



NATIONAL WAR TAX RESISTANCE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Greetings new friends and fellow war tax resisters!

First I would like to say thank you so much for welcoming two newbies into the war tax resistance movement! My boyfriend/business partner and I became interested in tax resistance but were nervous and didn't know where to turn. A quick Google search took us to the NWTRCC website and Facebook page where we were very warmly welcomed. Finding a whole community, especially one so organized and supportive, is what really made us able to take that last step and dedicate ourselves to the war tax resistance movement.

Your donations of any size will help keep these valuable resources available for others like us!

Our foray into tax resistance began with the November 2016 election. It inspired my boyfriend (Orane Sharpe) and I to really look at what happened to our country to get us into a state of such division. What we realized is, we believe it's not about left versus right, but about all of us demanding more from our government. Regardless of who is in power, the problems stay the same and one of the biggest problems, of course, is war.

With this realization we started a research/news site called Citizen Truth (find us at CitizenTruth.org) to promote thinking more critically about our government and to get people out of this left versus right mentality. We research a LOT and try to present viewpoints that aren't necessarily in the mainstream, and, sadly, one of those underrepresented viewpoints is antiwar. It's too easy for our politicians to drum up fear and craft a heart-tugging narrative for war. We need a voice that counters this and promotes peaceful and legal solutions to conflicts. That is what I believe NWTRCC and the war tax resistance movement does. The complete dedication to peace is what I admire most in the movement.

Our venture with Citizen Truth is what got us thinking hard about how our tax dollars are spent. Finding NWTRCC was a blessing as it gave us direction and the support we needed to pursue our interest in war tax resisting. For myself, knowing that my tax dollars were going to support war and harm thousands of people around the world was just too much. However, I know without a supportive community like NWTRCC I wouldn't have been able to pursue resisting. I am incredibly impressed by the resources and amount of organization that NWTRCC has. **I believe that the support, resources and organization provided by NWTRCC is absolutely crucial to growing the movement for peace.**

The November election woke people up on all sides of the political spectrum. People like us are looking more critically at our government and are unhappy with the endless wars. I think people are itching to learn about NWTRCC. The time is ripe for NWTRCC to promote tax resistance! I know your contribution will help with this work.

Kindly,

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