

Vaccine and Sanctions Reader



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Foreword

A 61-minute joint China-U.S. production, written and directed by Chinese-American community activist Lee Siu Hin; a new documentary based on our two books “Capitalism on a Ventilator” and “SANCTIONS: A Wrecking ball in a Global Economy”.

The film interviewed Sara Flounders, Margaret Flowers and Lee Siu Hin on U.S. failure to fight against the pandemic, how U.S-led vaccine imperialism and sanctions had blocked the life-saving vaccines to billions of people around the World. When “Capitalism on a Ventilator” was published in September 2020, it was immediately banned by the American online retailer Amazon; it was not until March 2021 that after the Chinese media reported the censorship, Amazon backed-off and put the book back to their site within 24 hours.

In addition, the film included different authors from the "Sanctions" book, to discuss the negative impact of US sanctions on different countries in the world, they criticize the U.S.-led Western power imposing sanctions on more than 40 countries with one-third of the population around the world, resulting in a serious global humanitarian crisis . And activists demand we can learn from China’s successful fight against the COVID, and their vaccine diplomacy, international solidarity that had benefited hundreds of millions of people across the World.

This documentary does not accept any government or corporate sponsorship; it’s entirely a grassroots initiative, with self-funded out-of-the pocket, and passing the bucket donations from all over the world; and the generous helps from friends to complete the production. Most of the documentary was filmed on my personal broken but durable Huawei Pad, which is currently not available for sale in the US due to sanctions.

This documentary was first proposed in mid-November 2022; it took only two weeks to complete the 34-minute first version of the documentary from interview, filming and editing to completion. Then we add another 30-minute, based on our December 2022 "Sanctions" national book tour. After a slight delay due to we all infected with COVID,

and the Chinese New Year holidays in January 2023, with multiple revisions, we finally completed the documentary in mid-February, after 3 months.

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A dialogue between Chinese and U.S. community activists

(Based on the documentary from the same name)

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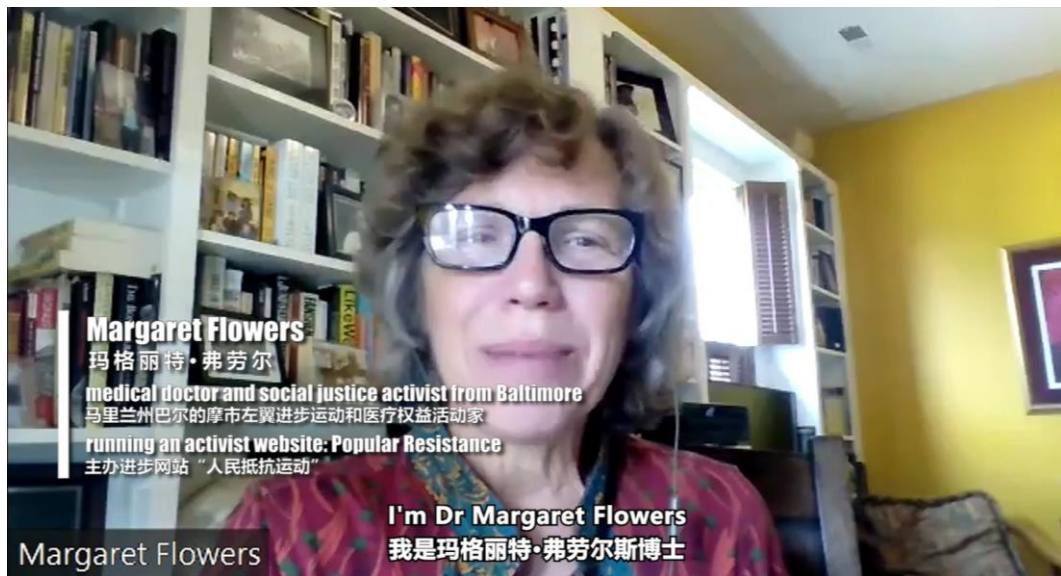
Chapter One: The Pandemic

Imagine this: Three years ago, would anyone have believed there was a disease that would kill over a million people in the United States, and that a few million people more around the world would die?

Three years ago, could you have believed that the U.S. response to this disease – COVID – would be a TOTAL FAILURE? And that the U.S. would refuse to share their vaccines with developing countries around the world?

“I’m Dr. Margaret Flowers. I’m a pediatrician based in Baltimore, Maryland in the United States”

Margaret Flowers, the director of Popular Resistance and a longtime advocate for a national public health care system in the United States.



Venezuelan Embassy Protectors hail legal victory

<https://www.workers.org/2020/06/49266/>

Update on Single Payer from Dr. Margaret Flowers

<https://www.healthcare-now.org/blog/update-on-single-payer-from-dr-margaret-flowers/>

Margaret Flowers: “The COVID-19 pandemic has exposed in the United States the real failures of our profit driven health care system and the inequalities that we experience here in the United States, because we didn't have any sort of national framework with which to organize a response to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

Why the U.S. failed to control COVID-19: incompetence, class violence, deception, and lies

<https://mronline.org/2022/07/18/why-the-u-s-failed-to-control-covid-19-incompetence-class-violence-deception-and-lies/>

1 million US lives lost to COVID a result of Washington's catastrophic epidemic response and incompetence

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202205/1265082.shtml>

While the United States has one of the world's largest, best funded and supposedly most advanced health-care systems, it has failed miserably in the fight to stop the spread of COVID.

Healthcare spending in the U.S. compared to the rest of the world in <https://www.pgpf.org/blog/2022/07/how-does-the-us-healthcare-system-comp-are-to-other-countries>

The U.S. spends twice as much as comparable countries on health care, mostly in the form of higher payments to hospitals and physicians <https://www.healthsystemtracker.org/brief/what-drives-health-spending-in-the-u-s-compared-to-other-countries/#Healthcare%20spending%20per%20capita,%20by%20spending%20category,%202018>

US Healthcare Outcomes Rank Last Among Wealthy Countries <https://www.commonwealthfund.org/publications/fund-reports/2014/jun/mirror-mirror-wall-2014-update-how-us-health-care-system>

High Spending and Poor Healthcare Outcomes compared to other countries <https://www.apha.org/topics-and-issues/health-rankings>

Alice Sutter, a retired nurse from the New York City, member of the “Raging Grannies”:



”The past two years, you know, we've had everything closed down in New York, and people have suffered tremendously. I've known people who have died. Most of the people who I've known have died were people of color and some of

the sickest people, some of our service workers, many nurses. I'm an old nurse, and many of our nurses, died of COVID and have people who they know who have died and been traumatized by the workloads they've had. I went back to work, and it was really, really difficult.

So between the patience I worked for and the people I knew personally, I guess it's about 20 or 30 people (died) . Infected on hundreds, I think we really have a lot of people, including myself. People in New York are in having the worst cases of COVID made for the most part.”

Lee Siu Hin: “The U.S. COVID response has been a total failure. It is obvious that it was shockingly incompetent and among the worst in the world.”



Lee Siu Hin, is a Chinese-American community organizer from Los Angeles, California, a former Pacifica Radio KPFK Los Angeles reporter and a long-time activist for immigrant rights, peace and social justice.

Currently, he travels between China and the U.S. as part of a bi-national activist solidarity movement; he also works to build a medical solidarity project for the Global South.

Action LA articles about Lee Siu Hin

<http://www.actionla.org>

Lee Siu Hin: Report from Baghdad July, 2003

<https://www.baghdadreport.net>

Lee Siu Hin: “The U.S. has accounted for one-sixth of the recorded cases

and deaths in the world even though it has just 4 percent of the world's population.

Why?

It's a belief in American exceptionalism that leads the arrogant U.S. government to refuse to work together with the international community to fight collectively against the virus. Instead it even goes so far as to launch economic and medical sanctions against other countries.

While the U.S. has been spreading the fabricated so-called "China virus" hoax, it has actually been U.S. and western travelers moving around the world who have been spreading the virus for the past 3 years. In hundreds of cases airline passengers who were tested when they arrived in China were found to have COVID."

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Sara Flounder, a political activist an organizer in the United States. I work with the International Action Center, the United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC), a contributing editor to Workers World Newspaper, had been active for decades in people struggle in the US and against endless U.S. wars.

Political activist Sara Flounders slams U.S. response to COVID-19

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2022-01-14/Political-activist-Sara-Flounders-slam-s-U-S-response-to-COVID-19-16NhSsTasAU/index.html>

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Gov. Wolf's legacy: lost lives, livelihoods, and abandoning the vulnerable
<https://www.inquirer.com/opinion/commentary/governor-wolf-pennsylvania-legacy-covid-20220711.html>

Over 200,000 Residents and Staff in Long-Term Care Facilities Have Died From COVID-19

<https://www.kff.org/policy-watch/over-200000-residents-and-staff-in-long-term-care-facilities-have-died-from-covid-19/>

200,000 U.S. children have been orphaned by COVID-19 grill Washington's conscience: Global Times editorial

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202205/1264770.shtml>

COVID Orphanhood in U.S. (Imperial College London)

https://imperialcollegelondon.github.io/orphanhood_calculator/#/country/United%20States%20of%20America

Lee Siu Hin: “The capitalist greed of the U.S. along with its systemic racism has caused more inner city, poor, people of color, and older people to die during the pandemic.

It's also the vaccine imperialism shown by the U.S. stockpiling more vaccines than they need, wasting many they never used all while they refused to share their vaccines with the Global South, or to sell vaccines at an affordable price.”

Margaret Flowers: “There were shortages throughout the country of basic supplies to protect our healthcare workers, and counties and states fighting with each other and making deals, you know, in secret, to try to get the equipment that they needed to deal with the pandemic. For the long time in the United States, we have had, well, really from the beginning of the country, uh inequalities in the treatment of people based on their race and based on their income. And this has played out in a devastating way in the COVID-19 pandemic, where communities, black and brown communities have really

faced the brunt and a Native American and Alaskan communities have really faced the brunt of this pandemic.”

COVID-19 surge keeps U.S. hospitals, small towns in chaos
<https://english.news.cn/20220124/8c3aa6f679b14d01b74f7c4c94653d09/c.html>

There're number of reasons, one reason is that there were barriers put in place to getting treatment and getting vaccinated.

People needed to have access to the Internet, and it took quite a bit of time to find a place to get vaccinated and then to be able to get an appointment.

Making COVID-testing appointment in Los Angeles:

<https://dhs.lacounty.gov/covid-19/testing/>
<https://coronavirus.lacity.org/testing-center-map>

This is especially a problem for people who often are working more than one job, taking care of families, and/or don't have easy access to reliable Internet service. They simply were not able to make appointments.

But there was also a lot of mistrust in the health care system in the United States in general, because it is driven by the profit motive and not by the needs of people.

CDC-Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Outpatient Treatment of COVID-19 — United States, January–July 2022

https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/71/wr/mm7143a2.htm?s_cid=mm7143a2_w

This is particularly true for Black and Brown communities who have really been discriminated against historically in our healthcare system – they mistrust the whole healthcare system. There was a lot of misinformation spread about medications, about vaccines, about how serious the pandemic was, all of which created questions and fueled the mistrust that people have in our healthcare system.

Sadly, at the latest development (on December 2022), white more likely died from the COVID than people of color, because of the anti-vax movement, that many whites are refused to be vaccinated; in result many vaccines has been wasted not enough people to take the jab.

Lee Siu Hin:“It's true that former President Donald Trump is responsible for most of the U.S. COVID disaster, but President Biden must also share the

blame as well. It is a fact that under his administration over the past two years more people have been infected and have died from COVID than when Trump was president. Biden's the one who has spread the false 'endemic' myth, lifting almost all COVID restrictions and taking away the pandemic emergency funds to support the U.S.-NATO proxy war in Ukraine."

