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Syracuse has responded this year to an unprecedented, mean spirited, deceitful attack on progressive values. This collage by John Carroll shows visually some of the many faces of our resistance. Thanks to all the photographers for their work.

## EVERYONE IS AN ORGANIZER

Fear of losing jobs, losing money, losing loved ones, losing “tradition,” losing control: for too many years it seems that our country’s mainstream consciousness has been based on trying to hold onto the past, trying to keep things from changing, and basing our decisions on fear of others.

To overcome this fear, US culture tries to control and intimidate other countries’ populations as well as marginalize certain populations within our own country. Western values tell us that domination is desirable, and losing authority in a situation is weak.

What if we as a culture were able to flip that script and find the ability to see power in learning to understand

the “other,” learning to open our doors to strangers, and learning to see everyone in the world as just as deserving of respect and rights as the current dominating class in the US? When we find ourselves blaming a group of people whom we don’t truly understand we are taking away from the very real work we could be doing together to envision a different future that is centered on unity and hope, not fear and division.

Each of us brings different skills to the table, and learning to include everyone in collaboration is a different form of power than we are accustomed to in the West. Individualism is a value we proudly hold in the US, but it can

also hold us back because no one person can accomplish goals alone.

Accountability means holding each other responsible, as well as providing the tools and support needed to get to where we want to go as a society. An elected official that doesn’t represent you in speech and actions has little legitimacy. An unelected political operative or corporate head has no right to decide the future of masses. Our needs, wants and opinions count.

The articles in this issue speak about the past and present, and what we can learn from it all in shaping our future. It’s time to burst the bubbles we live in, step outside our comfort zones, and create our collective future together.

– PNL Editorial Committee

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The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC), founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. We are community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of our supporters.

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. We challenge the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC stresses a strategy that makes these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of us all.

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## COME TOGETHER AT PLOWSHARES! DECEMBER 2-3



Plowshares Craftsfair and Peace Festival. Photo: Mike Greenlar

At this time of year when the night is lengthening, the Plowshares Craftsfair and Peace Festival lights up our hearts and spirits. Plowshares is Central New York's premier multicultural crafts fair, celebrating a world where people enjoy their work and have control over it. It is a marketplace both of ideas and beautiful handmade items, and a community gathering of people who hope and work for a better world.

The show features 120 local craftspeople and 10 community groups. You'll find clothing, jewelry, ceramics, toys, decorative objects, herbal medicines and more. When you need a break from shopping, enjoy the ongoing live entertainment, savor the tasty food from The Mission restaurant, or just hang out with old and new friends.

There's also the fun of exploring the SPC Marketplace, buying raffle tickets, and bidding on SPC silent auction items.

Plowshares is SPC's biggest fundraiser of the year. We've all been bustling to get ready, and the weekend itself needs many more volunteers. You can help even now by getting the word out. Contact Carol if you can help in any way.

So mark your calendars: SPC's 47th annual Plowshares Craftsfair and Peace Festival is at Nottingham High School (3100 E. Genesee St., Syracuse) from **10 am-5 pm on Saturday, December 2 and 11 am-5 pm on Sunday, December 3**. The donation is sliding scale \$2-5 (more if you can, less if you can't), with under 16 and over 65 free.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

On October 9, over 200 people gathered under cloudy skies in Columbus Circle to Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day. Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation (NOON) planned the event as part of a campaign to have our community stop recognizing the conqueror and racist Columbus and instead honor the original inhabitants of our region. A diverse array of speakers, poets and musicians inspired and educated those gathered. NOON is currently circulating a petition asking the City of Syracuse and Onondaga County to, among other things, change the commemoration of the second Monday of October from Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples' Day. Go to [peacecouncil.net/noon/ipd](http://peacecouncil.net/noon/ipd) to download a petition, sign one online and to learn more.

Also, NOON will also be hosting our annual Circle of Peace and Friendship on **10am Thanksgiving morning at the Willow Bay Picnic Area** in Onondaga Lake Park. Please join us.



Celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day, not Columbus Day! Photo: Julio Urrutia

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## WHAT'S UP WITH SPC

You might have noticed that this fall SPC has been less visible than we normally are. We missed an issue of the *Peace Newsletter*. SPC's Birthday Dinner was postponed until the spring. The weekly e-newsletter hasn't been appearing regularly in your inboxes. The website is not always up-to-date.

On the other hand, two significant petition campaigns are underway (see NOON and Nuclear Free World sections); Justice for Palestine continues its passionate solidarity actions for the Palestinian people; SPC continues its strong organizational support of the CNY Solidarity Coalition; Street Heat persists in its public presence; and this edition

of the PNL did get out! And, of course, preparations for our annual Plowshares Craftsfair and Peace Festival (December 2-3, see previous page) are underway.

SPC staff organizer Brian Escobar left SPC recently, and we miss him (see our appreciations on page 15). This is the first time in over 15 years there has been only one part-time staff organizer at SPC.

As a grassroots organization, SPC can do amazing work, but only if people join in. Now is a time we really need YOU to step up by becoming a member if you aren't (page 2), increasing your activism and/or donating money. It takes a movement to make change. Please jump in—we'd love to have you. Contact Carol.

## WORK FOR A NUCLEAR FREE WORLD

Have you worked to end the nuclear threat? The International Campaign for the Abolition of Nuclear Weapons (ICAN) says their Nobel Peace Prize honors YOU!

In accepting the Nobel Prize, ICAN director Beatrice Fihn said "This prize is a tribute to the tireless efforts of many millions of campaigners and concerned citizens worldwide who, ever since the dawn of the atomic age, have loudly protested nuclear weapons..."

Here's a sample of how the Nuclear Free World Committee has protested and advocated recently:

- Organized a photo and art exhibit called Present Tense: The A-Bomb and Humanity.
- Announced the Don't Bank on the Bomb campaign (DBOB), collaborating with Syracuse Cooperative Federal Credit Union and Hansen's Advisory Services.
- Petitioned to "keep Trump's finger off the nuclear trigger" by supporting the "Resisting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act of 2017" (download a petition at <https://tinyurl.com/MarkeyLieu>)



Diane Swords petitioning at the Westcott Street Fair. Photo: Carol Baum

- Held a press conference delivering over 1,000 signatures urging legislators to co-sponsor this bill. (Senator Gillibrand has just agreed to do that!)

