

## White Poppies

Read Oliver Kamm on the White Poppy ~~fascist~~ peace movement in the 1930s, 1940s, and today, [here](#) and [here](#).

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Great links. When people think "pacifist" they tend to equate that with overall peacefulness and a distaste for violence, but if you look deeper, that doesn't appear to be so. I found the George Orwell quote especially relevant.

"Pacifist propaganda usually boils down to saying that one side is as bad as the other, but if one looks closely at the writings of younger intellectual pacifists, one finds that they do not by any means express impartial disapproval but are directed almost entirely against Britain and the United States. Moreover they do not as a rule condemn violence as such, but only violence used in defense of western countries..."

As a fairly young guy, I tend to think of anti-Western sentiments coming from within our own society as a relatively new thing. Perhaps they just have a louder voice now, or maybe historians tended to view them as a minor footnote, and will ultimately treat them similarly after this particular period of war is done. Either way, it's good to be reminded that a misguided dove can be just as dangerous as a misguided hawk.

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