

I'm privileged to have Medea Benjamin as a guest. She's one of the best known and most effective of the 21st century peacemakers. Her book *Drone Warfare* shows how weapons created an extreme armed response. Medea Benjamin is the co-founder of the women-led peace group CODEPINK and the co-founder of the human rights group Global Exchange. She received numerous prizes, including: the Martin Luther King, Jr. Peace Prize from the Fellowship of Reconciliation, the Peace Prize by the US Peace Memorial, the Gandhi Peace Award, and the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation Award. Welcome, Medea Benjamin.

Medea: Thank you.

Blase: Tell me about the kingdom of the unjust behind the Saudi connection. It's a new book by you. Why is there anything unjust in the Saudi government?

Medea: Just about everything having to do with Saudi Arabia is unjust. We can start how they treat women and millions of migrant workers, how they treat religious minorities, you name it and we can get into it. And that's just the internal. Then we can go into the foreign policy issues.

Blase: But Medea, this is a religious country, and I thought religious people were always *nice*...

Medea: They you'd think they would favor freedom of religion, right? You are not allowed to publicly practice any other religion, and there are two million Christians who are foreign worker there who are not allowed to build a church there. It's the only country in the world where you are not allowed to build a church. The government stipulated that you can't even come into the country if you're Jewish. And even the Shia who practice Islam have been discriminated against. So it's not even just that you're Muslim. It's are you a muslim who practices the most intolerant, regressive, mysoginist version of Islam, Wahhabism. There is a law on the books in the United States called the Freedom of Religion Act. And every year the Congress puts out a report about which countries are worst in terms of letting people exercise their religion on to not have a religion. In Saudi Arabia, atheism is punished by death. Every year Saudi Arabia comes in at the bottom with North Korea and Burma. It's supposed to trigger sanctions, and there are sanctions against these other countries. But the State Department has given an indefinite waiver to Saudi Arabia so that they never are sanctioned. That's just one example, Blase, of how distorted not only Saudi Arabia is, but also US policy.

Blase: You know, everybody's been asking about the 28 pages, and David Swanson recently said "I'd like you to see 203 pages, making up Medea's new book, *Kingdom of the Unjust*. Be award of how much effort your government

puts into facilitating and defending the crimes of Saudi Arabia in the United States. And the crimes of in places like Yemen, Syria, Nigeria, etc, and if you pay US taxes, you know that you work for US weapons manufacturers and you should know what you make, what your money is being used for. It's a very good comment to open with regarding your new book, *Kingdom of the Unjust*.

Medea: I did the book purposely as a primer. So it's very simple to read, it's based on questions that I think people would probably be asking with short answers about these issues: is there freedom of religion in Saudi Arabia; what is the situation for women, why aren't they allowed to drive; what is the guardianship system like. It's a very digestible book that provides some basic and important information that Americans should know.

Blase: Many of the people there are poor. The leadership is blowing fortunes. You have religious police around to beat people up, while the leadership parties with alcohol, cocaine, prostitutes, gambling, and like many televangelists closer to home, don't even believe their own bull. You know, it reminds me of the Grand Inquisitor in the days of the Holy Roman Empire. It was really very similar. This business of using death squads in the name of religion has a long history. The eternal war has a history, and it has a history with various religions, including Christianity. So my concern for Saudi Arabia, it's very interested how people can be tortured, mutilated, beheaded for following the wrong SECT!

Medea: Or for spreading atheism. My goodness! Wouldn't that be a crime. You have somebody like the blogger Rez Zawi who was just trying to open up a conversation and saying that we should be open to other people's ideas and respect free thinkers in Saudi Arabia, and for that he was given ten years in prison and sentenced to a thousand lashes. And his lawyer, Walid Abu Hed, was sentenced to 15 years in prison.

Blase: Oh my God. So much torture, people being whipped to death...and now this is unbelievable, but they spend three times per person more than we do on the military.

Medea: The US and other western allies - the UK, Germany - [BAD PHONE CONNECTION]

Blase: I do see the indefinite waiver that you referred to, maintained by both Bush and Obama, letting Saudi Arabia off the hook for religious cruelty. Waivers created by Hillary Clinton allowed US weapons sales to Saudi Arabia to explode during her term as Secretary of State, despite Saudi Arabia's corruption and cruelty, and money seems to have flowed from Saudi Arabia into her family foundation. That's interesting> I wonder how that happened,

Medea: Yes, Saudi Arabia is one of the countries that has been giving millions of dollars, somewhere between 10 and 25 million dollars, to the Clinton Foundation. But they also give to the Jimmy Carter foundation, the think tanks, the ivy league schools, and they pay eight different lobby groups in Washington DC. They are spreading their money around to buy friends and influence people.