## NONVIOLENCE TRAINING COMING UP

Watch SPC's e-newsletter, Facebook page or the website for news on an upcoming nonviolence training. It is expected to be on a weekend day in December.

## 5 WAYS TO BE PART OF SPC

**Help with Plowshares Craftsfair**—It takes a community to put on a community festival!

- **Before the show**—distribute lawn signs, publicity, help with table displays and generally do what needs to be done (especially the week before the show).

- **The weekend of the show**—help with set-up or clean-up; take a shift staffing the door, SPC Marketplace or the Silent Auction table; pick up lawn signs so they can be used next year.

- **On-call signmaking**—we'll provide the supplies.

**Petitioning** (download at [www.peacecouncil.net](http://www.peacecouncil.net) or pick up at the office):

- Take away Trump's unilateral power to launch a nuclear first strike with the Markey-Lieu Bill.

- Call on Syracuse and Onondaga County to commemorate Indigenous Peoples' Day, not Columbus Day.

## END THE 64-YEAR-OLD KOREAN WAR

You are invited to learn more about the US/Korea crisis on **Monday, November 20 at 7pm at ArtRage Gallery**, 505 Hawley Avenue, Syracuse. We will discuss Korean history and examine how the crisis is being portrayed in the corporate media. It's free, accessible and open to the public. We're organizing this jointly with the Nuclear Free World Committee.

This event is one of the monthly presentations of the Beyond War and Militarism Committee.

This series recently included a discussion of the growing US military budget and a showing of the 1964 anti-nuclear bomb classic *Dr. Strangelove*.

The Beyond War and Militarism committee seeks to raise awareness of US participation in multiple wars, current and future, and to address our culture's pervasive militarism in the context of the corporate state. We are oriented towards nonviolent protest.

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# COMMUNITY ACCESS TO JOBS

by Carl Mellor

In Syracuse developers have received tax exemptions and other incentives for a variety of projects: grocery stores, hotels, housing for college students and others. The incentives have ranged from the \$486,000 authorized by SIDA (Syracuse Industrial Development Agency) for student apartments at 404 University Avenue to much larger outlays. The Onondaga County Industrial Development Agency (OCIDA) approved a \$44 million package for COR Development LLC's Inner Harbor project.

Those incentives, and their impact on the local economy, are particularly relevant this fall. Employment is one aspect of addressing poverty issues. The mayoral election brought about a discussion of how to increase employment opportunities for people living in inner-city neighborhoods, in a city where, according to 2016 census data, the overall poverty rate is 32.1%.

Community input into the planning process is essential and so is employment on construction crews and in ongoing jobs generated by the various projects. The fundamental question is this: who gets hired?

Since 2011, the Urban Jobs Task Force (UJTF), a coalition of community groups, faith-based organizations and residents, has campaigned for commitments from developers on employing city residents and doing business with subcontractors representing a cross-section of the community. Indeed, UJTF members have testified at SIDA and OCIDA hearings, demonstrated in front of City Hall and at other sites, done interviews with print, radio and TV reporters.

Aggie Lane, chair of UJTF's policy committee, speaks of specific goals: written agreements with developers that spell out obligations, implementing a data-tracking system that monitors how many city residents are hired, creating follow-up procedures for penalizing developers who don't fulfill commitments.

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*Carl writes about community development in a blog for Cooperative Federal Credit Union.*

She emphasizes the need for concrete numbers. It's not enough to show that a building was renovated or gather statistics on how many people were hired from a six-county area in upstate New York. How many employees live in the city of Syracuse?

To say that the task force's work is ongoing is an understatement. In the instance of the Inner Harbor project, COR refused to negotiate with the task force, saying they would work with the SUNY Educational Opportunity Center instead.

The ability of a developer to do an end-run around SIDA, a city agency, and turn to OCIDA for incentives became a major issue and is still in play. Recently at a SIDA hearing, a developer hoping to build a hotel on Walton Street in Armory Square received questions about occupancy rates for local hotels and the feasibility of establishing one more hotel downtown. Later the developer and his attorney spoke about the possibility of filing an application with OCIDA.

This controversy is ongoing and frustrating, without easy solutions. The public has no direct role in selecting or recalling members of the OCIDA or SIDA boards; they are appointed by the Onondaga County Legislature and the Syracuse mayor, respectively. Developers can work with whichever is more cooperative.

That situation notwithstanding, the task force continues to advocate for access into the realm of economic development, for measures that insure accountability when government provides incentives for developers. UJTF is in it for the long haul.

The issues they are confronting are in no way restricted to Syracuse. Around the country, community groups have lobbied for community-benefit agreements in Los Angeles, Minneapolis and Oakland, California, among other cities. In

Oakland, a CBA (Collective Bargaining Agreement) was secured for development of the former Oakland Army base, a major project with an \$800 million price tag. That agreement had lots of specifics, including limits on how many temporary workers could be employed on site.

Securing such agreements doesn't happen in six months; it takes years of effort and follow-up work. Beyond that, community coalitions have looked for ways to get a leg up in struggles over community input. In Detroit, an ordinance mandating that developers sign a CBA made it to the ballot and was approved by voters during November, 2016.



A public hearing in Syracuse Common Council chambers, attended by members of the Urban Jobs Task Force.

From another perspective, CBA's don't operate in isolation; they are one element of a strategy to create jobs in urban areas. Certainly, there are other possibilities for job creation: developing worker-owned cooperatives, fostering growth of small businesses, encouraging training of youth for positions renovating housing stock or remediating environmental issues. In addition, employment is part of a larger agenda to address poverty; clearly, there are people in Syracuse unable to work due to health issues, a lack of childcare, inadequate funding for public transportation or other factors.

