

Welcome to the Board of Peace, our newest mechanism for endless war.

In George Orwell's famous dystopian novel, *Nineteen Eighty-Four* (published in 1949, four years after the end of World War 2), three official slogans of a fictional authoritarian, one-party government are imprinted on currency, emblazoned on buildings, and ultimately stamped on the human mind:

WAR IS PEACE

FREEDOM IS SLAVERY

IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH

Note that the first two statements suggest that one thing is its opposite, while the third celebrates the illogical contradictions of the first two because their widespread acceptance (the "ignorance" that is required of the population) cements the power of the government. The fictional regime's "Ministry of Truth" is charged with rewriting history books to perpetuate lies and half-truths that suit its purposes.

Does any of this sound vaguely familiar? It should. It's all happening here, now. In 2026.

Consider, for one particularly blatant example, the so-called "Board of Peace," which was rolled out in grand style on Thursday of the past week. This group of global rulers, most of whom have racked up impressive human rights violations, is being assembled by invitation only from the United States' Trump regime. If the Trump players have their way, it will try to dominate countries throughout the world, replace the authority of the United Nations, and ultimately force whole populations to serve its ends.

The first task of the "Board of Peace," which has just been joined by Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, will be to serve as an international occupying force in Gaza, operating out of a huge military base there. One of Trump's key proposals is to turn Gaza into an upscale

seaside resort with gleaming skyscrapers and entirely new cities atop the rubble burying the remains of those killed by the US-funded and supplied Israeli siege begun in 2023. Notes reporter Jeremy Scahill, "What Palestinians in Gaza are being faced with is you either fully bend the knee and accept a colonial apartheid regime as your overseer, that you accept a new reality as dystopian plantation workers on Jared Kushner's real estate project, or we're going to kill you. That is what is being said here."

(See https://www.democracynow.org/2026/2/20/trump_gaza for an interview with Scahill on this subject.)

Trump has appointed himself "chairman for life" of this new organization and has promised \$10 billion in U.S. funds to jumpstart it. None of this money has been either approved or appropriated by the United States Congress. Membership on the Board is conferred at the Chairman's discretion- to the tune of \$1 billion for a permanent seat.

At the same time as this Board is being established, the U.S. has moved a large armada to the Middle East in order to attack Iran- including the USS Gerald Ford, which the Trump regime most recently stationed in the Caribbean to facilitate the capture of the president of Venezuela, following months of military buildup and illegal killings of at least 145 civilians alleged without proof to have been drug traffickers.

The deeply interwoven ties and entangled interests of the global oligarchs are slowly being revealed. Trump is a product of this cabal. So is his "Board of Peace," which will have no hesitation in continuing to fight covert and overt wars, topple governments and install corrupt leaders of its own choice, while overseeing brutal occupations and repression.

ABOLISH ICE

END U.S. Wars and Occupations

REMOVE the Trump Regime

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

Resist this endless war.

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