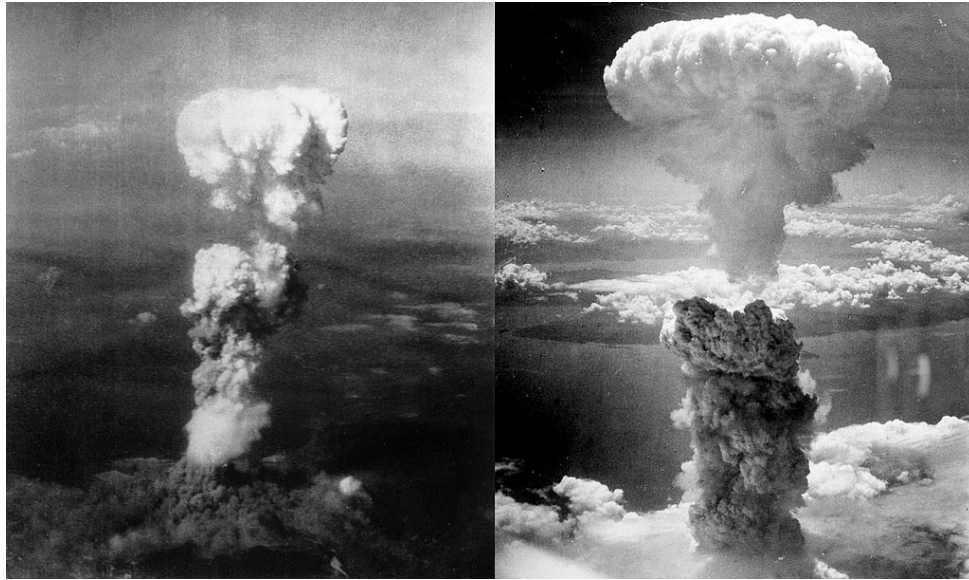


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This week we're highlighting actions commemorating the horrific atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which took place on August 6 and 9, 1945. Read on for invites plus relevant excerpts from our Fundamental Principles and the recently introduced House Resolution 532. We've also got links to powerful pieces on the Child Tax Credit, the minimum wage and more.

Announcements



Honoring Hiroshima and Nagasaki with action

The U.S. bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, which shook the world almost 80 years ago to this day, are not isolated incidents, cut off from American policy in the 21st century. The war economy lives on—just look at the statistics below—and we remain committed to overturning it. Principle 3 of our [Fundamental Principles](#) speaks to this goal:

We believe in the dismantling of unjust criminalization systems that exploit poor communities and communities of color and the transformation of the “War Economy” into a “Peace Economy” that values all humanity.

Here are a few excerpts from the recently introduced [House Resolution 532: Fully addressing poverty from the bottom up](#) that spell out the problem and solutions.

- Whereas every year we spend over \$1,000,000,000,000 in endless wars, mass incarceration, policing, immigration, and border enforcement, none of which make us safer;
- Whereas experts have identified up to \$350,000,000,000 in defense spending cuts that would both save resources and keep the country safe and secure; Congress commits to heal the Nation, beginning over the next two years, by...reviewing the moral, economic,
- and social consequences of spending 62 cents of every Federal discretionary dollar on militarization.



This weekend, Southern California PPC people and our allies will be at two actions marking this dark anniversary. Read on.

**Protest: Dismantle the Doomsday Machine Friday Aug 4, 9am | [Stream](#)
Livermore Lab West Gate (Vasco Rd. at Westgate Dr.)**

On Friday, CA PPC and partner organizations will mark the U.S. atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the Lawrence Livermore National Lab, which likely continues to design and develop nuclear warheads.

Beginning with a silent vigil, this year’s event will honor the life of nuclear disarmament champion Daniel Ellsberg. A new video compilation of Dan’s most inspiring talks from past rallies at the Lab will be screened. If you can, please wear something black or white—significant colors for mourning in Japanese culture. If you can’t make it, [video of the event](#) will be available starting at 9:30am.



Remember Hiroshima & Nagasaki Sunday Aug. 6, 12pm | [Details](#) Huntington Beach Pier (Main St. and PCH)

PPC is joining Veterans for Peace, CODEPINK, Orange County Peace Coalition, Long Beach Area Peace Network and American Friends Service Committee in a peace walk on Huntington Beach Pier to commemorate the lives lost in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

We’ll also be bringing awareness to our mutual concern about ending nuclear warfare! Speakers from several organizations will follow the peace walk. More information [here](#).

Upcoming meetings

Los Angeles regional meeting

Sunday Aug 6, 3pm | [RSVP](#)

LA PPC activists: join us to commemorate Hiroshima Day, learn more about the [House Resolution 532](#) and catch up on local efforts to support striking hotel workers and a renters' rights state ballot measure. Invite a friend; all are welcome.

Moral Poverty Action Congress CA PPC report-back Sunday Aug 13, 4pm | [Register](#)

Join us to meet the faces and hear the stories of the 2023 Moral Poverty Action Congress's California delegation and what is coming next for this year and beyond.

We'll be laying out our plans to press our congressional reps to sign on to [House Resolution 532](#). We'll also hear facts and stats on poverty as the fourth-leading cause of death in this country. You can get a preview of these in the [newly released 2023 policy fact sheets](#), which we'll be using in Congressional follow-up and as a powerful tool for ongoing organizing.

Support the California PPC!

When over 140 million Americans are poor or living with low-wages, it's time for systemic change. We are building a movement led by poor and impacted folks, building across all lines of division, in order to topple the interlocking pillars of racism, poverty, militarism, environmental destruction and this country's distorted moral narrative. Please help us achieve this goal by clicking below and chipping in whatever you can.

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PPC in the media

“A bittersweet milestone for the anti-poverty movement”

Two years after the first payments went out, what have we learned from the prematurely abandoned Child Tax Credit expansion? In [Other Words](#), Shailly Gupta Barnes, policy director at the Kairos Center, examines the unfolding negative effects of ending the program after two years of tangible benefits. Due to the loss of these payments, and compounded by the end of several other pandemic relief programs, millions are falling back below the poverty line and on the verge of losing healthcare.

Citing [Economic Security Project Action](#) findings, she writes that the CTC lifted nearly four million out of poverty, reduced racial inequalities and generated significant economic stimulus as the payments provided a buffer against inflation. She concludes that restoring the CTC is the most immediate and impactful way to help families with basic needs in this period of record-high inflation—and polling shows the tax credit program is still favored across party lines.

“The expanded Child Tax Credit was effective because it came out of a lineage connected to poor and dispossessed people, organizing for our right to fare well,” she writes. “And that’s exactly why we should bring it back.”

“14 years ago the federal minimum wage was raised to \$7.25 an hour. It hasn't changed”

Bishop Barber recently spoke with [NPR](#) on the federal minimum wage. Beginning with an account from a low-wage worker in Oceanside, California as a case in point, NPR's A Martinez dived into why an increase in the federal minimum wage is long overdue. Bishop Barber shared four misconceptions he hears from congresspeople and explained why it is critical to address at a federal level: 30 states have a somewhat higher minimum wage, but few offer a living wage.

Bishop Barber also shared that, in his 40 years as a pastor, “when people die because they don't have health care, I have had to bury them. And I could not stand up in that pulpit and say, ‘God called them home, and this was a natural death.’ This is policy murder.... All they wanted was a living wage, that's all. They just wanted the basics of life.”

Thanks for reading. If you have any questions, you are welcome to reply to this newsletter or email california@poorpeoplescampaign.org.