Blase: I'm beginning to think that this might have something to do with money. I read John Perkins books, Confessions of an Economic Hitman, how he helped implement a scheme that funneled millions of Saudi petro dollars back into the US economy, which further cemented the relationship between the religious fundamentalism of the House of Saud and a succession of American administrations.

Medea: Yes, that's right, and the congress maybe this week will pass something called the Shasta bill, which will give 9/11 family members the right to sue Saudi Arabia in US courts after 15 years. And the Saudis have threatened to pull out 750 billion dollars worth of US treasury assets and other investments in the US if that goes through and President Obama doesn't veto it. Yes, they are using their money to blackmail.

Blase: They apparently don't put down their atrocities - they don't mention them. ISIS is constantly bragging about atrocities, but Saudi Arabia seems to like exhibit feigned shock at such atrocities. Seems to be a little disingenuous.

Medea: Yes, just like the fact that ISIS is using Saudi text books in the territories they have taken over. That may embarrass the Saudis, but it shows that Wahhabist ideology is the basis for Al Queda, ISIS, Boka Haram, and other terrorist organizations.

Blase: This is very difficult even to believe, that these Saudi schools have helped create branches of Al Queda and other extremist groups across Western Asia and Northern Africa, and that's at least since the joint US / Saudi operation in Afghanistan that created the Taliban, not to mention the Saudi role in Iran / Contra, including Boku Haram in Nigeria and Europe, and the terrorists who attack Paris and Belgium this year. These are our friends. You know, we've seen a renaissance of democracy in Latin America being crushed directly, but in a very covert fashion...

Medea: Yes, and countries like Iran being crushed by sanctions that continue to be imposed even after the nuclear deal. The justification for the sanctions are for things that the Saudi are doing much more of than Iran. So the US has chosen in the case of the animosity between Iraq and the Saudis to come down on the side of the more repressive regime, not just in terms of who are going to

be its allies but in terms of which side in the proxy war in Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Bahrain, Yemen - all over the Middle East. Egypt.

Blase: And also we have Secretary of State Clinton, thanks to Wikileaks which exposed a 2009 cable, donors in Saudi Arabia constitute the most significant source of funding for Sunni terror groups worldwide. Something needs to be done, so what did she do? She sold Saudi Arabia more weapons. Saudi Arabia is now the biggest weapons customer for the United States, so that means of anyone = and it includes 100 billion in weapons sales during the Obama administration, with even more on the way. So we have a bit of a problem. We don't have schools or healthcare, we don't have infrastructure, we're deteriorating on every level, and here we're giving these huge amounts of money to Saudi Arabia.

Medea: No, they're buying the weapons, so they are keep the military industrial complex afloat with their money. We're not selling enough weapons, so let's cash in on the Saudi money. Northrup Drummond, Boeing, Lockheed Martin and all the other weapons manufacturers are laughing all the way to the bank as Saudi buys weapons they are now using to destroy Yemen.

Blase: Americans are mostly decent people and cannot believe that an entity in the US would want us to continue to lose wars that make money. And if we ever won a war, they'd make money. The purpose of war is to make money. I have a terrible fear seeing this performance, and it is that we've had a de facto coup by the military industrial complex, and that the political people remain as PR people. Like our president, who is basically a PR flak for the MIC. Is that my problem?

Medea: No, it's all of our problem. It is really quite remarkable that the largest weapons sales in the history of our country have happened under Obama, and they have been to the Saudis. So we in the peace movement need to get on the ball and start doing something about this. We should recognize that whether it's Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State or Obama as president, they have authorized these massive weapons sales, and we've had this cozy relationship with religious extremism and Saudi Arabia for 12 consecutive administrations, and it doesn't matter which party is in power. I'm talking to you, Blase, from the cafeteria of the senate where we're visiting the office of every single senator today. I can assure you, this would be a miracle if we managed to stop the weapons sales, but I wonder, Blase, what you would think if we asked the American public whether we should continue to arm the Saudis. What would the public say, Blase?

