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A No-Fly Zone would be a disaster.

The corporate-owned mass media is drumming up support for a No-Fly Zone. As a consequence, many support the idea of a No-Fly Zone because they believe it will help protect Ukrainian civilians. But it will only lead to war between the U.S./NATO and Russia, a war that would be likely nuclear.

This brochure explains why we should oppose a NATO No-Fly Zone and U.S. imperialism everywhere!

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Why We Should All Oppose a No-Fly Zone Over Ukraine

What is a No Fly Zone & Why is it in the News?

On Sunday, March 3, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky asked the U.S. government to impose a No-Fly Zone over Ukraine. A No-Fly Zone would compel U.S. warplanes and missile batteries to shoot down Russian military aircraft. Rather than a move to end the war, it would lead to a global confrontation between the U.S./NATO and Russia, and could even lead to a nuclear war.

Why All People Should Oppose a No-Fly Zone in Ukraine

People are understandably shocked and horrified by the war in Ukraine. But there are voices demanding that the U.S. and NATO enforce a No-Fly-Zone, which will only deepen the war.

A No-Fly Zone is a Terrible Idea

Imposing a No-Fly Zone would be the quickest possible way to a nuclear war between the U.S./NATO and Russia. Hundreds of millions of people would die. **A No-Fly Zone won't save lives!** Russia has made it clear that if the U.S. and NATO enter the war, there will be a global conflict. Russia has already put its nuclear forces on the highest alert.

Negotiate, Don't Escalate!

Before Russia invaded, the Biden Administration recklessly and repeatedly refused to negotiate with Russia over its demand that Ukraine be a neutral country rather than be incorporated into NATO. The U.S. refusal to negotiate in good faith has led to a catastrophic outcome for all the people of Ukraine and poses the danger of starting World War III. The U.S. has expanded NATO since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991, all the way up to Russia's border.

What Russia Fears

Until 1991, Ukraine and Russia were the two biggest republics in the Soviet Union (USSR). When the USSR was dissolved, Ukraine became an independent country. Ukraine shares a 1,200 mile-long border with Russia. In 2014, the U.S. supported a right-wing coup that overthrew the democratically-elected government of Viktor Yanukovich in Ukraine, which had pledged to keep the country neutral and out of NATO. The current Ukrainian government has demanded to be a part of NATO. Russia fears that the U.S. and NATO will place advanced nuclear and conventional missiles on Ukraine's border.

In 2018, the Pentagon announced that it was preparing for a "major power conflict" with Russia and China. That's why the Kremlin believes the U.S. is actively preparing for war with Russia.

In 2019, Trump canceled the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Arms Control Treaty — INF — between the U.S. and Russia, increasing the tension between both countries. Signed by Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev in 1986, the treaty prohibited the placement of short and mid-range missiles in Europe. These missiles, which Russia feared would be placed in Ukraine have a flight time of 6 minutes to their targets in Russia. Russia will never be able to defend against them. Putin made the understandable argument that the U.S. would never let Russia place missiles at the borders between the U.S. and Mexico or Canada.

Abolish NATO!

NATO is a relic of the Cold War and it should be abolished. NATO was formed in 1949 under the pretext that the U.S. needed to create a military alliance against communism and the USSR in Europe. In 1991 the USSR went out of existence. Russia was severely weakened.

Russia asked if it could join NATO and the U.S. rejected the request. Instead of abolishing NATO in 1991, the U.S. provocatively expanded NATO membership to include all of Russia's former allies.

NATO was a military alliance without a purpose, but in order to justify spending hundreds of billions of dollars, it kept expanding.

NATO was used by the U.S. to wage an unprovoked war in 1999 against Yugoslavia, the last socialist government in Europe. Two years later, NATO invaded Afghanistan and launched a disastrous 20-year long war that took the lives of 240,000 Afghans, thousands of U.S. soldiers' lives and cost the U.S. over \$2.3 trillion dollars.

In 2011, NATO bombed Libya until the government was crushed. NATO plunged the country into endless civil war. Slave markets reappeared in what had been the country with the highest standard of living in Africa.

Peace and Jobs, Not War!

The people of the world want peace. We, the people of the United States, want peace, too. We have paid too long for U.S. militarism and war. Our cities are crumbling, we have no national health care system, nor childcare for parents. Student debt keeps growing. And yet Congress keeps fueling the Pentagon budget at over \$1 trillion a year with our tax dollars! The U.S. is driving NATO's continued expansion. It is up to us to oppose and stop it.