

Resisting this Endless War



An estimated 4,000 people attended yesterday's No King's Day protest on the New Haven Green followed by a march through the city. It was part of more than 2700 other protests in cities and towns across the country on October 18, 2025, with an estimated total of 7 million people rallying and marching to say NO to the authoritarian takeover of our country.

The New Haven Sunday Vigil for Peace and Justice: Why We're (Still) Out Here

Since 1999 when our Sunday vigil began, passersby have asked us what “endless war” we’re talking about, what we mean by the phrase. Simply, we mean that the wars being fought throughout the world and the injustices being perpetrated in this country are all part of one war being waged on many fronts. Through military action, occupation, and genocide, adults and children continue to be slaughtered, maimed, traumatized, and driven from their homes everywhere so that enormous wealth and power can be concentrated in the hands of a very few people. Bigotry, discrimination, widespread economic injustice, and domestic repression serve the same goal of enriching the few at the expense of the many.

This “endless war” did not begin with the current administration, but it is now being pursued with no holds barred by the right wing MAGA movement in the United States and other authoritarian movements across the globe in a final, blatant attempt to consolidate power and destroy any semblance of democracy.

The weapons of this endless war include:

- the funding and arming of criminal wars and genocide
- extrajudicial military bombings and murder of civilians
- continued development and production of an ever more deadly nuclear arsenal
- mass kidnappings, incarcerations and deportations of immigrants and refugees with no due process by armed thugs
- the systematic dismantling of the infrastructure and social programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security
- the destruction of our environment
- the racist use of the police force to terrorize Black and brown communities
- the passage of laws to undercut women's and LGBTQ+ people's rights
- the systematic undermining of citizens' rights and ability to vote
- the destruction of labor unions and the creation of a “gig economy”
- the propagation of a vicious, profit-driven health care system that discriminates against the poor, elderly and disabled
- the suppression of freedom of speech and protest, control of the media, and punishment of institutions and individuals who speak out and refuse to collaborate with the repression.

Our tax dollars must instead be spent on the things we need to sustain and improve our lives and our planet: universal, unrestricted, comprehensive and not-for-profit quality health care for all; emergency, full scale, and sustained action to address and do everything possible to ameliorate climate change; and excellent housing, education, and resources for everyone.

People throughout the world have been and are risking their lives to open this path, and to resist and overthrow the systems and policies that stand in its way. In the U.S., our responsibility as citizens in these times is a grave one and a critical one. Full citizen engagement has become imperative.

May we grow in wisdom and strength to protect each other, our planet and the most vulnerable in our communities; the discernment and courage to stand against a government controlled by billionaires whose only goals are the further concentration of wealth and power into fewer and fewer hands; and the hope and vision to work to create a better, safer world for the many.

New Haven Sunday Vigil for Peace and Justice

<https://newhavensundayvigil.org>

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Resist this Endless War. Resist fascism now (before it's too late.)