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WE THE PEOPLE UNVEILS TAX BLACKOUT 2024: A “NEW YEAR’S REVOLUTION” URGING AMERICANS TO REDIRECT TAXES TO COMMUNITIES, NOT CONFLICT

The Organization Intends to Stop War Crimes Aided by The US Government by Encouraging Americans to Fight on The Right Side of History

NEW YORK, NY (01/04/2024) – We The People, a grassroots organization dedicated to liberation and delivering power back to The People, announces the launch of Tax Blackout 2024, a revival of the War Tax Resistance movement popularized during the Vietnam Era, to challenge the allocation of income taxes towards government actions contradictory to public interest. With a resolute stance against funding activities contributing to global unrest and oppression, and with support from the National War Tax Resistance Coordination Committee (NWTRCC), the movement advocates redirecting tax investments back into local communities.

This bold call to action arises from a deep concern over recent executive decisions circumventing established checks and balances, resulting in the misdirection of public funds. President Biden’s actions, notably the provision of unchecked resources to Israel, have triggered an outcry within The People’s ranks. The undeterred advancement of Israel into Palestinian territory and surrounding Arab nations in blatant disregard of international law, accompanied by reports of Israel using advanced AI-guided weapons systems, has sent shockwaves through the global community and widened an already gaping rift in the political landscape.

Before October 7, the American public’s support for Israel sat at a comfortable two-thirds majority. According to a series of Reuters polls, in mid-October, that number fell to 41% following the immediate aftermath of Hamas’ attack and the start of the IDF’s military encroachment into Gaza. Today, less than 32% of Americans still agree “the U.S. should support Israel,” and 68% of Americans are calling for an immediate, permanent ceasefire. When examined along party lines, two-thirds of Democrats and half of Republicans believe Israel should stop its indiscriminate bombing of occupied Palestine.

We The People call for a New Year’s Revolution. We believe the most effective way to ensure a complete and lasting end to colonial violence and genocide everywhere is for The People to stand in solidarity across three major economic protests: Tax Resistance, Labor Resistance (general strikes), and Consumer Resistance (boycott / divestment / sanctions), culminating in a fourth and final act of Voting Resistance to unify the nation under a Third Party candidate in time for the 2024 Presidential Election. The movement calls for conscientious citizens to refuse at least 5% of their 2023 income taxes back into local communities through direct donations to reputable organizations and begin preparations for long-term resistance by filing their W-4s and other tax forms to maximize deductions before April 15, 2024. Participants who feel moved to go above and beyond may, at their own discretion, contribute more than 5% in the spirit of...
contemporary folk singer and renowned war tax resister Joan Baez, who refused 60% of her 1963 income taxes in protest of the Vietnam War. Resisters are being guided to reinvest those funds back into their local communities. Through the resources and trained Resistance Counselors available through the NWTRCC and affiliate peace-promoting organizations, participants can receive assistance on adjusting tax forms as well as information on the potential risks and consequences of tax resistance.

Additionally, the movement invokes the centuries-old tradition of tithing: whatever amount one decides to refuse, designate 10% to direct Gaza relief (ex: 0.5% of total income tax, if refusing the minimum requested 5%) and send donations to any or all of the below organizations:

1. Anera
2. Defense for Children International Palestine (DCIP)
3. Doctors Without Borders
4. Hidden Humanity
5. Humanitarian Coalition
6. Medical Aid for Palestinians (MAP)
7. Middle East Children’s Alliance
8. Palestine Children’s Relief Fund (PCRF)
9. Save The Children

As the world teeters on the precipice of war, both President Biden and former President Trump have proven themselves to be ineffective leaders with a compromised conscience. The Western Empire’s crumbling political and economic systems do not serve the needs of the many when they are controlled by the whims of the few. Americans must take decisive action to prevent further bloodshed by increasing economic pressure on Washington, escalating civil disobedience, and going beyond calls for a permanent ceasefire by demanding an end to the occupation of Palestine. By providing a hub to facilitate resistance education, We The People aims to shift the cultural narrative away from the myth of rugged individualism and towards a future strengthened by community and political engagement.

Here’s how participants can get involved:

**REGISTER** - Sign up for the NWTRCC’s weekly and/or monthly email list. Volunteer to be a Resistance Counselor by attending the 5-hour training course on February 17. Download the app Geneva and request to join the group “We The People” (learn more about Geneva [HERE](#)).

**FOLLOW** - Follow the NWTRCC on Instagram and TikTok (@wartaxresister) and We The People on Instagram (@wtp.resist).

**LEARN** - Attend the next Tax Resistance 101 Town Hall hosted by Lincoln Rice, Head of the NWTRCC, on MLK Day, January 15th at 7pm on Geneva. Spend time watching the videos available on the NWTRCC’s Youtube and all other platforms. Read through the We The People page on Geneva for helpful documents, themed chat rooms, and additional action steps.
COMMITE - Commit to long-term resistance and not paying taxes for war. Commit to the ethical redistribution of funding for education, social services, healthcare, and infrastructure by direct donation. Commit to the vision of a better world for ourselves and our children’s children.

Please email We The People (wtp.resist@gmail.com) with all inquiries and requests to join the movement on Geneva.