

Hello, friends, and welcome to World Focus. A recent public truth commission examined the Cold War here in Los Angeles. Here's my statement to the truth commission: "The Cold War was an attempt to continue the military industrial windfall profits of WWII. The Cold War was followed by a long era of profit without useful production. Millions of innocent citizens were murdered for being called "communists."

The word communist could be simply translated as "okay to kill." And during the last 27 years, the word communist has been replaced by "terrorist." Our nation conducts a *war of terror, primarily against civilians*. The commercial media silence in the United States during our current devastation of Yemen, Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, Somalia, Pakistan - together with the immediate threat of biocide by thermonuclear weapons is outdoing the demonic holocaust of the Third Reich."

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It's extremely important to think about this today. Here we are talking about *taxes*, and remember what we do with those taxes. We waste the money on cluster bombs. Many of the bomblets do not explode until they attract a child and blow the child's head off. We have nuclear death machines. We pay for this in the trillions of dollars. We see the death of the children of Yemen because the US is using starvation as a tool of war. We see the production of trash for wars which should never have been fought. We've seen an absence of medical and dental care, which mirrors the totally underdeveloped nations of the world. Friends, this is not just a Trump problem or a Pence problem. Nothing is going to alter the military industrial takeover of the United States until all of us understand this: Republicans and Democrats have all signed on to perpetual war. Why are we paying for all this? What seems to be the reason for that? The air and the water are suffering terribly. Environmental groups are making good points, while ignoring the US military as the *Number One Polluter in the World*. It's also is the world's largest employer. Can you imagine that? The US military is the *world's largest employer*. We should think about that.

I'm so pleased and honored to have Kathy Kelly on the program today. She's one of the most prominent members of the international peace movement. She's traveled endlessly in pursuit of justice and peace on behalf of innocent people who are being murdered by our globe-shattering imperialism. The silence of our commercial media in the fact of this endless US state terrorism that is conducted in our name only expresses total complicity in this holocaust. Welcome, Kathy Kelly.

Kathy: Thank you, Blase. And thank you for beginning the show with that very strong and needed statement.

Blase: We're just so happy to have you with us today. And I know you are especially concerned about the terrible situation in Yemen. Even back when John Kerry was secretary of state a year ago, he made it clear saying "people are dying and children and suffering, not as an accident of war, but as the consequence of an intentional tactic, surrender or starve. That tactic is directly contrary to the law of war." That was John

Kerry in 2016, denouncing the atrocities, which have only gotten worse. I'd love to hear your thought.

Kathy: It's a chilling reality that Mohmmad Bin Salman, at the time the defense minister of Saudi Arabia, who has now been exalted to the level of "crown prince," in regards to war that he joined in in 2015 with a nine country, Saudi-led coalition, to take a side in the civil war in Yemen. That was a guarantee that the war would be prolonged. And what he said was that time is on our side. He went on national TV in Saudi Arabia, May 2 2015, and in the interview seen throughout Saudi Arabia and the Arab world, he said "we could go in a wipe out the forces we oppose in just a few days. But that would result in many Saudi casualties, as well as high civilian casualties. He said basically they didn't want to do that. He said a long war is in our interests. I think it's fair to apply image of applying the thumb screws. Here you have a country, Yemen, where now UN officials tell us there are 8 million people on the brink of famine. 900,000 people have been identified with cholera. The civil war has certainly contributed to human suffering, but US / Saudi bombing - and the US supplies the weapons and provided mid-air refuellings - has been used against a civilian population that is sick, that has no medical care, no clean water, people who are facing starvation. Yemen has accepted so many other people from the region as refugees, have also been affected by displacement that can be traced to US imperialism. It seems almost unthinkable that a wealthy prince in Saudi Arabia, such a wealthy country, waging war against the poorest country on the Arab Penninsula could say "time is on our side." He said he knew that the rebels are politically divided and cutoff from external supplies and short of money. So basically they were waiting it out to see how hungry can people get? The reason that people are cut off from external supplies is because the major ports have all been under blockade using ships that were purchased from the United States. And because transportation routes have been bombed, along with sewage and sanitation facilities. Funerals were bombed.

