

## Glimmers of Hope from the ICC and the Time-Critical Need for Restructuring the United Nations



The US signs the UN Charter in 1945



The Code of Hammurabi (c. 1792 - 1750 BCE)

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## ABSTRACT

Although very recent judicial actions by ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda to conduct official probes into war crimes in Palestine (20 December 2019) and hold hearing on U.S. torture and other grave crimes in Afghanistan (December 23, 2019) offers faint glimmers of hope regarding reform in the United Nations, a large number of other war crimes and crimes against humanity need close attention and quickly. This review article asserts 1) there is a time-critical need for restructuring the UN in order to a) cool nuclear flashpoints in Iran and Kashmir and reduce the probability of a much broader regional war breaking out in Libya b) prevent future occurrences of similar imminent dangers, c) end numerous other wars, and d) produce a deterrence effect designed to prevent future wars, 2) the UN has neglected some critically important education and other human rights issues that need addressing as soon as possible to inculcate a greater sense of social egalitarianism worldwide to prevent the outbreak of further conflicts and war. The UN is failing in its primary objective, promoting peace as evidenced by the very rapidly escalating number of refugees and other displaced people now exceeding 70 million and global polarization of wealth exacerbated by the polymorphic nature of international corporate endeavor. Specific reforms and their rationales include: 1) development of universally applicable conflict resolution strategy skills training curricula for use around the entire world, 2) eliminate entirely the fifteen-member United Nations Security Council, 3) the percentage of votes required to carry motions by the UN General Assembly on important matters should be changed from a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting to a simple majority, 4) The United Nations needs to affirm recognition that a variety of forms of governance, not just democracy can in different circumstances provide maximum individual liberty and freedom 5) A Special Referendum in the General Assembly of the United Nations may be needed to a) approve prosecution and extradition of any and all individual(s), corporate and/or state violators of Crimes Against Humanity, and War Crimes b) finance a large expansion of the number of legal researchers and writers at the ICC and 6) address the issue of polarization of wealth beginning with the protection of the rights of indigenous people from the increasingly common trend of government sanctioned corporate driven intranational land grabbing.

**Key words:** Starvation, Disease, United Nations, Security Council, International Criminal Court, ICC, Reform, Law, International Law, Weapons, Democracy, Socialism, Communism, Refugees, Iran, Kashmir, Libya, Syria, Israel, World War III, WWIII, educational reform, Conflict Resolution Strategies, indigenous, land grabbing

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**Let’s be honest...**

War is damned good business for the USA, other people’s wars at least. Keeping the rest of the world at each other’s throats, fighting and killing each other forever is a great way to get their natural resources very cheaply – for free in many cases - and keep the USA Number 1 in the world forever! And, those weapons sales don’t hurt either, well not the USA! America is the world’s Number 1 weapons exporter with Russia in a distant 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and everyone else way far behind! Something to be proud of, eh?

Now that the USA has perfected the art of starting “color evolutions” in just about any country, the USA can start wars anywhere anytime! Wow! That’s great eh?

Yes, it is true nine million people die of starvation every year, and most of them because of war and conflict in their nations.

And, yes, most of them are children, the uncounted casualties of war.

And yes, the USA’s biggest weapons sales recently have been to the Middle East, and yes, Yemen is one of the main places those weapons are used and the place most children are starving to death now. And yes, Ebola is back, there’s a measles epidemic, polio outbreaks in Africa and Asia, as well as a rise in Yellow Fever, all causing intense suffering, misery and death.

Whose children are they? They are the children of people of color, the children of Muslims, the children of socialists. Innocent children.

And, yes, starving to death and dying of hideous diseases are tortures, and children are the primary victims. And yes, this could be called “child abuse,” which does make the USA the biggest child abuser in all of human history.

But why? It's about democracy. Voters put people in office who pander to the war mongers.

And it's about capitalism. Very rich people always want more and more money.

They have a disease of the heart. They always want more money and don't care about the suffering and the death they cause.

If the reader doesn't believe any part of this, read this article and check the references. I wish it weren't true, but it is.

## I. Introduction

It is not an overstatement to categorically state that the very lives of billions of people are profoundly and immediately dependent upon a rapid and dramatic restructuring of the United Nations supplemented by legislative reforms and educational initiatives.

At the closing of 2019 humanity and the environment which sustains it are standing upon the precipice of a chasm unlike any before encountered in human history. The “practical” killing power of humanity has never been greater (e.g. exclusive of some nuclear weapons), and the recklessness of some world leaders and the intelligence chiefs that advise them, combined with the desperation of some political parties and some radicalized special interest groups are at all-time highs. This combined with the American Supreme Court’s sanctification of political campaign finance corruption has created a powder keg of poorly contained potential energy that threatens the existence of all life on earth at this time.

Though democracy wasn’t mentioned in the original UN Charter it has increasingly over time found its way into UN documents:

<https://www.un.org/en/sections/issues-depth/democracy/index.html>

[https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/generalassembly/docs/globalcompact/A\\_RES\\_55\\_2.pdf](https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/generalassembly/docs/globalcompact/A_RES_55_2.pdf)

Those documents spuriously associate democracy “with promoting human rights, development, and peace and security,” and have led to the creation of a labyrinth of UN organizations devoted to promoting democracy:

United Nations activities in support of democracy are carried out through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF), the Department of Peace Operations (DPO), the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), among others.

When in fact the European and American powers that created and perpetuated colonialism were some of the first to become democracies:

France 1792

UK 1918

Italy 1948

USA The history of democracy in the USA is a spotty one at best.

In 1776 only white men with property were permitted the right to vote. Women, Catholics, African American slaves, Jews, Quakers, Chinese, Native Americans and others were barred from voting.

Women didn't get the right to vote until 1920,

It wasn't until 1940 that Congress recognized Native Americans as citizens.

It was not until 1947 that all states granted them the right to vote.

It wasn't until 1943 that the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 was repealed, giving Chinese immigrants the right to citizenship and the right to vote.

[http://cmsdev.polkcountyiowa.gov/media/42494/voting\\_history.pdf](http://cmsdev.polkcountyiowa.gov/media/42494/voting_history.pdf)

As an example of covert colonialization of foreign nations during the formative years of the development of American Democracy in the US, starting around 1800 US big business started importing tons of opium into China.

“The Americans were marvelously ingenious in their exploitation of the commerce. They managed to circumvent both the East India Company's franchise and the Chinese Government's prohibition and carried on a very lucrative, if anti-social and ultimately ruinous trade. Finally, the fact of American participation in the traffic fundamentally altered the American posture in the Far East. It grew like the Southern view of slavery – which began as an economic necessity ultimately developed into a conception of national interest with disastrous implications for the future.”

Jacques M. Downs, American Merchants and the China Opium Trade, 1800-1840, *The Business History Review*, Vol. 42, No. 4 (Winter, 1968), pp. 418-442 (Accessed from JSTOR, 12/29/2019)

Americans bought the opium in Turkey, near Smyrna. (*ibid*)

*Thus, while the vaunted American democracy was slowly permitted marginalized groups within the USA the right to vote, it was systematically colonizing China using opium.* In 1898 the US started the colonization of the Philippines for Dole corporation's development of the highly profitable sugar trade.

These very same democracies continued colonialism after WWII when socialist nations fought wars on the territories of those colonized nations to liberate them from the tyrannical yoke of the vaunted democracies' colonialism.<sup>1</sup>

Following these wars of liberation, principally the USA systematically militarily attacked and destroyed those vastly more socially egalitarian socialist governments at the cost of millions of lives. And then when natural resources were found in many of those nations, in Latin America, Asia and Africa, the USA then always went in and systematically undermined and destroyed those democracies in order to gain possession of those natural resources.<sup>2</sup>

These acts of international treachery are no different from the tacitly approved (or secretly fully supported) American backed coup attempt in Turkey 2016, and the US government supported

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<sup>1</sup> Blum, William, *Killing Hope, U.S. Military and CIA Interventions since World War II*, 2004, Common Courage Press

<sup>2</sup> *ibid*

NED coordinated color revolution in Hong Kong, support for a terrorist driven revolution in Xinjiang, and support for the separatist movement in Tibet, all violations of numerous international laws including Article 2.4 of the UN Charter, interference in the domestic affairs of other states.

Though the history of democracy may have given some freedoms to select groups within nations, is hardly synonymous with freedom around the world, if anything the exact opposite is true.

Today, exactly like the post WWII era, American government supported organizations like the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) work covertly but none-the-less systematically to overthrow socialist governments in the name of “democracy,” in clear and obvious violations of international laws including Article 2.4 of the UN Charter, proving beyond any shadow of a doubt, that democracies are not synonymous with “promoting human rights, development, and peace and security,” as the UN asserts (see Section 5 in this paper).

While it is true the International Criminal Court has finally begun some investigation of crimes against Palestinians and torture in Afghanistan, this is only the tip of the iceberg; there are a huge number of other nations that have suffered American profit-driven crimes against humanity that are not being investigated, and even in those two cases the glacially slow timelines of ICC investigations has many “concerned,” to put it mildly, especially the residents of those states wherein those crimes against humanity have occurred and continue to occur.

#### **Iran, Kashmir, Venezuela – Crime Victim Nations that Need Immediate Attention from the ICC**

Ignoring a half century of foreign state driven crimes against humanity and war crimes (utilizing covert means and direct military intervention) repeatedly directed against Iran and Kashmir, two conflicts that have the potential to ignite larger regional conflicts and even possibly WWIII has all people with a social conscience and concern for the betterment of humanity more than a little skeptical of the United Nation’s intent to fulfill its mandate as well.

The very long latency period of time between transparently illegal international actions and Security Council and ICC investigation of crimes against humanity and war crimes emboldens belligerents and terrifies the targets of those illegal actions while simultaneously creating the image of the UN as a “do nothing” organization at best.

There is no deterrence effect when prosecutorial investigations take months, years and even decades to even begin.

Though it is possible long overdue investigations into the “situation” in Palestine and War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity in Afghanistan could have some slight deterrence effect on American readiness to launch an unwarranted and illegal full-scale war against Iran possibly as early as Spring 2020, opening a timely investigation into crimes already committed against Iran by the United States, specifically interfering in another state via unwarranted and illegal sanctions imposed upon Iran by the United States, and threats of the “obliteration” of Iran by President Trump, clearly in violation of Article 2.4 would obviously have a much stronger deterrence effect than just ignoring these blatant violations of international law.

Justice delayed is justice denied when human lives are in imminent danger now.

## **Purpose of this Paper**

Recent judicial decisions by ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, specifically to conduct an official probe into alleged war crimes in Palestine (20 December 2019) and hold hearing on U.S. torture and other grave crimes in Afghanistan (December 23, 2019) offers the first glimmers of hope in the past 500 years of the colonial era, of a possible beginning to the end of absolute western hegemony supported by unrivaled military power and usurped systems of international law.

This paper was written to clarify legal issues and present proactive solutions to a “perfect storm” of very large-scale converging trends which will invariably result in more wars, before the proverbial cart on a hill reaches the precipice from which there is no stopping.

Both inertial and momentum forces are at play in American foreign policies that require dramatic action by the UN at the earliest possible date to prevent a new world-wide contagion of wars, in effect WWII. Thus, the recent judicial decisions by ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda in regards to beginning to investigate legal options relating to crimes against humanity and war crimes in Palestine and Afghanistan are fortuitous indeed. Unfortunately, they may well be too little too late to prevent WWII, unless the machinations of the ICC are greatly accelerated.

For example,

### **US Sanctions Are Designed to Kill**

**US sanctions are killing ordinary Iranians by the thousands. Through its control over the world banking system, America’s sanctioning power flouts international human rights law and poses a threat to the world.**

**By Kevin Cashman and Cavan Kharrazian**

<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2019/09/us-iran-sanctions-donald-trump-iran-deal-oil-banks>

Fortunately, the uncountable crimes against humanity and war crimes committed against Palestinians and Afghans are not likely to trigger a very wide international war at this time, however the deadly sanctions and the build-up of military forces around Iran is. The UN ignores these violations of international law at potentially unfathomable cost. Why are they being ignored in the face of the truly catastrophic and inevitable consequences?

Upon review of a wide variety of histories and contemporary events, and international and American laws it becomes abundantly clear that restructuring the United Nations is not simply a solution to the primarily American driven extreme violence around the world which ultimately is responsible for most of the poverty, but rather is the only possible solution.

The structural reforms suggested in this article must be significant in their ability to “jump-start” the United Nations into beginning to actualize its mandate, something it has not really begun to do yet, at least until December 2019.

Unfortunately, “business as usual,” at the United Nations, or even a modest increase in prosecutions at the ICC, isn’t going to make a significant difference in world affairs given both

international corporate and American foreign policy's momentum and inertial forces at work now.

The United Nations mandate is to promote international peace yet currently numerous wars large and small are raging out of control and WWII has for all practical purposes already started as judged by the increasingly rapid escalation in the numbers of displaced people and refugees in the world today. And yet, things can get vastly worse with a rapidity that will stun humanity such as never happened before if even further, much more dramatic action is not taken in regards to a rapid restructuring at the United Nations.

Feeding into the "perfect storm" in the making is the horrific slowness with which the International Criminal Court (ICC) has traditionally gone about its business.

Established by the Rome Statute in 1998 which began sittings on July 1, 2002, the ICC in the seventeen years of its existence, has only heard 27 cases. This is much less than the average very small town anywhere in the world.

The ICC has indicted 44 people and issued arrest warrants for 36 individuals and summonses to eight others. Six persons are in detention. Though the following article is from January 2016, it makes some legitimate points.

13 years, 1 billion dollars, 2 convictions: Is the International Criminal Court worth it?

Does the ICC have a racial bias? Does it lack legal authority in multiple instances?

Some 13 years after it started operating, The International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague is struggling with allegation of inefficiency, delayed justice and a bias against Africa. The election of Ms. Fatou Bensouda, of Gambian decent, as the Chief Prosecutor of the court in December 2011 was seen as the answer to the growing criticism by many.

However, three and half years into her tenure, it seems like the challenges facing prosecutor Bensouda and the court are only growing.

<https://www.dw.com/en/13-years-1-billion-dollars-2-convictions-is-the-international-criminal-court-worth-it/a-19006069>

A variety of factors seem to have come together to help motivate ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda to shift the former direction of the ICC and accelerate investigations which are long overdue and discussed later in this paper.

In spite of these glimmers of hope, a great deal of other investigations needs to be initiated by the ICC at a greatly accelerated rate if any hope of realizing the lofty goals enshrined in the UN Charter are ever to be realized, without the added "obstacle" and motivation of WWII which can easily be ignited by American very aggressive and illegal actions against Iran.

## **Ultra-Brief global overview**

As the era of uncontested U.S. primacy fades, the international order has been thrown into turmoil. More leaders are tempted more often to test limits, jostle for power, and seek to bolster their influence – or diminish that of their rivals – by meddling in foreign conflicts. Multilateralism and its constraints are under siege, challenged by more transactional, zero-sum politics. Instruments of collective action, such as the UN Security Council, are paralyzed; those of collective accountability, including the International Criminal Court, are ignored and disparaged.

<https://www.crisisgroup.org/global/10-conflicts-watch-2019>

In addition to the Israeli/American/GCC unprovoked war ready to launch upon Iran, and the Indian assault upon the already very limited freedoms of the Kashmiri people, there are also hot wars being fought in Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, Yemen and a large number of other nations which the United Nations and western mainstream media, also known as the colonial press has decided people just don't need to know about.

And then there is the economic strangulation of any nation that does business with another nation that competes with the United States, e.g. Russia and China and the economic strangulation of Iran, Cuba and socialist Venezuela after the failed American driven attempted coup and the successful coup the United States orchestrated against Bolivia in November 2019 also for the dubious "crime" of being socialist.

Meanwhile nobody is keeping accurate war related casualty statistics, as the number of "secondary deaths" caused by a lack of clean water, starvation and disease during and following armed conflicts are never included as war casualties. Various organizations are claiming war casualties are far below WWII, however the ultra-rapid rise in the refugee and other displaced persons populations strongly suggests otherwise. In addition, American policy forbids recording enemy casualty deaths, and there is a prevailing policy that "if nobody writes it down, it didn't happen." Simultaneously, the percent of civilian casualties has skyrocketed due to the ultra-rapid increase in the use of drones, which are often used in rural areas and again, in most cases nobody counts the casualties.

## **Medical Report**

HIV, Polio, Ebola, Dengue Fever, Yellow Fever, are rising. Nine million people a year die of starvation.

## **Resistance to HIV drugs**

Kigali, 6 December 2019 – Growing resistance to HIV drugs in Africa is threatening the significant progress made in the global fight against the virus.

<https://www.afro.who.int/news/who-unveils-plan-tackle-rising-hiv-drug-resistance-africa>

### **Polio outbreaks in several countries in Africa**

Angola  
Benin  
Cameroon  
Central African Republic  
Chad  
Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Ethiopia  
Ghana  
Mozambique  
Niger  
Nigeria  
Somalia  
Togo  
Zambia

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/polio-africa>

14 countries seem like more than “several,” the word used on the CDC Internet site.

### **Polio outbreaks in several countries in Asia**

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/alert/polio-asia>

### **Resurgence of Ebola virus disease – 11 new cases in one week in December in the Democratic Republic of the Congo**

Eleven new confirmed cases were reported from 11 to 17 December in the ongoing Ebola virus disease (EVD) outbreak in North Kivu and Ituri provinces. The confirmed cases in this week were reported from three health areas in three health zones: Mabalako (82%, n=9), Biena (9%, n=1), and Butembo (9%, n=1). This is the first confirmed case in Butembo Health Zone in 54 days.

<https://www.who.int/csr/don/19-december-2019-ebola-drc/en/>

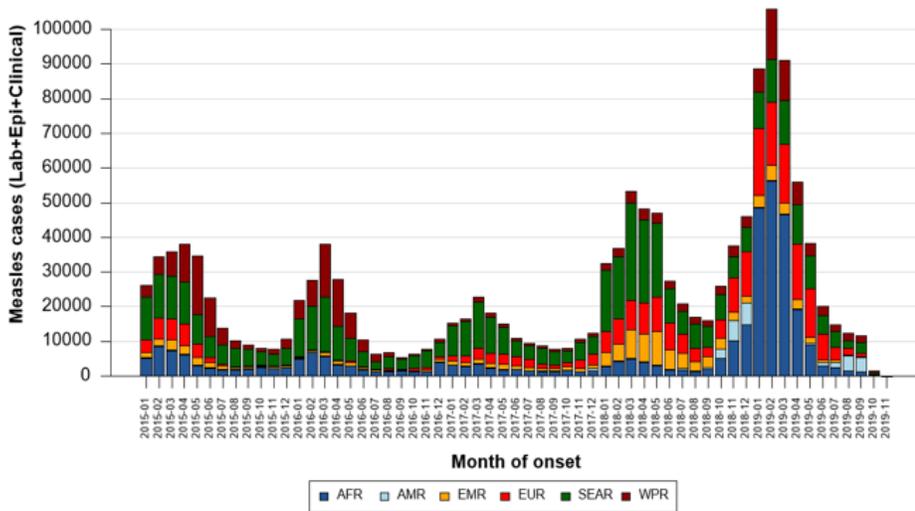
### **Measles – Global situation**

Disease outbreak news, 27 November 2019

Many countries around the world are experiencing measles outbreaks. As of 5 November 2019, there have been 413,308 confirmed cases reported to WHO through official monthly reporting by 187 Member States in 2019.

[https://www.who.int/csr/don/26-november-2019-measles-global\\_situation/en/](https://www.who.int/csr/don/26-november-2019-measles-global_situation/en/)

Figure 1: Measles case distribution by month and WHO Region (2015-2019), Data as of 8 November 2019\*



Data Source: IVB Database - This is surveillance data, hence for the last month(s), the data may be incomplete.

Thus, that apparent decline on most recent entries is an artifact of incomplete reporting, not a real decline.

### Rise in Yellow Fever

10 December 2019

Yellow fever is an acute infection caused by the yellow fever virus, which mainly infects monkeys and humans. It is endemic in tropical areas of Africa and Central and South America. In recent few years, yellow fever cases have been reported in many countries in Africa and the Americas with major outbreaks in Brazil, Congo, Ethiopia, Nigeria and South Sudan.

<https://www.chp.gov.hk/en/healthtopics/content/24/25044.html>

25 January 2019: Yellow Fever - Epidemiological Update

In 2019, three countries in the Region of the Americas (Bolivia, Brazil, and Peru) have reported confirmed yellow fever cases occurring between December 2018 and February 2019.

[https://www.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com\\_topics%26view%3Drdmore%26cid%3D2194%26Itemid%3D40784%26lang%3Den](https://www.paho.org/hq/index.php?option=com_topics%26view%3Drdmore%26cid%3D2194%26Itemid%3D40784%26lang%3Den)

## Hunger and Starvation – 9 million people a year dying of starvation; most are in “conflict zones”

The 2019 report - Reliefweb

The 2019 GHI measures hunger in 117 countries where the assessment is most relevant and where data on all four component indicators are available.

43 countries out of 117 countries have levels of hunger that remain serious

4 countries Chad, Madagascar, Yemen, and Zambia suffer from hunger levels that are alarming and 1 country Central African Republic from a level that is extremely alarming.

<https://reliefweb.int/report/world/2019-global-hunger-index-challenge-hunger-and-climate-change>

Hunger kills - Around 9 million people die of hunger and hunger-related diseases every year, more than the lives taken by AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. **The majority of those who are hungry live in countries experiencing ongoing conflict and violence — 489 million of 821 million.** The numbers are even more striking for children. More than 75 percent of the world's malnourished children (122 million of 155 million) live in countries affected by conflict.

<https://www.mercycorps.org/articles/quick-facts-what-you-need-know-about-global-hunger>

World hunger is still not going down after three years and obesity is still growing – UN report

More than 820 million people are hungry globally

15 July 2019

<https://www.who.int/news-room/detail/15-07-2019-world-hunger-is-still-not-going-down-after-three-years-and-obesity-is-still-growing-un-report>

From Africa and Asia to Latin America and the Near East, there are 821 million people - more than 1 in 9 of the world population - who do not get enough to eat.

<https://www.wfp.org/publications/2019-hunger-map>



### World Child Hunger Facts

Overall, 5.6 million children under age five died in 2016, nearly 15,000 daily (World Health Organization [WHO], 2016). The risk of a child dying before five years of age is highest in Africa (76.5 per 1000 live births), about 8 times higher than in Europe (9.6 per 1000 live births) (WHO, 2016).

Approximately 3.1 million children die from undernutrition each year (UNICEF, 2018a). Hunger and undernutrition contribute to more than half of global child deaths, as undernutrition can make children more vulnerable to illness and exacerbate disease (UNICEF, 2018a).

Children who are poorly nourished suffer up to 160 days of illness each year (Glicksen, M.D., 2010). Undernutrition magnifies the effect of every disease including measles and malaria. The estimated proportions of deaths in which undernutrition is an underlying cause are roughly similar for diarrhea (61%), malaria (57%), pneumonia (52%), and measles (45%) (Black, Morris, & Bryce, 2003; Bryce et al., 2005). Malnutrition can also be caused by diseases, such as the diseases that cause diarrhea, by reducing the body's ability to convert food into usable nutrients (Black, Morris, & Bryce, 2003; Bryce et al., 2005)

66 million primary school-age children attend classes hungry across the developing world, 23 million whom live in Africa, which greatly impacts their ability to learn (World Food Programme [WFP], 2012).

<https://www.worldhunger.org/world-child-hunger-facts/>

Global hunger has not gotten better in the last three years, it's gotten worse; largely a consequence of weapons proliferation.

## **Weapons Proliferation**

### **1. United States of America (USA) – \$10.5bn**

United States is the world's biggest exporter of weapon systems.

The total value of the arms exported by the US was \$10.5bn in 2018, while the nation closed foreign military sales (FMS) contracts worth \$55.6bn during the year for transferring arms to its allies.

Major weapon types exported were combat aircraft, helicopters, unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), anti-tank missiles, naval gun systems and missiles, sensors, engines, and guided weapon systems. Combat aircraft accounted for more than half of the total arms exported by the US during 2014-2018.

### **2. Russia – \$6.4bn**

Russia exported arms worth \$6.4bn to multiple countries worldwide in 2018.

Russia, the world's second biggest defence exporter, transferred arms worth \$6.4bn in 2018. Its weapons exports to India and Venezuela suffered a decline during the year.