Yet, community-benefit agreements certainly belong in the mix. They set a place at the table for community groups when deals are being struck. ☯

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# ORGANIZING FOR EVERYONE

by Brian Escobar

Are you tired of responding to injustices by yourself and with your family in isolation? Of feeling helpless as police murder black people, as greenhouse gases destabilize the weather and ecology of the world, and as Nazis march openly? Yelling at the news and arguing with strangers on the internet isn't cutting it. You realize you want to do something about it. But when you come to this realization, a few mental barriers may crop up.

## "I'm not an activist."

You may not fit the image of an activist that you have in your head at all. So why would you act up? It would be better if we did away with words like "activist" and "protester" altogether. The concept of "activist" sets people who are working for a better world apart from the rest of humanity, as if we belong to a special category of person, rather than being people with friends, neighbors and co-workers, people who have chosen to spend a part of our lives working to change society for the better. Also, the term "protester" perpetuates the myth that protest is their primary activity.

Some people who are active in political organizations attend rallies and others provide childcare, some give moving speeches and others fundraise or write.

Done right, demonstrations are like the smaller part of the iceberg that is above the surface. A public demonstration is likely not the crowning moment of a campaign. While a protest may be particularly visible in the media or to bystanders, the bulk of the work is less visible, taking place through numerous conversations, meetings, socializing, educating, negotiations and other ways of building understanding, relationships and commitment around ideas and a course of action.

## "Protests don't work. People have been marching for years and nothing changes."

Protests and other forms of collective action do work. Or, rather, they *can* work, and have throughout history. Actions and campaigns have met with success even when the participants feel like they aren't making any difference. Many ways to measure impact exist.

Unbeknownst to people today, Rosa Parks was not the first person to attempt an act of civil disobedience on a segregated bus. As she was aware, many had done so before without succeeding in dramatizing their treatment and reaching the national news. This tactic of refusal failed until it worked.

You can always try pleading with politicians to change course. That might persuade them. But lobbying has two limitations: 1) In the absence of exercising other forms of power such as making large donations to campaigns, lobbying only works for attaining small concessions and doesn't work for the big changes we need as a society. 2) At the end of the day you have no more power than you did before you walked into your legislator's

office. While you may secure assurances, your power to hold to hold them accountable is no greater.

**Why work for change from the bottom-up?** Are you a CEO or the close friend of a senator? If not, you don't have much choice in how you go about this. You are not at the top. People don't have to obey you, and you don't have money to hire people to work on what's important to you. Yes, you could put off changing things until you win the lottery, but if you don't feel like waiting, you have no choice but to join forces with others and work from the bottom-up.

The solution is collective action. Fundamentally, power comes from the ability of people to coordinate together. As Jane McAlevey writes in her book *No Shortcuts: Organizing for Power in the New Gilded Age*, "The 1% have a vast armory of material resources and political special forces, but the 99% have an army."

Examples of collective action are easy to find. For instance, in the 60s in Syracuse a group took shifts blocking bulldozers from demolishing their neighborhood.

It's important not to get caught up in tactics at first. In other words, the choice before you is not whether to become "a protester" or "a blockader." You aren't joining anything for the tactics in-and-of themselves but for the goals. Choosing tactics comes later.

- Identify your goals—both immediate goals and bigger picture changes you want to see in society.
- Find a group pursuing those goals, or start one yourself by finding people who share an interest in those goals.
- Strategy, which organizer Marshall Ganz defined as, "turning what you have into what you need to get what you want."
  - a. Plan a campaign around those goals and choose tactics suited to assets you have.
  - b. Determine the roles necessary to win the campaign, and then collectively take responsibility for those roles being filled.

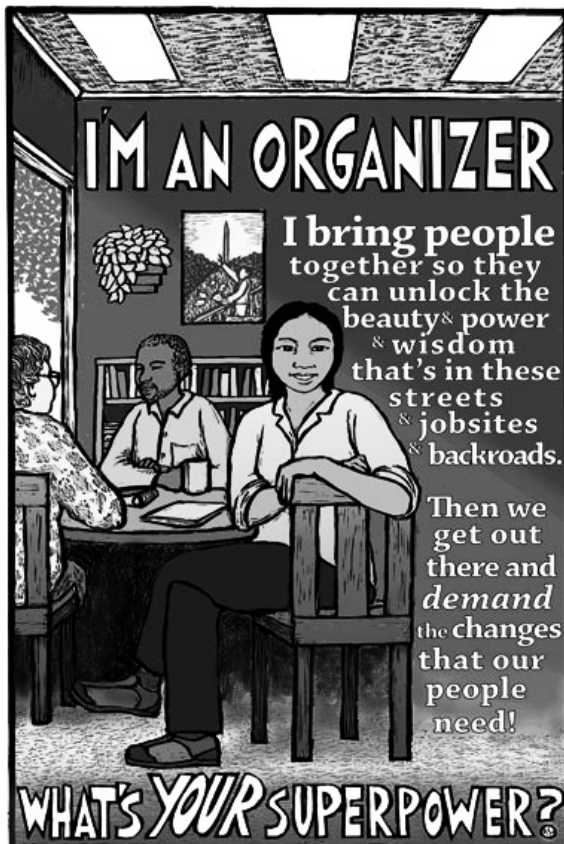
## "I don't want to get arrested."

While the sections of rallies that make the newsreels often involve police making arrests, most protests pass without any arrests. You can usually choose whether to do something that you could be arrested for. The fact is that the more people who participate, the less likely an action will be repressed on the spot.

But context is everything. In some municipalities and at different moments in time, protests are treated with more repression than in Syracuse today. Consider the nature of the action and how the cause and participants are viewed by political and business elites and police. Consider your circumstances, your likelihood of being singled out for arrest, and the consequences of an arrest. Then weigh those risks against the urgency of the cause. And if the risks outweigh the rewards, consider other ways of participating.

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*Brian is a former staff organizer with the Syracuse Peace Council.*



Poster: Ricardo Morales

## “My time is limited.”

You’ve overcome your initial doubts, and you went to a canvass or rally. Do what you can. Try to have a conversation with one of the organizers so they know who you are and know to contact you about future actions. Explain why you want to get involved. And consider becoming a member of an organization. No one can do everything. You can organize your friends or your co-workers without being a core member of a group.

