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Ukraine Socialist Solidarity Campaign announces a joint statement:

NO EXPLOITATION OF DR. MLK JR. TO SUPPORT WAR
CRIMINAL PUTIN

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Events

12 JAN MLK Interfaith Peace Vigil 4:00pm - 5:00pm (EST) Washington, DC	13 JAN San Francisco Media Stop Challenging for War 3:00pm - 4:00pm (EST) San Francisco, CA	14 JAN Take to the Streets Sat. Jan. 14 in NYC: Peace in Ukraine - Yes! NATO expansion - NO! 12:00pm - 3:00pm (EST) New York, NY
15 JAN Reimagining King's Vision - The Kerner Legacy of Now 4:00pm - 5:00pm (EST) New York, NY	16 JAN 2023 MLK Holiday DC Annual Peace Walk & Parade 8:00am - 12:00pm (EST) Washington, DC	16 JAN MLK Day 2023 Peace Walk 2:00pm - 5:00pm (EST) Washington, DC

NO MLK EXPLOITATION TO COVER FOR PUTIN
PRO PUTIN PROPAGANDA

STOP U.S. WARS
MLK WEEK OF ACTION JAN 13 - 22

STOP ENDLESS WARS: IRAQ, SYRIA, SOMALIA, PALESTINE, EVERYWHERE
STOP WASHINGTON'S WAR MOVES AGAINST RUSSIA & CHINA
MONEY FOR HUMAN NEEDS, NOT WAR
DISBAND NATO NOW

FIND AN ACTION IN YOUR AREA
AT UNACPEACE.ORG

"The greatest journey of violence in the world
my own government: 'never let her sleep'"
Dr. MLK

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FREE
SOS COALS
AND
STOP

SSS for Human Needs, Not War!

Let's make it a thread

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answercoalition.org/take_to_the_streets_sat_jan_14_in_nyc_peace_in_ukraine_yes_nato_expansion_no



It is crucial that opponents of the U.S. war machine stand up for peace as the Biden administration and Congress deepen their proxy battle in Ukraine. In the federal budget that was just passed and signed into law, the U.S. government has committed an additional \$45 billion to this effort. In another provocative escalation, the Biden administration announced that it was sending the advanced Patriot missile system to Ukraine -- bringing a catastrophic direct conflict with Russia ever closer.

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On November 19, the ANSWER Coalition and The People's Forum hosted a major standing room-only event in New York City focused on the Ukraine conflict under the theme "The Path to Peace in Ukraine". More than 20,000 people watched the event online. Noam Chomsky, Vijay Prashad and Jill Stein were among the speakers who called for an end to NATO expansion and insisted that the U.S. government reverse its policy of escalation and ever-increasing militarism and war spending.

Now we want to invite you to another major action for peace and justice.

On Saturday, January 14, in conjunction with the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend, we are building another major event in New York City that will begin with a noontime rally at Times Square followed by a march and an indoor rally/teach-in.

People from all over the region will be converging on Times Square in midtown Manhattan to honor the true anti-war legacy of Dr. King. In the last year of his life, before an assassin's bullet took him, Dr. King was organizing all around the country against what he described as the "Three Evils" of our society: militarism, racism and poverty. Honoring Dr. King in a meaningful way means to build an ever stronger movement for peace and against social and economic injustice. This

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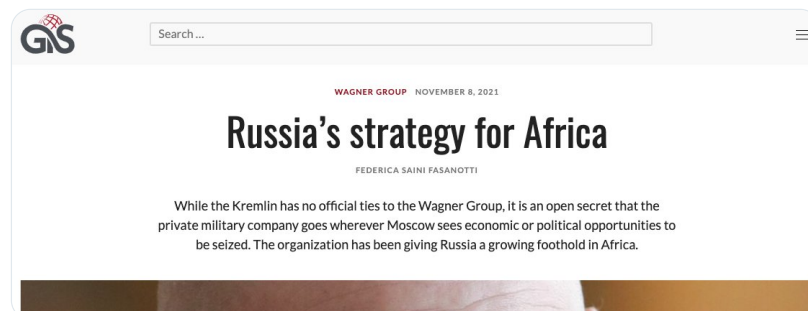
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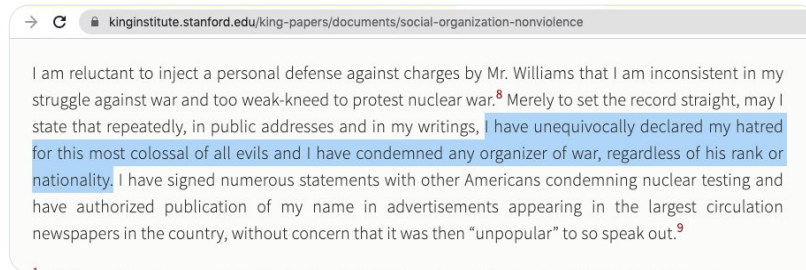
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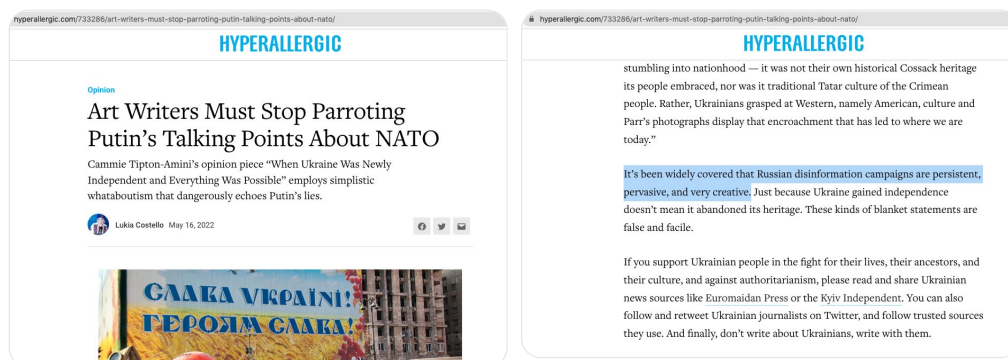
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Take to the streets Sat. Jan. 14 in NYC: Peace in Ukraine -- Yes! NATO expansion -- NO!

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HONOR THE ANTI-WAR LEGACY OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

PRO PUTIN PROPAGANDA. NO!

NATO EXPANSION. YES!

PEACE IN UKRAINE -- YES!

MARCH & RALLY • JAN 14 • 12 PM @ TIMES SQUARE, NYC

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Profound thanks / h/t to @UkeAmericanBflo for this pull quote from their #evergreen important @hyperallergic article. We hope you will consider signing the statement. In solidarity - USSC

Co-Sponsor of this statement, [@CounterVortex](#) Podcast, discusses this issue and reads joint statement. Also discusses the important call for solidarity with Russian anti-war activists put forth by Ilya Budraitskis for 1/19.

A must listen:



Bill Weinberg
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Don't let [#tankie](#) pseudo-anti-war hucksters get away with appropriating the words & image of [#MLK](#) for aims antithetical to everything he fought and died for. If you are on the fence about this, I implore you to listen to the latest [@CounterVortex](#) podcast.



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For clarification: the call mentioned above is a call to solidarity with Russian anti-war *on Ukraine* activists. They're being killed and imprisoned for brave principled actions in solidarity with Ukraine.

Re: Podcast: Here's a direct listen:



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