Russia transferred major weapons to 48 nations during the last five years, with India, China, and Algeria being the biggest importers. Su-30MK fighter, T-90S tank, Mi-17 helicopter, and BMP-3 IFV are the popular export products of Russia.

### **3. France – \$1.76bn**

France exports armoured vehicles, combat aircraft and naval vessels. Image courtesy of Gertrud Zach/U.S.Army.

French arms exports in 2018 were driven by the sales of combat aircraft and naval vessels. The country's key defence exports include the Rafale fighter jet, NH-90 helicopter, Gowind-2500 frigate, MILAN anti-tank missile, and the MICA SAM system, among others.

France delivered major weapon systems to 78 countries during the last five years, among which Egypt was the biggest importer, followed by India and Saudi Arabia.

### **4. Germany – \$1.27bn**

Armoured vehicles and naval platforms formed a major portion of German arms exports in 2018. Image courtesy of Alan Wilson.

Germany's weapons exports in 2018 were mainly driven by the sales of naval platforms and armoured vehicles.

The country exported OPV-80 patrol vessels, Type-214 submarines, Leopard main battle tanks (MBTs), and MTU diesel engines to countries in Asia and Oceania, Europe, and the Middle East regions.

### **5. Spain – \$1.18bn**

Europe's third biggest arms exporter Spain transferred weapons worth \$1.18bn in 2018. Image courtesy of Benjamín Núñez González.

Arms exports of \$1.18bn in 2018 made Spain the third biggest arms exporter in Europe. Aircraft account for the majority of Spain's exports, followed by naval vessels and sensor systems.

The country exported aircraft, naval vessels and armoured vehicles, including C-295 and A-330 MRTT aircraft, Hobart-class destroyers, and Ajax (Scout-SV) to Australia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Malaysia and Egypt, between 2014 and 2018.

### **6. South Korea – \$1.08bn**

Top ten arms exporting countries

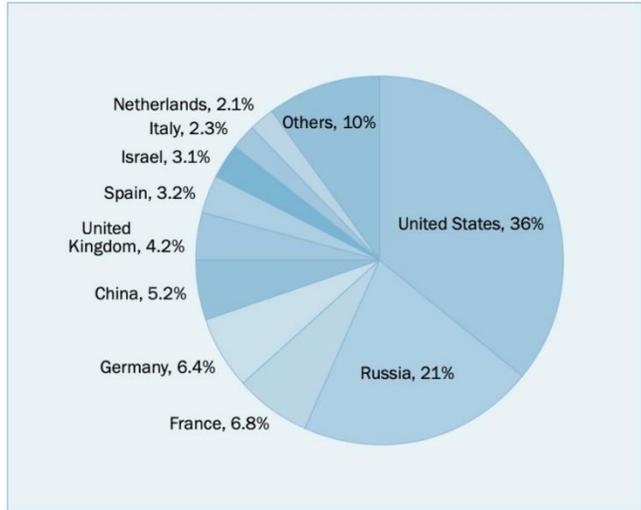
Iraq and Turkey were the major importers of South Korean weapon systems during 2014-2018.

South Korean arms exports in 2018 were valued at \$1.08bn, posing a tough competition to China as the main Asian exporter of arms. Iraq and Turkey were the major arms importers of South Korean weapons during the last five years.

The T-50 Golden Eagle trainer/combat aircraft, KT-1 Woong Bee trainer, and K-9 Thunder self-propelled gun systems form a major part of the nation's defence exports.

Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI), Huta Stalowa Wola (HSW), Hyundai Rotem, Daewoo Shipbuilding and Marine Engineering (DSME), and Hyundai Heavy Industries (HHI) are the major South Korean defence exporters.

<https://www.army-technology.com/features/arms-exports-by-country/>



**Figure 2.** Global share of major arms exports by the 10 largest exporters, 2014–18

Source: SIPRI Arms Transfers Database, Mar. 2019.

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2019/03/5-charts-that-reveal-the-state-of-the-global-arms-trade/>

Manufacturing and exporting weapons to kill people is damn good business, especially for the USA, with Russia in a distant second place, and everyone else way far behind. Who are the victims? Mostly children. Mostly the children of people of color, Muslims and socialists. But their numbers are not added to what few war victim statistics are published, because most of them die slowly of hunger and disease after the bombs stop falling. What is the lesson to learn from this?

### The ultra-rapid rise in the refugee and other displaced persons populations



According to UNHCR as of June 2019, there are 70.8 million displaced persons in the world, 41.3 million internally displaced people, 29.5 million refugees, and 3.5 million asylum seekers. There were less than 50 million refugees at the end of WWII raising the question: Has a widely dispersed, covert form of WWII already begun and nobody seemed to notice?

According to UNHCR data 57% of the refugees come from three nations, Syria (6.7 million – a war started 15 March 2011 during Hillary Clinton’s stint as Secretary of State under Barak Obama), Afghanistan (2.7 million, a war that started under George W. Bush’s administration, 7 October 2001, pushed by former President Clinton’s Director of Central Intelligence George Tenet) and South Sudan (2.3 million, started 1983, a conflict that really began in the early 1970s with the CIA importing New Testament Bibles and weapons into what was the primarily animist mixture of tribes at that time in South Sudan in an effort to divide primarily Muslim Sudan).

<https://www.unhcr.org/ph/figures-at-a-glance>

In other words, the foreign policies of the United States, operationalized primarily by the Central Intelligence Agency of the United States of America is responsible for every one of the primary three wars creating the largest groups of refugees in the world, with a statistically significant proportion of them being Muslim (from a sample of the total world population).

And yet there is no war crimes tribunal accusing the presidents of United States or Directors of Central Intelligence of War Crimes. Why not? Some of the reasons are articulated later on in this article.

The United Nations Charter states that the United Nations was founded to “save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.”

In contrast, the enduring racist and religiously bigoted colonial policies of the UK, and USA have functioned diligently and ruthlessly to ensure endless conflicts for generations to come, e.g. by global scale gerrymandering, drawing national borders that cut across and fragment traditional tribal, ethnic, racial, cultural and linguistic groups creating unequal minority groups within those nations; colonial powers favoring one ethnic group over another within those artificially created nations (e.g. as in the case of the Tutsi and Hutu tribes in Rwanda) and routinely committing Crimes Against Humanity (e.g. killing increasing percentages of civilians with drone strikes) in developing nations, wherein the surviving victim family members if there are any have little or no legal recourse to justice.

The colonizer habit is apparently quite impossible for some to quit:

Court Rules British MI5 Agents Can Murder, Kidnap and Torture, By Jonathan Browning, December 20, 2019

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-12-20/licensed-to-kill-court-rules-mi5-can-murder-kidnap-torture>

Where this published in Counterpunch or Blackagendareport or other “alternative media,” it would no doubt be dismissed as leftist propaganda, a “conspiracy theory,” and/or the “whining” of “losers,” but, Bloomberg?

Virtually none of these kinds of crimes have been investigated by the ICC for a variety of reasons.

In the eyes, hearts and minds of the victims and the victim family member survivors, the “dispossessed” and all people with a moral conscience, those reasons are not sufficient.

At the closing of the year 2019 the world has become more divided and angrier about western hegemony which has polarized wealth and poverty within and between the nations of the world at a logarithmically accelerating speed while American Special forces militaries have been secretly operating in at least 147 nations as of 2015.

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/iraq-afghanistan-and-other-special-ops-successes-americas-elite-forces-deploy-to-a-record-147-countries-in-2015/5484779>

Vastly increased access to information has only heightened global awareness of the grotesque economic and quality of life disparities in the world.

Richest 1% own half the world's wealth, study finds

Credit Suisse report highlights increasing gap between the super-rich and the remainder of the globe's population

<https://www.theguardian.com/inequality/2017/nov/14/worlds-richest-wealth-credit-suisse>

Among industrial nations, the United States is by far the most top-heavy, with much greater shares of national wealth and income going to the richest 1 percent than any other country, while on the global level the richest individuals own 1% own 45% of the world's wealth.

<https://inequality.org/facts/global-inequality/#global-wealth-inequality>

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/pedrodacosta/2019/05/29/americas-humungous-wealth-gap-is-widening-further/#5b25f61942ee>

Increased access to information is a double-edged sword. Although, improved education can dramatically improve the quality of opportunities available to people, it can also reinforce righteous indignation and moral outrage at the poverty and suffering experienced by the dispossessed.

Crushing poverty in a hopeless environment is often far worse than slavery given that most slave masters at least fed their slaves to protect their investments in that "property."

"Right now, more than 1 billion people suffer from hunger. This means that 1 in every 6 people on Earth don't get enough food to live a healthy life. This year 36 million of these people will die of hunger."

[https://www.theworldcounts.com/counters/global\\_hunger\\_statistics/how\\_many\\_people\\_die\\_from\\_hunger\\_each\\_year](https://www.theworldcounts.com/counters/global_hunger_statistics/how_many_people_die_from_hunger_each_year)

The internet site link posted immediately above (theworldcounts.com) has a more-or-less real time clock dramatizing the ongoing "death count" from hunger.

The short and long-term results of conflict and war are the primary causes of starvation worldwide.

**Widespread disregard of Article 2.4 of the UN Charter: Non-intervention - the prohibition of the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state**

**In international law, the principle of non-intervention includes, but is not limited to, the prohibition of the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state (Article 2.4 of the Charter).** The principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of States also signifies that a State should not otherwise intervene in a dictatorial way in the internal affairs of other States. The International Court referred in the Nicaragua case to “[t]he element of coercion, which defines, and indeed forms the very essence of, prohibited intervention” (ICJ Reports 1986, p. 108, para. 205). As Oppenheim's International Law puts it, "the interference must be forcible or dictatorial, or otherwise coercive, in effect depriving the state intervened against of control over the matter in question. Interference pure and simple is not intervention" (Vol. I, 9th ed., 1992, p. 432). **But the extent to which acts other than the use of force are, or should be, prohibited is uncertain.**

<https://pesd.princeton.edu/?q=node/258> (Bold text added by this author.)

**UN Inaction on illegal American sanctions on Iran and American President Trump’s illegal threats against Iran**

The United States, Israel, and the majority of the Gulf Cooperation Council nations are preparing to begin another genocide against Iran<sup>3</sup>, which in turn is supported by Russia, China, Lebanon, Syria and possibly Iraq. The possibility of an “avalanche effect” occurring leading to WWII is not inconsiderable.

Trump Sunday hinted at military action saying the U.S. is “locked and loaded.”

By Elizabeth Thomas, 17 September 2019

(In June) “Five days later and following the attack on two commercial tankers sailing in international waters in the Gulf of Oman, Trump escalated his threats against Iran, promising Iran would be met with "great and overwhelming force" and potential ‘obliteration’ in some areas if it attacks ‘anything American’ after Iranian leaders said the White

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<sup>3</sup> The word “another” in this sentence refers to the most recent attack upon Iran by the USA during the Iraq Iran war (1980-1988) in which Iraq was supported by the CIA: <https://foreignpolicy.com/2013/08/26/exclusive-cia-files-prove-america-helped-saddam-as-he-gassed-iran/> and about a million people on each side were killed, in addition to the infrastructures of both nations destroyed.

House ‘is afflicted by mental retardation’ and that they would permanently close the door to diplomacy in the wake of U.S. sanctions.”

<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/trumps-long-history-threats-iran/story?id=65639456>

U.S. Forces Deployed Around Iran, September 27, 2019

“The United States has added at least 2,400 more troops to the Middle East in response to tensions with Iran between May and September 2019. As of September 2019, there were over 60,000 U.S. troops deployed in and around the Persian Gulf. This number includes forces positioned in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Gulf countries. In terms of military hardware, the Pentagon has sent additional Patriot missile batteries, B-52 bombers, and F-35 fighter aircraft to Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.”

<https://iranprimer.usip.org/blog/2019/sep/18/us-forces-deployed-around-iran>

The list of 2018 & 2019 sanctions on Iran is staggeringly long.

<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RS20871.pdf> A total and unwarranted economic stranglehold has been applied against Iran.

The Trump imposed sanctions are killing people.

“Maximum Pressure” US Economic Sanctions Harm Iranians’ Right to Health, October 29, 2019

“In May 2018, the Trump administration formally withdrew from the international nuclear agreement with Iran, known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), agreed upon by the Obama administration in July 2015. Over the next 120 days, until November 5, 2018, the US government re-imposed all economic sanctions related to Iran’s nuclear program that had been previously lifted, including “secondary sanctions” on non-US entities that conduct financial or commercial transactions with Iran.

“Though the US government has built exemptions for humanitarian imports into its sanction regime, broad US sanctions against Iranian banks, coupled with aggressive rhetoric from US officials, have drastically constrained Iran’s ability to finance such humanitarian imports. The consequences of redoubled US sanctions, whether intentional or not, pose a serious threat to Iranians’ right to health and access to essential medicines—and has almost certainly contributed to documented shortages—ranging from a lack of critical drugs for epilepsy patients to limited chemotherapy medications for Iranians with cancer.

“At the core of the harmful knock-on effects of renewed US sanctions on Iran is that in practice, these sanctions have largely deterred international banks and firms from participating in commercial or financial transactions with Iran, including for exempted humanitarian transactions, due to the fear of triggering US secondary sanctions on themselves. As a result, Iranians’ access to essential medicine and their right to health is being negatively impacted, and may well worsen if the situation remains unchanged, thereby threatening the health of millions of Iranians.”

<https://www.hrw.org/report/2019/10/29/maximum-pressure/us-economic-sanctions-harm-iranians-right-health>

U.S. Sanctions on Iran Are Killing Innocent People, by Vijay Prashad, November 07, 2019

The evidence is undeniable. The U.S. sanctions are seriously destroying Iran’s health infrastructure and are leading to immediate deaths and suffering of the Iranian population.

<https://www.commondreams.org/views/2019/11/07/how-us-sanctions-iran-are-killing-innocent-people>

Those sanctions are not just the “threat of force,” they are very real forces causing human deaths. They are also threatening anyone who dares to do business with Iran, and thus those sanctions indisputably constitute Crimes against Humanity.

The ICC is culpable in those ongoing crimes by their dereliction of their obligation to uphold international law, and further in the upcoming war should one occur, for not even beginning to investigate the crimes against humanity extending from the unwarranted and illegal sanctions imposed upon Iran by President Trump in 2018 and 2019, and thus giving the USA the perception of carte blanche to ignore international law, again, as usual.

### **US Threats against anyone who buys Iranian oil in an illegal sanctioning of Iran’s primary export**

China protests US sanctions threat for buying Iran oil

[https://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/china-protests-us-sanctions-threat-for-buying-iran-oil-119042301247\\_1.html](https://www.business-standard.com/article/news-ians/china-protests-us-sanctions-threat-for-buying-iran-oil-119042301247_1.html)

Here’s why China and India will remain defiant amid threat of US sanctions for Iranian oil imports

Published Tue, Apr 23 2019 8:36 AM EDT

<https://www.cnbc.com/2019/04/23/iran-oil-sanctions-china-and-india-will-remain-defiant-against-us.html>

**President Trump's and current Secretary of State Pompeo's multiple threats against many countries relating to several issues:**

**1) Threats against USA ally countries should they use Huawei technologies**

"How other countries are responding to Trump's Huawei threat"

"Donald Trump signed an executive order on Wednesday that effectively bars US companies from using telecoms equipment supplied by 'foreign adversaries' deemed to pose "unacceptable risks" to national security." The US has warned allies that if they allow Huawei technology inside their 5G networks they may be frozen out of US intelligence sharing.

- <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2019/may/16/how-other-countries-are-responding-to-trump-huawei-threat>
- <https://www.npr.org/2019/10/24/759902041/chinas-tech-giant-huawei-spans-much-of-the-globe-despite-u-s-efforts-to-ban-it>

**2) Threats against nations participating in President Xi Jinping's Belt and Road Initiative**

**Threatening Italy**

Debt-laden Italy eyes China's belt and road, risking more than just the wrath of Donald Trump and the EU

Jumping on the Chinese train has not gone down well in Washington, either. The warning from US President Donald Trump's administration, with which many members of Italy's cabinet have a close affinity, has been unambiguous. Italy will ignore this at its peril.

<https://www.scmp.com/comment/insight-opinion/united-states/article/3002657/cash-strapped-italy-eyes-chinas-belt-and-road>

**3) Threats against nations participating in the Nord Stream 2 pipeline project with Russia.**

**Threatening Germany**

27 Dec, 2019

'Climate tariffs' on fracked 'molecules of freedom': German think tank wants to punish US for sanctions against Nord Stream 2

US sanctions against the 'Russian' Nord Stream 2 pipeline have caused widespread anger in Germany, with even critics of the project now ironically seeking to slap the American 'molecules of freedom' with an eco-tax in reprisal.

**The prospect of “crushing sanctions” included in the funding the US military, signed by President Donald Trump last week, has already compelled the Swiss-Dutch company Allseas to halt construction on the last remaining portion of the pipeline, which runs under the Baltic Sea, from Russia to Germany.**

**While the government in Berlin has expressed “regret” over US “interference in our domestic affairs,”** it has done precisely nothing to counter it. Kemfert’s initiative, first mentioned in the daily Handelsblatt earlier this week, appears to be the only proposed reprisal so far.

<https://www.rt.com/business/476902-germany-sanctions-climate-tariffs/>

Germany ‘won’t back down’ under threat of US sanctions over Nord Stream 2 pipeline with Russia – Merkel, 18 Dec, 2019

We haven’t backed down [to the US] with regards to the NSA [spying] affair, nor do we intend to back down now.

<https://www.rt.com/news/476192-merkel-nord-stream-sanctions/>

‘As if Germany is a US colony’: Bundestag energy chief lashes out at Russia sanctions, 16 May, 2019

Only the US – not Germany or the EU – is interested in economic sanctions against Russia, the head of the Bundestag’s economy and energy committee has said. German MPs are looking at ways to lift the restrictions, he added.

Bundestag energy and economy chief Klaus Ernst of Die Linke party accused the US of behaving as if Germany is its colony, as Washington tries to bully Europeans out of buying Russian gas.

<https://www.rt.com/news/459487-germany-us-colony-nordstream/>

The U.S. Senate is Complicit in Economic Blackmail – A clear violation of International Law

US sanctions won’t stop completion of Russian natural gas pipeline to Europe – Kremlin 18 Dec, 2019

<https://www.rt.com/business/476171-nord-stream2-us-sanctions/>

On Tuesday, the US Senate approved a bill that allows the imposition of sanctions on German entities over Nord Stream 2. Officials in Washington have long tried to pressure Germany into ditching the project, arguing that it would render the country too dependent on Moscow.

The Kremlin’s spokesperson, Dmitry Peskov, slammed the US’ crusade against the pipeline as an attempt to promote the sale of its own natural gas in Europe by means of “unlawful competition.”

<https://www.rt.com/news/476192-merkel-nord-stream-sanctions/>

Work on Russia Pipeline May Grind to Halt on Trump Sanctions

By Daniel Flatley, Stefan Nicola, and Ewa Krukowska, December 21, 2019

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2019-12-21/russian-pipeline-work-halted-on-threat-of-u-s-sanctions>

#### 4) Threats against the ICC Judges and Prosecutors by Secretary of State Michael Pompeo

##### **Press Release- United States issues new sanctions threat against ICC Judges and Prosecutors, 10 October 2019**

Coalition for the International Criminal Court

On 9 October, the U.S. Secretary of State, Michael Pompeo announced that the U.S. would impose visa sanctions on “any and all ICC officials determined to be directly responsible for an ICC investigation of U.S. personnel, or of allied personnel without our allies’ consent.”

Mr. Pompeo's statement comes almost a month after **the International Criminal Court (ICC) Pre-Trial Chamber II's decision on 17 September that granted the Office of the Prosecutor (OTP) to appeal the Court's 12 April decision, in which the court refused the OTP permission to open an investigation into grave crimes committed in Afghanistan**

CICC Press Release in response to Pompeo's statement.pdf

<http://coalitionfortheicc.org/news/20191011/civil-society-calls-us-government-recant-its-icc-sanctions-policy><sup>4</sup>

Each and every one of the above cited are examples of the widespread disregard of Article 2.4 of the UN Charter: Non-intervention - the prohibition of the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state.

That law was enacted for a reason, and the consequences of any nation – especially the world’s most reckless and dangerous superpower - acting consistently in absolute defiance of that law can and invariably can and most probably will have catastrophic results.

Unfortunately for the children of the world today, it appears that the consequences of one superpower attempting to attain absolute hegemony in perpetuity with utter disregard for all laws, may harvest a conflagration far worse than even the wisest might have anticipated.

This absolute disregard for all laws is eating at the world’s social conscience like an acid, teaching everyone that absolute selfishness is justifiable, and the reckless abuse of power is justifiable and even attractive. These lessons are being learned by the unwary around the world.

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<sup>4</sup> Author’s note: On the surface the Coalition for the International Criminal Court appears quite excellent, however its insistence on democracy as the only form of representative government is not in accordance with the goals of the original UN Charter.

Like a disease the corruption, brutality, arrogance, and even sadism is metastasizing at an unprecedented rate.

### **Forget law. The USA is the Law**

The CIA has from its founding been contemptuous of all American and International laws, seeing itself as above all laws and immune to any judicial review.

“From 1945 to 2003 the United States attempted to overthrow more than 40 foreign governments, and to crush more than 30 populist-nationalist movements fighting against intolerable regimes. In the process the US bombed some 24 countries, caused the end of life for several million people, and condemned many millions more to a life of agony and despair.”

Blum, William, *Killing Hope, U.S. Military and CIA Interventions since World War II*, 2004, Common Courage Press p. 392

Unquestionably the presidents of the United States of America and CIA are so far above all laws as to make those laws a laughable joke in DC and Langley, applicable only to ‘lesser beings,’ like people of color, Muslims and socialists.

- The Crusades were supposed to have ended in 1291.
- In the UK, the Slave Emancipation Act was passed in August 1833
- President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863
- McCarthyism was supposed to have ended around 1958

But in the international arena, outside the spotlight of domestic American policies, the USA has led unending crusades, enslaving entire nations possessing natural resources it desires, quietly and ruthlessly enforced slavery upon all developing nations and people of color in the world, and gone about crushing and suborning every socialist and communist nation in the world.

Thus, it should hardly come as any surprise that American presidents, CIA directors and Secretaries of State should feel free to threaten and/or just simply kill anyone, anytime for any reason, even perhaps on a whim, if it so suits the desires, however fleeting, of the high and mighty in the USA. Probably the simplest, most sophisticated and effective weapon the United States has come close to perfecting is the “Color Revolution.”

US ‘world leader’ in color revolution engineering

25 Apr, 2012

The US is the foremost power when it comes to creating and applying “color revolutions”: America invented the know-how and has the best experts in this area, political scientist Mateusz Piskorski told RT.

RT: What are the key ingredients to start a color revolution?

Mateusz Piskorsky: There has to be a real political and social crisis, which may be an inspiration for those groups who protest. There is no color revolution without a social basis. Common consciousness of a real economic or social problem is needed to easily manipulate the protesting groups.

RT: So, the problem has to be economic or social rather than a regime problem, like a dictatorship?

MP: Yes, about 90 per cent of every society, including the societies of Central and Eastern Europe, are first and foremost interested in their social and economic interests. Which means they don't care about politics, the political system or the character of a political regime. They're just worried about their economic prospects and possibilities of keeping their families on a certain social level. This is the most important factor in every revolution.

RT: What is the infrastructure behind a protest?

MP: Really professional coordination centers... secret from ordinary protesters, but functioning very effectively.

RT: What is the share of people power versus the power of the people who actually pull the strings?

MP: Every protester has his own interests to participate in the protest, but it is really very easy for him to lose his rationality and become a subject of "emotional engineering".

RT: When people realize they have been subject to manipulation – what is their reaction?

MP: Usually they do not realize they are subject to manipulation. It's a question of the so-called information area or mass-media. One of the very important factors in any color revolution is the control of mass-media. First you take control over alternative mass media which has good reliability in the opinion polls. Then you think about a color revolution. One of the decisive parts of a color revolution project is the media. This is not a war between the regime and the people. It is a conflict between PR specialists of the government on one hand and the protest movement, or some foreign powers engaged on the other.

RT: Talking about foreign powers – where does the funding come from for such [color revolution] projects?

MP: This is the most interesting question, and also the most guarded secret... Certain foundations from some western countries, including the US, funded protests in Ukraine and Belarus.

RT: Is the US always present in such conflicts?

