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OMNI was founded in 2001 foremost as a member of the world-peace movement. Since then, in addition to newsletters named “anti-war,” dozens of other newsletters express those values; e.g., U.S. Imperialism, Nonviolence, Wars and Climate. Also since then, awareness of climate change (the “ecology” of our title) has increased until it has become our main concern and the primary distress for thoughtful people world-wide, who understand the growing realities of climate catastrophe inseparable from the costs and wastes of ceaseless wars for fossil fuels.

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Anti War Songs by Artist: Alphabetical List of Singers and Writers

www.lacarte.org/about/songs/anti-war/by_artist/index.html

A-Z of **Anti war** related **songs** organized by artist, including a list of the most prolific **anti-war** song artists.

Antiwar Songs (AWS) - Canzoni contro la guerra

https://www.antiwarsongs.org/do_search.php?lang=en&idartista...1

A large database of **anti-war songs**. ...

Top 10 Heavy Metal Songs... You Forgot

Were Antiwar

by C. Moen

Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Woodie Guthrie ... Megadeth?

When we talk about the music of resistance, many of us picture bell-bottoms, tambourines, and daisy chains — not leather pants, flying Vs, and pentagrams. But for all its machismo, pale skin, and goat-skull imagery, heavy metal—like all musical genres—has been a medium for social justice messaging. Its mostly white, mostly male fan base may not realize it, but many of those headbanger anthems were screaming for economic justice, human rights, and demilitarization. So, closet metal heads, polish off your “devil horns” (a hand gesture popularized by Ronnie James Dio) and take these classics to the streets!

1. Megadeth, “Peace Sells” (1986)

This song from the album *Peace Sells ... But Who's Buying?* speaks to the corruption of the military-industrial complex and NATO. The band's name refers to megadeath, a term used by nuclear strategists to stand for 1 million deaths.

2. Black Sabbath, “War Pigs” (1970)

Bass guitarist Geezer Butler noted that the lyrics are “totally against the Vietnam War, about how these rich politicians and rich people start all the wars for their benefit and get all the poor people to die for them.”

3. Sepultura, “Refuse/Resist” (1993)

“Inside the state/War is created/No man's land/What's this shit?!” These Brazilians are pretty much the protest singers of metal. The cover of the single features a photograph of a South Korean student taking a flying leap at a riot police barricade.

4. Metallica, “One” (1989)

Metallica created its first music video for this song, whose lyrics tell of a soldier left without eyes, ears, mouth, or limbs following an artillery explosion. The video features scenes and dialogue from the 1971 film adaptation of the 1939 novel *Johnny Got His Gun*.

5. Slayer, “Mandatory Suicide” (1988)

Given metal music's preoccupation with all things dead and violent, lyrics like “Ambushed by the spray of lead/Count the bullet holes in your head” can get lost in a sea of bloody imagery. But a closer listen reveals a searing critique of the war machine.

6. Judas Priest, “Some Heads Are Gonna Roll” (1984)

Another example of metal's examination of the torments of combat and anger at irresponsible warmakers, this Judas Priest single showcases the band's two lead guitarists, who trade off solos, and its singer's trademark operatic falsetto. (Fun fact: vocalist Rob Halford came out as gay in 1998 on MTV.)

7. Iron Maiden, “Run to the Hills” (1982)

The band's first top-10 UK single, which appeared on its first number-one UK album, is a cry

of disdain for “white man [who] came across the sea” and “killed our tribes, he killed our creed.” Like many 80s metal bands that stuck around through the 90s, Iron Maiden also contributed to the body of songs featuring returning Gulf War soldiers suffering from post-traumatic stress.

8. Body Count, “Shallow Graves” (1994)

Rapper Ice-T formed Body Count in 1990 to explore his interest in metal. “I won’t die in your bullshit wars no more/I won’t fight to my death for you” are particularly powerful lyrics coming from a veteran of both the Crips and the U.S. Army.

9. Anthrax, “Indians” (1987)

Another thrasher mourning Native American genocide, this was one of Anthrax’s biggest singles. Fans may remember that during the anthrax attacks in 2001, the band joked it would change its name to “Basket Full of Puppies” to avoid confusion with the biological weapon.

10. Ministry, “N.W.O.” (1992)

“N.W.O.,” which stands for “New World Order,” was this industrial metal band’s biggest hit. The song is a clear protest against George H.W. Bush and includes recorded samples of the then-president as well as Senator Joseph McCarthy and clips from the Vietnam War film *Apocalypse Now*.

