

# WWP/PSL/CIA: The Counterinsurgency Infecting the Left — Part One

A Counterinsurgency infecting the left



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## **Introduction**

The Party For Socialism (PSL) is an ostensibly anti-imperialist organization that operates inside of the imperial core (amerika). Act Now to Stop War and End Racism Coalition (ANSWER) is closely related to PSL, and shares many founders; we will treat them as part of the same project. The ANSWER coalition is a dominant and growing force within

the amerikan Anti-War Movement— a movement which is also rooted historically and materially in counterinsurgency. The PSL has a long history of co-opting movements; this [became particularly](#) apparent during the 2020 uprisings in the United States.

While [their abuses are endless](#) and have been [well documented](#) in a variety of other places- we will not rehash those here. [Previous articles](#) have explored the right wing undercurrents of the PSL. **This project aims to expose the links between the PSL/ANSWER and counter-insurgent government forces at the CIA & FBI.**

**This evidence will show that the Party for Socialism and Liberation is part of a *\*counterinsurgency project\** of controlled opposition to shut down militant resistance against the United States government. Their abuses, their reactionary politics, and their cult-like behavior are [not coincidental but a consequence](#) of the organization being an arm of the empire.**



Importantly, this project is about more than just the PSLCIA. There are many lessons here about the larger counterinsurgency methods of our enemies. We hope that you share this information with your people so that they may carry out their own investigations into the strategies, and specifically, **the exploitable weaknesses** of the settler colony known as the united states.

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# Key-Concepts

**Domestic Counter-Insurgency**—True anti-imperialist and anti-colonial struggle inside the imperial core must aim to destroy the amerikan government through guerilla war and protracted people's war. This settler-colonial slave state is the beating heart of white supremacy and global imperialism, which will not be able to go down without a fight. Domestic Counterinsurgency can thus be understood as anything that strengthens the amerikan government, legitimizes the amerikan government, or otherwise sabotages militant organizing against the amerikan government.

**Whistleblowers are not heroes<sup>1</sup>**— Whistleblowers are not your friends. They are not friends of any liberation movement. Any actual whistleblower would be naming names and sharing things that truly compromise state security. If they are doing this then they will be hunted down by the united states and silenced. A whistleblower that doesn't do this is still protecting the empire and working on behalf of them. If a whistleblower is still in the country and able to publish books and

interviews, they are not our friend whatsoever. Even your settler 'hero' [Chelsea Manning is](#) co-operating with the feds. Snowden too is [just another liberal](#) collaborator and empire apologist.

**Anti-War Veterans<sup>2</sup>** — The idea that “veterans” hold any special position or that their opinions matter “more” is a reactionary norm that reinforces amerikan exceptionalism. Would we glorify the voices of “anti-police kops” above the people they victimize on the daily? Why would we elevate those who participated in amerika’s global policing? The history of *anti-war veterans movement* reveals a long line of people who, after committing heinous war crimes, were entitled to build a career off of that once they’re done. Their class interests have never been rooted in anti-imperialism and internationalism. Instead they prioritize the harms to veterans and reactionary concerns such as “wasteful government spending”. Those who identify as anti-war vets and their organizations and those who uplift them are not our friends. They are our enemies and should be identified as such.

**Neo-Colonialism**—In *Neo-Colonialism: the Last Stage of Imperialism*

Kwame Nkrumah explains:

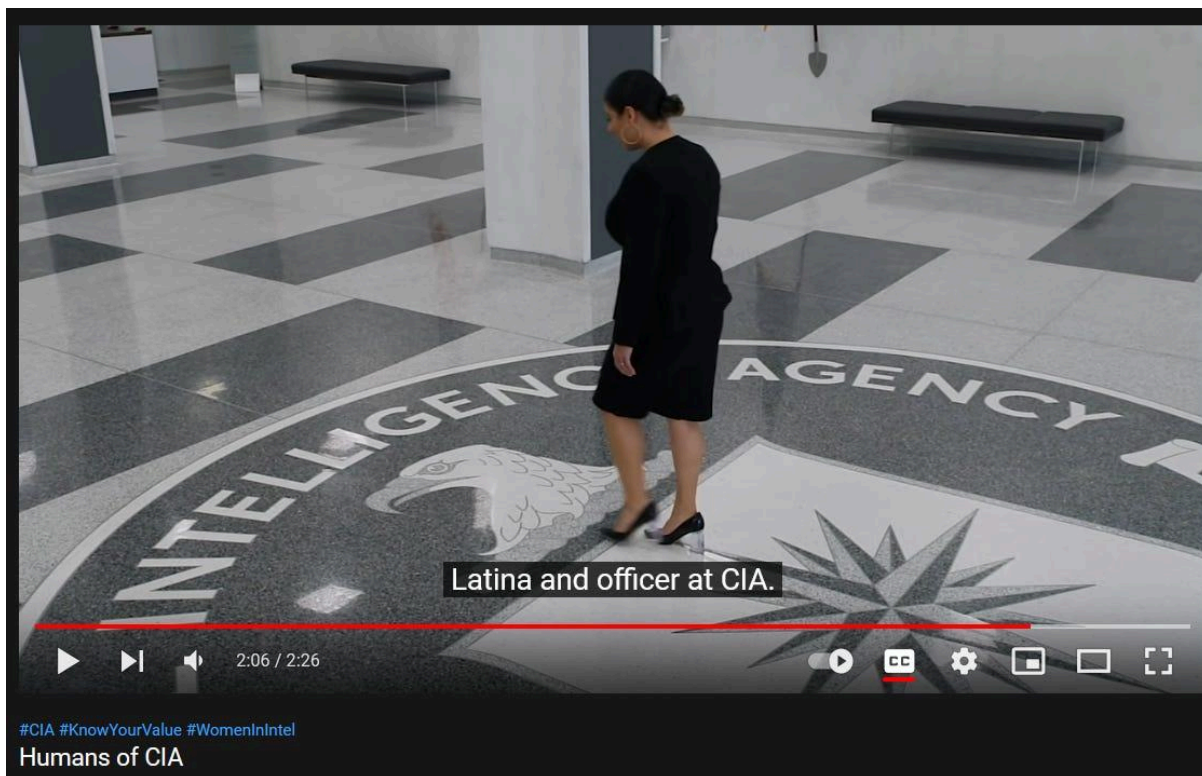
“Neo-colonialism is based upon the principle of breaking up former large united colonial territories into a number of small non-viable States which are incapable of independent development and must rely upon the former imperial power for defense and even internal security. Their economic and financial systems are linked, as in colonial days, with those of the former colonial ruler.”

*Night-Visions: Illuminating War and Class on the Neo-Colonial Terrain* explains:

“The previous capitalist world order was bipolar, with everyone visible massed around opposing poles of oppressor vs. oppressed. It was colonized vs. colonizer, white vs. black, invader vs. indigenous. The growing chaos of the neo-colonial world order is that many different peoples—armed with conflicting capitalist agendas—have been loosed to fight it out... Trans-national capitalism is driving a certain kind of breakthrough idea, a “multicultural” worldview in which each people and grouping is freed and encouraged to explore its own capitalist agenda no matter what form it takes...Everyone is free to go for it, free to

fight it out any way they want so long as they don't endanger the system itself.”

In the context of this series, neocolonialism describes the shape-shifting nature of contemporary imperialism that absorbs and capitalizes on the emergence of new politics and identities. Subgroups are assimilated into kapitalism and bonded to imperialist interests, all for the purpose of maintaining material colonial domination.



Youtube video titled *Humans of CIA* in which an agent of imperialism explains: “I am a Woman of Color. I am a Mom. I am a cisgender

millennial whose been diagnosed with Generalized Anxiety Disorder. I am Intersectional... I am a Latina and officer at CIA.”

**Under neo-colonialism, no amount of ‘reform’ or ‘gradual change’ or ‘culture shift’ can lead to liberation. The empire and it’s willing servants will absorb every slogan, every politic, and every movement that does not directly—militarily—contradict its existence.**

[Abolition was always “spicy reformism”](#) so it is no surprise that demands to “abolish the police” became “defund the police”. But who knows, maybe “Death to America” t-shirts will become as popular with settler-colonizers as “Che” shirts...

**Non-Violence/Non-Violent Revolution<sup>3</sup>** — A “non-violent revolution” is imagined as nonstop endless protests and strikes that aim to get some form of “change”— either electorally or materially, whether those concessions are given or not. Or, just electoralism as a system itself which can and has been defined as a “political revolution”, being seen in various amerikan presidential campaigns, and used by politicians. Such class reductionist strategies are tantamount to begging for change. This strategy has only been effective in other countries when the protestors have been largely supported economically and politically by the empire.

Since the decline of the New Left, internal resistance against the amerikan government has been pacified into the ground. This culture shift is the consequence of a sustained CIA campaign to infiltrate leftist and anti-imperialist formations and subvert them with anti-communism. The Non-Profit Industrial Complex (NPIC) has been central to this counter-insurgent strategy and absorbs “decolonization” and anti-imperialist ideology into a twisted Neo-colonial business model. Non-violence educators focus on the “strategic value” of non-violence in order to misdirect would-be revolutionaries.

Non-violence is an op and we can prove it.

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## **Synopsis**

McGovern is a man who spent decades providing “unbiased” intelligence to the united states to help the CIA sabotage communist movements, from henry kissinger to george hw bush. He was a high level CIA agent giving advice directly to the president and his cabinet. In this, he played a direct role in the deaths of millions of 3rd world peoples. This man is not a hero he is a butcher.

Even though he has marketed himself as an anti-war activist, he still supports amerikan imperialism and his CIA oath to defend the country. In spite of this, he is intimately connected to PSL, ANSWER, and Veterans for Peace. His current politics are an extension of Gene Sharp’s

Department of Defense (DoD) funded “non-violence” ideology. He, along with many others, implement those counter-insurgent strategies within organizations to keep their anti-imperialist / anti-war politics from becoming anything that might remotely disrupt the empire. Indeed, his politics could be better understood as new form of libertarian-Strasserism that is being funded by his CIA-affiliated friends in Silicon-Valley.

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## **Ray McGovern’s relationship with the PSL and ANSWER**

Ray McGovern has deep connections with the ANSWER Coalition and has been a keynote speaker at their events for over a decade. He maintains close relationships with PSL and ANSWER leadership and has played a major role in developing their lines and propaganda regarding “US Foreign Policy”.

- He has been a keynote speaker at multiple ANSWER events: in [2010 in Virginia](#); [2011 in New York](#) and again in [2011 in Atlanta](#); [2014 in Washington D.C.](#); and [2017 in Washington D.C.](#) At the same time McGovern was also doing interviews with Alex Jones on Info-wars in [2011](#) and again in [2014](#).
- He has been a signatory to multiple ANSWER Coalition Open Letters: an [“Open Letter to Iran” in 2015](#) in which they explain that sanctions against Iran are unconstitutional; a [letter on Syria in 2016](#) that concludes: “We need jobs, healthcare, education and an end to racist police violence here at home, not U.S. wars abroad!!” ; a letter calling for [“non-violent protests against the war in Afghanistan” in 2017](#). All these positions are fundamentally counter-insurgent positions that do not challenge the state but simply say the Amerikan government is ‘doing *it* wrong’ (*it* being imperialism).
- Ray McGovern wrote an article for the ANSWER Coalition website in 2015 titled [“Why Iran Distrusts the US in Nuke Talks”](#). In this article he makes the case that sanctions against Iran are illegitimate because the five eyes intelligence community lied about Iran developing nuclear weapons. McGovern doesn’t have a problem with genocidal sanctions, his only problem is five eyes lying. He is also [cited by ANSWER branches](#) as a reputable source as recently as 2021.
- Ray McGovern has also been a frequent guest on Brian Becker’s podcast “Loud and Clear”, showing up *30 times* between January of 2016 and September of 2017. Becker is a co-founder of the PSL, and

the director of the PSL-affiliated ANSWER coalition. In multiple circumstances, he interviewed with other members of the upper echelons of PSL/ANSWER including: [Jane Cutter](#) (founding member of the PSL), [Gloria La Riva](#) (2016 PSL Presidential candidate); [Eugene Puryear](#) (PSL vice presidential nominee in 2012 and 2016); [Sarah Sloan](#) (National Staff Coordinator of the ANSWER coalition); [Mike Prysner](#) (PSL member and key propagandist who co-produces Empire Files). He has also appeared on *Loud and Clear* with other “anti-war” intelligence operatives, NSA agent [William Binney](#); FBI Special Agent [Colleen Rowley](#); and CIA Analyst [John Kiriakou](#).

- McGovern is also a [member](#) of the [advisory board](#) of Veterans For Peace (VFP), a close ally of the ANSWER Coalition and the largest “Anti-war veteran” organization in the united states. These are not the kind of [anti-war soldiers who used to commit “fraggings” against their officers in Vietnam](#), nor do they share anything in common with the [anti-war activists who were bombing military training facilities and ROTC buildings](#) in the 60’s. In fact, VFP was founded in 1985 for the purpose of demilitarizing anti-war resistance into a “nonviolent force for change”. Their charter explicitly states: “members of Veterans For Peace pledge to use non-violent means.” We will return to the counter insurgent nature of “nonviolence” in the second half of this article.



## **VETERANS FOR PEACE** **Pledge of Nonviolence**

- We will use our anger at injustice as a positive nonviolent force for change.
- We will not vandalize.
- We will not use or carry alcohol or illegal drugs.
- We will refrain from insults and swearing.
- We will not run or otherwise make threatening motions.
- We will not assault, either verbally or physically, those who oppose or disagree with us, even if they assault us.
- We will protect those who oppose us from insult or attack.
- Our attitude as conveyed through words, symbols and actions will be one of openness, friendliness and respect toward all people we encounter, including police officers, military personnel, members of the larger community and all marchers.
- We will carry no weapons.
- As members of a nonviolent demonstration, we will follow the directions of the designated coordinators. In the event of a serious disagreement, we will remove ourselves from the action.

Excerpt from a pamphlet that VFP distributes at their protests and gatherings.

**Ray McGovern— a career of crushing communism**

Ray McGovern worked at the Central Intelligence Agency for 27 years from 1963 until 1990. He does not talk much about his time there but the media has made a point to advertise his “expertise.” His actual descriptions seem to change depending on who Ray is being interviewed by, so we have included a number of them:

- [The Independent](#) “McGovern worked near the very top of his profession, giving direct advice to Henry Kissinger during the Nixon era and preparing the President's daily security brief for Ronald Reagan.”
- [Peacewatch](#): “Ray McGovern was a member of the CIA for 27 years and he served as the “All Intelligence Agent” during the Reagan administration. He was responsible for briefing the President, the Vice President, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Cabinet and National Security Advisor.”
- [New York Times](#): “Ray McGovern, a retired C.I.A. analyst who briefed President Bush's father in the White House in the 1980's”
- [The Boston Globe](#): “Ray McGovern, a 27-year veteran of the CIA's clandestine service”
- [Former Clinton Advisor Sydney Blumenthal](#): “Ray McGovern, former CIA chief for the Middle East”.
- [Journalist John Pilger](#) says: “Ray McGovern, a former senior C.I.A. officer, distinguished as a Soviet specialist and cold warrior, a man

who counts himself a personal friend of George Bush, the president's father”

- His [website biography](#) says “Ray’s duties included chairing National Intelligence Estimates and preparing the *President’s Daily Brief*, which he briefed one-on-one to President Ronald Reagan’s five most senior national security advisers from 1981 to 1985.”

This is an incredible resume. If we match his bio with the claim from Peacewatch, then **Ray McGovern was personally responsible for briefing Reagan’s entire National Security Council** which includes “Vice President, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Defense, and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs”. Ray would have been deeply connected with every single intelligence brief and national security directive going in or coming out the Reagan White House.

During an [interview in 2007](#) he says that he retired from the CIA after the collapse of the Soviet Union because Soviet policy was “my favorite substantive target”. We can conclude that he was an expert on providing intelligence about communism and communist movements. Upon retiring, per his bio, he was awarded the CIA’s Intelligence Commendation Medal “For the performance of especially commendable



service or for an act or achievement significantly above normal duties which results in an important contribution to the mission of the Agency.” There are only [3 other publicly known recipients](#) of this award.

He began criticizing George W. Bush’s use of intelligence in 2002 and began to give dozens of interviews about US foreign Policy—this began his career as an “anti-war activist”. He founded Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS) in 2003 with Kiriakou and Clark among others. An incomplete list of VIPS letters can be found [here](#). To get an idea of VIPS imperialist agenda, this is an excerpt from a [2015 letter](#):

“An independent group for intelligence analysis would be free to produce for you and your National Security Council the medium- and long-term strategic intelligence analysis that can help our country steer clear of future strategic disasters. And we offer ourselves as advisers as to how this might be accomplished.”

ANSWER’s golden boy and John Kirkiou offering to work for Obama to better defend the Amerikan empire.

Lastly, Ray McGovern is a founder of [Sam Adams Associates for Integrity in Intelligence](#), “a movement of former CIA colleagues” that gives cash awards to “a member of the intelligence community or related professions who exemplifies Sam Adam’s courage, persistence, and devotion to truth – no matter the consequences.” This group has little information and explicitly says they are not a 501c3, so their financials are unknown. Who funds their [enourmous parties](#)?



Ray McGovern pictured here with [Julian “China is the real enemy” Assange](#).

McGovern’s criticisms of America only extend so far as the belief that the CIA has been “hijacked” with “corrupted intelligence”. Ray

McGovern admits that he is still an agent of empire in [a 2007 interview](#)

where he remarks that he and other members of VIPS “feel strongly about the oath we took to defend and protect the constitution of the United States”. As recently as 2013 he [gave a speech](#) at Oxford University explaining he “still believes in the American Dream” and “the fifth estate... Wikileaks and whistleblowers, can save the America.”

### **A Note on Methodology:**

Ray McGovern rarely speaks about his time at the CIA and there are very few leads to any specific activities. This is incredibly suspicious but leaves us with a limited ability to identify what he did while working for the empire. Publicly available CIA documents have redacted all names. However, as he was the [“All-Intelligence Agent”](#) personally preparing intelligence briefs for the Reagan National Security Council from 1981-1985, we can assume that any National Security Intelligence Directives (NSID) coming from the Reagan office during that time were known about, prepared by, and approved by McGovern. We can also assume that any National Intelligence Estimates (NIE) publications, which he chaired from 1980-1988, would have his input and seal of

approval. Both of these positions had *Top Secret Clearance*, the highest security clearance level in the us government.

We make no claims as to what Ray McGovern 'believed' or agreed with while he was advising Kissinger and later Reagan. But the fact that he remained working in these positions demonstrates his approval of their policies as well as his usefulness to them planning their strategies.

During [a 2006 interview](#) discussing the lies about Iraq's WMD's, McGovern said "Back in my day, I like to think we would have got up and walked out...Cooking intelligence is a cardinal sin in the intelligence world." It is incredibly telling that McGovern didn't "walk out" during his years advising the genocidal policies of Reagan, Nixon, and Kissinger. He considered advising and assisting in their crimes against humanity as a "correct use" of the intelligence that he provided and analyzed.

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## **Henry Kissinger**

A brief rundown on \*some\* of Kissinger's imperialist crimes:

-Kissinger [personally approved the bombing runs](#) in Cambodia that killed 150,000 and 500,000 people in Cambodia, as well as [sending](#)

[mercenaries to and arming](#) the genocidal anti-communist Khmer Rouge who murdered over a million Cambodian people.

-Kissinger [directed the CIA to send weapons](#) to Pakistani dictator Agha Muhammad Yahya Khan to use in murdering 1-3 million Bengali people.

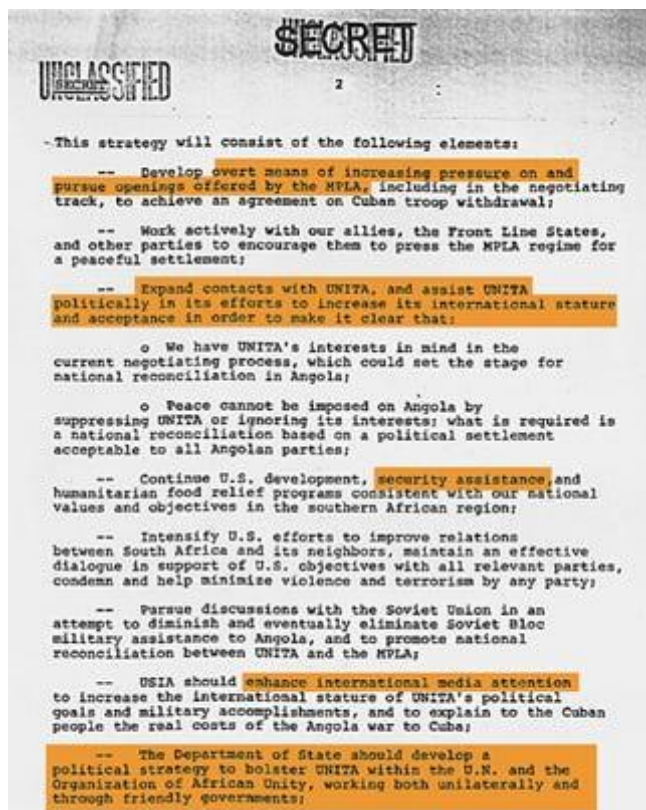
Historian Gary Bass [suggests that](#) “Kissinger's policy was meant to maintain the alliance with Pakistan, which was an anti-communist bulwark in the region.”

-Kissinger [supported the “Dirty War”](#) in Argentina against communists and so-called dissidents.

-Kissinger [armed the Indonesian military](#) when they invaded East Timor in 1975 and murdered “300,000 East Timorese—nearly half the population” to crush the communist independence movement.

-Kissinger pressured Nixon to [sponsor members of the Chilean military](#), financially and militarily, to coup socialist president Salvador Allende in 1973. Kissinger and Nixon helped plan the coup and subsequent rise to power of the Fascist Augusto Pinochet. *The Journal of Cold War Studies* [shows](#) how the CIA actively supported the military Junta after the overthrow of Allende.