**Beyond petitions and marches.** It’s easy to imagine an organization as an echo chamber rife with groupthink and peer pressure. No doubt all human society has unspoken norms and social pressures. This extends to workplaces, families, friend circles, neighborhoods and other spheres of society that exert pressure less of our choosing.

Instead, imagine that organizations are infrastructures of freedom. Democratic organizations often feature robust debate. The ability to choose to join an organization allows you to explore perspectives outside of the most dominant ideas on television and feel a greater level of company and support in doing so. Just as you can’t play soccer by yourself, you can’t be a one person union or a one person movement. By definition, a mass organization has members spread throughout many spheres of society, which means its members are not cloistered

off from society in echo chambers but rather are in touch with both dominant and alternative ideas and practices.

## “Why a political group and not a charity?”

Charities do absolutely crucial work in the absence of a political and economic system that ensures its members’ human rights to food, housing and other needs. But charities rely on society’s existing hierarchies. They are funded by the rich and by government programs. Charities are restricted from many political activities by tax law and are usually exceedingly cautious about risking offending those who can affect their funding, such as Donald Trump or philanthropocapitalists.

Member-based organizations are funded by members who support its political stances and strategies. While that money on its own would not be enough to fund most charities providing expensive services like low-income housing or job training, political activity can be much cheaper.

Groups that are not defined up-front by their politics often won’t touch politics with a ten-foot pole, in order to avoid offending members or anyone with power in the community. Unsurprisingly, this isn’t helpful for defeating white supremacy or fascism, even when an organization’s mission is utterly endangered by the Far Right.

**Beyond elections.** Many people assume politics is mostly about elections. The media perpetuates this understanding. When is the last time you heard the ins-and-outs of labor organizing receive the same attention as a senator’s offhand remark? Yet, the labor movement is a decisive political actor on the national, state and local scenes. Also, the Civil Rights Movement’s successes were not the result of voting or endorsing candidates because voting was not an option.

We can try to elect politicians who are more likely to listen to us. But with the influence of powerful interests and media culture, representatives might not vote the way we think they should.

At that point our best bet is to build power for ourselves and those who share our interests. By building power as a participatory organization, rather than an organization of staff advocates and lawyers with large email and donor lists, we have a greater ability to hold politicians, bosses and others accountable through loud and disruptive mass action and our own media.

**Organize where you are.** Going to meetings and rallies is great, but one of the most important things you can do is organize people around you, moving them bit by bit towards taking collective action and exposing them to perspectives that they would not otherwise be exposed to. But first and foremost, listen to them about their own problems and ideas.

**The following how-to readings may help you feel more comfortable and confident:**

- *No Shortcuts* by Jane McAlevey
- *Secrets of a Successful Organizer*
- *War Resisters’ League Organizing Manual* 📖



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**Left bottom: Syracuse Airport Protest, January 29.** Over 1,000 people gathered to support immigrants and refugees after the new travel ban was signed and implemented in the first 10 days of Trump's presidency. Photo: Jason Randall

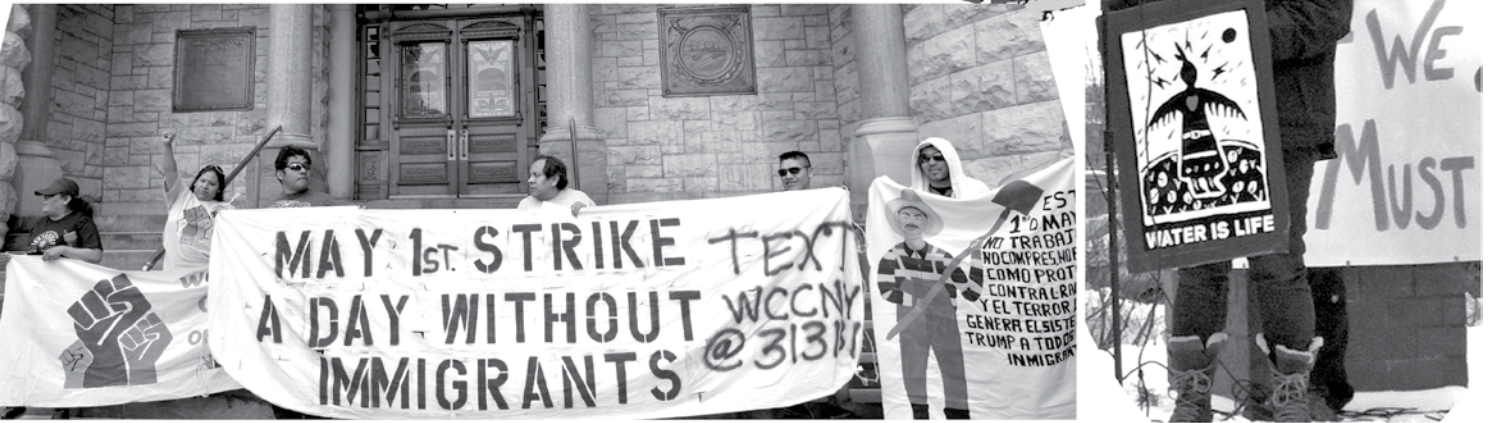
**Left center: The Syracuse March for Science, Clinton Square, April 22.** The gathering, hosted by New Feminists for Justice, was aimed at focusing government attention on environmental issues (global warming, climate change agreements, oil trains, etc.) The rally was among the more than 600 that took place around the world on Earth Day. Photo: Sam Rose

**Left top: Invest in Our Communities! No Increase for War! Salina St., May 12.** The Syracuse Peace Council, Veterans for Peace, New American Women's Empowerment Group, and the Education and No Increase for War Committees of the CNY Solidarity Coalition rallied to call for a budget reflecting the priorities of people in our community, not defense contractors. Photo: Carol Baum

**Right top: People's March for Education Justice, Hanover Square, March 4.** Co-hosted by the CNY Solidarity Coalition and Alliance for Quality Education, people marched to defend public education, stand for equitable and fully funded public schools, protect educational rights of students with disabilities, end the school-to-prison pipeline, and increase access to early care and learning opportunities. Photo: Mark Rupert