C. Moen is half of the editorial team of this issue of WIN as well as half of the southern Vermont-based folk rock band Scrap Iron Spine (which does a mean Danzig cover).

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SONGS ABOUT A FEW OF THE MANY RECENT US WARS
(important project for someone: songs about all the other US
bombings and invasions)

VIETNAM WAR

[The Water's Edge » The Twenty Best Vietnam Protest Songs - Blogs](#)

blogs.cfr.org/.../the-twenty-best-vietnam-pr...

Council on Foreign Relations

Mar 5, 2015 - To mark the anniversary of the war that changed America, I am doing a ... World War I, **anti-war songs** provide a window into the mood of the 1960s. Lennon's first solo single after leaving The **Beatles** hit number 14 on the ...

[Protest and Rock n' Roll During the Vietnam War - Inquiries Journal](#)

www.inquiriesjournal.com/.../protest-and-rock-n-roll-during-the-vietnam...

by AE Hopkins - 2012 - [Related articles](#)

[The Vietnam Conflict: The Rock 'n' Roll War | Ramble On](#)

<https://paolasarappa.wordpress.com/.../the-vietnam-conflict-the-rock-'n'-...>

IRAQ AND AFHANISTAN WARS, and After

Top Five Anti-War Songs Ten Years After Iraq | Village Voice

www.villagevoice.com/.../top-five-anti-war-songs-ten-...

The Village Voice

Mar 20, 2013 - erim.net By Gabriel San Roman Ten years ago this week, "Shock and Awe" airstrikes by U.S. forces in **Iraq** marked the onset of another ...

List of anti-war songs - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_anti-war_songs

Wikipedia

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Protest Songs Against the Iraq War and George W. Bush - Folk Music

folkmusic.about.com > ... > Protest Songs and Folk Music

List of protest **songs** written about the George W. Bush administration, the **War in Iraq**, and other millennial political issues.

Was It Worth It? Iraq, Ten Years On: 7 Songs Inspired By The War

www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/.../was-it-worth-it-iraq-ten-songs-inspired-by-...

Feb 5, 2013 - When **war** was declared on **Iraq** in March 2003 hundreds of thousands of ... Below is a selection of **songs** inspired by the **Iraq** invasion and the supposed ... days, protesting **against** both the **war** and George Bush's presidency.

Playlist: 14 Anti-War Songs for the 21st Century | All The City Lights

billchapin.net/.../2012/.../playlist-14-anti-war-songs-for-the-21st-century/

Jan 16, 2012 - Playlist: 14 **Anti-War Songs** for the 21st Century ... Chicks famously got in trouble for daring to speak out during the run-up to the **war** in **Iraq**, but ...

Iraq War Songs | List of Best Music About Iraq & Afghanistan Wars

www.ranker.com/list/best-songs-about-the-iraq-and...wars/clark-benson

What are **songs** about the **wars** in Afghanistan and **Iraq**? There are a number of a strong **songs** on both the pro and **anti-war** side, but only these can be ...

Top Five Anti-War Songs Ten Years After Iraq | OC Weekly

www.ocweekly.com/.../top-five-anti-war-songs-ten-years-afte...

OC Weekly Mar 19, 2013 - Ten years ago, "Shock and Awe" airstrikes by U.S. forces in **Iraq** marked the onset of another invasion of that country. President George W.

On the 10th Anniversary of the Iraq War We Recall key Anti-War Hip ...

hiphopandpolitics.com/.../on-the-10th-anniversary-of-the-iraq-war-we-re...

Mar 19, 2013 - With the 10th anniversary of the **War on Iraq** upon us.. I wanted to take a look abck at **antiwar songs**.. Below is an article penned a few years ...

Time will Tell, by Redhill. An Anti-War Protest song for Afghanistan ...

▶ 5:39

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3D0yB8FHIIQ>

Sep 10, 2010 - Uploaded by redhillvideo

An **Anti-War** Protest song for Afghanistan and **Iraq**, released on 9-11. ... in Afghanistan and **Iraq**, Time will ...

The 10 Most Powerful Protest Songs of the 21st Century – Flavorwire

flavorwire.com/.../the-10-most-powerful-protest-songs-of-the-21st-centu...

Jan 18, 2011 - ... of **War**” and the 2004 presidential elections, singing **songs** about the things ... the **Iraq War**, and the increasing interest in politics among America's youth. ... at her country's discrimination **against** same-sex couples, after the ...

