



Resist NATO!

Resist NATO Coalition Educational Toolkit

The purpose of this toolkit is to educate the masses of the world in colonized and colonizer nations in the same struggle against imperialism that NATO represents

[Resist NATO Coalition Concept Paper](#)

Resist US-NATO Aggression and War Provocations! Defend Peoples' Struggle for Rights and Liberation! NATO, as the world's largest US-led military alliance, represents one of the greatest imperialist threats to the oppressed and working peoples of the world. Under NATO's banner, imperialist nations invade, destabilize, and plunder the globe in search of resources to further enrich their power. The Resist NATO Coalition was created by several anti-imperialist organizations uniting to expose and organize against the imperialist workings of NATO during their summit in Washington, D.C. this July. NATO acts as the machinery through which the class interests of the member countries' and the U.S.'s elite are achieved by stripping the land of natural resources.

What Is NATO?

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was established on April 4th, 1949 during the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty by twelve members Belgium, Iceland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, France, Portugal, Italy, United Kingdom, and the United States. The founding principle was to counter Soviet Russian “aggression”. In reality, NATO is an illegitimate aggressive structure in the service of Western imperialism with a focus on instigating destabilization in governments who have the gall to resist the status quo that they are projecting on to Africa, the Americas, Asia, and the rest of Europe.

Resist NATO Campaign

The upcoming NATO summit, held 9-11 July 2024 in Washington DC, is marked by the 75th anniversary of the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty in DC—the founding of NATO. Summits are meetings of the highest level of the North Atlantic Council, composed of heads of state and government officials. At these key points in NATO's decision-making process, major policies are introduced, initiatives are launched, new members are brought in. This year will focus on Ukraine's membership in NATO, and marks the largest NATO-led military exercises since the Cold War in hosting the Steadfast Defender exercises with over 90,000 troops. Mobilizing to expose and oppose the NATO summit is applying our collective strength to reject the anti-people convening of warmongers coordinating imperialist violence across the globe.

What is the historical role of NATO in advancing US-led war?

NATO was founded in 1949, not as an instrument of peace, but as a weapon of Western imperialists to fight the Cold War and has remained that way up until today. From its founding moment, NATO was an aggressive military apparatus to coordinate the police, military and intelligence apparati among the ten founding West European member countries (plus U.S. and Canada) under U.S. command. The past several decades has seen NATO's steady expansion, making clear its role as an imperialist weapon against the working class.

NATO functions to promote the military power of the member imperialist countries. This comes in the form of supporting their sanctions, military exercises, as well as cyberwarfare and mass surveillance efforts. NATO also lobbies for the

increased engorgement of the military budgets and spending of member states. Despite the stated purpose of NATO being to "guarantee the freedom and security of its members through political and military means," it is truly the US at the helm of NATO. The US has access to any NATO military base across the globe. The US also acts as the primary decision maker for NATO missions, therefore having the power of NATO's member states at its fingertips for imperialist ventures. Without this power, the United States would not be the main imperialist military aggressor in the world. While NATO claims to be for ensuring the security of Europe, the true goal of this alliance is to militarily unite the US and European countries to serve the interests of US imperialism. This is done both domestically by creating and supporting fascist groups to attack and isolate the communist and social democratic organizations in western European countries, and externally via Article 5 which enables NATO member countries to draw other members into fighting their wars, as seen in the NATO invasion and occupation of Afghanistan initiated by the US. The interests of monopoly capitalists are carried out through NATO by attacking revolutionary opposition and backing the exploitation of semicolonial countries by military force.

What is the current role of NATO in advancing US-led war?

NATO acts as an armed wing of US-led war and mobilizes its member nations to instigate and militarily support inter-imperialist conflicts, recently between US-NATO and Russia, and between US and China. NATO continues to support so-called "Israel" as the main outpost of US imperialism in the Middle East. A "strategic priority" that is rising in importance is countering the influence of China. The US is threatened by China's growing control of supply chains, infrastructure projects, tech and industry sectors as it narrows the US sphere of influence, and pushes NATO to label China a "strategic threat." The "NATO 2030" Report broadens the originally Euro-American alliance to have a global scope and to shape the international order. NATO is approaching this by building military partnerships with Indo-Pacific countries (Australia, Japan, New Zealand, and Republic of Korea) focused on intelligence activities, military exercises, and investments in weapons and bases. Increased militarization serves to prepare this region for supporting a US-led war against China. NATO has a global counter-terrorism strategy which develops and promotes technologies for surveillance against non-state groups, exporting the US counterterrorism strategy internationally. NATO is threatened by national liberation movements which would end US plunder of their resources and labor. These movements are labeled as terrorism and are declared as "the most direct asymmetric threat" NATO faces.

NATO 101 Teach-In Template

Goal: To provide organizations and facilitators with a teach-in template to share basic knowledge and history about NATO, its activities, and resistance to it.