Former Secretary of State finally made that statement after 147 people had been killed at a funeral. President Obama said, you know what, we're not going to sell any more weapons to the Saudis because of the way they target civilians. Four Doctors Without Borders hospitals have been completely destroyed. You know, the people in Saudi Arabia's military, especially General Albety, who when challenged by the former Secretary General of the United Nations Ban-ki Moon, who said "you can't be bombing hospitals," he said "We'll ask our American friends about that, because on October 2nd, the Americans bombed a Doctors Without Border hospital in Afghanistan. I think the United States is complicit in war crimes both in helping to support the blockade and in bombing civilian populations. And now, what the Crown Prince, Mohammad Bin Salman, predicted, is actually coming true.

In Sanae today there is great fighting going on. Exchanges of gun fire in the streets. Home bobbiestrapped. Apparently the Saudis are using air attacks to diminish support for the Houthi rebels and Salah, the former dictator who for a while made an alliance with Houthi rebels but now says, okay, if the blockade's lifted, I'll engage in negotiations with the Saudis. So it's a very politicized turmoil. But I think back to 2011 when young

Yemenis said they wanted to have their own Arab spring. They gathered at the risk of their lives in major cities - and any hope for average, ordinary people to live a decent life and be able to see their children is being destroyed every day by the weapons pouring into the country for fighting forces on multiple sides right now.

Blase: Imagine what would have happened if we'd supported the Arab spring rather than refuelling bombers as dropped bombs on civilians. It's the world's largest humanitarian crisis, according to the United Nations. And congress has had "no say" about refuelling aircraft 9 thousand times as they bombed the poorest country in the Arab world, and the silence of the commercial media, their chit-chat back and forth from one general to a right wing think tank gargoyles followed by ads. It's as if there is no war in Yemen. Nothing is happening.

Silence is complicity. Yemen is a nation under siege. Saudis control the borders and ports. Nothing crosses into Yemen without Saudi permission. We are in the midst of a real holocaust in Yemen, and I am just overcome with the silence. There are 20 million people in need of humanitarian assistance. 7 million of them face famine. They rely completely on food aid to survive. In a few weeks, those supplies will be exhausted. 2.2 million children are malnourished. 385,000 children suffer from severe malnutrition and require therapeutic treatment to remain alive. This is our gift, our Christmas gift, to the children of Yemen.

Kathy: We can add to that 900,000 identified cases of cholera. It's very difficult for people to provide medical care because the roads have been destroyed. Fuel is in such short supply. The aid shipments that may start to trickle in now that Saudis have said that they are lifting some of their blockade - they really intensified the blockade a great deal after the Houthis rebels apparently fired a missile intercepted by the Saudis before it reached Ridyah (and I don't approve of people firing missiles anywhere) - so even as they begin to let some ships go through, the aid shipments cover only a small fraction of the Yemeni people's needs. As you mentioned, almost all of their food and medicine and fuel are imported. And this is a nation of 25 million people, 20 million of whom are in need of food assistance. Well, you can't transport that food assistance unless people first of all have the goods, but there has to be fuel and roads and drivers, and people have to be paid. The Central Bank was shifted outside the capital city of Sanaa to a place on the south of Yemen, people have been going without salaries for so long many doctors and nurses, people desperately needed to keep some measure of healthcare going, well they have to feed their own families by taking other work. So this is a man made, artificially made famine.

Blase: And totally unnecessary. UN officials say that Yemen will face the world's largest famine in decades if the Saudi-led coalition does not allow aid deliveries. We have the journalists saying Saudi Arabia's total blockade of Yemen is a death sentence for all. This is what is taking place at this time, while we listen to very lightweight babble on our commercial media. How do we break through this incredible silence?

Kathy: There have been some measures that were taken within, believe it or not, the US congress, but they were undermined in the wheeling and dealing. There was a vote taken within in the congress saying that the United States should no longer support Saudi Arabia and the Saudi-led coalition in its attacks given the consequences for Yemeni civilians' well being. But when the vote was taken, in fact congress people voted in favor, but it was a non-binding resolution. So it means basically nothing. The same thing happened in the European Union; non-binding resolutions are a way of saying oh yeah, that's really a problem, isn't it - and then going on to other affairs.