**Right bottom: Town Hall on Preserving Democracy, Nottingham High School, March 18.** 400 people came to talk with Rep. John Katko—who was invited by CNY Solidarity Coalition, but did not appear. He had campaigned on holding town hall meetings, but hasn't. Photo: Mark Rupert





**Left bottom: May 1st Strike, Rally and March, downtown Syracuse.** SPC joined the Workers' Center and others to refuse to stay silent as government and corporate interests escalate immigration raids, violate Native sovereignty, ban Muslims, increase the criminalization of Black and Brown communities, exclude trans people from public life, cut funding for human and environmental needs to give more money to war, and drive down wages, safety protections and organizing rights. Photo: Sam Rose

**Left center and right center: Solidarity Rally for the Women's March on Washington, Syracuse's Federal Building, January 21.** Khadijo Abdulkadir, organizer of the New Women's Empowerment Group and a leader in Syracuse's Somali refugee community, at the rally organized by New Feminists for Justice, which 2,000 attended. Photos: Sam Rose

**Left top: Stand Up in Solidarity for LGBTQ Rights, Hanover Square, May 4.** A rally organized by CNY Solidarity Coalition in response to an executive order granting broad license to discriminate against LGBTQ people under the guise of protecting religious liberty. Photo: Mark Rupert

**Right top: Syracuse medical students canvas for single single-payer health care in NYS, September 23.** With the Campaign for NY Health, they spoke with people about their health care stories. Photo: Ursula Rozum

**Right bottom: Emergency Climate Rally, February 2.** This was in response to executive orders calling to approve the Dakota Access and Keystone XL Pipelines. Photo: Kimberly McCoy

# TWO DIFFERING RESPONSES TO THE HATEFUL ANTI SHARIA DEMONSTRATION

On June 10, people gathered at the Islamic Society of CNY with the Syracuse Peace Council, the Syracuse Community Choir, the Islamic Society and Grace Episcopal Church to reject Islamophobia. Mohammed Khater and Magda Bayoumi answered questions about Islam.

Meanwhile, in downtown Syracuse a so-called march against Sharia was underway.



The march against Sharia was counterprotested by people acting in solidarity with Muslim communities of CNY.

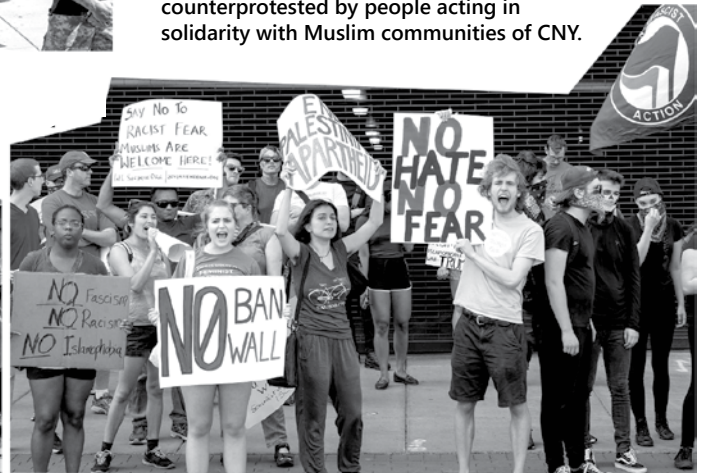


Photo: Annabel Hine Ottis

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# CLIMATE CHANGE: SILENCE = DEATH

by Peter Wirth

The Trump administration's position on climate change reminds me a bit of the early 1980s when the AIDS crisis was beginning and Ronald Reagan was President. The battle cry from the gay activist community was "Silence = Death," as they implored the Reagan administration to speak out about the growing health crisis as more and more individuals died from AIDS. While it might seem melodramatic to equate silence on climate change with death, more and more people around the world are dying from climate-related extremes of droughts, floods and heat waves, to name a few.

## Heat Waves

The 2003 European heat wave led to the hottest summer on record in Europe in 500 years, with an estimated death toll of 70,000. In the summer of 2010, a heat wave killed an estimated 55,000 in western Russia.

Even in the US heat kills people. July 13, 1995, Chicagoans awoke to a blistering day in which the temperature would reach 106 degrees. When the heat wave broke a week later, city streets had buckled, electrical usage records were shattered, and power grids had failed. Seven days later over 700 people had perished.

A good book to understand how this disaster unfolded is *Heat Wave: A Social Autopsy of Disaster in Chicago*, by Eric Klinenberg (University of Chicago Press 1995, 2016, 305 pages, \$18.00 paperback).

Projections are that a "business as usual model" for greenhouse gas emissions will see New Hampshire having summers similar to North Carolina by the end of this century, with the number of days of temperatures reaching 100°F or more projected to increase dramatically across the United States.

## President Trump has a History of Calling Climate Change a Hoax

On November 6, 2012, Donald Trump said in a tweet, "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make US manufacturing non-competitive." On December 30, 2015, Trump told a crowd at a rally in Hilton Head, SC, "Obama's talking about all of this with the global warming and... It's a hoax. I mean, it's a money-making industry, okay? It's a hoax, a lot of it."

## Trump Administration

Under the Trump administration we have seen a concerted attack against regulations to reduce greenhouse gases. Efforts are underway to make even the language of climate change disappear from government agencies. While most people know that President Trump has started the process of withdrawing the US from the Paris Climate Agreements, other actions are less known.

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Scott Pruitt, the newly appointed Environmental Protection Agency Director, ordered the removal of climate change web pages from the EPA web site and stopped the collection of emission data from oil and gas companies.

In a CNBC interview in March, 2017 Director Pruitt stated that "... no, I would not agree that it's [CO2] a primary contributor to the global warming that we see.." His statement contradicted the public position of the agency Pruitt leads. The EPA's webpage on the causes of climate change that were removed stated, "Carbon dioxide is the primary greenhouse gas that is contributing to recent climate change."



August 7: In a series of e-mails obtained by the Guardian, staff at the US Department of Agriculture were told to avoid using the term "climate change" and use "weather extremes" instead. The term "reduce greenhouse gases" was blacklisted in favor of "build soil organic matter, increase nutrient use efficiency."