-Kissinger also guided the CIA in their policies of [sending American and Portuguese mercenaries to participate in the Angolan civil war](#) in the 1970's. Additionally, providing military training for the anti-communist group National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA). Their plan was to crush the socialists People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA). Ray McGovern's intelligence work contributed to National Security Decision Directive 122 titled "[US Policy toward Angola](#)" that outlines Reagan's continuation of Kissinger's plans over a decade later.



This brings us to the specific intelligence work that can be tied to McGovern.

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### **McGovern at the CIA**

During his time chairing the National Intelligence Estimates board, Ray McGovern helped put together intelligence analysis about Communist movements around the planet. This intelligence was then used by Reagan to support far right death squads and anti-communist counterinsurgency around the planet.

Published in 1982 "[Short-Term Prospects for Central America](#)" is part of the CIA's Special National Intelligence Estimate (SNIE) which McGovern chaired. This document analyzes the strengths and weaknesses of "Marxist-Leninist communists" "communist-supported insurgencies" and "Marxist revolutionaries" and "Leftist terrorists" in Latin America to "United States National Security" and "US Interests" specifically focusing on Cuba and Nicaragua.



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For the longer run, beyond the period of this Estimate, the future holds many severe threats to US interests in Central America. The many weaknesses there will grow in the absence of continuing strong international support, and there is no guarantee that even such support will enable moderate forces there to carry the day. Events have demonstrated, however, that there is no inexorable downward path ahead.

- The Marxist revolutionaries and their various backers are beset with numerous weaknesses and constraints.
- There is considerable political vitality in the area—demonstrated especially by the courageous election turnout in El Salvador.
- Judicious infusions of military and other aid have helped in certain given instances.

Another McGovern [NIE report in 1985](#) “Soviet Problems, Prospects, and Options in Afghanistan in the Next Year” that references [Operation Cyclone](#) and arming the Mujahadeen. Shortly after this estimate “Resistance effectiveness against aircraft is likely to increase substantially” the US sent 2300 Stinger Missiles to Mujahadeen fighters.

10. On the basis of an improving military supply situation, we project that the performance of the resistance in Afghanistan will improve steadily during 1985 as it did in 1984:

- The greater availability of ammunition and other materiel will increase the operational effectiveness and persistence of those already under arms.
- The number of near-full-time fighters, now estimated at about 150,000,<sup>1</sup> will increase substantially.
- Resistance effectiveness against aircraft is likely to increase substantially, against both airborne targets and airbases.
- The number of resistance fighters with rudimentary military training will continue to rise, and all are learning from combat experience.

11. At the same time, the inevitable sluggishness and unevenness of the resistance logistic network, shortages in many needed items, food problems, and the fragmented nature of the war will probably cause these factors to increase resistance effectiveness only gradually. They will not confront the Soviets with a dramatic crisis or sharp deterioration of their military situation, or prevent the Soviets from making selected improvements to it.



Another document is a [Presidential briefing](#) from Oct 23, 1983

recomending US intervention in Grenada. Two days after this briefing,

[the United States invaded Grenada](#) to crush any chance for the people of Grenada to build Black Power there.

In response to the OECS request for U.S. participation in a multi-national effort to restore democracy on Grenada and to take prudent precautions to protect the lives and safety of American citizens, the following actions recommended by the Special Situation Group (SSG) are directed:

- o The Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in coordination with the Secretary of State and the Director of Central Intelligence, will land U.S. and allied Caribbean military forces in order to take control of Grenada, no later than dawn Tuesday, October 25, 1983. Collection of requisite military intelligence for this operation should proceed immediately by all necessary means. This operation has a three-fold objective:
  - Assuring the safety of American citizens on Grenada.
  - In conjunction with other OECS/friendly government participants, the restoration of democratic government on Grenada.
  - The elimination of current, and the prevention of further, Cuban intervention in Grenada. (TS)

The remaining NIE documents published during McGovern's tenure have been posted [here](#) already. They represent an enormous project of mass murder and regime changes in favor of Amerikan imperialist interests. It is difficult to understate the importance of such documents to imperialist foreign policy.

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## Gene Sharp and the CIA Non-Violence Operation

*Note: The following section references heavily from Marcie Smith's piece [Change Agent: Gene Sharp's Neoliberal Nonviolence \(Archive\)](#). Her piece is class-reductionist she seems like a social democrat (see: populist fascist), however it is well researched, so we will use some of it for our purposes.*

Gene Sharp is considered “The father of the non-violence movement” and has published over 20 books on non-violence. His organizations and those of his disciples, have been involved deeply in the modern “non-violent left”. His works are so frequently cited by “activists”. He was also a CIA asset. His Magnum Opus *The Politics of Nonviolent Action*, published in 1973, was funded by the DoD and written while he was working at a CIA created center at Harvard.

In *Politics of Nonviolent Action* there are a few important components. First, Sharp explains at length, why “*the introduction of sabotage will seriously weaken a nonviolent action movement...the idea that sabotage is compatible with nonviolent action must be rejected.*” This idea that liberation can come without sabotaging the organs of empire and kapitalism is so [patently false](#) that it is not worth arguing. However, this has since

become the dominant organizing line ever since the collapse of the New Left. It remains the case today and, as anyone who has attended a PSL/ANSWER protest can attest to, is their official policy and stance. Secondly, he proposes tactics such as “use of symbolic colors, parades, vigils, use of banners written in English for international consumption, mock awards, protest disrobings; forms of economic non-cooperation like boycotts, divestment campaigns, and strikes; political non-cooperation, like refusing to assist law enforcement; and psychological interventions like fasts.” **It must be noted that of these are exactly the same strategies employed by PSL, ANSWER, and their orbiters.**

Second, he pushes the idea that fighting back against the oppressor is unacceptable: “Nonviolent actionists must be prepared to endure the opponent’s sanctions without flinching... to suffer in order to advance their cause.” Sharp’s argument is that hundreds of years of brutal slavery, colonization, genocide, is not enough—“nonretaliatory suffering” is, apparently, the key to victory. This is some evil shit.





“Members of the Center for International Affairs, 1958–1959 by Center for International Affairs with Henry Kissinger and Robert R. Bowie front and center” ([Source](#))

Gene Sharp’s story begins in 1965 at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard. The center’s original managing co-directors were **Henry Kissinger**, and **Robert Bowie** who would become chief National Intelligence Officer from 1977-1979. This came to be known as “the CIA at Harvard”. Smith writes:

[F]rom 1965 to 1970, Sharp participated in the intimate and highly significant Harvard-MIT Joint Arms Control Seminar, a discussion group convened by Kissinger, Bundy, Shelling, Bowie, Pool, and Rostow, among others, whose policy recommendations constituted one of the CIA at Harvard's "most important and durable contributions to international relations."

### **Gene Sharp –Architect of Color Revolutions**

During the Reagan regime Sharp created the Albert Einstein Institute (AEI). It was created the same year as the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), which Allen Weinstein, its cofounder, described "A lot of what we do today was done covertly 25 years ago by the CIA." Since its inception, the AEI has worked very closely with the NED.

From Smith:

Sharp and AEI staff would spend the 1980s, 1990s, and 2000s tracking, studying, consulting with, and training nonviolent social movements calling for "democratic freedoms and institutions" around the world.



According to its own annual reports, AEI did not prioritize fighting dictators and promoting “democratic freedoms and institutions” in US client states like Saudi Arabia, Zaire, Chile, El Salvador, or Guatemala. These countries are either never mentioned, or mentioned only in brief passing, in two decades worth of AEI annual reports. Rather, AEI and its adjuncts consistently focused their efforts in countries where political leadership was resisting NATO’s geostrategic priorities and/or the economic liberalization programs being pushed by the World Bank, the IMF, and U.S. Treasury’s “Washington Consensus”: countries like the Soviet Union, Burma, Thailand, Tibet, Yugoslavia, China, Cuba, Venezuela, Iran, and post-collapse Belarus, Ukraine, and Georgia.<sup>131</sup> In a number of these cases, the movements trained in Sharp’s methods successfully executed nonviolent revolutions—sometimes called “velvet revolutions” or “color revolutions,” for the telltale use of an official movement color.

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Rather, in most cases submission to neoliberal structural adjustment followed: selling off state assets, deregulating and privatizing state and worker-owned industry, cutting taxes, rolling back social spending, forcing tight monetary policy, removing price controls, removing capital controls, forcing markets open to Western investors, and establishing free trade zones. For this reason, the late radical Brazilian political economist Moniz Bandeira would argue in his final book, *The Second Cold War: Geopolitics and the Strategic Dimensions of the USA*, that it was Gene Sharp's ideas that "lay at the heart" of the U.S.'s "Second Cold War" regime change policy.

In 1985, Sharp published *Making Europe Unconquerable: The Potential of Civilian-based Deterrence and Defense*. Smith summarizes the book:

"[H]e urges NATO to apply his methods of nonviolent action to its defense strategy vis-a-vis the Soviet Union and its satellites. But in the spirit of rollback, Sharp also points out that NATO governments might use nonviolent action offensively: promoting news and views hostile to the Soviet regime, translating guides on nonviolent struggle, distributing

them among the target population, and providing financial support to opposition groups... since sanctions did not involve direct violence, e.g. dropping bombs or assassinating heads of state, they were nonviolent.”

Sharp was working with Kissinger, the CIA, and the NED to destabilize communist countries and further NATO imperialism. His theories and strategies were central to color revolutions and the current on-going NED strategy of funding “opposition groups” in countries whose governments the US doesn’t like. Gene Sharp was absolutely an anti-communist CIA intelligence asset. Importantly, it is impossible that Ray McGovern would not have known about Sharp and his strategies. In fact, it is highly likely that they collaborated on multiple anti-communist government overthrows.

For example, in 1986, the Marcos government in the Phillipines was overthrown by a “nonviolent” revolution. According to [NED’s own financials](#), this overthrow was heavily funded by the AEI and NED.

Marcos was a brutal dictator, but his replacement Corazon Aquino was no better. Reagan supported Aquino’s privatization policies immediately after she came to power by [providing](#) “\$100 million in economic aid, the

most recent installment in \$ 505 million approved by Congress for the Philippines in fiscal 1986." In the documentary film *A Rustling of Leaves*<sup>1</sup>, members of the Communist New People's Army explain that Aquino promised socialist reforms but "deceived" them and turned towards privatization—and significantly more collaboration with the United States empire. The film shows anti-communist death squads, funded and endorsed by the Aquino regime.

The [NDD documents](#) (image below) coming out of Reagan's White House, under McGovern's intel guidance, mimic [Sharp's language directly](#). The two of them shared common interests and strategies. It's no wonder McGovern still uses the same counter insurgent propaganda language today.

PHILIPPINES (U)

The open break in the Philippine Armed Forces is the latest and most serious institutional rupture in the Philippine body politic. Major elements of the Philippine military now join with a substantial portion of the middle class, the Catholic Church and the business community in opposition to the rule of President Marcos. The mandate lost by the seriously flawed election is now complicated by the threat of violence and massive bloodshed. Accordingly, after consultation in the National Security Planning Group, the following guidance and decisions are to be implemented. (S)

-- Our objectives in the Philippines are to prevent violence between the parties concerned and facilitate a peaceful transition. (S)

-- A message will be sent from me to President Marcos that conveys our new evaluation of conditions in the Philippines, requests his views on what scenario he envisions for a transition to a new government, conveys that we would not be able to continue military assistance if violence is employed against the Armed Forces and offers our readiness to facilitate the safety and medical care of him, his immediate family and close associates in the United States. (S)

## **Gene Sharp: Domestic Counterinsurgency**

Gene Sharp's strategies for non-violence were used in an entirely different way domestically. In other countries, his strategies effectively toppled governments because the non-violent protestors were supported logistically by NED and CIA money and operatives. In the US, Gene Sharp's non-violence would quite effectively disarm and sabotage the left.

The original non-profit non-violence operation in the US was founded in 1967: The Movement for a New Society (MNS) cofounded by George Lakey. Sharp helped Lakey write his thesis, the two presented papers together, and were in frequent communication helping each other build

“nonviolence theory” through the decades.<sup>2</sup> The primary strategy of MNS was creating a [“nonviolent training movement.”](#) Trainings here would replace Political Education, a practice rooted in communist tradition. Smith writes:

MNS offered trainings on an array of topics, but of central importance were those trainings on “nonviolent direct action” (NVDA), alternatively termed “strategic nonviolence.” ... Gene Sharp’s new quasi-scientific and seemingly secular theorization of nonviolence was essential to presenting nonviolent action as a credible, “strategic” route to revolutionary change. Throughout MNS resources on NVDA, Sharp’s theories are highlighted. Butcher paper from 1970s MNS trainings, transcribed and digitized by Swarthmore College, include discussions about “Gene Sharp’s Theory of Power” and “Gene Sharp’s Categorization of Methods of Nonviolent Action,” with no other intellectual given similar treatment.

These useless “non-violent direct action” trainings have become hyper-prevalent among the contemporary left and its not hard to see

why. Lakey's resume and reach alone is enormous. According [to his bio](#) “[Lakey] has led over 1500 social change workshops on five continents, and he founded and, for fifteen years, directed Training for Change.”

MNS dissolved in 1987, but as Smith explains, this only expanded nonviolence counterinsurgent influence by creating dozens of new non-profits:

[Executives of MNS] started new Sharpian strategic nonviolence training organizations for activists, like Future Now, New Society Trainers, and most importantly, George Lakey's Training for Change. Since its founding in 1992, Training for Change has worked with hundreds of organizational clients around the world, including major unions like SEIU.<sup>195</sup> In turn, the late 1990s and 2000s saw the creation of new strategic nonviolence training institutes informed by Sharpian and MNS strategy, often with relationships to Lakey's Training for Change: the Ruckus Society, Social Movement Technologies, the UK-based Campaign Bootcamp, The Wildfire Project, and the Center for Story Based Strategy (formerly smartMeme).<sup>196</sup>

One prime example is Momentum Community, an organization created in 2015 in response to Ferguson riots. [According to IRS filings](#), Momentum receives 2 million annually. They are a primary force of this nonviolence training industry: "Previous participants in Momentum trainings come from groups doing some of the most important movement-building in the U.S., including Black Lives Matter, Dream Defenders, BYP100, United We Dream, Showing Up For Racial Justice, 350.org, National People's Action, PICO, Sunrise, and more."<sup>3</sup> These are enormous organizations (with deep connections to corporate interests) that dictate "resistance" movements. Smith writes

Sharp's unquestioned influence on the U.S. protest left is a problem because his supposedly neutral theories are *not* neutral. **They are a constitutive, legitimizing mainstay of a rarely named post-war, anti-communist ideology, revolutionary nonviolence — an ideology which has been consistently antagonistic to political strategies that cultivate class consciousness with an eye to state power.** In practice, Sharp's "tactics and strategy" have served to obscure, scramble, and ultimately sideline such class politics. Unsurprisingly, revolutionary



nonviolence has a very weak record with respect to effectively confronting capital.

The CIA at Harvard, Gene Sharp, and his disciples, were dedicated to creating propaganda wings that couldn't be directly linked to government. The disciples of that group were then diffused to do "trainings" for leftist movement around the country and build "working groups" with "changemakers" (see: rich people). This is the father of the social justice/activist Non-Profit Industrial Complex (NPIC). There are a few other progenitors but none of those would have power without that origin point of DoD, CIA, and Henry Kissinger.



New Jersey Police [kneel in front of protestors before marching with them on May 31st 2020](#). Such events happened all over the country after the initial riots in response to the police assassinating George Floyd. This is a partial explanation of how we have arrived at this bizzare point with the contemporary amerikan protest left that loves healing circles and nonviolence peace police and is plugged directly into organizations that receive shadow money which originates from "philanthropy groups" like Rockefeller, Carnegie, Goldman Sachs etc. McGovern and PSL/ANSWER have their own roles to play in this project. But, what we are describing here is bigger than PSL/ANSWER and bigger than any one city or set of organizations.

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## **Sharp, McGovern, and Veterans for Peace**

Gene Sharp's work shows up on various VFP pages [here](#), He even spoke at [VFP event in 2014](#). Their bylaws mimic his language: "members of Veterans For Peace pledge to use non-violent means". McGovern faithfully pushes the CIA Sharp agenda in VFP giving speaking gigs for organizations run by Sharp disciples.

- McGovern spoke at an [Occupy DC event in 2011](#) saying “You can have a bloodless revolution. You can have lots of reform and call it a revolution. But I think nonviolent direct action that Martin Luther King Jr. suggested is what we need.”
- McGovern leading a [2010 VFP protest](#), a [2014 VFP protest](#), a [2015 VFP protest](#), a [2017 VFP Webinar](#), VFP hosted a [“nine-city speaking tour”](#) for McGovern in 2015
- In 2018, McGovern spoke [at the Kateri Peace Conference](#) founded by John Amidon, a member of VFP and [Sharp acolyte](#).
- McGovern spoke at Massachusetts Peace Action [#FreeAssange event in June 2021](#) and on their webinars in [August 2021](#) and again in [October 2021](#); Peace Action is another large [non-violence non-profit](#) repeating Sharp’s philosophies. Their board of directors includes [Ann Wright](#) another ‘ex-intelligence officer’; she herself has also been a [keynote speaker at PSL/ANSWER events](#).

The connections here are clear. People can no longer ignore or dismiss McGovern as simply a “useful fool” or a “dissatisfied soldier”. His connections are deep and his strategies overt.

## **Tying It Together: Libertarian-Strasserism**

McGovern’s political stance can be precisely summed up by his statement halfway through this [hour long 2018 speech](#) (that has a quarter of a million views) *Russia-gate: Can You Handle the Truth?* for Veterans for

Peace: “For justice to emerge...**the truth needs to prevail**”. As a good Sharpian, he of course digs up the grave of Martin Luther King Jr. for this sentiment by citing the *Letter from Birmingham Jail*. This ideology is, however, a settler-colonial libertarian ideology that feeds back into amerikan exceptionalism, and hence fascism.

The line of thinking goes: “If only people knew the truth” then they could make the right decisions and support a nebulous concept of justice. This is fascist because it blatantly ignores **CLASS INTERESTS** and the role of anti-colonial struggle. So-called “free markets” are always dominated by those with the most kapital and the most guns. The “free market of information” functions the exact same way. Suffering becomes a fungible good to make points and reinforce political goals.



After criticizing Trump’s policies on ICE abusing immigrants, the entire amerikan left abandoned the topic entirely.

**This libertarian ideology naturally positions the “truth telling” activist-liberal NGO complex as the only solid and unassailable base from which to combat fascism.**

This is not merely theoretical. In [this article](#), “The Wub”, outlines how Assange and his truth-telling conservative libertarianism directly ties into an emerging Silicon-Valley crypto-fascism that, of course has ties to the CIA:

Assange's kind of "insurgent" conservative libertarianism that would be refined into a much more potent form with the likes of Alex Jones ... We have Assange gassing up the Pauls and the Tea Party as the "only hope" for "reform" (not revolution, even of a reactionary variety) and doing so as an ostensible victim of the surveillance state. But what do you know, the Pauls and Tea Party are largely possible through the contributions of [Peter Thiel CEO of Palantir] who made their fortune building the surveillance state?

Assange's two pronged approach of being a state asset while simultaneously promoting himself and WikiLeaks as something radical have deep roots which intersect with those of Kalle Lasn of AdBusters and, later, Occupy Wall Street.



Remember here, that Ray McGovern has a history of working with Alex Jones; he is close friends with Assange; and [he is widely loved by the Libertarian party](#). So, McGovern’s goal is not “Red-Brownism” but more akin to “Strasserism”, a type of fascism born from the Nazi politician George Strasser. McGovern, Assange, and others in this cohort seem to share this [exact definition of strasserism](#) (our emphasis):

Strasser’s foreign policy, with its European federalism and **rhetorical opposition to ‘militarism’, we find no principled support of national liberation**, but the same obsession with a stable and natural order transfigured and purified by the so-called second revolution. **It is the same “anti-imperialism” of paleoconservatives, and their offspring in**

**the alt-right, which opposes war only insofar as it mingles populations and disrupts the natural boundaries of the national community.** It was not the stirring of independence in the colonies which roused Strasser's sympathy, but the antagonism between imperialist nations.

So when Ray McGovern [cites Ron Paul as a critical anti-war advocate](#), this is because they are both playing the same game:

Libertarian-Strasserism. Nazism has never been far from American politics. As Saniya Shakur tells us in *Stand up, Struggle Forward: New Afrikan Revolutionary Writings on Nation, Class, and Patriarchy* "Amerika is what Nazi Germany wanted to be." McGovern does not support National Liberation Movements, and why should he? He spent decades crushing them.

In order to cut through this libertarian-strasserite "truth-telling as justice" NGO version of anti-fascism, we must return to the wisdom Amilcar Cabral: **"Always bear in mind that the people are not fighting for ideas, for the things in anyone's head. They are fighting to win material benefits, to live better and in peace, to see their lives go forward, to guarantee the future of their children."**



[1](#)

A highly recommended film, [here](#) is the description. A torrent is available [here](#)

[2](#)

Lakey explains this all in an article he wrote celebrating Gene Sharp after he died in 2018 . ([Link](#)) Another Article celebrating “Political Jiu-Jitsu” ([Link](#))

[3](#)

See more of their kapitalist branding and theory [here](#): ([Archive](#))

# John Kiriakou: Butcher and Torturer – the Farce of Whistleblower Allies

The Counterinsurgency infecting the left



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*Author’s Note: This chapter has, by far, the most triggering content of any chapter in the series. Be forewarned that the sections on Kiriakou’s history at the CIA are particularly disturbing. We felt it necessary to include this so*

*that people can know the truth about these his violent history. This was not easy to research or write and it will not be easy to read.*

*Trigger warnings begin after the section on Phillip Agee.*



John Kiriakou: Former CIA Torturer Interrogator

This Chapter is an examination of three different “anti-war veteran whistleblowers”.

