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The Nobel Peace Prize 2011

(Nobel designated his prize to the specific work of those he called "the champions of peace", not "for peace" in general).

List of 64 known Nobel peace prize nominations for 2011, with evaluations

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Even if the Norwegian Nobel Committee keeps total secrecy for 50 years about nominations a number of names always reach the public. Believing that more transparency and debate about the peace prize would be beneficial the following listing presents 64 known nominations for the 2011 peace prize (pls. send information on missing nominees to: fredpax@online.no).

Based on available information the nominees are evaluated on a scale from 1 to 4; group 1 is clearly qualified, i.e. the peace work that Nobel intended to support, for global disarmament through global law, and group 4 clearly unqualified.

In 2008 the author published, in Norwegian, the first known legal evaluation of the will and the committee mandate (samples of text at <http://www.nobelwill.org>) His latest book, *The Nobel Peace Prize. What Nobel Really Wanted* (Praeger 2010) in addition is a case study of what the many selections disloyal to Nobel can tell about the plight of dissidents and standards of democracy and the rule of law in Norwegian politics:

The task Nobel entrusted to the Norwegian parliament was the selection of a committee of five to award his prize for the "champions of peace." Since 1945 Parliament and the Nobel Committee have, however, paid only lip service to Nobel and

stopped honoring his visionary plan for global peace through global disarmament: the power of the law must replace the law of power, brotherly international co-operation must replace arms races and military power games. For decades Norwegian politicians have used the prize to promote their own ideas of "peace" (in general) and not done much to free the world from the deadly grip of militarism.

Global militarism, a major influence in the conduct of international affairs, is generating human rights violations, injustice, poverty, resource depletion, environment and climate crises, death and suffering. If the committee had dared to be true to Nobel and challenge the powerful military-industrial interests, the Nobel prizes would efficiently address all the worst threats to human security and welfare – everywhere, every year.

The list below adds 15 names to the 40 nominations found in the 2011 version of the annual Nobel prize speculations of the PRIO directors (www.prio.no) and has a different approach – the evaluation below considers a prize loyal to Nobel far superior. The prize now being handed out is Nobel's only in name, in reality it is the prize of the Norwegian Parliament. PRIO director Kristian Berg Harpviken accepts that the Nobel committees cultivate their own ideas of "peace" and he also accepts that politicians believing in military strength and loyalty to NATO, the direct opposite of Nobel's approach to peacemaking, manage the disarmament prize. All but two of the 10 nominees rated in group 1 (qualified) were not even mentioned in the PRIO director's speculations.

These are the known nominees on a scale of 1 to 4:

1. Clearly qualified and within Nobel purpose: dedicated work for major international reforms, for global disarmament based on law, order, a fundamental change of system (a "brotherhood") by a compact among all nations
2. Not unqualified, committee may cite as relevant contribution to demilitarization of international relations.
3. Unqualified, it would require bending the facts to establish an appearance of loyalty to the purpose of Nobel.
4. Disqualified, irrelevant, far from purpose of Nobel.

Nobel Champions of Peace Prize – known nominees 2011 –
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(No priority inside each group - in stocastic order).

1. Clearly qualified

(deep system change, law/disarmament, at international level)

1. Richard Falk (USA) – international law and organization, defender of UN Charter, non-violence
2. Douglas Roche (Can) – disarmament campaigner, anti-nuclear (MPI – Middle Powers Initiative)
3. Gunnar Garbo (Norway) – international law and organization, defender of UN Charter, non-violence
4. Federico Mayor (Spain) – peace and disarmament educator
5. Betty Reardon (USA) – peace and disarmament educator
6. Mordechai Vanunu, Israel – nuclear whistleblower
Alyn Ware (NZ/Aotearoa) – grassroots diplomat, nuclear disarmament (PNND – Parliamentarians for Non-Proliferation and Nuclear Disarmament).
7. Gene Sharp /Albert Einstein Institution, AEI (USA), scholarly writings on and advocacy of non-violence.
9. Hiroshima Mayor Tadatoshi Akiba, Mayors for Peace, and Nihon Hidankyo, the Japan Confederation of A- and H-Bomb Sufferers Organizations – nuclear disarmament
12. IALANA – International Association of Lawyers Against Nuclear Arms
13. David Krieger / Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, USA, – nuclear disarmament

2. Not unqualified

(Not directly pursuing change of international system, but could still be loyal to the Nobel idea as effort combat global militarism).