Biden Claims Too Much Credit for Decline in COVID-19 Deaths
<https://www.factcheck.org/2022/06/biden-claims-too-much-credit-for-decline-in-covid-19-deaths/>

Margaret Flowers: "So there was really no set system in the United States to give clear, accurate, timely information and to get the supplies, including vaccines, to the places where they were needed the most. In addition to that, black and brown communities struggled because they are; there are a higher proportion of people in those communities who work in what are considered essential jobs, service jobs. And so they continued working, but they didn't receive the materials that they needed or the education that they needed to protect themselves.

I mean, they were. There have been countless complaints filed with the Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), over workplaces, just not providing with them. Employees needed, forcing them to work in dangerous conditions, and so resulting in more illnesses and outbreaks in the places of employment. Because of this, over the past two years in the United States, we have seen a real decline in life expectancy."

The COVID-19 mortality rate is five times higher among labor, retail and service workers, study reveals

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2022/06/220603100133.htm>

Study: Labor, Retail and Service Workers Experienced 68% of Deaths in the first year of the COVID-19 pandemic

<https://aflcio.org/2022/6/8/study-labor-retail-and-service-workers-experienced-68-deaths-first-year-covid-19-pandemic>

In January 2020, several cases of viral pneumonia of unknown origin were detected in the central Chinese city of Wuhan. No one knew exactly what the virus was, hence the vague identifier of "coronavirus" so familiar to us today.

Thousands of miles away in the U.S., when the virus was believed not to have reached its soil yet, right-wing U.S. elites, media, and politicians began using cruel words and ridicule against China, calling the virus "China's Chernobyl." U.S. Senator Tom Cotton, famous for his anti-China rhetoric, along with the right-wing media and the "liberal" Washington Post, began spreading the "Wuhan military lab-made virus" conspiracy theory.

China strives to win long-term battle against the virus with more targeted measures <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202203/1255356.shtml>

Chinese Gen-Z carries on Long March spirit to fight COVID-19 epidemic <https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202205/1264761.shtml>

Sara Flounders: “So from the beginning, this different approach of China in a condition of quarantine with an unknown virus, and how to coordinate the testing, how to utilize a masking and emergency measures was completely different from the US and also, the European imperialist powers.”

China mobilized the national effort to beat the odds by completely containing the virus within 3 months. When the Wuhan lockdown officially ended on April 8, 2020, it marked the official end of the COVID-19 crisis in China.

But no one could predict that the pandemic would spread so rapidly to Europe or that the U.S. would become the COVID-19 epicenter of the world with nearly a quarter of all global cases and deaths.

Lee Siu Hin: “The success of China’s struggle against the virus, and the U.S. failure, demonstrates the success of China’s socialist system, and the failure and dysfunction of the U.S. capitalist system. It also shows that the arrogance of the U.S., from left to right, due to the ceaseless anti-communist cold war against China meant that the U.S. could not put aside differences and learn from China’s successful experience. This arrogance sent the U.S. into an abyss of corona disasters leading to hundreds of thousands of unnecessary COVID-19 deaths, millions of cases, and trillions of dollars’ worth of economic losses with no end in sight.”

Until November, 2022 China had reported only 280,000 confirmed cases with 5,200 deaths.

China prevents over 200 million COVID-19 infections and 3 million deaths thanks to dynamic zero-case policy: top CDC expert

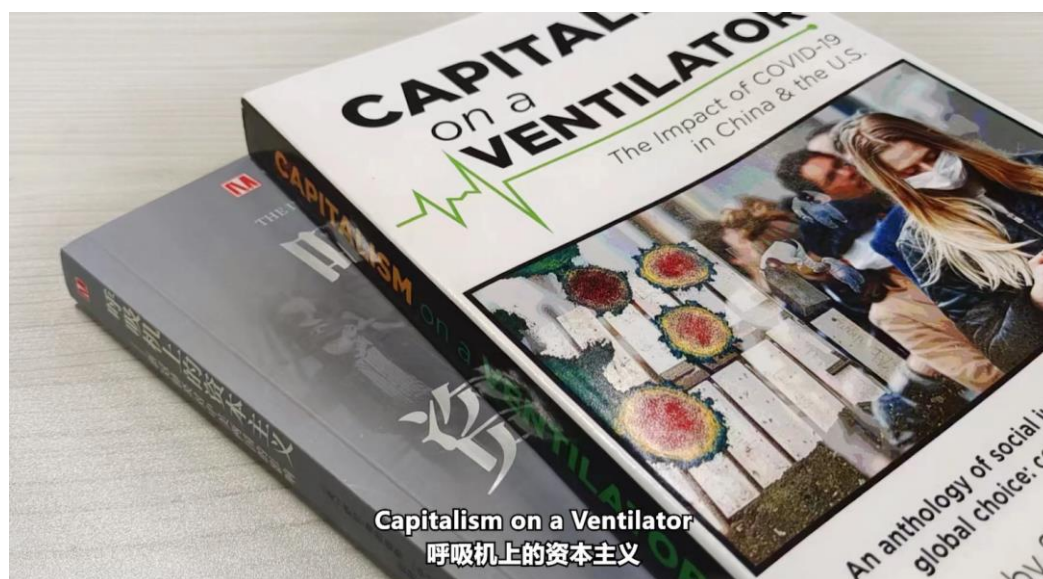
<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202111/1240148.shtml>

Chapter Two: Capitalism on a Ventilator

Sara Flounders: “I live in in Jersey City, just outside of New York, and here COVID hit in a catastrophic way. Nursing homes, really had refrigeration trucks outside for all the bodies. You had nurses doctors working without any of the needed equipment, including having to use shower caps and ponchos and bandanas to cover themselves. I mean, there were just no provisions that existed even in US storage. They had to take emergency supplies from China,

even while attacking China.

So we were gathering this material, connecting with each other, trying to produce it and get it out to as many people as possible. And this became the basis of our book: “Capitalism on a Ventilator, the impact of COVID-19 in China and the U.S.”, where we made this comparison of what public health means, even in a country far less developed, without the wealth that the United States has, was able to do more for its population than here in the center of the US in the most modern cities.”



Capitalism on a Ventilator, co-produced by Lee Siu Hin and Sara Flounders, is an anthology of three-dozen writers from around the world, including Margaret Flowers. It was written between March and July of 2020 as the full-impact of the COVID pandemic was hitting the U.S. and people were actively asking questions and looking for answers.

The book was published in September 2020, but within two weeks Amazon had banned the book from their website.

Amazon is censoring: We need your help to distribute this book!
<https://iacenter.org/2020/12/08/amazon-is-censoring-we-need-your-help-to-distribute-this-book/>

Sara Flounders: “When the book came out, it was, we initially tried to produce it through Amazon. They literally banned; they wanted the title changed. “Capitalism on a Ventilator” wasn’t suitable, and the content of the articles changed. We refused to do that, and we went ahead and published it ourselves.”

distribute this book!

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November 17, 2020

“Capitalism on a Ventilator” is a new anthology comparing the effective Chinese response to COVID-19 to the disastrous response in the U.S. This book pushes back against the racist anti-China campaign in U.S. media.

However, Amazon is currently censoring the book’s distribution. We need your support to get the book out and to fight back against censorship!

Capitalism on a Ventilator wasn't suitable

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Lee Siu Hin: “We fought against the Amazon ban by filing an appeal to their ban, but they were too arrogant to talk to us seriously. We organized several press releases and a webinar to denounce Amazon’s ban, but no U.S. media, NOT even left-progressive media, covered our story.

So we needed to raise funds to pay the BusinessWire.com, a commercial public relations agency, to help us promote our book, but they refused to send out our press release and immediately banned my account. You know why? The Business Wire is own by the Berkshire Hathaway company, which is owned by U.S. billionaire Warren Buffett.”

Lee Siu Hin: “After six months, we thought there was no way we could beat Amazon. Suddenly in early March 2021 the story was picked up in China, by China Daily and the Global Times, both English-language newspapers in China, both are major English newspapers in China. Within 24 hours after the story was published, I found the book was re-instated on Amazon’s website! Yay! and we finally won!”

Amazon removes book on epidemic response, 'deprives US policymakers of self-reflection opportunity'

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202103/1217387.shtml>

Stopping Amazon censorship with mass pressure. Good news

<https://www.workers.org/2021/03/54904/>

Because of the publicity in China from newspapers and TV, we were able to work with a Chinese book publisher to publish our book in China in early 2022.”

Chinese translation of ‘Capitalism on a Ventilator’ making waves in China

<https://socialistchina.org/2022/01/28/chinese-translation-of-capitalism-on-a-ventilator-making-waves-in-china/>

Sara Flounders: “Now, two and a half years later, Amazon does carry the book because it's really now dated. It's dealing with older figures and at different time, and it's no longer the threat. But to them at that time, they were producing countless books with a conspiracy theories, blame china theories, and ineffective treatments, that all were at great expense. That's the kind of book they were interested in, not as political and social; controversy over not a contribution to public health.”

On late November, 2022, due to the pressure from social and economic sectors of the society against dynamic zero COVID”, the Chinese government announced to scale-back the strict health policy. Begin optimizing precise COVID prevention and control measures, issued the “920” rules—the lists of 20 new COVID-health rules, and added another 10 new ones in early December.

It dropped contact tracing, lockdown, makeshift hospitals and mass testing, shifting the anti-pandemic responsibility from the government to the individual.

From January 8th 2023 China further downgraded the COVID management from Class A to Class B, no longer considering it's a health threat, and lifting all international travel restrictions for foreign travelers.

But China's “Freedom Day” didn't happen – instead massive outbreaks quickly occurred across the country. However; unlike Western World, China has a very strong social support network, organized by the Communist Party of China (CPC) from the top to the street level, including medical workers, volunteers, and business and neighborhood committees. They responded to the local residents' appeals, gave up holidays, to work overtime taking care of patients, and coordinating medicines to reach the patients, working tirelessly and sacrificing everything for the people. Many of them have been infected and continue working despite their own fevers.

While one can argue the timing and the wisdom of the Chinese government's decision, everyone should agree, for the past 3 years China has saved millions of lives, and protected a quarter of world population from the COVID, and it's economy has done better than the U.S., something historically unprecedented on the fight against deadly virus.

Nearly 60,000 COVID-19-related deaths reported in China in the past month; peak infection has passed: NHC

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202301/1283798.shtml>

China revises treatment guideline for critical COVID patients, reflecting 'people first,

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202301/1283782.shtml?id=11>

WHO welcomes data on COVID-19 in China, meeting with Minister

<https://worldhealthorganization.cmail20.com/t/d-e-zilijuk-jkiiujdkh-t/>

Epidemic in China will not impact other countries, US should share accurate COVID-related data with world: FM

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202301/1283952.shtml>

Chapter Three: Vaccine Imperialism

Again and again, the COVID pandemic has exposed the failures of the United States internally; COVID has shown our inability to make sure that all people can be protected and get the health care that they need.

But it has also exposed again and again the destructive role of the United States in the world, and its failure to cooperate with other nations. Instead it acts to protect the profits of the transnational corporations, putting those profits ahead of the health of the world's people.

Margaret Flowers:" You know, for here in the United States, the government invested billions of dollars into the research to develop the COVID-19 vaccines. But yet, those pharmaceutical corporations that receive that money are also profiting greatly off the sale of the vaccines.

