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[We Are the Majority; We Must Turn that into Power](#)

By [Kevin Zeese](#) and [Margaret Flowers](#), December 30, 2019

Over the last decade, a national consensus has developed for a progressive left agenda on the economy, social services, the climate crisis and ending wars but the movement has not yet built the power to make that a reality. The next decade will be ripe with opportunities for transformational change due to a combination of expanding popular movements as well as escalating crisis situations.



[Syria Considers Suing Washington for Syrian Oil Theft and Violating Syria's Sovereignty](#)

By [Sarah Abed](#), December 30, 2019

Six years ago, at the age of 95, the revolutionary, outspoken, anti-apartheid former president of South Africa, **Nelson Mandela** passed away. During his lifetime Mandela was a fierce skeptic of American power, U.S. imperialism, policies and ideology.

When the United States was preparing to invade Iraq in 2002 Mandela said, “If you look at those matters, you will come to the conclusion that the attitude of the United States of America is a threat to world peace.” Seventeen years later, multiple wars and “regime change” operations have proven that U.S. administrations have since continued to threaten world peace.



[Holding Pens for the Homeless](#)

By [John Clarke](#), December 30, 2019

Homelessness is spinning out of control in many places, not least right [here in Toronto](#). However, in California, the situation is now generating an acute political crisis. So great is the problem of mass destitution in that state that whole urban areas are facing a threat to [public health](#) and a level of social dislocation that undermines public order and the basic level of social stability needed for capitalism to conduct business. Trump’s Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is reporting an increase in the homeless population of California of [16.4% over the course](#) of the last year and alarm bells are ringing the corridors of power. The human misery of destitution has now reached such levels that the cash registers are being affected.



[Russia’s Newborn Avangard Hypersonic Weaponry. Towards a New Perilous Arms Race?](#)

By [Dr. Binoy Kampmark](#), December 30, 2019

Of late, treaties restraining the deployment of weapons that gallop ahead of such a balancing act have been confined to shredders and dustbins. There was the [Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty](#)(INF), a reminder of a thawing period between the Soviet Union and the United States from 1987. It prohibited the fielding of land-based missiles with ranges between 500 and 5,500 kilometres. But President Donald J. Trump has never been a man for history, treating it as an encumbrance on the United States. Violations by Russia [were cited](#), with the 9M729 missile singled out as a stand out culprit. Russia [duly countered](#); the United States’ Aegis Ashore facility based in Romania could technically be used to launch missiles in breach of the treaty. Both countries have now confined the document to oblivion.



[Georgia and Ukraine Joining NATO Will Likely Have the Opposite Effect Against Russia](#)

By [Paul Antonopoulos](#), December 30, 2019

Both Ukraine and Georgia are Black Sea states, along with Romania, Bulgaria and Turkey who are already NATO members. The Black Sea is the location of Russia's warmwater ports, i.e. its access for year-round trade with the international community.

Although Russia's Kaliningrad Oblast is completely surrounded by NATO members Poland and Lithuania, and fellow NATO members Norway, Estonia and Latvia share small land borders with Russia, a Ukrainian admittance into the alliance will be the biggest encroachment by NATO against Russia since the infamous February 1990 promise made by then-U.S. Secretary of State James Baker who made "iron-clad guarantees" to Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev that NATO would not expand "one inch eastward," if the Soviets supported the reunification of Germany. This was obviously a lie.



[**Pro-Coup Venezuelan Soldiers Who Fled to the US Now Locked Up in ICE Immigration Detention Center**](#)

By [Alan MacLeod](#), December 30, 2019

The Venezuelan soldiers who participated in the U.S.-backed coup attempt in April of this year and subsequently fled to the U.S. have been incarcerated in ICE detention camps ever since. [Telemundo](#), a subsidiary of NBCUniversal, secured an interview with **Major Hugo Parra**, the highest-ranking of the handful of soldiers who answered self-declared **President Juan Guaidó's** call to overthrow the government of Nicolas Maduro. After the coup ended in [spectacular failure](#), Parra revealed that he fled the country, ending up in the United States on April 11, where he expected to be given a hero's welcome for his part in the [Trump-approved](#) insurrection.



[**Trump Signs Measure Enabling Establishment of a U.S. Space Force**](#)

By [Prof. Karl Grossman](#), December 30, 2019

President Trump has signed the **National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)** for 2020 that establishes a U.S. Space Force as the sixth branch of the U.S. armed forces—despite the Outer Space Treaty designating space as a global commons to be used for peaceful purposes.

[Reported Space News](#): "Trump signed the NDAA flanked by top defense and military officials at a ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland." It quoted Trump saying: "Today marks a landmark achievement as we officially inaugurate the newest branch of our military, the U.S. Space Force. This is very big and important moment."

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