

**UNAC ACTION PROGRAM**  
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**ACTION PROGRAM PART I**

**WE, THE NINETY-NINE PERCENT, AFFIRM THAT:**

The history of all successful social movements demonstrates that the few, the one percent, NEVER yield to the MANY unless the MANY are organized democratically, independent of the institutions of the status quo, united in struggle in massive numbers and confident in victory.

Abolitionist Frederick Douglas said:

*“Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will. Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have found out the exact measure of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them, and these will continue till they are resisted with either words or blows, or both. The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppress.”*

**In this spirit, we rededicate ourselves to the struggle against all U.S. wars at home and abroad.**

**We, the 99 percent, demand that the government of the United States, the self-appointed cop of the world, the imperialist, neo-colonial one percent, who live and profit at the expense of the world’s people:**

End all wars, interventions, targeted assassinations and occupations! U.S. out of NATO and all other interventionist military alliances!

No to targeted assassinations around the world and no to violent attacks in countries where the U.S. is waging undeclared wars.

Bring all the troops, mercenaries, war contractors, death squads and military “advisors” home now from Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Pakistan, Colombia, Haiti, Cuba/Guantanamo and Korea. U.S. troops out of the Middle East, Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe!

End the 50-plus year U.S. economic war on the Cuban people and their Revolution! Stop the illegal use of U.S. territory by rightwing Cuban terrorists in violent attacks on the people and elected officials of Cuba! Close the U.S. military base at Guantanamo and return the occupied territory to Cuba! Lift all travel restrictions on U.S. citizens to visit Cuba!

No to the U.S.-backed military coup in Honduras!

End all threats of war and intervention against Iran and Syria! No to sanctions, blockades and embargoes!

No to the U.S. troop build-up in Australia and threats of intervention in the China Sea!

No to U.S. military buildup in the Asia-Pacific Region, as per the so-called defense strategy, including military operations in the region such as U.S. drone strikes and the re-deployment of U.S. troops for multilateral and bilateral joint military exercises with the Philippines, Australia, Indonesia, Japan,

Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam and South Korea.

Shut down the 1,000-plus U.S. military bases around the world, including “cooperative security locations” serving as secret U.S. bases and proxy bases through access agreements with other countries!  
Stop the U.S.-backed construction of a military base in Jehu Island!

End U.S. aid to dictators everywhere! Hands off the Arab Spring! End U.S. military aid and weapons exports to the Egyptian military! Stop the US-initiated military build-up in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Yemen and other regimes working to crush popular democratic movements in the Middle East!

End all U.S. aid to Israel, military, economic and diplomatic! End U.S. support to the Israeli apartheid occupation of Palestine! Self-determination for Palestine! End the Siege of Gaza! Support the Right of Return! Support efforts to open the Rafah Gaza border with Egypt to allow free passage and trade!

Compensation and reparations to the peoples of the world whose countries the U.S. has attacked, destroyed, occupied and impoverished – to the victims of the trans-Atlantic slave trade – to the communities of the oppressed and exploited!

Shut down the military-industrial complex and the biological and chemical warfare complex!

Starting with the U.S., the world’s greatest nuclear power and the only nation in history to use nuclear weapons on innocent populations, abolish all nuclear weapons! End all drone attacks! No to the militarization of space!

**We, the 99 percent, demand: Bring our war dollars home now!**

\$Trillions for jobs at top union wages, quality housing, education and universal single-payer health care for all!

Bail out the people, not the banks and corporations! Tax the rich not working people! Stop all government attacks on trade unions! No to union-busting, layoffs and cutbacks! Reverse and end all foreclosures and evictions!

No to U.S.-mandated G8 and G20 national and international austerity drives to pay for the world economic crisis brought on by the one percent!

We declare our independence from both the Democratic and Republican Parties, both parties of Wall Street imperialists.

**We, the 99 percent, demand: No to Militarization of the United States!**

No to the use of the U.S. military to intervene in labor disputes on the side of the employer – as happened during the 1970 postal strike when U.S. soldiers attempted (unsuccessfully) to break the strike! Pass the Employee Free Choice Act and Repeal the anti-union Taft-Hartley Law – to end unfair restrictions on the right of workers to be effectively represented by unions!

No to the growing federally-sponsored militarization of police forces in many cities and states. No to the increasing control of local law enforcement by national police agencies such as Homeland Security, ICE, the DEA and the FBI. No to distribution of military weapons and drones to local police forces and national agencies.

No to all military intervention on U.S. soil. Repeal all provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act that allow indefinite military detentions without charges or trial.

## **We the 99 percent demand: Civil liberties for all!**

Reverse the coordinated nationwide crackdown on the Occupy Wall Street encampments and allow all occupiers to safely return to their protest sites.