MP: I'm not sure about always, but it is in most of the conflicts. Another factor here – you have geopolitical interests. Every superpower like the US makes its decision: is it worth engaging, starting or igniting a color revolution or not? It is not only the US, but to be honest the US has the best experts in this area. The man who invented the whole technology is Gene Sharp [considered by many the worlds' best expert on non-violent revolution, author of From Dictatorship to Democracy]. The US is the leading power when it comes to this technology, I can say.

RT: The US new ambassador in Russia Michael McFaul has admitted that America used to fund opposition movements and color revolutions but under a different administration, that it's no longer done under the Obama administration. Do you believe that?

MP: I believe that Mr. McFaul is one of the best specialists and scholars working on color revolutions, including in Ukraine. He's an expert. I don't believe the US is not using this technology. Sometimes a color revolution may not end on a peaceful note and may proceed to a civil war, the case with Syria and Libya.

RT: How much can a project like installing a new regime in Ukraine in 2003 cost?

MP: Most of them range from \$20 million to \$120 million.

<https://www.rt.com/news/color-revolutions-technology-piskorsky-938/>

Violations of Article 2.4 of the UN Charter? Obviously. Has anyone ever been convicted for the use of it? Never. Is the funding for those color revolutions easy to trace? Usually yes, but sometimes no. The National Endowment for Democracy, one of the leading front organizations supporting American driven color revolutions has a web site advertising the big money a person can "earn" by participating in their schemes. They call it "promoting democracy," when in fact they are intentionally destabilizing governments and causing civil wars that almost always involve loss of life, often or usually in the thousands.

In the interview article quoted above Mr. Piskorsky stated people don't usually realize they're being manipulated. This is true at the time its occurring, however it's a sure bet they realize it when they're suffering under an American imposed dictatorship they accidentally helped bring about as the result of their naïve participation in that revolution.

The USA is the law, and the UN throughout its history has always been a useful and reliably obedient stooge, until December 2019 and ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda came along. Fortunately, there are some other helpful players in "the game," working for social justice as well including the alternative media (liberally quoted in this article) and a few NGOs including Human Rights Watch. They're not always on-point, but usually are.

**Human Rights Watch report March 2019 addressing “key questions regarding the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the relationship between the court and the United States.”**

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/03/15/qa-international-criminal-court-and-united-states#6>

The above is a critical review and well worth reading as it pertains very directly to the primary themes of this article.

**UN Security Council and ICC – 70 years late and longstanding perceptions of a lack of neutrality**

In order to function as a recognized peace promoting organization the United Nations must be seen as an unbiased and neutral mediator in conflicts, however from 1947 on, it has not been seen that way by a majority of Muslims and other marginalized groups around the world who collectively may be referred to as “the dispossessed,” that is people who have virtually nothing except their lives, do not feel they have fair political representation or that justice is even possible in this world.

The adoption of United Nations Resolution 181 on November 29, 1947 by the United Nations General Assembly of a resolution recommending the adoption and implementation of a plan to annex a large part of Palestine and give it to Israel was one of the earliest acts of the United Nations...

[http://www.badil.org/phocadownloadpap/Badil\\_docs/bulletins-and-briefs/Bulletin-22.pdf](http://www.badil.org/phocadownloadpap/Badil_docs/bulletins-and-briefs/Bulletin-22.pdf)

<https://www.foreignpolicyjournal.com/2010/04/13/the-u-n-partition-plan-and-arab-catastrophe/>

... which was perceived by Palestinians as an act of infamy which was loudly rejected as it violated the principles of national self-determination...

[https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/United\\_Nations\\_General\\_Assembly\\_Resolution\\_1514](https://en.wikisource.org/wiki/United_Nations_General_Assembly_Resolution_1514)

[https://undocs.org/A/Res/1514\(XV\)](https://undocs.org/A/Res/1514(XV))

...and believed to be nothing less than another classic act of western colonization in a United Nations wrapping.

This was very rapidly followed by the Palestinian Holocaust called the Nakba.

The Nakba did not start or end in 1948

Key facts and figures on the ethnic cleansing of Palestine, 23 May 2017

Every year on May 15, Palestinians around the world, numbering about 12.4 million, mark the Nakba, or "catastrophe", referring to the ethnic cleansing of Palestine and the near-total destruction of Palestinian society in 1948.

The Palestinian experience of dispossession and loss of a homeland is 69 years old this year.

On that day, the State of Israel came into being. The creation of Israel was a violent process that entailed the forced expulsion of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians from their homeland to establish a Jewish-majority state, as per the aspirations of the Zionist movement.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2017/05/nakba-start-1948-170522073908625.html>

Thus, practically from its inception the United Nations was seen by the dispossessed people of Palestine and the world as just another tool of imperial western “white” Judeo Christian anti-Muslim bigotry and colonial hegemony.

And yet in December 2019 the International Criminal Court suddenly appears to be functioning in high gear, addressing some of the issues in Palestine, compared at least to its normal glacial speed.

There are however a couple of positive events recently.

**Good news: Palestine - ICC Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, seeking a ruling on the scope of the Court’s territorial jurisdiction (Dec. 20, 2019)**

Top Criminal Court to conduct official probe into alleged war crimes in Palestine, 20 December 2019

Law and Crime Prevention

“The preliminary examination into the Situation in Palestine has concluded with the determination that all the statutory criteria under the Rome Statute for the opening of an investigation have been met”, ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda said, “I am satisfied that there is a reasonable basis to proceed with an investigation into the situation in Palestine”.

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/12/1054121>

20 December 2019

Statement of ICC Prosecutor, Fatou Bensouda, on the conclusion of the preliminary examination of the Situation in Palestine, and seeking a ruling on the scope of the Court’s territorial jurisdiction

“Today, I announce that following a thorough, independent and objective assessment of all reliable information available to my Office, the preliminary examination into the Situation in Palestine has concluded with the determination that all the statutory criteria under the Rome Statute for the opening of an investigation have been met.

"I am satisfied that there is a reasonable basis to proceed with an investigation into the situation in Palestine, pursuant to article 53(1) of the Statute. In brief, I am satisfied that (i) war crimes have been or are being committed in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip ("Gaza") (for specifics, see paras. 94-96); (ii) potential cases arising from the situation would be admissible; and (iii) there are no substantial reasons to believe that an investigation would not serve the interests of justice.

"As there has been a referral from the State of Palestine, there is no requirement to seek Pre-Trial Chamber's authorization before proceeding to open an investigation, and I do not seek to do so."

<https://www.icc-cpi.int/Pages/item.aspx?name=20191220-otp-statement-palestine>

<https://news.un.org/en/>

Only the peculiar panic that suddenly gripped Israeli officials this Friday hinted at the fact that something unprecedented and salient did in fact happen.

In a hurried, last-minute briefing to the press, likely designed to preempt the ICC prosecutor's statement, the Deputy Attorney General for International Affairs and the Foreign Ministry's legal adviser laid down the attorney general's famous doctrine: The Hague has no authority to deliberate over the Israeli-Palestinian issue. It is not a plea of innocence, but an assertion that "they have no power here."

Intriguing. But some arguments were even more intriguing, chief among them the claim that "The Palestinians, by appealing to the court, seek to breach the established framework between the two parties and push the court to decide on political questions which should be settled in negotiations and not in criminal-judicial proceedings."

Or as the Foreign Ministry's legal adviser told reporters: "This is the criminalization of the conflict which could only lead to more polarization between the parties, instead of a diplomatic process which brings them together."

Of which imaginary diplomatic process do Israel's legal defenders speak? Where exactly is it taking place? It is Israel's long opposition to a diplomatic process (no less than the Palestinians') that led to the ICC to begin with. Left with few other options, international institutions are the only recourse Palestinians have to further their struggle for a state.

<http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/52743.htm>

Netanyahu accuses ICC of anti-Semitism over war crimes probe

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ICC chief prosecutor Fatou Bensouda expressed her satisfaction with a "reasonable basis" to probe into the situation in Palestine.

Netanyahu's remarks centered on a scenario in which Israeli settlement activities in the occupied West Bank and East Jerusalem al-Quds could be viewed by the ICC as war crimes.

The probe focuses on Israel's illegal settlements, the 2014 Gaza War as well as the bloody crackdown on the March of Return Gaza protests that began in March 2018.

Israel fears ICC could hunt its top leaders for war crimes

Israel has, in recent months, stepped up its settlement expansion in the occupied lands in defiance of United Nations Security Council Resolution 2334.

About 600,000 Israelis live in over 230 settlements built illegally since the 1967 occupation of the Palestinian lands.

ICC prosecutors have said a preliminary investigation on the West Bank focused on "reported settlement-related activities engaged in by Israeli authorities".

A UN fact-finding mission said in March that Israeli forces committed rights violations during their crackdown against Palestinian protesters in the Gaza Strip last year that could amount to "war crimes."

Gaza, with a population of more than 1.8 million, has been under siege by the Israeli regime since June 2007. The blockade has caused a decline in living standards as well as unprecedented levels of unemployment and unrelenting poverty.

Israel, which is not a party to the Rome Statute of the ICC, has already said the international court has no authority to hear Palestine's allegations since "it is not a country," and because Israel's so-called judicial system is independent and can itself examine war crime accusations.

<https://www.presstv.com/Detail/2019/12/23/614365/Israel-PM-Netanyahu-ICC-probe-anti-Semitism>

Lebanon calls on international community to prevent Israel violating of its sovereignty – Middle East Monitor

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20191224-lebanon-calls-on-international-community-to-prevent-israel-violating-of-its-sovereignty/>

This should be interesting as virtually every international law has been broken by the American financed and armed Israelis in Palestine. The story of Palestine over the past 70 years is a litany of war crimes requiring the entirety of the Encyclopedia of Law and then some, to define.

According to the NYU global law database Globalex there are seven UN treaty bodies governing international human rights:

- Human Rights Committee (HRC)
- Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)
- Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)
- Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)
- Committee Against Torture (CAT)
- Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRCD)
- Committee on Migrant Workers (CMW)

[https://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Human\\_Rights.html# Introduction](https://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Human_Rights.html# Introduction)

And all should be working feverously as every form of Human Rights has been violated by every US President and every Director of CIA since WWII as well as most or all British, French and Israeli Prime Ministers.

### **Good News: Afghanistan - ICC Holds Historic Hearing on U.S. Torture and Other Grave Crimes in Afghanistan - December 23, 2019**

ICC Holds Historic Hearing on U.S. Torture and Other Grave Crimes in Afghanistan

by Katherine Gallagher and Nikki Reisch, December 23, 2019

Just days before the International Court of Justice (ICJ) held a hearing on The Gambia's suit against Myanmar for genocide of the Rohingya people, the International Criminal Court (ICC) held a momentous hearing of its own: From Dec. 4 through Dec. 6, five judges in the ICC Appeals Chamber heard arguments about whether to open an investigation into alleged war crimes and crimes against humanity related to the armed conflict in Afghanistan, including crimes committed by the CIA and the U.S. military.

If authorized, the proposed ICC investigation into the situation in Afghanistan would mark the first time since the Court's creation that U.S. actors could face liability for grave international crimes committed on the territories of State Parties to the Rome Statute, which established the ICC. It is also the first time the Appeals Chamber has been called upon to review a refusal to authorize an Article 15 proprio motu request by the ICC Prosecutor to conduct an investigation.

We participated in the hearing on behalf of several U.S. torture victims who, for nearly 15 years, have been seeking justice and accountability for serious harms they suffered on the territories of multiple countries, including Afghanistan and other Member States of the ICC: Mohammed al-Asad, represented by the Global Justice Clinic at New York University School of Law; and Sharqawi al Hajj and Guled Hassan Duran, two men represented by the Center for Constitutional Rights who both remain detained at Guantánamo without charge. Like other victims of the U.S. torture program and Afghan victims of crimes committed by the Taliban, as well as Afghan and international armed forces, who had separate legal counsel in these proceedings, our clients have turned to the ICC as the court of last resort. (Other victims represented at the appeal hearing included Abd al-Rahim al-Nashiri, represented by Nancy Hollander, Mikolaj Pietrzak and Maria Radziejowska; Ahmed Rabbani and two other victims of the U.S. torture program, represented by Megan Hirst and Tim Moloney, QC, instructed by Reprieve; and 82 Afghan victims, represented by Fergal Gaynor and Nada Kiswanson van Hooydonk.)

<https://www.justsecurity.org/67843/icc-holds-historic-hearing-on-u-s-torture-and-other-grave-crimes-in-afghanistan>

These are long overdue but welcome developments though they are still in their germinative stages and as of yet representing a couple of long overdue instances of some possibility of justice in a vast ocean of injustices.

December 10, 2019

Afghanistan: a Pentagon Paradise Built on Lies

by Jacob Hornberger

The Pentagon cannot be pleased with the Washington Post. That's because the Post has just disclosed a mountain of previously secret documentary evidence within the military showing that the Pentagon has been intentionally lying for years about the "progress" that it was making with its forever war in Afghanistan. While the Pentagon has been publicly assuring the American people that its war has been going swimmingly well, the truth is that it's been the exact opposite.

The documents consist of brutally candid interviews with military insiders, who believed that their statements would forever remain secret. After three years of refusing to comply with the Freedom of Information Act, the Pentagon finally decided to comply with an order of a U.S. district judge to turn over the documents to the Post.

While the Pentagon is still refusing to divulge the identities of most of the people who were interviewed, one of the interviewees, Douglas Lute, a three-star army general who served in Afghanistan, is quoted as saying:

We were devoid of a fundamental understanding of Afghanistan — we didn't know what we were doing. What are we doing here? We didn't have the foggiest notion of what we were undertaking.

Another interviewee, Col. Bob Crowley, stated,

Every data point was altered to present the best picture possible. Surveys, for instance, were totally unreliable but reinforced that everything we were doing was right and we became a self-licking ice cream cone.

According to the Post,

John Sopko, the head of the federal agency that conducted the interviews, acknowledged to The Post that the documents show “the American people have constantly been lied to.” The interviews are the byproduct of a project led by Sopko's agency, the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction. Known as SIGAR, the agency was created by Congress in 2008 to investigate waste and fraud in the war zone.

So, there you have it. A one-trillion-dollar war built on intentional, deliberate, and knowing lies, just like the Vietnam War was. More than 2,300 American soldiers killed for nothing. Thousands more injured, mentally, spiritually, or physically. Tens of thousands of Afghans killed, maimed, incarcerated, or tortured. The entire country destroyed.

And for what? For nothing! Those U.S. soldiers killed and died for nothing, just as we at The Future of Freedom Foundation were maintaining would happen even before the invasion of Afghanistan started, when interventionists were accusing of us “hating America.”

Moreover, just think about how they have destroyed our freedom and privacy here at home, in the name of protecting us from the “terrorists” who they have been generating with their “war on terrorism” in both Afghanistan and the Middle East. Americans have ended up with the loss of both freedom and security, with a massive toll in terms of death and suffering, with a mountain of federal debt, and with one great big pack of lies.

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2019/12/10/afghanistan-a-pentagon-paradise-built-on-lies/>

**UN inaction on India's 70-year war in occupied Kashmir and failure to implement UNSC Res. 47 of 21 April 1948 granting plebiscite to Kashmir, and illegal lockdown in Kashmir starting on 5 August 2019 following revocation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir via scrapping of the Article 370 of the Constitution of India, Article 35A of the Constitution of India and the introduction of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019**

Even previous to the most recent outrages e.g. the "lockdown" by India in Kashmir, India and Pakistan were on the verge of nuclear war over the "disputed" territory of Kashmir.

In fact, Kashmir is only disputed by those outside Kashmir.

Most Kashmiris would opt for independence if it were an option. The fact that one British man lost it (Kashmir) to another British man in a card game and Kashmir ended up as part of India is somewhat irrelevant, however the plebiscite established by the United Nations Security Council Resolution 47 of 21 April 1948 in regards to a free and independent vote by the people of Kashmir has been ignored by India, the United States and the United Nations, and it shouldn't have been.

In any case the plebiscite itself was not fair to Kashmir as the people there were given a choice to vote whether they wanted to join India or Pakistan, whereas an option for Kashmiris to have their own independent nation was not even considered by the UN, which instead preferred to follow a colonial pattern following British mandates.

Curiously most of the indigenous people of Kashmir have red hair and many or most have blue eyes, in stark contrast to most Indians and Pakistanis. Kashmiris attribute this to a lost legion of Alexander the Great's army that opted to stay and settle there during his wars. Kashmir, like Palestine had an ethnically diverse population of different religions living together in peace before WWII, however superpower meddling after WWII ended all that and it has suffered through every form of war crime including many documented cases of mass rapes - committed by the various branches of the Indian military ever since.

"India strips Kashmir of special status and divides it in two

State taken under federal control and split into Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh

Delhi has formally revoked the disputed state of Jammu and Kashmir's constitutional autonomy and split it into two federal territories in an attempt to integrate it fully into India.

The decision of the prime minister, Narendra Modi, to change Kashmir's status and tighten the government's grip over the region in August has stoked anger and resentment while a three-decade armed revolt rages.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/oct/31/india-strips-kashmir-of-special-status-and-divides-it-in-two>

Claims that the War in Afghanistan is the longest running war going are incorrect, as the war over Kashmir has been going on for over 70 years yet on August 5, 2019 the Indian government ended over 70 years of semi-autonomy and statehood for the predominantly Muslim population of Kashmir and thus Prime Minister Modi decided to stoke the flames of hatred even higher in what is in effect the world's largest prison colony.

- The total population of India's division of Jammu and Kashmir is 12,541,302
- The number of Palestinians in Israel, the Occupied Gaza Strip, Occupied East Jerusalem and the Occupied West Bank is now estimated at over 5.3 million, exceeding the Jewish population of 5.2 million. (Aug 27, 2019) <http://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/palestine-population/>

As of this writing:

India's 134-day-long internet shutdown in Kashmir is now the longest ever imposed by a democratic state, by Mitch Prothero, Dec 16, 2019

<https://www.insider.com/kashmir-internet-shut-down-imposed-india-longest-ever-by-democracy-2019-12>

“A turbulent weekend roiled Latin American politics as a coup in Bolivia forced President Evo Morales aside on Sunday and, days earlier, former Brazilian President Luiz Inácio “Lula” da Silva was freed from prison.

“Morales spoke Wednesday from Mexico City, where he is in exile, and expressed interest in returning to Bolivia in the wake of what he has described as a U.S.-backed coup d'état. At the press conference, Morales encouraged the anti-colonial and anti-imperialist struggle to continue and rejected self-declared interim President Jeanine Áñez. Past anti-Indigenous comments from Áñez, a right-wing Christian, are coming to light, adding to the backlash she already faces from Morales's supporters.”

<https://theintercept.com/2019/11/15/bolivia-evo-morales-coup-brazil-intercepted/>

...while the “United Nations” sits back and twiddles its thumbs on these “issues.”

The United Nations is, and has been since 1947, the most colossal enabler of the greatest Crimes Against Humanity in history, exceeding those committed during World War II, if refugee statistics are any indicator.

To quote from the Statement from the President and CEO of the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists:

“As the Bulletin's Science and Security Board prepared for its first set of Doomsday Clock discussions this fall, it began referring to the current world security situation as a “new abnormal.” This new abnormal is a pernicious and dangerous departure from the time when the United

States sought a leadership role in designing and supporting global agreements that advanced a safer and healthier planet. The new abnormal describes a moment in which fact is becoming indistinguishable from fiction, undermining our very abilities to develop and apply solutions to the big problems of our time. The new abnormal risks emboldening autocrats and lulling citizens around the world into a dangerous sense of anomie and political paralysis.

“As you will see in the pages that follow, this year’s Doomsday Clock statement draws attention to the devolving state of nuclear and climate security. It also points to a qualitative change in information warfare and a steady misrepresentation of fact that is undermining confidence in political structures and scientific inquiry. At the same time, science is racing forward, and new global governance structures are desperately needed to manage rapidly evolving and potentially dangerous technologies...

“This new abnormal is simply too volatile and dangerous to accept as a continuing state of world affairs.”

<https://thebulletin.org/doomsday-clock/current-time/>

#### **UN Inaction on Illegal American financed coup in Bolivia Nov. 2019**

Bolivian Coup Plotters Were Trained by US Military and Served as Attaches in FBI Police Programs, by Jeb Sprague, 20 Nov 2019

Commanders of Bolivia’s military and police who helped plot the coup were educated for insurrection at the US military’s School of the Americas and FBI training programs.

“The role of military and police officials trained by the US was pivotal in forcing regime change.”

The United States played a key role in the military coup in Bolivia, and in a direct way that has scarcely been acknowledged in accounts of the events that forced the country’s elected president, Evo Morales, to resign on November 10...

<https://www.blackagendareport.com/bolivian-coup-plotters-were-trained-us-military-and-served-attaches-fbi-police-programs>

This a clearly a “forcible” intervention, yet curiously the ICC does nothing.

#### **UN Inaction on American driven Venezuela coup**

It is worth noting that in response to this statement, the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation said:

Today we are witnessing yet another episode in a tragedy in many acts in an attempt to effect regime change in Venezuela. The situation in Venezuela does not pose a threat to international peace and security. However, the outside players involved are a direct threat to the peace and security of Venezuela itself, and we have just heard that today.

The United States has persisted in destabilizing the situation in Venezuela by creating an artificial crisis around the country in order to replace its legitimately elected leader with its own pawn. There are endless examples of the United States' blatant interference in the affairs of Latin American countries and its use of military force to overthrow leaders it does not like. I would like to once again ask Venezuela's neighbours if they have really learned nothing from history. Do they really not understand that Venezuela is merely a bargaining chip in the geopolitical and geostrategic struggle for influence in the region and the world, in the spirit of a revitalized Monroe Doctrine? By the way, the attitude of Latin American countries to what is happening in Venezuela is not as unequivocal and uniform as the Vice-President of the United States told us today. We have heard that in previous Council meetings. (emphasis added)

Russian position aside, it is interesting that reference was made to the Monroe Doctrine, given the developments that took place in the following months.

The spirit of a revitalized Monroe Doctrine?

The Monroe Doctrine has been the cornerstone of U.S. foreign policy towards Latin America since it was first mentioned by President James Monroe in December 1823. Throughout its long development, it has been associated with a foreign policy of influence, control and interventionism by the United States based on claimed prerogatives in the Western Hemisphere.

In an attempt to distance U.S. policy from this legacy, former Secretary of State John Kerry, during a speech delivered at the OAS in November 2013, declared that "The era of the Monroe Doctrine is over.... The relationship that we seek and that we have worked hard to foster is not about a United States declaration about how and when it will intervene in the affairs of other American States."

However, the Monroe Doctrine era is far from over. In his address to the 73rd UN General Assembly on 25 September 2018, President Trump reiterated that this Doctrine constitutes the "formal policy" of his country and made particular reference to the situation in Venezuela in that context. This was also expressly mentioned by then-National Security Adviser John Bolton in an interview earlier this year regarding Venezuela,

in which he declared that: “In this administration, we’re not afraid to use the phrase ‘Monroe Doctrine’. [Venezuela] is a country in our hemisphere; it’s been the objective of presidents going back to Ronald Reagan to have a completely democratic hemisphere.”

As expected, the claims of a “revitalized Monroe Doctrine” also made their way into Security Council debates. Several direct references can be found in the official records of its 8452nd meeting from last January. Needless to say, the agenda item during which it was raised was once again the situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

<https://www.justsecurity.org/67644/the-specter-of-interventionism-is-haunting-latin-america/>

One thing that is profoundly satisfying for those who detest freedom, is that the ICC has been conned into an investigation of Venezuela.

<https://www.icc-cpi.int/venezuela>

In countries that are being victimized by American government financed, orchestrated, and professionally driven “color revolutions,” the Court must take into account this is not a simply popular rebellion, but a foreign driven attack upon its’ sovereignty. For anecdotal evidence see:

Barring Politics from the Courtroom: The State Versus the Venezuela Embassy Protectors | Black Agenda Report  
<https://blackagendareport.com/barring-politics-courtroom-state-versus-venezuela-embassy-protectors>

In all fairness to the Court, and the idealist youth in Venezuela, Syria, Libya, in fact everywhere, police should be trained in non-violent responses to violent attacks (as the Hong Kong police obviously have been). However, in countries where the police have not received that training (Venezuela) that training should be made available. It should be China doing police training, not the USA.

