

# WIN WITHOUT WAR



## RESISTANCE RECESS: ENDING U.S. COMPLICITY IN THE WAR IN YEMEN

### SAMPLE TOWNHALL QUESTIONS

- For four long years, the U.S. has provided military assistance to the Saudi and Emirati-led coalition for their war in Yemen, which has helped fuel the world's largest humanitarian crisis. What are you doing to end U.S. complicity in the war and humanitarian catastrophe in Yemen?
- What are you doing to ensure that the Malinowski amendment and the Khanna-Schiff amendment to end U.S. support for the war in Yemen are included in the final version of the NDAA?

### SUMMARY

For more than four years, the United States has politically and militarily supported a military intervention led by Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in Yemen. The coalition's destruction of schools and hospitals, indiscriminate targeting of civilians, and use of starvation as a weapon of war has helped make Yemen home to [the world's largest humanitarian crisis](#).

Recently, Congress attempted to block \$8 billion worth of arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the UAE, and bipartisan majorities have voted multiple times to end all U.S. military assistance to the coalition. Of Trump's five vetoes in office, four of them have been to continue aiding and abetting Saudi and Emirati abuses in Yemen.

Congress still has a chance to end U.S. complicity in the war and suffering in Yemen. This summer, as part of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), Congress included amendments that [mandate](#) 1) the withdrawal of U.S. military participation in, and assistance to, the Saudi/Emirati-led coalition's war in Yemen and 2) a one-year ban on the sale of the bombs Saudi Arabia and the UAE use in the catastrophic Yemen war. This recess, we can play a role in ending the world's largest humanitarian crisis by demanding that Congress includes this language in the final version of the NDAA.

### MESSAGING POINTS

**By selling weapons and providing other military support to Saudi Arabia and the UAE, the U.S. is complicit in exacerbating world's largest humanitarian crisis in Yemen.**

- The U.S. has [supported](#) the Saudi and UAE-led coalition by providing fuel, intelligence, logistical support, and weapons that have been repeatedly used to kill Yemeni civilians.
- [Every 10 minutes, a Yemeni child under 5 dies](#) from starvation or disease. [More than two in three Yemenis](#) do not know where their next meal will come from, with millions of people on the brink of starvation.
- The largest and fastest growing cholera outbreak [ever documented](#) in modern history is thriving in Yemen as a result of the war.

**Congress has an opportunity to stand up to the Trump administration and end U.S. involvement in Yemen once and for all.**

- The NDAA includes [amendments](#) that would withdraw U.S. military participation and assistance in the war in Yemen and prevent arms sales to Saudi Arabia and the UAE, due to their use against civilians.
- Ending U.S. support for the war is the only way to make the U.S. a credible actor for peace in Yemen. It is an essential first step to ending the intervention and the civil war.

**The United States' involvement in the war in Yemen has never been authorized by Congress.**

- Neither the 2001 nor the 2002 AUMFs authorize U.S. involvement in the Saudi-led war in Yemen.

**American taxpayer dollars should not be funding senseless human suffering in Yemen.**

- For years, American taxpayer dollars have been literally fueling Saudi Arabia and the UAE's brutal campaign in Yemen where U.S.-supported airstrikes are implicated in war crimes.
- American taxpayer dollars could be better prioritized by fully funding U.S. diplomacy, peacebuilding, and humanitarian assistance programs, which are key tools for resolving the conflict in Yemen.