

## Signs for the Times: The New Haven Sunday Vigil for Peace and Justice Continues.

"Never Again for Anyone;" "No More Money for Genocide;" "Resist Fascism Now- Before it's Too Late;" "Arms Embargo Now;" "Food Distribution, Not Population Annihilation;" "Silence is Not an Option;" and, of course, "Resist this Endless War," are among the messages made visible every week by the New Haven Sunday Vigil for Peace and Justice.

Ongoing weekly since 1999 throughout the administrations of five different U.S. presidents, the vigil's theme has been consistent: imperial wars and military interventions abroad and repression at home are all part of one assault aimed at consolidating enormous wealth and power into the hands of a very few people at the expense of the rest of us and the health of our planet.

Following the U.S.-enabled destruction of Gaza and its people after the HAMAS attack on Israel, which is now culminating in a campaign of mass starvation and population removal orchestrated by the Israeli government with the full complicity of the United States, the New Haven Sunday Vigil decided we needed to continue our weekly presence well beyond its 25th year.

Today, with all three branches of the United States government caught in the stranglehold of a global movement toward fascism and the attempted criminalization of every form of protest, visible street resistance to all manifestations of the "endless war" is a crucial part of our refusal to be silenced.

Here are just some of the manifestations of the creeping fascism we now face in the United States and in the world:

- **Illegitimate seizure of power:** The federal takeover of the Washington, D.C. police force (a prototype for threatened takeovers of more U.S. cities).
- **Denial of due process:** The invasion of our cities by masked I.C.E. thugs and the illegal arrests, detainments and deportations of U.S. citizens and immigrants, whether naturalized, documented or undocumented.

- **Institutionalization of unwanted members of the population:** The criminalization of poverty and homelessness, sweeping the homeless and the poor into prisons and mental institutions.
- **Suppression of dissent:** the criminalization of protest and protesters under the pretext of "national security."
- **Systematic destruction of social services:** Massive cuts to vital social services relied upon by millions in our country, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, Medicare, and Social Security.
- **The use of public power for the transfer of wealth for private gain:** an official with the power of the presidency launching and promoting cryptocurrency, accepting gifts from foreign powers, receiving benefits from private business ventures, and weakening or abolishing all safeguards and regulatory mechanisms.
- **Complicity:** Mass institutional compliance with the dictates of the regime on every issue, including the abolition of D.E.I. (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) programs and initiatives, the removal of healthcare from LGBT youth, the rewriting of history and the criminalization of dissent.
- **Oligarchs carving up the world with other oligarchs:** A "neighborly" summit meeting between the corrupt leader of Russia and his equally corrupt U.S. counterpart during which the call for a ceasefire in the Russian war on Ukraine begun in 2022 is abandoned with no input from Ukraine itself.
- **Maintaining a permanent war economy:** The invasion of other countries on whatever pretext necessary, with a never-ending blank check for war-making, weapons production and military intervention handed to the regime.
- **Continued climate destruction for profit:** The halting of all initiatives designed to try to ameliorate the causes and impacts of climate change.

The clock is ticking for us all. We must resist fascism on every front.  
**This is what democracy looks like!**

*Resist This Endless War. Resist fascism (before it's too late.)*

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