

Call to Resist Tyranny: There is Only One Thing to Do: Say NO! The Legacy of Wolfgang Borchert

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In a manifesto written in 1947, “Then there is only one thing!”, the German regime critic and writer Wolfgang Borchert calls on fellow human beings to refuse to participate in future wars. Shortly afterwards, the 26-year-old died as a result of severe war wounds. The harrowing prose text was his legacy.

We high school students in post-war Germany felt liberated to some extent by this manifesto from oppressive feelings of guilt at being the sons of German soldiers and hoped for a future without war and violence. But as adults we failed and did not fulfil Borchert’s legacy: We refused to participate in NATO’s war against Serbia in 1999, which was against international law, nor did we refuse to participate in the wars in the Near, Middle and Far East.

Today is another opportunity to resist tyranny and war against us citizens. This time, will we fulfil Borchert’s legacy and refuse the “satanic” plans of a global criminal elite – and say NO!?

You. Citizens in whatever country. When they command you to trust politicians and hand over power to them, there is only one thing to do:

Say NO!

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