actual war between NATO, led by the United States, and post-Soviet Russia.”

**“...the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today [is] my own government.”
--Martin Luther King, 1967**

Shamefully enough, nothing has changed. American presidents have killed, wounded and made homeless well over 20 million human beings in the last 50 years, mostly civilians - not to spread peace and democracy, as they claimed, but to ensure US economic control - as the rest of the world recognizes. They have made the US government the most feared and hated in the world.

After the 9/11 attacks, the US government attempted to cloak its military and economic control in a “war on terror.” But by “terrorism” the US means armed opposition to the US by people from the Mideast. The crimes of 9/11 were in fact a counter-attack. The perpetrators said that there were three principal reasons for them: (1) the oppression of the Palestinians by Israel, sponsored by the US; (2) the murder of a half million children in Iraq by Clinton administration sanctions (US Secretary of State Albright: “We think the price is worth it”); and (3) the stationing of US troops in Saudi Arabia, near the Islamic holy sites.

**“Everybody's worried about stopping terrorism. There's an easy way: stop participating in it.”
--Noam Chomsky, 2001**

In much of the world the U.S. is regarded as a leading terrorist state, and with good reason. The US has 1,000 military bases outside its borders: Russia and China have none. The US “Special Operations Command” - a 63,000 member private army that reports to the US president’s National Security Council, not to Congress - is active by its own admission in 124 countries around the world. Its activities include rendition (kidnapping), enhanced interrogation (torture), and disposition (murder - read about the CIA’s “disposition matrix.”)

**“Turns out I'm really good at killing people. Didn't know that was gonna be a strong suit of mine.”
--President Obama, 2013**

On his “Terror Tuesday” sessions, as the administration explained to the New York Times (29 May 2012), Obama selects - from “baseball cards” presented to him by CIA director John Brennan - thousands of people to be killed. Obama’s drone strikes alone have resulted in 5,000 deaths - including 200 child corpses.

He still continues to order drone strikes - including strikes in Africa in August and Pakistan in September. In the same month Obama, working for the American one-percent, has backed Israel and Ukraine as those governments kill thousands of civilians - and their children - in Donbas and Gaza. Their crimes would not be possible without the economic, military, political and diplomatic support of the US.

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