- Phillip Agee— While he worked at the CIA he hunted communist guerillas in Uruagay. His whistleblowing in the 1970’s included names of many operatives and details of operations. He was hounded by the CIA around the planet for his leaks. He did the bare minimum for a whistleblower and serves as a measuring stick.

- Smedley Butler—The father of the modern “anti-war veteran” movement. He “blew the whistle” on how corporations push war for profit in the 1930’s. He was also a mass murdering monster and the father of United States Marine Corps (USMC) counterinsurgency strategy.
- John Kiriakou—Famous “anti-war veteran” and “whistleblower” who is well regarded by and well-connected to ANSWER/PSL and its allied organizations (Codepink even bought him a house). His whistleblowing consists of a controlled opposition scheme to make the CIA look better. His resume includes: hunting communists, recruiting informants, torturing prisoners, and covering up massacres. Kiriakou is also a monster.

Beyond showing that Kiriakou is an agent of empire infiltrating the left, we hope to show that the anti-war veteran movement is fundamentally a counter insurgent movement. And whistleblowers are not our friends.

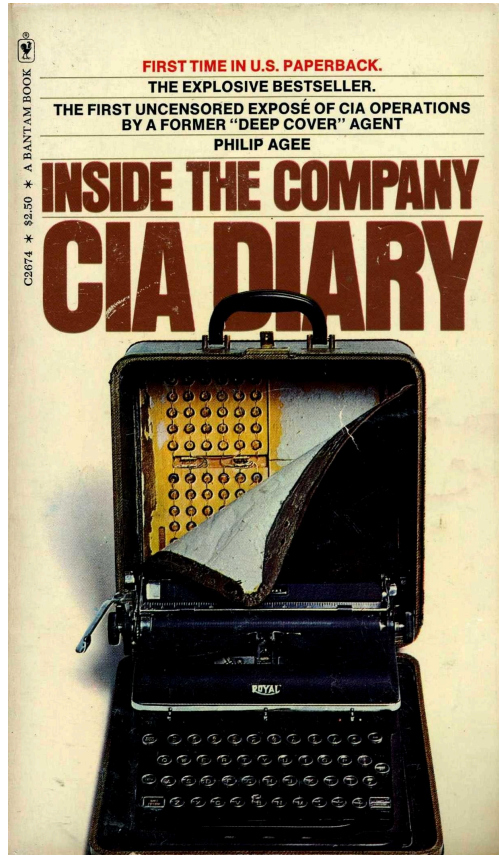
## **Phillip Agee – The Bare Minimum**

As with almost all whistleblowers, Agee’s “pre-whistleblowing actions” are incredibly violent and unforgivable. His “whistleblowing” itself is what we might call The Bare Minimum. We have included his story as an example. Any whistleblower that does not exceed the example of Agee is

absolutely our enemy.

*(Author's Note: The use of Agee as a standard is not an attempt to absolve him of the violence he perpetrated on behalf of the us government)*

Phillip Agee worked as a CIA agent from 1957 until 1968. His CIA work included such wretched activities as helping sabotage the pro-Cuba Ecuadorian government and helping the Uruguayan fascist government hunt communist Tupamaros (MLN-T) guerillas. After witnessing (helping with?) the [Tlatelolco massacre](#) in Mexico city he quit the CIA and began writing his first book *Inside the Company*.



The Cover of Agee's Book: *Inside the Company*

One of the most important things that Agee did in his book was “**naming names**”. This means leaking the names and locations of individuals involved. Agee “published the names of some 400 clandestine CIA officers, agents, and fronts.”<sup>1</sup> He created the Covert Action Bulletin in 1978 “which ultimately disclosed some 2,000 CIA officers, agents, and other assets.”<sup>2</sup> However, Agee’s “naming names” only lead to the death of one CIA agent, Richard Welch, the CIA station

chief in Greece who was assassinated in December 1975 by the communist guerillas with the 17 November Movement.<sup>3</sup> It's also speculated that his leaks led to the assassination of two MI6 agents in Poland.<sup>4</sup>

**This is the good stuff here. Naming names is critical to whistle-blowing.** (Rest in piss Richard Welch.) Additionally it disrupted their operations to the point that they had to spend millions of dollars redeploying operatives who had their cover blown. It was a very expensive inconvenience to them to say the least.

The other benefit of his Agee's leaks were that he showed strategies and tactics of CIA operations in Latin America and around the world. This gave communists and leftists "specific knowledge of the CIA's Latin American operations and insight into CIA modus operandi in order to permit them to counter U.S. and particular CIA actions."<sup>5</sup> A

whistleblower should always be exposing every possible strategy so that anti-imperialists and revolutionaries can defend ourselves from the

imperialist military. However, we can only trust their insight if they are first naming names.



Phillip Agee pictured with Maurice Bishop circa 1981. Agee was granted a Grenadan passport in 1980 so that he could give lectures in Grenada about how to identify CIA operatives.

It would be giving him too much credit to say that he was an anti-imperialist. He would emphatically explain that he meant no harm to to CIA agents and that he wasn't a traitor either. Excerpted from a 1975 interview<sup>6</sup>:



Interviewer: Many people agree with your aims but disagree strongly with your methods. They say that by revealing the names of CIA agents and exposing CIA procedures your book jeopardizes U.S. security. What is your answer to that?

Agee: I think it's a little late in the day to pretend that what I've written puts the country in any danger. What I've written puts the CIA in danger. The CIA claims that secrecy is necessary to hide what it is doing from the enemies of the United States. I claim that the real reason for secrecy is to hide what the CIA is doing from the American people and from the people victimized by the CIA.

In October 1980, the US District Court in Washington DC issued Agee an injunction requiring him to let the CIA censor every one of his future publications.<sup>7</sup> He agreed to the injunction and refrained from publicly naming agents from then on. Agee quit doing the most important thing he could do in his position. He was living in West Germany at the time.

Agee did the **Bare Minimum** here. He named names and he exposed tactics and he did all of it without redacting anything or getting permission from the CIA (until 1980). **And yet, he was still pro-amerika.** **This is the same pattern we will see in every single whistleblower and it is a primary reason why they are not our friends. Sometimes they can be useful, Agee was more useful than others. But their politics inevitably always fall into “America can do better!”. They want colonialism and imperialism, but nicer.** We also understand that even his “bare minimum” was enough for the CIA to chase him around the planet and attempt to censor his books. This tells us two important things:

1. If a whistleblower is still in the united states and freely publishing and getting speaking gigs then they are absolutely still an agent of empire and endorsed, at least tacitly, by the amerikan government.
  2. Just because a whistleblower is deemed “a traitor” and threatened by the amerikan government, that doesn’t mean they are anti-imperialist.
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## Smedley Butler — Mass Murderer and Slave-Catcher turned “Anti-War Veteran”

*CW: discussion of imperialist war crimes, anti-black violence, and words related to SA*

Smedley Butler was described as a whistleblower for his 1935 book *War Is a Racket* as well as for exposing “The Business Plot” which was an attempted coup of FDR. *War Is a Racket* outlined how corporations and the military work together to propagate war. It serves as the origin of the Anti-War Veterans movement and is often cited by such organizations.

- Veterans for Peace has an entire branch called the “[Smedley Butler Brigade](#)”
- [Left Flank Vets](#)—closely partnered with PSL and DSA uses his book title as their organization’s motto; routinely tweets [honoring him](#) ; Another ANSWER affiliated org *About Face: Veterans Against the War* [tweets similarly](#)
- ANSWER [cites him](#) in their articles and “War is A racket” shows up on a lot of their protest signs
- PSL [twitter posts](#) about him, has [article](#) about his whistle blowing and [cites him frequently in](#) their [newspaper](#) “Liberation News”.



Veterans for Peace *Smedley D. Butler Brigade* march with nazi flags amerikan flags [on "Veterans Day" in 2019](#)

Spend any amount of time in anti-war veterans spaces and you will see his work come up a lot. Smedley Butler was also a lifelong counter-insurgency expert. He confesses his sins in his book:

I helped make Mexico, especially Tampico, safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefits of Wall Street. The record of racketeering is long. I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers in 1909-1912 (where have

I heard that name before?). I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests in 1916. In China I helped see to it that Standard Oil went its way unmolested.

Besides reading exactly like a PSL propagandist Mike Prysner speech<sup>8</sup>, this is an incomprehensible amount of violence. Smedley Butler terrorized colonized people around the planet. For this, he became “at the time of his death, the most decorated marine in American history”. This captain amerika motherfucker—this **war criminal**—is the role model and hero to the contemporary anti-war veteran movement and the anti-war left. Let that sink in.

Butler was no grunt either, he [commanded the First Marine Regiment](#) during multiple invasions in Latin America. During the United States occupation of Haiti he was the commanding officer of the occupation police called the [Gendarmerie d'Haiti](#) from 1915-1918. Butler’s job was to put down the revolution led by Maroons. In *Open Veins of Latin America*, Eduardo Galeano describes how the USMC in Haiti “[re]introduced racial segregation and forced labor, and killed 1,500

workers in *just one* of its repressive operations.”<sup>9</sup> Butler later recalled that he and his troops "hunted the [maroons] like pigs."<sup>10</sup>

Rather than go into excruciating detail about each of the countless massacres and war crimes that Butler participated in and organized<sup>11</sup>, we can see how the US military talks about him. Jeannie Johnson<sup>12</sup>, the founding director of State Department funded [Center for Anticipatory Intelligence at Utah State](#) (their acronym is unironically CAI), wrote a book on the evolution of marine corps counterinsurgency doctrine (it is required reading for all USMC officers) *The Marines, Counterinsurgency, and Strategic Culture* cites Butler’s role in Haiti as the first successful counterinsurgency operation of the 20th century. His brutality became the birth of USMC official counterinsurgency strategy: “The tales that live in Marine legend are those of fabled figure Smedley Butler... for his audaciously aggressive patrols ...resulting in the collapse of the second Haitian rebellion.”<sup>13</sup>

The book’s primary criticism is how the amerikan public perceived Butler’s massacres: “American public opinion toward Marine practices

in the Caribbean nation began to sour as reports filtered out of gratuitous killings of natives—many in somewhat dubiously documented “attempts to escape”—excesses that culminated in a formal Senate inquiry in 1921.”<sup>14</sup>

Butler took his counterinsurgency expertise back to america and became the Philadelphia chief of police from 1924-1926. There, he enforced prohibition and encouraged his officers to murder "bandits". His ruthless programs are credited as a turning point in amerikan urban policing in the 20th century.<sup>15</sup> He later ran for us senate in 1932 under a platform of prohibition and veterans benefits. A few months after he lost the election, a group of ~40,000 settler veterans marched on Washington DC demanding the benefits they were promised after world war one. Butler used his popular status as an advocate for veterans to dissuade the mob from rioting and taking the capital. Soon after he convinced them to resort to non-violence, army cavalry units raided the camp and dispersed the would-be rioters.

Butler then wrote his famous book in 1935 and spent his final wretched years of life building the non-profit *Veterans of Foreign Wars* (VFW) and giving lectures to veterans about how bad war is *for united states soldiers*. This theme of centering the harms to oppressors and war criminals is still dominant among the veteran anti-war movement.



mass murderer and war criminal Smedley Butler gives an anti-war speech in 1932 ([Source](#))

**In summary, Smedley Butler, the father of the modern anti-war veteran movement, was also the father of modern counterinsurgency strategies; he led entire regiments of marines to murder and oppress colonized people in over a dozen countries; he helped create urban**



**policing strategies in the imperial core for the 20th century; and he expertly pacified militant veterans from attacking the US government. Based on this evidence, it would be absurd to regard this man as representing any peace besides the type of "peace" that underpins the genocidal united states empire.**

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## **John Kiriakou**

John Kiriakou is another ex-CIA whistleblower war criminal who is very close to the PSL/ANSWER cult. Kiriakou is a close friend of [Ray McGovern](#) and was a founding member of VIPS with him. Kiriakou was also the co-host of PSL founder Brian Becker's podcast *Loud and Clear*. He is a long term activist with Code Pink (they even paid off his house). He was in the CIA for 14 years and, after hunting communists in Greece during the 90's was promoted to Chief of Counter-terrorist Operations in Pakistan in 2002. He later gave an interview "whistleblowing" about waterboarding, but in fact he lied to protect the CIA. But he became a popular figure for the anti-war left and whistleblower community anyway. His "whistle blowing" is the perfect example of controlled

opposition. In 2012 he went to jail for it—he was sentenced to 30 months but only served 23. Kiriakou will never face justice for his real crimes, the ones committed against the people of Afghanistan and Pakistan. He is a butcher and his politics amount to “Make the CIA great again.”

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## Kiriakou and CODEPINK



CODEPINK and ANSWER co-running a nonviolent protest parade.

CODEPINK is another non-violent bourgeois anti-war group close to ANSWER that emerged around 2002-2003. Kiriakou has some deep

connections with their leadership who [paid the mortgage on his home](#) after he was released early from jail. CODEPINK held a “[Welcome Home Party](#)” when he was released; he is cited in their new releases and [blog posts](#); he has been a [special guest](#) at over a dozen of their events; they even [raised money](#) for him while he was in jail. Most recently he was co-author and signatory of a CODEPINK open letter “[Keep Torture Apologists Out of the Biden Cabinet!](#)” he was the [main speaker for the associated event](#). Their problem isn't Biden's *very long* history of fascist and genocidal policies, their problem is that he might have a “bad apple” in his cabinet.

CODEPINK's board of directors include [venture capitalists](#) and [Army Colonel Ann Wright](#). Founder Medea Benjamin worked for [the Swedish Government](#) and the UN before moving to Cuba in 1979. She was deported from Cuba in 1983 for anti-communist activities before starting her protesting persona in the US. She is also a [millionaire](#) who [donated over \\$10,000 to democrats since 2019](#) and has received multiple awards from Sharpe inspired non-violence organizations including the “Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Prize” and “Ghandi Peace Award”. She is on the

board for Progressive Democrats of America that [emphatically supported](#) Biden in 2020. Unsurprisingly, CODEPINK published [“Congratulations to Joe Biden on his election as America’s next president!”](#) after the 2020 election.

CODEPINK includes Veterans for Peace and many other associated organizations amongst their [“allies” list](#). Their actions include [“tactical arrests”](#):

Benjamin said she and her fellow activists have a sort of working relationship with the officers, who often greet them cordially as they wait in line outside a hearing room in the morning.

"We respect each other, we even like each other," she said. "There can be a bad apple here among them, just as they probably think the same about us.

"They see us in the morning and they start laughing and joking and say, 'Give me a hug now because I might have to arrest you later.'"

The most prominent women's anti-war organization in the country is friends with cops. This should be adequate to get a sense of their interests and purpose.

## Kiriakou and ANSWER



**John Kiriakou** ✓  
@JohnKiriakou



Thank you, @realDonaldTrump Please pardon me!



**Donald J. Trump** ✓ @realDonaldTrump · 14h

"I don't think it's a Whistleblower at all. I think this is an anonymous source for the Democratic Staff in the House of Representatives. This is an insult to real Whistleblowers. Actual Whistleblowers go on to have their whole lives upended."  
John Kiriakou @TuckerCarlson

Trump citing Kiriakou in a tweet. Kiriakou responds "Thank you @realDonaldTrump Please pardon me"

Kiriakou also co-hosted *Loud and Clear* podcast with Brian Becker for 2 years. During this time he interviewed many upper echelons of PSL and ANSWER and outlines PSL talking points with figures such as Gloria La Riva, Mike Prysner, and Eugene Puryear. He made a point to cover up CIA operations on multiple occasions during the show such as denying

that CIA created Al Qaeda by arming the Mujahadeen, and denying CIA involvement in bringing Saddam Hussein to power.<sup>16</sup> When one guest accused the CIA of crimes against humanity during the Reagan and HW Bush regimes, Kiriakou yelled “you are accusing a lot of people, including me, of committing crimes against humanity!” ([35:27 in podcast](#)). During [one episode](#) with Mike Prysner and Abby Martin (key PSL propagandists) and Walter Smoleak (Chief editor of PSL newspaper *Liberation News*) Kiriakou jokes and says they’ve all been “longtime friends”. Smoleak [wrote an article in Kiriakou’s defense](#) in 2017 after he was accused of being a Russian spy.

After the *Loud and Clear* podcast was cancelled due to “lack of funding” they [raised over \\$30,000](#) to renew it but it was not renewed. Who knows where the money went. Anyways, Kiriakou created his own new podcast called *Political Misfits* in 2020 which began promptly interviewing PSL folks like Eugene Puryear and Mike Prysner.<sup>17</sup>





Kiriakou at his Code Pink “farewell party” before his prison sentence with Medea Benjamin (right,) at the Hay Adams Hotel in Washington, D.C. Feb. 21, 2013 ([Source](#))

His politics amount to “Make the CIA Great Again” in the sense that he wants to return the CIA to the glory days before 9/11. [During one interview](#) when a woman asks him why, with its “terrible history” he joined the CIA, he replied “I thought that history was over. In retrospect, I think it was over until September 11.”

This is not ignorance, this is purposeful misdirection. At no point in time has the CIA ever been anything besides a particularly vile tentacle of the amerikan military. The CIA has always been involved torture since the very beginning (MKULTRA began in the 50's). Kiriakou's narrative specifically leverages the idea that the amerikan government, the amerikan military, and the CIA are not just salvageable but actually a force for good in the world. This is only one of the reasons why his presence in the anti-war movement is so insidious.

## **Kiriakou the Whistleblower?**

*CW: Discussion of Torture, Imprisonment, Psychosis, Massacres,*

***Authors Note: The remaining content of the chapter is extremely disturbing.***

Kiriakou's claim to fame is that he exposed the CIA waterboarding techniques. This could not be further from the truth. Even imperialist magazine *Foreign Policy* [called him out in 2009](#):

In 2007, Kiriakou famously went on television to describe waterboarding, and discussed the single incidence in which Abu Zubaydah was



waterboarded for just 30-35 seconds. Kiriakou said “From that day on, he answered every question...The threat information he provided disrupted a number of attacks, maybe dozens of attacks.”

But Kiriakou wasn't there for the waterboarding — he was half a world away, in Langley — and Zubaydah was waterboarded more than 80 times. The New York Times first noted the [difference](#) in the two stories.

Then in 2010 in his autobiography, [Kiriakou admitted that he made his original claims up](#):

"I wasn't there when the interrogation took place; instead, I relied on what I'd heard and read inside the agency at the time"

"In retrospect, it was a valuable lesson in how the CIA uses the fine arts of deception even among its own."

John Kiriakou the “whistleblower” made up a cover story to make it look like:

1. Torture was an effective tool for “fighting terrorism”

2. Torture is a new practice for the CIA
3. Torture is rarely used by the CIA

All three of these are complete lies. [Torture does not get people to tell accurate information.](#) The 1983 CIA manual “[Human Resource Exploitation Training Manual](#),” set forth the so-called *D.D.D method of interrogation*, for Debility, Dependency and Dread: “The purpose of all coercive techniques is to induce psychological regression in the subject by bringing a superior outside force to bear on his will to resist.” Torture is about inducing psychosis and it has been used this way for decades. [The CIA Tortured](#) more than a hundred people between 2002-2005 **ALONE** and some victims were tortured hundreds of times.

**Kiriakou was deliberately spreading misinformation in order to build support for torture and the CIA. When confronted with his lie he blamed the CIA for deceiving him. This misdirection enabled him to continue his role as an “anti-war activist” (aka CIA plant).**

It's no wonder that the government decided not to prosecute him until 5 years after he originally “leaked” information on waterboarding.

[Zubaydah never had any connection to Al Qaeda by the way](#), the CIA just enjoyed torturing him and claimed he gave them useful information.

Kiriakou only spent 23 months in jail but Zubaydah, still locked up, has been tortured in amerikan military prisons since March 2002.

As with all “whistleblowers” he remains adamant he never wanted to hurt amerika: [when discussing his leaks](#), he said “[I] had no criminal intent, and there was no harm to the national security.”

At the time of his “leaks”:

- His wife Heather Kiriakou was [still serving her long tenure as a CIA officer](#):

“Heather Kiriakou had served as a top analyst on some of the most sensitive subjects that the agency tracks, including leadership developments in Iran.” They have since divorced but she’s now [“director of Global Strategy & Business Development” at DOD contractor Northrop Grumman](#).

- John was working at infamous consulting firm Deloitte on [a secret team with other ex-CIA agents](#). They were doing undercover work to steal intelligence from other consulting firms working for the federal government.

After his 2007 interview he began working at Rhodes Global Consulting until 2013. Rhodes doesn't seem to exist anymore but we do have Kiriakou's LinkedIn job description:

“Provide actionable information and analysis on current international business and political developments for hedge funds and mutual funds in the United States. Conduct due diligence investigations in difficult or denied areas, primarily in the Middle East and South Asia. Provide cultural, technical, and security consulting to ongoing and post-production films dealing with the Middle East, South Asia, and terrorism.”



#### **Managing Partner**

Rhodes Global Consulting

Aug 2007 - Feb 2013 · 5 years 7 months

Provide actionable information and analysis on current international business and political developments for hedge funds and mutual funds in the United States. Conduct due diligence investigations in difficult or denied areas, primarily in the Middle East and South Asia. Provide cultural, technical, and security consulting to ongoing and post-production films dealing with the Middle East, South Asia, and terrorism.



#### **Contributor on Intelligence Issues and the Middle East**

ABC News

May 2011 - May 2012 · 1 year 1 month

Provided commentary on news developments related to terrorism, counterterrorism, the Middle East, and South Asia.



#### Senior Investigator

US Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Mar 2009 - May 2011 · 2 years 3 months

Served as Senior Investigator on the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. Investigated cases of government waste, fraud, abuse, and illegality, as well as international terrorism, narcotics, and piracy.



#### Council Member

Gerson Lehrman Group

Jul 2008 - Mar 2009 · 9 months



#### Senior Manager, Competitive Intelligence

Deloitte & Touche LLP

2004 - 2007 · 3 years



#### Senior Operations Officer

Central Intelligence Agency

Jan 1990 - Mar 2004 · 14 years 3 months

Kiriakou didn't really quit doing intelligence work after leaving the CIA and his supposed whistle blowing. It seems that he simply moved into the more profitable arena of working with other "ex-CIA agents" at consulting firms. This brings us to the question: what exactly did this sniveling worm do while he was at the CIA?

