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American Public Health Association  
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# **1985 APHA Closing General Session Prevention of Nuclear War As A Public Health Priority**



**Victor W. Sidel, Outgoing President APHA, Presider**

# 1985 PEACE CAUCUS FOUNDED

AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION  
**PEACE CAUCUS**  
NEWSLETTER

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INTRODUCTORY ISSUE

SPRING 1986

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## BEGINNINGS: THE APHA PEACE CAUCUS

There couldn't have been a better beginning. As APHA's 113th Annual Meeting drew to a close in Washington, D.C. last November, a group of members met to begin organizing a Peace Caucus. This meeting followed the Closing General Session which was entitled, "Prevention of Nuclear War as a Public Health Responsibility." The Closing Session was co-chaired by Vic Sidel, then President of APHA, and Lydia Novak, President of the Medical Workers

Jack Geiger stated, "If we somehow suspended the arms race and expenditures on it for a year, we could, I am confident, pay for every proposal made at every session at this meeting of APHA, the last meeting of APHA, and the meeting of APHA next year still to come, and have money left over for further efforts to prevent death, ease suffering, and save lives throughout the world".

The Peace Caucus in affiliation with the American Public Health Association (APHA) was founded in [1985](#) to educate and engage the influential voice of public health professionals in efforts to promote peace.

Through outreach and educational activities, we strive to illuminate that peace and social justice are key determinants of the health of individuals and communities across the globe.

# Acknowledgements

## 116 founding members

- Gail Gordon
- Lawrence Egbert
- Larry Kushi
- Patrick Johnson
- Rosalind (Bobbie) Singer
- Victor W. Sidel
- Kathy Fagan
- Robert Gould
- Patrice Sutton



Lawrence Egbert, MD

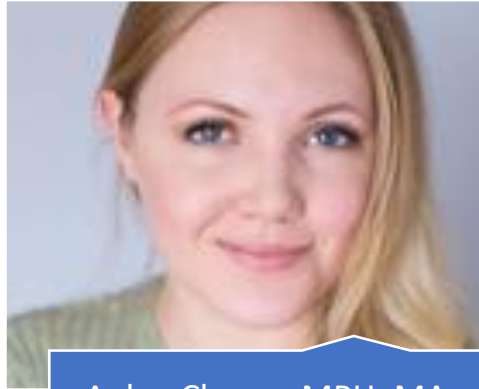
And so many, many others over the years who have contributed to nurturing and sustaining the Peace Caucus



# PEACE CAUCUS TEAM MEMBERS 2020



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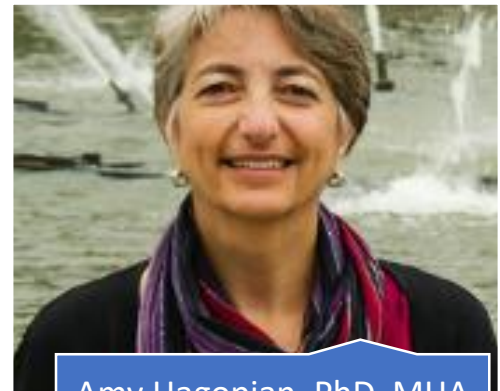
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# WHAT WE DO

Peace Caucus members organize scientific programs at APHA's annual meeting, develop policies, disseminate information and conduct other activities that highlight the public health impacts of war, conflict and other forms of violence and the essential role of health professionals in prevention.

Our activities illustrate the need for peaceful and just environments so that populations can thrive.

1986

## PROTESTS AT THE US NUCLEAR WEAPONS TEST SITE (NEVADA TEST SITE)



The telltale cloud from a nuclear test explosion as seen from Las Vegas about 1950.

- 1951-1992 – NTS 928 announced nuclear tests, 828 underground
- Between 1986 and 1994 there were 536 demonstrations held at the NTS involving 37,488 participants and 15,740 arrests

1986

# APHA'S 1986 ANNUAL MEETING LAS VEGAS, NV PROTEST AT THE US NUCLEAR WEAPONS TEST SITE (NEVADA TEST SITE)



Victor W. Sidel, MD addressing Nevada Test Site Protestors



Front row left to right Carl Sagan, APHA-Immediate Past President  
Victor W. Sidel, and PSR Co-Founder H. Jack Geiger



APHA non-violent protesters transported after arrests





**> 500 APHA  
members marched  
& 139 were arrested**





# Protest a social phenomenon

Faded blue jeans mixed with business suits, uptown dresses

By Jeanette Haylett  
Review-Journal

A third year  
U. of Nevada  
student  
Wednesday, October 1

## Sagan among 139 arrested in NTS protest

By KRISTIN MILLER  
United Press International  
PAHUTE MESA — A thermodynamic warhead was detonated beneath the Nevada desert Tuesday and security guards arrested 139 protesters, including astronomer-author Carl Sagan, for trespassing.