The efforts by four congresspeople will not just be dismissed; they continue to challenge the US role in refuelling the jets in these midair refuelings. Likewise, Senator Young held a hearing; he called it The Four Famines, and he tried to give UN officials an opportunity to describe why they saw Saudi Arabia as the country that was using the blockading of food as a weapon. It actually widens the circle of deep concern that you describe, Blase. But because of three years of drouth and a line of desertification that goes across Africa, the countries of Nigeria, Somaliland, South Sudan and parts of Kenya are all in danger of a famine that could cost the lives of 20 million people in that part of the world. So people are fleeing. People who all their lives have been pastoralists, raising their flocks. They haven't been able to feed those flocks because nothing grows after three years of drouth. And what causes that drouth? Scientist believe it has a lot to do with greenhouse gasses created by northern industrial countries. Climate change. Desperate people started moving eastward, and many people have tried to cross the Red Sea into Yemen! In 2016, this country we've been describing, Yemen, took in 117,000 Somali refugees, and 225,000 Somalis are now living in Yemen. Yemen is the most populous country on the Arab Penninsula, with something like 25 million people. The Saudis don't want a country of 25 million people that's restive and in a position of wanting to revolt against horrific conditions. So they are basically created a situation wherein if some screws are tightened, they're counting on the Houthis to conclude that they are isolated and must give up.

Blase: Here we have a Harvard University professor making a statement: "Only America can stop America's war on Yemen. Yemen continues to suffer in silence as the world turns away from its ongoing misery. Despite two and a half years of brutal war, the average American remains oblivious to the inconvenient truth that the United States has been helping Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates destroy a sovereign country that poses a threat to no one. While rich Arab states bombard the Middle East's poorest country, creating the world's largest humanitarian crisis and an unprecedented cholera outbreak. Our government, starting with the Obama Adminstration and continuing with Trump, has continued to support them, no only through the sale of weapons, but through mid-air refueling, targeting intelligence and other logistical support." That's coming from Harvard University. And added to that is someone from the Rand Corporation, who said "it's no exaggeration to say that the Saudi operation depends on its ongoing logistical support form the United States; depends on arms, like American cluster bombs (which are illegal) and British missiles, and US and UK arms dealers are eagerly selling to the Saudis. That means it is within US / UK power to end this atrocity, to end the starvation, to force the Saudis to reopen the entire country to humanitarian

aid. But neither London nor Washington have taken any substantive steps or even reduced their involvement in the immiseration of the Yemeni people."

Kathy: London has continued to authorize the sale of land mines, and of course the United States has very recently refused to ban cluster bombs, which have been sold to the Saudis. Along with Patriot Missile systems and huge combat littoral ships, laser guided missiles, etc. So the Saudis are stockpiling their weapons, but so also are the United Arab Emirates, and my of the refuelings of these jets that do sorties in Yemen and then fly back over their own countries airspace are UAE flights. They're exalting in their technological expertise and wizardry at surveillance, the technology for which was supplied by the United States. And meanwhile - I live in Chicago, and Boeing is right on the Chicago river in a huge building, prime real estate, and we should be protesting at their building every day of the week because Boeing and Raytheon are making huge amounts of money (so are all the weapons companies). President Trump went over and *danced a military dance with the Saudi Princes*, and assured them that the spigot is wide open, they can sell you all the weapons they want. These companies can laugh all the way to the bank. It was a big gift to the major companies in the military industrial complex, and they want the war to continue. Mohammad Bin Salman said it is in our interest for this war to continue. And meanwhile, the latest I've heard is from Mark Lowcock, who is now an Under Secretary General of the United Nations. He said it's now eight million people right on the brink of famine, and even though the Saudis will say we wound down the intensity of our blockade, he said that winding it down is not good enough, it has to be eliminated if we're to save the lives of people who are on the brink of famine. And again, children starving to death - when children starve to death, they die from asphyxiation. You might as well put a noose around their little necks. *We saw this in Iraq*. For thirteen years the US kept tightening the thumb screws of economic sanctions against Iraq that primarily punished the most innocent.

Blase: Here's Mark Yemen will be gripped by famine – one the likes of which the world has not seen in years – if the blockade on basic supplies into the country imposed by the Saudi Arabia-led coalition is not lifted immediately, the top United Nations humanitarian official has warned.

"...there will be famine in Yemen. It will not be like the famine that we saw in South Sudan earlier in the year where tens of thousands of people were affected. It will not be like the famine which cost 250,000 people their lives in Somalia in 2011. It will be the largest famine the world has seen for many decades, with millions of victims."

