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Our heartfelt thanks goes out to our many readers and supporters who have responded to the WSWs New Year Fund! If you have not yet given-- we need your help!

Amidst the explosive growth of social inequality, far-reaching attacks on democratic rights and the escalating and permanent state of war, there has never been a more urgent need to expand the influence of the world socialist movement.

This year has marked significant achievements for the WSWs. It is impossible to summarize everything the WSWs has done this year, but here are 6 reasons for you to donate today:

1. Unite workers internationally against imperialist war!



US Chrysler autoworkers supporting the WSWS

The ICFI has made this struggle the centerpiece of our work internationally in 2014. A major step in this fight was the May 4 [International May Day Online Rally](#), the first of its kind in history. The ICFI brought together an audience from over 90 countries and six continents to hear speeches on the world political situation and the tasks of the international working class. In July, a meeting of the ICFI passed the resolution, "[Socialism and the Fight Against Imperialist War](#)," followed by resolutions in the [US](#), [Britain](#) outlining the fundamental political issues in the fight against imperialism.

The WSWS has published countless articles and perspectives this year denouncing and exposing the disaster being prepared by world imperialism--analyzing the right-wing coup in Ukraine and the campaign against Russia; the Obama administration's "pivot to Asia;" the Israeli war on Gaza; and the launching of a new war in Iraq and Syria.

2. Oppose historical falsification!

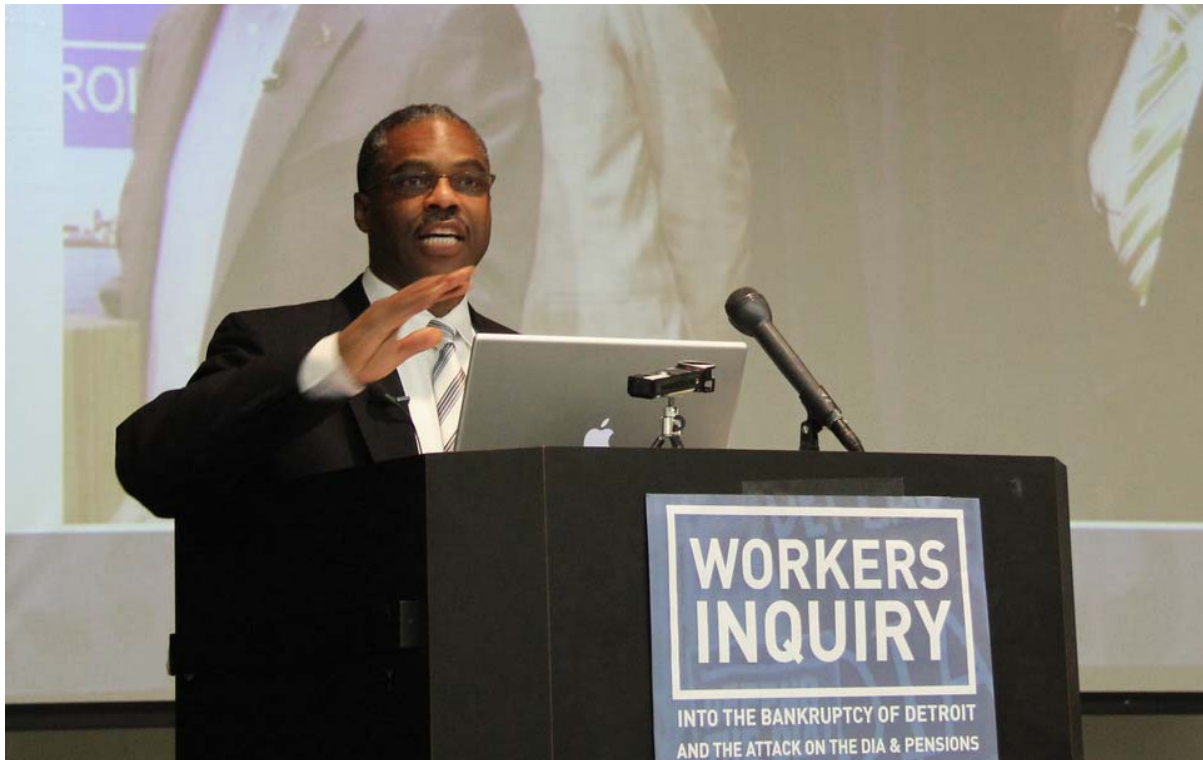


Packed meeting at Humboldt University on, "Why do the German elites once again want war?"

The military preparations of the ruling class have been accompanied by a campaign of historical falsification aimed at legitimizing and whitewashing past crimes. In December, the WSWS organized a [live interview](#) with International Editorial Board Chairman David North on the recently released book, *The Russian Revolution and the Unfinished Twentieth Century*. The book has brought forward the lessons of history--above all the significance of the Russian Revolution and the role of Leon Trotsky--to a new generation of workers and young people.