The test followed by only hours an announcement that President Reagan and Soviet Leader Mikhail Gorbachev would meet in Iceland in 11 days for a summit conference. Reagan said, "Chances are better than they've ever been in many years for reaching some agreement on arms reduction."

Sagan, one of 139 arrested by security guards at the

when you're

are want the legal process moved to the federal courts where it will get more attention, said Fagan, 35, a physician from Cleveland, Ohio.

"The people in Beatty are getting overwhelmed by all the arrests of protesters," she said. "If enough people who are arrested go to Beatty, they are going to say they handle it anyway."

"We have gone through all the other normal channels to let the Reagan administration know that the American people do not want testing to continue."

And those who chose not to be arrested felt as committed as those who did.

"I like to think I'm doing something for my grandchildren," said Lester Brevitt, 71, a professor at UCLA's School of Public Health. "I think of a greater legacy than just stopping nuclear

Nevada Test Site, was bound with plastic handcuffs and herded onto waiting government buses with the other non-violent demonstrators. Sagan and 121 others signed trespass citations and were released until a court hearing this month. Eighteen others were taken to jail.

About 400 protesters congregated near the test site gates shortly before the 2:30 p.m. PDT detonation, which was delayed 1 1/2 hours because of adverse morning winds.

U.S. scientists triggered the nuclear weapon 3 feet beneath Pahute Mesa.

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half nuclear testing despite polls which show and Congress favor a moratorium. Russian leaders.

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Scientist Carl Sagan, center, talks with Grady Walker, left, at the Exchange Club. Sagan recently announced the 1986 test swayed buildings in Beatty.

APHA Meeting Includes Major Action At Nuclear Test Site; Over 500 March

139 protesters arrested at test site

By Laura Wingard  
Review-Journal

at test conducted by the Department of Energy only occurred on the

"I'm going to cross the line, I invite you to join me."

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See Nuclear Test page 8.

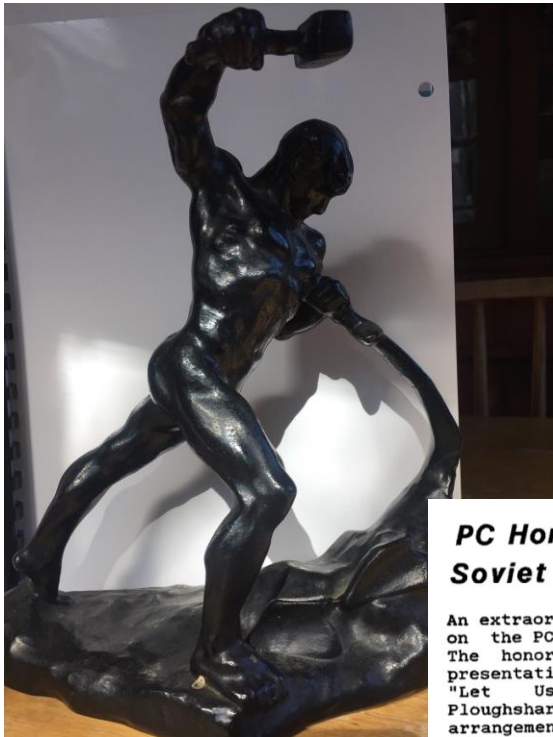
# 1987

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## PEACE CAUCUS

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### **PC Honored by Soviet Medical Workers**

An extraordinary honor was bestowed on the PC at the Annual Meeting. The honor came in the form of the presentation of a replica of the "Let Us Beat Swords Into Ploughshares" statue. The arrangements for the presentation were made by APHA Past President and PC member, Dr. Victor Sidel. The statue was presented to Larry Kushi by Dr. Lydia Novak, President of the seven million member Soviet Medical Workers Union. The statue is a model of the sculpture located on the grounds of the United Nations in New York City.

Enclosed is \$10 to renew my membership in the Peace Caucus. Much of benefit and enrichment was achieved this past week in New Orleans. The Caucus' vitality is a tribute to your efforts and achievements, as well as those of other members. In a short period of time the Peace Caucus has shown a viability and comraderie, producing a strong foundation on which to develop.