PFIZER, BIONTECH AND MODERNA MAKING \$1,000 PROFIT EVERY SECOND WHILE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD'S POOREST COUNTRIES REMAIN LARGELY UNVACCINATED

<https://peoplesvaccine.org/resources/media-releases/pharma-companies-make-1000-dollars-per-second/>

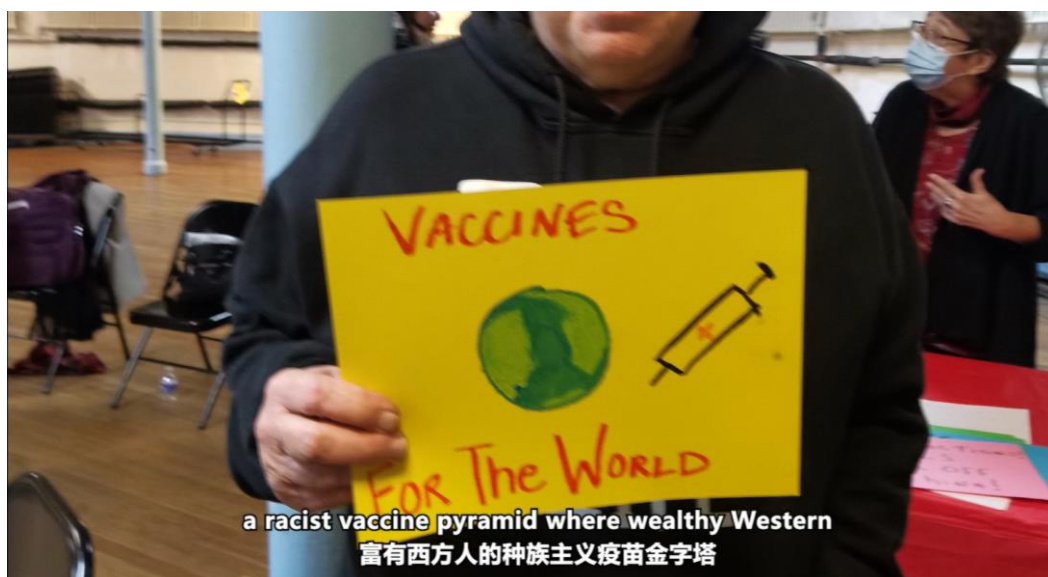
And when we look at how they negotiate prices with countries around the world, we see that for the poorer nations in the Global South, they are being charged very high prices to receive the vaccine, often forcing them into having to take out loans through the U.S. dominated International Monetary Fund or the World Bank.

This debt then causes greater harm to those countries. As often there are demands that the countries service that debt and make cuts to their own social infrastructure in order to have the money to pay off those debts. We see incredible vaccine apartheid, shortly after the, months after the vaccines were developed and available, ten of the wealthiest countries in the world were hoarding 75% of the vaccine stock, and we saw many countries, particularly countries in Africa, where they were not able to vaccinate people at all."

Sara Flounders: “At this point, Now, in the United States, there is a complete ignoring of the impact of COVID. The message again and again is just go on with life. People are not wearing masks, even on public transportation, in large sports and concert and music gatherings. It's rare. It's rare to see people wearing masks or taking any precautions whatsoever. Now, why is this? According to US figures at this time, 93% of the deaths are in people over 50. This is a very expendable part of the population. The deaths are also among people with pre-existing conditions, for that is considered a drain on the economy. Again, it's people who are expendable. So life is going on, in the midst of COVID pandemic.

Now, the figures are well over a million deaths in the US. It's almost at 1.1 million deaths (December, 2022). When we compare that to China, it's such a fraction.”

Lee Siu Hin: “Wealthy nations are hoarding most of the vaccines and denying them to poor nations. It is the U.S./U.K against Europe, rich people against poor people, white against people of color — a racist vaccine pyramid where wealthy Western whites are at the top of the food chain and the non-white poor and developing countries are always at the bottom.



So far very few Western-made vaccines have been delivered to the Global South. The terms “vaccine imperialism” and “distribution racism” are based on rich countries buying up most of the Western-made vaccines — far more than they need – leaving very little for developing countries.

For fair global vaccine distribution, the World Health Organization (WHO), along with the Global Vaccine Alliance (GAVI) and the Coalition for Epidemic

Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), created COVAX. It hopes to deliver more than two billion doses of the vaccines to people in 190 countries in less than a year. In particular, it wants to ensure the 92 poorer countries will receive access to vaccines at the same time as the 98 wealthier countries.”

GT investigates: Rich countries hoarding vaccines in disregard of poorer regions breathes life into new variants, worsens economic disparity
<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202201/1246196.shtml>

Lee Siu Hin further explains: “However, ‘ordered’ doesn’t mean they have received the vaccines, or even will receive them soon. At the Feb. 19 United Nations meeting on COVID-19 vaccines, UN Secretary General António Guterres sharply criticized the “wildly uneven and unfair” distribution of COVID vaccines, in which only ten countries in the world, notably the U.S., Canada and eight western European countries, have taken 75 percent of all vaccine doses, while 130 other countries have not received a single dose.

The radically unequal distribution of Covid-19 vaccinations: a predictable yet avoidable symptom of the fundamental causes of inequality
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41599-022-01073-z>

According to the World Trade Organization, as of May 13th, 2022, there are 15.2 billion doses of vaccines available; however, most of them went to the wealthy nations—even more than they need, while the poor of the Global South received disproportionately less... Just like anything else, if the vaccines can be EQUALLY distributed, everyone in the world will be fully vaccinated.

And that’s vaccine nationalism, vaccine imperialism and vaccine apartheid racism!”

As of November 23rd, 2022, China had donated 328 million doses and sold 1.65 billion, making it the world’s largest vaccine exporter, exporting roughly one-third of the global volume.

For almost the same period of time, the United States exported 968 million doses, according to World Trade Organization data, only half of China’s amount, while the United States had donated twice as many vaccines to the world as China, according to the U.S. State Department.

Two-thirds of the U.S. vaccine exports had been for donation, sounds very generous? But in reality the U.S. was dumping vaccine that was nearing its expiration date.

The World Health Organization criticized rich nations for dumping COVID-19

vaccines near the expiration date on poor regions. A new report found that more than one third of jabs donated around the world are yet to be administered, remain in storage or have been wasted.

Providing nearly expired vaccines seen as violation of human rights

<https://global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202112/30/WS61cced8ba310cdd39bc7e2f2.html>

Millions of donated jabs 'may have to be wasted'

<https://global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202202/16/WS620c556ea310cdd39bc86dc.b.html>

Lee Siu Hin: “According to the U.S. media, pharmacies and the U.S. government discarded 82.1 million COVID vaccine doses from December 2020 through mid-May 2022— over 11 percent of the doses the federal government distributed. This included up to 17 million doses wasted between February and May. Rich countries can waste lots of vaccines, and poor countries have none...that’s crazy!”

The COVID pandemic has exposed the failures of the United States internally, with our inability to make sure that all people could be protected and get the health care that they need. But it has also exposed the destructive role of the United States in the world, and its failure to cooperate with other nations; instead it protects the profits of the transnational corporations and puts those profits ahead of the health of people.

But there is a more cynical side. The United States and the Western countries have been using sanctions as weapons against the world.

Chapter Four: U.S./Western Sanctions

Sara Flounders: “We can also see that sanctions were used where the vaccines were weaponized, what countries could receive, the small supply of vaccines were being distributed was based totally on who was complicit with the United States. Countries that were sanctioned in every way were prevented from receiving vaccines or the basic essential supplies. So Cuba could develop a vaccine, But the syringes in order to deliver to their own population were in limited supply, and it was very difficult to get access.”

U.S. deprives Cuba of syringes it needs now

<https://www.peoplesworld.org/article/u-s-deprives-cuba-of-syringes-it-needs-now/>

Margaret Flowers: “The United States was playing a destructive role during that time, when the Secretary General of the United Nations was calling for an

end to the U.S. illegal sanctions, the US escalated those sanctions, continue to put new sanctions on countries, and so as a result of that, countries really struggled to be able to get the items that they needed in order to take care of their population.”

US Sanctions on Cuba Further Imperil Global Vaccine Equity

<http://mediccreview.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/MRJuly-Oct-2021-Editorial.pdf>

Lee Siu Hin: “Iran, Cuba, Venezuela and Afghanistan, countries that the U.S. had imposed harsh sanctions on, didn’t receive a single dose of U.S. vaccines. They were even blocked from using their money from buying the much needed medicine to fight COVID.”

There are always “winners” and “losers” of the sanctions; but no doubt, US capitalists had been always the biggest winner from the sanctions.

While US and the West are imposing unilateral sanctions against Russia, after the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, banning all Russian oil sales; yet, according to the Indian press, US is buying record amount of cheap Russian oil via India, because a “loophole” in the sanction that, do not apply to refined products produced from cheaper Russian crude oil exported from third countries, because these products are not considered Russian origin.

United States has continued pressuring other countries to comply with sanctions, yet the US itself is using its own-designed loopholes to strengthen their selfish interest.

United States has been using the same dirty trick, using sanctions to force every country cannot buy from the sanctioned country, while U.S. itself buying goods from the country they sanctioned for discounted price.

During late 1990s when the United Nations imposed sanctions by the demanded of the United States and the West, following Iraq invaded Kuwait 10 years earlier. Under the UN program Iraq can only sell its oil to the international market, with discounted price through the UN “Oil-for-Food” program. US, while officially imposing oil-embargo against Iraq that time, secretly buying large amount of Iraqi oil under the UN program, with cheaper price.

Lee Siu Hin: What’s Oil Got to Do With It

<https://znetwork.org/znetarticle/whats-oil-got-to-do-with-it-by-lee-siu-hin/>

It sends a clear message to the World: the United States can use its military and political muscle to further its own economic interests; by undermining the

international oil price, it sends an unquestionable message to the World: America is the only country that will decide who can produce, who can sell, and who can buy at what price.

The brutal UN-US-Western imposed Iraq sanctions has caused half-million Iraqi Children died during 1990s; when asked by the reporter during TV interview, then US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, spelled out the infamous “we think the price is worth it” quote.

Chapter Five: SanctionsKill, A Campaign and the Book

Sara Flounders: “In the days, since the pandemic has ebbed back in national attention, we have very consciously moved forward with a campaign against US use of sanctions. But even this has now changed globally. The war in the Ukraine, the brutal NATO expansion into the Ukraine, the arming and weaponizing of the people in Ukraine, the firing on the Russian population in Ukraine, all of this created a crisis that could not be avoided.”

What are sanctions?

Economic or other restrictions imposed on a country, corporation or person.

- Restricted trade
- Blocked financial transactions
- Frozen assets
- Reduced foreign aid
- Travel bans and more

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According to Sanction Kills
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The “SanctionsKill” campaign, is an international campaign organized by many peace and justice organizations and activists, including Sara Flounders, Margaret Flowers and Lee Siu Hin, to fight against western countries using sanctions as economic weapons against the world. Sanctions are essentially the imposition of arbitrary measures of economic and inhumane hardship on a country. U.S. sanctions affect a third of humanity with more than 8,000 measures impacting more than 40 countries. Economic sanctions are also known as embargoes.