Blase: I think the public would say no, but I keep hearing the voice of Patrick Henry saying, "Taxation without representation is tyranny." I keep observing

tyranny because our tax money is being misused and people in congress are being purchased in order to divert our hard earned money to places like Saudi Arabia. Here's OXFAM saying we have a critical opportunity to stop a 1.5 billion dollar weapons sale to Saudi Arabia that will be used to fuel the war in Yemen. If congress doesn't stop the sale, that means even more tanks, machine guns, weapons of war will be sent in to crush even more Yemenis. We won't sit by and let this happen. This is OXFAM. You know, people who are awake know this, but there's so much denial...the whole political circus took place as if there were no wars. No 7 wars, no cluster bombs, we don't talk about those things because we're in denial. It's just not working. We can't keep selling all these weapons to Saudi Arabia. They keep rushing more weapons to Saudi Arabia with the help of the US military. We see them to give profits to the super elite in the US. They bombed hospitals and schools in Yemen with US weapons, killing civilians by the thousands, killing non-civilians as well, including the use of these diabolical cluster bombs that children love so much.

Medea: Right. It's time to put a stop to that. When I did the research for this book, which I hope your listeners will get, we have to work together to move these issues, but I realize it's not the oil anymore. Only 13 percent of our oil comes from Saudi Arabia. It's partially the weapons sales and the intertwining of our economies, but when you get right down to it it's the fact that the American people have not made any demands on our elected officials to end this relationship. So that's where we come in. And no matter who's in the White House - we know it's going to be a hawk, we know they're tendency will be to continue this relationship, and we're the ones who have to change it. I think it's important to put it back on us. How much have we done or not done? And we've done virtually nothing to try to stop this relationship.

Blase: Friends, we're talking about Medea's new book, *Kingdom of the Unjust*. We're so happy about all the great things that Medea has been doing. We can look at Tunisia, overthrowing a dictatorship without a war in 2007. And the Saudi royals, those thugs, got excited, and offered a refuge for the dictator. It propped up brutal governments, backed a military coup in Egypt. We love these dictatorships. They smashed a non-violent uprising in Bahrain with murder, torture, and imprisonment, all still underway, and of course they started bombing Yemen after US drone killings had destabilized the country. In fact, US drones flying over Yemen take off from a US base in Saudi Arabia, something Obama created after Bush pulled US troops out of Saudi Arabia. The militarism under Obama has just expanded and expanded, that's why I think Obama is really more a public relations flak for the MIC, rather than a real executive. It's very very bothersome. Are you happy about the development of the democratic spring - one called democratic spring, the other name being Our Revolution, which emanated from the amazing Bernie Sanders campaign. He would have won without all the election shenanigans that went on. I hope

that Our Revolution does not become a tool of the democratic party, this goes well beyond what that party could or would ever do. What do you think?

Medea: I think it's wonderful that so many young people got involved in the Sanders campaign, and that there are other vehicles now for them to continue their involvement working to get money out of politics, which is key to the work that we do when we look at the weapons manufacturers. We see the Obama administration calling it a jobs program to sell all these weapons to the Saudis. And that's because of the lobbying that all these weapons manufacturers do in all the congressional districts, convincing congress people to support the weapons to keep the jobs going in their districts. It's a vicious circle. You see all the generals leaving the Pentagon and becoming board members of the big weapons companies. So all the work is connected, and it is so important that we continue exposing them and connecting them to one of Bernie's central issues, money in politics. We need to make sure that young people who got involved in this campaign don't leave filled with cynicism but leave energized to take up the struggles.

Blase: I can't imagine anything more diabolical than the creation of this trash, this useless toxic demonizing garbage that is good for nothing but killing people, and then to say "that's a job's program." We don't need new highways, our water system is blowing up here in Los Angeles, our entire infrastructure is rotting out, we can't deliver healthcare to our people, we protect and coddle insurance companies that continue to rip sick people off. Our students have more debt that all credit card debt put together. They're basically in debtor's prison because of this trash. A jobs program! Have we lost it completely?

Medea: Yes, it would be funny if it weren't so tragic. And to add onto the tragedy, these are meant and used to kill people. It's not at all a good jobs program, you would create many more jobs in many other areas like healthcare, schooling, construction, you name it. So there is no logic, much less morality, to it.