List of anti-war songs - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_anti-war_songs

Wikipedia

An **anti-war** song is a musical composition that either states **anti-war** sentiments directly, one **Afghan War** · American Civil **War** · **Iraq War** · Landmines · Military action in Iran · Military intervention in Libya · Military taxation · Nuclear armament ...

Happy Xmas (War Is Over) · The Dogs of War · Eve of Destruction · Machine Gun

The Top 15 anti war protest songs | Examiner.com

www.examiner.com/article/the-top-15-anti-war-protest-songs

Jan 8, 2011 - **War** protest **songs** are one of the most common themes in Americana ... Very few types of **songs** are as common in the Americana music genre as the **anti war**.... today by those seeking to end the **wars** in Iraq and **Afghanistan**.

Iraq War Songs | List of Best Music About Iraq & Afghanistan Wars

www.ranker.com/list/best-songs-about...afghanistan-wars/clark-benson What are **songs** about the **wars** in **Afghanistan** and Iraq? There are a number of a strong **songs** on both the pro and **anti-war** side, but only these can be ...

Another Crusade, Anti War Song, 9/11, Iraq, Afghanistan - YouTube

▶ 3:09

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JO8CWeHQ5YA>

Feb 20, 2011 - Uploaded by Graham Dallas

Another Crusade is an **Anti War** Anthem, 9/11 protest song, Iraqwar protest song, **Afghanistan war** protest song,

War songs | Time Now

<https://acolytesofwar.com/tag/war-songs/>

Posts about **War songs** written by Peter Molin. ... the elevated literary tone and **anti-war** politics had practically driven popular styles and themes ... our nation's musicians have referenced Iraq and **Afghanistan** in ways old and sometimes new.

The best protest songs of the decade » peoplesworld

peoplesworld.org/the-best-protest-songs-of-the-decade

People's World

Jan 13, 2010 - The U.S. **wars** in Iraq and **Afghanistan** certainly inspired a lot of anger ... Neil Young wrote "Ohio," one of the greatest **anti-war songs** of all time.

10 Best Modern Day War Songs - HearYa

www.hearya.com/2010/08/23/10-best-modern-day-war-songs/

Aug 23, 2010 - We didn't talk much about the **war**, but he did [...] ... with an old friend who has seen his been in the service and seen his fair share of Iraq and **Afghanistan**. ... All this got me thinking about modern day **war/protest songs**, so we compiled a short list of ten. Another great one is "Hero of **War**" – Rise **Against**.

War, What is it Good For? Absolutely Nothing Except For Anti-War Songs

www.huffingtonpost.ca/.../anti-war-songs-music-videos_n_4252746.htm...

Nov 11, 2013 - Absolutely Nothing Except For **Anti-War Songs** (VIDEO) ... constant state of it for years and our soldiers remain deployed in **Afghanistan**, though ...

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folkmusic.about.com > ... > Protest Songs and Folk Music

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Whatever Happened To The Anti-War Movement? : NPR

www.npr.org/2011/.../whatever-happened-to-the-anti-war-movemen...

NPR

Apr 15, 2011 - "I think a couple of things happened to the **anti-war** movement in the U.S.," ... \$1.2 trillion on the **wars** in Iraq and in **Afghanistan** in the past decade. ... wrote poetry and **songs**, produced **anti-war** art and put on street theater.

Individuals

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Woody Guthrie

"I would like to see every single soldier on every single side, just take off your helmet, unbuckle your kit, lay down your rifle, and set down at the side of some shady lane, and say, nope, I aint a gonna kill nobody. Plenty of rich folks wants to fight. Give them the guns."

Beatles

[beatles anti war lyrics](#)

[john lennon anti war songs](#)

[beatles peace songs](#)

[beatles protest songs](#)

[the beatles revolution lyrics](#)

[the beatles anti war movement](#)

Jackson Browne

JACKSON BROWNE

Singer, Songwriter, Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Inductee

Clyde Jackson Browne (born October 9, 1948) is an American rock singer-songwriter and musician. His introspective lyrics defined his music of the late 1960s and early 1970, studies of personal exploration, soul-searching, and despair set against a decaying society, and the voice of a generation. . . .

Political protest came to Browne's music in the 1986 album, *Lives in the Balance*, a protest against U.S.-backed wars in Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Guatemala. The song was used at several points in the award-winning 1987 PBS documentary, *The Secret Government: The Constitution in Crisis*, by journalist Bill Moyers, and was part of the soundtrack of *Stone's War*, a 1986 Miami Vice episode focusing on American involvement in Central America. . . .