SanctionsKill Campaign
<https://sanctionskill.org>

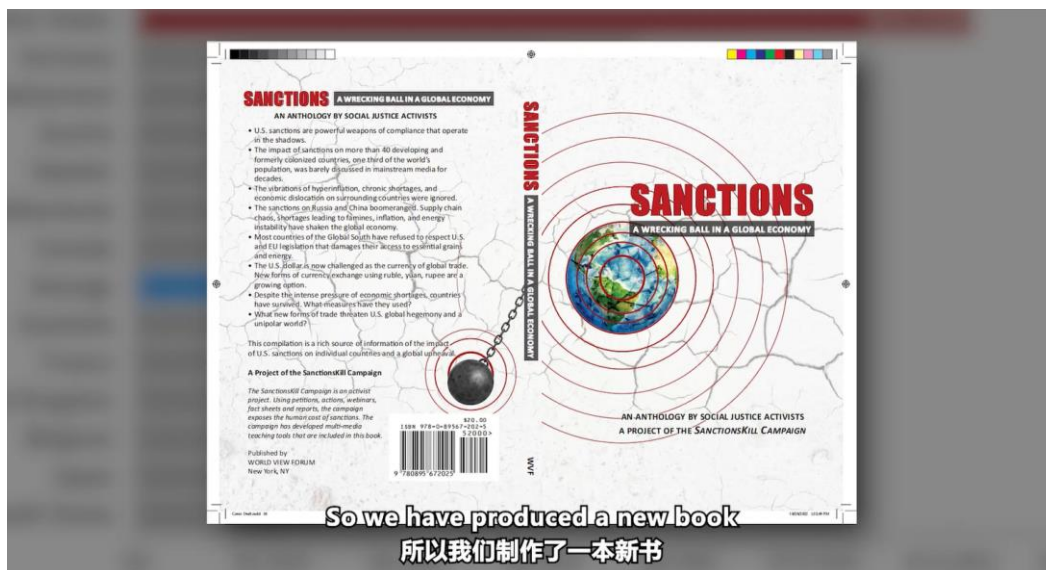
Sara Flounders: “The U.S. effort to impose and to get all of the European Union and Britain to go along with the sanctions was to cut the trade relations with Russia. A very different thing happened though, and that is the rest of the world refused to go along with US sanctions, because they were still able to trade with China and have economic relations and exchange.

And so sanctions on Russia, and now knew, even extensive sanctions on China, are not succeeding. The people of the world increasingly, are deciding to do what is in their own interests. They have a population to feed, and they need food, fertilizer, technology and they can't get that from the West, except by onerous conditions that are an assault on their sovereignty.”



Sara Flounders further explains: “So we have produced a new book, which is an anthology, looking at the both difference that exists now, and also looking at sanctions as a weapon, that is used again and again against, there's a whole study, the impact of, U.S. and UN sanctions on the Democratic people's Republic of Korea, on Iran, on still today, the continuing sanctions on Syria, and so on.

But the more than 40 countries is a real theme that we take, the number of countries that are impacted, it affects a whole economy regionally. So we're trying to explain this to working people here, that these sanctions come back, they boomerang onto the economy here with increasing inflation, a recession that really people are coping with in the layoffs and in an intensely fragile economy.”



Lee Siu Hin: “SANCTIONS: A WRECKING BALL IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY, has several dozen contributing writers include Sara Flounders, Margaret Flowers and me. It is a comprehensive analysis about U.S.-Western sanctions against other countries.

The impact of sanctions on more than 40 developing and formerly colonized countries, countries where one third of the world’s population lives, a population that was barely discussed in mainstream media for decades. ”

The book invited dozen activists from the Americas, Asia, Middle East and Africa, to discuss the devastated impact of U.S. sanctions on their region.

With Margaret Flowers wrote Sanctions Kill toolkit to understand the history of the U.S. sanctions, and why we need to be against it.

Sara Flounders: “I think, a necessity, for the Workers movement in the U.S. to explain to working people that racism, that bigotry that attacks on another country are not in their own interests. And this really helps to combat also the anti-China sentiment that is being consciously whipped up every single day by the media. It's used to justify the new rounds of sanctions on China. Whether it's in chips ,or whether it is in cotton from Xinjiang, every form of US policy is to intensify and to justify sanctions.

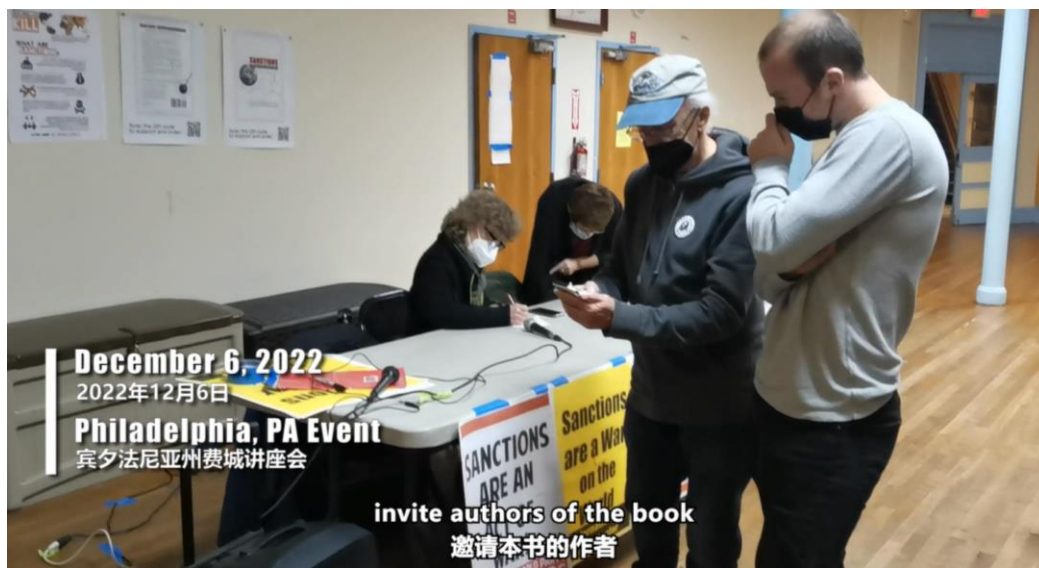
And we feel that this has to be combated within the United States. This has to be explained again and again. The books are one way, the webinars or another, the demonstrations and rallies are still another. But it's important for working people to have their own voice in this, and not only the voice of corporate power.”

Chapter Six: “Sanctions” National Speaking Tour

On December, 2022 Sara Flounder invite Lee Siu Hin to New York, joining the “Sanctions” national book launching tour.

Community activist from four cities across U.S., invite authors of the book, include: Sara Flounders, Lee Siu Hin and others, to speak at their local event.

On December 6th, the first stop at the basement of the Calvary Church at Philadelphia, PA.



On December 7th, the second stop at South Bronx’s Hostos Community College, located the poorest area in the New York City, has quickly gentrified by the real estate developers.



Sara Flounders speaks point out the campus don't have cafeteria: "Basic things, tuition. Why do you have to pay for tuition you don't in other countries? Why's there no money? And why three years without a cafeteria, and even then, shouldn't food be free?"

Lee Siu Hin speaks linking racism and sanctions: "Many countries 'hardship has been related to the US imperialism, not only direct military intervention, covert actions, and also different regime changes.

But simply also an embargo and sanctions that have been imposing to the country, that created the huge economic impact, and also kind of psychological warfare, that making people (facing) have all this kind of social upheaval, and (created) all this kind of, different kind of the society crisis, by forcing them to leave the country,

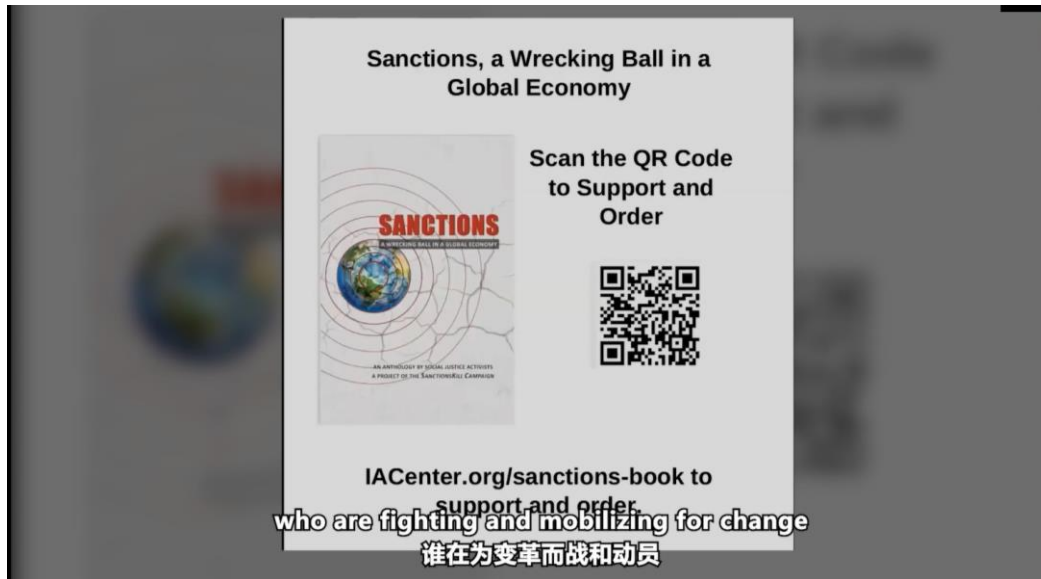
They're coming (to U.S.) not only because economic hardship, but also psychological warfare, that (make) people think U.S. is the "best" country in the World.

(Former) President Trump, that (he launched) China-U.S. trade war, imposed by U.S. to China, against China, using different kind of dozen, different, even hundred, different type of sanctions, even directly targeting a private company, call Huawei, the high-tech company (from China), kidnapping the CFO of the Huawei in Canada, saying that she's violated the Iran Sanction Act of the U.S.

They can impose the long arm to anyone, down to the knees who don't listen to need to listen, otherwise you're going to suffer major consequences. That is a racism, that is an imperialism, that's making people color and other part of developing countries thinking like a white people in the U.S. is a superior."

On December 10th, the international webinar invited several speakers from around the world to discuss the impact of U.S./western sanctions on their country.

Sara Flounders as a moderator, speaks first, to explain the SanctionsKill project and the book: "We are in all volunteer effort, in addition to the printed copy, where we can send you a link when you order the book to the e-Pub version so you can read it on an e-reader (at) computer, smartphone. And the digital addition is particularly useful for reaching activists living outside the U.S. because printing books is pretty expensive, and we can forward the e-Pub file. We're really interested in providing tools for grassroots political activists who are fighting and mobilizing for change.



I want to say I have visited so many different countries over the years of organizing opposition to US wars, and they were, each country suffering the total dislocation of US sanctions. And the sanctions you really understand, but a brutal weapon, because it's a crisis that hits the most vulnerable. It creates millions of small personal crises essential medicines for diabetes, for high blood pressure or small infections. A broken bone can be a death penalty. Polluted untreated water, because there's no chlorine, is deadly.

In international law, the targeting of civilians is always and totally off limits, even in a shooting war, in the midst of a war. And yet US imperialism has perfected this form of siege warfare that deliberately targets civilians and the most vulnerable civilians, the young, the old, the chronically sick, the poorest. I've seen it firsthand in Iraq, US and UN sanctions. Half a million deaths of children under five years of age, no count even of the sick or the aged. I've seen the impact of US sanctions and Lebanon Sedan in Syria, with a 3rd of the population displaced refugees in Gaza's refugee camps in Venezuela that built free healthcare system.

This is what sanctions does Cuba, who provides more medical staff than the World Health Organization in Africa, has and has done incredible programs in medical research. But they couldn't deliver to their own population the COVID vaccine they had developed. Without an international campaign to send syringes, they couldn't buy syringes.

The sanctions are racist. They overwhelmingly target people of color in the Global South, and sanctions come back and hit us, here. We had a program this week in the South Bronx, NY; the poorest county in the US, and it was at Hostos Community College, a college with the largest number of unhoused students who live in shelters, who have no address. The students had just held

a protest because the college hasn't had a cafeteria in three years.

