

WHY WE'RE STILL STANDING OUT HERE IN 2018

This vigil for peace and justice has been observed every Sunday from 12 until 1 p.m. since May of 1999. Nearly 19 years and four U.S. presidential administrations later, we are still here.

Often people ask us what we mean when we say, "RESIST THIS ENDLESS WAR." What we mean is that the serial wars waged by the U.S. and its allies are actually one war being waged on many fronts. Men, women, and children are being slaughtered, maimed, traumatized, driven from their homes all over the world so that immense wealth and power can be concentrated in the hands of a very few people.

The weapons of this war are many. Here are just some examples: drone attacks against human beings many thousands of miles away (targets whose bodies the bombardiers, operating their weapons by remote control, will never have to see); the rejection and mass deportations of immigrants and refugees (condemning them, in many cases, to a future of torture or death); the systematic dismantling of an infrastructure and social programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security that most of our U.S. citizens not only depend upon but have funded with our hard-earned tax dollars all our lives; the destruction of our environment; the undermining of workers' rights and the refusal to pass a minimum wage that is a living wage.

In 2016, we had a presidential election in which the issues of war, peace and economic justice were

never seriously addressed. The state of endless war was accepted as the norm. Now we are dealing with a new administration that has within its first year in power exponentially escalated on all fronts this war that we have been describing and resisting for years.

With its blatantly racist and xenophobic rhetoric and policies, its utter disregard for the U.S. Constitution and international law, its attempt to roll back even the modest attempts at addressing climate change that are embraced in the Paris Agreement, and its unapologetic war against poor, working-class and non-white people on behalf of the billionaire class it represents, the Trump administration has made transparent the existential threat posed by the 1% to all of our lives and the future of our planet.

RESIST THIS ENDLESS WAR

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<http://newhavensundayvigil.wordpress.com>

Since 1999, the New Haven Sunday Vigil has been held here every week from 12-1pm at Broadway, Park and Elm Streets in New Haven, CT, to emphatically say NO to the state of permanent, ongoing war against the world being waged by our government and its allies- a war which is terrorizing the planet and destroying lives in order to consolidate enormous power and wealth in the hands of a very few people.

***Join the conversation any Sunday here at
Broadway, Park and Elm Streets, New Haven, 12-1
pm.***