Fraternally,  
Bill White



## JOIN TODAY !

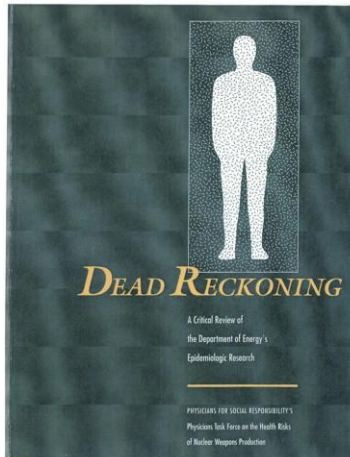


1988

- Economic Conversion  
Public Health Costs of War



- Health Effects of Nuclear Weapons  
R&D and Production/ Comprehensive  
Test Ban Treaty



1989

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1991

- Peace Caucus members cycle with 25  
Russian cyclists from Moscow to  
Leningrad with "Cycle Paths for  
Peace"



- Persian Gulf War/ Low-Intensity  
Conflict/ Central America





# 1990 New York City

## DEMONSTRATE

FOR A

## COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1990**  
DAG HAMMARSKJOLD PLAZA  
47th AND FIRST AVENUE  
NOON TO 2PM



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~~ENDORSERS~~  
(in formation)

Nassau County PSR  
Northern NJ PSR  
Westchester PSR  
U.S. Comprehensive Test Ban Coalition  
NYC Comprehensive Test Ban Coalition  
Greenwich Village Coalition Against  
Nuclear Arms  
Metropolitan NY SAME/Freeze Council  
Pax Christi  
War Resisters League  
Women Strike For Peace

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL:

PSR/NYC (212)870-2980

An opportunity to ban nuclear weapons testing will come when the 118 countries that have signed the Partial Test Ban Treaty (PTBT) meet in New York City, January 7-18, 1991. The PTBT banned tests in the atmosphere, outer space and underwater.

At the conference, these nations will vote to amend the PTBT to put an end to all nuclear testing. Three nations have veto power: the US, Britain and the USSR, which has been willing to sign a comprehensive test ban for some time. Currently, the US and UK are opposed. To pass the amendment, a majority of the PTBT signers must vote in favor of it. And this majority must include the US, UK and USSR. If ratified, the amendment is binding on all 118 nations.

Please contact President Bush and your legislator and insist that the US support the Test Ban Amendment.

TO DATE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT OPPOSES THE  
AMENDMENT!



1992

1993

1994

1995

- Persian Gulf War

Doctor Who Opposed Gulf War  
Faces Loss of License To Practice Medicine

Dr. Yolanda Huet-Vaughn, spent eight months in prison for her refusal to serve in the Gulf War, and is now threatened with the loss of her medical license because of her actions. A physician in a community clinic serving the poor in Kansas City, and



[Dr. Yolanda Huet-Vaughn](#)

- Chemical Biological Weapons of Mass Destruction



- Militarism/National Health Insurance and the Peace Dividend



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## **Palestine: seeking truth amid turmoil**



**8 PC sessions  
1989-1995 on  
health impacts of  
nuclear weapons  
R&D**



1996

1997

1998

1999

**3156.1 Unto the Seventh Generation: The Environmental Assault on Public Health**

Presider: *Patrice Sutton, MPH*

- 2:00 Dursban (Chlorpyrifos) Illness in an Exposed Population — *Janette D. Sherman, MD*
- 2:20 Thyroid Dysfunction and Cancers Among Down-Winders at Hanford — *Charles M. Grossman, MD*
- 2:40 Storage of PCBs in US Early Warning Stations in Newfoundland — *Lawrence Egbert, MD, MPH*
- 3:00 Discussion

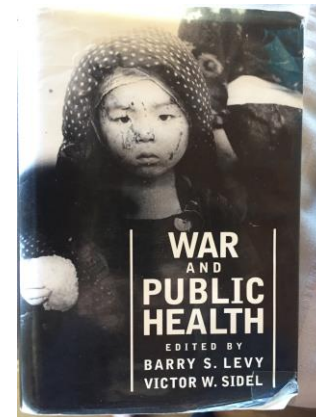
- **Women & War, Sanctions**



**LAND MINES**

**A Worldwide Public Health Menace**

Worldwide, land mines have become a weapon of choice. Governments and guerrilla armies alike are attracted to the use of land mines because they are inexpensive to buy, easy to obtain, simple to deploy and hard to detect<sup>1</sup>. Costing on average \$3 to \$30, about 10 million land mines are produced each year by almost 100 companies and government agencies in at least 48 countries<sup>2,3</sup>. Minefields placed in a couple of hours can take weeks to clear with average costs to clear one land mine ranging from \$300 to \$1,000<sup>4,5</sup>.