Blase: Obama recreated this fuel for violence, and he claims to be outraged by Saudi Arabia's atrocities, and then he claims to back Saudi Arabia in the name of "stability," and says "we have to balance our need to speak to them about human rights issues with immediate concerns that we have in terms of countering terrorism or dealing with regional stability." Saudi Arabia is probably second only the US as the leading cause of INSTABILITY throughout the region, and Al Queda and ISIS are reeking havoc within Saudi Arabia and the Saudi Arabian government is itself about as stable as a cork in a volcano. I'm quoting David Swanson.

Medea: Well, that right. The economy is in crisis because of the price of oil, or

if you look at the internal issues about who is going to take the reins of power when this despot dies, he's up there in age, there's palace intrigue. There is growing discontent among the Saudi people, who see that the promised reforms politically are just not happening. So there's all kinds of reasons that the Saudi Arabia is not a stable country. You talk about it spreading extremism around the world, and the volcano at the point of eruption. So why is US not supporting the human rights activists, the lawyers trying to open up space for democratic reforms, the women who are trying to get the basic things like the right to drive and the right to participate fully in the job opportunities. These are the people who are trying to reform Saudi Arabia from within so that there won't be a violent explosion that could lead to the kind of chaos we see in Libya and Syria and Iraq. But the US is not supporting these people. It's supporting the king and the princes and the corrupt, despotic royal family.

Blase: We have a problem with various groups in DC, according to The Hill, the Saudis employ eight DC lobbying firms, including the Podesta Group run by Hillary Clinton's fundraiser, Tony Podesta, and co-founded by her campaign chair, John Podesta. So Saudi Arabia is dumping money into US think tanks that would be forbidden to exist in Saudi Arabia, as well as other organizations like the Middle East Institute, Harvard, Yale, the Clinton Foundation, the Carter Center, etc. They pour the money in so that things go their way, and in a real sense it's hush money. Don't tell people about us. Most of our people don't know much about Saudi Arabia, do they?

Medea: No, and it's brilliant of the Saudis to throw around a lot of their petrodollars to buy off the establishment in Washington DC so that when, for example, the recently released 28 pages that show all kinds of connections between top Saudi officials and the hijackers, like the former ambassador to the US, Bandar, this all gets covered up. It's released on a Friday afternoon, purposely to kill the story when congress is going out on recess, when the national elections are about to start. Yes, they're buying silence and complicity, they're buying diplomatic cover, and it has been working.

Blase: You know, we have truth tellers who stand out like shining stars throughout the world. I just saw the great film Snowden, produced by Oliver Stone, and you will be speaking in Brooklyn, according to the New York Times, where Oliver will also be speaking. That's wonderful. You've already accomplished so much in what you've done internationally. Your book should be a great help to us. And how is Code Pink doing these days?

Medea: Code Pink is doing great, and I wondered whether you wanted me to pass you to my colleague to speak.

Blase: Please introduce her.

Medea: This is **Alli McCracken**, the director of Code Pink, and she is directing people right now in the halls of the senate, and can tell you exactly what we're doing and why we're doing it.

Blase: Wonderful.

Alli: Hey, Blase, how are you doing.

Blase: What's happening in the senate today?

Alli: Code Pink and many of our allies are on the Hill lobbying our friends in Chris Murphy's office and also the folks from Rand Paul's office are working together and introducing sometime this week a resolution to block the weapons - so we're getting out to offices across the country to tell them to support the initiative by senators Paul and Murphy to block the weapons deal. Congress has 30 days from just a few days ago to block this deal, so we're lobbying.

Blase: You know, Alli, Ralph Nader has written a book on the importance of right wing entities that have things in common with the progressive world joining together, and that's just what you're doing. What Ralph is recommending, because we find that we can find people on the right who don't want polluted water, who are interested in peace, and to link up with them will give us more than majority power. The parties that you're dealing with now.

Alli: Yes, we believe it's going to take a strong bipartisan effort to block this deal and to make more substantial changes moving forward. When it comes to reevaluating the relationship between the US and Saudi Arabia - we need folks from across the political aisles to effect real change. And we do think everyone from any party should stand up for human rights. It's a strange bed fellows picture.

Blase: Well now people that don't know about Code Pink, what can they do to become familiar with your work.

Alli: They can visit our website which is www.codepink.org, or they can follow us on Twitter at @codepink. We are also on Facebook, which is Facebook.com/codepinkalert. We send updates once a week. You can check resources on our website, learn about the issues that we work on, and ways that activists can get plugged in on both a national and a local level.