## Kiriakou Hunting Communists

On December 23rd 1975, the Greek communist guerillas Revolutionary Organization 17 November (17N) assassinated CIA agent Richard Welch in Athens. This would be the [first of many attacks](#) against against Amerikan, Turkish, and British targets. They also assassinated right-wing

Greek politicians and bombed tax buildings. During the 1990's, there were multiple anti-imperialist urban guerilla organizations operating in Greece. Some were anarchist, some were communist, all of them attacked imperialist targets. For two years from 1998-2000, Kiriakou was stationed in Greece as a “counter-terrorism officer”.



17 November attacked the Greek Finance Minister's car with Rocket Propelled Grenades in 1992  
([Source](#))

In Kiriakou's autobiography *The Reluctant Spy: My Secret Life in the CIA's War On Terror* he describes a bit of his activities there. A large part of his job involved recruiting snitches. He claims he was quite good at it. <sup>18</sup>

I was in Athens on special assignment principally to work against Greek terrorists who continued to harass and target U.S. interests.

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The value of a clandestine operative's currency rises and falls with his or her relative success in recruiting and running agents—that is, people who are paid by America to deliver information considered important, directly or indirectly, to U.S. national security. I did pretty well while I was in Greece, recruiting several agents.

While we know Kiriakou to be a liar, when a man tells you that his job is to infiltrate guerilla movements and turn members to being snitches you should damn well listen.

Kiriakou also admits to his violent streak as an operative. He wasn't removed from his assignment in Greece in 2000 after he almost beat a local to death in public with his bare hands: *“I was on top of the driver, holding his hair and beating his head against the pavement. I could have killed him. I would have killed him, if my guardian angels hadn't gotten there first.”*<sup>19</sup>



# 18 Hurt in Bus Bombing Near U.S. Base in Athens

By PAUL ANASTASI  
Special to The New York Times

ATHENS, April 24 — At least 16 Americans and 2 Greeks were wounded today in a bomb attack on a bus taking them to the United States air base in Athens.

Twelve of the Americans were military personnel, and the four others were civilian dependents, the United States Embassy said.

[The Defense Department said 18 Americans were injured, with two of them still hospitalized, one of them in serious condition, The Associated Press reported. There was no explanation of the discrepancy between the State and Defense Department figures.]

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. The Socialist Government, which has been trying to improve ties with Washington after several years of strained relations,

condemned the bombing as an "abhorrent act."

Antonis Drossoyannis, the Minister of Public Order, told reporters that the attack occurred at 5:10 P.M. as a Greek Air Force bus was transporting 25 American servicemen and dependents on their daily round trip from a small Greek base at Eleusis, on the outskirts of Athens, to the Hellenikon Air Base, the American installation adjacent to the Athens international airport.

### Bomb Connected to Hidden Cord

Mr. Drossoyannis said the bomb was placed along the bank of the Kifissos River, a narrow waterway running from the outskirts of the city to the sea. It was connected to a 960-yard detonating cord hidden under grass and sand that went up to a van where two unidentified terrorists were lying in wait for the bus.

He said investigations showed that the two men managed to lay the cord by posing as public utility employees. He added that they fled in the van, the license plates of which had been stolen.

The United States Embassy said that one of the Americans was seriously wounded and that the others had been treated at a hospital and released. A source at the United States air base said that one dependent was a woman. None of the Americans' names were made public here.

[In Washington, the Defense Department identified the seriously wounded American as Sgt. Clinton Brown, 42 years old, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, according to Reuters.]

### 'It Was a Nightmare'

Nikon Arkoudeas, the chief of Greek police, said that as a result of the explosion the Greek Air Force bus swerved out of control and crashed against a tree. He described the terrorist attack as a "well-planned crime."

Mr. Arkoudeas identified the two wounded Greeks as Andreas Asimakopoulos, the 20-year-old airman driving the bus, and Kostas Pladaras, 37, who was driving his car alongside the bus when the explosion occurred.

Mr. Pladaras said from his hospital bed: "It was a nightmare. I found myself crushed under the wreckage of my car, and only managed to get out with the help of passers-by. I saw the American soldiers pouring out of the bus, one of them screaming and drenched in blood."

Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou expressed his "abhorrence" at the bombing and pledged to "mobilize



A United States Air Force officer, right, inspecting damaged bus in Athens yesterday after a bomb exploded wounding 18 people.

## American Held in Italy In Antiterrorism Effort

Special to The New York Times

ROME, April 24 — The Italian police have detained an American woman and five other people in a nationwide dragnet aimed at resurgent left-wing terrorist groups, senior law enforcement officials said today.

The American, identified as Ellen Codd, 36 years old, was being questioned here today, the officials said. She is believed to be a native of New York City, although she appears to have lived in Italy for at least eight years, they said.

A senior police official said Ms. Codd had been arrested on charges of belonging to an armed gang. Other officials, however, said Ms. Codd was only being held for questioning.

A spokesman for the United States Embassy here said that the embassy was aware of the reports that Ms. Codd had been detained but that it had not been officially notified of any legal action against her.

Italian officials said this appeared to be the first time that an American had been associated with domestic Italian terrorism.

News of the police action over the last two weeks began to emerge piecemeal Thursday night. A senior police officer here said investigators had hoped to keep the detentions secret because the major targets had yet to be caught.

all security forces necessary" to find the attackers.

A Government spokesman, Yannis Roubatis, said, "The Greek Government expresses its abhorrence over the criminal bomb attack against a vehicle of the Greek Air Force," adding, "the Government condemns, in the most categorical manner, every form of terrorism from wherever it comes."

The attack underscored the vulnerability of United States military personnel here, despite the stringent security measures said to be in force.

A Western diplomat said that the bus had no security escort since it was a

Greek Air Force vehicle and since Hellenikon was a Greek air base leased by the United States.

There are three more major American bases in Greece, and several smaller auxiliary installations, and 4,500 American servicemen and dependents.

Responsibility for most other such attacks was claimed by the far-left November 17 group, which has pledged to pursue an end to the American presence in Greece. By late tonight, however, no one had claimed responsibility for this latest attack.

**New Arrivals!**  
Polo University & Chaps  
by Ralph Lauren

After N17 blew up a bus filled with US air force officers, NYT headline reads "18 Hurt in Bus Bombing Near US Base in Athens!"

Kiriakou also does not hide his disdain for the communists that he was hunting. He describes 17N communiques this way: "the usual

Marxist-Leninist claptrap ... think of Unabomber Ted Kaczynski's 1995

manifesto, all thirty-five thousand words of it and you'd get some idea of



the tone and substance of the 17 November jeremiads.”<sup>20</sup> It’s no surprise then that he is still an anti-communist today.

## **Kiriakou: Butcher and Torturer**

After the september 11th attacks and subsequent amerikan invasion of Afghanistan, Kiriakou was promoted to “Chief of Counter terrorist Operations in Pakistan”. He led a few special forces raids. Three things we want to bring forward: Kiriakou overseeing CIA torture and covering up US war crimes; and CIA arming and supporting the Taliban in Pakistan.

### **Overseeing Torture**

In his autobiography, Kiriakou makes every effort to limit his association with actually doing any of the torture but he even admits that his staff learned waterboarding techniques and applied them on prisoners:

At one point in the early summer of 2002, the Counterterrorist Center approached several CIA people with post-9/11 field experience and asked whether we wanted to be trained in what they called “enhanced techniques” for interrogation. We had some inkling of what these

enhanced techniques entailed, enough to impel me to seek counsel from a top CIA officer I respected enormously. He suggested that these methods might well cross a dangerous moral and legal line, and I declined to be trained in them. **Some of my colleagues accepted the invitation, and who could have blamed them at the time? Remember, this was still in the frantic months of mid-2002, when the prospect of another massive al-Qaeda attack, perhaps with biological or chemical weapons, seemed all too real. We needed actionable intelligence to prevent the next big one.** Compared with kinder and gentler means of interrogation, these enhanced techniques of persuasion might get us what we needed.

A few things to note.

- First, as the chief of counterinsurgency operations, all kidnapping and torturing would have occurred under his oversight and with his approval.
  - [One such case](#) is Ramzi bin al-Shibh who was kidnapped on September 11th 2002 and tortured for 3 days before being sent to a different CIA black site at Morocco for more torture.

- Gul Rahman who [died in custody](#) as a consequence of torture at a CIA black site in Afghanistan
- Kiriakou himself was involved in raids to kidnap “suspected terrorists” [including capturing Abu Zubaydah](#) who wasn’t even involved with Al-Qaeda. [He even tortured Zubaydah himself while Zubaydah was in a Pakistani hospital](#): ““There was blood everywhere. It was all over him. It was all over the bed. It pooled under the bed. It was all over us every time we had to move him.” Kiriakou says that he tied Abu Zubaydah to the bed with a sheet, and began to interrogate him after he woke from his coma.”
- Running of the [CIA Black site in Asadabad](#) (on the boarder of Afghanistan and Pakistan) and the [CIA Black Site in Faisalabad](#), Pakistan. How many people were passed through these facilities and the other local CIA black sites in Afghanistan? How many people’s lives did Kiriakou destroy? He would have been well aware of the process through which ‘suspected al Qaeda’ he captured in Pakistan were transferred through secret CIA Black Sites (see: torture facilities) from Thailand to Morocco to Poland.
- Second is that we have no reason to believe that he “declined to be trained in them” as he says. Kiriakou is a lying sack of shit. We have documented some of his lies here and considering the book was approved by CIA censors, he obviously wouldn’t snitch on himself. In chapter 11 he admits to assaulting a prisoner<sup>21</sup> and then

claims the CIA told him not to report it. If this is what he's admitting to then we know that he did much much worse.

- Third is that he is, AGAIN, reiterating that torture is justifiable as long as it "prevent the next big one". This propaganda is insidious because it presents the CIA as a legitimate organization protecting people. It presents CIA agents, himself included, as a force for good in the world. He is **making excuses** for these sadistic fucks.

### **Covering up War Crimes:**

#### **Operation Anaconda**

In March of 2002 NATO forces in Afghanistan carried out Operation Anaconda in the Shah-I-Kot valley near the border with Pakistan. A lot of the details about US war crimes have been buried but we do know that US soldiers routinely murdered civilians for fun and [even the German soldiers were disgusted by the amerikan war crimes.](#) They witnessed :

"U.S. Forces flattening entire villages during Operation Anaconda: free to pillage". An officer embedded with US forces for Anaconda said: 'The pictures of Abu Ghraib, the torture in Iraqi prison camps, did absolutely not surprise me.'

All the media coverage is about the so-called “heroism” of invading us soldiers during the operation. There are almost no records or investigations into what exactly happened to the local Afghan people during Operation Anaconda. John Kiriakou knows though.

### **Murdering Civilians**

Estimates from the imperialist media suggest that over 400 civilians in southern Afghanistan were murdered by us airstrikes alone during the first 6 months of 2002. Amerikan aircraft bombed entire villages under the premise that intelligence sources placed Al-Qaeda fighters in the area. [A New York Times article says:](#)

The evidence suggests that many civilians have been killed by airstrikes hitting precisely the target they were aimed at. The civilians died, the evidence suggests, because they were were made targets by mistake, or because in eagerness to kill Qaeda and Taliban fighters, Americans did not carefully differentiate between civilians and military targets.

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American military commanders insist they take pains to ensure that civilians are spared, often verifying their targets with several sources of information.

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American commanders say they have not kept track of civilian deaths in Afghanistan, but they say their strategy has succeeded.

There is no way for us to know how many people the US military killed during that time. In his position as chief of counter-terrorism operations, Kiriakou absolutely would have been involved in these war crimes and subsequent attempts at coverups.

### **Shipping Container Massacre**

Kiriakou would have also been a part of covering up the Dasht-i-Leili massacre. In Dec 2001 the Northern Alliance (a US proxy) with the help of CIA operatives and US special forces [massacred thousands of "suspected Taliban and Al-Qaeda" by locking them in shipping](#)

[containers to be suffocated](#). Most of those who did not die in the containers were shot on sight.

It was not until 2009 that any officials would acknowledge that it even happened. [However, the CIA and DOD knew about the massacre](#) and covered it up under orders from the Bush regime.

Keep in mind that the US military has consistently designated any men and boys in war zones between 16-40 as "enemy combatants".

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WARNINGS APPLY ([SOURCE](#)) ([ARCHIVE](#))

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Kiriakou Chapter 11 excerpt:

“I confessed my proximate sin to Jennifer Keenan, a tough FBI agent and one of my favorite people. Jennifer shrugged and suggested that I keep it to myself. But I couldn't; I had violated the rules and needed to report myself—perhaps it was an overreaction to my experience in Athens.

My second priest was Bob Grenier, the head of our office in Pakistan.

“Bob, I assaulted a prisoner,” I told him over the phone.

“Oh, God, what happened?”

I told him about the chanting and my threat to beat him to death if it didn’t stop.

“When did you assault him?” Grenier was still puzzling out the circumstances.

“Well, I grabbed him and pulled him up.”

“Yeah, but you didn’t hit him?”

“No, I didn’t hit him. But I made physical contact with him.”

“John, what are you doing? We’re not reporting this. You’re just asking for trouble if you put this in writing. If you do put it in writing, I’m not going to send it.” As the boss, he had to clear all cables to headquarters. “Just take it easy and forget about it.””

## **Worker's World Party: A Confidence Scheme**

The Counterinsurgency infecting the left



[A Million Tiny Fleas](#)

Jun 22, 2022

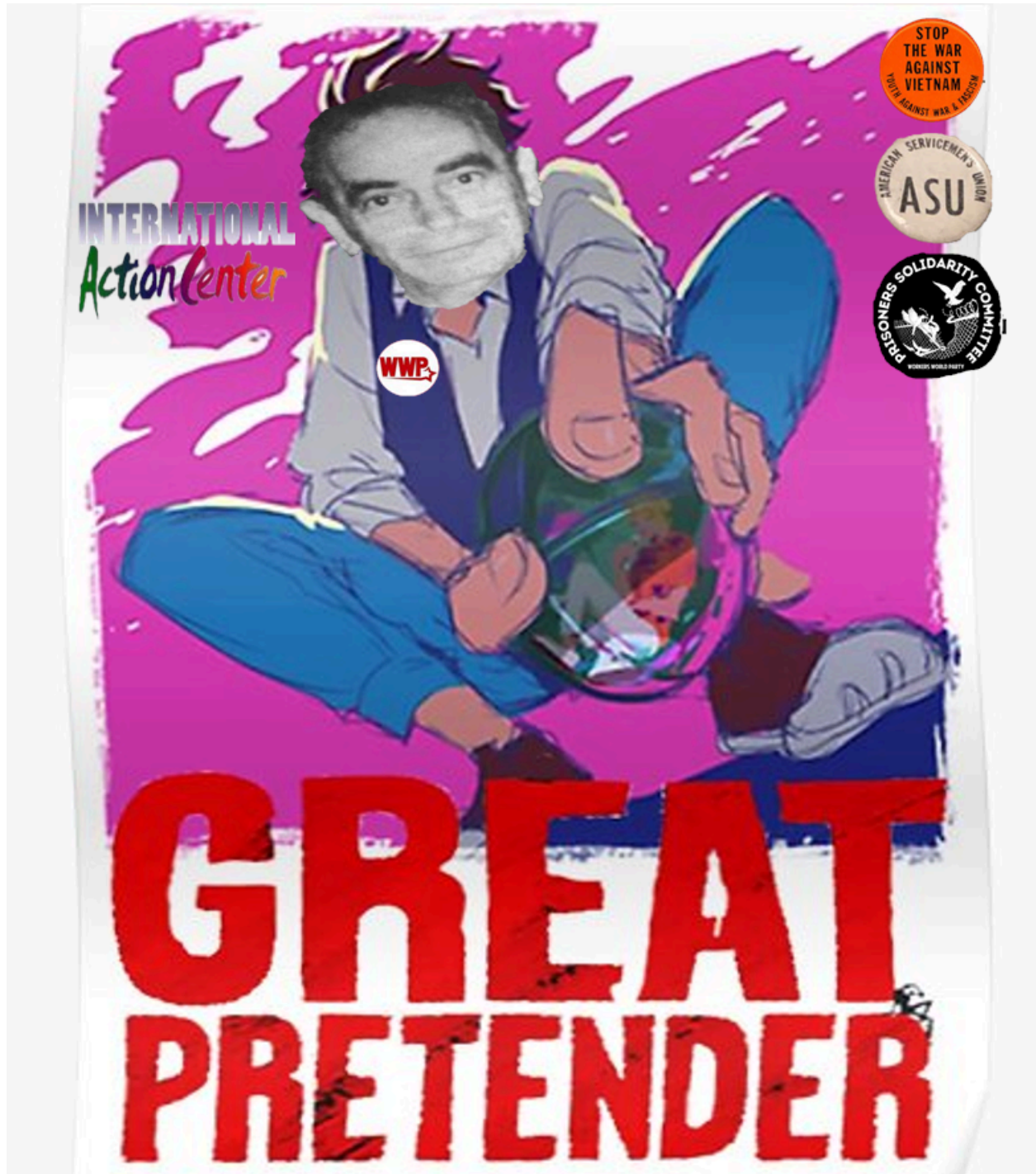
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*“A fundamental turn must be made so as to enable all to realize that a principal task of the Party lies in educating, particularly the white comrades, on **how to win the confidence of Black and Third World workers** and how to hold their interest in the Party at a time when their number in the Party is still small .”*

~~Sam Marcy ; Founder of Workers World Party; 1972



“The key to pulling off a long con is never letting your mark see the whole picture. Give them the illusion of control while you’re pulling the strings—let them think they’re in charge.”

-Laurent Thierry ; “The Great Pretender”

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## **Introduction**

This section contains an investigation into the practices and strategies of the Workers World Party (WWP) through the 1970's. The Workers World Party is the progenitor to the Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL) and so we must begin there. This is not an investigation into their politics.

[1](#)

Ramsey Clark and other government agents began to use the WWP (and eventually the PSL) as an arm of the occupation government during the 1980's—a future chapter will cover that time period.

In 1974 the House Committee of Un-American Activities prepared a 228 page report about the activities of the WWP.

[2](#) The report itself is only 25 pages and the remaining 203 pages are internal documents from the WWP that were acquired by undercover Law Enforcement Officers (LEO's) and/or their informants. It is the largest repository of internal WWP documents that is accessible to the public. The content of the report tells us a few things that will be explained throughout the chapter:

1. The WWP itself was infiltrated by federal operatives at least 5 years before Ramsey Clark (Architect of COINTELPRO and

PHOENIX) took a leadership position within the WWP.

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2. A main strategy of the WWP involved the creation of many “front” organizations that consist primarily of members of the WWP.

These front groups are used to:

- a. Infiltrate communities that they would not otherwise be accepted in
  - b. Inflate the size of their support and actions to make it look like they are much bigger and well-supported than they actually are
  - c. Obfuscate the level of control that the leadership of the WWP has over various movements.
3. The strategies of the WWP and the PSL are over 50 years old and pre-date the CIA/FBI leadership in the organizations. They were already doing the work of counterinsurgency— government forces simply utilized the WWP methods because they were effective.
    - a. Exploitation of Black political prisoners: Hijacking the solidarity campaign for Martin Sostre was basically doing the state’s work for them for free. This strategy maps easily onto the current circumstances where PSLCIA is the core of the “Free Mumia Movement”. (A movement that has not freed Mumia Abu Jamal)
    - b. “Winning the confidence of Black and Third World workers” by repeating “radical politics” and then using that to organize useless nonviolent demonstrations.



<sup>4</sup> The WWP role in sabotaging the Attica uprising represents a pervasive strategy of rewriting historical memory to deny the People the truth about the roots of the defeat of the liberation struggle and uprisings.

- c. Parasitism: attaching their name and branding, after the fact, onto resistance efforts that they took no part in.
- d. Sending delegations of American (often all-white, often ‘ex-military’, always petite-bourgeois) “activists” into countries that are US enemy states under the premise of building internationalism.

<sup>5</sup>

- e. A strict policy of covering up abuse and eliminating dissent amongst “unruly members.” There are many documents and letters of resignation from WWP members who quit the organization due to these practices—these letters are strikingly similar to the same types of public letters being posted online 50 years later about the PSL and WWP.
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g. White members of YAWF at a protest that [WWP now claims](#) was the “first protest against the Vietnam War”

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## Deception — Front Groups of the WWP

# Youth Against War and Fascism

Youth Against War and Fascism (YAWF) was founded early in 1962 by the WWP. The August 10, 1962, issue of Workers World refers to “Youth

Against War and Fascism ( formerly the Anti- Fascist Youth Committee )

.” Its primary function was to serve as “the youth arm and principal agitation force of the Workers World Party.”

<sup>6</sup> The YAWF could engage in “direct actions” that would otherwise bring too much heat to the WWP. It also enabled targeted recruitment of “energetic youth.” Members of the YAWF who didn’t fall in line with the WWP were expelled.<sup>7</sup>

The YAWF was a primary force through which the WWP could create new front groups discussed in subsequent sections of this chapter.

## **YAWF— Power structure and exploitation of youth**

Brian Becker, a settler, was the founding member of Rochester YAWF branch in 1971

<sup>8</sup> (Becker would eventually go on to create the PSL and ANSWER 30 years later.) The internal WWP newspaper proudly proclaims that Brian and the Rochester YAWF were “recruiting in local high schools” targeting “Black and Puerto Rican youth”<sup>9</sup> He also led an “action” in 1971 with two YAWF members to get arrested on purpose.<sup>10</sup>

Note how similar the strategies of recruiting and exploiting vulnerable youth here match up to [concerns raised by ex-WWP members](#) in 2019

describing “the revolving door of oppressed youth in and out of the party.” An excerpt from their piece says:

Another multi-oppressed cadre submitting a proposal to gain redress through the Party’s internal structures was illicitly denied from even joining a conference call for the Interim Coordinating Committee... In a botched attempt to get them to recant, white members then also privately contacted the six other multi-oppressed youth signatories, **insisting that the cadre who had been harmed are a “faction” attempting to “tear apart the Party.”**

This accusation of creating a “faction” is the very same verbiage used against J. Zilg when he proposed the creation of a Black Caucus for WWP in 1971:

Discussions among comrades are basic to democratic centralism and its development and should never need " approval " by leadership first. That is true only in a wholly centralist organization where there is no room for open discussion, as I now understand to be the case in the WWP.

