

# Fresno Center for Nonviolence 2022



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When going trick or treating this Halloween, don't go dressed as a superhero or super villain or a politician or a general but go dressed up as a peacenik. Guaranteed to scare some folks, maybe even make them think, now that's the greatest trick you may pull on anyone.

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*In honor of what would have been Howard Zinn 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, I offer, a shorten version of his speech titled "The Uses of History and the War on Terrorism." To read more of his speech go to: ["War Poisons Everybody": Remembering Legendary Historian Howard Zinn on His 100th Birthday | Democracy Now!](#)*

HOWARD ZINN: I was talking to my barber the other day because we always discuss world politics. And he's totally politically unpredictable, as most barbers are, you see. He said, "Howard," he said, "you know, you and I disagree on many things, but on one thing we agree: War solves nothing." And I thought, "Yeah." It's not hard for people to grasp that.

We've had a history of war after war after war after war. What have they solved? What have they done? I received a letter from General Marshall, general of generals, a letter addressed personally to me, and to 16 million others, in which he said, "We've won the war. It will be a new world." Well, of course, it wasn't a new world. It hasn't been a new world, war after war after war.

I came out of that war a war in which I was an enthusiastic bombardier, I came out of that war with certain ideas, which just developed gradually at the end of the war, ideas about war. One, that war corrupts everybody who engages in it. War poisons everybody who engages in it. You start off as the good guys, but as the war goes on, the good guys begin behaving like the bad guys. You can trace this back to the Peloponnesian War. You can trace it back to the good guy, the Athenians, and the bad guys, the Spartans. And after a while, the Athenians become ruthless and cruel, like the Spartans.

And we did that in World War II. We, after Hitler committed his atrocities, we committed our atrocities — you know, our killing of 600,000 civilians in Japan, our killing of probably an equal number of civilians in Germany. These were just ordinary people, like we are ordinary people living in a country that is a marauding country, and they were living in countries that were marauding countries, and they were caught up in whatever it was and afraid to speak up. And I don't know, I came to the conclusion, yes, war poisons everybody.

So, war — well, Einstein said this after World War I. He said, "War cannot be humanized. It can only be abolished." War has to be abolished; you know. And it's — I know it's a long shot. I understand that. But you have to — when something's a long shot, but it has to be done, you have to start doing it. Just as the ending of slavery in this country in the 1830s was a really long shot, but people stuck at it, and it took 30 years, but slavery was done away with. And we can see this again and again. So, we have a job to do. We have lots of things to do.

One of the things we can learn from history is that history is not only a history of things inflicted on us by the powers that be. History is also a history of resistance. It's a history of people who endure tyranny for decades, but who ultimately rise up and overthrow the dictator. Over in Nepal. Million people in the streets, and then the ruler has to get out of the way. So, this is what we're aiming for in this country.

Everything we do is important. Every little thing we do, every picket line we walk on, every letter we write, every act of civil disobedience we engage in, any recruiter that we talk to, any parent that we talk to, any GI that we talk to, any young person that we talk to, anything we do in class, outside of class, everything we do in the direction of a different world is important, even though at the moment they seem futile, because that's how change comes about. Change comes about when millions of people do little things, which at certain points in history come together, and then something good and something important happens. Thank you.

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**Wednesday October 11th at 3 pm**



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In September our show was hosted by Josh Shurley with guest Bob McCloskey from Community Alliance on homelessness in Fresno.