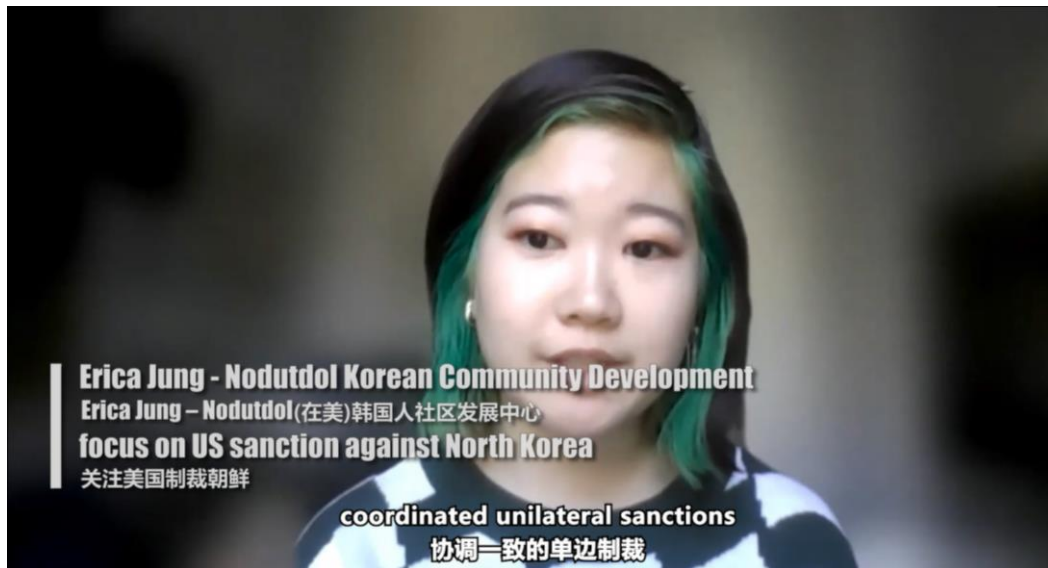
But the ability of the U.S. to enforce global domination is slipping, its proof of its inability to enforce the devastating sanctions that thousands of new sanctions on Russia and on China. The Global South, the countries of Africa, Latin America, most of the countries of Asia, the formerly colonized world, are not complying with these thousands of sanctions imposed by the U.S. and the European nations. The NATO members, the sanctions, especially imposed on Russia. They need the grain, the energy, the resources. And the ability of the United States to create economic chaos has not succeeded. It is a shock to the powers that be here.

The increased sanctions on China have a destructive impact on science and technology on a global scale. The cooperation is expanding among these sanctions countries. We can look at the BRICS+ new levels of cooperation and trade agreements, the Belt and Road, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization. Problems are solved by cooperation, and not by endless war and sanctions. They're solved by respect for sovereignty and independence and respect for different development paths, for multilateralism versus US hegemony.

And now, where do we stand in all this? Working people right here need their own voice. We can't be chained to the corporate media and the capitalist threats. The new agreements this week (December 8th, 2022) with China and the Gulf States and all the Arab countries. There's excited talk of international currency involving the Iran and the ruble and the Ruby. And all of this challenges the almighty US dollar. So the world is changing rapidly.”

The next speaker is Erica Jung from Nodutdol Korean Community Development, focus on U.S. sanctions against North Korea: "Earlier this month, the U.S., South Korea and Japan impose coordinated unilateral sanctions against North Korea, after the U.S. failed to levy new international sanctions against North Korea, also known by its official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, or the DPRK, due to failed U.N. Security Council resolutions.

The US has also blacklisted three members of the Workers' Party of Korea for allegedly helping the DPRK, development of weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles. Shortly after South Korea issued its own round just sanctions, targeting eight individuals and seven companies for supposedly contributing to the DPRK's weapons programs. Japan also designated three entities and an individual for new sanctions.



Treasury Targets Workers' Party of Korea Officials Supporting DPRK Weapons Programs

<https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/jy1134>

The U.S. has imposed these sanctions in response to North Korea's missile launches this past year. North Korea is being cast as a prize state, but in reality, the North Korean development of nuclear weapons is a strategy of deterrence against U.S. imperial aggression. The U.S. has occupied and demonized Korea ever since it achieved its independence from imperial Japan.

During Korean War, U.S. forces killed three to five million of Koreans. This is a number that essentially amounts to genocide. The US dropped more aerial bombs on North Korea than it did in the entire Pacific theater of World War II. And to this day, the Korean War is not over. Thanks to U.S. interest in keeping Korea divided, the ceasefire signed in 1953 did not end the war. In fact, the U.S. kept almost a thousand nuclear missiles in South Korea, pointed at the north for almost 50 years, until today the U.S. continues to occupy the South, was almost 30000 soldiers and over 70 military bases under the presence of a North Korean threat, and conducts joint military exercises with neighboring countries.

While sanctions are just one part of the imperialist playbook, their effects can be devastating. One of the most sanctioned in the world, North Korea, cannot trade with other countries receive international loans or import fuel or much of anything else, from agriculture to industry.

Sanctions impact all aspects of life in North Korea, most things North Koreans need, they have to produce for themselves. There is no getting it from somewhere else. Sanctions impact water sanitation, hygiene and health care

infrastructure. According to UNICEF, over 9.75 million people do not have access to safely managed drinking water.

Crucially, one of the many types of items that North Korea is banned from importing due to sanctions is water sanitation equipment. Under sanctions, seeds, fertilizers and agricultural equipment, and other types of machinery are banned.

And contrary to popular narratives that claim North Korea's government is intentionally holding food from its population; food insecurity, the country is driven by a lack of access to modern agricultural equipment and techniques, and is amplified by natural disasters and the impacts of climate change.

The U.S. condemns human rights in North Korea, yet in the same breath, it violates those very rights by imposing deadly sanctions. The U.S. claims to want to end Korean War, yet in the same breath, the U.S. imposes greater sanctions as an act of warfare, knowing full well that North Korea sees lifting sanctions as a precondition to negotiations to ending the war.

We must not be fooled by the rhetoric of the United States, but look instead at its actions. And despite these repressive U.S. policies, North Korea has resisted sanctions and managed to hold its own and provide for its people. The North Korean people themselves continue to stay resilient and adapted in many challenges they face through remarkable advancements in agriculture, energy and textile and steel production.

Sanctions will continue to serve as a major barrier to renewing peace talks between the two Koreas. We must organize against imperial sanctions in order to achieve peace, liberation and reunification in Korea.”



On December 13th, the speaking tour at The People's Form, one of the most famous progressive activist gathering place in the New York City; they have meeting rooms, library, coffeehouse and book publisher.

Sara Flounders as the moderator to introduce Roger Wareham: “Next up, we're gonna to hear from about another country, resilient and determined, by Roger Wareham of the December 12th Movement, who has organized solidarity with Zimbabwe under sanctions for decades. The largest number, actually, of sanctioned countries (by U.S.), are African countries. It's a new colonialism. It's meant to divide and re-divide. But particularly the campaign around Zimbabwe, I think, stands out some of the strongest of the sanctions.”

Roger Wareham: “Until recently, particularly on the left, the sanctions on Zimbabwe were not really well known. And as Sarah was pointing out, the US rationale for imposing sanctions is that that the targeted country or the targeted people, who pose a national threat to US security, or pose a threat to US national security. The only threat that Zimbabwe represented at the time the sanctions were imposed was that they really had the temerity and the audacity to just take their land back from the descendants of the settlers who stole it.

That was it until that time, if you look back at un Zimbabwe's independent struggle, and when they achieved independence in 1980, it was a compromise that was reached. They were about to win on the battlefield, but the South Africans, who supported the Rhodesians (Rhodesia, was a white-controlled proxy state for South Africa apartheid government between 1965 to 1979, equivalent in territory to modern Zimbabwe), they had basically was saying that if the armed struggle didn't stop in Zimbabwe, they were going to continue to bomb civilians in the countries that had supported that struggle in Zambia, Tanzania, and so.

A compromise was reached at Lancaster House in Great Britain in in 1980, and part of that compromise was that there would be one man, one vote majority rule; but that for the first ten years, the representatives of the a white minority, and they were truly a minority in that in that country, would have a certain number of seats delegated in their legislature in the parliament. In that same period of time, there would be an agreement of one seller-one buyer, that the whites who own the land, would sell the land back to Zimbabweans, which is interesting concept, that the thief would also be able to benefit from their theory.

That agreement was under written, with understanding that the money to pay the settlers would come from Great Britain and the United States. For some reason, who knows that mean how the United States got involved in that?

That's the old kith and kin (friends and relatives); a wrapped a day that they maintain to this day. So you rub my back, I'll rub your back.

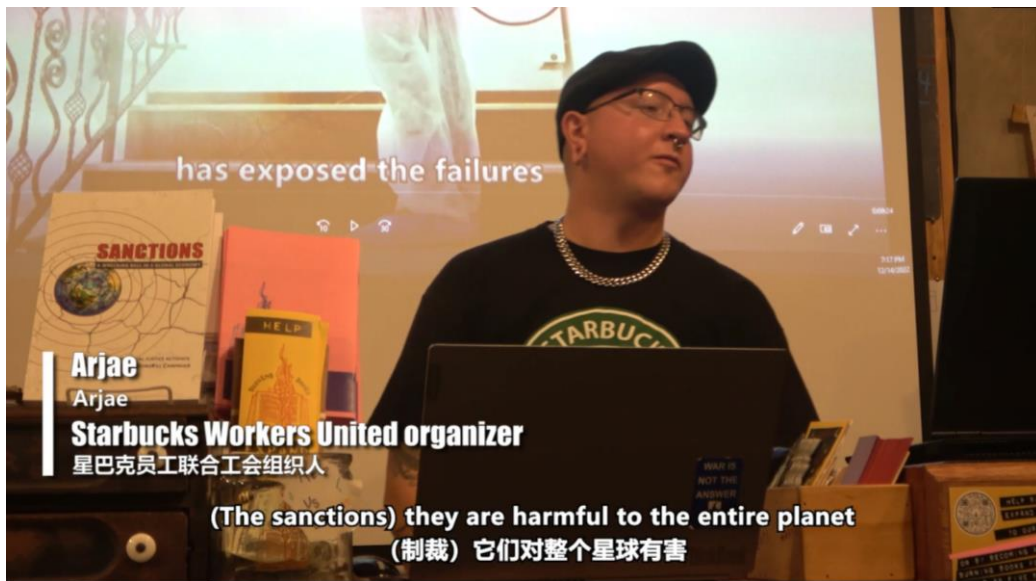


At that point in time, (Zimbabwe) president Robert Mugabe, who had been portrayed in the Western press as the George Washington of his country, he was constantly a democrat. He was the model that African leaders should model themselves after, according to the West. At the point time when Zimbabwe said, NO, we're taking our land back, then he morphed from George Washington to Adolf Hitler. I mean, they seriously began to portray him as the as the Black Hitler! And they impose the sanctions. And very interestingly, one of the sponsors of of the resolution of the "Zimbabwe Democracy and Economic Recovery Act of 2001" was Hillary Clinton."



The next stop of the speaking tour is Burning Books on December 14th, a

famous local anarchist-Marxist bookstore in Buffalo, New York, carry many activist books printed in the United States.



Arjae open the event, he is the organizer from Starbucks Workers United, a young workers-led workers movement that successfully to form an independent union in the Starbucks coffee chains: “(The sanctions) they are harmful to the entire planet, and we’re going to talk about how we can fight them. Because this isn’t just informational (teach-in), but we’re going to talk about some of the ongoing campaigns that are actively fighting U.S. sanctions and imperialism around the World. And we’re going to talk about why we as working class people here in the imperial core should care about this.”



Ryan Lockwood from Workers World Party-Buffalo branch, reading the lists of countries sanctioned by the United States: “..Haiti, Iran, Iraq, the Democratic

People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea), Laos, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Mali, Moldova, Montenegro, Myanmar, Nicaragua, Palestine, Paraguay, Russia, Serbia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda and Venezuela.”

Sanctions is racist, as Ajamu Baraka from Black Alliance for Peace at the December 10th webinar: “December 10, which is celebrated around the world, if not in the U.S., as the International Human Rights Day. Ironic in the sense that what we are talking about, and what we will further explore, is the systematic attempt on the part of the U.S. southern colonial state to deny the most elementary human rights to master those people in this country and around the world.