Leonard Cohen, "Story of Isaac" song: sacrifice of sons by fathers in Vietnam

1. [LEONARD COHEN : Story of Isaac - YouTube](#)

▶ 3:40 ▶ 3:40

www.youtube.com/watch?v=fIQOmbIMYIs

Nov 1, 2008 - Uploaded by GLOBALRAPTUREdotcom

THE **STORY OF ISSAC**. ... **Leonard Cohen** : "NFBC Documentary", 1 of 5 ("**Story of Isaac**")by Frank ...

2. **Story Of Isaac Lyrics - Leonard Cohen**

www.lyricsfreak.com > [Leonard Cohen](#) > [Live Songs](#)

Story Of Isaac Lyrics - The door it opened slowly, My father he came in, I was nine years old. And he stood so tall...

3. **Dangerous Minds | Field Commander Cohen: Leonard Cohen on War**

dangerousminds.net/.../leonard_cohens_the_story_of_isaac_dar...

by [Thomas McGrath](#)

Jun 17, 2013 - Whenever listening to **Leonard Cohen's** “**The Story of Isaac**”—a song in which war is conceived of as the semi-ritual sacrifice of a younger ...

JIMI HENDRIX

Machine Gun (Jimi Hendrix song) - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

[https://en.wikipedia.org/.../Machine_Gun_\(Jimi_Hendrix_song...](https://en.wikipedia.org/.../Machine_Gun_(Jimi_Hendrix_song...) Wikipedia

"Machine Gun" is a song written by American musician **Jimi Hendrix**, and originally recorded by Band of Gypsys for their self-titled live album (1970). It is a lengthy, loosely defined (jam-based) protest of the Vietnam **War**, and ...

Jimi Hendrix: Anti-War Forever | Strike-The-Root: A Journal Of Liberty

www.strike-the-root.com/content/jimi-hendrix-anti-war-forever

May 12, 2004 - **Jimi Hendrix**, one of the best at voicing that betrayal and youthful ... the summer of 1969, **Jimi Hendrix** performed an infamous, **antiwar** ... in his **songs** with the same sense of courage and daring required to leap out of planes.

Phil Ochs

I was turning the pages of the *Washington Post's* Sunday (January 29, 2017) feature section, Outlook, not finding much of particular interest, when to my great surprise I was suddenly hit with a long story about Phil Ochs. Who's Phil Ochs? many of you may ask, for the folksinger died in 1976 at the age of 35. The *Post's* motivation in devoting so much space to a symbol of the American anti-war left appears to be one more example of the paper's serious displeasure with Donald Trump. The article is entitled “Phil Ochs is the obscure '60s folk singer we need today”. [William Blum](#), *The Anti-Empire Report #148*. *Published February*

4th, 2017.

My favorite song of his, among many others, is “I ain’t marching anymore”:

Oh I marched to the battle of New Orleans
At the end of the early British war
The young land started growing
The young blood started flowing
But I ain’t marchin’ anymore

For I’ve killed my share of Indians
In a thousand different fights
I was there at the Little Big Horn
I heard many men lying, I saw many more dying
But I ain’t marchin’ anymore

(chorus)
It’s always the old to lead us to the war
It’s always the young to fall
Now look at all we’ve won with the saber and the gun
Tell me is it worth it all?

For I stole California from the Mexican land
Fought in the bloody Civil War
Yes I even killed my brothers
And so many others
But I ain’t marchin’ anymore

For I marched to the battles of the German trench
In a war that was bound to end all wars
Oh I must have killed a million men
And now they want me back again
But I ain’t marchin’ anymore

(chorus)
For I flew the final mission in the Japanese sky
Set off the mighty mushroom roar
When I saw the cities burning I knew that I was learning That I ain’t marchin’ anymore

Now the labor leader’s screamin’

when they close the missile plants,
United Fruit screams at the Cuban shore,
Call it "Peace" or call it "Treason,"
Call it "Love" or call it "Reason,"
But I ain't marchin' any more,
No, I ain't marchin' any more

Blum continues: Ironically, very ironically, Donald Trump may well be less of a war monger than Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton. [Also to assess Trump we need to know the real history—not the patriotic history—of US imperialism that Ochs denounces. Read Blum's books: *Killing Hope*, *Rogue State*, etc. –Dick]

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