

# Twenty Years after the Start of the War in Iraq, People Around the World are still Raging Against the War Machine

Protests against Sanctions on Syria. The NATO proxy war on Russia

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*“Enough is enough! We demand change! Do the right thing! Implement ceasefire in Ukraine! Today! Imagine the collective sigh of relief across the globe! The outpouring of joy! The international joining of voices in harmony singing an anthem to peace!”*

- Roger Waters, speaking at the Rage Against the War Machine rally on February 19 [1]

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As Professor Michel Chossudovsky has noted in the past, the month of March, is the time chosen by the U.S. and NATO, as the best month to go to war. [2]

The Vietnam War (March 8, 1965), the War on Yugoslavia (March 24, 1999), the Iraq War (March 20, 2003), the Covert War on Syria (March 15, 2011), NATO’s “Humanitarian” War on Libya (March 19, 2011), and the Saudi-led War on Yemen supported by U.S. airstrikes (March 25, 2015), all started in this month. [3]

But, there are also signs that peace movements in the United States and around the world are also preparing their own counterpoint signals to the Roman God of War. It was evident in 2003, twenty years ago when millions took to the streets the month previous for the most massive protests in history. More than ten million people marched and rallied in over 60 countries and over 600 cities, including Melbourne in Australia, New York City, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Toronto, Montreal, Rome, Barcelona, Madrid, London, Glasgow, Berlin, Paris, Brussels, Amsterdam, Vienna, Copenhagen, Athens, and Belfast, as well as

scores of cities in Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East. [4]

In late February, turn-outs at rallies against funding the war in Ukraine, seen by many as a proxy war on Russia by the U.S. and NATO were not as huge as the demonstrations against the Iraq War. They are still significant however, especially considering the way the protests and the participants are completely either ignored or pilloried by Mainstream media personalities. [5]

Democrat darling Rachel Maddow reacted in a far from objective way to the Rage Against the War Machine event on February 19 in Washington DC. She referred to some of the members as “white supremacists,” pro-Russian, and used the words “weird,” “tiny,” and “random” to describe the event. She never mentioned that thousands of people who showed up! [6]

“Tis the season to collectively protest against the Military Industrial Media Complex and the Western Oligarchs that profit from this endeavor! On this week’s Global Research News Hour radio program we will be looking at two troubled situations that worldwide demonstrations are endeavoring to challenge.

In the first half hour, three figures from Toronto, Loloa Alkasawat, Mohammed Boudjenane and Dr. Atif Kubrusi speak to us about a revitalized campaign against the unjust and unilateral coercive economic measures taken by the US and its European allies against Syria, especially at a time when attempts to provide disaster relief is being frustrated by the sanctions. They also discuss the events in Canada, Jordan, the UK, Morocco, Egypt, Ireland, Germany and elsewhere planned for Saturday the 4th as part of an “End the Siege Campaign!” The event in Toronto happens Saturday March 4th at 12pm outside the U.S. Consulate at 360 University Avenue.

In our second half hour, we air energizing speeches from three of many individuals speaking at the Rage Against the Machine event two weeks ago.

*Loloa Alkasawat is an architect and an organizer of the Toronto event. She is also a Syrian immigrant.*

*Mohammed Boudjenane is a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Canadian Arab Federation and a Moroccan Canadian.*

*Dr. Atif Kubrusi is the past Acting Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission and Professor at McMaster University. He is Lebanese Canadian.*

*Jimmy Dore is a comedian, political commentator, and host of The Jimmy Dore Show, a YouTube and Rumble show.*

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Notes:

1. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwB01vUgGc0&t=56s>
2. <https://www.globalresearch.ca/the-pentagons-ides-of-march-best-month-to-go-to-war-2/5670257>
3. *ibid*;
4. <https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2003/02/summ-f17.html>
5. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8g\\_gpv0Z12k&t=173s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8g_gpv0Z12k&t=173s)
6. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8g\\_gpv0Z12k&t=173s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8g_gpv0Z12k&t=173s)

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