The Thick Blue Line: How the United States Became the World’s Police Force, Patrick Blanchfield, 18 Dec 2019

After World War II, the United States found itself in a delicate position: ostensibly committed to a global agenda of liberty and human rights, but also materially and ideologically vulnerable to leftist and communist insurgencies in the decolonizing nations of Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Africa. “The United States could not fight a hot war against all of these everyday people who took up the mantle of revolution,” Schrader writes. “But its security thinkers tried mightily to figure out how to stymie these efforts.” One form these efforts took was the creation of a world order of “uncompromising police, professionally trained and equipped on a US model.”

Since the Truman administration, an alphabet soup of government programs, initiatives, and presidential commissions, their names deliberately innocuous and similar-sounding, have channeled funds, matériel, and know-how to friendly police departments around the world. Schrader focuses on the most significant of these programs, the Office of Public Safety (OPS), created in 1962 as part of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Though it cost a fraction of what directly deploying American forces did, the OPS's impact was outsize. Along with similar organizations, it disbursed millions of dollars in guns, riot-control gear, radios, uniforms, and office supplies in more than fifty countries across the Global South. Throughout Latin America, Southeast Asia, and Africa, US specialists provided "technical assistance" in building crime labs and prisons, and helped local police develop surveillance and interrogation squads. American police veterans were embedded as "Public Safety Advisors" within national gendarmeries and frontline counter-guerrilla squads, ostensibly in an advisory capacity, but on occasion killing people themselves. Foreign police were flown stateside to attend conferences and pursue degrees in specially created academic programs taught in multiple languages. Some even trained hands-on with American police, walking beats in US cities that were gingerly selected to minimize racial friction.

American officials portrayed US-sanctioned police in the decolonizing world—from South Vietnam to Indonesia to Nicaragua to Turkey—as essential to maintaining international order, and cast political dissidents as criminals who needed to be stopped. As Schrader observes, this was a savvy, calculated move: Protests against state brutality or American intervention could now be dismissed as "subversion," and police crackdowns on dissidents defended as "law and order." The rhetoric of police aid was always technocratic, draped in a language of neutrality, experimentation, and flexibility. American specialists would train local authorities who could become trainers themselves, and thereby better adapt and tailor American lessons to "conditions on the ground."

But as Schrader shows, the reassuring rhetoric of technocratic development was a convenient shield. The emphasis on "experiments" inoculated the US from responsibility for what its proxies actually did with what they learned and the tools they were given. In countries from Nicaragua to Indonesia, US-trained police preserved the interest of local elites by repressing dissidents—or simply murdering them. In Guatemala, John Longan, an Oklahoma cop who had risen to become chief of US Public Safety Assistance for Latin America, organized an urban counterinsurgency unit that launched what it called Operación Limpieza ("Operation Cleanup") in 1966. Paramilitaries went on a

months-long spree of “disappearing” peasant and worker organizers, arresting and torturing them before dumping their bodies in the ocean. When the bodies washed ashore, Longan was blasé, claiming that the massacre was the type of thing that “just happened.” US-trained Guatemalan forces would be implicated in up to forty thousand more disappearances during the country's long civil war, which itself left some two hundred thousand people dead, and hundreds of thousands more tortured and subjected to systematic rape.

“Occupied territory is occupied territory,” wrote James Baldwin of 1960s Harlem. He argued that America’s police, like its troops across the world, enforced a particular social order—one marked by the rhetoric of democracy and free markets but defined by racialized violence. Baldwin’s unflinching assessment of the transnational character of America’s counterinsurgency programs is supported by Schrader’s analysis: As *Badges Without Borders* shows, the OPS’s “experiments” did not just impose order abroad. They also helped consolidate new forms of social control at home. Two key features of today’s police—SWAT teams and the use of tear gas as “riot control”—both drew upon lessons from foreign “experiments.”

<https://blackagenda.com/thick-blue-line-how-united-states-became-worlds-police-force>

It should be recalled that the rebellion that brought down Libya’s government and led to the torture/rape (with an iron rod) and murder of its sovereign leader Muammar Gaddafi was a US funded, orchestrated Color Revolution. US financed color revolutions are examples of real terrorism.

In all fairness to the police and government of Venezuela, one needs to ask the voting members of the ICC how many times they themselves have been physically attacked by someone with intent to maim and kill? In such cases the attackers are vulnerable to injury and even their own deaths.

The ICC currently has an open case in Venezuela, however the court document posted on the ICC site makes no mention of American funding and training of the leaders of that “color revolution.”

The following is posted on the ICC Internet site:

Focus: Alleged crimes committed since at least April 2017, in the context of demonstrations and related political unrest.

Jurisdiction – General status

Venezuela deposited its instrument of ratification of the Rome Statute on 7 June 2000. The ICC may therefore exercise its jurisdiction over Rome Statute crimes committed on the territory of Venezuela or by its nationals from 1 July 2002 onwards.

Procedural history and focus of the preliminary examination

The preliminary examination of the situation in Venezuela was announced on 8 February 2018. It will analyse crimes allegedly committed in this State Party since at least April 2017, in the context of demonstrations and related political unrest.

In particular, it has been alleged that State security forces frequently used excessive force to disperse and put down demonstrations, and arrested and detained thousands of actual or perceived members of the opposition, a number of whom would have been allegedly subjected to serious abuse and ill-treatment in detention. **It has also been reported that some groups of protestors resorted to violent means, resulting in some members of security forces being injured or killed.**

On 27 September 2018, the Office received a referral from a group of States Parties to the Rome Statute (the "Statute"), namely the Argentine Republic, Canada, the Republic of Colombia, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Paraguay and the Republic of Peru (the "referring States"), regarding the situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela ("Venezuela") since 12 February 2014. Pursuant to article 14 of the Statute of the International Criminal Court ("ICC" or the "Court"), the referring States request the Prosecutor to initiate an investigation on crimes against humanity allegedly committed in the territory of Venezuela since 12 February 2014, with the view to determining whether one or more persons should be charged with the commission of such crimes. On 28 September, the Presidency assigned the situation in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to Pre-Trial Chamber I.

<https://www.icc-cpi.int/venezuela> (Bold text added by this author)

For an article presenting a vastly more complete and detailed report on events in Venezuela, see:

<https://blackagendareport.com/open-letter-congressional-black-caucus-uss-attacks-venezuela-and-cuba>

For some background on America's previous attempts to overthrow the government of Venezuela, see:

Two SOA (School of the Americas) graduates, Venezuelan Army Commander in Chief Efraim Vasquez and Gen. Ramirez Poveda, were involved in the failed 2002 coup against President Hugo Chávez. According to SOA Watch, Otto Reich, then-assistant secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs, was "appointed as a WHINSEC board of visitor member to 'oversee' democracy and human rights curriculum, as well as operations at the school." Reich was also deeply involved in the planning of the coup against Chávez.

In 1999, Bolivian Captain Filiman Rodriguez had been found responsible for the kidnapping and torture of Waldo Albarracin, director of the Bolivian Popular Assembly of Human Rights. In 2002, Rodriguez was accepted for a 49-week officer training course at WHINSEC.

<https://www.mintpressnews.com/the-school-of-the-americas-is-still-exporting-death-squads/204655/>

And...

Venezuela says it has 'proof' of Colombian aid to terrorists, will appeal to UN, 1 Sep, 2019

"Caracas accused its neighbor, Colombia of harboring training camps for militants plotting attacks on Venezuela, saying it has just thwarted a high-profile act of sabotage targeting the country's police force.

"Venezuelan Communications Minister Jorge Rodríguez appeared on state TV to show what he said are satellite images of three paramilitary camps located inside Colombia. These facilities are used to train as many as 200 militants while the Colombian president does nothing to crack down on them, Rodríguez claimed.

"How many innocent deaths do you need, Ivan Duque?" he said. "We are sure you won't do anything, because you are complicit with these terrorists."

<https://www.rt.com/news/467731-venezuela-un-colombia-terrorism/>

And let's see, was Columbia one of the referring Venezuela to the ICC? Oh yes it was.

How to explain the American attack on Venezuela? Just say the word "Socialist" and/or "Communist" and all "real" Americans are supposed to stand up straight, salute, and ask: "Where can I go kill some, Sir?"

Venezuelan Embassy in DC Under Siege by Guaido's Racist Mob, by Lauren Smith, 08 May 2019

Emboldened by Trump's aggressions against Venezuela, fascist followers of the treasonous Juan Guaido have threatened and assaulted US activists safeguarding the property in Washington.

"Their taunts are misogynistic, homophobic and racist."

United States activists stand with President Maduro and the people of Venezuela in resistance to Washington's attempts at regime change. Departing Venezuelan diplomats, ordered out of the country on April 15th by the Trump administration, gave the keys to its Washington DC embassy to activists, now called the Embassy Protection Collective (EPC), along with permission to remain until a permanent protectorate can be

found. President Nicolas Maduro has extended his support to the lawful occupants which consist of veterans, senior citizens and students, and are members of CODEPINK , Popular Resistance.org , People’s Dispatch and the ANSWER Coalition .

<https://blackagenda.com/venezuelan-embassy-dc-under-siege-guaidos-racist-mob>

Reality’s dawning on US media that Venezuela coup failed & Maduro’s stronger – what next, ask Russia to ‘ease him out’?

<https://www.rt.com/news/475434-venezuela-maduro-wsj-media/>

US to help ‘legitimate Latin American govts’ to PREVENT protests from ‘morphing into riots’ – Pompeo 2 Dec, 2019

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has said that the US will help "legitimate governments" in Latin America in order to prevent protests from "morphing into riots."

Pompeo made the comments while delivering remarks at the University of Louisville on Monday.

He declared that US policy in Latin America is based on “moral and strategic clarity,” meaning Washington “cannot tolerate” regimes it deems unsatisfactory in the region.

Pompeo said that protests in Bolivia, Chile, Colombia and Ecuador reflect the "character of legitimate democratic governments and democratic expression" and that governments in the region should respect that.

<https://www.rt.com/news/474852-us-help-prevent-protests-america/>

Chile and Columbia are both on former CIA director Pompeo’s list of “approved” democracies, and both were referring Rome Statute referring countries against the government of Venezuela, as was Canada, which is one of the CIA’s “Five-Eye” countries...

Five Eyes Countries 2019

A group of nations has joined with the United States to form what is known as the Five Eyes, also known simply as FVEY. This is an intelligence cooperative in the areas of military intelligence, human intelligence, and signals intelligence.

<http://worldpopulationreview.com/countries/five-eyes-countries/>

“Restoring democracy” was also the narrative accompanying the US attempts – so far, unsuccessful – to install in power in Venezuela an unelected opposition politician polling in single digits. Those of you with longer memories may also remember that the October 2000 events in Serbia also involved an unpopular opposition leader of a coalition forced

together by US diplomats. They were also painted as a spontaneous, grassroots protests – until it was over, and the media felt free to reveal the role of CIA and National Endowment for Democracy (NED) operatives and their “suitcases of cash.”

Four years later, the Guardian was confident enough to declare in a headline that it was a “US campaign behind the turmoil in Kiev,” describing the ‘Orange Revolution’ in Ukraine.

“The operation – engineering democracy through the ballot box and civil disobedience – is now so slick that the methods have matured into a template for winning other people's elections,” wrote Ian Traynor, even noting that it was developed and pioneered four years prior in Belgrade.

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/473269-bolivia-evo-morales-color-revolution/>

And the referral to the ICC regarding Venezuela is looking more and more like a CIA operation the deeper one looks...

Sanctions against Venezuela began with President Obama in 2015; however, the most crippling and deadly have been ordered since by Trump.

In January 2019 Trump tightened the noose with sanctions intended to prevent Venezuela’s government-owned oil industry from exporting oil to the U.S. and the rest of the world. The goal being to strangle the economy, given 90% of Venezuela’s exports is crude oil. These sanctions also froze billions of dollars of overseas Venezuelan assets, including gold reserves that the government could have sold to stabilize the economy.

In August Trump expanded existing sanctions, prohibiting any American economic transactions with Venezuela and threatening economic sanctions against any foreign company doing business with Venezuela.

The sadistic logic of these sanctions is clear: Put pressure on the target government by ripping apart the social and economic fabric of the country. Make people suffer increasingly until the country plunges into chaos, until as some point you can step in and force your choice of government on that country.

Adding fuel to this inferno, National Security Adviser John Bolton recently sabotaged ongoing talks between President Maduro and the opposition mediated by the government of Norway.

The almost laughable statement – that Venezuela is causing a “national emergency” and is an “unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security of the United States – has justified every executive order issued against Venezuela by Presidents Obama and Trump.

What possible threat could Venezuela (and Cuba, for decades) pose? Being socialist governments? Lifting their poorest out of abject poverty while we accelerate economic inequality? Housing the homeless better than we do? Achieving higher literacy rates in the case of both countries and longer life expectancy, in the case of socialist Cuba, than we have?

Our real national security threat is the erosion of democracy and morality within our borders when we cage refugee children from Central America, terrorizing them and violating their human rights. We have a history of undermining and overturning democratically elected governments (Iran in 1953, Chile in 1973, Guatemala in 1954, El Salvador in 1960, Honduras in 2009, to name a few). Yet we hypocritically demonize other governments for endangering our national security.

As we starve those poorer, brown and black-skinned Venezuelans who continue to support their current government, another vital sign of our political degradation is that both parties Republican and Democrat, with few low-voiced exceptions, support this war by another name.

Recall the Monroe Doctrine of 1823 from grade school history? President James Monroe proclaimed that European nations could not colonize nor otherwise interfere in North and South American countries. Ironically, since 1890, the U.S. has intervened in Latin American elections, civil wars and revolutions at least 56 times, according to historian and author Mark Becker, to bolster US corporate interests and to eliminate democratically elected governments and leftist movements.

How true that we have met the enemy and he is us.

<https://www.commondreams.org/views/2019/08/25/economic-sanctions-war-another-name>

The Dirty Hand of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) in Venezuela

By Eva Golinger

Global Research, January 28, 2019

Anti-government protests in Venezuela that seek regime change have been led by several individuals and organizations with close ties to the US government. Leopoldo Lopez and Maria Corina Machado— two of the public leaders behind the violent protests that started in February – have long histories as collaborators, grantees and agents of Washington. The National Endowment for Democracy “NED” and the US Agency for International Development (USAID) have channeled multi-million-dollar funding to Lopez’s political parties Primero Justicia and Voluntad Popular, and Machado’s NGO Sumate and her electoral campaigns.

These Washington agencies have also filtered more than \$14 million to opposition groups in Venezuela between 2013 and 2014, including funding for their political campaigns in 2013 and for the current anti-government protests in 2014. This continues the pattern of financing from the US government to anti-Chavez groups in Venezuela since 2001, when millions of dollars were given to organizations from so-called “civil society” to execute a coup d’etat against President Chavez in April 2002. After their failure days later, USAID opened an Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI) in Caracas to, together with the NED, inject more than \$100 million in efforts to undermine the Chavez government and reinforce the opposition during the following 8 years.

At the beginning of 2011, after being publicly exposed for its grave violations of Venezuelan law and sovereignty, the OTI closed its doors in Venezuela and USAID operations were transferred to its offices in the US. The flow of money to anti-government groups didn’t stop, despite the enactment by Venezuela’s National Assembly of the Law of Political Sovereignty and National Self-Determination at the end of 2010, which outright prohibits foreign funding of political groups in the country. US agencies and the Venezuelan groups that receive their money continue to violate the law with impunity. In the Obama Administration’s Foreign Operations Budgets, between \$5-6 million have been included to fund opposition groups in Venezuela through USAID since 2012.

The NED, a “foundation” created by Congress in 1983 to essentially do the CIA’s work overtly, has been one of the principal financiers of destabilization in Venezuela throughout the Chavez administration and now against President Maduro. According to NED’s 2013 annual report, the agency channeled more than \$2.3 million to Venezuelan opposition groups and projects. Within that figure, \$1,787,300 went directly to anti-government groups within Venezuela, while another \$590,000 was distributed to regional organizations that work with and fund the Venezuelan opposition. More than \$300,000 was directed towards efforts to develop a new generation of youth leaders to oppose Maduro’s government politically.

One of the groups funded by NED to specifically work with youth is FORMA, an organization led by Cesar Briceño and tied to Venezuelan banker Oscar Garcia Mendoza. Garcia Mendoza runs the Banco Venezolano de Credito, a Venezuelan bank that has served as the filter for the flow of dollars from NED and USAID to opposition groups in Venezuela, including Sumate, CEDICE, Sin Mordaza, Observatorio Venezolano de Prisiones and FORMA, amongst others.

Another significant part of NED funds in Venezuela from 2013-2014 was given to groups and initiatives that work in media and run the campaign

to discredit the government of President Maduro. Some of the more active media organizations outwardly opposed to Maduro and receiving NED funds include Espacio Publico, Instituto Prensa y Sociedad (IPYS), Sin Mordaza and GALLI. Throughout the past year, an unprecedented media war has been waged against the Venezuelan government and President Maduro directly, which has intensified during the past few months of protests.

In direct violation of Venezuelan law, NED also funded the opposition coalition, the Democratic Unity Table (MUD), via the US International Republican Institute (IRI), with \$100,000 to “share lessons learned with [anti-government groups] in Nicaragua, Argentina and Bolivia...and allow for the adaption of the Venezuelan experience in these countries”. Regarding this initiative, the NED 2013 annual report specifically states its aim: “To develop the ability of political and civil society actors from Nicaragua, Argentina and Bolivia to work on national, issue-based agendas for their respective countries using lessons learned and best practices from successful Venezuelan counterparts. The Institute will facilitate an exchange of experiences between the Venezuelan Democratic Unity Roundtable and counterparts in Bolivia, Nicaragua and Argentina. IRI will bring these actors together through a series of tailored activities that will allow for the adaptation of the Venezuelan experience in these countries.”

IRI has helped to build right-wing opposition parties Primero Justicia and Voluntad Popular, and has worked with the anti-government coalition in Venezuela since before the 2002 coup d’etat against Chavez. In fact, IRI’s president at that time, George Folsom, outwardly applauded the coup and celebrated IRI’s role in a press release claiming,

“The Institute has served as a bridge between the nation’s political parties and all civil society groups to help Venezuelans forge a new democratic future...”

Detailed in a report published by the Spanish institute FRIDE in 2010, international agencies that fund the Venezuelan opposition violate currency control laws in order to get their dollars to the recipients. Also confirmed in the FRIDE report was the fact that the majority of international agencies, with the exception of the European Commission, are bringing in foreign money and changing it on the black market, in clear violation of Venezuelan law. In some cases, as the FRIDE analysis reports, the agencies open bank accounts abroad for the Venezuelan groups or they bring them the money in hard cash. The US Embassy in Caracas could also use the diplomatic pouch to bring large quantities of unaccounted dollars and euros into the country that are later handed over illegally to anti-government groups in Venezuela.

What is clear is that the US government continues to feed efforts to destabilize Venezuela in clear violation of law. Stronger legal measures and enforcement may be necessary to ensure the sovereignty and defense of Venezuela's democracy.

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/the-dirty-hand-of-the-national-endowment-for-democracy-ned-in-venezuela/5666727>

According to NED's own website, it appears they have a straightforward payoff scheme that could be easily used as a method to hire revolutionaries to attack any government that is not democratic. The devil, as they say, is in the details which are not likely to be published on their website. But, the US Dollar payoff amounts are.

<https://www.ned.org/region/latin-america-and-caribbean/venezuela-2018/>

For its critics, however, the controversy is a clear-cut example of what they say is a longstanding tradition of meddling in the political affairs of other nations.

In an article published in October 2003, US Representative Ron Paul, a Texas Republican, wrote that NED had damaged US standing in the world.

"The National Endowment for Democracy, by meddling in the elections and internal politics of foreign countries, does more harm to the United States than good," Paul wrote. "It creates resentment and ill-will toward the United States among millions abroad."

Paul cited a 2002 statement made by George Folsom, president of the International Republican Institute, which was viewed by many as an endorsement of a short-lived coup in Venezuela against President Chavez.

<https://venezuelanalysis.com/analysis/491>

If the ICC is going to investigate the Venezuelan government, it appears they should put at least equal resources into investigating NED's violations of Article 2.4 of the UN Charter. Throwing stones (make false accusations) at the victims of CIA driven attacks (the Venezuelan government) is not a way to promote peace between nations.

**ICC failure to adequately investigate the funding sources of the Color Revolution against Libyan leader Muammar al-Gaddafi, and subsequent lack of legal efforts to prosecute the real instigators of the illegal attacks on Libya's United Nations, Turkey and Qatar supported transitional government GNA by renegade commander Khalifa Haftar supported by President Trump, Russia, UAE, Saudi Arabia, their Sudanese mercenaries, Egypt and France**

When there's blood in the water, the sharks will gather.

There are a lot of very strange things going on in Libya, even by the CIA's usual hallucinogenic and sociopathically extreme standards. Describing it as bizarre would be an understatement. The US is using a questionable phalanx of allies as a front militarily attacking a UN supported government and the death toll rapidly mounts, but nobody is counting the bodies.

First on the long list of strange things is that Russian President Putin is on the side of the aggressors along with UAE, Saudi Arabia (and their Sudanese mercenaries), Egypt and France. This is odd to say the least. One might wonder if President Putin made a back-room deal with President Trump: "Side with us on Libya and we'll give your friend Bashir in Syria a pass," or something to that effect. On the bright side, perhaps President Putin can talk some sense into his demented allies in this conflict and put an end to it. That would be nice.

It might be surprising to any student of international law studying events in Libya that the ICC did not attempt to charge Hillary Clinton and/or the CIA with a war crime for the murder of former Libyan leader Muammar al-Gaddafi, given that Hillary Clinton appeared to confess to that murder on public television, and that confession is available on YouTube for anyone to see (see link below). But that would be laughingly naive.

Deposing and murdering sovereign leaders is just normal behavior for the CIA given its long bloody history wrapped securely in its culture of absolute impunity. Murdering the President of South Vietnam, an American ally was just one of a long string of political assassinations and so murdering Muammar al-Gaddafi was hardly the first or last such event.

Note to the CIA: Be Careful Who You Assassinate, By Jeff Stein On 10/21/13

<https://www.newsweek.com/lesson-death-ngo-dinh-diem-597>

The documentary record is replete with evidence that President Kennedy and his advisers, both individually and collectively, had a considerable role in the coup overall, by giving initial support to Saigon military officers uncertain what the U.S. response might be, by withdrawing U.S. aid from Diem himself, and by publicly pressuring the Saigon government in a way that made clear to South Vietnamese that Diem was isolated from his American ally. In addition, at several of his meetings (Documents 7, 19, 22) Kennedy had CIA briefings and led discussions based on the estimated balance between pro- and anti-coup forces in Saigon that leave no doubt the United States had a detailed interest in the outcome of a coup against Ngo Dinh Diem. The CIA also provided \$42,000 in immediate support money to the plotters the morning of the coup, carried by Lucien Conein, an act prefigured in administration planning Document 17).

<https://nsarchive2.gwu.edu/NSAEBB/NSAEBB101/index.htm>

In the wake of the American backed assassination of South Vietnamese President Diem:

On December 4, 1981, President Ronald Reagan issued Executive Order 12333 on "United States Intelligence Activities." Section 2.11 of the order

provides: "Prohibition on Assassination. No person employed by or acting on behalf of the United States Government shall engage in, or conspire to engage in, assassination." Section 2.12 of the order prohibits indirect participation in activities prohibited by the order, stating: "Indirect participation. No agency of the Intelligence Community shall participate in or request any person to undertake activities forbidden by this Order." E.O. 12333 is still in force

<https://fas.org/irp/crs/RS21037.pdf>

But maybe Secretary of State Hillary Clinton was too busy to read that, or perhaps there's another TOP SECRET version that allows for exceptions when it comes to the assassination of Muslim heads of state. It's impossible to know. However, the culture of impunity within the American intelligence and political community is notorious world-wide. Thus, the murder of Libyan leader Muammar al-Gaddafi as the direct result of an American funded coup should not be a surprise; neither should the ICC's failure to attempt a prosecution.

It might come as a surprise to some that the ICC is attempting to prosecute:

- Mohamed Khaled al-Tuhamy, head of al-Gaddafi's Internal Security Agency, and
- Col. Gaddafi's son

...given that any evidence against them is highly suspect, as it's likely coming from perpetrators in an illegal CIA operation.

The ICC also has an investigation into possible war crimes by:

- Libyan National Army Commander al-Werfalli – an American ally working under Khalifa Haftar

The Libyan National Army (LNA) was under the command of Khalifa Haftar when he was nominated to that role on 2 March 2015 by the US House of Representatives. At the beginning of the Second Libyan Civil War, the army was split between Khalifa Haftar's "anti-terrorist" faction, which acted largely independently, and Abdulsalam al-Obaidi's "legalist" faction which relied on orders from political authorities.