August 20: *The Washington Post* reported the Trump administration disbanded the federal advisory panel for the National Climate Assessment, a group of scientists from 13 different federal agencies aimed at helping policymakers and private-sector officials incorporate the government's climate analysis into long-term planning.

August 25: *Nature News, the International Weekly Science Journal* reported that, "Multiple researchers who received grants from the US Department of Energy (DOE) were asked to remove references to 'climate change' and 'global warming' from the descriptions of their projects" to meet the "President's budget language restrictions."

## The Problem?

A 2016 Gallup poll reported that 64% of Americans are worried a "great deal" or "fair amount" about global warming, up from 55% in 2015.

However, when I talk to county officials they tell me they rarely receive calls from individuals relating to climate change issues like supporting the build out of renewable energy such as solar. If you believe in climate change and you're not speaking out

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about the issue or contacting government officials, you're not part of the solution. It is actions, not beliefs, that will help current and future generations. People who say they believe in climate change need to get politically active.

We all know of the catastrophic weather events and fires we have experienced this year.

### What We Can Do!

We are all part of the problem as we all contribute to greenhouses gases. Start with what you control which is your lifestyle.

Start simple. "Buy less, share more and give things away." Replace all bulbs with LEDs. Use a drying rack or clothes line instead of a dryer. Put electronic devices on power strips. You will be amazed at how much energy is used by "phantom loads."

I tested my TV, DVD player and cable box to find out what their "phantom load" was. They collectively used about 21 watts when off. Doesn't sound like much, but 21 watts x 24 hours x 365 day—183,960 watt hours per year. I purchased a remote controlled power strip from Belkin for \$40 (<http://www.belkin.com/us/p/P-F7C01008/>) and with the click of a remote reduced my yearly energy usage significantly.

If you own a home, insulate, insulate, super insulate and consider adding solar panels. Switch your natural gas usage to electric air source heat pumps or geothermal.

The magnitude of the problem is beyond solving by individual action. Public policies are ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

Start local by calling your town board officials and city or county representative and tell them you are concerned about climate change. Encourage the city and county to transition away from fossil fuels.

It is on the local level where we can impact the build out of renewable energy easier and more quickly. The county is revising its sustainability plan. We need the county to adopt smart growth policies. If you want them to take action about climate change, they need to hear from you.

Move up the legislative ladder and contact your state and federal congressional and senate representatives with the same message. State and federal policies are extremely important. Two organizations amongst others in CNY that CCAA (Climate Change Awareness & Action) is working with are CCL (Citizen's Climate Lobby) and NY for Clean Power.

CCL is working on promoting a carbon fee and dividend—a neutral tax. Contact Kyle Thomas, [kthomas@naturalsystemsengineering.com](mailto:kthomas@naturalsystemsengineering.com).

New Yorkers for Clean Power is a statewide campaign to rapidly shift to a clean energy economy by advancing a range of renewable energy, efficiency and clean transportation solutions.

Contact Renee Vogelsang, [renee@nyforcleanpower.org](mailto:renee@nyforcleanpower.org).

Visit the CCAA web page, [www.climatechange-action.com](http://www.climatechange-action.com), to see how you can help with outreach and advocacy committees to educate people in CNY about the impact of climate change and move people to take action politically and in their individual lives. We need your help. Together we can make a difference! ♻️



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# THE VIETNAM WAR FILM: NOT QUITE THE TRUTH

by Mark Rupert

In their monumental new video history of the Vietnam war Ken Burns, Lynne Novick and screenwriter Geoffrey Ward attempt to retell the story of the war, so that people whose lives were caught up in it have a chance to tell their stories. There is, they tell us, no single truth about this war.

But there are crucial parts of the story of this war which are glossed over or distorted by the way the filmmakers put the pieces together. In the opening minutes, they frame the narrative to follow over the coming 18 hours, telling us that the war “was begun in good faith by decent people out of fateful misunderstandings, America overconfidence, and Cold War miscalculation.” This is a breathtakingly misleading interpretation of the war’s origins and the way it was conducted.

The roots of the war were in the Vietnamese anti-colonial struggle against French domination. Because Vietnamese communists led the forces struggling for independence (the Viet Minh) and because the US was constructing a bulwark of anti-communist “containment” in Western Europe after WW II and needed French cooperation, the US supported French attempts to reconquer Vietnam. When French forces were decisively defeated by the Vietnamese in 1954, the US stepped in to assume the mantle of colonial overlord. The US undermined the international agreement that ended the French war and which called for elections across a unified Vietnam in 1956. Knowing that the Viet Minh were overwhelmingly popular and likely to win any such election, the US supported the creation of an authoritarian and repressive imperial client state in the southern part of the country which US propaganda then claimed was an independent sovereign nation—The Republic of Vietnam—a part of the “free world” under attack by communist neighbors bent on aggression, not just in Vietnam but worldwide. That the US was defending the free world

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Vietnam Vigil at Columbus Circle, Syracuse in 1979, organized by SPC. Photo: SPC Archives

against communist aggression became the official narrative of the war, but this was not a benign mistake. It was a deliberate distortion of history, a lie. And the US war in Vietnam piled lie upon lie almost as fast as it piled up bodies.

Burns, Novick and Ward pass very quickly over this fundamental truth about the war and then lapse into the language of the cold war in which the official lies were told, often referring to America’s Vietnamese enemies simply as “the communists.” Tellingly absent from these 18 hours about the war is the man best able to speak directly and authoritatively about the American war built on lies—Daniel Ellsberg, the Pentagon insider turned peace activist responsible for leaking the Pentagon Papers. These documents proved that successive administrations of both parties had misled the American public about the origins of the conflict, the nature of the client state the US was supporting in the south, the means by which the war was fought, and the dubious prospects of military victory. Confronting this evidence, Ellsberg was plunged into a crisis of conscience: “A war in which one side was entirely equipped and paid by a foreign power—which dictated the nature of the local regime in its own interest—was not a civil war. It was a war of aggression, American aggression.” It wasn’t that we were fighting on the wrong side, Ellsberg wrote, “We *were* the wrong side.”