But open discussion [about racism] is never tantamount to building a "secret faction."

Nevertheless, you and the rest of leadership have decided to use **your favorite boogeyman: "secret faction"**.

The top down domination of politics and "culture of secrecy" described in the 2019 resignation

[11](#) was identified 47 years before by the entire Seattle branch of YAWF. [12](#)

We have the right to know when and why comrades are being expelled from the party, and when serious charges are being made against the party .

...

But when we wrote in, asking for more information on the matters concerning the Black Caucus, and stating that we felt Zilg's charges to be very serious, we got an accusing call from John Cat demanding to know "Who wrote that letter ?"

“Youth Against War And Fascism” as a front group for the WWP still exists they simply renamed “Youth Against War and Racism”. Their [facebook page](#) is here.

# Prisoners Solidarity Committee



William Kunstler, an “observer” speaking to the Attica uprising  
One of the most active fronts for the WWP was the Prisoners Solidarity  
Committee (PSC) created in 1970. The WWP projected nonblack Puerto

Rican Tom Soto as the “founder” of the PSC which immediately began holding events and running campaigns for incarcerated Black revolutionaries.

<sup>13</sup> (PSC/YAWF members would later [create Struggle la Lucha and repeat their earlier ‘achievements’](#)).

The PSC began in support of the Auburn 6 and raised money for bail and a lawyer. (The Auburn 6 [led a prison uprising](#) at Auburn correction facility. Under guidance from the PSC lawyer, plead guilty.)

<sup>14</sup> However the PSC didn’t really take off until Tom Soto became an “observer” at the Attica uprising in 1971.

### **Collaboration with the feds and Historical Revisionism at Attica**

The Attica prisoners uprising is one of the most well known events of the 1970's political landscape for Black struggle. What is less known is how outside collaborators, under the guise of support, sabotaged the uprising.

The day after the prisoners in Attica took control of the prison, “observers” were allowed to enter and “aid in the negotiations”. The lead observer was Arthur Eve, a member of the Black misleadership class (NY

state representative); Soto was among the other leaders of the observer group. Almost immediately after the group arrived, they became “the only link between Oswald and the inmates”



But, like the observers themselves, very few inmates had a clear conception of exactly what the observers were supposed to do. In interviews, many inmates mentioned only the value of focusing national attention on the plight of Attica inmates. Others said that with such a prestigious observer group present the fear of reprisals was somewhat abated. They felt that, if nothing else, the observer group would oversee the evacuation of the yard and prevent reprisals from occurring. In addition, many inmates thought that the observers would be their mouthpiece for relaying demands to the administration in a sympathetic manner. However, very few inmates viewed the observers as a team of negotiators charged with resolving the conflict. As one inmate testified:

Q. What was your understanding as to what the observers were going to do?

A. Well, more or less to observe any problems and to help enlighten the public . . . the media, the news media, the legislators; these are the people that was sent for, you know, to observe and to get an idea and a picture of what was happening and after having gotten that idea, to give us some type of help.

Q. Did you understand that they were going to negotiate for you?

itized from the collections of the New York State Library, Albany, NY.

A. No. No. No one negotiates for us but the inmates. Everyone in that yard was negotiating.

Q. Did you have confidence that they would be able to fulfill the role that you saw for them?

A. Well, there was hope. There was hope.

The “observers” eventually negotiated a 28 point plan of concessions with the New York Commissioner of Corrections Russell Oswald.

Many of the principles embodied in the 28 Points were major advances in penal reform. But the actual language of a number of the Points was deliberately vague, and, in some instances, conditioned on legislative action. Thus, if the 28 Points were to be accepted by the inmates, they would have to trust in the good faith of Oswald and the state to implement the reforms. More important, the inmates would have to accept the risk of criminal prosecution for crimes involving physical injuries and trust the word of a local district attorney that the prosecutions would not be indiscriminate.

The observers then returned to the inmates proposing this flimsy plan that they had negotiated “on behalf of” the prisoners. **The 28 points excluded the one thing that the prisoners agreed was non-negotiable: amnesty for all actions taken during the uprising.** Notably, Bobby Seale of the Black Panther Party was denied the opportunity to speak to the uprising because he refused to endorse the 28 point plan.

<sup>16</sup> Tom Soto thus represented the “radical” Prisoner Solidarity Committee in attempting to convince the inmates to accept the plan. A plan that the prisoners did not negotiate for themselves and a plan that would not protect them. He even worked with other observers to pressure leaders of the uprising, away from the other prisoners, to accept the plan.<sup>17</sup> The "observers" had effectively delayed the actual negotiations process long enough for divisions within the uprising to escalate and the state to prepare its own forces. This coupled with disagreements over the 28 point plan caused infighting that left them vulnerable. The police took advantage of this vulnerability and attacked the prisoners on September 13th, massacring 43 people and squashing the uprising.

This alliance with Black misleadership class and collaboration with the state did not stop Soto from using his role as an “observer” in the Attica movement to propel himself and consequently the PSC into popularity.

<sup>18</sup> After the massacre at Attica, the WWP, under the banner of the PSC organized marches, teaching workshops, and flyering around the country. Their useless demonstrations still [continue under the same name](#), although they still hide their relationship to the WWP. The internal WWP documents always reflect on how many pamphlets were distributed and how well they were received amongst the Black and Puerto Rican communities.<sup>19</sup>



Rather than seeing Soto for what he truly was—a collaborator with the state against the uprising—the PSC rewrote history to portray themselves as heroes and leaders of the struggle. Of course, anyone who could testify against Soto was murdered or still trapped inside the Attica prison.

### **The abuse of Martin Sostre**



Martin Sostre- Circa 1976

Another example of the PSC and YAWF exploiting Black struggle was their exploitation of Black revolutionary Martin Sostre. Martin Sostre was a Black Puerto Rican who ran a radical Afro book store in Buffalo, NY. After the police identified him as a political threat during the 1967 Buffalo rebellion, he was arrested in 1967 on fake charges of selling heroin. The official defense group for Sostre, the *Martin Sostre Defense Committee*, was actually a front of the YAWF.

<sup>20</sup> In February 1972 a newspaper of the Black Panther Party published Sostre's condemnation of the YAWF: "[Letter to a Sellout Lawyer](#)"<sup>21</sup>

*I personally experienced this leftist anti-revolutionary opportunism and racism at the hands of YAWF, who purportedly was supporting me when I was framed. In eight months time, from the time I was framed till the time of sentence , they never were able to raise anywhere near the \$ 12,500 bail money required to get me out on bail. Nor were they able to find anyone who would put up property to cover the \$12,500 bail.*

*Yet I noticed that when the white college students were busted at University of Buffalo during the anti-war, ROTC and Themis Project campaigns, YAWF would hold huge money raising campaigns and rallies, and dozens of students*

would immediately get out on bail with the thousands of dollars raised . During the eight months I spent in Erie County Jail (where no newspapers were allowed and where there was no light inside the cages ) eating baloney sandwiches, YAWF limited its activities in my behalf to mimeographing leaflets in the Black ghetto , and stories in Workers World . **No huge rallies or other effective fund-raising activities were ever mounted ; no money ever came from " Party Headquarters " to get me out on bail. I went to the concentration camp ( and to the solitary confinement dungeon ) for 40 years because they would not put up \$ 12,500 bail for me.**

Hell, they got many times that in propaganda value to say nothing of the money they made off the book , which is selling well and filling party coffers - off my case. Yet when I refused to allow them to censor my revolutionary writings to the Black community in the Black newspaper that I was publishing from this concentration camp ( the arrangements being that I would send the articles to my former defense committee and they would arrange them together in newspaper format, take it to the printer and pay newsboys to distribute it in the ghetto -colony ) because their ideology at " Party Head quarters" deemed my writings " too revolutionary" , and **because I refused to allow this white**

*bourgeois leftist and arm-chair revolutionary to tell me what political line I should project to my people, they refused to publish the newspaper and warned me that I would have to give in to them because " we're the only ones you've got."*

The World Workers Party was not supporting prison breaks and they did not help the members of the Attica uprising. They did not free Martin Sostre from solitary confinement. Instead they used the plight of Black people as a rallying point to build their own organization's credibility—all while sabotaging the agency of the very people they claimed to be supporting. Many decades later the PSL is doing the same thing swooping in to put their branding on protest fliers when Black people are murdered by police.

Sostre identified this strategy in 1972:

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Leftist anti-revolutionary opportunists are not as well known. **These include white bourgeois leftists following the party line who view victims of racist-capitalist oppression as grist for their propaganda to further their party line, rather than human beings with lives to be**

**fulfilled who are being snuffed.** They rush onto the bandwagon of a cause celebre as the defender of the victim, while all the while they are shooting political angles and using the hapless victim of white racist capitalism as the vehicle for projecting their party line, for raising funds, for getting publicity as the defender of the poor black.

Since the motive for aiding the victim is political and not humanistic, the victim will be sold out, his suffering prolonged, or abandoned like a hot potato—if it serves the higher purpose of the party line. **Indeed sometimes it is better for the party line to keep the Black victim in jail rather than get him out on bail.** Never mind that he is locked in a cage 23 hours a day like an animal, suffering hunger every day, being brutalized, away from his family, etc. **The important thing is that he is the rallying point around which the Black community can be mobilized and in the process fed the party line.**

(excerpts below)



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Sostre finishes the letter directly addressing the lawyer hired by the

YAWF:

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So whether your firm or those working with your firm are agents of the oppressive establishment deliberately suppressing the revolutionary

struggle, or whether the suppression was done as a result of petty party line politics, the affect was the same. We were sold out. So to us, its academic as to whether we were sold out by agents of the enemy, or sell-out leftist anti-revolution[aries].

## Center for United Labor Action

The Center for United Labor Action (CULA) was the WWP front to infiltrate the growing labor movement. While we were unable to find much research about the CULA besides a few legal cases they ran, the WWP documents are particularly telling about this “front strategy”. In 1971 Sam Marcy in an internal WWP document directed the branches to create their own CULA fronts:

We projected the Labor Center in anticipation of a working class resurgence. **Why is the Labor Center necessary? Because we can't function in the labor movement in the name of the Party or YAWF as openly as we would like to.**

Not every branch has a Labor Center. But those that have, have already found how fruitful it is. Every branch must have the perspective of setting up a Labor Center even if it's only a Post Office Box. Any worker will be able to see, even with a Post Office Box, that there is a national center, with which the local centers are or should be in consultation

The nature of this Confidence Scheme was quite clear from the drop.

Marcy continues:

Many young militants have an academic rather than an industrial background. **They should conceal this background as much as they possibly can.** It's a good idea for men to say they went to a vocational high school if they think they can get away with it.

The current name for this WWP labor front is the “Peoples Power Assembly”. Their website is [here](#).

## Women United for Action

Another front for the WWP in the 70's was the Women United for Action (WUA). Deirdre Griswold, a leader of WWP writes in 1971:

A new unit [of the WWP] had just been organized when I left New York. It is the Women United for Action, and we conceive of it as an organization that will direct the most militant and anti-imperialist of the women in the women's liberation movement into struggles on issues that particularly affect working and poor women .

This front was pretty much a bust but “women’s fronts” have continued such as the PSL [“Breaking The Chains” organization](#) (Nadia Marsh, Brian Becker’s wife, helps run this one).

## **American Serviceman’s Union**

The American Serviceman’s Union began the WWP foray into the “anti-war veterans” movement which has been discussed in previous chapters. It also served to enable the WWP to easily plan trips to meet with leaders and officials in communist countries around the world. These two components sustain a significant portion of the modern NGO-CIA-PSL counterinsurgency psyop.

Andrew Stapp, a leader in the WWP and YAWF founded the ASU in 1967. Tom Soto was also a 'leader'

<sup>25</sup> of ASU; it is interesting to note that [Soto was an intelligence officer in the Army Security Agency](#) before joining the WWP.

From 1967 until 1973 the ASU was very active in the “anti-war vet movement” although they often tried to represent themselves as the “radical wing” of it. However, it represents another pattern in the line of parasitism that defines the WWP.

One such example is the “Fort Hood 43”:

<sup>26</sup>

In August 1968, elements of the 1st and 2nd Armored Divisions at Fort Hood, Texas went on alert for possible “riot control duty” (counterinsurgency) in Chicago. The White House was worried that anti-war protests at the Democratic Party Convention might also trigger mass rebellion in the ghetto. After several hundred New Afrikan GIs gathered at a spontaneous base protest rally that night, saying that they would not bear arms against their own people, forty-three were arrested and court martialed (the “Ft. Hood 43”).

After the protest, the ASU swooped in to “support the veterans”. This amounted to the same strategy of *providing publicity for Black people while taking the credit for the action itself.*

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It is important to emphasize the widespread resistance amongst Black GI’s against the war in Vietnam.

[28](#) From fraggings (killing officers) to open conflict with the settler leadership, resistance was armed and dangerous. “ New Afrikans opposition to the War was not a separate struggle; it enriched their own liberation movement.”

Conversely, the ASU was running campaigns to make the imperialist military more amicable for the soldiers. As an “unofficial union” their demands were

[29](#):

1. An end to saluting and sir-ing of officers.
2. Election of officers by vote of the men
3. Racial equality.
4. Rank and filers control of court-martial boards.
5. Federal minimum wages.

6. The right of free political association.

7. The right to disobey illegal orders-- like orders to go and fight in an illegal war in Vietnam.

8. The right of collective bargaining.

Such a strategy, regardless of their intentions amounts to a defanging of Black liberation efforts. Reducing the actions down to a “common working class goal” served to mislead and misdirect militant Black people. This was not unique to the World Workers Party at the time and we cannot emphasize this enough. But they played their role and they played it well.





ASU March on Washington 1973 — Sign Reads “Vietnam-Era Vets demand \$2500 cash compensation for time lost in the service” “\$2500 or fight!” and “American Servicemen’s Union”

### **Foreign Delegations**

The ASU began a long tradition of “anti-war veterans” delegations going to build “solidarity” with communist countries and anti-imperialist movements abroad.

For example, Stapp led a visit to North Korea in 1971 in which he was allowed to deliver a speech over Radio Pyongyang

There are a great number of other ASU (and other anti-war vet organizations) delegations that happened from 1970-1980's and those will be added as time allows.

The point here though is that this strategy is a convenient way of getting literal intelligence agents inside the borders and government headquarters of countries that would otherwise have executed CIA agents on the spot.

## **Committee to Support Middle East Liberation**

In a report sent to the Communist Party of Cuba in 1972, the WWP brags about the creation of this front so that they can gain more clout with Third World communists.

WWP supports all peoples struggling for national liberation. The party has made very important contributions in the United States to \* \* \* building a movement of support for the Palestinian struggle and other

Middle East liberation groups. Youth Against War & Fascism organized the only U.S. demonstrations at the time of the June 1967 war, and then set up the Committee to Support Middle East Liberation which has kept up a high level of action and propaganda.

## **The Long Con: recruiting and misdirecting the oppressed**

Future sections will investigate the currently existing front groups for the WWPSLCIA (yes we have a flow chart). This document is designed to expose some of the history and nature of the WWP's activities without descending into the anti-communist and imperialist/nazi propaganda that typically saturates investigations of the Worker's World Party.

The problem is not what they say, in fact, often times what they say is the 'correct' analysis of material conditions. Undoubtedly, such analysis does a better job of conning their marks. The problem is, and has always been, what they do and what they have done.

Sam Marcy wrote an internal 1972 document

[31](#) clearly laying out the strategy of the WWP Confidence Scheme. Note the language he uses here:

In order to make a transition from a mere political tendency to a political party of the working class , **we must put , at the very top of our priorities , a persistent , determined and unrelenting campaign to attract to the Party the largest possible number of Black , Chicano , Puerto Rican , Native American and Asian workers , women ,men, and youth .**

....

There are periods when the task of attracting Black and Third World people is easier than at other times . It was most difficult during the period of the Sixties .

*This was characterized by a strong wave of nationalism.* Also , our Party was numerically small . However we have grown considerably larger and should, by that alone , offer more possibilities for getting into our ranks Black and Third World workers. **The more we perfect our program and the more we try to develop economic issues , the more we will gain the ear of the oppressed people in the community.**

...

A fundamental turn must be made so as to enable all to realize that a principal task of the Party lies in educating, particularly the white comrades , on **how to win the confidence of Black and Third World workers** and how to hold their interest in the Party at a time when their number in the Party is still small .

The greatest amount of energy , thinking , and above all , sensitivity, in **how to relate to Black and Third World comrades and prospective Party members must be given.** Nothing, absolutely nothing , should stay in the way of executing this all- important task .

This is why the WWP and its offshoots/front organizations could be so effectively used by the government counterinsurgency offices.

**How difficult could it have been to weaponize an organization that was already doing their work for them? An organization led by loyal settlers, that was shrouded in secrecy, and well-practiced in revisionist history, nonviolent counterinsurgency, and gaining the confidence of the oppressed most revolutionary classes?**

In fact, the authors caution against criticisms of the WWP / PSL / ANSWER “political lines.” Such criticisms completely miss the point and often repeat anti-communist and imperialist propaganda. A future section will be devoted to this and unpacking how and why the CIA and FBI utilize “crude anti-imperialism” viewpoints paired with nonviolence.

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The full report can be accessed here:

[https://www.google.com/books/edition/The\\_Workers\\_World\\_Party\\_and\\_Its\\_Front/Or/6vOzIPWKrwc?hl=en&gbpv=1](https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_Workers_World_Party_and_Its_Front/Or/6vOzIPWKrwc?hl=en&gbpv=1)

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A future chapter will be dedicated to the prolific schemes and involvement of Ramsey Clark in the PSLCIA operation.

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The article originally listed Soto as a founder of ASU. This was incorrect, he was

a 'leader' in it. Thank you to the reader for pointing this out.



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[Interview with Andy Stapp ASU](#) (note the language): ***The ASU played a major role with the Fort Hood 43, the 43 Afro-American GIs who refused to go to Chicago where they were going to be assigned in the role of pigs to suppress people in Chicago during the Democratic Convention. We pushed very hard on the case of the Fort Hood 43, even though they weren't all union members.***

*They requested our support and we gave it to them to the extent that some of the **white GIs in the union who were a little bit racist quit the union** because they were upset that we took such a strong stand. We educated a lot of the guys about racism and a lot of black GIs were tremendously inspired.” —>*

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[Flase Nationalism False Internationalism Chapter 6](#) is critical reading for this history

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# Unmasking the Hydra: relationships between the "anti-imperialist left" and the WWP/PSL/CIA

A Counterinsurgency Infecting the Left



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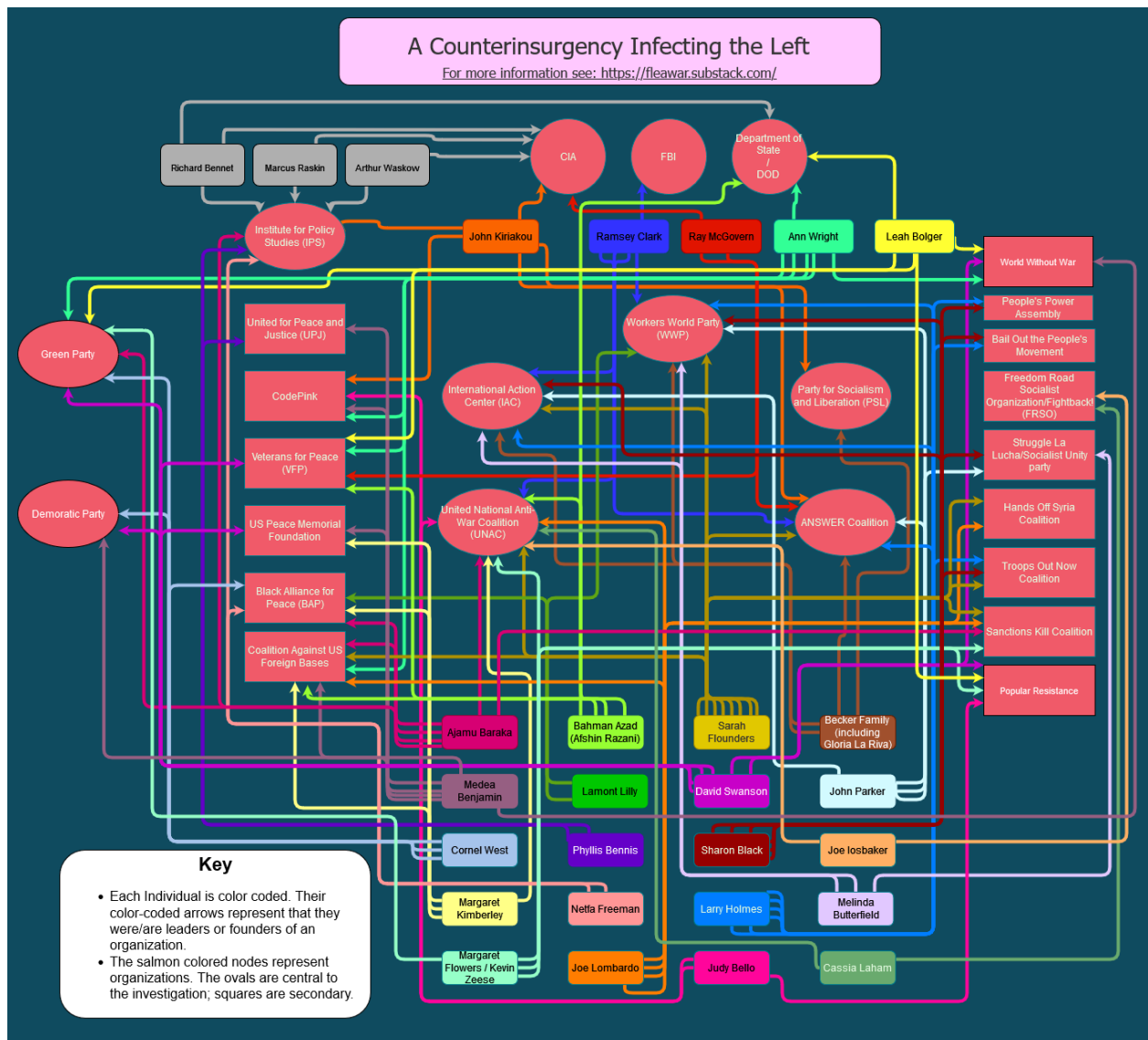
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*"During the Vietnam era, the US government spent a great deal of resources on researching the movement and its impact. It responded to the movement with imprisonment, harassment, and assassination of leaders. An entire system of social rewards was developed to buy people off. **The government's most effective strategy, however, was its choosing to contain the opposition rather than attempt to eradicate it.** It was by this means that a "loyal opposition" was created - an opposition which the government could manipulate and control, allowing it enough power to reach a large segment of the population,*

and to disseminate a message of change, but withholding the power necessary for such change to be in any way implemented."