The WSWS has waged a sustained campaign against a bevy of historians who, working alongside German President Joachim Gauck, support a renewed drive for world power by German imperialism. The WSWS has exposed the role of Robert Service, [Jörg Baberowski](#) and others in seeking to blackguard Trotsky, downplay the crimes of the Nazis and support the resurgence of imperialism.

3. Fight for social equality and the rights of the working class!



Lawrence Porter at the Workers Inquiry into the Bankruptcy of Detroit

World capitalism is responsible for an unprecedented assault on workers' living standards and wages. In 2014 world unemployment rose to over 200 million, while global social inequality has eclipsed the pre-Great Depression highs of the 1920s. Eighty-five global billionaires now control more wealth than half of the world's population.

The previous gains of the working class are under systemic attack by all factions of the ruling elite in a process the WSWS has aptly characterized as a social counterrevolution. In the US, the bipartisan assault on jobs and social service has made nearly 50 percent of the population poor or near-poor, with one in four children living in poverty. The Obama administration handed trillions to the banks, refused to prosecute their top executives and steadily built up the forces of repression to deal with the resulting social unrest--a model that is being followed throughout the world.

The WSWS insists that all workers have basic social rights, which are everywhere under attack. The February Inquiry, whose reports are contained in the invaluable volume "[The Truth Behind the Bankruptcy of Detroit](#)," examined the historical, social, financial and artistic context of the attack. Making the analogy to the Reagan administration's destruction of the air traffic controllers union, the SEP warned that Detroit would become synonymous with an assault of all the rights of workers. Since

that time, 20,000 families have been cut off from water and Bankruptcy Judge Stephen Rhodes has declared, there is no "fundamental right to water."

4. Defend democratic rights!



Police in Ferguson [Photo: Rich Johnston]

Imperialist war and social inequality are inextricably linked to the destruction of democratic rights. Toward the end of the year, the release of the Senate report on CIA torture has exposed criminality at the highest level of the state. Laws and the constitution are blatantly violated, and yet no one is held accountable. Meanwhile, those who have sought to expose criminality--such as Edward Snowden, Chelsea (Bradley) Manning and Julian Assange--are in prison or have been forced into exile.

The working class is both the social base for defending democratic rights and the target of the police-state measures erected by the ruling class. In August, reporters from the WSWS were on site in Ferguson, Missouri in the aftermath of the police killing of Michael Brown and the military-police crackdown on the city, including the deployment of the National Guard. The WSWS explained the fundamental significance of the events in Ferguson, including the [decision not to indict](#) police officer Daren Wilson.

The same processes can be seen internationally--the massive mobilization in Canada in October, with the lockdown of much of downtown Ottawa in response to an isolated and disturbed individual; the state of siege imposed in Sydney in response to the hostage taking in a cafe on

December 15th. Each incident becomes the occasion for testing the massive police state apparatus. The "war on terror" is coming home.

5. Defend art, culture and science!



The Death of Klinghoffer

Cultural development is critical to resolving the crisis of working class leadership, and the defense of culture--and all that is progressive in human history--is possible only through the building of a working class movement. The WSWS encourages the broadest cultural development of its readership. The site has produced assessments of literature, opera, contemporary music, works of history and the latest developments in natural science. It has also reviewed countless films and interviewed actors and directors. The following is only a sample of the wide-ranging and unique articles of the last year:

- A lecture by David Walsh on the [Interviews](#) with three children of Soviet Left Oppositionists
- Coverage of significant new films at the [Toronto International Film Festival](#) and the [San Francisco International Film Festival](#)
- Commentary on the Metropolitan Opera's [censorship](#) of *The Death of Klinghoffer*
- Dozens of memorable film and television reviews from [House of Cards](#) to [The Cut](#)
- Essays on [100 years since Sarajevo](#) and [75 years since the outbreak of World War II](#)
- Coverage of [climate change](#), [anthropology](#), the latest discoveries in [particle physics](#) and the significance of the [comet landing](#)

6. Unite the working class in the fight for socialism!



WSWS correspondent speaking to protesting estate workers in Sri Lanka

The WSWS is the global center for the political organization of the working class. It is the product of co-thinkers in countries around the world working together in real-time towards a single purpose: the unification of the working class on a socialist basis to put an end to the profit system and its barbarism. The WSWS bases itself on the common interests of all workers on the entire planet and rejects every form of national chauvinism that pits workers against workers.

Both the possibility and the necessity for building an international socialist movement of the working class have never been greater. The political apparatus of the ruling class is deeply discredited all over the world. The continuation of the capitalist system holds out for millions of people a future of unending war, deepening social inequality and the destruction of what remains of the most basic democratic rights.

The media works tirelessly to prevent the growth of critical thought and the emergence of a mass, socialist movement of the working class. Workers have in their arsenal only the weapon of the WSWS with which to counter the propaganda of the ruling elite.

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