Stop the 300,000 yearly deportations of immigrants! No human being is illegal! Full legalization now! No to “guest worker” programs! End the militarization of the borders! Tear down the border walls! No to use of drones by police for border surveillance and control of citizens within this country!

No to Islamophobia and racism! No to the modern-day McCarthy-era “War on Terror.” No to the “national security state!” No to indefinite detentions, renditions and torture! Repeal the Patriot Act, the Anti-terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act and all other encroachments on fundamental democratic rights and civil liberties/due process/habeas corpus!

No to the victimization of Muslim and Arab American communities! No to the 700,000 FBI/ICE-threatening “knocks on the door” since 9-11! No to the 40,000 detentions of Muslim and Arab Americans! No to the thousands of arrests, pre-emptive prosecutions and frame-up imprisonments!

Stop attacks, repression, and discrimination directed against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Transsexual individuals and communities everywhere!

Stop attacks on women and on women’s reproductive rights. No to patriarchal misogyny in all its forms!

No to FBI intimidation of antiwar activists, to Grand Jury witch hunts, subpoenas, FBI break-ins and threats of prison! End the persecution of the 24 victims of FBI repression!

End sexual violence endemic in the U.S. military and around U.S. military bases, including trafficking, sexual assault and the prostitution industry.

Stop infringements on the right to peaceful assembly and protest! End government restrictions on the exercise of constitutional rights! End police spying, physical attacks, tear gassing, pepper-spraying and other forms of brutal treatment and arrest of peaceful demonstrators!

No to violations of personal space such as intrusive full-body scans at airports and routine strip searches in jails for minor offenses!

## **We, the 99 percent, demand: End racist attacks on the Black, Latino and Native American communities!**

No to the criminalization of Black, Latino and Native American youth! No to the racist, slave labor, increasingly privatized-for-profit prison-industrial complex! No to the racist “Stop and Frisk” policies, racial profiling, and community surveillance!

No to police brutality and murder! No to the re-segregation and massive defunding of public education and social services!

No to the racist attacks on voting rights! No to the racist death penalty! Affirmative action to end racist inequality and unemployment!

## **We, the 99 percent, demand: End the destruction of the environment!**

No to the oil wars to further line the pockets of the one percent while deepening the climate crisis and environmental destruction that threatens all humanity!

Trillions for sustainable energy research and development! No to tar sands extraction, fracking and environmentally destructive pipelines!

No to the corporate assaults on the environment and all life in the quest for profits via oil drilling, tar sands extraction, hydrofracking, mining (including mountain top removals for coal and cobalt mining in the Congo) and all forms of nuclear power! No to deforestation and destructive mining and logging! The waste from these processes cause great harm to the environment and global livelihoods, typically in areas of the deepest poverty.

Clean up and shut down contaminated military bases worldwide, and specifically depleted uranium contamination in Iraq and Agent Orange contamination in Vietnam due to U.S. wars of aggression in those countries.

Starting with the U.S., the world's leading nuclear power nation, close all nuclear power plants! The U.S. has no standing to compel other nations, like Iran, to close their nuclear facilities.

No to the war machine, the number one producer of greenhouse gasses! Control of energy and water resources are major causes behind global military actions and must be stopped!

**We, the 99 percent, demand an end to government cover-ups of its heinous and criminal deeds!**

End the threats of prosecution of Wikileaks leader Julian Assange! An informed society requires the right to know the truth about secret government warmaking, assassination plots, violations of international law, secret treaties and death squad murders! Full accountability of the military, financial and industrial criminals for their illegal acts against the people!

Free ALL political prisoners! Free Mumia Abu-Jamal! Free Bradley Manning! Free Lynne Stewart! Free Leonard Peltier! Free the Newburgh Four! Free Tarek Mehanna! Free Aafia Siddiqui!

Free the Cuban Five anti-terrorists – Fernando Gonzales, Antonio Guerrero, Ramon Labaniño, Gerardo Hernández and René González – held in U.S. prisons for over 13 years on frame-up charges of conspiracy to commit espionage and murder!

Free accused Wikileaks whistle blower PFC Bradley Manning! Release of secret documents helped fuel the democratic Arab Spring movements, shed light on corporate influence on our foreign policies, and contributed to the Obama Administration's reluctant withdrawal of most U.S. troops from Iraq. PFC Manning is faces life in prison for sharing the truth we have a right to know. We demand that military and government officials acknowledge PFT Manning as a whistle-blower and drop the charges against him immediately.

**We the 99 percent, demand money out of politics! No to corporate and all other private money in elections!**

Large contributions for corporate party candidates have corrupted elections and elected officials. Private money in elections buy policies, contracts and influence. Private money in elections has vastly empowered the 1%, who use that power to push through their wars, bank bailouts, education and social security cutbacks, the criminalization of Black, Latino and Native American youth and violations of civil liberties.

