

World Can't Wait's panel at the Left Forum in New York City in May 2016.

Fifteen years into the “war on terror,” the CIA and Pentagon war planners continue to increase emphasis on special operations and targeting killing – even with open discussion of targeting US citizens. International law has gone by the wayside, as have constitutional protections of citizens. U.S. forces are carrying out secret ops in 150 countries; conventional and drone strikes are actively attacking Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Yemen, Libya, Somalia and spreading into North Africa in order to maintain military dominance over these regions. This poses significant challenges to anti-war opposition within the U.S. The US military is now training more pilots of unmanned vehicles than of fighter/bombers. Federal regulations will soon allow drones in domestic airspace. How do we expose and oppose these newer and fundamentally illegitimate and unjust actions? Activists opposing drones for warfare and surveillance are challenging the use of drones on moral and political basis through non-violent direct action and mass education campaigns.

Moderator: Amanda Bass

Speakers: Ed Kinane, Nick Mottern, Shelby Sullivan-Bennis and Debra Sweet