Why You Should Care

Doomsday Clock Headed Toward Zero
Nuclear powers squabbling in Ukraine, along with the failure of nation states to deal with climate change; biological threats; and disruptive technologies, have prompted the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists to move their Doomsday clock to 90 seconds to midnight. The closest it has ever been to zero in the seven decades since it was created by the nuclear scientists who developed the first nuclear bomb. Never has life, as we know it, been closer to annihilation.

Imperial Press is Promoting a War Culture
Once again corporate media is beating the drums of war. They use war hawks as foreign policy experts and fail to clearly describe the horrors of war, encouraging our youth to join the army that turns them into killing machines, which damages them for life. In the process corporate media discredits and disregards global peace efforts. They portray critics of war as siding with the enemy and as traitors to the nation. Now US military and the British government are labelling war critics as terrorists and banning their critiques on social media.

MIC Suppresses the Peace Movement
The Military-Industrial-Complex (MIC) pervades all levels of society to nullify any possibility of a creditable peace movement ending the prosecution of global war. They place war industry production in every congressional district. Military personnel play an active role throughout civil society. They finance multiple efforts to glorify war and hinder peace efforts. When that has not worked, they resort to covert actions including assassinating peace makers and fomenting regime change when sovereign nations do not embrace corporate/imperial war policies.

Authoritarianism Imperils Democracy
Authoritarianism is on the rise and war is the ultimate tool of authoritarians. If authoritarians, from Trump to Putin to DeSantis, can coerce people into believing that an authoritarian patriarchy can solve all of our social ills, then our democracy is in danger and demagogues will take over public policy for their own good rather than the common good. The ultimate outcome will be that war and violence will rule the world, and rationality, empathy, science and nature will perish as will life as we know it.

What You Can Do

Become Peace literate
Become a volunteer for peace to confront our culture of war. Help spread Peace Literacy around the world by joining the efforts of the Peace Literacy Institute (www.peaceliteracy.org) and become more serious and effective in establishing peace than global militaries are at prosecuting war. Then join the international effort to democratize global decision making and take it out of the hands of the war lords.

Be Media Literate and Spread the Word
Become a discriminating media researcher. Check out Project Censored and their material on critical media literacy. Also see their annual publication on the most important censored stories of the year. Follow this up by researching the geopolitical forces driving war and the human, environmental, economic and social costs of war. Take all of this information and become part of the alternative media world, by using print, video, and podcasts to spread the truth you have discovered.

Help the Transition from War to Peace
Support Congresswoman Barbara Lee’s effort, (HR 1111), to establish a Department of Peacebuilding. Call your Congressperson and get them to join the 47 cosponsors. Their bill will establish Offices of: Peace Training; Peacebuilding Activities; and Arms Control and Disarmament. Simultaneously get the US to stop all covert assassinations and coups d’ etat, and open up all past records of such activity.

Promote Cooperation & Partnership
Become part of the international Social Solidarity Economy (RIPESS), based on cooperation, mutual respect, and mutual aid. See RIPESS.com. Combine this with embracing the reemergence of the ancient partnership culture based on gender equality, economic equity, and an absence of warfare — vanquishing authoritarianism and war as we know it.