- **Central America/ Liberation Medicine**

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American Public Health Association

# PEACE CAUCUS

Autumn 2001 Newsletter

## American Public Health Association and Physicians for Social Responsibility Call for Justice and Security, Not Revenge

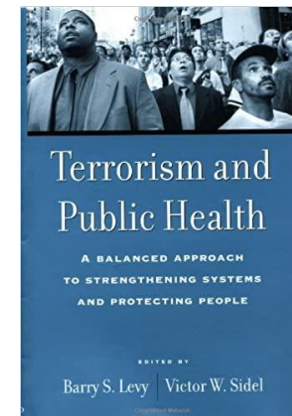
*In response to the September 11 attacks on the United States, Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) initiated a statement urging restraint and respect for law for the widest possible sign-on by individuals and organizations in the medical and health community. The American Public Health Association and its Executive Director Mohammad N. Akhter, M.D., M.P.H. agreed to be initial signers.*

- 2000 War & Public Health (updated)



**2001**  
1<sup>st</sup> session on  
bioterrorism

- 2003 Terrorism & Public Health





## Veterans health

2004

2005

2006

2007

### **Violence: A Public Health Approach to Prevention**

*J. Marshall, MD, President*

Jewish-American Medical Project: An effort to humanize the Middle East conflict through collaboration in medicine, mental health, and public health. A. F. Meyers, MD, MPH; A. Rothchild, MD; J. G. Shaw; R. Torgovitsky; M. Seligman, PsyD

WebEngage: Moral disengagement and [www.PeaceTest.org](http://www.PeaceTest.org). B. H. Howard, BA; L. J. Benjamins, MD; D. Stelzig, BS; A. L. McAlister, PhD; J. Grussendorf, PhD; R. Shegog, PhD

A university peace project can lead to a dialogue about peace in the community. J. M. Murdock, PhD

Violence: An epidemic requiring public health solutions TBA

Discussion.

Co-Sponsors: MH, PHEHP, ICEHS, SC CE credits: CH, RN, MD

### **OPPOSITION TO THE INITIATION AND CONTINUATION OF THE WAR ON IRAQ BY THE UNITED STATES**

**A**s public health workers and as members of the American Public Health Association, we wish to state our strong opposition to the initiation and continuation of the war on Iraq by the United States. We support the policy statements approved by

- 2006 Social Injustice & Public Health



### **SOCIAL INJUSTICE AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

Edited by  
Barry S. Levy • Victor W. Sidel

### **Health Impacts of War in the Middle East**

*N. R. E. Wardani, MPH, MPhil, President*

Water and the Environment in Palestine. R. Abu Middain, MPH

Politics of Deteriorating Health: The Case of Palestine.  
D. Qato, PharmD, MPH

Effects of Israeli military occupation on an American NGO  
addressing children's health issues in Palestine. S. J. Sosebee

Veteran and military health and the war in Iraq.  
A. G. Hirschman, RN-C, FNP

Discussion.

Co-Sponsors: PHEHP, SC

CE credits: CH, RN

# 2007 UNEMBEDDED

## Collaboration with APHA, Labor Caucus & Peace Caucus



Photographer: Thorne Anderson—NAJAF, August 27, 2004

# Unembedded

APHA and the **Peace and Labor Caucuses** are uniting to bring *Unembedded* to the APHA Annual Meeting

#### APHA's Opening Reception for the *Unembedded* Exhibit

Monday, November 5, 2007, 6-8:30PM  
AFL-CIO Building, 815 16th St., N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20006

#### HOURS:

Sun., Nov. 4th, 2 PM–6 PM  
Mon., Nov. 5th, 7 AM–10 PM\*  
Tues., Nov. 6th, 7 AM–7 PM  
Wed., Nov. 7th, 7 AM–7 PM  
Thurs., Nov 8th, 7 AM–7 PM

*Unembedded* is a national touring exhibit of 60 images that tell the story of the war's impact on the lives of the Iraqi people "on the ground" where the war is being waged. The APHA exhibit will include interpretative panels about the war's effect on human health and the environment in Iraq, as well as its impact on returning American veterans, their families, and communities.