-Amer Jubran; Palestinian Ex-Political Prisoner; "Is the US Anti-War Movement Pro-Resistance?" ([source](https://fleawar.substack.com/))



This chart is a Social Network Map between 24 “leaders of the US antiwar movement” and the organizations in which they participate. All

citations are at the bottom of this article. (It does not include all of the periphery organizations that these individuals run nor all individuals involved).

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This document is the 5th part of a series investigating the relationships between the WWP/PSL/ANSWER and the CIA/FBI.

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This project originally began as an investigation into the Party for Socialism and Liberation (PSL) however, what we have uncovered is a

conspiracy that is much larger than the PSL. The PSL is actually part of a Hydra of 5 organizations that share much of the same leadership; all of these can directly be tied to Ramsey Clark: COINTELPRO architect.

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Our PRIMARY Organizations of Investigation are:

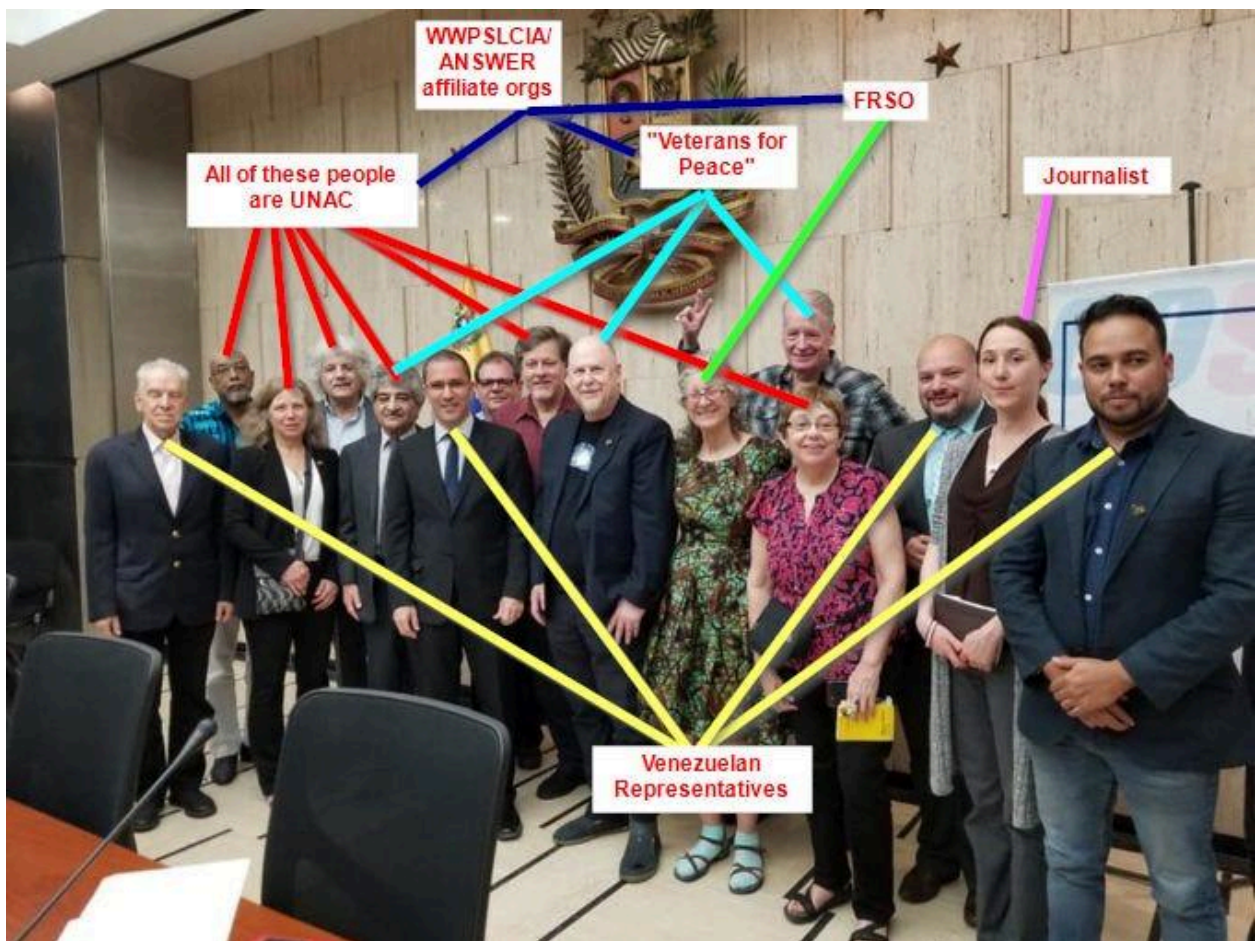
1. International Action Center (IAC)
2. Worker's World Party (WWP)
3. Party For Socialism and Liberation (PSL)
4. ANSWER Coalition (ANSWER)
5. United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC)

There are many affiliate organizations of this Hydra, the ones of particular note are: Veterans for Peace (VFP), CodePink, Black Alliance for Peace (BAP), Popular Resistance, and Struggle La Lucha.

As we have seen, the Worker's World Party (WWP) and its spawn have a long-standing strategy of creating front groups to infiltrate various parts of "the movement". These front groups or affiliate groups invariably share many leadership members.

- A small number of individuals end up being leaders of a large number of interconnected organizations that all tie into the WWP/PSL/IAC

- Those front organizations host events and protests while maintaining a large social media presence. They will include other members of this hydra and advertise them as if they are part of separate organizations.
- One of the dangerous aspects of this is that this counterinsurgency Hydra will often go to the governments of US geopolitical enemies, and advertise themselves as “peace ambassadors”.

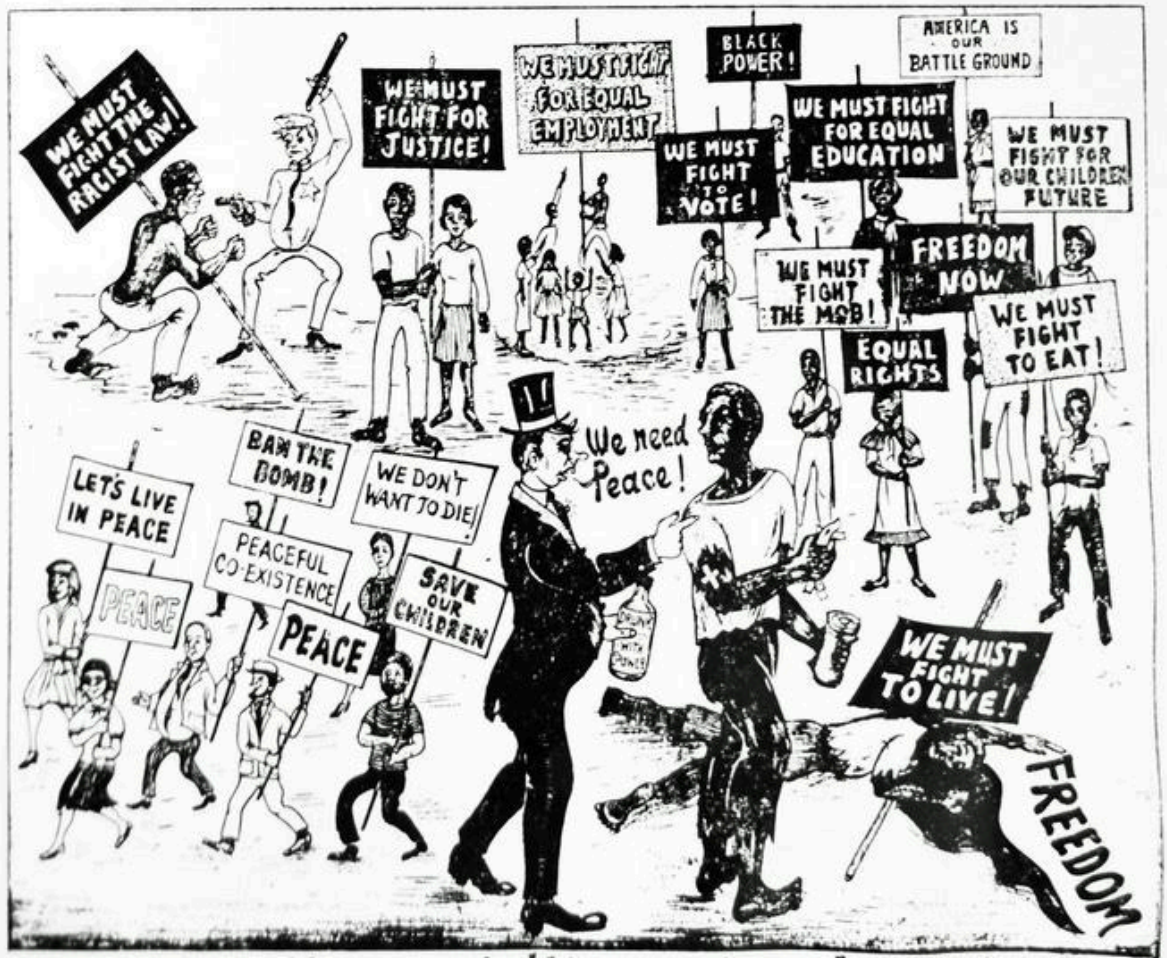


A 2019 “Anti-war delegation” visiting Venezuela in 2019 to meet with members of the Maduro Cabinet after the unsuccessful Amerikan-backed Juan Guaidó coup attempt. Almost every member of

the US delegation is part of WWPSLCIA Hydra organizations except for journalist Eva Bartlet (second to the right) and Communist party of Canada leader Miguel Figueroa (all the way in the back) ([image source](#))

However, our investigation has exposed that the “Anti-war left” in the United States is a network of controlled opposition much larger than the WWPSLCIA Hydra. We can thus understand the WWPSLCIA for what it is: not a unique phenomenon but simply one "radical wing" of a larger NGO-CIA-nonviolence counterinsurgency psychological operation (psyop) that operates across the political spectrum of the United States. A psyop that, as Amer Jubran described, “*disseminate(s) a message of change, but withhold(s) the power necessary for such change to be in any way implemented.*”





Why can't we get 'YOU PEOPLE' to join our march? Don't you believe in PEACE!

Cartoon from a 1967 newspaper *The Crusader* written by Black revolutionaries Mabel and Robert Williams. The cartoon shows white people marching with signs for “peace” on one side and Black people with signs supporting “fighting for freedom”. One of the Black protestors is in a pool of blood, another is being beaten by police. The caption reads: “Why can't we get 'YOU PEOPLE' to join our march? Don't you believe in PEACE!” ([image source](#)) ([Newspaper Source](#))

One particularly crucial element for this counterinsurgency is utilizing Black misleadership to appeal to and absorb revolutionary Black politics.



Black Alliance for Peace (BAP) serves this purpose especially well; functioning as the “Black Arm” of the WWPSLCIA Hydra. They promote radical politics and routinely wheel out the names and faces of Black martyrs in order to promote nonviolence and “peace.” [Chapter 5 of \*False Nationalism, False Internationalism\*](#) by E. Tani and Kaé Sera describes how this counter-insurgency strategy originated during the 1960’s:

"The U.S. bourgeoisie had learned that New Afrikan Revolution was much closer than they thought, and that drastic neo-colonial reforms were needed to undercut the mass rising until it had run its course.

**Further, that the Empire needed to take over and sponsor the unsuccessful non-violent protest movement, needed to make it look more successful for the New Afrikan people. The Civil Rights leadership and their organizations were put on imperialism’s payroll; pushed every day by the imperialist media just like breakfast cereal or deodorants.**

The dual role of the New Afrikan petty-bourgeoisie as a vacillating and intermediary class was also being played out, as they ran back and forth

allying with both sides. They called for mass protests against oppression, but only so that they could negotiate with the Government to end the protests. Many perceptive people had seen after Birmingham that non-violent protests politics could not even pressure the Empire. Only the threat of rebellion had the power to force concessions from imperialism. This was to become important as the movement developed."

The WWPSLCIA is another "radical" tentacle of this psyop in competition with liberal-left organizations like "We Are Dissenters", to other "radical" organizations like the "Black Rose" anarchists etc. **That's the crucial thing to understand about highly advanced US imperialist fascism and neocolonialism — the ruling class cultivates all manner of "variety" of political vectors that all point in the same direction while competing internally among themselves for relevance and money.**

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**Institute for Policy Studies**

Founded by “ex-intelligence officials” Richard Barnet and Marcus Raskin, the IPS “merged with” the Peace Research Institute (Gene Sharp affiliate) when it was created. It received startup finances from Ford Foundation among others who were [fronts for CIA money](#) during the Cold War (and continue to be).

The IPS serves as a “think tank for the left” and co-hosts many events with the WWPSLCIA Hydra. It’s origins and status quo repeat a similar politic that we have seen time and time again in this series: “Make amerikan imperialism seem nicer”. The fundraising and political lineage of the IPS is a worthy topic of investigation for a later date. They are a multi-million dollar non-profit and were sitting on over a 1.4 million dollars in cash and over 11 million in total assets [as per 2020 tax filing](#).

**Part X Balance Sheet**

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	<b>1</b> Cash - non-interest-bearing .....	841,620.	<b>1</b>	1,486,673.
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments .....	1,460,652.	<b>2</b>	1,566,436.
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net .....	797,458.	<b>3</b>	632,605.
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net .....		<b>4</b>	
	<b>5</b> Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons .....		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) .....		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net .....		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use .....		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges .....	155,162.	<b>9</b>	187,960.
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D .....	<b>10a</b> 688,069.		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation .....	<b>10b</b> 368,100.	373,305.	<b>10c</b> 319,969.
	<b>11</b> Investments - publicly traded securities .....	4,806,185.	<b>11</b>	6,898,869.
	<b>12</b> Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11 .....		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets .....		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 .....		1,000.	<b>15</b> 1,870.
<b>16 Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) .....		8,435,382.	<b>16</b> 11,094,382.	

# SOURCES:

## Ramsey Clark (Dead)



Ramsey Clark International Action Center Founder



05 Jun 1967 Original caption: “At The White House, on June 21st, where President Johnson addressed members of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency are from Right to left: J. Edgar Hoover, FBI Director; Thurgood Marshall, Supreme Court Justice Designate; and Ramsey Clark, Attorney General.” ([Source](#))

Ramsey Clark [Joins WWP](#) between 1976-1980 and creates International Action Center

Founded International Action Center:

<https://web.archive.org/web/20010302001627/http://www.iacenter.org/>

**John Kiriakou**



All sources can be found here:

[A Million Tiny Fleas](#)

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Fellow at IPS : <https://ips-dc.org/ips-authors/john-kiriakou/>

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  - Steering Committee;  
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## **Institute for Policy Studies**

- Richard Barnet





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  - <sup>2</sup> From 1961 until 1963 he served as special assistant in the State Department for disarmament issues, where he helped set up the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency (ACDA).”

- Marcus Raskin (DEAD)



- - “special staff member of the National Security Council during Kennedy Administration” (page 35)
- Arthur Waskow



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- Arthur Waskow ([Source](#))
  - "In 1961, Waskow joined the Peace Research Institute as a Research Fellow. He stayed at PRI until it merged with IPS in 1963, where Waskow would become a resident fellow" ; Brian S. Mueller, "Waging Peace in a Disarmed World: Arthur Waskow's Vision of a Nonlethal Cold War," *Peace & Change* 40 (July 2015): 339-367.
  - Waskow's "The Worried Man's Guide to World Peace: Handbook for the Peace Research Institute" explicitly states the PRI collaboration with the DOD and even infamous war criminal Brezinski (Page 48)  
<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=mdp.49015000599119&view=1up&seq=48>
  - Waskow was present at the betrayal Oslo Accords in 1993;  
<https://archive.ph/EyhgV#selection-613.379-613.543>

**Bahman Azad (Afshin Razani)**



## Bahman Azad

- Hands Off Syria Coalition
  - Coordinating Committee;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20190626205529/https://handsoffsyriacoalition.net/about/>
- UNAC
  - Board of Directors (as of 2022); <https://archive.ph/1Zj4L>
- Veterans for Peace
  - “He joined the Veterans for Peace in the early 1990s and has been serving as Chair of VFP’s Iran Working Group.”;  
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- US Peace Council — Founder
- Coalition Against U.S. Foreign Military Bases
  - Coordinator;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20210725062054/https://la.leftforum.org/people/bahman-azad-1>

- Department of State Affiliation —Bahman Azad changed his name from Afshin Razani after 2010 to avoid scrutiny
  - “He is a former Acting Director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Rutgers University. He is currently a Professor of Economics and Sociology at Berkeley College in New Jersey”

The screenshot shows a YouTube video player interface. At the top, the URL is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9znjISYJ-G8>. The video title is "Iran | The Next war? New Jersey Peace Action Part 2. Bahman Azad served in the Iranian Air Force". It has 692 views and was uploaded on Jul 27, 2013. The video is by Michael McPhearson, who has 79 subscribers. A red "SUBSCRIBE" button is visible. The video description includes:

Presented by New Jersey Peace Action with Veterans For Peace and United for Peace and Justice; three veterans of the Israeli, Iranian and U.S. militaries share their perspectives on the conflict between the United States and Israel with Iran and events in Syria. Participants will also discuss the peace movement's response to these events.

This is part 2: Bahman (Faraz) Azad talks about the direction of U.S. foreign policy in regards to Iran, Syria and Israel and the influence of the Project for the New American Century on that policy.

**Bahman (Faraz) Azad**

Faraz Azad is an Iranian-American peace and justice activist living in the United States. He has a Master's degree in Economics and a Ph.D. in Sociology from American universities. He served in the Iranian Air Force as a 2nd Lieutenant between 1971 and 1973.

He is a former acting director of Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Rutgers University. He is currently a Professor of Economics and Sociology at Berkeley College in New Jersey.

Faraz has been active in the peace and justice movement since his arrival in the United States in 1973, first as a student activist against the previous regime in Iran and then as a member of the National Board of the U.S. Peace Council. He joined the Veterans For Peace in the early 1990s at the invitation of his close friend and then VFP President, Dave Cline. He is currently serving as the Chair of VFP's Iran Working Group, Organizational Secretary of the U.S. Peace Council, Co-Chair of **Iran Pledge of Resistance**, and an NGO representative of the World Peace Council at the United Nations. He is also the co-founder of the **Campaign in Solidarity with the Iranian People's Green Movement**, an international campaign in support of the Iranian people's democratic rights.

- 
- A very busy man





**Affiliation(s):**

US Peace Council

**Biography:**

Dr. Bahman Azad is an Iranian-American peace and justice activist living in the United States. He has been active in the peace and justice movement since his arrival in the United States in 1973, first as a student activist against the Shah's regime in Iran and then as a member of the Executive Board of the U.S. Peace Council. He joined the Veterans for Peace in the early 1990s and has been serving as Chair of VFP's Iran Working Group. He is currently the Organizational Secretary of the U.S. Peace Council, Coordinator of the Coalition Against U.S. Foreign Military Bases and the Global Campaign Against US/NATO Military Bases, and the representative of the World Peace Council at the United Nations. He was the organizer of USPC's Peace and Solidarity Delegation to Venezuela which traveled to Caracas in March 2019.

Bahman has a Master's degree in Economics and a Ph.D. in Sociology. He is a retired Professor and former Acting Director of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Rutgers University, New Jersey.



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- In 2008 the Director of CMES Peter Golden (himself connected to DoD money) off hand referenced that Afshin Razani was former director

first things that I plan to do next fall, together with our new Director of the Center, Jawid Mojadedi and with our newly established Executive Committee, is to conduct a review of the requirements of the major and minor to determine what improvements or refinements can be made and what areas need further development. Departments periodically do this and we should as well. Since the Center oversees an interdisciplinary major, we will be in constant interaction with representatives of disciplines that contribute to our ever-growing list of cross-listed courses. The new Executive Committee that has been formed reflects that. Its members come from related departments and programs (African, Middle Eastern and South Asian Languages and Literatures, Jewish Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, South Asian Studies, Religion, Comparative Literature and History). This will provide ongoing dialogue with traditional "allies" of Middle Eastern Studies. Needless to say, we will also be regularly consulting with other key departments in our area of interest: Political Science, Sociology and other social sciences.


**What is immediately over the horizon for the CMES?**

More immediately, as Academic Director, I have certain oversight functions that are directed to guaranteeing the quality of courses we offer and to constantly seek to improve on what we do. The role of the Center has also always involved coordination

made life-long friends there.

