

peoples and the end of the US war machine.  
towards the sovereignty of all indigenous  
power we hold as Turtle Island settlers  
to wield with precision and courage the  
self-educating on this topic, and striving  
citizens of US-bombed ancestry, still  
this zine was created by concerned US

**FREE PALESTINE BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY**  
**A DIVERSITY OF TACTICS IS VITAL**  
**FREE PALESTINE ALSO MEANS**  
**LAND BACK, BLACK LIVES MATTER, & FTP**  
**IT IS OUR DUTY TO FIGHT FOR OUR FREEDOM**  
**IT IS OUR DUTY TO WIN**  
**WE MUST LOVE EACH OTHER AND**  
**SUPPORT EACH OTHER**  
**WE HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT OUR CHAINS**

<< The thing about taxes, is there's no  
one-size-fits all method. With different  
types of income, employment, and  
identities, there are many ways to  
participate, with various levels of risk,  
including legal and very low risk!  
You can find resources with more details  
on the next page :)

- This sounds cool, but what are the steps I can take?
- Can I partake in WTR as a self-employed person? As a W-2/W-4 employee?
- What are the legal risks, and what has the IRS actually done in the past in response to WTR?

**If you're asking...**

What could we accomplish by collectively taking a stand to divest from the American imperial core, and re-investing those resources into the work of those who are actively building towards the futures we actually want to see within our lifetimes?

We know that:  
• the federal government is more likely to respond to lower level government members than average citizens  
• no single antiwar tactic has ever gotten the job done on its own  
• government staffers say they've never been flooded like this in all the wretched history of US imperialism  
This could be an unprecedented opportunity to pile on a coordinated nationwide campaign against the one thing they're committed to protecting: their money.

>> The IRS has been drastically defunded and understaffed since the 80s. WTR has been historically pursued; we could lean into safety in numbers as we build a critical mass of WTR participants. Especially going into an election year, this could add economic pressure to what our inbox flooding and daily calls have been doing.

**check out these resources linked below:**

very thorough resources from the Nat'l War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTRCC)

resource including additional considerations for the qt/bipoc body [and those who love us]



an experienced and existing coalition of war tax resisters

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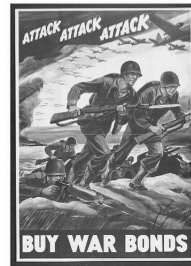
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During WWI & WWII, the US government sold us war bonds to fund their war machine. War remains a main source of the US' wealth. After WWII, the US pivoted from banking on people's voluntary purchases of war bonds to simply raising income taxes, which made divestment from war seem inaccessible/feel more invisible, **especially for moments like this.**



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**How would WTR really work?**

Unfortunately, \$1 of tax paid does not equal \$1 received by the military: the US war machine is largely funded by things like mining, selling weapons, installing pro-US interest governments, etc. This means it's not up to us to simply defund the military. However, all state violence perpetrated by the US (domestic and foreign) is **pattered and linked**, and ultimately **facilitated** by our willingness to be complicit.

**Then what do our taxes fund?**

While our taxes may not be footing the war bill directly, the IRS does fund lower level (city, state) infrastructure. Payroll taxes fund social security. So **withholding taxes does mess with the efficacy of state & local politicians.**

In theory, the US could simply print more money to cover the deficit from WTR, but that would deflate the USD. But that would wreak havoc on the economy + US international economic power.

clear and concise summary of how war tax is effective and resources by the War Resisters League



WRL works with NWTRCC and other war tax resistance groups and has been operating since 1923