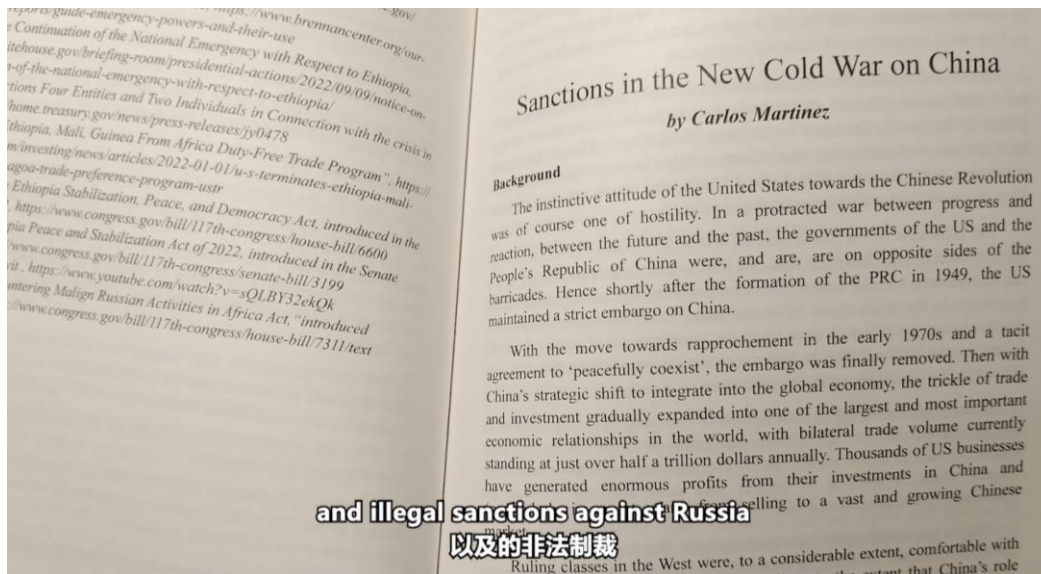


It's important to note that the U.S. is the leader of the Western bloc and its objective is to maintain the global hegemony of the pan-European white supremacist, colonial capitalist patriarchy that emerged in 1492 and represents the hegemonic force that we are all struggling against today.

In order to maintain that hegemony, they have decided that they are going to engage in open forms of warfare. And it's important to note that this sanctions weapon is, in fact a weapon of war. It has devastating consequences for societies throughout the world, and it results in death and destruction in a real way.”

Carlos Martinez from International Manifesto Group, who focus on Russia and China, agrees: “Since February this year, the imperialist powers of the U.S., Canada, the European Union and Britain have imposed massive, unprecedented, unilateral and illegal sanctions against Russia. These sanctions are very wide ranging. Russia has been cut out of SWIFT, which is

the global messaging network for international payments, in order to try and cripple the Russian economy. Russian banks have had their assets frozen, over a trillion dollars' worth of assets.



Biden ordered a ban on Russian energy imports to the U.S.; easy enough for him to do, given that the U.S. was imposing precious little Russian energy in the first place. But the story in Europe is much more complicated; Germany, E.U., has been reliant on Russian energy for more than 50 years.

It's kind of interesting to observe here that no countries whatsoever were sanctioned as a result of the West's genocidal wars on Iraq or Afghanistan or Libya or Yugoslavia. You know, there's this liberal narrative going around that, well, rushes invaded another country, and, you know, we've got to do something, therefore sanctions are justified. Even if you accept that argument, and obviously you shouldn't, you should at least ask why these rules don't apply when it's the U.S. and its allies that are doing the invading?

So continuing this economic war on Russia is having a hugely negative effect on Europe, which is experiencing an increasingly severe cost of living crisis. Energy prices have gone through the roof. Food prices have gone through the roof. Britain's inflation is running it over 11 %. So wages are declining rapidly in real terms.

Meanwhile, we're going into a cold winter in which literally millions of people are going to have to make that terrible choice that Sarah (Flounders) referenced earlier between eating and heating.

So this whole project is essentially directed towards propping up the short term interests of U.S. imperialism alone to the detriment of all humanity. And that's

parallel to the entire New Cold War project, which is led by the U.S., and which is directed against Russia, against China, against Iran, against Cuba, against Venezuela, against the whole global South.

You know, the corner of Biden's foreign policy has been to essentially recreate the Cold War Alliance, you know, when the freedom loving West united under U.S. leadership against the evil commies of the East.

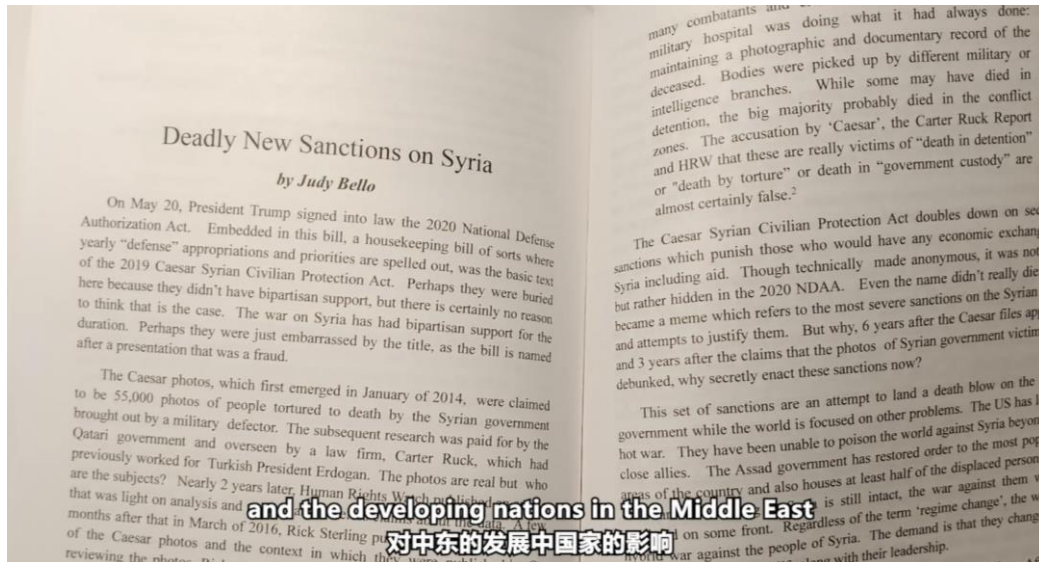
When we talk about the New Cold War, to be honest, to a quite significant degree, we're really talking about a century old war to preserve, to consolidate, to expand the imperialist world system, the War of intervention in Russia, from 1918 when the U.S., Britain, France and others joined forces with the proto-fascist white Russians to try and overturn the Russian revolution, the never ending attempts to undermine the socialist World and to impose neo-colonial domination in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, the Caribbean, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, the Contra War in Nicaragua, regime change operations and military dictatorships in Brazil, in Indonesia and Chile and elsewhere. The West support for apartheid regimes throughout Southern Africa.

And now Biden is looking to get the band back together to revive that same project, a hybrid war against socialism, against sovereignty and against multi-polarity. It's a manifestation of the Project for the New American century (the U.S. neo-con think-tank). Now, that was a Neocon project, a Neocon concept, a Rumsfeld, Cheney, Wolfowitz's concept, but it's been taken up by successive Democratic and Republican administrations. As far as foreign policy is concerned, there's only one party, the war party.

What does this new Cold War look like? Right now in December 2022? It involves this NATO proxy war in Russia, which the U.S. wants to draw out as long as possible in order to weaken Russia. It involves the unprecedented sanctions that we've been talking about. It involves NATO expansion. It involves African expansion. It involves the deepening of the criminal blockade against Cuba. It involves so called decoupling and trade war against China, along with continuing campaign of China encirclement, the permanent threat of nuclear annihilation against North Korea. And all this to preserve a favorable business environment for American capital, so that a degenerate and moribund social class can enjoy cheap and easy access to land resources, labor and markets.”

Judy Bello from Syria Support Movement and United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC), further adding that U.S./west brutal sections on the Middle East, are targeting countries who dare to against Israeli and U.S. regional

dominance: “I want to talk about the effects of U.S. sanctions, or unilateral coercive measures, and the developing nations in the Middle East. The group of countries are going to talk about Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and critically, Palestine. We can refer to as the axis of resistance.



They are the axis of resistance to the Israeli occupation of Palestine and to Western imperialism. In 1948, Israeli militias occupied Palestine, many people were killed. More were driven from their homes, and their property was stolen. The remainder of suffered increasingly barbaric oppression over the years, including the destruction of property, arbitrary imprisonment, murders and massacres.

Today, the Gaza Strip is completely walled off from Israel, and the people are banned from the sea. Building materials are not allowed, and the Israelis say that they are keeping the Palestinians on a diet by only allowing subsistence level of food stuff to be brought in.

Israel has stolen the water from the Palestinian aquifer, as well as the water from the Syrian Golan. While Palestinians go without water for drinking and bathing, Israeli settlers have ostentatious swimming pools a few miles away, while the homes of the Gods and people are raised to military bombardment. Those living in the West Bank in Jerusalem routinely have their houses torn down and their property confiscated by Israeli authorities.

In 2006, US sanctions ban companies from doing business with the Palestinian Authority (PA), public schools and hospitals, along with other government services, were targeted by these sanctions. Meanwhile, individual members of the PA (Palestinian Authority) were enriched under the table, so they will enforce the Israeli and U.S. policies.

Today, following a fierce tenure proxy war, Syria has one-third of its territory occupied by the U.S. and its allies. Turkish back Terrorists continue to control Syria's Idlib province, while Israel has an annexed Golan (Heights) in routinely bomb Syrian territory from there. A proxy force led by the US allied Kurds administers an area in the northeast of the country, which includes most of Syrian oil wells, their wheat producing region and a significant water source the Euphrates (rivers).

The area is protected by approximately a thousand U.S. soldiers. With the country devastated by bombing raids and terrorist attacks, the U.S. placed new sanctions on Syria. These sanctions, ironically defined by the U.S. CAESAR (Syria) Civilian Protection Act, include what are called secondary sanctions, which punish any country or business that provides any support to the primary sanctioned country.

H.R.31 - 116th Congress (2019-2020): Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act
<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/31/text>

Meanwhile, the CAESAR Sanctions are specifically tailored to prohibit reconstruction in Syria. They have not only destroyed the Syrian economy, but in conjunction with the theft of Syrian oil and wheat resources, they have devastated the population. Due to the secondary sanctions, international companies are afraid to provide any resources due to the fear of U.S. retaliation. Since Syrian banking, and much of their import export business was either directly with Lebanon or process through Lebanese banks. The secondary sanctions on Syria brought down the already fragile and corrupt economy of Lebanon as well, and with the collapse of the banks in Lebanon, the equally unstable and corrupt (Lebanese) government has collapsed as well. Alena Douhan, the United Nations rapporteur on Secondary Sanctions, recently visited Syria. On her return, she demanded that the sanctions on Syria be lifted immediately.”

On December 15th the last stop of the speaking tour at Eastbay Media Center on Berkeley, CA; and successfully concluded the promotion of the book across the country.

Chapter Seven: Cooperation Vs. Sanctions: China Vs. U.S.

Margaret Flowers:” Now, globally, the United States is trying desperately to hold on to its domination of the world, and it's failing. It's not going to succeed. Because the world has seen and knows that the United States is not a reliable partner, is not an honest partner, will always put the profits of the corporations over the lives of its own people and people anywhere in the world.

And the United States is harming itself by not cooperating with China and learning from the actions that China has taken over the past 70 years. The United States needs to let go of this hubris, of this American exceptionalism, and recognize that we have a lot to learn from people all around the world, and that it's necessary for our future that we become a nation of cooperation, of solidarity, of one that values human life and protection of the planet. The United States future depends upon this change. “

GT Voice: The U.S. government, not China, is responsible for its own economic problems

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202211/1280176.shtml>

China presents a remarkable model in achieving sustainable development: Egyptian ambassador

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202211/1280198.shtml>

Instead of U.S. sanctions and vaccine imperialism against the world, China has successfully launched a campaign of vaccine diplomacy to support the world; China supports economic development globally by encouraging more international economic cooperation.

