

Current Efforts regarding US Foreign Policy

Public Citizen and HR1 -- public funding of campaigns and many other essential pieces including protecting the right to vote (citizen.org; fcnl.org) and other groups

Ratify Land Mines Treaty -- Friends Committee on National Legislation (fcnl.org)

Repeal 2002 Iraq Authorization of Military Force (AUMF); HR256 sponsored by Rep. Barbara Lee

End US-backed Saudi Blockade of Yemen -- over 70 groups

Rejoin JCPOA -- indirect negotiation under way; many groups support

Stop the Ground Base Strategic Deterrent Missile (GBSD); many groups

Reduce the military budget; divest from the war machine; refuse to accept campaign contributions from weapons manufacturers -- Code Pink (codepink.org) and others

Some Possible Steps US Could Take

share covid-19 vaccines with all nations at an affordable cost; may require the temporary suspension of patents;

create enforceable steps for dealing with climate chaos including a large and increasing carbon tax; and fulfill funding climate chaos commitments to Third World nations;

drastically reduce weapons spending, disband NATO and rely on the UN and diplomacy for settling conflicts; may require the ability to override a veto in the Security Council;

strongly support international law and human rights for Palestinians; also support enforcement of the Right of Return for Palestinians;

ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons;

pay reparations for their rebuilding to nations the US has devastated;

close overseas military bases;

end unilateral sanctions, especially the secondary sanctions against Venezuela, Cuba, Iran, Syria and North Korea;

strongly support the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

eliminate the CIA and the NED

References from Sue Ellen Klein:

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Black Alliance for Peace (2017) - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs2jKnOIfnP6-L6k0nDGygw>; <https://blackallianceforpeace.com>

Feminist Foreign Policy - <https://centreforfeministforeignpolicy.org/feminist-foreign-policy>; <https://grassrootsonline.org/in-the-news/a-vision-for-a-feminist-peace/>

<https://www.usip.org/sites/default/files/Women-Peace-and-Security-and-US-Policy-An-Overview.pdf>

Institute of Policy Studies (National Priorities Project) – <https://prioritiesforprogress2021.org/>

Poor People’s Campaign - <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/resource/policy-and-legislative-priorities/>

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<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/116/hr6174/text>