



# Confronting the Existential Threats: Nuclear Weapons & Climate Catastrophe

*No Wars, No Warming*

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The cyclical nature of the relationship between wars and warming calls for intervention. The **No Wars, No Warming** campaign seeks to break the cycle of war and warming through activism, collaboration, and collective action. We support the ideas of a Green Peace Economy, and a remarkable blueprint for conquering both the global climate crisis and nuclear dangers - **Warheads to Windmills**. Meanwhile, the wars in Ukraine, Syria, and potentially Iran are warning signs of militarization over diplomacy. They need to end, and we need a new Common Security approach. The potential breakthrough evidenced in the August 5-6 Jeddah Conference of 40 nations, with the U.S., China, and Ukraine all in attendance, shows signs that diplomacy can work—we must push for further results, and restore the Ukraine Grain Deal as well!



## Common Security and Intersectionality

**Common Security**, first proposed by Russian President and reformer Mikhail Gorbachev, is the idea “that sustainable security cannot be obtained by undermining or threatening the security of others” (unfold zero). We commend that approach and support its implementation.

Wars and warming overwhelmingly and unequally affect minorities. Decisions regarding refineries, pipelines, and fracking often put poor communities at risk. Similarly, large natural disasters which result from climate change, largely affect communities in the Global South that do not have the resources to rebuild. The burden of walking miles for water among other care work is placed unequally on women, who face violence if they are unable to care for their families. The struggle for **Climate Justice**, therefore, intersects with **Anti-Racism** as well as **Women’s Rights**, among other justice movements.

## What has the No Wars, No Warming Campaign Accomplished?

- Co-organized a 10,000 person demonstration in support of preventing climate catastrophe at the July 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia. CFPA regularly includes support for legislation toward that end in its lobbying of elected representatives from our region of central/south Jersey and Southeastern PA's five counties.
- Built alliances with Delaware Riverkeeper; Food and Water Watch; League of Conservation Voters; Sierra Club; GBBP; PA Physicians for Social Responsibility; Artists4Earth; and the UN Association of Greater Philadelphia, and lobbied Congress on stopping LNG (liquid methane) terminals.
- We've succeeded thus far in ensuring that the Delaware River Basin Commission upholds its Charter to keep the Delaware River safe and clean, serving the interests of the 17 million people who depend on the river, free from fracking, fracking waste, and a proposed LNG export terminal in Gibbstown, NJ. There is still a threat from LNG corporations and our work here continues, until the cancellation of the project.

## What still needs to be done?

- **Transfer funds from nukes and the military to a Green Economy:** Right now, we're wasting \$55 Billion + a year on "modernization" (escalation) of nukes. Over 20 years, we can save \$2 Trillion, and put our investment in the future-- a Green Peace Economy.
- **Redirect STEM Talent:** We need experts currently employed building nuclear weapons to tackle the climate crisis. To implement a Green Peace Economy, we need scientific, technical, engineering, and mathematical expertise to solve the remaining challenges of sustainable energy generation, storage, transport, and use.
- **Focus on International Cooperation:** The US with the other five nuclear-armed nations and their nuclear allies, collectively emit nearly three-quarters of all the world's greenhouse gases. Imagine if we turned these talents and resources into solving climate change. Let's talk, not confront—it can become an international Win-Win on climate — as well as reducing nuclear threat, ending escalation.
- **Tell President Biden, and world leaders:** Youth, and sensible adults, are crying out for an approach of coexistence, and climate healing. We can promote the **RGGI – Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative**, now in 12 states including New Jersey and Pennsylvania, nationwide to slow the warming. A focus on reforestation is part of a **Green Peace Economy** which will create millions of jobs.
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