Blase: The thing that impresses me is the absence of sectarianism in Code Pink. I feel that where we have rigid sectarianism, we have people getting into a

stagnant pond that's not going anywhere because everyone has to believe the same thing. But with Code Pink, you're taking a very global view and a very open view of a variety of things that can be done. The work that has been done in lobbying - personally I can't imagine anything harder than speaking and lobbying in Washington. It's like talking to a wall. And for you to continue talking to the wall and breaking through on some occasions is very impressive. You find that rather tedious?

Alli: Thank you for your compliments. Yes, it is challenging. We try to model our work on the world that we would want to live in - one built on diplomacy. We do make compromises politically, but we don't compromise our values. That's the basis on which we operate. We allow ourselves to be flexible - we change our position based on information we have, and we're open to working with many different groups so long as they are aligned with our values. It is difficult being on the hill and like you said talking to a wall. But someone must challenge the military industrial complex, and it can be fun and creative and effective, which helps keep depression and boredom at bay. We're a growing movement and we're very excited about the resurgence of the anti war president, which we feel is inevitable under a Trump or a Clinton administration.

Blase: People who are truly engaged, as you are, are not going to be depressed. They're going to be engaged, and that's what they're doing now. We spend more on war than on diplomacy. President Obama has always insisted that force alone can't solve problems, but budgets are a window into our priorities, and the US values its soldiers far more than its diplomats. So for fiscal 2015, the Pentagon again is taking a huge percentage of discretionary spending despite the fact that they can't even account for 6.5 trillion dollars that have already been lavished upon them. The budget is more than twice pre-9/11 levels, and ten times the amount the state department received for diplomacy. So often our country has said, we can't talk to those people. The Vietnamese. Anyone could talk with them, the Berrigans, anyone else. They were entirely reception. We can't talk to them means "we won't talk with them." We didn't want to talk to the Vietnamese. We just killed three million of them. This is continued in Latin American, it's continue now in the Middle East, I saw it happen in Baghdad personally when we stopped talking with Saddam Hussein, who had been our friend. I saw it personally when Arafat tried to talk on behalf of the Arab world and our officials would not listen to him. It's the will to practice diplomacy that's missing

Alli: Yes, and grassroots activists can't trust or rely on elected officials to conduct diplomacy for us. We need to reach out to other parts of the world in solidarity and show them that not all of the American people agree with our government's policies of war and militarism. So that's why we take delegations

overseas to places like Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen...and we've met with people who are on the receiving end of US bombs and drone strikes, and we bring over folks from those countries to tell their stories too. We have to change the public narrative for issues that we're passionate about so that public opinion can shift toward peace and diplomacy instead of support for war and militarism. We take matters into our own hands and try to empower and encourage and facilitate other people's experiences with participating in global diplomacy at a grassroots level. And I don't just mean in other countries, but here in our own country where we are cultivating local economies, working to get to know our neighbors, working to create options to reliance on a military-based economy. These are all things we can be doing to create peace from the bottom up.

Blase: I think it's entirely possible now. Historically, congress has always provided more money for defense than for diplomacy. Weapons, after all, cost far more than foreign aid. But the gap has widened according to Charles Stevens, a former State Department policy planner who teaches at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced international Studies. He noted the Marshall Plan after WWII providing billions in foreign assistance to help rebuild Western Europe. If we used this kind of thinking in the Middle East, Iraq would not be a pile of rubble. Afghanistan would not be a pile of rubble and dead people, thirty percent of whom are children. We would not have bombs falling on 7 and 8 countries at a time, as we do today. This is really a serious situation where should learn diplomacy maybe for the first time by speaking to people. We demonize. We could talk to people instead. The father of peace studies, Johann Galtung, just talking about his wonderful visit with the Taliban. You can talk to the Taliban. You can talk to ISIS. You can talk to friends. We can't talk to those Nazis - well, the Nazis had been defeated, and yes they did talk with Nazis. They talked about the Marshall Plan. They also hired a lot of them to work on US weapons systems. The point is that you can talk with anyone. If you only talk to your friends, you haven't had any fun at all. It's when you talk to your enemies that you can really enjoy a good dinner together or maybe some tea - and I think having tea would be better than torturing people for information....*laughter*...WE has nothing for the trillions we've spent, or for our children who come home with PTSD, or for our children who never come home again. This war making has become totally destructive, not only of the middle east, but of the United States. We rushing toward a nuclear confrontation, because we have lost every major conflict since WWII.

