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Counting Down 10 Articles from the Win Without War Team

Over the course of a difficult year, and in the face of daunting odds, the progressive foreign policy movement has managed to accomplish great things in 2020. Last week, we [took a look](#) back at some of our movement's biggest successes from the year. This week, we bring you the Progressive Foreign Policy Debrief a day early to focus in on something a bit smaller, but still, to us, worth celebrating. In the spirit of the holiday, we're counting down ten articles (in chronological order) written by members of the Win Without War team during this past year — articles that fill us with pride, hope, and energy for whatever the next year might bring. We hope they do the same for you:

10. [Dr. King Was Anti-War, We Need His Lessons Now More Than Ever](#)

Annika London, *Inkstick*

While Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is rightfully remembered for his racial justice work, he knew that racism was not an isolated evil. That's why Dr. King was also a champion in the fight against the twin evils of poverty and militarism. Today, we must remember *all* of what Dr. King has to teach us.

9. [Why House Democrats Passed Bills Reining in Trump's War Machine](#)

Erica Fein, *Responsible Statecraft*

The people are tired of endless war. We're tired of U.S. support for dictators. We're tired of pouring money into the Pentagon while everyday people struggle to get by. We're ready for peace. In pushing back against Trump's reckless militarism, Democrats are finally beginning to meet the public where we already are.

8. [Fighting for a Feminist Foreign Policy](#)

Caroline Smith, *Inkstick*

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Making U.S. foreign policy feminist is about much more than putting women in positions of power; it's about ensuring that, from top to bottom, our policies center the voices and needs of all oppressed groups: women, LGBTQ+ persons, people of color, Indigenous communities, and more.

7. [America should save emergency spending for emergencies](#)

Erica Fein and Mandy Smithberger, *Defense News*

The COVID-19 pandemic has a lot to teach us about emergency funds — not least that they should *actually* only be used for emergencies. That's why it's long past time to get rid of the Pentagon's "Overseas Contingency Operations" slush fund, which has too often been abused to finance endless war instead of actual emergencies.

6. [Incrementalism Won't Save Us, Bold Internationalism Will](#)

Kate Kizer, *Inkstick*

If we have anything to learn from the COVID-19 crisis, it's this: military domination does nothing to address the greatest security threats of the 21st century. From pandemics to climate change, only a total transformation of U.S. foreign policy, from one based in militarized aggression to one based in international solidarity, can keep us safe.

5. [Dismantle the War Economy](#)

Stephen Miles and Reverend Dr. Liz Theoharis, *openDemocracy*

This summer's racial justice protests highlighted the inhumane absurdity of funneling endless sums into institutions of violence while communities of color go starved for resources. As our Executive Director writes with the Co-Chair of the Poor People's Campaign: "To create real security, we must slash the Pentagon budget and invest in meeting everyone's basic human needs."

4. [We Need A Global Green New Deal](#)

Michael Galant, *OtherWords*

The rules of the global economy were designed to put corporate profit before people and planet. But rules can change. To create a just, sustainable, and lasting recovery to the COVID-19 crisis, we need to rewrite the rules of the global economy — we need a Global Green New Deal.

3. [It's bad politics for Democrats to be hawkish on foreign policy](#)

Stephen Miles, *Responsible Statecraft*

Ending the militarized foreign policy status quo isn't just the *right* thing to do — it's also the *popular* thing to do. The people want a new foreign policy. If Democrats want to win elections, they would do well to listen.

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2. [Why we will win the fight to cut the Pentagon budget](#)

Erica Fein, *Responsible Statecraft*

We may not have succeeded in cutting the Pentagon budget this year, but we *did* succeed in setting the stage for a winning battle. As the Budget Control Act comes to an end, and with the shifting winds now at our back, victory is within sight.

1. [The Case for a Post-9/11 Truth Commission](#)

Kate Kizer, *Inkstick*

The death and destruction wrought over the past two decades by the United States' militarized foreign policy has been immeasurable. Righting these wrongs will take more than just reversing course — it requires a systematic reckoning with the injustices done. (Read more from Kate's monthly column at *Inkstick* [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).)

A few articles may not seem like much in the grand scheme of things, but works like these, as part of a broader movement, are critical to reshaping the national security narrative, rethinking the foreign policy status quo, and crafting a new vision for its future. So get cozy, curl up by a fire, open your preferred foreign policy op-eds, and join us in celebrating even the small victories on the path to peace.

Wishing you a happy, peaceful new year, from the entire Win Without War team.

Help Us Make Peace A Reality

A U.S. foreign policy rooted in solidarity, justice, equality, and security for all IS possible. It won't be easy, but we'll be ready for the fight — with your support. In these final few hours of 2020, help us prepare for the challenges ahead and work toward peace and justice with a generous [tax-deductible donation](#).