**We, the 99 percent, demand an end to the privatization of public functions!**

No to the privatization of public functions such as military operations, prisons, schools and postal service!

No to the sale of public property to private entities and of below-market leases of mineral, grazing and logging rights on public land for private profit!

Guaranteed public employment at living wages to citizens who can find no private sector work in order to address unmet infrastructure and human service needs as well as cultural enhancements satisfying to workers and audiences, such as provided through the Works Progress Administration and the Farm Security Administration.

## **ACTION PROGRAM: PART II**

**We, the United National Antiwar Coalition, will:**

**1) Build national protest activities in Chicago in May, 2012, during the NATO/G8 Summit meetings held in Chicago and Camp David. These actions will be UNAC's central organizing priority for the spring. Action components include:**

**a) Build a nationwide Chicago march and rally on Sunday, May 20, against the NATO/G8 summit meetings called by the Coalition Against NATO/G8 War and Poverty Agenda that will incorporate the demands in Part I of this Action Proposal.**

**b) Organize a national civil liberties campaign to secure from Chicago and federal officials the right to a permitted, family-friendly march and rally in Chicago, in sight and sound of the NATO Summit, on May 20. We demand that our protest be free from police repression, spying, police provocations and "laws" that restrict our civil liberties.**

**c) Organize a Chicago People's Summit educational conference, May 12-13, 2012.**

**d) Call for all Palestine solidarity groups and activists who support an end to the occupation; granting full equality to Palestinian-Arab citizens of Israel; and guaranteeing the Right of Return to join the Palestine solidarity contingent of the NATO/G8 protest march on May 20, 2012. Occupy the streets, not Palestine!**

2) Support the call from Occupy Washington, D.C. for a March 30 national gathering of Occupiers across the nation.

3) Endorse the Global March to Jerusalem on March 30, 2012 and encourages its affiliates, where possible, to organize and support actions within the U.S. on that day. (For motivation see resolution entitled: "Endorse Global March to Jerusalem.")

4) Support April 14-19, 2012 Occupy D.C. targeted actions against corporations and financial institutions whose actions are causing and perpetuating environmental destruction around the world.

5) Support the call of the Ban the Bases Network for international solidarity actions and/or statements for its April 16, 2012 mass mobilization against increased U.S. military presence and intervention in the Philippines and in the Asia-Pacific region, as part of the overall realignment/rebalancing of forces to Asia under the "new" U.S. defense strategy.

6) Support a call for mass actions at the Spring Summit of the IMF and World Bank, Washington, D.C., April 20-22, 2012 to protest economic imperialism.

7) Support May Day (May 1) actions demanding immigrant and labor rights.

8) Welcome the upcoming founding assembly of the U.S. chapter of the League of Peoples

Struggles (ILPS), one of the largest anti-imperialist and democratic formations of peoples' movements around the world promoting international solidarity and cooperation, on Saturday, May 19, 2012 in Chicago.

9) Support the mass mobilization in New York City on June 16, 2012 to protest against the violation of the civil and human rights of all people, the undermining of the Bill of Rights, the purposeful erosion of our civil liberties, and the wars at home and abroad.

10) Participate in antiwar/social justice protests at the August, 2012 Republican National Convention in Tampa and at the September Democratic National Convention in Charlotte. Say NO to the Democratic & Republican Party Agendas.

11) Call for and build October 2012 local and regional protests to mark the eleventh year of the U.S. war against the people of Afghanistan and the Guantanamo-type mass incarcerations and torture at Bagram Air Base.

12) Support the November 2012 School of the Americas protests in Fort Benning, Georgia.

13) Support the Committee to Stop FBI Repression in its fight to end government harassment. Withdraw all Chicago Grand Jury subpoenas of the 24 antiwar and social justice activists and return all confiscated materials.

14) Support actions to close Guantanamo Bay and other "secret" prisons that practice torture and participate in rendition and indefinite detentions and oppose targeted assassinations.

15) Organize a UNAC Youth Organizing Wing! UNAC needs a youth organizing wing. Youth organizations that are working on local struggles should take a public antiwar position. UNAC membership groups will bring in local youth organizing groups from their communities into UNAC membership. UNAC will form a subcommittee for this initiative.

16) Promote and participate in actions supporting PFC Bradley Manning, the most important whistle-blower of the "War on Terror" era. Specifically, we will endorse and participate in public events in support of Bradley Manning during the court martial proceedings against him.

17) Endorse, educate, and participate in Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) of Israel campaigns, including cultural and academic boycotts, as developed in the Palestine civil society call for BDS of 2005.

18) Call for and support united emergency protests in the event of threats of war or when war is initiated.