Alli: *Laughing.* *That's a question for me?* It is a mission of Code Pink to reallocate our country's resources from an overwhelming majority of spending on war to healthcare and education and other needed investments. While I now this is important to everyone in the peace and human rights movement, and important to me in particular as a young person, I'm concerned about the

future of our planet and the future of living in our country, which is more willing to spend money of sending young people off to die in war than to educate them or provide healthcare for them. You mentioned that if we hadn't been spending trillion on war, Iraq wouldn't be in shambles. But our country is in shambles too because of the waste of these resources. We haven't been building our country up and investing in our communities or rebuilding roads and bridges or developing public transit which is so desperately needed. There is work to be done. We need to tackle the MIC, we need to get money out of politics and hold officials accountable. There has to be some political consequence for people who vote for war, or those who vote for aid to Saudi Arabia or aid for Israel or to put troops in Iraq or Afghanistan for in support of drone strikes in Pakistan and Yemen, you will pay a political price. The American people are sick of killing of people, sick, of money being taken out of our communities to kill others.

Blase: I entirely agree with you. Everywhere I go people are sick and tired of perpetual war. They don't believe anything the government is saying. It lies. It lies to begin a war. It lies to keep the war going. And it lies to end the war. But I am so proud of groups like yours, and there are hundreds of wonderful groups throughout the United States and the world. We have a great documentary golden age going, and dramatic film going on - we just saw Snowden, produced by Oliver Stone, an amazing film about a man that some say should be executed. Some of our "law" makers say he should be executed. Well here he's a truth teller, this is the Jesus theme again - telling the truth, well kill him. We see another one coming out calling *Command and Control* The 90-minute documentary thriller focuses on the 1980 nuclear armed Titan II missile accident in Damascus, Arkansas, which threatened death and destruction across much of the Midwest. With references to other nuclear weapons accidents, the film provides a wakeup call to the little discussed mortal dangers that U.S. nuclear accidents pose to the U.S. (and other) people. The film was co-produced and co-written by Eric Schlosser, author of the book *Command and Control* and Robert Kenner, who has two Academy Award nominations and two Emmys under his belt. I highly recommend this film. We've had conferences on the consequences of nuclear war that have left people shaken to know that there have been so many accidents that the fact that one of them hasn't ended life on this planet is a miracle. There have been endless accidents, to say nothing of the mistakes - not only accidents, but mistakes - and was it Trump perhaps who said we have nuclear weapons and we should use them. We're into absolute irrationality and cult formation here. It reminds me of the day of the Third Reich. Whatever our cult leader says is true. Accidents have been plentiful. There must have been one every single day. Who said that? Secretary of Defense Brown. *There must have been several*

accidents every day. Code Pink has dealt with this too.

Alli: For sure, we're keenly aware of the waste, fraud and abuse in the Pentagon. But I'm glad you brought up nuclear weapons as well. We work with an organization called Global Zero which is working to eliminate nuclear weapons around the globe. And frightening as it is that Donald Trump could be the next president with access to these horrific weapons - or even Hillary Clinton, who is a war hawk, and who knows what extents she'd be willing to go to. It was President Obama who pushed for more that a trillion dollars to improve the nuclear weapons arsenal before his administration ends. It truly is a trans-partisan issue to be tackled - and we should be working as a peace movement, and there are hundreds of organizations in the peace movement who need to effectively coordinate our demands so we can do things that get rid of these horrific weapons instead of spending a trillion of our tax dollars on "improving" and maintaining them.

Blase: Yes. And you are working in Congress to convince some of our "representatives" who today do not represent the overwhelming majority of Americans in any way. What the people have to say seems irrelevant to them. The represent weapons manufacturers and they are going to lead us into nuclear war if they continue to prostitute themselves for money. As Paul said, the love of money is the root of all evil. That's what's happening in this country.

These great optimists, these great people, these great peace workers like Code Pink, are there, on the job, bringing some light and life to a dead entity, trying to wake it up from the dead. Look, we have people who live in the United States, we have other people who live elsewhere on the globe, as well, and we are 4 percent of the world's population and have no business trying to run the lives of 96 percent of the world's people who live on this planet. We want to save the planet, save the air, save the water. None of it can be done by national action. We must become internationalists. So I want to thank you very much, Alli McCracken, for being on. And I want to thank Medea Benjamin for being with us as well. And thank all of you, our listeners, for tuning in today.