Last November (2022) China organized the fifth China International Import Expo (CIIE), exclusively to encourage more global imports, especially imports from the Global South.



Lee Siu Hin visited the CIIE: “China has been extremely generous allowing even many companies from the countries currently imposing countless sanctions against China to come to sell their products.”

Conclusion: Activists from Around the World Demands!
“End Sanctions NOW!”

“Let’s end sanctions and nurture our global communities!”



“Sanctions Kill!”

“Stop the sanctions!”

“I am Dee speaking from New York, I want to congratulate China on successfully overcoming COVID, even though it’s important to know it’s not over, and we know you can do it, that’s the most amazing thing you’re a success in overcoming the pandemic.”



“End new sanctions now!”

Lee Siu Hin: “Let me read a passage from a chapter I wrote for the book Capitalism on a Ventilator,” a paragraph from the book:

“.....It is no secret that domestically, police brutality and the War on Terror is in fact just more oppression for Black and immigrant communities. There won't be health justice in the U.S. unless there is a people's revolution for fundamental social change that demands the moving of money and wealth from the richest 1% and the war back to the working class, people of color, immigrants and indigenous people.....”

Epilogue

Despite our multiple attempts, Amazon and Businesswire.com didn't respond to our requests for comments.

Currently Lee Siu Hin is producing a documentary “Voice of Xinjiang,” Sara Flounders is publishing "Sanctions: A wrecking ball in a global economy," and Margaret Flowers is continuing the fight against sanctions and for Medicare for all.. and they're continually fighting for peace, social justice and end the sanctions around the World!

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Most of this documentary were filmed by beat-up, but durable China's Huawei Pad, currently sanctioned and cannot be sold in the U.S.

The production of this documentary has been purely self-funded out of pocket, grassroots passing the bucket, and labor in-kind donated; thanks for volunteers who helped our production, and friends who offered place to stay and meal to eat, thank you!

For more information, please visit:

Sanctions Kill Campaign <https://sanctionskill.org>

International Action Center: <https://iacycenter.org>

China-US Solidarity Network: <http://www.chinasolidarity.org>

Popular Resistance <https://popularresistance.org>

Vaccine and Sanctions official website

www.VaccineAndSanctions.org

Supplemental Material: Sanctions Kill Toolkit by Margaret Flowers

In this presentation I will talk about the tactic of economic warfare, commonly referred to as “sanctions,” that the United States is using around the world. I will cover what sanctions are, who they impact and how they are related to the economic war being waged against the population at home. I will conclude with actions that can be taken to end this economic war.



What are sanctions? Technically, they are commercial and financial penalties applied by one or more countries against another government, group or individual. They can include restrictions on trade as the United States has imposed on Iran, Cuba, North Korea, Syria, Zimbabwe and 14 other countries. These trade restrictions often prohibit other countries, including non-sanctioned countries, from also trading with the targeted country, a form of secondary sanction, or risk being sanctioned themselves.

What are sanctions?

Economic or other restrictions imposed on a country, corporation or person.

- Restricted trade
- Blocked financial transactions
- Frozen assets
- Reduced foreign aid
- Travel bans and more



Sanctions can take the form of blocked financial transactions, not allowing financial institutions to process them. This prevents a government, group or individual from doing business – buying goods or services outside the country. A government can also freeze the assets of another country or entity as the United States did to Venezuela via executive order in August 2019 that read: “All property and interests in property of the Government of Venezuela that are in the United States ... are blocked and may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in.”

A government can sanction by reducing foreign aid that is typically given as the US did to Palestine or it can block loans through US-dominated institutions such as the International Monetary Fund or World Bank. The Global Magnitsky Act of 2016 allows the US government to block travel to the United States or revoke the US visa of any person the US deems a human rights violator or corrupt. This has been used against individuals from China, Russia, Ukraine and others.

The idea of using economic sanctions against another country has been sold to the public in the United States as a more humane tactic than military invasion. This is false.

Like other forms of warfare, sanctions are used to give the US an economic advantage over other countries. An example is US sanctions that target Chinese technology firms such as Huawei.

United States-imposed sanctions are economic warfare

Sanctions are proposed as a supposedly more humane act than military aggression.

They are used to

- Give the United States an economic advantage
- Effect regime change
- Retaliate



Most often the US uses sanctions as a tool to overthrow governments it doesn't support. The goal is to impose economic hardship on a country (“make the economy scream”), claim the government of that country is responsible for the hardship and encourage the population to rise up in protest against its government. The manufactured, and often US-supported, opposition is used to justify more US intervention to demand the government step down or a coup

may be conducted.

Sanctions are also used as retaliation to undermine the efforts of countries to move toward more independence or develop non-capitalist economies. Sanctions were imposed on members of the International Criminal Court for proceeding with an investigation of the US' war crimes in Afghanistan.

Sanctions kill

Sanctions kill people in invisible ways.

Sanctions

- Devastate economies
- Cause disinvestment
- Destroy regional cooperation
- Impair access to basic necessities like food, water, energy and transportation



Sanctions are war. They are just as deadly as bullets and bombs, but the damage and deaths are not as visible to those outside the country.

Sanctions kill by destroying economies, causing hyperinflation and unemployment so people cannot afford basic necessities. They drive capital flight from countries as corporations and financial institutions seek to distance themselves and avoid being targeted by the sanctions. As industries move elsewhere or can't get the materials they need, jobs are lost. Basic infrastructure may be harmed as funds and expertise are lost.

Sanctions prevent countries within the region from working together or trading. And even if the country has the funds to purchase basic goods, they are blocked from making financial transactions or importing them. One study found sanctions contributed to 40,000 deaths in Venezuela between 2017 and 2018. Another study found sanctions contributed to the deaths of 4,000 North Koreans in 2018, most of them children and pregnant women. In the early 1990's, US sanctions against Iraq led to the deaths of as many as 880,000 children under five due to malnutrition and disease.

Sanctions are illegal

Economic coercive measures that are unilaterally imposed without a legal process violate international laws and human rights obligations.

The United Nations Charter
Fourth Geneva Convention
Genocide Convention
Nuremberg Charter
Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court
Constitution of the World Health Organization
Universal Declaration of Human Rights
The Supremacy Clause of the United States Constitution



The sanctions imposed by the United States violate international laws and the United States Constitution.

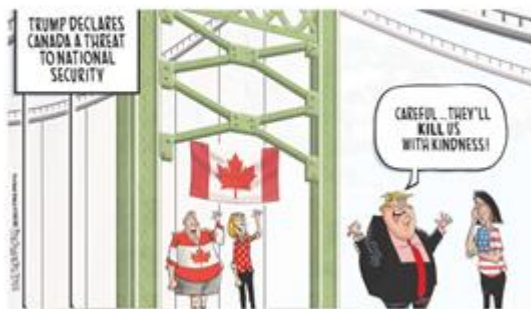
Technically, the sanctions imposed by the US are not sanctions but are unilateral coercive measures. Sanctions imply there was a legal process employed that found a country, group or individual in violation of a law and that entity was then punished using sanctions.

What the United States is doing mostly operates outside that process. The economic war is applied unilaterally. When the United States does use a legal process, such as through the United Nations, the US applies pressure on other countries to achieve its desired result.

Some impacted countries are starting to challenge the unilateral coercive measures in court. In October, 2018, Iran won a case against the United States in the United Nations' International Court of Justice over the US imposed sanctions but the US refused to comply with the ruling. The ICJ does not have an enforcement mechanism. Currently, Venezuela has a case before the International Criminal Court charging the US with crimes against humanity for the suffering and death its coercive measures have caused.

The Supremacy Clause of the US Constitution declares that international laws are to be considered equal to an act of legislature, although limits have been placed on this since its inception.

How the United States imposes sanctions



Often, the first step is declaring an entity a threat to US security, triggering the International Economic Emergency Act.

Sanctions can be imposed by:

- White House
- Congress
- State Department
- Treasury
- United Nations

A first step in the sanctions process is often that the White House declares a country a threat to US national security or designates a foreign entity a terrorist group. There is usually no evidence to back this claim or evidence is manufactured. This triggers the International Emergency Economic Powers Act that allows the US Treasury to impose economic sanctions.

Congress and the State Department can also impose sanctions on countries, such as the recent NICA Act targeting Nicaragua, or individuals, such as travel bans that prevent United Nations diplomats from participating in UN meetings.



Afghanistan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burundi, Central African Republic, China, Comoros, Crimea, Cuba, Cyprus, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Haiti, Iran, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Moldova, Montenegro, Myanmar, Nicaragua, North Korea, Palestine, Russia, Rwanda, Serbia, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Venezuela, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

The United Nations Security Council has the authority to impose sanctions on countries or specific entities. The United States, as a permanent member of the UN Security Council, wields tremendous power over the UN sanctions process. That power may be starting to wane. In 2020, the US attempted to extend a weapons embargo against Iran but the members of the UN Security Council voted overwhelmingly against it, arguing the US lost its standing when it pulled out of the Iran Nuclear Agreement.

The United States is currently sanctioning 44 countries representing one-third of the global population. As the list under the map demonstrates, a third of the countries are African nations. The majority of sanctioned countries are predominantly non-white and are in the Global South. In addition to countries, over 6,300 people are on the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets sanctioned list

To get the sanctions lifted, countries must agree to the United States' demands for austerity measures, elections that meet the US's approval and other economic and political concessions. This is why the sanctions are actually unilateral coercive economic measures, which are illegal.



Who is affected by sanctions?

Predominantly non-white populations. Civilians suffer the most as economies are destroyed, and basic goods and services become unavailable. Sanctions hurt the most vulnerable sectors of the population.

While the United States government says that sanctions exempt necessities such as food and medicine and often claims the sanctions impact government or other officials, the reality is that it is the civilian population, especially women, children, the elderly and those who have health conditions, who are impacted the most.

As I will outline in more detail, sanctions weaken economies, cause unemployment and inflation, prevent the import of necessities such as food, medicines and equipment to keep infrastructure and industries running and prevent trade and travel.



Perhaps one of the most egregious effects of unilateral coercive measures or sanctions are on the health of the population. Even when countries have the funds to purchase medications, they are unable to make the financial transaction to pay for them. Venezuela has \$1 billion worth of gold in the Bank of London that it intends to use to purchase necessities through the United Nations, but the UK is refusing to release it. Similarly, Venezuela had a fund through its oil company Citgo that it was using to pay for its bone marrow transplant patients, primarily children, in Spain, but the United States seized Citgo. And the Venezuelan pharmaceutical industry, which was once thriving, has been decimated because Venezuela can't import the precursors it needs to manufacture medications.

Additionally, sanctioned countries are unable to import medical supplies and equipment. They are forced to reuse single-use supplies. They have shortages of fuel which prevent the transport of patients and basic infrastructure that provides power and water may not function well. Shortages of food, water and power impact the general health of the population. We know for example that more children die of infectious diseases, especially diarrheal disease, when they lack access to clean water.

And finally, sanctioned countries have more barriers to research. Their scientists can't purchase scientific books from abroad or travel to conferences. They can't collaborate with institutions in other countries. In reality, sanctions imposed on other countries impact the health of people in the United States because we don't have access to the medical innovations developed in sanctioned countries and we can't benefit from medical collaboration. For example, Cuba sends doctors around the world to provide care and support for healthcare systems.