Length: 1.5-2 hours

Example Teach-In Outline

- Welcome & intros (if turnout small enough): name, pronouns, affiliation(s), what you hope to take away, how you heard, etc. (5 mins)
- Background & History of NATO (10min)
- Structure & Function of NATO (10min)
- NATO Current Issues (10min)
- Resistance Against NATO (5 min)
- Panelist Q&A (20 min)
- General Q&A (30 min)
- Get commitments to join the Resist NATO as members or supporters. (link here) (5 mins)
- POST SESSION: Send out a thank you email with linktree and information about upcoming events

Banner Drop & Wheat Pasting Guide

Key Messaging

- #ResistNATO
- Disband NATO!
- Hands Off the World's Colonized People

- Shut down all US-military bases! All US Troops Out!
- Resist NATO aggression and war provocations!
- Resist US-led war and support people's struggles against imperialism!
- Fight for just and lasting peace! Fight for liberation!
- Defend peoples' struggle!

Key Locations

- Facing embassies/government buildings
- Busy freeways/overpasses
- Community fences

Banner Drop Resources

1. [Banner Drop in 10 Easy Steps](#)
2. [Banner Drops, Stencils, Wheatpaste, and Distributing Information.](#)

How to Wheatpaste (based on Its GoingDown's instructions)

Wheatpasting is a simple, dirt-cheap way of spreading ideas, news, analyses, and creative expression outside of (and against) the pacified modes made available by the institutions that control and mangle our lives.

WHAT YOU NEED

- 1 cup of wheat flour
- 2 cups of water
- Stove or hotplate
- Pot or pan
- Large paintbrush
- Bucket or container
- Flyers you want to put up
- Latex gloves (if you don't want to walk outside with drippy hands)

(OR, you can use a gallon of pre-made "wallpaper paste," which can be bought cheaply at hardware stores. If you do this, you can skip the first three steps below.)

DIRECTIONS

1. Mix 1 cup of flour with 2 cups of water in a pan. Stir until no lumps.
2. Allow the mixture to boil and overheat until it thickens.
3. Cook for about half an hour and let it cool.

4. Put the wheatpaste solution into a container, grab a paintbrush, some flyers, and head out into the night. Keep in mind wheatpasting is not “legal” and, therefore, it is best to go late at night to avoid being seen by cops.
5. When you locate a visible, non-porous surface like metal or glass, use the paintbrush to apply the wheatpaste to either the back of the flyer or the surface itself and smooth the flyer down, so there are little or no air bubbles.
6. Add more wheatpaste on the front of the flyer (especially the edges) to secure it to the surface.

Zines & Fact Sheets

[Resist NATO Primer](#) Resist US-Led War

[Israel and NATO: Two Tentacles of U.S. Imperialism](#) Palestinian Youth Movement

Features On NATO

[NATO's Growing Military Presence in Latin America and the Caribbean](#) March 8, 2023

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[Briefing: NATO Claims Africa as Its 'Southern Neighbourhood'](#) November 9, 2022

Black Agenda Report

[NATO in the Amazon: Petro Plays with Fire](#) October 26, 2022

Resume Latino Americano and the Third World

[NATO and Africa](#) July 13, 2022

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[The Rise of NATO in Africa](#) May 31, 2022

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[Our Case Against NATO: Africans and the Struggle Against Imperialism](#) April 18, 2022
Global Research

[NATO and Africa: A Relationship of Colonial Violence and Structural White Supremacy](#) February 23, 2022
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[Black Alliance for Peace Condemns NATO “Leadership Meeting” as Cabal of White Supremacist Militarists](#) December 4, 2019
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[Global NATO: A 70-Year Alliance of Oppressors in Crisis](#) April 17, 2019
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[Africa’s Biggest Terrorist Threat: AFRICOM and NATO](#) February 18, 2016
All African People’s Revolutionary Party/All African Women’s Revolutionary Union

Articles

[From Crisis to Catastrophe? What is To Be Done in Eastern Europe](#) February 22, 2023
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[Taiwan and the Making of an “Asian” NATO](#) July 6, 2022
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[A Statement on Ukraine from the Black Liberation Movement](#) April 10, 2022
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[On Venezuela and NATO, the Democratic Party is the “Assistance” Not the “Resistance” to Empire](#) February 6, 2019

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[NATO Is a Public Protection Racket](#) August 15, 2018

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[NATO and the Dangerous Escalation of US imperialism](#) November 18, 2015

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[U.S.-NATO Hands Off Libya! Hands Off Africa!](#) January 13, 2013

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Interviews

[Margaret Kimberley on No to War, No to NATO: North American Perspectives on Ukraine, Russia, & NATO](#) February 19, 2023

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[Jacqueline Luqman on Africa, NATO and Manifest Destiny](#) November 2, 2022

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[Djibo Sobukwe on NATO's Role in Africa](#) August 11, 2022

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[Margaret Kimberley on Shutting Down US/NATO Military Bases](#) February 28, 2021

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[NATO, EU, G7 Aid U.S. Gangster State - Margaret Kimberley](#) July 28, 2020

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Webinars / Teach-Ins

[Understanding the US/EU/NATO Axis of Domination in Africa and the Americas](#)

June 20, 2024

- [Template Slides](#)

[The History of NATO Expansion: 75 Years of Aggression, Conquest and People's Resistance!](#) Presentation June 9, 2024

- [Template Slides](#)

[Resist NATO Coalition: Political Situation](#) April 10, 2024

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[For a Peaceful Pacific: opposing NATO's military aggression](#) April 10, 2021