This exhibit will only be possible if we collectively raise \$12,000 to cover transportation, setup and security. Please contribute if you can with checks made payable to APHA (note *Unembedded*) and mailed to: **Pamela Wilson**, c/o Department for Professional Employees, AFL-CIO, 1025 Vermont Ave NW Suite 1030, Washington, DC 20005

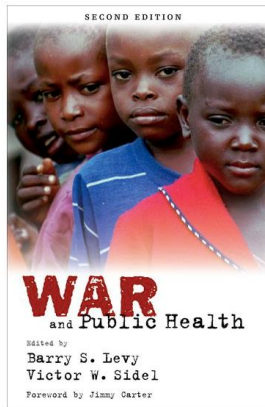
2008

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2010

2011

- 2008 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition WPH



**Harms of war and  
conflict on women,  
children, veterans,  
families, communities**



[Ann Hirschman](#)

- IRAN



**Dr Trita Parsi**,  
President of  
the National  
Iranian American  
Council,  
will speak at  
APHA on Finding  
Peaceful  
Resolution to  
the US-Iran  
Standoff, Tuesday  
at 12:30  
PM (see p. 5)



# 2009 Winter Soldier Film Screening

 IRAQ VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR

ABOUTEVENTSCAMPAIGNSMEMBERSRESOURCESPRESSCONTACT

## Winter Soldier

Winter Soldier: Iraq and Afghanistan featured testimony from U.S. veterans who served in those occupations, giving an accurate account of what is really happening day in and day out, on the ground.

This four-day event brought together veterans from across the country to testify about their experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan - and present video and photographic evidence. In addition, panels of scholars, veterans, journalists, and other specialists gave context to the testimony. These panels covered everything from the history of the GI resistance movement to the fight for veterans' health benefits and support.

 Winter Soldier - Two Minute Ad Spot

Watch laterShare



[www.ivaw.org](http://www.ivaw.org)



# Public Health Working Group of Primary Prevention of War

- Grew out of 2011 Peace Caucus session
- Shelley White, PhD, MPH, Founder and Chair



## The Public Health Working Group on Primary Prevention of War

The Public Health Working Group on the Primary Prevention of War was founded in 2011. It grew out of the American Public Health Association's (APHA) affiliated Peace Caucus and is now an international collaborative group of academics and practitioners representing over a dozen universities. The focus of this group is to call attention to, and take action on, a pressing public health problem that has received little attention in academic settings: the prevention of war, armed conflict, and militarism.

The APHA, in 2009, adopted a resolution naming war as a public health problem that should be better addressed in academic settings.<sup>(1)</sup> We subsequently studied this issue further and published two journal articles:

- Public Health Reports (2013), presenting our research documenting the limited number of courses on war in schools of public health.<sup>(2)</sup>
- American Journal of Public Health (2014), offering a framework of public health learning competencies for the prevention of war.<sup>(3)</sup>

### Publications and Press:

(1) American Public Health Association. 2009, November 10. The Role of Public Health Practitioners, Academics and Advocates in Relation to Armed Conflict and War. Policy Number 20095. Available on-line at: <http://www.apha.org/advocacy/policy/policysearch/default.htm?id=1391>

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(6) The Nation (Staff Writer). 2014. "Sick of War." October 6. The Nation 299(14): 5.

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<https://publichealthwatch.wordpress.com/2014/05/17/groundbreaking-report-from-americas-leading-public-health-association-identifies-militarism-as-a-threat-to-nations-health/>

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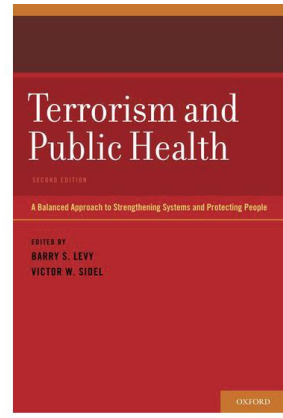
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- 2012 Terrorism & Public Health  
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- Military Recruiting in Schools

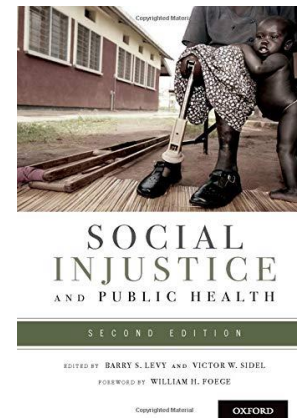


Amy Hagopian

- Noam Chomsky



- 2013 Social Injustice & Public Health 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition



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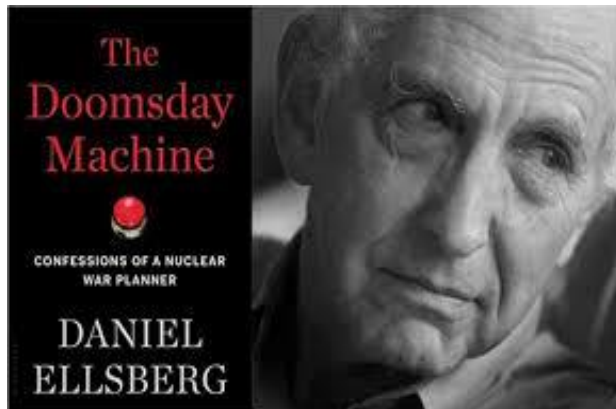
## Climate Change, conflict, refugees



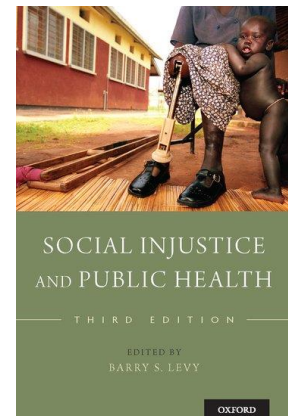
## War in Syria



## Dan Ellsberg tribute to Dr. Victor W. Sidel



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# 2020

## PEACE CAUCUS

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### PEACE, JUSTICE, & PUBLIC HEALTH: YOUR GUIDE TO APHA SESSIONS & EVENTS

#### DON'T MISS THESE PEACE CAUCUS & APHA COLLABORATIVE SESSIONS

##### TUESDAY October 20<sup>th</sup>

4:00 PM–6:00 PM MT - Session 256.0

##### Joint Policy Committee Public Hearings C

<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Session/60959>

*Proposed policies on nuclear weapons abolition and the war in Yemen to be discussed, please attend to speak in support of these important policy statements.*

##### SATURDAY October 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM MT Session 214.0 (IH)

##### Palestine Health Justice Working Group Meeting

<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Session/61755>

##### SUNDAY October 25<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – 11:00 AM MT Session 201.0

##### Peace Caucus Business Meeting. ALL WELCOME!

<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Session/61467>

6:00 – 8:00 PM MT

##### Health Activist Dinner

\$10 students free: <http://www.healthactivistdinner.org>

##### MONDAY October 26<sup>th</sup>

1:00 – 2:30 PM MT Session 3174.1 (All Caucus Collaborative)

##### Strategies to Address an Epidemic of Injustice:

Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Persons (MMIWP)

<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Session/62059>

##### TUESDAY OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM MT Session 4049.0

##### 4049.0 - Health and Conflict: New Research and the Imperative of Action for Yemen and Syria

<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Session/60176>

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM MT Session 4184.1 (APHA)

##### Slaughter in Silence: Violence and Public Health in the DRC, the World's Deadliest Conflict Since World War II

<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Session/60946>

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM MT Session 4363.0

##### Preventing Violence and Securing Peace, Racial, and Social Justice for All: Knowledge and Action Agenda for Public Health Professionals

<https://apha.confex.com/apha/2020/meetingapp.cgi/Session/60178>

#### PEACE: A PREREQUISITE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Leveraging the opportunities of an online meeting to lift up voices on the front lines of global militarization and domestic policing

For the past 35 years, the Peace Caucus has served to make visible, as expressed in APHA's 2009 policy statement, that "war has profound public health consequences, and it is an entirely preventable source of some the world's worst public health catastrophes."

This year's online meeting provided us with the unique opportunity to lift up voices from around the globe whose work is at the intersection of war, conflict, violence, and public health, and who otherwise would have been unable to attend the meeting. We urge you to take advantage of our extraordinary program, which brings to the forefront of the annual meeting the connections between violence and public health in Africa, Yemen, Syria, and in the U.S., exploring the health consequences of structural violence, and its relationship to racism, social injustice, and war. Please make the most of this unprecedented opportunity by attending the Peace Caucus sessions.