That's come to us from the US, right? We can't act as though it's not taking place. I had a chance to chat with Dennis Kucinich last week. And while he was on the air recently, he mentioned a structural problem saying that the United States have a permanent government in which elected officials have no say. We often think of the power of the administration - however there is this concept of deep state, which includes many of the corporations you just referred to, that has taken over our tax money and our policy. There's an unbroken line of US presidents who have continued to proceed with an interventionism that has been counterproductive. This continued commitment to a failed foreign policy of interventionism, unilateralism, of *first strike* - imperils America, separates

from the world community, incites others to exact vengeance on America, and has made the world a more dangerous place." That's Dennis Kucinich. How do you feel about that concept?

Kathy: I think that Dennis Kucinich is sounding an alarm and it's very important for us hear. Senators and congresspeople who do try to appraise themselves of what's happening in Yemen (I'm from Illinois, and Senator Durbin said yesterday he would sign onto a document that challenges the Saudi-led coalition's attacks on innocent people in Yemen. He signed onto a letter, but they all know - even Bernie Sanders was afraid to take on the military industrial complex - and that reveals sort of the bullwork of the deep state.

What are people like ourselves to do. Well, I think we have to nevertheless keep on recognizing our responsibility. We live in a country that is an outlaw country, a rogue state, that contributes to truly hideous suffering in other lands. You know, I think about the campaign against the arms trade in Britain. They were out demonstrating every single day for weeks as the arms bazarres there were having. And it did penetrate the mainstream news; there was coverage. I think maybe it's a little easier in a small country such as the United Kingdom to do that kind of pressing and pushing. We will see next week in recognition of Human Rights Day, the day after Human Rights Day, December 11, there will be actions in New York and Washington DC protesting exactly what you've been describing, Blase - protesting the United States support for the Saudi-led coalition that is so mercilessly bombing, blockading a starving Yemen. If you go to New York to Union Square, *every single Saturday* since a number of us began a fast back in April of this year - people have been out and forming a growing demonstration, and they're joined by many Yemeni teenagers living here in New York City. And there are people who have been working for human rights in Yemen.

Blase: You know, I have here in front of me a headline: *US Military Officials Say War Against ISIS Most Precise in History*. But in Iraq, an ongoing investigation suggests that the coalition has killed more civilians than ever reported. The survivors of these strikes are left to wonder why their families were targeted. How can we maintain any appearance of democracy with endless lies coming out of official sources? Do you have any thoughts on that?

Kathy: David Swanson just published a long list of the things we're supposed to believe. A litany, really. One of the things is to keep asking questions. Why should we believe these things? One of the "things" is that we're supposed to believe that these civilians lives that have been lost have been lost in the name of isolating and trapping and defeating ISIS? And now transferred over to Afghanistan. I've been horrified reading recent military reports about what they call "terrain denial" in Afghanistan - actually changing the terrain of the Hindu Kush mountains because of the intense and constant bombing. And now that President Trump has said yes, you can change your protocols about how many bombs can be dropped and how many sorties can be flown and who can be targeted - the US claims it's trying to cut off the mountain passes where Taliban fighters might go, and they're trying to corral Taliban fighters into a certain area and then

bomb that area. In fact, they're changing the terrain of Afghanistan. And roads are being bombed, civilian areas are being bombed. The raining down of all this explosive weaponry is changing the environment, as was one in Vietnam and Laos. Just keep covering people with tons upon tons of explosives - that's the policy.

Now, of course, this *is not going to make the United States safer*. We've got no reason to be bombing Afghanistan. Nor did we in 2001 following 9/11. As you mention, eventually people in these areas will begin asking why should it be like this? Why should we suffer? I remember teenagers when I was in Iraq turning to Adolfo Perez Esquivel, a Nobel peace laureate, saying "you come and you say you will do and will do, but nothing changes, what's the difference our children and your children?" The people of the United States must begin to ask questions in our faith based communities, in our universities, in our high schools, among the young people, and help people achieve a critical distancing from the things "we're supposed to believe" in terms of US exceptionalism and the notion that the US is always right and always does things to "defend democracy." If we see the debacle that's taking place with the new tax bill that the Republicans were able to push through without Congresspeople even begin able to read it (let alone the public) and the possibility that the president nine months down the line is embroiled in a scandal that may result in indictment and convictions within the White House. Maybe people will start to be more open to the possibility of asking questions.

Asking questions - as you have done, Blase, again and again, never stopping in your willingness to do clear and level headed research. We have to hope that the younger generation will start to embrace that.

