

Terrorism is a word used by the ruling classes to embed fear in the population and retain control of their assets. The word terrorist often implies anyone who is against the Western (or Global Capitalist and Corporate) way of viewing the world. Fear is a key factor here. The use of the word terror keeps populations scared and on their best behavior. We are kept suspicious of anything that goes against the grain of the fabricated normalcy we are all spoonfed in press releases, advertisements and public-relations pieces cloaked as unbiased news. We are asked to serve as eyes and ears, pointing out those who do not conform to our learned cultural ideal. We even self-police, being sure we toe the line of accepted "normal behavior." Activists, minorities and people of certain ethnicities, or anyone who questions or does not fit in with the status quo may fall under the watchful eye of an onlooker and be coined a terrorist.

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Divide and conquer is the ongoing and unquestioned strategy of the ruling classes. They instill fear based on ignorance and differences to divide us, then rely on apathy and distraction to maintain power. As we squabble over a few minute details, profits and power assure the powerful remain at the top and the poor and powerless remain controlled. The privileged and educated classes are easily swayed to stay on board with the status quo because they have been given just enough status with its semblance of power. They do not question the ruling classes because there is too much to lose if they waver from the monolithic message of dominance. They can be cast aside in a moment and marked as pariahs, useless to the ruling class and rendered mute.

With war so profitable and our people so controlled, there often seems little that can be done. Alternative solutions require the action of an aware, alert, nondistracted and inclusive public. A major problem is that we are deemed terrorists or unpatriotic for even thinking there are alternatives to war and constant consumption.

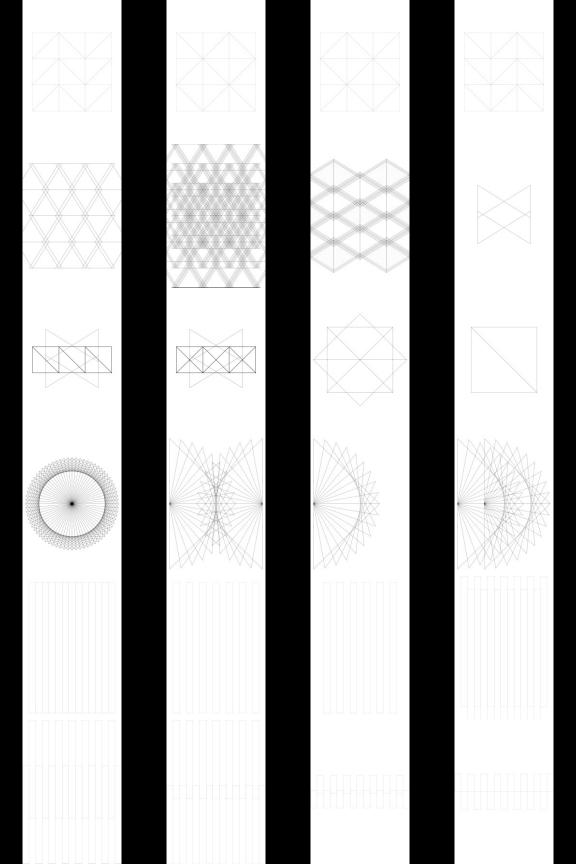
It is time to rise up and declare a stop to endless war. We must all participate to stop misinformation, and stop corporate self-interest from taking over the globe. We must return to common decency, camaraderie and actual discussion based on facts, truths, and honest debates, not one-handed, fear-based, racist sound bites.

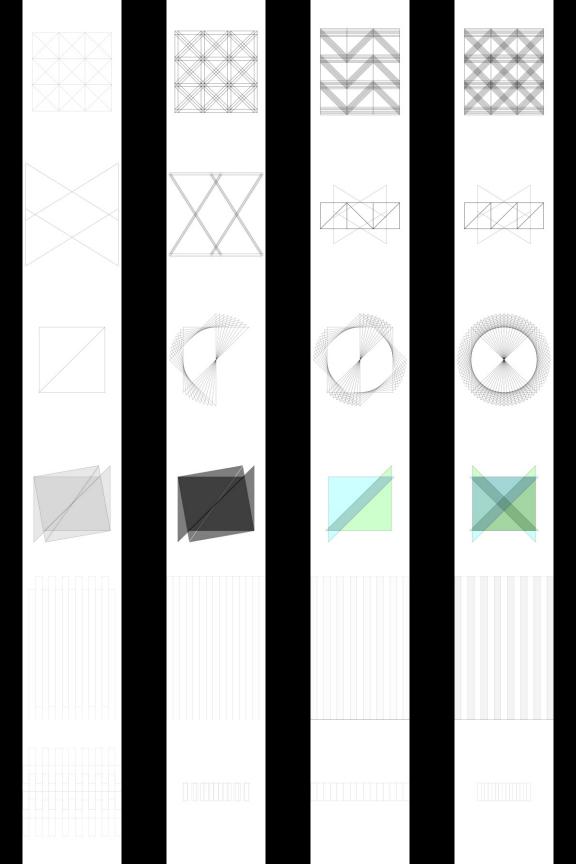
Most important, we all must realize we have a stake in the game. Though politicians and leaders wage war, ordinary folks fight and are the most affected by the constant chaos created by war. It is up to us to stand against the culture of aggression. It is up to us to act as a refuge for those torn and tortured by the ravages of war. It is up to us to be a clear voice against the deliberate pain of others — especially in the misguided name of "freedom."