While violence prevention is the theme of this year's annual meeting, it is the theme of every annual meeting for the Peace Caucus. Please learn more about the work of the Peace Caucus by attending our business meeting and support the work of the Peace Caucus by joining at: <https://www.aphapeacecaucus.org>



# APHA Policy Statements On War, Conflict, Militarism, Nuclear Weapons

APHA resolutions on this topic include:

- **Prioritizing Cleanup of the Hanford Nuclear Reservation to protect the Public's Health 20105 (2010)** [Contamination; Civilian health]
  - **The Role of Public Health Practitioners, Academics, and Advocates in Relation to Armed Conflict and War 20095 (2009)** [War as a public health problem; Prevention; Promote Peace]
  - **Opposition to US Attack on Iran 200718 (2007)** [Prevent pre-emptive attack; reduce nuclear weapons proliferation]
  - **Opposition to the United States Plans for New Nuclear Weapons Development and Pre-emptive War 200324 (2003)** [Conflict resolution through negotiation; Re-establish commitment to respecting international treaties]
  - **Opposition to National Missile Defense and the Militarization of Space 200119 (2001)** [Reduce nuclear arsenal; Reinvest funds for the people]
  - **Nuclear Weapon Free World 9932 (1999)** [Engage in Anti-Nuclear resolutions]\*
  - **Taking Nuclear Weapons Off Alert 9931 (1999)** [Hair trigger alert]\*
  - **Cessation of Continued Development of Nuclear Weapons 9804 (1998)** [Opposing nuclear weapons modernization]\*
  - **Cessation of Nuclear Testing and Abolition of Nuclear Weapons 9605 (1998)** [Opposing nuclear weapons modernization]\*
  - **Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention 9712 (1997)** [Ban use of chemical weapons]\*
  - **Public Health Hazards at Nuclear Weapons Facilities 8917 (1989)** [Right of American people to know all information in order to exercise political right; health risks]\*
  - **The Health Effect of Militarism Date 8531(PP) (1985)** [Prevention of a Nuclear War; Public Health Budgetary Impacts]\*
  - **Nuclear Testing and Dumping of Nuclear Waste Materials in the Pacific Ocean 8307 (1983)** [Destruction of environment and the jeopardization of human life]\*
  - **Nuclear War and Nuclear Weapons 8117 (1981)** [Pursuing verifiable agreement to eliminate nuclear arsenals among nuclear weapons states]\*
  - **Nuclear Power 7909 (1979)** [Significant lack of preventative health policy]\*
  - **World Peace and the Military Budget 7913 (1979)** [Military budget as a threat to world peace]\*
- \* Denotes statement has been or will be archived this year.

## Call for United States to Support a Strengthened Biological Weapons Convention

**Date:** Nov 13 2002 | **Policy Number:** 200213

**Key Words:** Chemicals, Congress, Warfare

[The American Public Health Association,](#)

Recognizing that the unprecedented number and distribution of suspected bioterrorism-related anthrax exposures and infections in 2001<sup>1</sup> raised widespread concern about the nature of intentional origins<sup>2</sup>, and,

## Opposition to the Continuation of the War in Iraq

**Date:** Nov 08 2006 | **Policy Number:** 200617

**Key Words:** Appropriations, Armed Forces, Ethics, Federal Appropriations, Human Rights, International Health, Mental Health, Military, Warfare

[The American Public Health Association,](#)

Recalling policy statements approved by the American Public Health Association (APHA) Governing Council opposing the initiation and continuation of the war in Iraq<sup>1,2</sup> and calling for the redirection of funds to expand U.S. public health services;<sup>1</sup>

## Cessation of Military Recruiting in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools

**Date:** Oct 30 2012 | **Policy Number:** 20123

**Key Words:** Military, Armed Forces

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## The Role of Public Health Practitioners, Academics, and Advocates in Relation to Armed Conflict and War

**Date:** Nov 10 2009 | **Policy Number:** 20095

**Key Words:** International Health, Conflict, War

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This position paper addresses the role of public health practitioners, academics, and advocates in response to war and armed conflict. This paper provides the scientific basis and justification for an acknowledgment that war has been among the most important public health problems of the last 100 years, and there is little evidence its importance is waning.

