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This month we remember Hiroshima & Nagasaki. Two evils that should have never been of done. The war was over, and we didn't need to kill innocent people just to see how deadly these devices were. War has never made anyone safe. A lesson we need to learn.



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*Dedicated to PEACE and SOCIAL JUSTICE through  
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**"There is many a boy here today who looks on war as all glory, but, boys, it is all hell."**

- Civil War General William T. Sherman addressed to the graduating class of the Michigan Military Academy.



I got into a discussion with a man regarding the results of war, specifically WW2.

*"Well at least we stopped the Nazi's!" defiantly he spoke.*

*"Oh yeah," I interjected adding, "Now they're here, and multiplied, they act like they are running this government."*

*"Well," the man apologetically said, "Well, people can change their minds, right?"*

*At first, I felt disgust but after a moment I realized that here in the United States people DO HAVE the right to change their minds but REEALLY, Nazi's?"*

Later on, I mumbled to myself just what he had said. You know, the usual, like that they are murders, if they get more power or people like him, they will kill me and my friends or worst. I had trouble accepting this, thinking I should have been more assertive to the point of threatening him. I mean Nazi's. Eventually I went home and fell into my chair and turned on the television and then it all came to me. As a kid, TV taught me that Nazi's and other enemies were despicable but in the last twenty years the tone has soften. The same TV that encouraged millions to vote for a Fascist lifestyle. At a time when TV could have been teaching people to be more caring about people of different styles, instead it made jokes of how weak we were. A time when TV could have advocated peace to the world or trying to clean it instead, it ignores us but always there was war. The great competition to prove who was better who would eventually end with the winner being the more aggressive.

So Why War? Because it's very profitable for the wealthy and the rich while those who fought or were merely in the way suffered the most. Propaganda, propaganda, propaganda, or Bull-S, Bull-S, Bull-S, is the lone reason to hide the truth who we all know is the first casualty of any war. Medals, music, and political self-congratulation is all pure garbage but with fireworks, fancy parades to rewrite the story of what didn't happen. So why do we put up with it?

The Big Lie. A theory that the more times one lies, it creates doubt of the most dubious people, and they begin to buy into, even though it's false. Our corporate sized media have found since their beginning this method works at crippling the society. Our total concept of the country called the USA is more propaganda than truth. People want to believe in something safe and warm like a teddy bear. Reality is scary and sucks.

Wars are meant to be vicious and horrible to remind a competitor not to challenge their financial greed. Still, after so many millennia, wars begat wars which begat wars and on nauseum. War has always been about the acquisition of wealth, land, natural resources which also means people too.

Most importantly is that the USA has no plan for peace. Neither does Corporate America have a plan for Peace which could still be profitable but not as much as the total thievery and control over the human soul that members that Wall Street hold dear to their greedy heart. As someone once said that we need to be prepared for peace when it breaks out, the call for wars must be left in hell because we don't need it. After so many years, war is NOT the answer, but PEACE is our best option. We still need to be teaching PEACE, maybe stronger now than ever before. At least before it's too late for life on earth. -RG

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In July our show will be hosted by Josh Shurley with guest Aaron Foster of Advance Peace that helps kids who shoot. To hear again go to: [www.siuo71322.mp3](http://www.siuo71322.mp3)

Our June radio show will be hosted by Josh Shurley with guest Abbygail de Castro and Michael Mayfield from Citizen's Climate Lobby. To hear it again: [https://soundcloud.com/joshua-shurley/stir-it-up-june-8-2022?utm\\_source=clipboard&utm\\_medium=text&utm\\_campaign=social\\_sharing](https://soundcloud.com/joshua-shurley/stir-it-up-june-8-2022?utm_source=clipboard&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=social_sharing)