

The U.S. military, which they claim is “heroically protecting you,” is in fact **the machinery of slaughter and destruction enforcing a system of oppression and exploitation that causes horrendous suffering and death on a massive scale throughout the world.**

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Hiroshima, August 1945: The U.S. attacked this Japanese city with the world's first atomic bomb, instantly killing tens of thousands of civilians, with more dying afterwards from radiation poisoning. The U.S. atomic bomb killed about 150,000 in Hiroshima, and tens of thousands more died from a second nuclear bomb dropped on another city, Nagasaki. Picture shows people in Hiroshima after the bombing.

My Lai, Vietnam, March 1968: U.S. troops massacred 500 unarmed civilians in this village, including elderly people and babies. The soldiers raped women and girls, burned down homes, and fouled the area's drinking water. As Nick Turse, author of *Kill Anything That Moves, the Real American War in Vietnam*, has documented, this massacre was part of a whole genocidal policy by the U.S. The U.S. killed three to four million people in 14 years of war in Indochina.

Fallujah, Iraq, winter 2004: In 2003 the U.S. cooked up a lie about “weapons of mass destruction” to invade Iraq in a war of empire. As direct and indirect results of the U.S. war, an estimated 1.4 million Iraqis were killed and more than 4.5 million were driven from their homes. As part of the war in Iraq, U.S. troops devastated the city of Fallujah, killing more than 2,000 Iraqis labeled as “insurgents” and 800 or more civilians, and forcing some 200,000 residents into exile in other parts of the country.

Kunduz, Afghanistan, October 2015: The U.S. invaded Afghanistan in 2001 claiming to be “liberators”—the continuing war has brought only greatly intensified suffering and oppression for the people, with more than 25,000 civilians killed and 2.6 million people forced to become refugees. A U.S. airstrike in this city last year destroyed a Doctors Without Borders hospital, killing at least 40 people. Picture shows staff people injured in the attack.

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