## War Has Been Declared on the People, It Is Time to Mobilize!

As I scrolled through the news, I noticed an article about the Paris Climate Agreement and the Iran Nuclear Deal. Ted Cruz and Lindsey Graham – two Trump loyalists – are attempting to sabotage Biden's presidency by making it extremely difficult or even impossible to re-join the Paris Climate Agreement and Iran Nuclear Deal – one, a necessary step to combat the existential threat of global warming, and the other an agreement on the de-nuclearization (i.e. no access to atom weapons) of Iran. The first is the most dangerous part, since our lives and those of future generations depend on it. Millions, if not billions of human lives that depend on the decisions we make today.

"In a letter obtained by RealClearPolitics, Cruz, from Texas, urges both Trump and Mike Pompeo, the secretary of state, to plant the seeds of an eventual showdown over the two critical international agreements in the early days of the Biden administration."

"Cruz hopes that his tactic would cut across Biden's intentions by declaring the accords foreign treaties which require two-thirds ratification in the Senate.

Failure to achieve that margin – an impossible target in a narrowly divided chamber – would undercut any unilateral Biden move."

For Ted Cruz and Lindsey Graham, this is merely a game to gain political influence and a favourable view of their corporate donors. They don't care that Climate Change is a fact, <u>caused by human activity</u>.

As the Executive Summary of the Climate Science Special Report points out:

"This assessment concludes, based on extensive evidence, that it is extremely likely that human activities, especially emissions of greenhouse gases, are the dominant cause of the observed warming since the mid-20th century. For the warming over the last century, there is no convincing alternative explanation supported by the extent of the observational evidence."

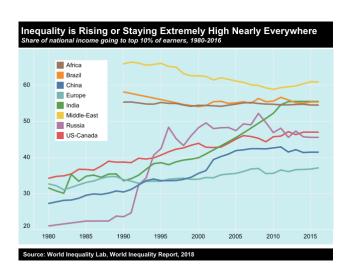
Scientists have warned for decades about the ongoing change of the climate, and still do so. Yet, little to nothing was done to combat it and reverse the trend.

One consequence of climate change is an increase of heatwaves: "Heatwaves have become more frequent in the United States since the 1960s, while extreme cold temperatures and cold waves are less frequent. Recent record-setting hot years are projected to become common in the near future for the United States, as annual average temperatures continue to rise. Annual average temperature over the contiguous United States has increased by 1.8°F (1.0°C) for the period 1901–2016."

Older people (as well as the poor) are vulnerable to heatwaves, which means there's very likely going to be an increased death rate during the summer. Not just in the US, but all across the globe.

Moreover, poor people will suffer the most because they have less access to information, resources, institutions, and other factors to prepare for and avoid the health risks of climate change as well as extreme weather. To quote the article: "Heart and lung disease, heat stroke and bacterial infections are just a few of the health consequences associated with climate change."

In order to avoid unnecessary deaths and suffering, inequality must therefore be fought as well. However, the current neoliberal system worsens the situation for all – except the super-rich.



Whatever party and politician wants to uphold the status quo and/or denies the climate reality, is actively making your life, the life of others, the situation of your country and the entire planet worse. Mobilize!