Sanctions cause food shortages

- Block food imports
- Impair agriculture
- Raise food prices



Another egregious impact of sanctions is a shortage of food. The most obvious reason is the inability to import food because banks won't process the financial transactions, but even if a sanctioned country makes the transaction, the food can't be transported because insurance companies won't cover the vessels that would carry it.

Sanctions also harm agricultural institutions. There are shortages of seeds and inputs for farming as well as fuel to run farm machinery and transport food. In Zimbabwe, it was when the people took action to reclaim their land, which had been promised to them, that the US imposed damaging sanctions on them.

Food shortages and the economic devastation from sanctions that creates hyperinflation raise the price of food while at the same time unemployment rises making it difficult for families to afford adequate food. Most of the food insecure nations in the world are sanctioned countries.

Water is also essential for life and sanctions have a negative impact on access to clean water resulting in hardship and disease.



Sanctions prevent access to clean water

Block imports of equipment and parts to process and transport water.

Raise energy prices or impair energy infrastructure needed to pump water.

The major reasons sanctions prevent access to clean water are the inability of a country to import parts to keep its water infrastructure operating and shortages of fuel to power the infrastructure such as water and sewage treatment plants and pumps to deliver water into homes and other buildings.

Sanctions limit education

Block access to basic school supplies.

Block import of books or software.

Limit studying abroad.

Force students to leave education for work.



Sanctions impact education at every level from the lack of resources to keep schools open and operating to the inability to import basic school supplies such as pencils and books. Students are blocked from using online tools and computer software if they live in a sanctioned country because corporations do not want to risk penalties for potentially violating the sanctions.

Sanctions can also prevent students from attending school. They may not be allowed to study abroad, or even if they are accepted for study abroad, they are unable to pay for the education because banks won't process the transactions. The economic hardship and food shortages caused by sanctions may cause children to leave school to work or help with food production.

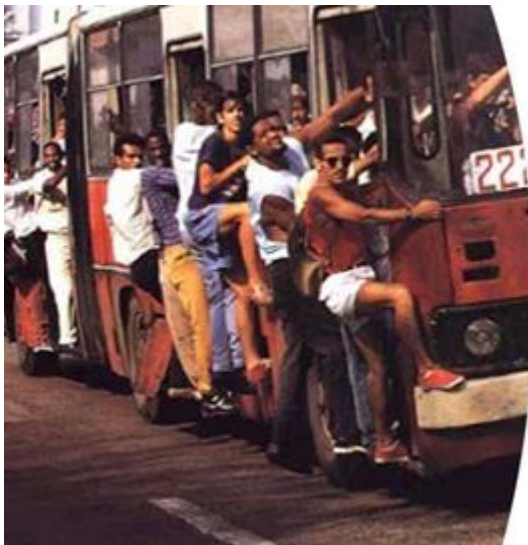
Sanctions have a significant negative effect on energy

Prevent energy imports and exports.

Prevent import of necessary equipment.



Sanctions prevent the importation of fuel and parts to run power plants as well as the importation of power from neighboring countries. Sanctions also decrease access to parts to maintain the electrical grid.



Sanctions and transportation

Reduce access to oil and gas.

Prevent import of parts to maintain infrastructure.

Limit movement of goods and people.

Even in countries with large fossil fuel resources such as Venezuela and Iran, sanctions prevent them from importing the materials and equipment necessary to keep their drilling and refinery equipment in order so they can use the fossil fuels.

Reduced access to oil and gas impacts the entire transportation infrastructure of sanctioned countries. So does the inability to import parts and tools to keep cars, trucks, buses and trains running.

In Cuba, cars are kept running for many decades using whatever is available and cars are passed down through families. In Venezuela, due to the fuel

shortage, people may wait for days in line to fill their car with gas.

Sanctions and employment

- Capital flight
- Hyperinflation
- Shutting down sectors of the economy
- Decreased markets
- Decreased transport



The negative impact of sanctions on transportation have a broad effect on the ability to move people and goods around the country, which ripples out to impact farmers, manufacturers, and businesses.

Sanctions worsen unemployment in targeted countries through a variety of mechanisms. Even during the pre-sanction period, when a country is designated a national security threat, investors and corporations see what is to come and may leave the country. This capital flight causes a loss of jobs.

Hyperinflation makes the price of goods rise and decreases people's ability to purchase them, which may cause businesses to go bankrupt and shut down.

Lack of investment capital as well as the inability to import needed supplies and equipment leads industries to weaken or shut down altogether, also causing a loss of jobs.

Barriers to trade with other countries means producers of food and other goods have a smaller market to sell to, which adversely impacts them. And finally, the effects of sanctions on transportation may mean that producers cannot get their goods to the market, if it exists.



Sanctions create real hardship for people and may drive them to leave their home country.

When an economy is destroyed and people can't meet their basic needs, or unemployment is high or there is violence as a result of unrest, people often feel they have no choice but to emigrate. This can lead to a "brain drain" as those who have financial resources, and perhaps are educated in professions such as medicine or engineering, are likely to leave. This compounds the hardship as there are fewer people to provide the needed expertise to keep the country functioning.

In the spring of 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic led to a global call for peace and international cooperation to stop the spread of disease and ensure nations had what they needed to protect the health of their people.

There were calls from international bodies such as the United Nations to end sanctions because of their impacts on food and health. The United States rejected this call for cooperation and instead dropped out of the World Health Organization, increased sanctions against countries such as Iran and Venezuela and continued its military aggression.

Sanctions and the COVID19 pandemic

International cooperation

United States:

Dropped out of WHO

Increased sanctions

Escalated aggression



The United States also failed to provide the basics for its own people during the pandemic. It should be no surprise that a government that has no regard for the lives of people abroad would show the same disregard for its own population.

Sanctions harm people in the United States

Decrease trade

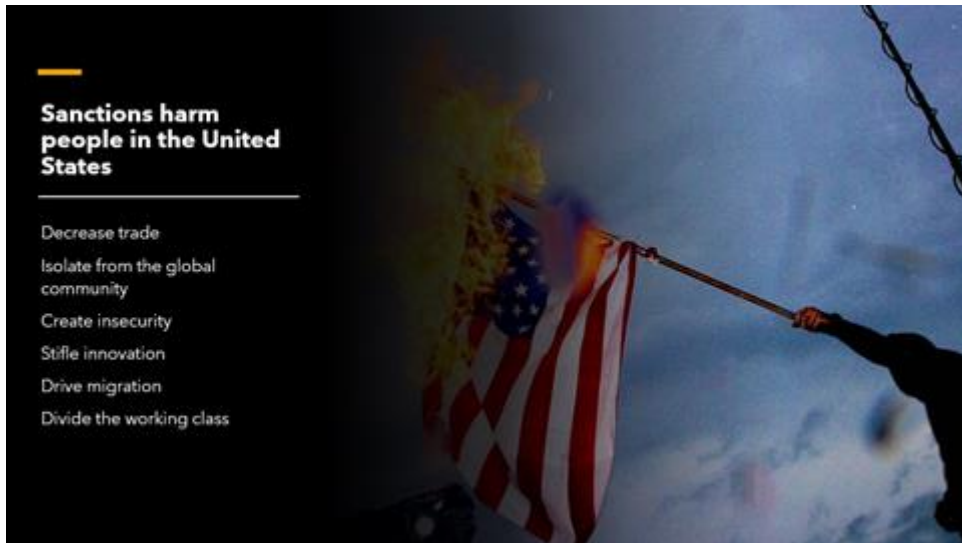
Isolate from the global community

Create insecurity

Stifle innovation

Drive migration

Divide the working class



There are numerous ways the unilateral coercive measures imposed by the United States on countries around the world harm people in the US.

An obvious one is the restrictions on trade that prevent businesses in the US from doing business with these countries. For example, US farmers cannot export their products to sanctioned countries. They also prevent imports from sanctioned countries.

In an effort for other countries to circumvent the sanctions, they are finding new ways to do business that exclude US dollars and exclude financial institutions that are constrained by the US. This is leading to isolation of the US

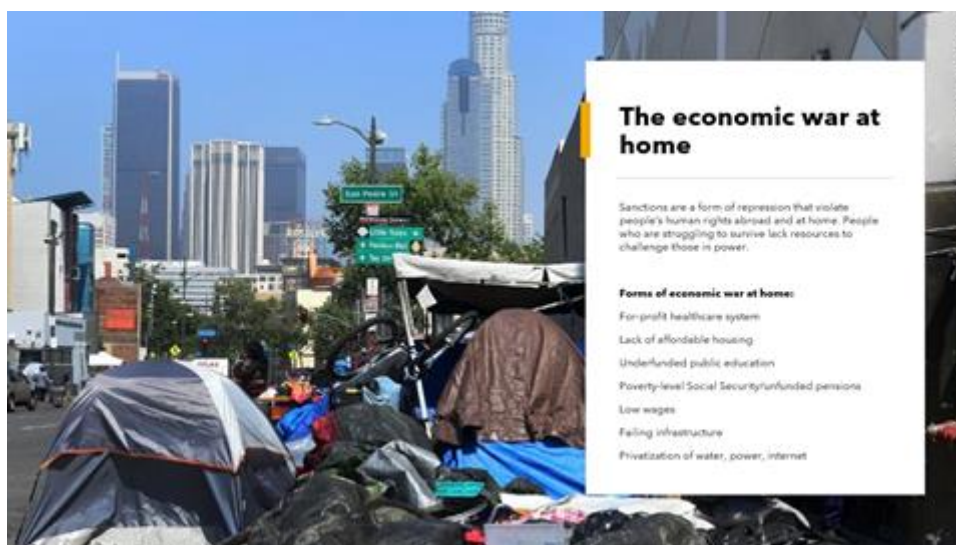
and de-dollarization of the global economy.

Economic warfare against other countries may destabilize them, leading to violence and threats to global security. In some places, the economic measures create greater solidarity within the impacted country as the people unite to oppose a common enemy, the United States.

Restrictions on the sharing of information and collaboration with entities in other countries stifles innovation and prevents people in the US from benefiting from new technology in sanctioned countries.

Economic warfare drives migration as people seek employment and escape from instability and violence. The blame for migration is often put on the person who is migrating instead of the circumstances that forced them to flee their home country.

In the United States, migrants are often falsely blamed for the economic insecurity that people in the US experience. They become a handy scapegoat that divides the working class against each other instead of uniting against the common causes of the insecurity – an economic system that serves the wealthy and a foreign policy of domination.



The economic war that people experience in the United States is similar to what people experience in sanctioned countries. The same neoliberal economic policies that the US imposes on countries around the world are imposed on people within the US.

These take the form of a for-profit healthcare system that leaves tens of millions of people in the US without health insurance and tens of millions of people who are underinsured, meaning that despite having health insurance

they still cannot afford the care they need. The United States has a severe lack of affordable housing. Public education is underfunded and higher education is not available to all who seek it. Wages are low and most people do not have a secure retirement. Infrastructure in the US is failing due to a lack of investment in its upkeep, and this is being used as an excuse to privatize everything from public housing to the postal service to water, the internet, schools, roads, public transport, etc.

As one of the wealthiest nations in the world, the United States can afford to provide these services to its people, and indeed the government has an obligation to provide these services that it is failing to meet. It is the same ideology that drives the economic war abroad and at home. The answer is a People(s)-Centered Human Rights approach that is rooted in the self-determination of communities and struggle against the power holders who value profits over human life and a livable future.

End economic warfare at home and abroad



To end the economic war, we must build a worldwide movement for people's-centered human rights.

Visit SanctionsKill.org for tools and information.

- Endorse the call.
- Sign the open letter.
- Contact your member of Congress.
- Join the actions.
- Donate.

It is time for people around the world to unite and demand an end to the economic wars being waged at home and abroad.

Join the Sanctions Kill campaign at SanctionsKill.org. You'll find resources and actions that you can take.

Endorse the call to action, which will add you to the email list so you can be notified of opportunities for action and education.

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