The following is from the International Criminal Court (ICC)

On July 4, a second arrest warrant was issued at the International Criminal Court (ICC) against LNA Commander al-Werfalli. Al-Werfalli's whereabouts were unknown at time of writing.

The ICC unsealed in April 2017 an arrest warrant that it had issued in 2013 for Mohamed Khaled al-Tuhamy, who, under ousted Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, headed the Internal Security Agency, for serious

crimes committed during the 2011 uprising. His whereabouts were unknown at time of writing.

Saif al-Islam Gaddafi, a son of former Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi, who was sentenced to death in absentia by a Libyan court in 2015, continued to be subject to an ICC arrest warrant to face charges of crimes against humanity. Gaddafi's current whereabouts cannot be confirmed; independent international observers have not seen or heard from him since 2014.

In her November update to the Security Council, ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda responded to a challenge brought by Saif al-Islam Gaddafi disputing the admissibility of his case in front of the ICC and affirmed that he should be arrested and surrendered to the court.

<https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2019/country-chapters/libya>

There are no attempts at creating an cumulative death toll in this conflict. Only a few very fragmented casualty lists are to be found, in every case collected over very short periods of time. However somewhere between 100,000 and 500,000 persons killed would be a reasonable estimate if one includes deaths from torture, hunger and medical neglect in refugee camps. Why is nobody even attempting to count?

How to summarize this?

Muammar al-Gaddafi – a socialist that tried to sell oil without using petro-dollars, was tortured and murdered on October 20, 2011 causing a civil war. Then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton certainly appeared to confess to the murder on public television and laughed uproariously about it.

"We can, we saw, he died," Hillary Clinton said, before uproarious laughter. The talk show host then asked: "Did it have anything to do with your visit?" Hillary Clinton answered: "No, um, I'm sure I did," followed by more laughter. That video clip looks and sounds like a confession to the murder of former internationally recognized Libyan leader Muammar Ghaddafi by then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlz3-OzcExI>

Former Libyan internationally recognized sovereign leader Muammar Ghaddafi was sodomized with a bayonet prior to his murder, if NYT is to be believed.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/28/us/politics/libya-isis-hillary-clinton.html>

Hillary Clinton in 2011 was the principal foreign affairs advisor to President Obama.

But torture is one of the *sine qua non* hallmark features of the CIA at work.

<http://www.intelligence.senate.gov/study2014/sscistudy1.pdf>

<https://www.intelligence.senate.gov/sites/default/files/documents/CRPT-113srpt288.pdf>

It appears President Trump selected CIA Director Gina Haspel not in spite of her record of overseeing torture, but because of it.

No one is mentioning any investigation into the color revolution that led to the murder of Muammar Ghaddafi, however al-Gaddafi's intelligence chief and son are sought for war crimes, as is an opposition US supported Libyan National Army (LNA) commander.

In the simplest terms, following the murder of a socialist sovereign leader in the wake of a US supported color revolution, a proxy war has been going on for eight years killing perhaps as many as half a million people and that proxy war continues to expand. The American side in the south of Libya has most of the oil wealth in Libya (rather like in Sudan, and the oil in the north of Syria, and the Lithium in Bolivia, etc.), while the UN is supporting the government in the north. Almost all the casualties are Muslim. No one is counting the casualties.

The US may not have ratified the Rome Statute however is a signatory to the UN Charter. The UN may not be able to extradite American presidents, CIA directors or Secretaries of State from within the United States, however when they are on the territories of nations that did sign the Rome Statute, they could or should be vulnerable to such extradition.

Shadow Government

Trump's Support for Haftar Won't Help Libya

The United States should be working to help negotiate peace rather than fanning the flames of another failed war.

By Philip H. Gordon, Andrew Miller, April 24, 2019

With most of Washington focused on special counsel Robert Mueller's long-awaited report last week, U.S. President Donald Trump made a little-noticed but potentially consequential foreign-policy move: He placed a phone call to the retired Libyan general—and self-declared field marshal—Khalifa Haftar.

According to the White House, the purpose of the call was to recognize Haftar's "significant role in fighting terrorism and securing Libya's oil resources," and the two leaders "discussed a shared vision for Libya's transition to a stable, democratic political system." During the conversation, Trump backed Haftar's military assault on Libya's capital city of Tripoli, U.S. officials told Bloomberg. The campaign has escalated in recent days, with multiple airstrikes and ground attacks, leading so far to over 250 deaths and more than 1,000 wounded, including numerous civilians and children...

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2019/04/24/trumps-support-for-haftar-wont-help-libya/>

That phone call from President Trump to renegade commander Khalifa Haftar constitutes evidence of interference in the domestic affairs of another nation, and a war crime.

It also raises many questions. Given that President Trump is not known for his deep involvement with North African countries and issues, who specifically on his staff or in his various departments and agencies recommended to him that that he should support Haftar?

On December 25<sup>th</sup> 2019...

Civilians killed as projectile blast hits Libya's Tripoli

Forces loyal to Khalifa Haftar blamed for blast that killed four people and injured six others at a vegetable market.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/12/civilians-killed-projectile-blast-hits-libya-tripoli-191225013611779.html>

It was civilians that were killed. This is proof of a foreign supported war crime.

Further along the long line of strange things involved in the CIA coordinated Libyan war is the following

Erdogan announces plan to send troops to Libya

Turkish PM to seek his parliament's support in January following Tripoli-based govt's request for military backing

27 Dec 2019

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has announced military backing for Libya's internationally recognized Government of National Accord (GNA), now that the north African country requested it.

In a speech in Ankara on Thursday, Erdogan said on January 7 he will present a bill to the Turkish Parliament on deployment legislation.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/12/erdogan-announces-plan-send-troops-libya-191226090214331.html>

Getting Turkey's President Erdogan involved in the complex negotiations in the Libyan civil war was probably wise given he tends to score higher on most measures of wisdom than other actors in this ultimately tragic series of events.

Defining and Assessing Wisdom: A Review of the Literature

Katherine J. Bangen, Ph.D., Thomas W. Meeks, M.D., and Dilip V. Jeste, M.D.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3896261/>

Neurobiology of wisdom: a literature overview, Arch Gen Psychiatry. 2009 Apr; 66(4): 355-65

DATA SYNTHESIS:

Functional neuroimaging permits exploration of neural correlates of complex psychological attributes such as those proposed to comprise wisdom. The prefrontal cortex figures prominently in several wisdom subcomponents (eg, emotional regulation, decision making, value relativism), primarily via top-down regulation of limbic and striatal regions. The lateral prefrontal cortex facilitates calculated, reason-based decision making, whereas the medial prefrontal cortex is implicated in emotional valence and prosocial attitudes/behaviors. Reward neurocircuitry (ventral striatum, nucleus accumbens) also appears important for promoting prosocial attitudes/behaviors. Monoaminergic activity (especially dopaminergic and serotonergic), influenced by several genetic polymorphisms, is critical to certain subcomponents of wisdom such as emotional regulation (including impulse control), decision making, and prosocial behaviors.

#### CONCLUSIONS:

...Wisdom may involve optimal balance between functions of phylogenetically more primitive brain regions (limbic system) and newer ones (prefrontal cortex). Limitations of the putative model are stressed. It is hoped that this review will stimulate further research in characterization, assessment, neurobiology, and interventions related to wisdom.

Abstract available at: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19349305>

Simultaneous it is likely President Erdogan would really prefer to not get drawn into this highly volatile and unbalanced conflict. With proactive support of the UN General Assembly, and the ICC, he may be able to negotiate a peaceful solution. Dividing the country, such as happened in Sudan, might be viewed as a failure however given the combined military weight of those challenging the internationally recognized government in Libya, and willing to openly violate international law, there may be no alternative. Winning the peace may be the best solution whatever the economic costs. Will the ICC ever prosecute the belligerents in this massive crime against humanity? Do the perpetrators they think they can hide in their numbers from the law, and judgements of history? Many questions remain to be answered.

One very frightening possibility that President Erdogan must have considered is as follows. Could the UN have suckered him into an intractable lose-lose scenario in Libya given the CIA's previous attempts to destroy him? The CIA certainly gave at minimum tacit approval for the Fethullah Gülen led coup attempt in Turkey in 2016 which could easily have ended with another political assassination of a sovereign leader, President Erdogan. Could the "glimmers of hope" – promises to investigate war crimes and crimes against humanity in Afghanistan and Palestine simply be ruses to get President Erdogan to believe that the UN is capable of beginning to live up to its mandate but with the real intent being to lure his military into a death trap?

The list of questions is endless. Would Presidents Putin and Trump betray President Erdogan?

Given that President Trump appeared to enter the office of the Presidency with the intent to end some “endless wars” and “drain the swamp,” did he really naively believe that the CIA would allow this? Does he naively believe he has any control over the CIA whatsoever?

Does anyone (beside corporate shareholders, western intelligence officials and the western corporate controlled media) trust the UN even a little?

“Haftar’s fighters have failed to reach the center of Tripoli but have made small gains in recent weeks in some southern suburbs of the capital with the help of Russian and Sudanese fighters, as well as drones shipped by the UAE, diplomats say.

“U.S. President Donald Trump on Thursday held a telephone call with Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, the White House said, in which the two leaders “rejected foreign exploitation” regarding Libya.

“The leaders ... agreed that parties must take urgent steps to resolve the conflict before Libyans lose control to foreign actors,” the White House said. Egypt reportedly supported Haftar’s forces, while Washington has called all sides to de-escalate and warned over rising Russian involvement.”

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-turkey-libya-erdogan/erdogan-says-turkey-will-send-troops-to-libya-idUSKBN1YU0EZ>

The whole American supported Haftar led war against the UN backed government in Libya is a huge shining example of a foreign attempt at exploitation. Perhaps Langley just wants to send a message to the UN: “Don’t try this again.”

“Washington.” It’s a whole sentence unto itself, yet the above article perhaps lacks a bit of specificity. Are they referring to President Trump, “agency insiders,” or some “confidential sources?” Warnings about “Russian involvement,” are always good to bloat already hyper-bloated “Defense Department” spending while the people of the US fall further and further behind in all measures of development.

Based on President Trump’s own in-depth study of the effectiveness of torture watching Fox television series “24” and upon the advice of his most trusted and objective advisor Jared Kushner, is any plan to slowly torture and destroy anyone especially Muslims beyond him?

Has President Trump sunk to the level of the (fictional but rather realistic) mad King Denethor, using the ICC Prosecutor as a cutout to destroy his “friend” President Erdogan? Or was he always a sadistic madman? Could President Trump’s talk about putting an end to endless wars and draining the swamp leading up to the 2016 election simply have been convenient lies to get into the White House?

Anyone who ever watched President Trump’s TV show The Apprentice knows full well he has a propensity for sadism, as he appeared to enjoy humiliating and degrading those contestants whose business decisions differed from his. Likewise, his honesty and sense of responsibility as a citizen leaves much to be desired.

Even as of November 2019 President Trump has continued to refuse to turn over his tax records.

Trump asks Supreme Court to block another subpoena for his tax returns  
— this one is from Congress Fri, Nov 15 2019

<https://www.cnn.com/2019/11/15/trump-asks-supreme-court-to-block-tax-return-subpoena-from-house.html>

Donald Trump says torture 'absolutely works' in first major interview as President

In 2015 the Senate voted overwhelmingly to ban all forms of torture in the US

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/donald-trump-abc-news-interview-president-torture-works-a7546616.html>

Does torture work? Donald Trump and the CIA by Mary Lowth

“President Trump says that ‘torture works.’ His office has released a draft order stating an intention to make ‘modifications and additions’ to the policies the US employs for the ‘... safe, lawful, and effective interrogation of enemy combatants captured in the fight against radical Islamism’.

“This not only worries human rights groups, but it also suggests that he has taken no account of the US Senate Select Committee on Intelligence’s Study of the CIA’s detention and interrogation activity from 2001–2009,4 on which he must surely have been briefed. This report concluded (as did the CIA) that torturing prisoners was not an effective means of obtaining intelligence or cooperation. It describes Orwellian ‘enhanced interrogation’ techniques including slapping, walling, stress positioning, cramped confinement, sleep deprivation, confinement with insects, waterboarding, sexual humiliation, forcible high-volume IV injections, extreme temperatures, and the rectal infusion of puréed food. These methods have since been defined as torture by the European Court of Human Rights.<sup>5</sup>

“Interrogation by torture relies on an assumption that fear, stress, and pain ‘break’ suspects into delivering useful information. It’s a view replayed in film and TV, where torture is a chilling plot device driving dramatic revelation of truth, and where the end justifies the means. Yet, aside from the overpowering moral, ethical, and legal arguments against it, does torture work?”

[British Journal of General Practitioners, 2017 Mar; 67\(656\): 126. doi: 10.3399/bjgp17X689701](https://doi.org/10.3399/bjgp17X689701)

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5325643/>

(The article by the way, concludes that torture does not work in regards to getting the truth from someone, thus implying President Trump is wrong.)

The UN backed government in Tripoli asking the president of Turkey for military help is a curious thing. Constantinople has always been a focus of forces, not unlike Jerusalem and the location of some of the most extreme hypocrisies by western nations in human history, e.g. the sack of Constantinople in 1204. It's also certainly true that a dying empire like the USA at this time is a desperate empire, and there are no hypocrisies too great for any dying empire to engage in. (In regards to references for this last statement, see quotes from Edward Gibbon's *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* at the end of this article.)

On the bright side, the Eastern Roman empire headquartered in Constantinople did last 900 years longer than the Western Roman Empire, though that was before western powers perfected the art of color revolutions.

In regards to current events in Libya there are many more questions than answers at this time. President Erdogan is going to need wisdom to navigate the murky bloody waters into which his military is going in Libya and negotiate some sort of peace for all parties concerned. It seems like a one-in-a-million proposition, but if anyone can do it would probably be President Erdogan. No doubt, President Putin could play a pivotal role on either side of the equation and fortunately he has a pretty good track record in the wisdom department as well (unlike some other leaders amongst the aggressors in this ongoing crime against humanity).

In any case the proxy war in Libya, initially caused by an American sponsored color revolution leading to the torture, rape, and assassination of the president Muammar Ghaddafi is a new benchmark in the history of evil exceeded only by the escalating US driven proxy war in Libya.

It is also true that when it comes to protecting Africans, Socialists/Communists and Muslims, the United Nations has an almost perfect record of failure. Attempts to prosecute the lackies and victims of the perpetrators rather than the real perpetrators that initiate most of the war crimes and crimes against humanity since the founding of the United Nations does not engender trust among the dispossessed. This is so easily proved. A list of the conflicts in the world today is a list of UN failures to proactively deter aggressors in conflict. Their "cherry picking of conflicts," and glacial slowness has done nothing but reinforce aggressors in wars world-wide.

Though perhaps not admissible as evidence in the prosecution of any Washington or Langley officials, Wall Street in New York was the location of the city's first slave market.

The Slave Market, located where Wall Street reached the East River, was established in 1711 as a place where enslaved blacks and Native Americans could be hired or purchased.

<http://maap.columbia.edu/place/22.html>

### **UN Inaction on illegal American attacks in Syria & ("alleged") theft of oil**

"The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights (SOHR), a monitoring group based in the UK, estimated the death toll since the start of the war to be as high as 511,000 as of March 2018. Years of relentless fighting left 6.6

million displaced internally and 5.6 million around the world, according to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).”

<https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2019/country-chapters/syria>

Providing financial and logistic support to known terrorist groups is a war crime.

US uses ISIS as ‘scarecrow’ to intimidate others, while secretly backing them, Syrian FM tells RT

25 Dec, 2019

“Despite claiming to fight jihadists in Syria, the Americans are gladly using them to further anti-Damascus policies and occasionally giving them a helping hand, the Syrian foreign minister told RT.

“‘The Americans are using ISIS as a scarecrow,’ Minister Walid Muallem said in an interview with RT Arabic. ‘At the same time, they are feeding ISIS, encourage them, protect ISIS leaders and help them move from one area to another.’

“The US policy is aimed at investing into terrorism.

“The Syrian government has long accused the US of fueling groups of foreign Islamist fighters, even those bragging of committing atrocities in Syria, as long as they were willing to fight against the forces loyal to Damascus. Washington claimed its illegal deployment of troops in Syria was aimed at destroying IS, but even after the group was declared defeated the American boots remain on the ground.

“The latest public justification coming from the US is that oil in northeastern Syria needs to be “secured” from the defeated jihadists. In practice, the US denies the internationally recognized government of Syria of using the country’s national resources.”

<https://www.rt.com/news/476811-syria-minister-us-isis/>

<https://www.rt.com/news/475993-assad-us-lobby-syrian-oil/>

Though reports by Syrian Minister Walid Muallem do not constitute proof, there are supporting claims made by hundreds of others who have direct physical evidence and the proof needed to legally justify investigation of war crimes by the United States in Syria, for example:

Russian Defense Ministry Publishes Evidence of US Oil-Smuggling from Syria

Mon, Oct 28, 2019

“MOSCOW, October 26, 2019 – RIA Novosti – The Russian Ministry of Defense has published satellite intelligence images, showing American oil smuggling from Syria.

“According to the ministry, the photos confirm that “Syrian oil, both before and after the routing defeat of the Islamic State terrorists in land beyond the Euphrates river, under the reliable protection by US military servicemen, oil was actively being extracted and then the fuel trucks were massively being sent for processing outside of Syria.”

“Here, in a picture of the Daman oil gathering station (42 kilometers east of the Deir-ez-Zor province), taken on August 23, a large amount of trucks were spotted. “There were 90 automotive vehicles, including 23 fuel trucks,” the caption to the image said.

“As the official representative of the Defense Ministry Igor Konashenkov noted, the Americans are extracting oil in Syria with the help of equipment, bypassing their own sanctions.

“Igor Konashenkov: “Under the protection of American military servicemen and employees of American PMCs, fuel trucks from the oil fields of Eastern Syria are smuggling to other states. In the event of any attack on such a caravan, special operations forces and US military aircraft are immediately called in to protect it,” he said.”

<https://russia-insider.com/en/business/russian-defense-ministry-publishes-evidence-us-oil-smuggling-syria/ri27810>

“Crocodile tears? Hillary Clinton tweets that ‘sickening horror’ in Syria is ‘one man’s fault’ and gets reminded of her deeds.”

<https://www.rt.com/usa/470814-clinton-blames-trump-syria>

In the meantime:

Assad plans to sue the US over ‘stealing’ Syria’s oil

27 Dec, 2019

“Syria is looking into the possibility of filing an international lawsuit against the United States, due to the fact that they steal Syrian oil,” Bouthaina Shaaban, Syrian Presidential Adviser, told Beirut-based Al-Mayadeen TV in an interview, carried by Iran’s Fars news agency.

“After a surprise announcement of pulling the US troops out of Syria in October, US President Donald Trump said that the United States would protect Syrian oil fields from ISIS.”

<https://www.rt.com/business/476931-syria-assad-oil-lawsuit-us/>

US taking over from IS & Al-Nusra Front by seizing Syrian oil at behest of ‘money lobbies’ – Assad, 16 Dec, 2019

“Powerful lobbies are behind the US rush for Syria's natural resources, and the Americans are carrying on where Islamist groups left off by ‘stealing and selling’ them, President Bashar Assad has said.

“In October, Donald Trump made headlines by ordering all US troops out of Syria, leaving the devastated country to anyone who wants "to come in and fight." But weeks later he backtracked on that decision, bluntly stating that troops would remain to "protect" Syrian oil fields east of the Euphrates.

“In a comprehensive interview with China's Phoenix, Assad commented on Trump's swift transition from the mild non-interventionism that he championed before the troop withdrawal, to the outright oil-driven expansionism that resembled the 2003 Iraq War.

'Lobbies in charge of US policies'

“It's not the government in the classical sense that drives US endeavors in Syria but "the money lobbies, whether in the form of oil, weapons, banks, or others," Assad explained.

“American lobbies are ‘in charge of the policies’ of the country, which ‘is not governed by principles, but rather by the interests of those companies,’ he said.

“If they have an interest in occupying the oil wells, stealing and selling them one way or another, then this state and this regime will act in favor of these companies, regardless of international law and regardless of American law.

“The American regime relies significantly in its wars on private firms like Blackwater in Iraq and others. So, even if they had a few hundred American soldiers in Syria, they still also have thousands – maybe tens of thousands – of civilians working for such companies and fighting in Syria.

<https://www.rt.com/news/475993-assad-us-lobby-syrian-oil/>

'We are coming': Chilling Blackwater ad triggers fears of Trump seeking to privatize Mideast wars, 26 Dec, 2018

“Blackwater, the controversial US private security firm, has flagged its intent to resume business, taking out a full-page commercial in the latest edition of Recoil magazine with a chilling message declaring ‘We are coming.’

“The resurrection within the military contractors’ market of notorious Blackwater, which, after numerous scandals and several rebrandings, is now known as Academi, has analysts looking deeper into US intent to withdraw from the wars in the Middle East. The advertisement in Recoil,

made public after Defense Secretary Jim Mattis announced his resignation, prompted concerns that president Donald Trump might be seeking to privatize ongoing American engagements in Afghanistan and Syria, following the declared troops' withdrawal from the region.

“The main supporter of the idea of privatizing the US fighting in the Middle East has been Erik Prince, the former head of Blackwater. The longtime Republican sold the company in 2010 but has maintained communications with Trump, reportedly trying to lobby his inner circle to replace the US military presence in the region with mercenaries. Mattis, who served in the Persian Gulf War, Afghanistan and Iraq, firmly rejected the idea.

“Trump has basically fired the very people who told him that it would not work and not to do it.”

<https://www.rt.com/usa/447400-blackwater-returns-private-military/>

It may be difficult to find a country in the developing world in which the United States has not committed grievous war crimes and crimes against humanity.

#### **UN Inaction on US supported color revolution in Hong Kong**

“Hong Kong father of two ‘burned alive’ after chasing protesters at MTR station in grisly act of violence police classify as attempted murder

“Lee Chi-cheung, a 57-year-old father of two daughters, now fighting for his life in hospital with severe burns to nearly 30 per cent of his body

“Victim confronted group of protesters after they vandalized Ma On Shan station – but he was doused with flammable fluid and set alight”

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/law-and-crime/article/3037243/hong-kong-father-two-burned-alive-after-chasing>

Did the reader ever see a man maliciously set on fire by another?

<https://www.rt.com/news/473115-hong-kong-man-set-on-fire/>

U.S. pressure continues

“Despite China’s warnings of possible martial law, strict curfews and military intervention to restore order, protesters have shown no signs of retreat. The U.S. and Britain are determined to propel forward those hostile political forces they have cultivated over the past two decades.

“The escalating demonstrations are linked to the U.S. trade war, tariffs and military encirclement of China. Four hundred — half — of the 800 U.S. overseas military bases surround China. Aircraft carriers, destroyers,

nuclear submarines, jet aircraft, Terminal High Altitude Area Defense missile batteries, and satellite surveillance infrastructures are positioned in the South China Sea, close to Hong Kong. Media demonization is needed to justify and intensify this military presence.

“Encouraging the demonstrations goes hand-in-hand with international efforts to bar Huawei 5G technology, the cancelation of a joint study of cancer and the arrest of Chinese corporate officers. All these belligerent acts are designed to exert maximum pressure on China, divide the leadership, destabilize economic development and weaken China’s resolve to maintain any socialist planning.

“U.S., Britain built a network of collaborators

“When Britain and China signed the One Country, Two Systems agreement, all foreign intervention and colonial claims on Hong Kong were supposed to end. Full sovereignty was to return to China.

“However, U.S. and British efforts to undercut Hong Kong’s return began in advance of the signing. Just before the transfer of sovereignty, Britain hastily set up, after 150 years of appointed officials, a partially elected, although still mainly appointed, government. They quickly established and funded political parties, composed of their loyal collaborators.

“Millions of dollars were openly and secretly funneled into a whole network of protected social service organizations, political parties, media and social media, student and youth organizations, and labor unions established to undercut support for China and the Communist Party of China.

“The Hong Kong Confederation of Trade Unions receives U.S. National Endowment for Democracy (NED) funding, along with British support. It promotes “pro-democracy, independent unions” throughout China. The HKCTU was established in 1990 to counter and undercut the Hong Kong Federation of Trade Unions founded in 1948, which is still the largest union organization with 410,000 members.