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*H. Jack Geiger, MD*

*Closing Session APHA 1985*

- Towards A Nuclear Weapons Free World (2020)

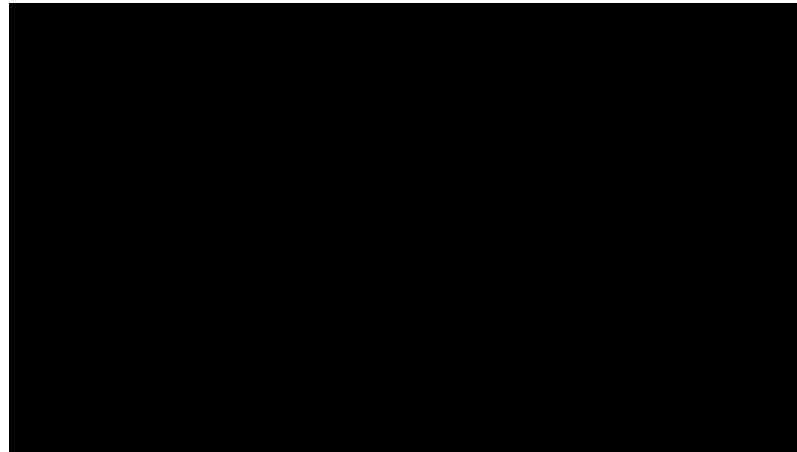
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1 **VI. Summary**

2 APHA has formally recognized, for at least four decades, the direct and indirect adverse public  
3 health consequences of nuclear weapons research, development, testing, production, and use, and  
4 has also explicitly recognized the essential role of public health professionals in advancing the  
5 abolition of nuclear weapons. This policy statement provides an update to the evidence in  
6 support of APHA's past policy statements and reaffirms APHA's call for the abolition of nuclear  
7 weapons. This proposal calls for: 1) the United States (U.S.) and the other nuclear weapons states  
8 to sign and ratify the 2017 United Nations (UN) Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons  
9 to pursue negotiations in good faith on effective measures relating to the cessation of the nuclear  
10 arms race; 2) the U.S. Congress and President to work towards the goal of a world free of nuclear  
11 weapons including, but not limited to, rejoining the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF)  
12 treaty, renewing and expanding the New Start Treaty, pursuing multilateral regional treaties,  
13 renouncing first use of nuclear weapons, and ending the sole presidential authority to launch a  
14 nuclear attack; 3) the U.S. Congress and President to address legacy and current occupational  
15 and environmental health harms posed by the U.S. nuclear weapons complex; and 4) all public  
16 health professionals and schools of public health to advocate for a world free of nuclear  
17 weapons, including opposition to diverting resources to weapons development and production,  
18 teaching material covering health impacts of the nuclear weapons cycle in schools of public  
19 health, and conducting further research and publishing materials on nuclear weapons issues.

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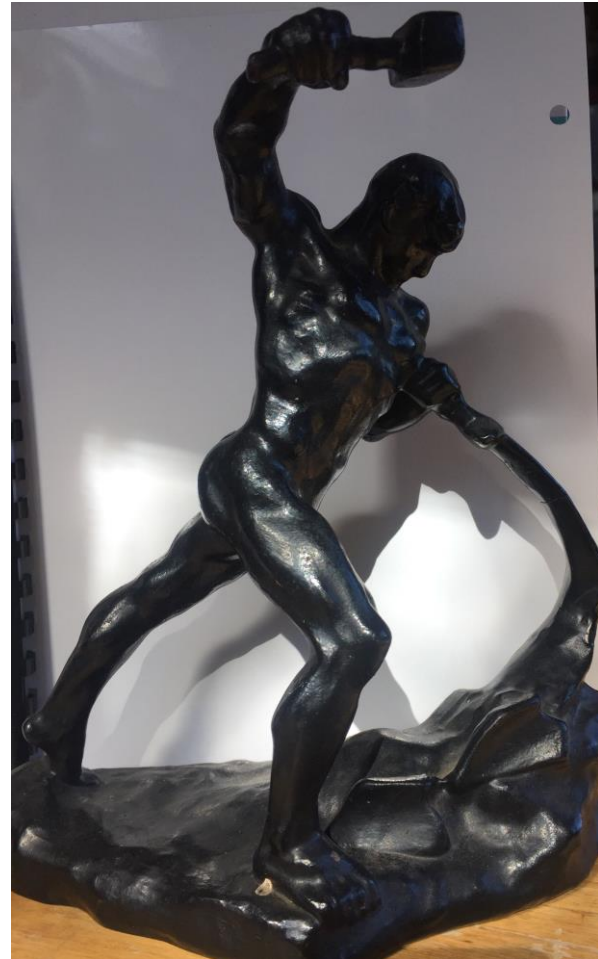


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