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Mobilization Against War and Occupation is a coalition of over 50 endorsing organizations and also individual members, most of which are working class organizations, student groups, grassroots organizations, and ethnic communities. This is including Indigenous activists and groups from the third world as well as women, youth and elder fighters for social justice and against war and occupation. We are the people in struggle because we are people that suffer at the hands of imperialism. We have the energy, drive and will for change because it is in our interest to make this change in order to create a better world for all of humanity!

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The media isn’t telling you about the crisis in Ukraine & Crimea

Corporations have always lied about the reasons for war, from Vietnam and Iraq to Libya and Syria. If you turn on CNN or Fox News, read the New York Times, or listen to NPR, you aren’t getting the real story. Here are 10 things the U.S. corporate media won’t tell you about what’s happening in Ukraine.

1. Washington planned the coup in Ukraine.
U.S. State Department official Victoria Nuland was caught on tape plotting who would be the next head of Ukraine. She bragged that the U.S. has $5 billion funding the so-called democracy movement there. Senator John McCain went to Kiev; spoke at rallies, and was photographed with the leader of the fascist Svoboda party. He has put forward the idea of ‘peace processes’ and threw out the elected government in a coup d’etat, then passed new laws with no quorum in the parliament.

2. There has been no Russian invasion.
Washington officials have threatened Russia for “invading” Ukraine. Yet a Big Lie meant to cover up U.S. involvement in the coup. Russia has a military base in Crimea, a predominantly Russian ethnic area, and is legally allowed to station up to 25,000 troops in the country. On March 16, nearly 97 percent of Crimean voters who participated in a referendum voted to leave Ukraine and affiliate with the Russian Federation. Russia has said it may have to protect civilians if they are threatened by the neo-Nazis in Kiev. That is all.

3. The U.S. war build-up.
The Navy has deployed the USS Truman, a warship armed with guided missiles, to the Black Sea. It glistened with the gold-plated portraits of the three who were put under house arrest in Lithuania, in addition to those already stationed there. The U.S. and EU are imposing sanctions and travel bans on Russian officials associated with the coup. Hillary Clinton to John McCain have compared Russian President Vladimir Putin to Hitler. When preparing for war, the U.S. always uses this bogus comparison to demonize leaders of opponent countries.

4. A failed new order.
The openly racist, anti-Semitic and pro-Hilter Svoboda party is one of many parties in the government that have been formed after the forced elected President Yanukovych to flee. The Right Sector, armed fascists who have beaten opponents and vandalized public property, are now in charge of the military. Immediately after the coup, Ukraine’s chief rabbi, Moshe Kiselev, was threatened with violence. The government’s first act was to ban the use of Russian and other minority languages in schools. The government has been beaten, disappeared, or had their offices and homes vandalized and burned. On March 14 in the city of Kharkiv 60 people were killed, and three people were taken hostage by neo-Nazis from Kiev.

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A leaked call between Estonian and European Union officials reveals that people behind the new government hired snipers to kill protesters and police in Kiev. President Yanukovych was blamed for the killings and this was used to justify the coup.

6. Wall Street and Big Oil want to control Ukraine – and Russia.
Oil and gas pipelines in Ukraine bring fuel from Russia to Europe. Big Oil wants to cut the flow from Russia and hike their own profits. The U.S. has even offered the new government gas from dangerous fracking drilling here! Russia is the world’s largest producer of gas, oil and industrial minerals. They want to break up Russia too. Wall Street would like to get its claws deeper into Ukraine and Russia – to drive up profits and push down wages for workers here and there.

7. NATO’s drive to expand
As part of the Western drive to dismantle Russia, the Pentagon wants to establish military bases on the Ukraine/Russia border. The U.S.-dominated NATO alliance has expanded aggressively into eastern Europe in the past 20 years, adding 12 countries to its roster so far. Since their criminal bombing of Yugoslavia in 1999, the U.S./NATO forces continue to occupy Kosovo, a province of Serbia, and are still present in Afghanistan to the south.

8. Billions for coup in Ukraine, cuts for food stamps in US
In early February, Congress and the Obama administration agreed to cut SNAP food stamps in the US by 12 billion, claiming there’s no money. Yet just weeks ago, the US announced $5 billion in new “aid” to the neo-Nazis in Kiev. Secretary of State John Kerry personally delivered the first billion on March 4.

9. Power for the 1%, misery for workers
The new regime has appointed wealthy oligarchs as governors of rebellious regions of Eastern Ukraine. It’s also agreed in principle to accept an IMF austerity plan drafted by Washington. There will be cut-backs in public finance and social programs – just like the cut-backs workers from Detroit to Greece face.

The people in Eastern Ukraine and throughout the country are organizing against the coup. Some have taken over regional and city buildings and refused to hand them over to the new authorities. Others are marching on military bases and demanding that the troops not obey the new government. Neo-Nazis from Western countries are calling on the Russian government to protect and assist the people of Ukraine. The U.S. State Department official Victoria Nuland is reported to have said: “Ukraine – and Russia. We are going to get our claws deeper into Ukraine and Russia – to drive up profits and push down wages for workers here and there.”

MAWO is committed to continuing to organize against any form of imperialist intervention in Ukraine. We invite all peace-loving people to join us and demand:

No to Another U.S. War on Iraq!
Hands Off Iraq Now!
U.S. Out of Iraq Now!