“The HKFTU suffered years of brutal repression under British colonial rule as it fought for basic protection of workers’ rights. A strike organized by the HKFTU shook British colonial rule in 1967. The strike became a citywide rebellion sparked by mass layoffs of workers from the plastic flower factory. British colonial authorities harshly suppressed the uprising, resulting in 51 deaths and hundreds injured and disappeared. The HKFTU supports China and opposes the reactionary demonstrations.

NED funding = CIA support

“Allen Weinstein, a founder of the NED, told the Washington Post in 1991, “A lot of what we do today was done covertly 25 years ago by the CIA.” (Sept. 21, 1991) The NED funds, coordinates and weaponizes nongovernmental organizations and social organizations with the capacity to put tens of thousands of misdirected, idealistic and alienated youth on the streets.

“Funding from the NED, the Ford, Rockefeller, Soros and numerous other corporate foundations, christian churches of every denomination, and generous British funding, is behind this hostile, subversive network orchestrating the Hong Kong protests.

**“The NED bankrolls the Hong Kong Human Rights Movement, the Hong Kong Journalists Association, the Civic Party, Labor Party and Democratic Party. They are members of the Civil Human Rights Front that coordinates the demonstrations.**

“This role of the NED in China is increasingly harder to obscure. Alexander Rubinstein reported in “American Gov’t, NGOs Fuel and Fund Hong Kong Anti-Extradition Protests” (mintpressnews.com, June 13): “It is inconceivable that the organizers of the protests are unaware of the NED ties to some of its members.” (tinyurl.com/y6nhmapz)

“The goal is to promote a hostile and suspicious attitude toward China and toward communism and to foster the false concept of a past democratic Hong Kong with a distinct identity. China Daily warns:

“In recent years, there have been warnings that color revolutions are emerging as a new form of warfare employed by the West to destabilize certain countries.” (Aug. 12) (Bold text added by this author.)

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/money-behind-hong-kong-protests/5686679>

The western mainstream international news only presents video clips of groups of police when arresting suspects, never students throwing firebombs, destroying shops, or attacking innocent people who don’t want their city torn up and economy destroyed by a US funded “color revolution.”

American tax payers should not be paying for the CIA or the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) to cause riots in Hong Kong as well as “problems” in Tibet, China’s Northwest, and around the rest of China, Libya, Syria, Iran, Venezuela, Bolivia and dozens of other countries. These are illegal by international law, violations of Article 2.4 of the UN Charter: Non-intervention - the prohibition of the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state. One can only wonder how the members of the UN General Assembly, Security Council, ICJ and ICC can sleep at night considering the number of crimes around the world they tacitly approve with their inactions.

<https://www.viewofchina.com/list-ned/>

Don't Kid Yourself, Hong Kong is a Straight-Up Color Revolution Stoked by West by Andre Vltchek

“Whenever Hong Kong protesters are destroying public property, there are no cameras of Western media outlets in sight. But when police decide to intervene, protecting their city, Western media crusaders emerge in full force.

“On September 15, 2019, huge US flags were waving in the air. A massive demonstration, consisting of mainly young people, was moving up from the old British-built downtown area of the city towards the US Consulate General, often erroneously called the “embassy.”

“‘But Hong Kong is China, isn’t it?’ I asked. ‘How could it be liberated from itself?’

“‘No! Hong Kong is Hong Kong!’ came a ready-made reply.

“Nearby, I spotted British Union Jack, with old colonial-era Hong Kong coat of arms.

“‘Do your friends realize how brutal, undemocratic and oppressive was British rule? Do they know in what misery many Hong Kong citizens had to live in that era? And about censorship, humiliation...?’

“‘No!’ They shouted at me, outraged. ‘It is all propaganda!’

“‘Whose propaganda?’ I wondered.

“‘The propaganda of Beijing!’

“A few blocks away, however, I witnessed monstrous vandalizing, of one of the entrances to the Central subway (MTR) station. Hooligans who call themselves ‘protesters’ were ruining public property, a transportation system used by millions of citizens every day.

“While they were at it, they also dismantled public metal railings that separate sidewalks from roadways. Metal bars from this railing were later utilized for further attacks against the city infrastructure, as well as against the police.

“Umbrellas in the hands of ‘protesters’ were covering the crime scene. Umbrellas similar to those used in 2014, during the previous, so-called ‘Umbrella Uprising.’

“No foreign reporters were in sight! This was not for the world. This was raw, real, and brutal.

“‘Don't film!’ covered mouths began shouting at me.

“I kept filming and photographing. I was not wearing any press jacket or helmet or Press insignia. I never do, anywhere in the world.

“They left me alone; too busy destroying the street. As they were dismantling public property, their backpacks, stuffed with portable players, were regurgitating the US national anthem...”

<https://russia-insider.com/en/politics/dont-kid-yourself-hong-kong-straight-color-revolution-stoked-west/ri27676>

**Hong Kong protesters tear-gassed after clashes with police** Story by Violet Law, 31 Aug 2019

“Thousands rally as police fire water cannon against petrol-bomb throwing demonstrators defying a police ban.”

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/08/hong-kong-protesters-defy-police-ban-rally-13th-weekend-190831051941857.html>

“Pro-Hong Kong rally in DC against ‘CHINAZI regime’ being sponsored with US govt-linked money, 11, September 2019

“A planned Washington DC protest in support of Hong Kong activists and promoting the ‘Chinazi’ flag is being sponsored by at least six organizations backed by the notoriously shady, US-funded National Endowment for Democracy (NED).”

<https://www.rt.com/usa/468606-chinazi-protest-hong-kong-ned/>

**Beijing accuses US lawmakers of ‘hegemonic thinking’ in their support for Hong Kong protesters**

Published time: 31 Aug, 2019

“China has denounced US lawmakers and officials for openly supporting the ongoing demonstrations in Hong Kong, describing their comments as hypocritical and motivated by Washington’s desire for global dominance.

“In a statement, Beijing said that it “deplores” remarks made by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Representative Jim McGovern (D-MA) and the White House, regarding the increasingly violent street protests in Hong Kong. The US lawmakers and officials demanded that Hong Kong’s government release individuals involved in the ongoing unrest, or face consequences.”

<https://www.rt.com/news/467694-hong-kong-us-lawmakers-hypocrisy/>

Threatening nations that incarcerate violent revolutionaries encouraged and funded by a foreign power is another violation of Article 2.4 of the UN Charter: Non-intervention - the prohibition of the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state.

Hong Kong police turn to water cannon as protesters hurl petrol bombs & bricks (PHOTO, VIDEO)

Published time: 31 Aug, 2019

<https://www.rt.com/news/467697-hong-kong-petrol-bombs-protesters/>

**Beijing: US ‘insanely involved in anti-Chinese criminal cases in Hong Kong’**

Published time: 15 Aug, 2019

<https://www.rt.com/news/466537-hong-kong-china-us-criminal-elements/>

“Prominent US senators back Hong Kong human rights and democracy act in wake of protest at city US consulate, by Robert Delaney, 11 September 2019

“‘The United States must make clear to China that its interference in Hong Kong’s affairs will have consequences,’ Rubio said. “This month we must pass the bicameral and bipartisan Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act.”

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/article/3026608/prominent-us-senators-back-hong-kong-human-rights-and-democracy-act>

Hong Kong is part of China. This is unambiguously one nation interfering in the domestic affairs of another, regardless of what Rubio said.

In Hong Kong, protesters say ‘thank you Donald Trump’

“Pro-democracy demonstrators express gratitude for US support in one of three separate anti-government rallies.”

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/12/hong-kong-protesters-donald-trump-191201081328129.html>

President Trump, the Congress and Senate are clearly violating Article 2.4 of the UN Charter: Non-intervention – the... political independence of any state

House backs 3 bills to support protests in Hong Kong

By Matthew Daly, October 16, 2019

<https://apnews.com/4d6d913d37ef44e4ad83dd4f32c14cf7>

That is three violations of international law by the US House of Representatives.

Fortunately, not all the international media is so enthralled with western hegemony in perpetuity:

Why the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 Must Be Opposed

by Kevin Zeese, Margaret Flowers and K.J.Noh 25 Sep 2019

“No other violent civil protest in recent memory — not in France (Yellow Vests), not in Spain (Catalan Independence), not in India (Kashmir), in Indonesia (Papua & West Papua), in the US (Standing Rock, Ferguson, Baltimore) --- has there been such extended restraint demonstrated by the forces of order against such extreme rioting and violence.

“It is inconceivable the US or any other country would have tolerated such massive violence and insurrection.’

“Over a period of 15 weeks of violent rioting, infrastructure attacks, road blockades and attacks, subway arson and sabotage, airport occupation, mass beatings of civilian bystanders, no protestors have been killed or suffered serious injury. However, bystanders and people criticizing the protestors have been violently attacked and seriously injured: they have been mobbed, assaulted, and beaten unconscious with pipes, baseball bats, sticks; attacked with caustic lye (drain cleaner), or in the case of police, burned with Molotov cocktails, and stabbed.”

<https://blackagendareport.com/why-hong-kong-human-rights-and-democracy-act-2019-must-be-opposed>

(The above article, like all references in this article deserves to be read in full. It meticulously goes through Hong Kong law and demonstrates that the Chinese government has upheld the law, while showing more restraint than any other government in world history when confronted by foreign manipulated and funded revolutionaries. If only some other nations had the police training they have in Hong Kong how differently things might have turned out in Libya and Syria for examples. Yet, the Hong Kong police get somewhere between little and no credit for their extreme restraint, from the international only absurdly unrepresentative photos and video clips carefully edited by western editors to make them look bad.)<sup>5</sup>

In regards to the CIA coordinated and National Endowment for Democracy (NED) funded violent revolution in Hong Kong also see:

<https://blackagendareport.com/human-rights-hypocrisy-critical-analysis-hong-kong-protests>

<https://blackagendareport.com/freedom-rider-protest-and-corporate-media>

November 25, 2019

“Sanctimonious US Senators Condemn Hong Kong Police Ignoring Far More Brutal US Cops” by Dave Lindorff

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<sup>5</sup> This writer was in Hong Kong in December 2019 and in the evenings watched “mainstream” international news on the TV. The contrast between the reality on the streets and the “news” coverage was shocking.

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2019/11/25/sanctimonious-us-senators-condemn-hong-kong-police-ignoring-far-more-brutal-us-cops/>

## **UN Inaction on US supported terrorist movement in Xinjiang**

“China detaining millions of Uyghurs? Serious problems with claims by US-backed NGO and far-right researcher ‘led by God’ against Beijing

“Claims that China has detained millions of Uyghur Muslims are based largely on two studies. A closer look at these papers reveals US government backing, absurdly shoddy methodologies, and a rapture-ready evangelical researcher named Adrian Zenz.

By Ajit Singh and Max Blumenthal

“The US House of Representatives passed the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act on December 3, legislation which calls for the Donald Trump administration to impose sanctions against China over allegations that Beijing has detained millions of Muslim-majority Uyghurs in the western region of Xinjiang.

“To drum up support for the sanctions bill, Western governments and media outlets have portrayed the People’s Republic as a human rights violator on par with Nazi Germany. Republican Rep. Chris Smith, for instance, denounced the Chinese government for what he called the “mass internment of millions on a scale not seen since the Holocaust,” in “modern-day concentration camps.”

“The claim that China has detained millions of ethnic Uyghurs in its Xinjiang region is repeated with increasing frequency, but little scrutiny is ever applied. Yet a closer look at the figure and how it was obtained reveals a serious deficiency in data.

“While this extraordinary claim is treated as unassailable in the West, it is, in fact, based on two highly dubious “studies.”

“The first, by the US government-backed Network of Chinese Human Rights Defenders, formed its estimate by interviewing a grand total of eight people.

“The second study relied on flimsy media reports and speculation. It was authored by Adrian Zenz, a far-right fundamentalist Christian who opposes homosexuality and gender equality, supports “scriptural spanking” of children, and believes he is “led by God” on a “mission” against China.

“As Washington ratchets up pressure on China, Zenz has been lifted out of obscurity and transformed almost overnight into a go-to pundit on Xinjiang. He has testified before Congress, providing commentary in

outlets from the Wall Street Journal to Democracy Now!, and delivering expert quotes in the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists' recent "China Cables" report. His Twitter bio notes that he is "moving across the Atlantic" from his native Germany.

"Before Grayzone editor Max Blumenthal questioned Zenz about his religious "mission," at a recent event about Xinjiang inside the US Capitol, he had received almost entirely uncritical promotion from Western media.

"The Network of Chinese Human Rights Defenders, which first popularized the "millions detained" figure, has also been able to operate without a hint of media scrutiny.

"Washington-backed NGO claims millions detained after interviewing eight people

"The 'millions detained' figure was first popularized by a Washington, DC-based NGO that is backed by the US government, the Network of Chinese Human Rights Defenders (CHRD).

"In a 2018 report submitted to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination – often misrepresented in Western media as a UN-authored report – CHRD "estimate[d] that roughly one million members of ethnic Uyghurs have been sent to 're-education' detention camps and roughly two million have been forced to attend 're-education' programs in Xinjiang." According to CHRD, this figure was 'based on interviews and limited data.'

"While CHRD states that it interviewed dozens of ethnic Uyghurs in the course of its study, their enormous estimate was ultimately based on interviews with exactly eight Uyghur individuals.

"Based on this absurdly small sample of research subjects in an area whose total population is 20 million, CHRD "extrapolated estimates" that 'at least 10% of villagers [...] are being detained in re-education detention camps, and 20% are being forced to attend day/evening re-education camps in the villages or townships, totaling 30% in both types of camps.'

"Applying these estimated rates to the entirety of Xinjiang, CHRD arrived at the figures submitted to the UN claiming that one million ethnic Uyghurs have been detained in "re-education detention camps" and two million more have been "forced to attend day/evening re-education sessions".

"Thanks to questionable sources like the CHRD, the United States government has accused China of "arbitrarily detaining 800,000 to possibly more than two million Uighurs, ethnic Kazakhs, and other

Muslims in internment camps designed to erase religious and ethnic identities.”

“Testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in 2018, State Department official Scott Busby stated this this “is the U.S. government assessment, backed by our intelligence community and open source reporting.”

“The Chinese government has rejected US allegations, and claims that it has in fact established “vocational education and training centers [...] to prevent the breeding and spread of terrorism and religious extremism.” The Chinese Foreign Ministry has stated that “there [are] no so-called ‘re-education camps’ in Xinjiang at all. The vocational education and training centers legally operated in Xinjiang aim to help a small number of people affected by terrorist and extremist ideologies and equip them with skills, so that they can be self-reliant and re-integrate into society.”

“In its mounting pressure campaign against China, the US is not only relying on CHRD for data; it is directly funding its operations. As Ben Norton and Ajit Singh previously reported for The Grayzone, CHRD receives significant financial support from Washington’s regime-change arm, the National Endowment for Democracy (NED).

“The NGO has spent years campaigning on behalf of extreme right-wing opposition figures who celebrate colonialism and call for the “Westernization” of China.

“‘Leading expert’ on Xinjiang relies on speculation and one questionable media report

“The second key source for claims that China has detained millions of Uyghur Muslims is Adrian Zenz. He is a senior fellow in China studies at the far-right Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, which was established by the US government in 1983.

“The Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation is an outgrowth of the National Captive Nations Committee, a group founded by Ukrainian nationalist Lev Dobriansky to lobby against any effort for detente with the Soviet Union. Its co-chairman, Yaroslav Stetsko, was a top leader of the fascist OUN-B militia that fought alongside Nazi Germany during its occupation of Ukraine in World War Two. Together, the two helped found the World Anti-Communist League that was described by journalist Joe Conason as ‘the organizational haven for neo-Nazis, fascists, and anti-Semitic extremists from two dozen countries...’”

<https://thegrayzone.com/2019/12/21/china-detaining-millions-uyghurs-problems-claims-us-ngo-researcher/>

The full report on the above link is well worth reading.

China's Uyghur Problem: The Recruitment of Uyghur Muslims to Join Al Qaeda, By F. William Engdahl, Global Research, October 06, 2018

The 'Uyghur Problem'

"...The true state of affairs in China's Xinjiang Province regarding Uyghurs is not possible to independently verify, whether such camps exist and if so who is there and under what conditions. What is known, however, is the fact that NATO intelligence agencies, including that of Turkey and of the US, along with Saudi Arabia, have been involved in recruiting and deploying thousands of Chinese Uyghur Muslims to join Al Qaeda and other terror groups in Syria in recent years. This side of the equation warrants a closer look, the side omitted by Reuters or UN Ambassador Haley.

"According to Syrian media cited in Voltaire.net, there are presently an estimated 18,000 ethnic Uyghurs in Syria most concentrated in a village on the Turkish border to Syria. Since 2013 such Uyghur soldiers have gone from combat alongside Al Qaeda in Syria and returned to China's Xinjiang where they have carried out various terrorist acts. This is the tip of a nasty NATO-linked project to plant the seeds of terror and unrest in China. Xinjiang is a lynchpin of China's Belt Road Initiative, the crossroads of strategic oil and gas pipelines from Kazakhstan, Russia and a prime target of CIA intrigue since decades.

"Since at least 2011 at the start of the NATO war against Bashar al Assad's Syria, Turkey had played a key role in facilitating the flow of Chinese Uyghur people to become Jihadists in Syria. I deliberately use "had" tense to give benefit of the doubt if it still is the case today or if it has become an embarrassment for Erdogan and Turkish intelligence. In any case it seems that thousands of Uyghurs are holed up in Syria, most around Idlib, the reported last outpost of anti-regime terrorists.

Washington and ETIM

"In an excellent analysis of China's Uyghur terror history, Steven Sahiounie, a Syrian journalist with 21st Century Wire, notes that a key organization behind the radicalization of Chinese Uyghur youth is the East Turkestan Islamic Movement (ETIM) and its political front, the Turkestan Islamic Party (TIP), which is also known as "Katibat Turkistani." He cites a speech in Istanbul in 1995 by Turkey's Erdogan, then Mayor, who declared, "Eastern Turkestan is not only the home of the Turkic peoples but also the cradle of Turkic history, civilization and culture..." Eastern Turkestan is Xinjiang.

“ETIM today is headed by Anwar Yusuf Turani, self-proclaimed Prime Minister of a government in exile which notably is based in Washington DC. ETIM moved to Washington at a time the US State Department listed it as a terrorist organization, curiously enough. According to a report in a Turkish investigative magazine, Turk Pulse, Turani’s organization’s “activities for the government in exile are based on a report entitled ‘The Xinjiang Project.’ That was written by former senior CIA officer Graham E. Fuller in 1998 for the Rand Corporation and revised in 2003 under the title ‘The Xinjiang Problem.’”

“I have written extensively in my book, The Lost Hegemon, about career senior CIA operative Graham Fuller. Former Istanbul CIA station chief, Fuller was one of the architects of the Reagan-Bush Iran-Contra affair, and a prime CIA sponsor or handler of Gülen who facilitated Gülen’s USA exile. He was also by his own admission, in Istanbul the night of the failed 2016 coup. In 1999 during the end of the Russian Yelstin era, Fuller declared,

“The policy of guiding the evolution of Islam and of helping them against our adversaries worked marvelously well in Afghanistan against the Russians. The same doctrines can still be used to destabilize what remains of Russian power, and especially to counter the Chinese influence in Central Asia.”

“This is what the covert US weaponization of ETIM is aimed at. Like most radical Sunni Jihadist groups, Turani’s ETIM got funding as most radical Sunni Jihadist groups from Saudi Arabia.

“In the late 1990s, **Hasan Mahsum**, also known as Abu-Muhammad al-Turkestani, founder of the East Turkestan Islamic Movement, moved ETIM’s headquarters to Kabul, taking shelter under Taliban-controlled Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, ETIM leaders met with Osama bin Laden and other leaders of the CIA-trained Al Qaeda, the Taliban, and the Islamic Movement of Uzbekistan to coordinate actions across Central Asia. When the Pakistani military assassinated al-Turkestani in 2003 Turani became head of ETIM, and took his roadshow to Washington.

“In his own study of Xinjiang, the CIA’s Graham E. Fuller noted that Saudi Arabian groups had disseminated extremist Wahhabi religious literature and possibly small arms through sympathizers in Xinjiang, and that young Turkic Muslims had been recruited to study at madrasas in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Saudi Arabia. He adds that Uyghurs from Xinjiang also fought alongside Osama bin Laden’s Al Qaeda in Afghanistan in the 1980s.

Fuller noted,

“Uyghurs are indeed in touch with Muslim groups outside Xinjiang, some of them have been radicalized into broader jihadist politics in the process, a handful were earlier involved in guerrilla or terrorist training in Afghanistan, and some are in touch with international Muslim mujahideen struggling for Muslim causes of independence worldwide.”

“The January 2018 Pentagon National Defense Strategy policy document explicitly named China along with Russia as main strategic “threats” to continued US supremacy. It states, “Inter-state strategic competition, not terrorism, is now the primary concern in US national security.”

“Explicitly, and this is new, the Pentagon paper does not cite a military threat but an economic one. It states, “China and Russia are now undermining the international order from within the system by exploiting its benefits while simultaneously undercutting its principles and ‘rules of the road.’” The escalating trade war against China, threats of sanctions over allegations of Uyghur detention camps in Xinjiang, threats of sanctions if China buys Russian defense equipment, all is aimed at disruption of the sole emerging threat to a Washington global order, one that is not based on freedom or justice but rather on fear and tyranny. How China’s authorities are trying to deal with this full assault is another issue. The context of events in Xinjiang however needs to be made clear. The West and especially Washington is engaged in full-scale irregular war against the stability of China.”

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/chinas-uyghur-problem-the-recruitment-of-uyghur-muslims-to-join-al-qaeda/5656293>

Graham Fuller, Anwar Yusuf Turani & Hasan Mahsum, should be subpoenaed by the ICC. If they haven’t been, why not?

The strange thing is, “Inter-state strategic competition” is just a spin phrase on “free-market” trade. Yes, nations trade, however it doesn’t have to be a lose-lose scenario or even a competition. Socialism isn’t about competition really, capitalism is. Win-win scenarios are possible when people cooperate in a complimentary fashion. There doesn’t have to be “losers” in the international marketplace. Good business is mutually beneficial. Cut-throat business is bad business.

Xinjiang-related US bill "imperialistic interference": Turkish party head, Xinhua, Dec 17 2019

“The Xinjiang-related bill passed by the U.S. House of Representatives is a flagrant intervention in China's domestic affairs and violates international law and ethics,’ Dogu Perincek, chairman of Turkey's Patriotic Party, has said.

“We condemn this, we protest it,’ said Perincek, calling the U.S. bill ‘imperialistic interference,’ in an interview with Xinhua.

“On Dec. 3, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the so-called “Uygur Human Rights Policy Act of 2019,” maliciously attacking the human rights conditions in Xinjiang and slandering China's de-radicalization and anti-terrorism efforts.”

“China has expressed strong indignation over and firm opposition to the passage of the bill.

“The passage of the bill does not reflect reality on the ground given the high quality of living of ethnic minorities in China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, noted Perincek.”

<http://enapp.globaltimes.cn/#/article/1173818>

Another example of widespread disregard of Article 2.4 of the UN Charter: Non-intervention - the prohibition of the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, by the US taxpayer supported CIA of the USA, while the UN General Assembly, Security Council and International Criminal Court do nothing.

#### **UN Inaction in US Interference in the domestic affairs of Tibet**

It began decades ago.

“When the CIA secretly funded and trained Tibetan exiles for insurgency against Chinese rule

“Part of an experimental Berlin Film Festival programme, exhibition Shadow Circus documents unlikely alliance between exiled Tibetans and the CIA

“It expands upon a 1998 documentary in which Tibetans tell how they were chosen by the CIA, and US spy agency officers explain rationale for supporting them, by Clarence Tsui, 26 Feb, 2019

“Running until March 10 at the Savvy Contemporary gallery in a crematorium turned cultural complex on the northern edge of Berlin, the exhibition is an expansion of The Shadow Circus: The CIA in Tibet, a BBC documentary directed by Indian-based Tibetan filmmaker Tenzing Soram and his partner Ritu Sarin in 1998.

“In the film, which is showing on a loop as part of the exhibition, former combatants – among them Tenzing’s late father, Lhamo Tsering – talk about leaving India for the United States to receive training in a high-altitude camp in the state of Colorado. Having not even seen a car before, these men learned the basics of guerilla warfare, and even did airborne drills to prepare for potential parachuting missions into Tibet.