The US did not win the war in Vietnam, and this was not because

liberals and anti-war activists were duped by the Communists or betrayed their country and its men and women in uniform, as the postwar “stab-in-the-back” mythology (fed by Reagan and Rambo) would have us believe. US officials wanted forcibly to preserve an anti-communist regime in South Vietnam, but the southern regime was a foreign implantation with no deep social roots or domestic legitimacy, with no prospect of political or economic viability apart from massive American support, and with indomitable enemies in both the north and the south who enjoyed much greater legitimacy among the bulk of the population. The American war killed three million Vietnamese, but even that was not enough. The Vietnamese endured the horrendous suffering meted out by the US war machine, and persevered in order to win unification and independence. The courage and honesty of the veterans interviewed by Burns is an important part of this story, and we need to understand their experiences in order to understand some of the ways this war continues to affect us. But the exercise of American power is not rendered benign by the character of the men and women in the military. This was from the outset an imperial project carried out by means that undermined democratic self-determination not just for the Vietnamese, but also for Americans who were systematically misled by their leaders. Vietnam would not be the last American war built upon lies. ☮

# THE RIGHT TO LIVE

by Samuel Norton

Universal Basic Income (UBI) is the idea that everyone in a given country should be given enough money to survive, regardless of employment. We are approaching a future where more and more jobs are being automated away, and inequality is at a record level. The top 1% of earners are taking home the vast majority of new wealth and hoarding huge reserves they don't know how to spend. Meanwhile, millions of Americans are drowning in debt and struggling to make ends meet.

At this time, the most important question to ask ourselves is this: What role should jobs play in our society? Do we live to work or work to live? As productivity has skyrocketed, wages have stagnated. The cost of modest living has increased while the obscenely wealthy have gotten obscenely wealthier. We should be working fewer hours, but instead are forced to work more hours for lower wages.

As a wealthy society, we have a responsibility to share our wealth with those who need it. The Declaration of Independence states a commitment to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It is time for a reckoning. Our right to life is not being fulfilled when people are unable to afford medical care, food, clean water, or stay in their homes, despite there being six empty homes for every homeless person in the United States. Our right to liberty is not being fulfilled when powerful corporations are treated as people, but ordinary Americans are not. It is not being fulfilled when a small number of people pass their wealth down from generation to generation, while a larger portion of society is trapped in intergenerational poverty. Our right to the pursuit of happiness is perhaps most egregiously ignored of all. The 40-hour workweek is no longer a reality for many workers forced to work overtime or at multiple jobs. Substance abuse, suicide and mental health issues are at epidemic

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proportions. Crushing student loan debt is a reality for me and many other students. Home ownership is an unattainable dream for many. The American dream is now a waking nightmare.

UBI is one solution to the horrific inequality plaguing our society. It ensures

- Without coercion to work for pay, we can demand better working conditions, scheduling, and hours and more meaningful work. Work that society deems most important, like waste management or teaching, must be well compensated to attract applicants.



basic needs are met, adjusted to the cost of living according to location and number of people in a household. It does what many hope the minimum wage would do. However, the minimum wage, even when it could supply an adequate standard of living, can never apply to everybody. A 'healthy' capitalist economy still has unemployed, underemployed, and unhappily employed. Folks living in a wealthy society have a right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness whether or not their labor is useful in producing profit. A UBI would provide for everyone—no more half measures, but a true commitment to equality.

As they say, the devil is in the details, and this article is not the place to be bogged down by policy. But a UBI undertaken the right way could be a complete game changer. This is how our lives could change:

- A job becomes no longer necessary for survival.

- Financial means to be able to leave abusive relationships.
- The ability to choose to work fewer hours.
- More time to pursue unpaid community, educational, political, familial and creative work.
- An end to poverty.

The chief argument against instituting a UBI is a worry about where the money will come from. It should be clear immediately that the issue is not if we can pay for it, but if we are willing to find a way. While certain economists would be better prepared to speak about possible ways of funding a UBI and I encourage folks to do additional research, here are a few options:

- Cutting our absurd military budget.
- Drastically increasing income taxes on the top 1%, instituting a tax on financial transactions and upping the inheritance tax.

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- Closing tax loopholes.
- Shrinking police forces and ending horrendous and costly mass incarceration policies.
- No more subsidies for dirty energy.
- Cuts to certain welfare programs, such as unemployment, that are redundant with UBI. However, certain forms of welfare—such as disability—should be retained.
- Huge cuts to government bureaucracy, with the added benefit of less government intrusion into our lives through means testing.
- A tax on profit created by automation.

By instituting a UBI, we as a society are committing to move towards equality. This is first and foremost a moral issue, not an economic one. We as a society have

a collective right to the wealth generated by our resources.

Is it so much of a stretch to say that we should all share in the wealth that our society, that WE create, regardless of the luck inherent in who is born at or rises to the top of society? Countries like Finland, Kenya, Scotland, Italy, Brazil, India, Namibia, Canada and more have decided it isn't a stretch. They have, usually on a municipal basis, run trial UBI programs in which randomly selected, usually poor, residents are given money with no strings attached.

The results have been overwhelmingly successful for one simple reason. Charity giving and certain forms of government assistance presume the rich or politicians know what people need, but if we just give people money, they know the best way to allocate it themselves. Drug and alcohol use go down, as does crime. Long term

earnings increase compared to control groups. Recipients are actually working more hours, rather than fewer. Giving people the means to lift themselves out of poverty is the best way to reduce poverty.

A few UBI experiments were run in the United States in the late 1960s, with mixed results. However, the way they were implemented—as a reduction in taxes, rather than injection of funds—did not go far enough. The time has come to try again with a new approach.

Syracuse would experience benefits from either a statewide or federal UBI program. Traditional methods of austerity have served only to solidify inequality. A UBI, an investment in the people by the people, is exactly what we need to lift ourselves out of poverty. By standing together and saying that we own the wealth that we create, we can all share more fully in the American dream. ☺

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### **THANKS, BRIAN!**

After 1.5 years, Brian Escobar recently resigned from his role as one of SPC's staff organizers. We miss him already, but are also happy for him. He offered his courage, fine analytical mind and big heart to SPC's work, which is deeply appreciated.