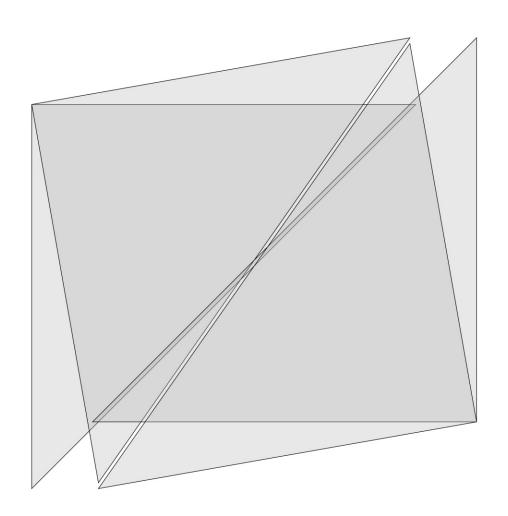
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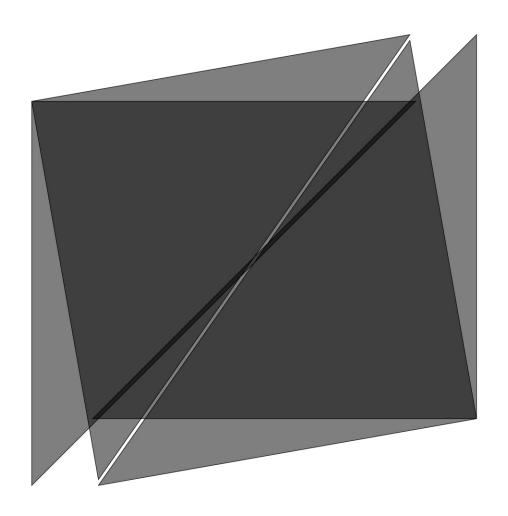


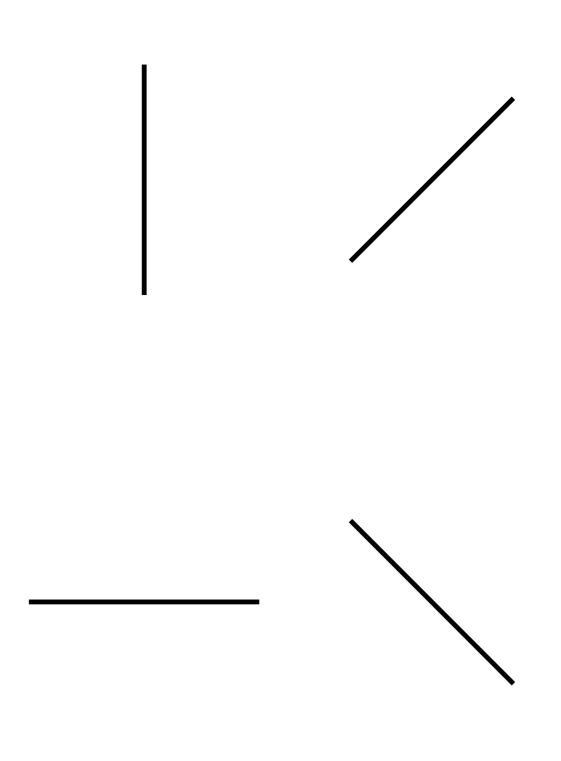
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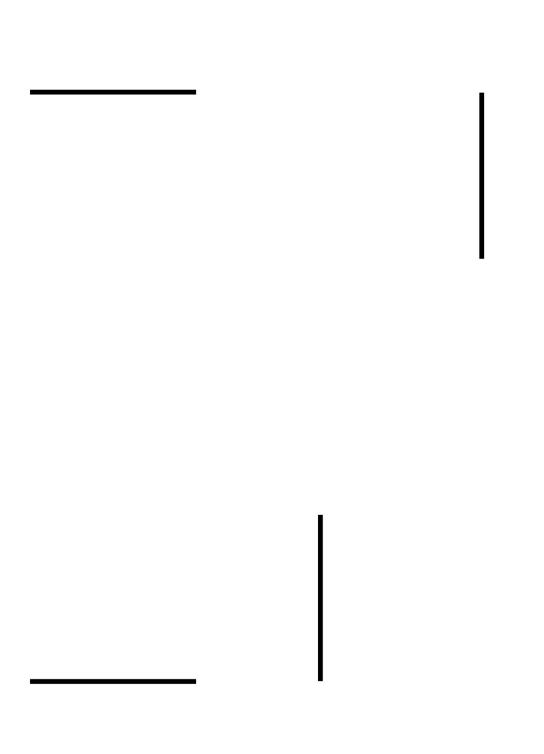