“We see a letter from the Dalai Lama to the president of the US [Dwight Eisenhower] no one has known existed. There was information of the aid they were giving the resistance, the detailed CIA reports, where you can see the figures – how many dollars they are giving the resistance or the Dalai Lama. That allows us to delve even more into that operation.’

“Tenzing says the bulk of the additional material being shown at the exhibition came from people heavily involved in the operation. There were interviews he could not fit into the hour-long documentary back in 1998, and also artefacts drawn from his late father’s possessions and documents.”

<https://www.scmp.com/lifestyle/arts-culture/article/2187558/when-cia-secretly-funded-and-trained-tibetan-exiles>

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/j.ctvdtpj98>

<https://www.chicagotribune.com/news/ct-xpm-1997-01-26-9701270002-story.html>

<https://www.historynet.com/cias-secret-war-in-tibet.htm>

<https://caamedia.org/shadowcircus/rev2.html>

Though Project Shadow Circus may have officially ended, the interference in Tibet’s domestic affairs continues via the Dalai Lama’s statements praising self-immolations

China accuses Dalai Lama of Nazi policies, Sun 25 Mar 2012 AP

“China Tibet Online commentary claims exiled Buddhist leader supports self-immolations and racial segregation

“The Chinese commentary called the Dalai Lama a "tricky liar skilled in double-dealing" who wants to build a "Berlin Wall" of ethnic segregation and confrontation. "The remarks of the Dalai Lama remind us of the uncontrolled and cruel Nazi during the second world war ... How similar it is to the Holocaust committed by Hitler on the Jewish!" the commentary said in criticising the Dalai Lama's call for high levels of autonomy for Tibetan areas.

“It also said the Dalai Lama was controlled by the US and his relatives were working for the CIA. It added that the Dalai Lama, by praising the courage of those who died from self-immolations, left no doubt among his followers that one way for them to earn his prayers was for them to set themselves on fire.”

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2012/mar/25/china-accuses-dalai-lama-nazi>

In addition to the above there are Christian NGOs operating throughout China with hundreds of thousands and potentially millions of members that are directly or indirectly linked with CIA, living for the day they get the green light from Langley and follow in the footsteps of their dubious “heroes” in Hong Kong. Fortunately, there is a high probability the Chinese government knows who most of them are already and hopefully can find a way to steer them off into healthier directions before they engage in mass economic suicide like the “protesters” in Hong Kong.

Also see:

‘A saboteur of international order’: Beijing rebukes US over anti-China defense-spending law — RT World News

<https://www.rt.com/news/476871-china-us-international-saboteur/>

Nothing unfortunately would deter the CIA from giving that green light anyways, as making “martyrs” has been a CIA hallmark strategy going back to the Cold War as exemplified by the Czechoslovakian and Hungarian revolutions. In both cases the CIA promised support to the revolutionary movements, gave the “green light,” to go, and then abandoned them to rather unpleasant fates in failed revolutions. All in a day’s work for the folks at the CIA.

Archives Confirm False Hope Fed Hungary Revolt

By Jane Perlez, Sept. 28, 1996

“Newly released documents concerning Radio Free Europe broadcasts during the 1956 Hungarian uprising against the Soviets confirm what many Hungarians remembered and others suspected: that commentators encouraged the Hungarians to battle on in the false understanding that they would receive reinforcements from the West.

“The documents were among those made public this week at a conference on historians’ access to archives from the cold war era.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/1996/09/28/world/archives-confirm-false-hope-fed-hungary-revolt.html>

Over 2,500 Hungarians and 700 Soviet troops were killed in the conflict, and 200,000 Hungarians fled as refugees.

Another example of US disregard of Article 2.4 of the UN Charter: Non-intervention - the prohibition of the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, by the US taxpayer supported CIA of the USA, (and British MI6) while the UN General Assembly and Security Council did nothing. This was before the creation of the ICC, but still a violation of the UN Charter, and the UN “let it slide.”

## **The glacially slow speed with which the UN Security Council makes decisions and ICC begins investigations embolden belligerents**

One thing that has most UN critics and even casual observers doubtful regarding the integrity and reliability of ICC is the lengthy time lags between transparent violations of international law and the initiation of investigations by the Security Council and ICC such that there is no deterrence to lengthy *series* of crimes that are ongoing and clearly escalatory by design.

Turning a blind eye to ongoing egregious and escalating violations of international law is a tacit reinforcement of them, leading to the state of the world all people now confront, and the ramifications of which future generations, if there are to be any, will have to live.

The current economic strangulation of Venezuela, Iran, Cuba, China, and Turkey by the United States are clearly violations of international criminal law, which in the cases of Iran and Venezuela amount to crimes against humanity, yet, the western mainstream press and ICC are quiet on these issues, while ongoing escalatory harm is inflicted upon very large numbers of innocent people in all of those countries. Dogs by law in the USA are treated better than whole nations of people by US foreign policies.

Though most ICC observers with a moral conscience certainly welcome and are somewhat relieved by investigations into crimes committed in Palestine and Afghanistan however belated they may be, simultaneous investigations into escalatory crimes against Iran, China, Venezuela, Kashmir, Libya, Syria, Sudan and a number of other locations need immediate attention by the ICC as well. There is no prioritizing murders. All need to be investigated and prosecuted simultaneously.

Unfortunately, some of the worst human rights abuses by US operations are invited by American puppet leaders in nations in Africa and in those cases the ICC is unlikely to have any jurisdiction, in spite of the widely known fact that where AFRICOM goes, war crimes will be committed.

Exclusive: The U.S. has more military operations in Africa than the Middle East

“We are extremely lucky that there have not been more situations like Niger.”

“Africa has more named operations than any other theater, including CENTCOM [the command that oversees the Middle East],” Buldoc confirmed to VICE News. “But remains under-resourced for doing what it’s been directed to do.”

Secretive and sprawling

“In 2017, U.S. troops carried out an average of nearly 10 missions per day — 3,500 exercises, programs, and engagements for the year — across the African continent, according to Gen. Thomas Waldhauser, the AFRICOM commander.

“These efforts — carried out in at least 33 countries — range from capture-or-kill commando raids to more banal training missions. Americans are also gathering intelligence, involved in surveillance and reconnaissance missions carried out by drones, engaged in construction projects, and accompanying allies on tactical operations.

“There are also now 34 U.S. military outposts on the continent, concentrated in the north and west and the Horn of Africa, according to a recent report by The Intercept.”

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/a3my38/exclusive-the-us-has-more-military-operations-in-africa-than-the-middle-east](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/a3my38/exclusive-the-us-has-more-military-operations-in-africa-than-the-middle-east)

Niger by the way has some of the largest oil and uranium reserves in the world, yet ranked 189<sup>th</sup> out of 189 countries in terms of development on UNDP’s scale of development in 2018. So, it might not be terribly surprising if the people there, living in the world’s least developed country, were not too happy about their natural resources being extracted for pennies on the dollar by specifically the French, with American AFRICOM military backing. It is colonialism pure and simple.

French/American hegemony in Africa is simply too pervasive to be prosecutable in most cases it appears, though more than a few of those leaders have been or are being investigated by the ICC, raising the question: “Who is responsible, the puppet dictator, or the persons that guides and controls those dictators?” Too often it is the “trigger man” that gets prosecuted (e.g. African leaders, but also including other puppets like Manuel Noriega and Saddam Hussein), while those that manipulate and really control them (in Langley and DC) are never held accountable.

Does the ICC simply need a larger staff for legal research, or are these time lags something else?

Unfortunately, there are no answers to the many burning questions at this time, however the tiny glimmers of hope from investigations in Afghanistan and Palestine could represent a shift in priorities that could, just maybe allow the UN to start to make a real difference in the world.

The same may not be said of the UN Security Council. Evidence of this may be found on its calendar for December 2019 which appears rather relaxed considering the number of extreme conflicts ongoing in the world at this time (see Appendix 1, downloaded from, [https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sites/www.un.org.securitycouncil/files/programme\\_of\\_work.pdf](https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sites/www.un.org.securitycouncil/files/programme_of_work.pdf) December 25, 2019) It does not seem to be tackling any of the real issues of the day.

Justice delayed is justice denied when the missiles are ready to launch and the bombs are about to start falling, when one’s legs are crushed by the collapsed building one was inhabiting, while one waits to be rescued or slowly die of blood loss, suffocation and/or dehydration; or when one holds one’s dead baby in one’s arms for the last time before burial, and so on. Reforming the UN isn’t just some “nice idea” or candy-like topic up for discussion. It’s an absolute moral imperative, the only thing that can put an end to the infinite cruelties of never-ending colonialism which is slavery by another name, and the infinite variety of sadistic abuses of power that accompany it.

“The stench of the hold, while we were on the coast was so intolerably loathsome that it was dangerous to remain there for any time, and some of us had be permitted to stay on the deck for the fresh air, but now that the whole ship’s cargo was confined together, it became absolutely pestilential. The closeness of the place, and the heat of the climate, added to the number in the ship, which was so crowded that each had scarcely room to turn himself, almost suffocated us. This produced constant perspiration, so that the air soon became unfit for respiration, from a variety of loathsome smells and brought on a sickness among the slaves of which many died... this wretched situation was again aggravated by the galling of the chains, now became unsupportable, and the filth of the necessary tubs, into which the children often fell, and were almost suffocated. The shrieks of the women, and the groans of the dying, rendered the whole scene of horror almost inconceivable.

*The Fortunes of Africa, a 5000-Year history of Wealth, Greed and Endeavour*, Vol. 1, by Martin Meredith, 2014, Simon and Schuster & PublicAffairs(TM), pp. 96

This is the account of Olaudah Equiano of the crossing of the Atlantic upon a slave ship. How much worse would this account have been if one of the slaves wrote it? Infinitely worse.

Is it so different from the experiences of people in Libyan, DRC or a hundred or a thousand other refugee camps?

Torture, rape and murder: inside Tripoli’s refugee detention camps

“Men press anxious faces against the chicken-wire fence of Triq-al-Sikka migrant detention camp in downtown Tripoli as I enter. “Welcome to hell,” says a Moroccan man, without a smile.

“Triq-al-Sikka is home to 300 men penned into nightmare conditions. Several who are sick lie motionless on dirty mattresses in the yard, left to die or recover in their own time. Three of the six toilets are blocked with sewage, and for many detainees, escape is out of the question as they have no shoes.

“It wasn’t supposed to be this way. After reports of torture and abuse in detention centres, and wanting to stop the flow of people across the Mediterranean, the European Union has since 2016 poured more than £110m into improving conditions for migrants in Libya. But things are now worse than before.

“Among the inmates is Mohammed, from Ghana. In July, he survived an air strike on another centre, in Tajoura on the capital’s south-western outskirts, that killed 53 of his fellow migrants. After surviving on the streets, last month he got a place on a rickety smuggler boat heading for

Europe. But it was intercepted by the coastguard. Mohammed fell into the sea and was brought back to this camp...

“Triq-al-Sikka’s conditions are harsh, but other centres are worse. Inmates tell of camps where militias storm in at night, dragging migrants away to be ransomed back to their families. Tens of thousands of migrants are spread across this city, many sleeping in the streets.

“Since April, in a sharp escalation of the civil war, eastern warlord Khalifa Haftar has been trying to batter his way into the city in fighting that has left more than 1,000 dead and left tens of thousands of citizens homeless.

“Libya has known nothing but chaos since the 2011 revolution that overthrew Muammar Gaddafi. In 2014, a multi-sided civil war broke out.

“We have collected testimonies of torture, rape and murder in detention camps,” says Oxfam’s Paolo Pezzati. ‘The agreement the Italian government signed with Libya in February 2017 has allowed these untold violations...’

“The men risk being kidnapped and forced to fight by militias, the women risk being taken away and sexually abused.

“Female migrants, fearing rape, often sleep on the streets close to police stations, but this brings new danger...

“A common theme among migrants here is a crushing sense of being unwanted and of no value, seen even by aid agencies as an inconvenience. For now, migrants can only endure, with no end in sight for the war. Haftar and Tripoli’s defenders continue slugging it out along a front-line snaking through the southern suburbs and few diplomats expect a breakthrough at peace talks being hosted in Berlin later this month.”

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/nov/03/libya-migrants-tripoli-refugees-detention-camps>

This isn’t some history book. These are the 24/7/365 experiences today of people who suffer the endless hopeless miseries of hell because of the multi-century history of and ongoing colonialism by principally the USA, UK and France fully supported by the corporate profit-driven political corruption and military of and in the USA that has targeted the entire planet for eternal (“in perpetuity”) ruthless exploitation.

**II. Creation and implementation of conflict resolution strategy skills training curricula tailored for different levels of primary and secondary school students world-wide translated into the indigenous languages of the world**

## **There are almost always better solutions to conflicts than confrontation**

### **UN Peace Education Program - 1993**

“In 1993, when David Adams became a consultant for UNESCO, he was given responsibility for developing the concept of a culture of peace (1) and to lead specific culture of peace initiatives with all sectors of UNESCO in the years that follows. In his article, “Education for a Culture of Peace: The Culture of Peace News Network (CPNN) as a Case Study,” he continues the discussion of this historical development of the field of peace education by examining the recent paradigm shift that redefines peace by moving away from its dominant conception as the ‘absence of war’ to one of ‘creating a culture of peace.’ Furthermore, he illustrates beliefs and assumptions made by ‘cultures of war’ by identifying eight elements based on his research and their dialectic opposites that reflect foundations for ‘cultures of peace.’ These laid the groundwork for areas that UNESCO would focus its educational efforts in raising awareness and guidance in transforming cultures...”

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/17400201.2013.863824>

There is no doubt the work of David Adams was well-intentioned. However, unfortunately, very few people in the world ever heard of CPNN, and one might wonder if others besides children receiving aid from UNESCO might benefit from the curricula in a peace education program? “Of course,” the informed reader would naturally respond. “There is a plethora of academic literature on just this topic!” Thus, any objective scientist attempting to defragment and restructure current global trends leading to the imminent arrival of WWIII, is duty-bound to take a fast but close look at some of that literature.

### **Peace education and the rather curious focus on African people as the (nearly) sole beneficiaries of that education**

The top four articles touted on the *Journal of Peace Education*, Vol. 16, 2019 (current as of this writing) are:

1. The role of youth organizations in peacebuilding in the African Great Lakes Region: a rough transition from local and non-governmental to the national and governmental peacebuilding efforts in Burundi and eastern DRC
2. The concept of peace, conflict and conflict transformation in African religious philosophy

3. Examining learning in the course, “Inclusive Leadership for Sustainable Peace”

4. The role of education in peacebuilding: learner narratives from Rwanda

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/cjpe20/current>

In sum, three of those four articles are written to teach Africans about peacebuilding. Both the work of David Adams and 75% of the lead articles in the latest edition of *Journal of Peace Education*, seem to imply the victims of primarily Western driven war and aggression, economic and military, and specifically African people have an exceptional need for peace education, as compared to everyone else in the world, assumptions perhaps not so different from the highly selective work of the ICC that has prosecuted almost exclusively African leaders.

Are Africans somehow mysteriously really behind most or all of the wars in the world today such that they specifically should be chosen as the special needs’ cases for peace education and criminal prosecution? Is there an “anti- Wakanda” that no one ever heard of?

This seems highly unlikely and if anything the tendency to focus on Africa specifically as the fortunate beneficiary of western enlightenments regarding peace building is probably more a function of the fact that the colonial mentality inherent in the current structure of the UN and western academia doesn’t know what else to do with their fragmented theories of peace than dump them on Africa.

They certainly don’t want western children learning anything about peace building and conflict resolution strategies because war is and has been such darned good business for western Europe for the past 500 and the USA for its entire short history. Teaching peace-building skills across all schools in the US might have the effect of reducing the dichotomist mentality (us against them), colonizer spirit in American youth!

Crack open any reasonably objective book on African history and one finds Africa had many stunningly sophisticated societies (none of which has ever been adequately portrayed in a Hollywood movie) before the so-called “Scramble for Africa,” led by absolutely brutal European colonialists. Even the name “Scramble for Africa” is a misnomer. The word “scramble” means to move quickly usually in a competition, and in this context might have “race,” as a synonym, as if it were a sport. However, this is nothing less than a grotesque distortion of the European infinitely cruel and deceptive colonialization process in Africa.

“My masters, you see that world is tumbling about our ears. We and other people have been driven from our ancestral homes, our cattle seized, our brothers and sons killed, our wives and daughters ravished, our children starved. War has been forced upon us, tribe against tribe. We shall be eaten up one by one. Our fathers taught us *Khotso ke nala* – peace is prosperity – but today there is no peace, no prosperity! What are we to do? My masters, this is my word: Let us march! Let us take our wives and children and cattle, and go to seek some land where we may dwell in tranquility.”

By Sebetwane, a Kokeng leader, published in *The Fortunes of Africa, a 5000-Year history of Wealth, Greed and Endeavour*, Vol. 1, by Martin Meredith, 2014, Simon and Schuster & PublicAffairs(TM), pp. 168.

This appears to be a relatively objective book compared to most about history in Africa as it endlessly proves the ultimate depravity of the European colonizers.

Certainly, teaching African youth, teachers and community leaders about western abstract principles of peace is a very nice idea, however one might wonder if European and American youth, teachers and community leaders might not also benefit from such wonderful learning?

Certainly also, there appears to be an extreme need at this time in history to prioritize the sub-topics in peace education to optimally increase self and other awareness in people world-wide in regards to how they deal with large and small conflicts in life. This issue of conflict resolution may be and probably is penultimately important in a world poised on the edge of a global annihilation as measured by the current very high tensions at two nuclear flashpoints at this time, a topic discussed in more detail later in this article.

Simultaneously, it is undeniably true tribalism, nationalism and religious bigotry are spreading around the world like a contagious (but none-the-less profitable) disease (at least for the shareholders in weapons corporations) and violence almost invariably follows (along with stock dividends).

### **Proving “superiority” via creative mutually beneficial problem solving as compared to victory in conflict and war**

In the encounters between opposing sides in conflicts it would be far better if one side or the other can prove their “superiority” with creative mutually beneficial problem solving to disagreements as compared to reflexive confrontation or avoidance. Confrontation, avoidance, accommodation, compromise, and problem solving are the five primary conflict resolution strategies taught in most conflict resolution strategy training programs. The vast majority of people have a preference for one or two of those strategies which they implement reflexively, however training in 1) recognizing one’s own preferred conflict resolution strategies and 2) recognizing the primary conflict resolution strategies used by others, and then having a trained response to prefer and diplomatically encourage cooperative problem solving can dramatically reduce the initiation and escalation of conflicts.

It is possible leaders in developing countries have over the past 500 years learned it is far safer, easier and more profitable to simply accommodate (“give them everything they want!”) the desires of the colonial nations than confront, avoid, attempt compromises, or even dare to try mutually beneficial problem solving, which after-all could be viewed as confrontation by a colonial overlord who is following a preset format demanding total compliance (accommodation). Is it possible the failures in the structure of the United Nations are some of the long-term results of that kind of learning? Is it possible leaders of developing countries have heretofore failed to propose and implement UN structural reforms out of simple learned helplessness, possibly as the result of the terrorism colonial powers invariably utilized during the expansion of their empire’s colonies?

## **Teaching and idolizing conflict**

### **Exclusively revisionist histories are incubators of conflict promotion in education**

Most people recognize that schools teach reading, writing and arithmetic. A few will mention some version of that nation's history is also taught. Families, cultures and nations all have their own largely self-serving versions of history, all of which include records of conflicts, and in most cases resolutions to those conflicts. Most of those resolutions assert their own victories, (but not all) as people like to teach their children that they are "winners," whatever the actual facts may be. And so, historical revisionism is the norm, not the exception.

For example, most Americans think the USA won the War in Iraq. In fact, the initial success of the American invasion was only a first battle, and though the "allied forces" did hang former CIA friend and obedient servant Saddam Hussein, at this time Iraq is far closer to Iran than the United States, and its largest oil field is leased to China, not the USA. Thus, by several measures, the USA lost that war. In regards to the American war against the Taliban, the Taliban now control more than 50% of Afghanistan, and the USA is clearly losing that war also.

Most modern histories revolve around conflict and war; specifically, the perceived causes and results of those conflicts and wars. In most cases there are winners and losers, with the aggressors succeeding in attaining their goals, almost always territorial and/or the seizing of resources (including for example food, wives, and/or slaves and/or more recently geo-political strategic advantage and/or oil), or not.

The victims of those profit driven wars historically are taught and continue to teach their children about the failures of justice, and/or the "Will of God," a soothing balm with the benefit of reducing the probability of further slaughter of one's own family, tribe or nation.

Winners, whether in fact or only in self-serving histories swell with pride, while losers either reconfigure their losses into victory, and/or create strategies to regain their losses, or forgive and let it go for any of a variety of reasons, usually self-preservation, sometimes or usually reinforced by religious rationalizations.

In sum, children world-wide are taught reading, writing, arithmetic and histories that revolve around profit and loss associated primarily with conflicts and wars.

The majority of children are not taught about promoting peace (for example via optimal conflict resolution strategies), except perhaps as an extension of a religious philosophy, some of which are more peaceful than others either in the original mandates of those philosophies or in the interpretation of those original mandates by religious leaders later in history.

### **The food chain and the evolution of the neocortex**

In biology those species that favored extra aggression tended to survive better than those that didn't engage in aggression when necessary. None-the-less even very peaceful vegetarian lemurs and pandas for example can and will fight back when defending themselves and their families if escape is impossible. In nature it has usually been fight (or hide, as in camouflaged species) and win (survive), or fail to fight effectively and die. Some exceptions to the

evolutionary imperatives dictating primordial conflicts have obviously occurred, for example when humanities' ancestors first came down from the trees, they had to act cooperatively in regards to problem solving within tribes in order to survive a very wide array of new and different predators.

See for example: Coevolution of neocortical size, group size and language in humans, by R.I.M. Dunbar, Human Evolutionary Biology Research Group, Department of Anthropology, University College London, <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/behavioral-and-brain-sciences/article/mosaic-evolution-of-the-neocortex/6B85341271F2A78628440732FFA62CD1>

### **Competition and cooperation in education**

Unfortunately, it is entirely possible grade and test based educational institutional practices tend to demotivate students to work given the general principal that: Extrinsic motivation decreases intrinsic motivation,<sup>6</sup> especially in a competitive environment.<sup>7</sup> And thus any peace education program including and especially conflict resolution may best be cooperatively based in its transmission and practice.

Clive R Belfield & Henry M Levin, The Effects of Competition on Educational Outcomes: A Review of US Evidence, March 2002

Competition may deliver higher technical efficiency, but lower output efficiency, i.e. fail to produce the types of outcomes most valued by society (in deference to those outcomes valued by parents). Where preferences are more readily satisfied, parents may choose education that emphasizes private (individualistic) outcomes, at the expense of education that inculcates the social benefits of education (Manski, 1992). To emphasize, however, these are speculations.

### **Conclusion**

The above evidence shows reasonably consistent evidence of a link between competition (choice) and education quality. Increased competition and higher educational quality are positively correlated. To an economist, this conclusion is highly plausible. However, this simple summary fails to capture another important conclusion from the evidence: the effects of competition on educational outcomes appear substantively modest, between one-third and two-thirds of the estimates lack statistical significance, and the methods applied are often multivariate regressions. This conclusion too might be thought as equally plausible: after all, many factors determine the quality of education provision. Finally, it is the actual benefits – set against any additional induced costs – that must be used to justify specific approaches and policy proposals to generating greater educational productivity.

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<sup>6</sup> [https://selfdeterminationtheory.org/SDT/documents/1972\\_Deci\\_JPSP.pdf](https://selfdeterminationtheory.org/SDT/documents/1972_Deci_JPSP.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2742036/>

<https://www.tc.columbia.edu/ncspe/working-papers/OP35V2.pdf>

**Histories of law and religions, philosophies, diplomacy and medicine should be given at least equal weight to the histories of conflict and war**

Histories of law and religions, philosophies (including atheism, humanism, and nihilism), diplomacy and medicine should be given at least equal weight to what are largely self-serving revisionist histories of conflict and war in elementary, middle and high school history classes worldwide.

Collectively a broader range of history topics will give students the foundation support needed to understand and internalize conflict resolution skills.

This is a radical departure from what is currently taught in most history classes world-wide: confront, fight, kill and dominate. Current history classes world-wide primarily reinforce colonial perspectives on history and life: “Big fish eat the little fish, get used to it.”

As remarkable as it may seem to many, the earliest legal systems were inculcated within metaphysical/spiritual/religious systems, and to a large extent law and religion co-evolved.