1. Steinar Bryhn (Norway) – Pioneering Nansen dialog project in Balkans, conflict healing of raw wounds of war
2. Human Security Report Project (RSRP) and founder, Andy Mack; persistently arguing and documenting the post-1995 decline of wars, battle-deaths and genocides.
4. Special Tribunal for Cambodia / Special Court for Sierra Leone.
6. Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela (RSA), psychologist, 'empathic repair'.
7. Richard Goldstone (RSA), leader of the UNHRC investigation of human rights and humanitarian law violations in the 2008-09 Gaza war
9. Michael Doyle and Bruce Russett; the Democratic Peace theory
11. The Women Peace and Security Network Africa (WIPSEN-Africa) promoting women's strategic participation and leadership in peace and security governance in Africa.
12. Leymah Gbowee (Liberia), women networking succeeded - with non-violent means - in forcing the parties in the Liberian conflict to conclude a peace treaty.
13. Memorial /founding member Svetlana Gannushkina (Russia), organization focusing on reconciliation through historical documentation,
15. Wikileaks, and Julian Assange (Source). (Revealing backstage diplomacy and military actions may potentially induce a rejection/change of the military-based international system).
16. Bradley Manning, US Army Intelligence Analyst who leaked to Wikileaks (same comment as Wikileaks).
17. Andrew White (the 'Vicar of Baghdad').

18. Paul Collier, Oxford, Professor of Economics influential analyst of the causes and consequences of war

19. Francis A. Boyle, USA, professor of international law

3. Probably unqualified

(Great peace work, but humanitarian, human rights, local conflict – not for non-violence, not for abolition of military force(s), not a Nobel “champion of peace”).

1. Sima Samar, an Afghan human rights activist, leads Afghanistan Independent Human Rights Commission (AIHRC).

2. Ghazi bin Muhammad, professor in the Philosophy of Islamic Faith at Jordan University, advocate of interfaith dialogue.

3. St. Egidio, a Catholic order which combines humanitarian work and peace mediation.

4. Serbian Miodrag Lovric, Bosnian Jasmin Komić and Croatian Ksenija Dumičić, statisticians, post-conflict co-operation.

5. Dr. Oscar Biscet Gonzalez, Cuban human rights + non-violent activist.

4. Unqualified

(Maybe impressive persons doing courageous, great peace work – but not for global level system change, law and disarmament)

1. Ory Okolloh is a Kenyan activist who has made her mark in using cell phone technology to enable citizen’s monitoring of violence, corruption or availability of medicine.

2. The Democratic Voice of Burma (DVB), a diaspora-based news agency with a proven ability to conduct reporting under tight state controls.

3. Malahat Nasibova, independent reporting, journalist and human rights activist operating in the Nakchivan enclave of Azerbaijan,

4. The International Crisis Group (ICG) / Louise Arbour, combines a 'Responsibility to Protect' (R2P) with case-specific background analysis (but no rejection of militarism as a main problem).
5. Military Religious Freedom Foundation, US civil rights organization (Source)
6. Francois Houtart, Belgian sociologist of religion and Catholic priest (Source)
7. Sima Samar, Afghan human rights advocate
8. Maohmed Sadiq Kaboudvand, founder of Kurdistan Human Rights organization (Source)
9. Roza Otunbayeva, Kyrgyz president (Source)
10. Sir Nicholas Winston, who saved hundreds of Czechoslovak Jewish children before WW2 (Source)
11. Irom Sharmila, Indian civil rights activist
12. Dalia Steiner, co-founder of Women's International Coalition (campaign on facebook)
13. Giulio Andreotti and Emilio Colombo, former Italian prime ministers.
15. Wings of Hope, US humanitarian organization (Source)
16. Sheikh-ul-Islam Haji Allahshukur Pashazade, Chairman of Caucasus Muslims Office (Source)
17. George Ryan, retired Illinois governor (Source)
18. Damas de Blanco [Ladies in White], Cuban opposition movement
19. Denis Mukwege (DR Congo) doctor
20. Roj TV, Kurdish TV channel based in Denmark (Source)
21. Oswaldo Payá Sardiñas, Cuban dissident (Source)

22. Mustafa Jemilev/Dzhemilev, leader of the Majlis of the Crimean Tartar People (Source)

23. Leymah Gbowee, Liberian social worker and activist

24. Evo Morales, president of Bolivia

25. The European Union, EU. (pursuing military strength, EU Army, arms production, trade, favoring violent response to conflict to non-violent resolution capacities, – see report by Jan Øberg on EU power approach different from (Nobel) peacebuilding approach:

http://www.nyagenda.dk/ee/images/uploads/oeberg_peace2.pdf

Also: http://www.neitileu.no/aktuelt/medieklipp/skremmende_opp_rustning, <http://www.folkebevaegelsen.dk/spip.php?article3479>, <http://www.sorensondergaard.dk/pressemeddelelse.php?nr=71>)

26. The US Peace Corps

27. Reuven Feuerstein, medical professor