

A.J. MUSTE INSTITUTE

NO JUSTICE
NO PEACE



UNDOCUMENTED
UNAFRAID
UNAPOLOGETIC



STOP
SPYING
ON US!



WHOSE
STREETS
OUR
STREETS



MY
BODY
MY
RIGHT
MY
CHOICE



DEMILITARIZE
THE POLICE



NO
BLOOD
FOR OIL



TAX THE RICH
AND
THE POOR



BLACK
LIVES
MATTER



HANDS UP
DON'T
SHOOT!



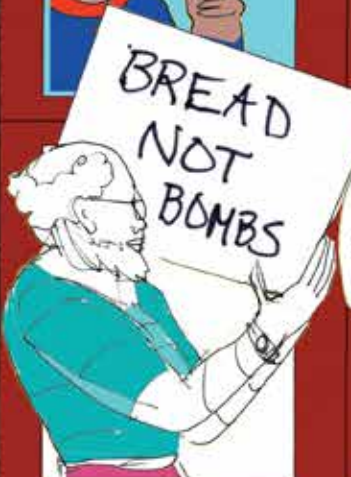
NO MORE
GENDER
VIOLENCE



FREE
GAZA
+
PALESTINE



BREAD
NOT
BOMBS



JUSTICE 4 PRISONERS



HOUSING
IS A
HUMAN
RIGHT



SIN FRONTERAS
NI BANDERAS





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We may feel isolated in the South Hebron Hills, Jerusalem or Gaza, as we face barricades and brutality week after week. But the Muste Institute connects us to a broader movement for justice: to grassroots organizing around the world, efforts to stop the atrocity of war, to end the death penalty, defend immigrants' rights, to counter recruitment efforts and so much more. At a time when foundations are afraid to fund grassroots nonviolent organizing, the Institute provides unwavering and consistent support.

Rebekah Wolf, Palestine Solidarity



Crossing Brooklyn Bridge

I have dedicated my life to the kind of grassroots direct action that the Muste Institute makes possible, so I recognize how unusual it is. Unusual in its dedication to supporting groups whose nonviolent actions are considered "too radical" for mainstream funders. Unusual because it funds projects without regard to size, tax-exempt status or national borders. Unusual, unique, and essential.

Medea Benjamin, Code Pink



Photo: democraynow.org

US sells Egypt 140,000 canisters of teargas

For 30 years, Deep Dish TV has been a laboratory for new, democratic and empowering ways to make and distribute video. We are a hub that links thousands of independent filmmakers, artists and activists, documenting the social movements of our time. The Muste Institute itself is a hub, supporting and collaborating with a global network of organizations and activists, creating a dynamic community for those of us it houses as well as those it supports.

Brian Drolet, Deep Dish TV

Fighting for space is an intrinsic element of radical history – safe spaces in which to organize, to cultivate community and live. The streets and plazas in which we march and assemble are open one minute and blocked by police the next. Muste epitomizes unblocked and open. When I'm in NY, I can borrow a desk, get (or give) advice, and leave inspired by the layers of postings on the hallway walls and the solidarity within.

Katrina Tosh, Occupy Oakland Bay Area Anti-repression Committee



Photo: WNY/Shoka Jegroo

Rally to stop NYPD Harassment

Since 1969, AJ Muste's sheltering program has provided WRL, and activists across movements, with a secure and collective space that makes it possible to share resources, energy and skills. We recently took part in a coalition-based effort to condemn Donald Trump's racism and xenophobia. Our sign-making party wound through the building as neighbors offered everything from extra hands to paint brushes and projectors. Moments like this truly exemplify the power of community space!

Tara Tabassi, War Resisters League National Organizer



When we need it, the space is there. We expand, spread down hallways, stack signs and posters in corners, open tables to collate mailings. Our movements expand and contract like a freeze-thaw cycle. The world changes, we roll with it.

Jane Guskin, AJ Muste Staff



Photo: Matt Meyer

March to free Puerto Rican political prisoner Oscar López Rivera.

We are appreciative of the support from AJ Muste, not only for the Truth Telling Project but for the institutional support of peace-building and anti-war organizations over its many years of work for justice. Our shared belief that change starts at the roots led the Project to the voices of those most directly affected by state sanctioned racial violence and to direct action toward structural change.

Dave Ragland, co-founder, Truth Telling Project, Ferguson, MO



Photo: AP John Manchillo

Protest follows the murder of Eric Garner



Photo: The Other Death Penalty Project

Life Without Parole

Muste was a deep and tough thinker who profoundly believed that nonviolent grassroots activism is the fundamental key to organizing movements that can make social change a reality – not just to end the death penalty but to oppose war and militarism, confront racism, and build social justice. Political dissent is never easy – but it is necessary. The Muste Institute provides an essential underpinning for those movements that carry on the fight.

Mumia Abu-Jamal, Political Prisoner, "Live From Death Row" Author



Photo: Laura Böök

Human Rights Activist, People's Megamarch in Oaxaca.