Blase: Well, that's our hope, and I find among young people today a tremendous understanding of what's going on. We're seeing that. If we go all the way back to the protests against the wars in Indo China, people were very hostile to what we were saying. It was very difficult to speak anywhere without intervention from the other side. But now we find that more and more people agree with us. But there seems to be a paralyzing among many, and I think that we have to deal with that understanding - that patriotism in support of warmongering is the last refuge of scoundrels. Our founding fathers and mothers knew this. It has been used by warmongers to talk about flags instead of talking about people, about children, about the death of the innocent, about having more civilians die in war even percentage wise than ever before. And there we are in the midst of it, and we're in a unique situation. How do you feel about the fear factor?

Kathy: I think many people do fear that they might - lose their jobs; lose their employment. This factor has certainly been exacerbated because as you mentioned the world's largest employer is the United States military. And when you add in the contractors and research projects, you find that in the universities there is a great fear that if people speak up they might pay a price. People are afraid to lose their jobs. Young people want to have some sort of work, like my young friends in Afghanistan, recognize that the main jobs available are either working for the US military or the

Afghan military. Or a warlord or paramilitary group. And this is a very bad situation. Well, here in the United States, if people want to find work, they often have to make their peace and hold their tongues about the factories in the military industrial complex because they've begun to control so much of our economy. Our top crop is not corn or soybeans; it's weapons.

Blase: I think you're right on there because almost half of the research at universities is military research. And so academia is paralyzed; the job world is paralyzed; they have to be able to confront both of those realities in order to say what they think. However, we're getting affirmation from them - and I've never had so much affirmation of the things we've been saying. I'm not accustomed to that; I'm used to opposition. But something is happening in the thinking of our people while they are at the same time quite silent in the midst of this.

And we have savage sanctions against North Korea, and violate the nuclear non proliferation treaty all the time. One of the women writing for Global Research wrote about the lessons of Vietnam today that might be applied to North Korea. "I think we're heading down a 2017 version of ignorance alley in our dealing with Pyongyang. We do not know what they want because we haven't asked. We always assume that we're right and our opponents are always wrong. We overlook the need to ask questions, as Vietnam demonstrated in such a scenario of misguided decisions." So we're repeating the past, and from what I'm hearing from the military, you could simply erase the name of a country in the middle east and put in Vietnam, and it would be the same - more troops, more bombs, more killing - and then *lose the war*. That's been our formula since the end of WWII - more troops, more bombs, more killing, more torture, more rape, all of this and losing - over and over again. Not that it would have been good to win, because the whole affair was a terrible crime. Would you care to comment about the terrible situation we find ourselves in with North Korea?

Kathy: Well, I certainly appreciate Ann Wright, a former diplomat with the US government who has never really dropped her skills in enacting diplomacy, and she has gone as a citizen diplomat, with people including a Korean woman, Christine An, repeatedly to meetings trying to get a grip on the question of what it is that the people of North Korea would want. Trying to lesson the demonization of the governance of North Korea. When they're depicted in cartoonized ways - as loonie tunes or "bad guys" - then it reduces the sense within average ordinary people of even trying to ask a question about what's happening inside North Korea, or what kind of conditions North Koreans face relative to the United States and the arming of South Korea, the deployment of the THADD missile system within South Korea. And the idea that we would approve tactics of tightening the thumb screws and increase starvation and then blame it on the people who are starving because they haven't been able to control their government, well, you know, you can't ask children to control their government. The more that people are isolated and demonized and kind of lumped into one cartoonized version of humanity, the easier it becomes to mete out punishments like economic sanctions that will stike a direct blow against the poorest, the hungriest people, the most diseased, and not cost the people who are in charge a single meal.

Blase: We can look at the Pentagon Papers. It shows how repetitive these policies are. They could have been written about today's situation. There may be a limit beyond which many Americans and much of the world will not permit the United States to go. The picture of the world's greatest superpower trying to pound a tiny backward country into submission over an issue whose merits are hotly disputed is not a pretty one. It could easily produce a costly distortion of the American national consciousness and in the world's image of the United States, especially if the damage to North Vietnam is complete enough to be successful. The most important risk, however, is the likely Russian / Chinese / North Korean reaction to intensified US air attacks, harbor mining or ground action against North Korea.

People don't seem to understand that we destroyed every city in North Korea, burned them to the ground. The general thought it was really a great thing to do that, and there of course you had in the north the very sentimental MacArthur who wanted 36 atom bombs to be used in North Korea. And then he said something about soldiers never dying, just fading away, because he didn't get his wish. 36 atom bombs against North Korea and China.