We have also been having a series of planning meetings aiming at the creation of a Center or Institute for the study of Contemporary Islam. This is in no way a competitor with our Center, but rather it will complement one very important aspect of what we study and teach as well as provide an opportunity to widen our International Studies horizons. Personally speaking, I can say that my two-semester course on the History of Islamic Civilization, one that I taught every year at Newark since I first introduced it in 1989, was always one of my favorites. It gave me the opportunity to read beyond my immediate field of Middle Eastern and Central Asian studies and explore with my students Islamic Civilization as a global phenomenon. I learned much from teaching the course. It provided essential comparative material and hence greater depth and understanding in my own immediate research.

The former Acting Director, Afshin Razani, has brought us through a complicated time. We are in a period of transition; one that I think offers many opportunities and will lead to many positive new developments in the Center and in the CMES Program. We are building on established structures, hoping to deepen these, giving our program a national reputation. These are exciting times and we are looking forward to the challenges.



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- The same name Afshin Razani is listed as an officer of the USPC PEACE EDUCATION FUND, INC. which is the 501c3 that funds the US Peace Council that he founded

[https://web.archive.org/web/20220804212312/https://dataconnecticut.com/b/company/uspc-peace-education-fund-inc\\_384787/](https://web.archive.org/web/20220804212312/https://dataconnecticut.com/b/company/uspc-peace-education-fund-inc_384787/)

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The screenshot shows a search result for 'Afshin Razani' on the website 'dataconnecticut.com'. The search bar at the top contains the URL 'https://dataconnecticut.com/b/company/uspc-peace-education-fund-inc\_384787/'. Below the search bar, there are navigation tabs for 'BUSINESS', 'LICENSES', 'PPP LOANS', and 'REAL ESTATE SALES'. The search result for 'Afshin Razani' is listed as '3. Afshin Razani' with '7 properties'. The job title is 'Officer' and the address is '42 Young St., New Haven CT 06511'. The page is dated '4 Aug 2022'.

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- In 2013 Afshin Razani is named as being a Professor of Sociology at Berkeley College. This matches his resume in 2013 (above images)

The screenshot shows a resume for Afshin Razani. The resume lists the following education:

- Emmanuel Mulumba**  
B.A., University of Kinshasa  
M.A., D.A., Illinois State University
- William Blake Murray\***  
A.B., Boston College  
M.B.A., New York University
- Afshin Razani**  
B.S., Pahlavi University  
M.S., Ph.D., Southern Illinois University, Carbondale

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- The Youtube resume above also lists him as a the founder of a "Campaign in Solidarity with the Iranian People's Green Movement" which was a 2009 Color rev attempt in Iran sponsored by the NED.

## 2010 Democracy Award Honors Iran's Green Movement



Left to right: Author Azar Nafisi, NED Vice Chair Judy Shelton, Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro, NED President Carl Gershman, Mahnaz Afkhami, filmmaker Babak Payami, and Samantha Power pose with the 2010 Democracy Award presented on June 10 to honor the democracy movement in Iran.

- Members of Campaign in Solidarity with the Iranian People's Green Movement receiving NED award in 2010
  - Another advisor of this Coalition was Ervand Abrahamian, a "Iranian Historian" who "focuses on opposition movements" and [gives speeches at State Department think tanks](#).

**Exclusive Interview with Dr. Ervand Abrahamian**  
Professor of History at Baruch College, New York;  
Advisor to the Campaign in Solidarity with the Iranian People's Green Movement

**Date of Interview: October 13, 2012**

- Full interview is wild. He's talking about what Green Movement strategy should be ([source](#))
  - [Here is a petition](#) signed in support of Green Movement by a bunch of the Peace activists on here and written by Bahman Azad
- Returning to CMES which has a large number of associations to the DoD

- See:

<https://newbrunswicktoday.com/2021/08/05/the-cia-has-maintained-ties-to-rutgers-university-for-over-60-years/>  
([Archive](#))

## Ajamu Baraka



- Black Alliance for Peace
  - Coordinating Committee;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20200425161852/https://blackallianceforpeace.com/coordinating-committee>
- UNAC
  - Board of Directors (as of 2022); <https://archive.ph/1Zj4L>
- Institute for Policy Studies
  - Associate Fellow (as of 2019);  
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- Africa Action
  - Board of Directors (2009);  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20101218032400/http://www.africaaction.org/board-of-directors.html>
- Green party
  - VP Candidate 2016;  
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- Amnesty International
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[https://web.archive.org/web/20220219014417/https://www.gp.org/ajamu\\_baraka](https://web.archive.org/web/20220219014417/https://www.gp.org/ajamu_baraka)

## **Brian Becker, Gloria La Riva, Richard Becker, Ben Becker**



Richard Becker



Gloria La Riva



Brian Becker



Benjamin Becker

This family has history of involvement in the WWP going back to the 70's.

Richard Becker and Gloria La Riva are [actually married](#)

All four are founding members of PSL and ANSWER

Gloria La Riva Chairwoman of Cuba and Venezuela Solidarity

Committee:

[https://hi-in.facebook.com/FreeTheFive/videos/1270424716788953/?\\_\\_so\\_\\_=permalink&\\_\\_rv\\_\\_=related\\_videos](https://hi-in.facebook.com/FreeTheFive/videos/1270424716788953/?__so__=permalink&__rv__=related_videos)

Hatuey Project

- Brian Becker and Gloria la Riva are directors;  
<https://www.hatueyproject.org/>

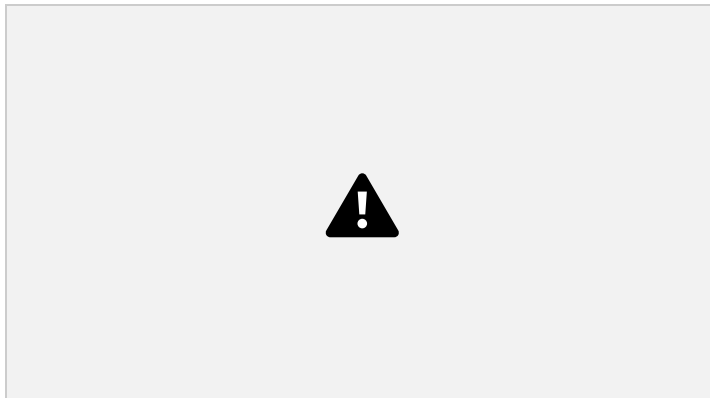
## Judy Bello



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- CodePink

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  - Fellow/Board member (2007-2013) ;  
[https://www.linkedin.com/in/judith-bello-21601812?original\\_referer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F](https://www.linkedin.com/in/judith-bello-21601812?original_referer=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2F)

## Medea Benjamin



- US Peace Memorial Foundation
  - Board of Directors; <https://archive.ph/4ZEdE>
- CodePink and Global Exchange
  - Co-Founder;  
[https://web.archive.org/web/20210314191525/https://www.codepink.org/medea\\_benjamin](https://web.archive.org/web/20210314191525/https://www.codepink.org/medea_benjamin)
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  - Coordinating Committee;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220614075455/https://noforeignbases.org/about/>

- World Without War
  - Advisory Board
    - <https://worldbeyondwar.org/who/#advisory>

## Phyllis Bennis



- Institute for Policy Studies:
  - Program Director and Fellow for 30+ years;
    - <https://archive.ph/XDSDQ#selection-951.1-959.28>
- US Campaign for Palestinian Rights:
  - Co-Founder
    - <https://archive.ph/Ael3v#selection-371.284-371.327>
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  - Fellow; <https://archive.ph/Ael3v>
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  - Board of Directors;
    - <https://archive.ph/MEtVn#selection-3261.0-3279.239>
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  - Steering Committee 2008:
    - <https://web.archive.org/web/20100108175634/http://www.unitedforpeace.org//article.php?id=3990>

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  - Steering Committee;
    - <https://web.archive.org/web/20151007043156/http://www.chelseamanning.org/ourwork/advisory-board>

## Sharon Black



Sharon Black ([Source](#))

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    - <https://archive.ph/RNGp#selection-633.496-633.508>
- People’s Power Assembly;
  - “Coordinator”;
    - <https://archive.ph/5Uwwq#selection-393.82-393.118>
- Workers World Party;
  - Leader Baltimore Branch;
    - <https://archive.ph/65FkK#selection-865.0-865.99>

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- International Action Center (IAC)
  - “From the U.S. Sharon Black, a representative of the International Action Center, is participating.”;  
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- Struggle La Lucha
  - Newspaper contributing Author;  
[https://www.struggle-la-lucha.org/guest-author/sharon\\_black/](https://www.struggle-la-lucha.org/guest-author/sharon_black/)

## Sean Blackmon



- Party for Socialism and Liberation
  - Leader PSL DC Branch;  
<https://www.peoplesworld.org/article/d-c-youth-at-ukraine-embassy-demand-release-of-young-communists/>
- Stop Police Terror DC
  - <https://web.archive.org/web/20201108002853/https://www.liberationnews.org/activists-host-cuban-diplomat-at-forum-celebrating-60-years-of-cuban-revolution-2/>

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    - Host; [https://sputniknews.com/radio\\_by\\_any\\_means/](https://sputniknews.com/radio_by_any_means/)
      - [Has hosted many folks](#) on this list including: Eugene Puryear, Ajamu Baraka, Margaret Kimberley, Jaribu Hill, Gloria La Riva, Netfa Freeman, [Brian Becker](#),
- “Justice First” Nonprofit
  - Director of Advancement;
    - <https://web.archive.org/save/https://www.justicefirst.org/about>
  - “Justice First” Nonprofit is co-run with PSL leader Eugene Puryear and made [288,000 dollars in revenue in 2020](#)

## Leah Bolger



- Veterans for peace
  - Ex-President
- World Without War
  - President



- Popular Resistance
  - <https://web.archive.org/web/20160522212444/https://www.popularresistance.org/aboutus/>
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- Commander of US Navy
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## Melinda Butterfield



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## Leslie Cagan

- United for Peace and Justice
  - Co-Founder ;  
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## John Catalinotto



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  - Editor;  
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- IAC
  - Spokesperson, leader;  
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- Editor of Newspaper;

## Gerry Condon



- Hands Off Syria Coalition

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- Veterans for Peace

- Board President; <https://cpnn-world.org/new/?p=15853>

## Muna Coobtee



## Muna Coobtee

- PSL/ANSWER/Free Palestine Alliance
  - “Muna Coobtee is a founding member of the Party for Socialism and Liberation and a member of the ANSWER Coalition Steering Committee in Los Angeles, representing the Free Palestine Alliance.” ;  
[https://web.archive.org/web/20220208161230/https://www.answercoalition.org/speakers\\_and\\_workshops\\_at\\_lo](https://web.archive.org/web/20220208161230/https://www.answercoalition.org/speakers_and_workshops_at_lo)
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  - Member, Newspaper editor;  
<https://www.mail-archive.com/search?l=wwnews%40wwpublich.com&q=Coobtee&x=0&y=0>
- International Action Center
  - “Muna Coobti, Esq., International Action Center”;  
<https://archive.ph/1C5uX#selection-2253.35957-2253.36003>

## Jodie Evans



## Jodie Evans

- CODEPINK
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- Institute for Policy Studies
  - Board of Trustees;  
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- Drug Policy Alliance

## Sara Flounders



- International Action Center:

- Co-Director  
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- Workers World Party
  - Leadership since 1960's:  
[https://www.google.com/books/edition/The Workers World Party and Its Front Or/6vOzIPWKrwgC?hl=en&gbpv=1](https://www.google.com/books/edition/The_Workers_World_Party_and_Its_Front_Or/6vOzIPWKrwgC?hl=en&gbpv=1)
- Troops out Now Coalition
  - leader; <https://archive.ph/RNGp#selection-633.480-633.494>
- UNAC
  - Board of Directors (as of 2022); <https://archive.ph/1Zj4L>
- Coalition Against US Foreign Military Bases
  - Coordinating Committee;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220614075455/https://noforeignbases.org/about/>
- Hands Off Syria Coalition
  - Coordinating Committee;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20190626205529/https://handsoffsyriacoalition.net/about/>

**Margaret Flowers; Kevin Zeese**



Flowers (Left) and Zeese (Right) ([Source](#))

They are married and a lot of activism “together” will treat them as one entity

- UNAC
  - Zeese & Flowers: Board of Directors (as of 2022);  
<https://archive.ph/1Zj4L>
- Popular Resistance
  - Founders and Co-Directors;
- Zeese: Coalition Against US Foreign Military Bases
  - Coordinating Committee;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220614075455/https://noforeignbases.org/about/>
- Zeese: Drug Policy Alliance (“thinktank” that includes former Secretary of State George Shultz among other unsavory government officials on its board)

- Co-Founder;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20131008205156/http://itsoureconomy.us/who-we-are/>
- October2011 Movement
  - Coordinating Committee; Full List here  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20111031053843/http://october2011.org/about>
- Zeese: Green Party
  - “served as press secretary and spokesperson for Ralph Nader in 2004 and as a senior advisor to Jill Stein in 2016. He ran for the US Senate in 2006;” ;  
<https://archive.ph/1SOjM#selection-711.121-711.269>
- “Chelsea Manning Support Network”
  - Steering Committee;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20140929041643/http://www.chelseamanning.org/featured/defending-democracy-a-presentation-by-chelsea-mannings-defense-team-now-on-youtube>
- Voters for Peace

## **Netfa Freeman**





## Netfa Freeman

- Black Alliance for Peace
  - Coordinating Committee;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20200425161852/https://blackallianceforpeace.com/coordinating-committee>
- Institute for Policy Studies
  - Director of the Institute's [Social Action & Leadership School for Activists](#) (SALSA) from 2000 to 2010
  - Current Fellow and Events Coordinator;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220329181709/https://ips-dc.org/ips-authors/netfa-freeman/>
- Founder of No War on Cuba Movement;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220329181709/https://ips-dc.org/ips-authors/netfa-freeman/>
  - Now defunct, the NWCM was a part of ANSWER Coalition;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20060117185536/http://www.nowaroncuba.org/Organization.htm>

## Larry Hales



Larry Hales is in the center surrounded by white members of WWP

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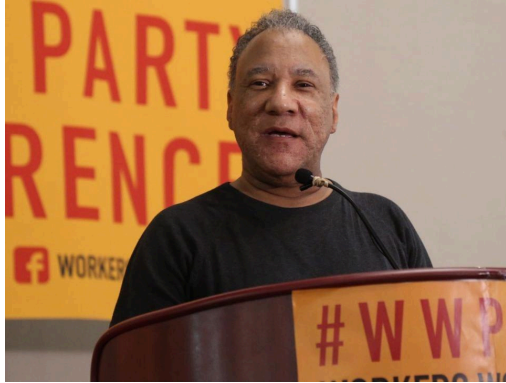
- Worker's World party
  - Editor of newspaper;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20131123144106/http://twogoodhands.wordpress.com/2009/03/25/larry-hales-from-bail-out-the-people-movement-in-hartford/>
- Fight Imperialism Stand Together (FIST)
  - Lead organizer;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20131123144106/http://twogoodhands.wordpress.com/2009/03/25/larry-hales-from-bail-out-the-people-movement-in-hartford/>
- Bail Out the People Movement
  - Leader;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20131123144106/http://twogoodhands.wordpress.com/2009/03/25/larry-hales-from-bail-out-the-people-movement-in-hartford/>

- People’s Power Assemblies
  - “Larry Hales is a national organizer for the People’s Power Assemblies”;  
<https://archive.ph/jtLQO#selection-893.0-893.198>

## **Jaribu Hill**

- DOJ
  - “Jaribu Hill serves as Municipal Judge for the City of Hollandale and is a Special Master for Mental Commitment Cases in Washington County Chancery Court.” ;  
<https://archive.ph/4O7r1#selection-263.105-263.259>
- Black Alliance for Peace
  - Coordinating Committee;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20200425161852/https://blackallianceforpeace.com/coordinating-committee12341234>
- Mississippi Worker’s Center for human Rights
  - Founder and Director;  
<https://archive.ph/4O7r1#selection-263.0-263.105>

## **Larry Holmes**



- ANSWER
  - Co-Founder & Leader (2004)  
<https://www.ocala.com/story/news/2004/07/26/protesters-gather-on-eve-of-convention/31313817007/>
- IAC & ANSWER
  - “Lead Organizer”;  
<https://georgetownvoice.com/2003/01/30/in-the-anti-war-movement-is-only-one-a-n-s-w-e-r-right/>
- WWP & Troops Out Now Coalition  
<https://archive.ph/Fgizt#selection-611.1-615.46>
- WWP Leadership;  
<https://www.mail-archive.com/wwnews@wwpublish.com/msg03048.html>

**Joe Iosbaker**



- UNAC
  - Steering Committee (2015)—  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20150920022445/https://www.unacpeace.org/about.html>
- FRSO
  - Leadership; [https://www.workers.org/2012/us/syria\\_iran\\_0712/](https://www.workers.org/2012/us/syria_iran_0712/)

## Ted Kelly



- International Action Center
  - Co-editor of newspaper;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220428072407/https://sanctionskill.org/2021/05/30/statement-from-the-international-delegation-to-the-2021-syrian-presidential-election/>

- “Member”;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220513014250/https://www.radio4all.net/program/108863>
- Philly United Front [“coalition of Workers World Black & Brown Coalition, Philly Boricuas, and Party for Socialism and Liberation”](#)
- Worker’s World Party
  - Leader of WWP Philadelphia branch;  
<https://archive.ph/z65kn#selection-851.235-851.287> (event collaboration between BAP and WWP)
  - Leader of WWP LGBT Caucus;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220416004708/https://www.workers.org/2022/03/62695/>
  - Leader in WWP “Prisoners Solidarity Committee”;  
<https://archive.ph/Hfs8v#selection-1363.0-1367.53>

## Margaret Kimberley



- US Peace Memorial Foundation

- Board of Directors; <https://archive.ph/4ZEde>
- Black Alliance for Peace
  - Coordinating Committee;
   
<https://web.archive.org/web/20200425161852/https://blackallianceforpeace.com/coordinating-committee>
- UNAC
  - Board of Directors (as of 2022); <https://archive.ph/1Zj4L>
- Coalition Against US Foreign Military Bases
  - Coordinating Committee;
   
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220614075455/https://noforeignbases.org/about/>
- Hands Off Syria Coalition
  - Coordinating Committee;
   
<https://web.archive.org/web/20190626205529/https://handsoffsyriacoalition.net/about/>

## Cassia Laham



- UNAC
  - Board of Directors (as of 2022); <https://archive.ph/1Zj4L>
- Peoples Opposition to War and Imperialism (POWIR)

- <https://www.andyworthington.co.uk/tag/peoples-opposition-to-war-imperialism-and-racism/>
- Women Against Military Madness (WAMM)
  - member of WAMM's Middle East Committee;
   
<http://www.fightbacknews.org/2022/1/21/wamm-still-saying-no-war-40th-anniversary-celebration>

## Lamont Lilly



- Black Alliance for Peace
  - Coordinating Committee (2018);
   
<https://web.archive.org/web/20180804060551/https://blackallianceforpeace.com/coordinating-committee/>
- Worker's World Party
  - Joined 2011;
   
<https://eoinhiggins.com/a-rich-tradition-wwps-lamont-lilly-on-durham-and-the-movement-a216321f0c3f>
  - Vice Presidential Candidate 2016;
   
<https://web.archive.org/web/20210613000111/https://www.workers.org/2016/08/26446/>



## Joe Lombardo



- UNAC
  - Board of Directors; Head Coordinator;  
<https://archive.ph/1Zj4L>
- Coalition Against US Foreign Military Bases
  - Coordinating Committee;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220614075455/https://noforeignbases.org/about/>
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## Monica Moorhead

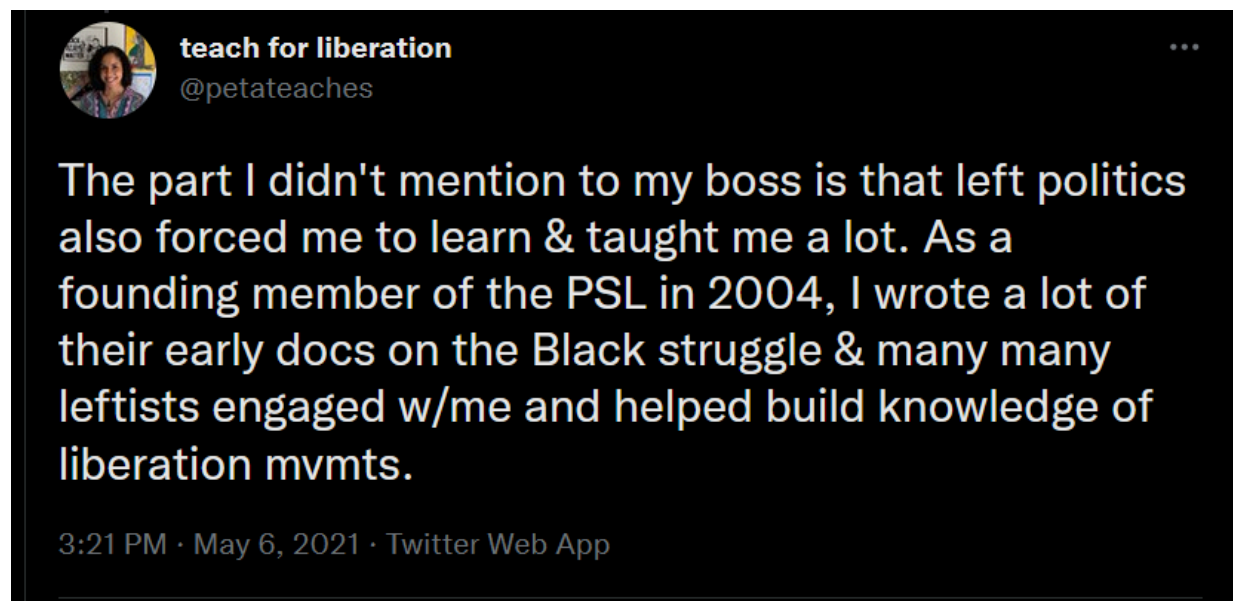


- Worker's World Party
  - Joined WWP in 1972 and went on many international trips through the 80's and 90's;  
<https://archive.ph/iAmnC#selection-747.0-763.23>
  - WWP Presidential Candidate in 1996, 200, and 2016;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20210618182048/https://www.workers.org/2016/06/25751/>
  - Current Managing Editor of WWP newspaper;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20210512202011/https://www.workers.org/category/women/>
- Millions for Mumia Coordinator; International Action Center;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20050513221606/https://www.mail-archive.com/wwnews@wwpublish.com/msg01116.html>