A formative political moment for Brian was being at Occupy in NYC. He eventually became a long-term intern with SPC, and then joined the staff. He hadn't been hired for long before Trump was elected president, and he pulled together the evening gathering the day after the election. Brian was instrumental in the organizing that eventually led to the CNY Solidarity Coalition and was on its first Coordinating Committee.

A voice for radical politics, Brian had also been a Bernie delegate (reporting back in the PNL), and is active with Democratic Socialists of America (DSA). He reads a lot—about everything—and has carefully thought-out ideas on a wide range of topics. He reads books on organizing to learn more, and some results of his thinking and experience are found on page 6 in "Organizing for Everyone."

Brian is a big thinker who also appreciates the details. The combination of that with his sweetness, passion for justice and ability to talk to many different kinds of people was a gift to SPC.

Thank you so much, Brian, for what you gave, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

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### **WHERE'S THE PNL CALENDAR?**

Because of intense space pressure this month, the *Peace Newsletter* Committee decided to experiment with having a paper calendar that would be stuffed into PNLs that were mailed. In addition, it is posted on SPC's website. What do you think?

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### **WELCOME TO OUR FALL INTERNS**

SPC is fortunate to have two great fall interns—Jessie Smith and Becca Goodsell.

Jessie is a SUNY-ESF senior focusing on Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation. She brings commitment to the issues and worked tirelessly on Indigenous Peoples' Day. She continues with helping organize petitioning and developing NOON's literature and listserv.

Becca, a Syracuse University junior, has been focusing on the Resisting First Use of Nuclear Weapons Act petition—helping organize the press conference (where we presented petitions containing 1,000 signatures) and doing follow up. She also is happy to throw herself into any other task that comes her way.

Thanks also to our summer interns Kasey Lanese and Sam Norton for all they offered over the summer. We welcome interns for the winter and spring—see [www.peacecouncil.net/intern](http://www.peacecouncil.net/intern).

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## JUSTICE FOR PALESTINE

The Justice for Palestine Committee campaigns to build solidarity for Palestinian human rights and to end US support for the Israeli occupation of Palestine.

*Ending the Deadly Exchange between the United States and Israel.* On September 9 local Palestine solidarity activists rallied in front of City Hall for a teach-in calling on Syracuse Mayor Miner to cancel her scheduled trip to Israel, which was sponsored by the American Jewish Committee. The AJC is one of the organizations that also funds exchanges between US and Israeli law enforcement ([www.deadlyexchange.org](http://www.deadlyexchange.org)).

*Take Action: Boycott Hewlett Packard, Technology of Israeli Apartheid.* HP plays a key role in Israel's oppression of Palestinians. It provides technology, equipment and services to the Israeli military.

We will be educating our community about the Boycott HP campaign at the Plowshares Craftsfair (December 2-3). To lend a hand at Plowshares, contact Ann ([anntiffany6235@gmail.com](mailto:anntiffany6235@gmail.com)). To help with local outreach and organizing efforts for the Boycott HP campaign, contact Ursula ([ursula.rozum@gmail.com](mailto:ursula.rozum@gmail.com)).



City Hall Rally to protest Mayor Miner's trip to Israel, sponsored by the American Jewish Committee. Photo: Carol Baum

## KATHY BARRY !PRESENTE!

This year we sadly said farewell to Kathy or Kath Barry, a longtime member of our peace and justice community. Her roles have been many—or should we say her rolls. Kath worked for four years as a partner at On the Rise, baking bread and other delicacies.

As a talented fabric artist, Kath is forever known as Babouska for her funky, varied and beautiful hats. In her corner booth, she was a mainstay at the Plowshares Craftsfair. For years we bought her hats; for generations they will be worn.

Kathy was a gifted educator, advocate for peace and a naturalist. As an Art Educator at Montessori School of Syracuse for 16 years, her approach to teaching was at its core organic—beginning with the choice of materials, holding an open discussion and allowing art to happen. Every year she actively welcomed the surrounding community to enrich the art experience there.

Kathy gifted her artistic skills to so many parts of the community—her theater and puppetmaking skills were essential to the birth of SPC's yearly Hiroshima Procession.

She will always be in all of our hearts!

## STREET HEAT'S SCHEDULE CHANGES IN NOVEMBER

Through October, Street Heat had been active twice a week—Saturdays outside the Regional Market, and Tuesdays alternating between Hancock Airbase's main entrance and other busy intersections in the Syracuse area. We greatly appreciate everyone who has come out—it is crucial to maintain our public presence calling for an end to the illegal and immoral killing of humans by the weaponized Reaper drones at Hancock, and to the militarism and racism dominating US foreign policy and so much here at home.

Please join us—signs are provided. Contact Ann or Ed, 315-478-4571.

From November-March, Street Heat is on the **first Tuesday of the month, from 4:15-5pm at Hancock Airbase (E. Molloy Rd.)**.

**November 7, December 5, January 2, February 6, March 6**

## CNY SOLIDARITY COALITION

The CNY Solidarity Coalition has been pressuring legislators on issues like defending the Affordable Care Act, passing a clean DACA act to protect the Dreamers, defeating the Trump tax scam, opposing the bailout of coal and nuclear power plants, supporting a community grid to replace I-81 and expanding access to drivers' licenses to all New Yorkers, regardless of immigration status.

Active committees focus on federal and state legislation, worker and immigrant rights, climate justice, war and militarism, and more. We have demonstrated, rallied, and contacted federal and state representatives. We are currently discussing a wider range of responses to the oppressive, immoral, racist, misogynist and environmentally disastrous policies of the Trump administration.

Please go to [www.cnysolidarity.org](http://www.cnysolidarity.org) to sign up for weekly Action Alerts on specific legislation. Check the calendar for our meeting schedule, including the **December 17 Potluck Dinner/Celebration at 3 pm** at Bishop Harrison Center, 1342 Lancaster Ave., Syracuse.