We're at that brink again, and our leadership seems more ignorant than ever, actually. We have in government a very curious individual, someone people can't figure out, but we see the New York Times even trying to find excuses for Trump. We're kind of in an enigma, aren't we?

Kathy: I think it's possible that an upcoming move from the Trump administration will be to oust Secretary of State Tillerson and possibly replace him with the current head of the CIA, Mr. Pompeo. In order for any Secretary of State to be installed, more or less - all Trump can do is nominate someone, congress must approve them - one thing that people could demand is that senators filibuster Pompeo's confirmation until the Trump administration agrees to stop its unconstitutional participation in the Saudi war and blockade in Yemen.

There may be some ways that we can try to stop the process of continual US warmaking against innocent civilian populations that mean us no harm. To take on the enormity of what the US military industrial complex is doing is certainly a daunting task, one that requires a shift in consciousness. We don't see the mainstream media like the New York Times enabling that. They wrote that Trump had finally acted in a *politically mature way* when he agreed to unleash some bombs in Syria. So as long as the belief that foreign policy should be based on threats, force, killing, bloodshed and starvation is strong within the US government and the mainstream media, it's very difficult to educate people differently.

But that's where alternative media can be so helpful. I greatly admire Amy Goodman and Democracy Now because every single morning she gets up at 3am to begin researching and putting together a solid news show. There are quite a lot of other outlets now where you can get good information. It's possible that people can begin to

educate one another in new ways that sometimes circumvent the vice-like grip that the military can enact on mainstream news shows.

Blase: I think what's coming up has been mentioned by generals and on down, and that's the duty to disobey illegal orders. This was the essence of the Nuremberg Trials, and it's very clear that no one should obey an order to launch nuclear weapons. It would create an indiscriminate holocaust, and it's important for every soldier in every silo or nuclear submarine, and every general, as some have been saying, that you should not obey an illegal order and could face punishment for doing so. This is extremely important at this time.

Regardless of what a president says, you don't obey an order to commit biocide anymore than you would accept an order by Nazis to commit the holocaust. I think that element has come to the fore, and I think it has to be dealt with constantly that he can babble anything he wants, but don't obey. He's not our commander in chief. He's said to be the commander in chief of the military but the military are bound not to obey illegal orders. Can we make any headway with that?

Kathy: Well, you know, international law and the United Nations Human Rights Charter - it's difficult to see how the United States could be compelled to be in cooperation with international law. Even at the level of someone piloting a drone, it's been made clear that if you are not sure that you're bombing mission will not affect civilians or non-combatants, that you should override the rule of a general until you have that assurance.

People have been doing these massive bombing campaigns without paying any attention whatsoever to whether or not civilians would be involved or were nearby. So to reinforce to people in the US military the gravity of launching a nuclear weapon would be extremely crucial. I think there are some non-military groupings that can help to push out that education to make it more of the general consciousness. I think Pope Francis has tried hard to keep highlighting nuclear weaponry as a great sin against humanity, and the idea of the possible use of a nuclear weapon ever being tolerable is something he's had very clear language about. We need to hear the people in the pews saying, yes, I get that, I hear that; there's a breakdown to say the least, in terms of the teachings of these big faith based institutions. I used to say, and I'm sure I said it to you often on your shows in the past, that the real national religion in the United States is shopping.

I don't say that anymore. The national religion in the United States has become militarism. We've been pushed into exalting and applauding the military in so many ways. We begin to think anything the US military does must be ethical. And in embracing the US military in many forms of our culture is a good idea. This is dangerous. This is the kind of thing that can lead us toward a linkage between corporate profit and ordinary jobs that it becomes almost impossible to extricate the power and influence of these war corporations.

Blase: I think it's a cult. Militarism. It is a religion of militarism. I think we need to stop talking left and right, and to begin talking ethical and unethical. I think we can identify things in the science of philosophy known as ethics, and determine whether things are ethical or unethical. Nothing could be more unethical than to think of using a nuclear weapon to destroy mankind. Or the types of weapons that have already been used, or the drones, totally unethical by any measure or assessment. But I'm afraid we're out of time. Thanks so much for being with us, Kathy. You've always been a great inspiration, giving us the hope that peace is possible. During these holidays and Christmas, you help us believe that peace is possible.

Kathy: Thank you Blase. It's always encouraging to hear your voice and to know that you and Theresa and the Office of the Americas are still there in your commitment to make this a better world.