**Peta Lindsay**

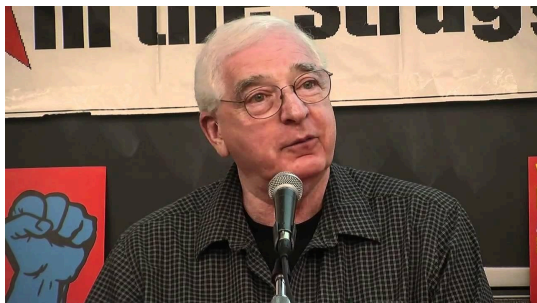


- Ida B Wells Education project
  - Founder and Director;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20211221005254/https://www.idabwellseducationproject.org/the-board>
- Party for Socialism and Liberation
  - “Peta Lindsay is a founding member of the PSL and a member of the PSL Central Committee.”;  
[https://web.archive.org/web/20220731202451/https://www.liberationnews.org/author/peta\\_lindsay/](https://web.archive.org/web/20220731202451/https://www.liberationnews.org/author/peta_lindsay/)



- 2012 Presidential Candidate;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220201150046/https://womensmediacenter.com/fbomb/an-interview-with-peta-lindsay>
- ANSWER
  - Founding Member and Steering Committee until 2013;  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1laICzWd9ueTQW6tt7ZjdL9MbFfJo9XBK/view>
- International Action Center (IAC)
  - “National Student and Youth Coordinator of the International Action Center” ;  
<https://www.mail-archive.com/wwnews@wwpublish.com/msg01405.html>
- Women Organized to Resist and Defend (WORD)
  - Leader;

## Jeff Mackler



- UNAC
  - Board of Directors; Head Coordinator;  
<https://archive.ph/1Zj4L>
- Coalition Against US Foreign Military Bases

- Coordinating Committee;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220614075455/https://noforeignbases.org/about/>
- Socialist Action
  - Presidential Candidate;  
<https://socialism.com/fs-article/the-case-for-voting-socialist/>

## Sarah Martin



- Freedom Road Socialist Organization (FRSO)
  - Leader:  
<http://www.fightbacknews.org/2010/9/23/us-progressives-meet-iranian-president-mahmoud-ahmadinejad>
- Women Against Military Madness (WAMM)
  - Board of Directors;  
<https://womenagainstmilitarymadness.org/about-us-2/>

## John Parker



John Parker ([source](#))

- Worker's World Party;
  - 2004 Presidential Candidate;  
<https://www.mail-archive.com/wwnews@wwpublish.com/msg03376.html>
  - 2016 Senate Candidate;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20210912005204/https://www.workers.org/2016/04/25042/>
- ANSWER Coalition
  - Co-ordinator of Los Angeles ANSWER branch;  
<https://www.mail-archive.com/wwnews@wwpublish.com/msg02920.html>;  
<https://archive.ph/BhiQh#selection-85.1479-85.1566>
- Socialist Unity Party/Struggle La Lucha
  - 2022 senate candidate for Socialist Unity Party;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220531014615/https://johnparke.rforussenate.org/meet/>
  - Self-identified Leader in Struggle La Lucha;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20210911174735/https://iacenter.org/john-parker-struggle-la-lucha/>

- International Action Center;
  - West Coast Coordinator;
 

<https://web.archive.org/web/20220725150005/https://votersedge.org/ca/en/election/2018-06-05/solano-county/senator-united-states-senate/john-thompson-parker> ;<https://archive.ph/nrJ50#selection-879.94-879.289>
- Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice;
  - Coordinator of the Center;
 

[https://web.archive.org/web/20220725144917/http://sputnikimages.com/story/list\\_268281681/8186687.html](https://web.archive.org/web/20220725144917/http://sputnikimages.com/story/list_268281681/8186687.html)
  - “The Harriet Tubman Center for Social Justice hosts the **Los Angeles branches of Workers World Party, the International Action Center, FIRE (Fighting for Im/migrants and Refugees Everywhere) and the Prisoner’s Solidarity Committee.**” ;
 

<https://archive.ph/Yi9uP#selection-851.0-851.370>

## Sarah Sloan



[\(source\)](#)

- International Action Center
  - “ a national organizer with the International Action Center”;  
<https://www.mail-archive.com/wwnews@wwpublish.com/msg01405.html>
- PSL and ANSWER Leader
  - “Sarah Sloan is a founding member of the Party for Socialism and Liberation and is the National Staff Coordinator of the ANSWER Coalition.”;  
[https://web.archive.org/web/20210609043058/https://www.liberationnews.org/author/sarah\\_sloan/](https://web.archive.org/web/20210609043058/https://www.liberationnews.org/author/sarah_sloan/)

## David Swanson



Source: Peace memorial Foundation “Award resume”;

<https://www.uspeacememorial.org/Registry.htm>

- Green Party
  - “Shadow Secretary of Peace in the Green Party” (2012-2015)
- Veterans for Peace
  - Central Committee (2012-2014)



- Voters for Peace
  - Board Member (2007-2010)
- AfterDowningStreet/War Is A Crime
  - “Co-founder AfterDowningStreet.org, later renamed WarIsACrime.org, May 2005”
- World Beyond War
  - “Executive Director, WorldBeyondWar.org 2014-2021.”

## Cornel West



“Before breaking with then-Senator Obama (Right), Cornel West (Left) was an ardent supporter, appearing with him at a 2007 fundraiser at the Apollo Theater in Harlem.” ([Source](#))

Green party

Black Alliance for Peace

REFUSE Fascism

Democratic Party

- Obama Regime
  - Advisor to Obama during campaign trail, Helped fundraise for Obama and attended 65+ events during 2008 election campaign.
    - <https://archive.ph/S14Ct#selection-943.0-943.658>
    - <https://archive.ph/Vd6Yo#selection-617.0-617.202>
- Democratic Socialists of America (DSA)
  - “Honorary chair of DSA”
- Sanders Campaigns
- Alpha Phi Alpha
  - Exclusive Black Fraternity for US statesmen
    - He was a part of their “World Policy Council” thinktank
      - <https://web.archive.org/web/20090225132901/http://www.alpha-phi-alpha.com/Resources/ImageFile/File/image/WPC06-WEB.pdf>

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## MEMBERS



Kenton W. Keith, Senior Vice President, Meridian International Center; former U.S. Ambassador to the State of Qatar



Huel D. Perkins, PhD., Professor Emeritus, Humanities, Louisiana State University and former Deputy Director, National Endowment for Humanities



Charles Rangel, Member, United States House of Representatives; Dean, New York State Congressional Delegation; founding member, Congressional Black Caucus.



Cornel West, PhD., Professor of Religion, Princeton University



Clathan McClain Ross, Rapporteur. Staff, Howard University Office of Development; U.S. Foreign Service Information Officer (retired)



Colonel Ann Wright



- State Department and DoD
  - “In 1987, Col.Wright joined the Foreign Service and served as U.S. Deputy Ambassador in Sierra Leone, Micronesia, Afghanistan, and Mongolia. She received the State Department’s Award for Heroism”
  - “She was on the first State Department team to go to Afghanistan and helped reopen the Embassy there in December 2001. Her other overseas assignments include Somalia, Kyrgyzstan, Grenada, Micronesia, and Nicaragua.”
- CodePink
  - “National Staff”;  
[https://web.archive.org/web/20220120230621/https://www.codepink.org/ann\\_wright](https://web.archive.org/web/20220120230621/https://www.codepink.org/ann_wright)
- Coalition Against US Foreign Military Bases
  - Coordinating Committee;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220614075455/https://noforeignbases.org/about/>
- World Can’t Wait
  - Advisory Board “War Criminal Watch” (WCW project)

- <https://archive.ph/sPeEq#selection-539.0-539.34>
- World Without War
  - Advisory Board
    - <https://worldbeyondwar.org/who/#advisory>
- “Chelsea Manning Support Network”
  - Steering Committee;
    - <https://web.archive.org/web/20151007043156/http://www.chelseamanning.org/ourwork/advisory-board>
- Green Party
  - “Shadow Secretary of State in the Green Shadow Cabinet, 2012-2015.”
- Veterans for Peace

## International Action Center Front Organizations

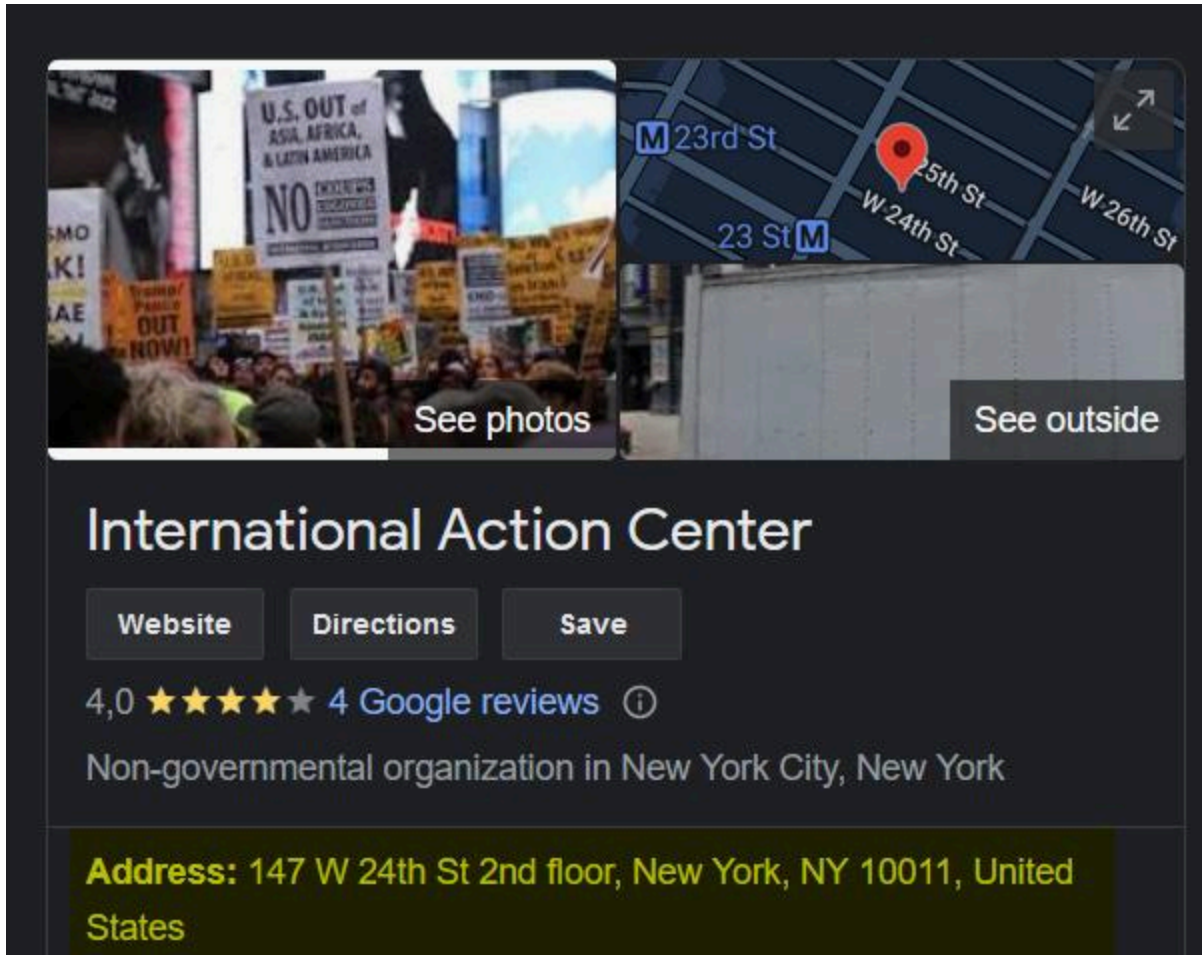
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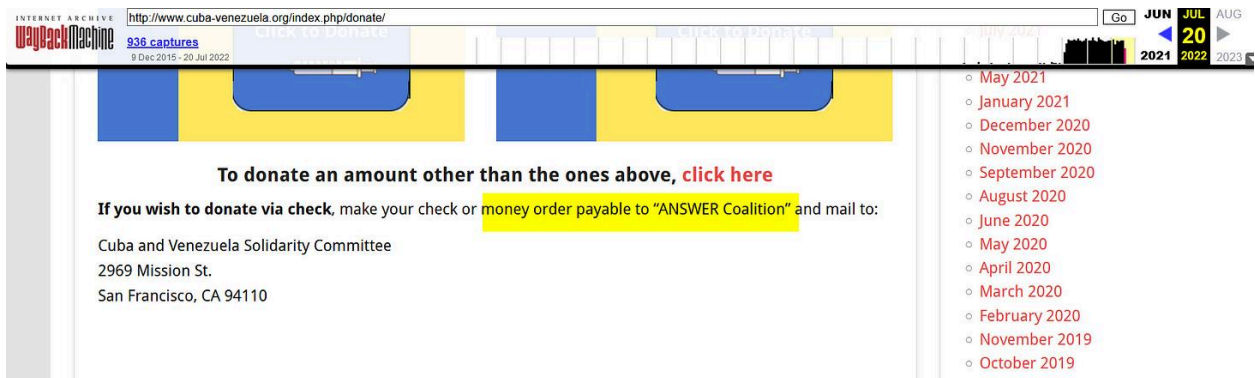
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**“Cuba and Venezuela Solidarity Committee” is IAC/ANSWER:**

<https://archive.ph/kkGml#selection-431.0-433.75>





## **Youth against war and Fascism == IAC**

<https://web.archive.org/web/20080723113348/http://www.yawr.org/links/links.htm>

## **Women Organized to Resist and Defend (WORD) is a PSL/ANSWER front**

- Their “Donate” link originally went right to ANSWER;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20121022104830/http://www.defendwomensrights.org/about.html#.UIUkhBzP3y0>
- “We want to thank the ANSWER coalition, which has provided invaluable organizational support and infrastructure”

## **List of IPS projects circa 2008**

<https://web.archive.org/web/20081014211531/http://www.ips-dc.org/about/partners>

## **FIST is WWP/IAC;**

<https://archive.ph/YL8li#selection-1255.0-1303.19>

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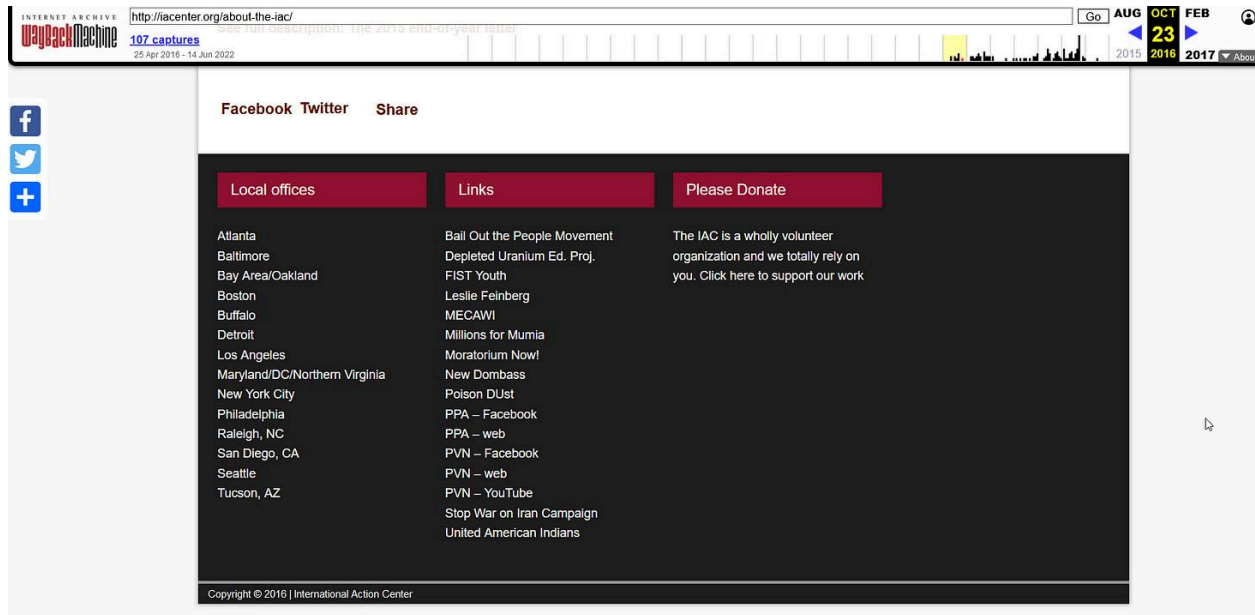
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## **Struggle La Lucha/Socialist Unity party founded by WWP members**

- “Veterans of YAWF are among the founders of Struggle-La Lucha newspaper and the Socialist Unity Party / Partido de Socialismo Unido.” <https://archive.ph/z6rN2#selection-791.0-791.131>
- 

UNAC Board of Directors (as of 2022); <https://archive.ph/1Zj4L>

Joe Lombardo; Coordinator

Ajamu Baraka

Margaret Flowers

Sara Flounders

Margaret Kimberley

Judy Bello

Cassia Laham

Bahman Azad

Kevin Zeese

Jeff Mackler

Rhonda Ramiro

Autumn Lake

***The Steering Committee for the March 30th Anti-NATO Mobilization;***

***<https://www.nowaronvenezuela.org/take-action/march30/>***

- Bahman Azad, Coalition Against U.S. Foreign Military Bases
- Ajamu Baraka, Black Alliance for Peace
- Leah Bolger, World Beyond War
- Alison Bodine, Mobilization Against War and Occupation
- Gerry Condon, Veterans For Peace
- Miguel Figueroa, Canadian Peace Congress
- Sara Flounders, International Action Center
- Margaret Flowers, Popular Resistance
- Rev. Graylan Scott Hagler, Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ
- Larry Hamm, People's Organization for Progress
- Madelyn Hoffman, U.S. Peace Council
- Tarak Kauff, Coalition Against U.S. Foreign Military Bases, Veterans For Peace

- Cassia Laham, People's Opposition to War, Imperialism, and Racism

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- Marilyn Levin, UNAC
- Joe Lombardo, UNAC
- Tamara Lorincz, Canadian Voice of Women for Peace
- Jacqueline Luqman, Virginia Defenders for Freedom, Justice & Equality
- Jeff Mackler, West Coast UNAC
- Alfred L. Marder, U.S. Peace Council
- Sarah Martin, Women Against Military Madness
- Diane Moxley, Green Party of New Jersey
- Nancy Price, WILPF-US Section
- Paul Pumphrey, Friends of the Congo
- Rhonda Ramiro, BAYAN USA
- Cindy Sheehan, March on the Pentagon
- Paki Wieland, CODEPINK
- Phil Wilayto, Virginia Defenders
- Ann Wright, Veterans For Peace, CODEPINK

- Rev. Bruce Wright, Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign and Refugee Ministries

- Kevin Zeese, Popular Resistance

Sanctions Kill Coalition

Joe Lombardo Co-Founder; [nepajac.org/cffletter.pdf](http://nepajac.org/cffletter.pdf)

- “Joe has been doing a lot of work against U.S. sanctions in a coalition he helped found called the Sanctions Kill Coalition.”

Margaret Flowers

- “Dr. Margaret Flowers is a medical doctor, co-chair of the Sanctions Kill Coalition”;  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20220810201211/https://covidtaskforce.pacifica.org/2021/10/04/sanctions-kill/>

Sara Flounders

- “Sanctions Kill! organizer Sarah Flounders”;  
<https://covidtaskforce.pacifica.org/2022/02/08/sanctions-kill-part-ii/>
- <https://web.archive.org/web/20190806031534/https://sanctionskill.org/>

“The Sanctions Kill Coalition includes the International Action Center, Black Alliance for Peace, United National Antiwar Coalition, Code

Pink", and many more”;

<https://web.archive.org/web/20220810201211/https://covidtaskforce.pacific.a.org/2021/10/04/sanctions-kill/>

### 1

A Million Tiny Fleas chapter on Ramsey Clark is incomplete. An introduction to him can be found [here in the meantime](#).

### 2

- "Russian Research Center" one of the many many CIA Academic "partnerships" during that period. See: LARSON, DEBORAH WELCH. "The Cold War and the University." *Diplomatic History*, vol. 24, no. 1, 2000, pp. 151–56. *JSTOR*, <http://www.jstor.org/stable/24914162>. Accessed 22 Jul. 2022.

### 3

- Directors of "Regional Studies programs" have long served as "spotters" for CIA and State Department recruiters—even (and especially) "Left-leaning" professors. For more information see chapter two; [CIA Off Campus by Amy Chen Mills](#)
- The current director of CMES is [Toby C. Jones who used to work](#) at the NATO sponsored "International Crisis Group" think tank.
- Previous Director Eric Davis worked at a [whole host of State Department financed thinktanks](#)
- 2013 project of CMES was [funded by the Israeli Consulate](#)
- "'I have students who want to go into the FBI, CIA and NSA (National Security Agency)," said Paul Sprachman, vice director for undergraduate studies at Rutgers University's Center for Middle Eastern Studies. "People

see it as a future and they are intensely interested."

...

At Rutgers, enrollment in Arabic and Persian language courses is up nearly 50 percent. The program enrolled 230 students this semester, making the school's Arabic program one of the largest on the East Coast" ([Source](#))

#### 4

- Amnesty International is the same [Ford Foundation funded](#) org that pushes regime change narratives such as the
  - [“babies stolen from incubators” lie](#) that served justification for US invasion of Iraq, in first Gulf War
  - [Pro-HK NED narratives](#)
  - [Supporting NATO Invasion/Bombing of Libya in 2011](#)