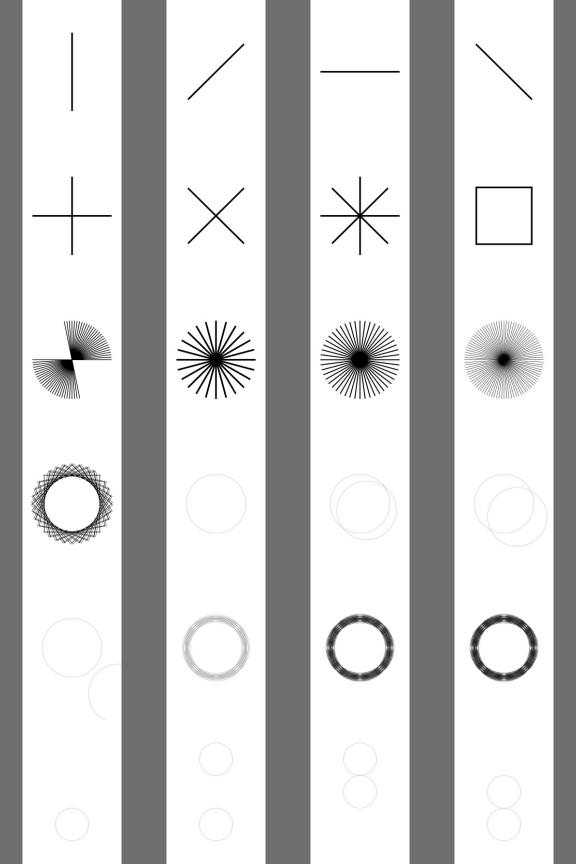


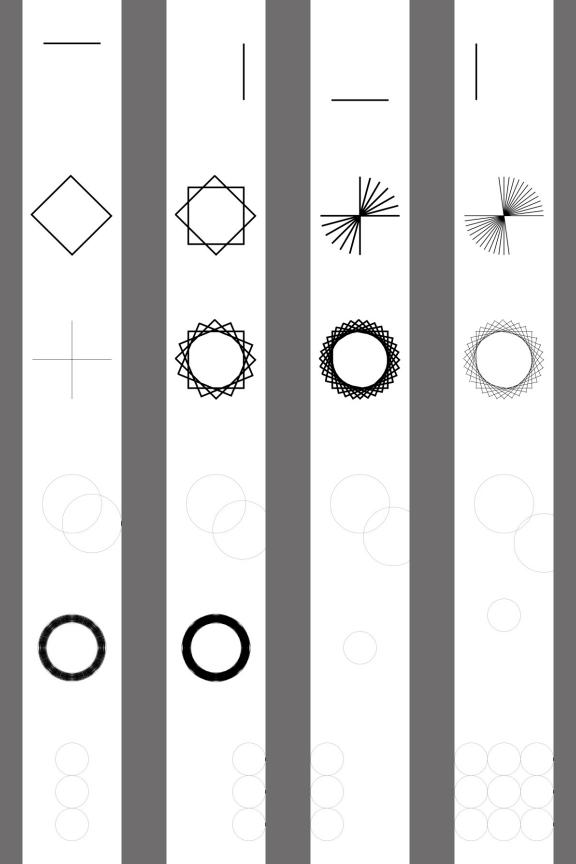


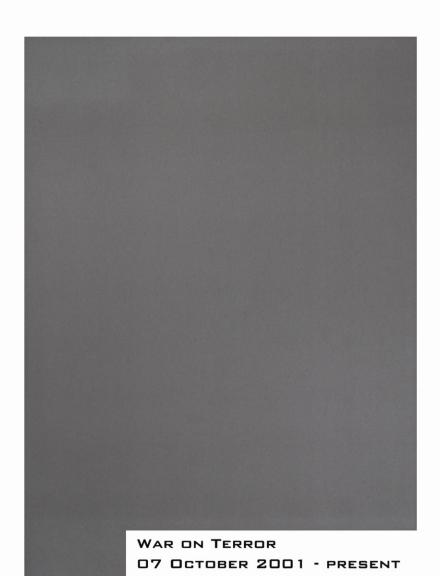












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