From Chiapas to Palestine, I'm awed by what humble people are doing in the face of devastating inhumanity. The Muste institute is focused on supporting precisely these grassroots groups that don't shy away from the magnitude of the challenges they face and, instead, put all their bets on making "miracles" with few resources and ample conviction.

Maria Delgado, Uruguayan Human Rights Activist

Solidarity comes from the ability of those with divergent views to engage in a collective struggle toward social revolution.' Being part of the Muste community is to see our core principles in action: from organizations joining to work on initiatives connected to global, national and local issues, to activists gathering to discuss where our work is taking us and how we should get there. You don't find many spaces like it.

Greg Pason, Socialist Party, USA



Photo: Pete Shaw

WTO March in Seattle

Muste's sheltering program is a fertile ground in which hope can germinate and grow, even through tough times. Together we are swimming against a tide of sentiment that says nonviolent grassroots resistance is not feasible, is too slow, or can't possibly bring about meaningful change. We have proved that it not only can work, but that it can't be stopped.

Victoria Sobel, Occupy Media Working Group



Photo: Katie Moore

Leading Occupy march across Brooklyn Bridge

Muste is moving ahead to a new space, taking the groups we house and our broad shoulders with us. As always, we stand ready to respond to an escalation of violence or repression, ready when a new group needs Internet access, meeting space, an address, or sanctuary.

We are in the hub of activism. One of our newer groups, the New York State Youth Leadership Council, brings an “undocumented, unafraid, unapologetic” attitude and fresh organizing power to the struggle for immigrants’ rights. Grant applications on my desk provide more inspiration. They include projects to boycott institutionalized racism in the Dominican Republic; to make conscientious objection more visible in Israel; to support families protesting forced disappearance in Colombia; and, on the domestic front, initiatives to defend prisoners’ rights and promote alternatives to militarism. In addition to supporting direct action in the streets, we have joined a number of our tenants and sponsored organizations in the courtroom by filing a friend-of-the-court brief to a legal challenge against military spying on political activists.

We know firsthand about surveillance and repression. Tactics and capabilities may change over the years, but the threat of govern-

ment overreaching remains the same. In 1968, the War Resisters League was forced to find a new home after the FBI trashed their offices, destroying hundreds of files and mailing lists. Now our lists and files are no longer on paper, yet we are no less vulnerable. Like the groups that joined WRL in the move to 339 Lafayette Street, we move forward, together, to fight against all abuses of power against people.

I could not be more excited to be working with an organization that embraces its rich history, its tenacious presence, and the courageous activists that will shape our future.



Executive Director of the
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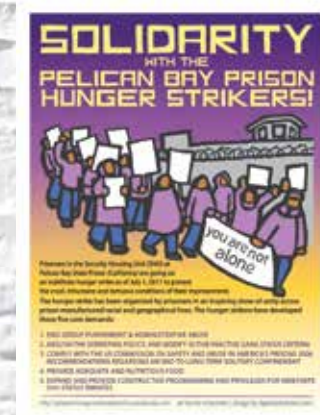
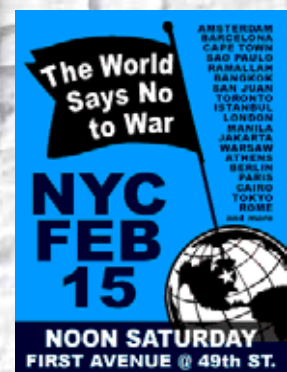
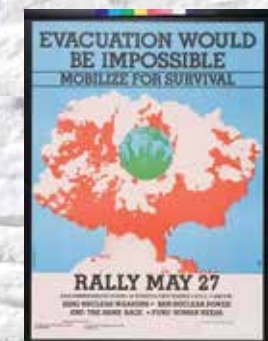
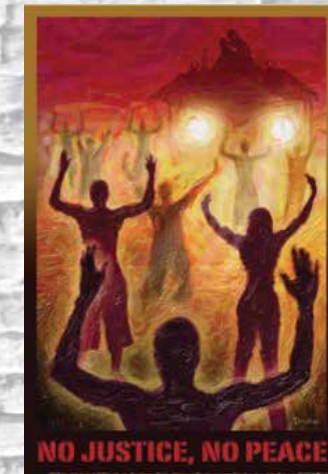
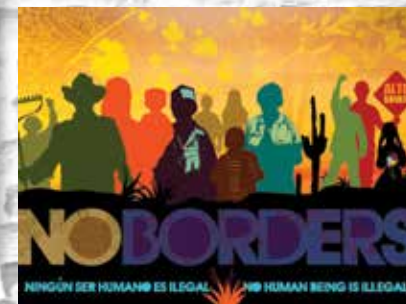
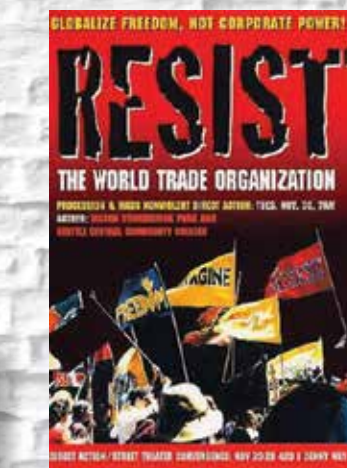
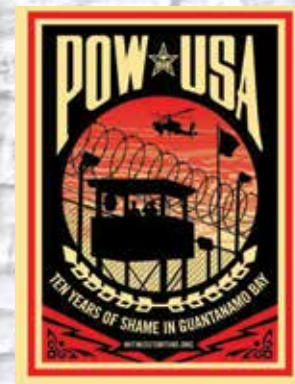
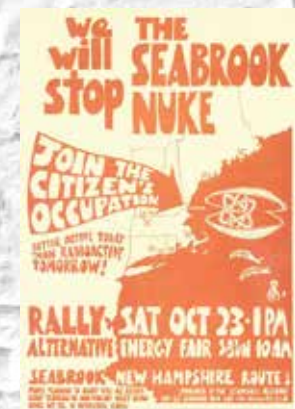
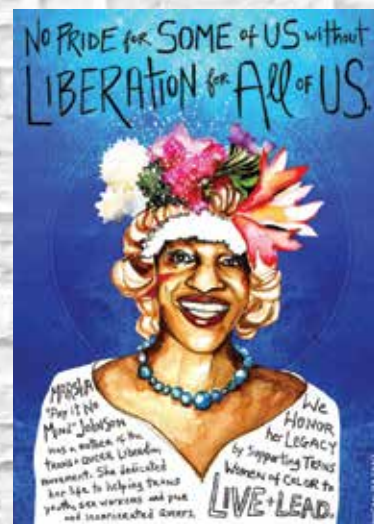
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These iconic actions represent untold thousands who risk their lives and freedom, alone and in small groups, and remain the heart and strength of every movement.

In solidarity, the AJ Muste Institute



1973 Chilean coup ignites ongoing campaigns against US intervention in Latin America and the Caribbean
1974 Anti-death penalty coalitions begin annual hunger strikes in front of Supreme Court
1975 Grassroots protests and 17 million-strong boycott support United Farm Workers



1976 Continental Walk for Disarmament and Social Justice crosses US
1977 Seabrook protests spark 4 decades of direct action to close nuclear power plants



1978 AIM Longest Walk from California to DC to protect Native land and water rights
1979 Grassroots groups sit-in at job sites to integrate construction trades



1980 1st Women's Pentagon Action encases building in Web of Life



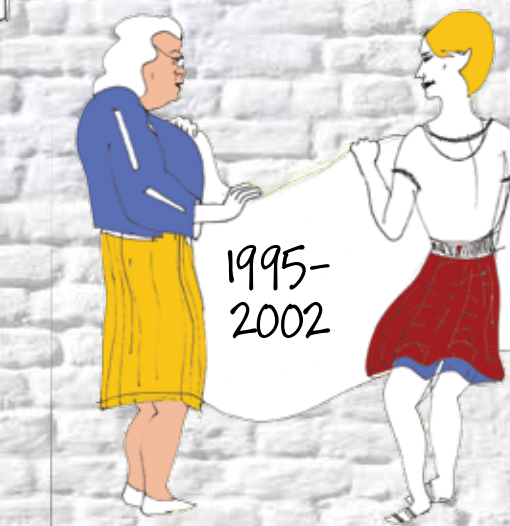
1982 Over a million join June 12 Rally for Peace and Disarmament. 2000 arrested at UN Sit-in for Survival: Blockade the Bombmakers



1983 Women's Encampment for Peace and Justice at Seneca Army Depot
1984 Pledge of Resistance to US military intervention in Central America
1985 Anti-apartheid protests build demand for economic boycott of S. Africa
1987 March on Washington for gay and lesbian rights draws close to a million



1991 No Blood For Oil Anti Gulf War protests across country, converge on DC
1992 750,000 March for Womens Lives in DC demanding reproductive rights
1994 Indigenous community in Chiapas launches Zapatista movement upon implementation of NAFTA



1995 Million Man March in DC calls for response to economic and social crisis in black communities
1999 Mass protests in Seattle against World Trade Organization
2002 Worldwide outcry against plans for Israeli "apartheid wall" to isolate Palestine



2003 Mass demonstrations in 23 countries against War in Iraq
2005 Public demands accountability for US war crimes and use of torture
2006 Millions protest brutal anti-immigration policies during 8 weeks of actions



2008 Picture the Homeless animates anti-poverty struggles across the country.
2009 Tuition hike protests turn into nationwide struggle against student debt, privatization of education
2011 Occupy Wall Street encampments throughout the US and around the world drive movement for social and economic justice



2012 Black Lives Matter mobilizes mass struggle against state sanctioned murders of black people and systemic racism in the US
2012 Wide range of protests in 19 cities demand an end to the prison industrial complex



2014 Spied Upon: Surveillance and Resistance shapes grassroots response to infiltration
2015 Climate change actions in 175 countries ahead of Paris talks
2016 AJ Muste expands sheltering program into new accessible space



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