Religions at the time of their origins 1) were established with a variety of philosophical and legal mandates, and 2) were all essentially communal, starting with small groups of followers led by a teacher or prophet. The primary functions of most (but not all) were to promote peaceful stability within and between communities.<sup>8</sup>

Law and religion did co-evolve, for example see:

THE CODE OF HAMMURABI (Translated by L. W. King)

PROLOGUE

When Anu the Sublime, King of the Anunaki, and Bel, the lord of Heaven and earth, who decreed the fate of the land, assigned to Marduk, the over-ruling son of Ea, God of righteousness, dominion over earthly man, and made him great among the Igigi, they called Babylon by his illustrious name, made it great on earth, and founded an everlasting kingdom in it,

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<sup>8</sup> Exceptions to the “propagation of stability between communities” tendency can be found in Hinduism and Judaism. For example, the sacred Hindu text the Gita consists of a long philosophical discussion between the warrior Arjuna and his charioteer Krishna, as to whether or not to proceed with a war. In the end, Arjuna decides to fulfill his kshatriya (warrior caste) duty to make war and kill. (For further analysis of this text and analysis see for example works by Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar.) Similarly, in the Hebrew Bible Joshua Chapter 6, the Lord orders Joshua to go to Jericho, kill everyone (utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, both young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword) except Rahab the harlot, “But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are holy unto the LORD; they shall come into the treasury of the LORD,” setting a precedent in Jewish history mitigating against peaceful stability between communities. (<https://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/pt0606.htm>) One need note here Hinduism and Judaism are much older than Buddhism, the Chinese Hundred Schools of Thought, Confucianism, etc., Christianity and Islam.

whose foundations are laid so solidly as those of heaven and earth; then Anu and Bel called by name me, Hammurabi, the exalted prince, who feared God, to bring about the rule of righteousness in the land, to destroy the wicked and the evil-doers; so that the strong should not harm the weak; so that I should rule over the black-headed people like Shamash, and enlighten the land, to further the well-being of mankind.<sup>9</sup>

<http://www.general-intelligence.com/library/hr.pdf> (Dated c. 1792 BCE to 1750 B.C.E. King Hammurabi united southern Mesopotamia, today's Iraq and Syria)

Religions and diplomacy also appear to have co-evolved almost certainly starting in Africa<sup>10</sup>, and later first recorded in history in the Sumerian, Hittite and Egyptian civilizations.

#### Treaties – Legal Basis

“In the domestic legal systems of the ancient near East, a contract between heads of household would bind their respective households. It is no accident that *rikiltu*, the term for “contract” in Akkadian, the international lingua franca of the Amarna Age, was used without discrimination for international treaties. A treaty between kings was simply a contract that would bind their “households” in the same way.

“In a domestic contract, it was often the practice to secure ancillary obligations by means of a promissory oath, for example, provisions against future revindication. The oath took the form of a curse that the speaker called down upon himself should he break his promise. In so doing, he invoked the name of the king or specific gods, who were expected to execute the curses.

“In some aspects, however, international treaties differed significantly from domestic contracts. Since kings were under the direct jurisdiction of the gods, treaty oaths were in the name of the gods alone.”

*Amarna Diplomacy – The Beginnings of International Relations*, Edited by Raymond Cohen and Raymond Westbrook, The John Hopkins University Press, 2000, pp. 36-37 (14<sup>th</sup> Century BCE)

As alternatives to biological “imperatives,” and neurologically hardwired needs to fight (confront) or run (avoid) to survive, modern humans have nicely summarized and organized many ancient and “rather useful” ways to resolve conflicts in secular contemporary packages that should be at the core of education needed to deprogram people from the dictates of those biologically driven and colonially reinforced exploitations.

PERIODS OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION EVOLUTION Since humans have always waged conflicts, humans have also always engaged in various

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<sup>9</sup> Hammurabi is reported to have received the laws directly from *Shamash* the sun god.

<sup>10</sup> For example, see: *The griot's craft: an essay on oral tradition and diplomacy* by Jan Jansen

ways to end them. Often, one side coercively imposes its will upon the other side, sometimes violently, and thus terminates a conflict. Within every society, however, many other ways of settling fights have long been practiced, including various forms of mediation or adjudication. Even between opposing societies, negotiations have been used throughout history to reach agreements regarding issues of contention between them. Contemporary CR differs in several ways from many traditional conflict resolution methods. The differences include the CR emphasis upon conflict processes that generate solutions yielding some mutual gains for the opposing sides. In addition, the contemporary CR approach builds on academic research and theorizing, as well as traditional and innovative practices. It tends to stress relying minimally, if at all, on violence in waging and settling conflicts. Finally, it tends to emphasize the role of external intermediaries in the ending of conflicts.

<https://www.maxwell.syr.edu/uploadedfiles/parcc/publications/2009%20evolution-conflictrresolution.pdf>

To promote real critical thinking all sides on issues deserve illumination

Critical thinking requires seeing any particular idea or thing from different perspectives, and thus for example including a secular analysis of religious behaviors may have utility.<sup>11</sup>

### **United Nations Peace Education Programs – A Brief Review**

In regards to the United Nations efforts to produce and teach peace education curricula thus far, there are a few other examples (besides CPNN referred to above) that deserve review.

There is something called “UNITAR, a relatively obscure acronym that stands for “United Nations Institute for Training and Research.” According to its mission statement UNITAR “provides innovative learning solutions to individuals, organizations and institutions to enhance global decision-making and support country-level action for shaping a better future.” It supposedly is teaching among other things conflict resolution skills. Unfortunately, virtually no one in the world ever heard of it; at best one person in a hundred million knows what this is and it obviously has failed given the large number of wars ongoing in the world today. Furthermore, this program is not intended for the world-wide youth, but rather:

“UNITAR was created in 1963 to train and equip young diplomats from newly-independent UN Member States with the knowledge and skills needed to navigate through the diplomatic environment.”

Other UN efforts to teach people about conflict resolution include:

Pomona College serves as the UNAI hub for peace and conflict resolution. Pomona College is a private, coeducational liberal arts college in Claremont, California, United States. It is an undergraduate four-year

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<sup>11</sup> <https://www2.psych.ubc.ca/~ara/Manuscripts/2016 Norenzayan cultural evolution.pdf>

institution, founded in 1887. Currently, the college enrolls approximately 1,663 undergraduates in a range of disciplines. The college's mission is to gather students, regardless of financial circumstances, into a small residential community that is strongly rooted in Southern California yet global in its orientation. In its 130 years of distinguished history, Pomona College has seen how assaults on peace have threatened the aspirations of mankind that education is intended to foster, and is expanding further research opportunities into peacebuilding.

<https://academicimpact.un.org/content/peace-and-conflict-resolution>

Unfortunately, at best one in million people in the world ever heard of this college or program.

And then there is this little gem:

Security Council, Unanimously Adopting Resolution 2250 (2015), Urges Member States to Increase Representation of Youth in Decision-Making at All Levels

Recognizing the threat to stability and development posed by the rise of radicalization among young people, the Security Council today urged Member States to consider ways to give youth a greater voice in decision-making at the local, national, regional and international levels.

Through the unanimous adoption of resolution 2250 (2015), which defined youth as persons aged 18 through 29, the Council also urged Member States to consider setting up mechanisms that would enable young people to participate meaningfully in peace processes and dispute resolution.

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2015/sc12149.doc.htm>

Unfortunately, again, virtually no one in the world ever heard of this, and one can wonder what forms of education prepared those students to engage meaningfully in a mock peace process?

Were students expected to re-invent the entire histories of law, diplomacy, religious and peace studies by themselves? This kind of exercise might possibly frustrate students that were not adequately prepared for it sufficiently such that at least some might have completely given up. Were perhaps some select students prepared and others not? This would be a fitting colonial way of embarrassing and frustrating those not selected for a bright future in the United Nations.

## **Timeline for preparing a UN Conflict Resolution Skills Training Program that can be utilized world-wide**

Putting together conflict resolution skills training curricula for Primary, Middle and High School students available in every major language in the world could be done in a year easily. Yet, the UN has failed apparently to even try to do this.<sup>12</sup>

### **Teaching conflict and war**

Simultaneously the mass media and huge games industries are teaching youth world-wide that war games are exciting, fun and potentially profitable. In the language of tennis: “Game, set, match.” War wins and peace loses.

Hong Kong protesters co-opt GTA for their riots, get owned by mainland gamers – if only it would all stay online, by Nebojsa Malic

The battle for Hong Kong has spilled over into virtual reality, after Western-backed protesters discovered they could use new Grand Theft Auto (GTA) features to act out their frustrations and fantasies. But two can play that game.

GTA V, an action-adventure game originally released in 2013, was updated last month with the Diamond Casino Heist expansion pack, which expanded options for character clothing. Within days, gamers were dressing up in gas masks and yellow safety helmets, the “Hong Kong hero” outfit worn by protesters in the autonomous Chinese city.

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/476784-hong-kong-protesters-gta/>

In addition to that dubious but perhaps entertaining education the education ministries and departments world-wide teach revisionist histories glorifying their own views of things, while totally ignoring the histories of diplomacy, law, religions and philosophies.

The United Nations does not appear to have tried to create a curriculum for worldwide teaching of peace studies in general or conflict resolution skills development in particular.

### **Are humans biologically programmed only for war and conflict?**

Some might argue that war and conflict are biologically ingrained in humans and there is no escaping them. However, there is another wide body of evidence suggesting that it requires environmental stimuli to awaken the ancient aggression circuits in humans:

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<sup>12</sup> This author was first introduced to the basic outline of Conflict Resolution Skills training via: <https://www.mooc-list.com/course/conflict-resolution-skills-coursera>. This author then went on to tailor that curriculum with other related curriculum such that he went on to teach his (very low level) high school EFL students these priceless skills in a cooperative, student-centered, entertaining and engaging manner. Preparing that curriculum required about 20 hours and it occupied about four hours of classroom time distributed over a two-week period.

“A growing body of evidence suggests that innate factors of behaviour (be they genetic or neurobiological) do not by themselves define behaviour and nor do acquired factors such as learning, cultural norms or worldviews. Both types of factor interact from the outset to shape a development process that mutually interacts to define beliefs or behaviour.”

Díaz J.L. (2010), The psychobiology of aggression and violence: bioethical implications, *Int Soc Sci J.* 61(200-201):233-45.

Abstract available at: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21898943>

A search on Google Scholar for an article on the psychobiology of peace revealed one article: Breastfeeding: Brain nutrients in brain development for human love and peace, by James W. Prescott, Ph.D. – Institute of Humanistic Science.  
<http://www.nocircmontagu.com/breastfeeding.pg>

Fortunately, UNICEF does recommend breast feeding. Unfortunately, breast feeding is not always possible and by itself isn't going to solve the problems of the radical increase of corporate and state, profit driven conflict and war in the world.

“One goes through school, college, medical school and one's internship learning little or nothing about goodness but a good deal about success.”

Ashley Montague

It might also be argued there is a biologically ingrained developmentally stage-related tendency towards the learning of cooperation,<sup>13</sup> however nothing is done in the schools to teach how to promote that, and the United Nations does not appear to have tried to teach peace studies in general and conflict resolution skills training in particular (much less rebalanced history curricula) on a world-wide basis.

Sections 2 & 3 in this article are written to suggest a moral imperative to restructure some of the decision-making processes within the United Nations (in a timely fashion, implying quickly, e.g. before the outbreak of WWII and the collapse of the world economy).

**III. Eliminate entirely the fifteen-member United Nations Security Council which functions primarily as a “backroom old boys club” tool of western hegemony**

Certainly, this will require amendments to the Statue of the International Court of Justice (e.g. Article 4), however both evolutionary biology and human history have endlessly proven that

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<sup>13</sup> Cooperative play is a stage related learned phenomenon. Ref: Parten's stages of play, Parten, M. B. (1929). *An Analysis of Social Participation, Leadership, and other Factors in Preschool Play Groups.* OCLC 29143846

(living) systems that fail to adapt to changing environments become extinct and thus these amendments are justified under the auspices of natural law.<sup>14</sup>

The Security Council of the United Nations acts as a filter and bottleneck that slows down and often or usually prevents attainment of the goals of the United Nations as stated in its Charter. The reasons for this are many.

First, fifteen people is too small a group to compose a “representative sample” of the world. Statisticians know that at minimum 30 “subjects” are required to constitute a sample large enough to make predictions about larger groups.

The first rule in algebra to solve a complex equation is to find common denominators and simplify the equation. The only way to simplify and ensure fairness in the United Nations is to eliminate the “Permanent Seats,” and Security Council altogether.

Second, it’s simply way too easy to manipulate fifteen, or at least a majority within a such a small group of people into anything.

#### One Nation, One Vote

There should be no elite within the United Nations. Fairness dictates one nation, one vote, provided that nation is not a belligerent in any wars in which case that nation should lose their voting privileges until such time as they learn better strategies for resolving conflicts than war.

Given that the majority of people of Africa, Asia and Latin America know all too well the USA, UK and France are behind most of the conflicts in the world at this time, a vote should be taken in the UN General Assembly to suspend their membership until a majority of the remaining General Assembly nations believe they deserve a vote.

#### Members of the UN Security Council

Who were the original five members of the UN Security Council? The US, UK, France, Russia and China. Four white guys and one token person of color, a Chinese. The wolves have been guarding the sheep for far too long.

Nowadays the UN Security Council is composed of 15 Members:

- Five permanent members: China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom, and the United States,

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<sup>14</sup> A large number of amendments need to be made to the Statue of the International Court of Justice as a great deal has changed in the world since 1945 when Charter of the United Nations appointed it to be the principal judicial organ of the Organization, for example, one nation colonizing another is not considered “civilized” (to which reference is made in Article 38 c) these days and given that fact it is at best highly dubious that the USA, UK and France and other nations that engage in such practices should have seats on the Security Council, ICJ, and ICC until after adjudication of their ongoing colonial practices and those practices have ceased. The current text of the Statue of the International Court of Justice is an anachronism preventing the attainment of its stated goals. It would be penultimately tragic to have to wait until after WWII to get around to making those amendments.

- and ten non-permanent members elected for two-year terms by the General Assembly (with end of term year): Belgium (2020), Côte d'Ivoire (2019), Dominican Republic (2020), Equatorial Guinea (2019), Germany (2020), Indonesia (2020), Kuwait (2019), Peru (2019), Poland (2019), South Africa (2020)

After the mysterious sudden death in April (2019) of the previous Ivorian ambassador to the UN, Bernard Tanoh-Boutchoué, a new delegate from the Ivory Coast was sent.

At UN, Ivorian PR Tanoh-Boutchoué Passes, After UNSC Shift on Syria, Sweden Trip, RIP

By Matthew Russell Lee

“UNITED NATIONS, April 18 – Ivorian Ambassador to the UN Bernard Tanoh-Boutchoué died suddenly on April 18, just before the trip to Sweden of the UN Security Council on which Cote d'Ivoire serves. Diplomats from fellow Council members Ethiopia and Kuwait quickly expressed condolence, as did the Permanent Representative of Colombia, whose country is on the Council's agenda on April 19. Cote d'Ivoire has been in evolution on the Council, first abstaining on the proposal for Prince Zeid to brief on human rights in Syria, then voting with France and others for a meeting about Douma. Through it all, Bernard Tanoh-Boutchoué had a quiet, dignified presence. Rest in peace - along with Ahmed Boukhari, long time representative at the UN of Western Sahara's Frente Polisario, who died of cancer in Bilbao, Spain, multiple sources told Inner City Press on April 3.

“Boukhari's death came as the annual acrimonious process of debating, behind closed doors, and extended the mandate of the UN's MINURSO mission has begun. The “R” in MINURSO stands for referendum on independence, which the UN was supposed to have conducted but has yet to; Ahmed Boukhari never got to see it.

“Inner City Press’ strongest memories of Boukhari were of his attempts to advocate for the referendum, waiting to speak at the UN Television stakeout and even having the plug pulled on him. The UN can be a thuggish organization, and it will be the poorer without Ahmed Boukhari. Rest in peace.”

<http://www.innercitypress.com/obituary1tanoh041818.html>

“**Douma**” refers to the April 7<sup>th</sup> 2018 chemical warfare attack was carried out in the Syrian city of Douma. It is reported, according to medics and witnesses, to have resulted in the deaths of between 40 and 50 people and injuries to possibly many more than a hundred. The attack was blamed on the Syrian Army by rebel forces in Douma and by the United States, British, and French governments. The Syrian and Russian governments asserted that a widely-circulated video allegedly showing the aftermath of the attack was staged.

For more information on Douma see:

<https://wikileaks.org/opcw-douma/releases/> &

<https://www.rt.com/news/476965-opcw-wikileaks-leak-douma/>

Foul play is definitely at work in regards to accusations regarding the use of chemical weapons in Syria which were used to promulgate American military action in Syria and the US government actually hiring an internationally recognized foreign terrorist organization to fight against the sovereign government of Syria led by President Bashar Hafez al-Assad.

<https://www.rt.com/news/476811-syria-minister-us-isis/>

**“MINURSO”** refers to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO) was established by Security Council resolution 690 of 29 April 1991 in accordance with settlement proposals accepted on 30 August 1988 by Morocco and the Frente Popular para la Liberación de Saguia el-Hamra y de Río de Oro (Frente POLISARIO).

The settlement plan, as approved by the Security Council, provided for a transitional period for the preparation of a referendum in which the people of Western Sahara would choose between independence and integration with Morocco.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General was to have sole and exclusive responsibility over matters relating to the referendum and was to be assisted in his tasks by an integrated group of civilian, military and civilian police personnel, to be known as the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

MINURSO was originally mandated in accordance with the settlement plan to:

- monitor the ceasefire;
- verify the reduction of Moroccan troops in the Territory;
- monitor the confinement of Moroccan and Frente POLISARIO troops to designated locations;
- take steps with the parties to ensure the release of all Western Saharan political prisoners or detainees;
- oversee the exchange of prisoners of war, to be implemented by International Committee of the Red Cross, (ICRC);
- repatriate the refugees of Western Sahara, a task to be carried out by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR);
- identify and register qualified voters;
- organise and ensure a free and fair referendum and proclaim the results;
- reduce the threat of unexploded ordnances and mines.

Though conspiracy theories swirl around the deaths of both men there are no publicly acknowledged investigations into foul play at this time.

It is a bit odd however that while most newspapers reported Tanoh-Boutchoué Passes' age at 67, no published report (that this writer could find) mentioned the cause of death. All newspapers simply reported: Sudden death. Such "oversights" by the press invite speculation that foul play may have been at work, and certainly could have a chilling effect on the voting preferences of members within all UN bodies.

Complex formulations for the structure of voting in the United Nations are invariably going to favor the powerful which have been exploiting the poorer nations and people of the world for the past 500 years and that must end as soon as is possible. A vote in the General Assembly, to expediently abolish the Security Council and make the needed legislative amendments necessary to justify that, with a simple majority of votes passing proposed legislation could rectify this situation in very short order. One nation, one vote with a large sample of voting nations representative of the world is a fairer way for the UN to make decisions than with a fifteen-member group.

No one nation or individual should have veto power over an organization with the grave responsibilities and *potential* power of the United Nations. Political influence, money and military power and even historical precedence should not be the primary determinants of decisions at an organization that is supposed to represent all of the people in the world equally. If money and physical power were used as the primary determinants in criminal courts around the world, all the honest people would be in jail and gangsters would rule, exactly what has been happening since the UN was first structured in 1945, and exactly what has been going on worldwide for the past 500 years of colonialization.

### **Financing the United Nations in the Case the USA, France and UK Were not Allowed to Vote**

Given their ongoing participation in massive crimes against humanity via their colonial activities past and present, the General Assembly should vote to disallow them to vote in UN decisions until such time as they cease those criminal activities and begin to pay reparations. During that time who will pay the bills?

Fifth Committee Recommends \$5.4 Billion Budget for 2018-2019 Biennium as It Concludes Main Part of Seventy-Second Session

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2017/gaab4270.doc.htm>

Five point four billion dollars for a two-year budget is quite cheap really. That's 2.7 billion dollars a year. Were a collection taken from say the top 1,000 richest Muslims in the world they could pay that from pocket change.

Conversely, they could start a foundation that would yield that amount as a dividend. In any case, it's absurd the USA can hold the world hostage because of paying some part of that paltry sum. Were China and Russia invited to help foot the bill, so much the better. In any case, it's hardly a large sum.

If and when the colonizer nations of the world, the USA, France and UK decide to start to act like responsible members of the world community, their votes should be restored as should their payments to the UN.

### **Perceptions of the United Nations as seen by the dispossessed**

#### Security Council Reform

The Security Council's membership and working methods reflect a bygone era. Though geopolitics have changed drastically, the Council has changed relatively little since 1945, when wartime victors crafted a Charter in their interest and awarded "permanent" veto-wielding Council seats for themselves.

Since 1993, the UN General Assembly has hotly debated Council reform but has not been able to reach agreement. A handful of states aspire to "permanent" status for themselves, while many other countries reject such claims...

<https://www.globalpolicy.org/security-council/security-council-reform.html>

### **Why Is No One Talking About UN Security Council Reform Anymore?**

The composition of the UN Security Council bears less and less resemblance to the distribution of international power, yet countries have fallen silent on the issue of reform.

<https://www.cfr.org/blog/why-no-one-talking-about-un-security-council-reform-anymore>

The UN has come to be seen as a tool of the West, by Adrian Hamilton, 13 December 2007

“Answering questions on Radio 4's World Tonight about the bomb attack on its offices in Algiers, a spokeswoman for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees was cut off in mid-sentence. When asked why the UN was targeted, she started to say: "Unfortunately, the UN is not anymore the innocent, humanitarian organization that can work anywhere," before she was hustled on to the next question as to why the UN didn't take better precautions against attack.

“But, however uncomfortable the question, especially when the aid organization has just lost nearly a dozen employees in the bombing, what its spokesman was saying has a terrible ring of truth about it. In the West, the UN is regarded as largely a good thing, with its many arms dedicated to helping refugees, resolving conflicts and, if necessary, to stepping in with the blue helmets to keep the peace.

“In other parts of the world, however, the UN is no longer regarded in this benign light. Indeed, in a substantial part of the developing world it has come to seem an instrument of western oppression and US hegemony; a club of the big boys intent on bullying smaller countries in the interests of Washington and its European allies.

“When al-Qaida blew up the UN offices in Iraq in 2003, killing its envoy, it was trying to drive the outside world away and make sure that nations hesitated to support the US and Britain in the occupation (in this it was, in fact, brutally successful). When al-Qaida North Africa, as the militant group now calls itself, blew up the UNHCR offices in Algiers, it was to show that it too had the power and determination to bring down a symbol of western presence.”

<https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/commentators/adrian-hamilton/adrian-hamilton-the-un-has-come-to-be-seen-as-a-tool-of-the-west-764828.html>

The Security Council of the United Nations is the primary decision-making group of this – what is perceived by many to be - “instrument of western oppression and US hegemony.” In fact, a danger to one nation is a danger to all, and it’s all too easy to coopt (buy and/or otherwise manipulate) a small group like the United Nations Security Council however well-intentioned they may individually be.<sup>15</sup> The sudden and unexplained death of one could well have a chilling effect on the others as well. Manipulating 2/3 or even half of the 193 members of the General Assembly would surely be a far more formidable and improbable task. Given that the fate of humanity largely rests with the United Nations, most reasonable people would probably prefer to trust decisions made by a larger more representative group.

U.N.'s 'Steel Ceiling' Blocks First Woman Secretary-General, By Colum Lynch, October 5, 2016

"We thought the U.N. could reform and move into the 21st century with gender equality. But they are still making backroom deals among the old boys club," said Jean Krasno, a lecturer on international affairs at the City College of New York and chair of the Campaign to Elect a Woman U.N. Secretary-General.

"Fourteen men on the Security Council, and one woman, Samantha Power, just couldn't envision a woman at the top," she said.

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2016/10/05/u-n-s-steel-ceiling-blocks-first-woman-secretary-general/>

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<sup>15</sup> The first time I realized that the UN had some serious enemies was November 1993 when I interviewed UNHCR representative Hugh Hudson in the UNHCR office in Islamabad. The building in which his offices were found was like a fortress completely surrounded by a very high cement reinforced block wall and a large thick reinforced steel gate.

**IV. The percentage of votes required to carry motions by the UN General Assembly on important matters should be changed from a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting to a simple majority, and confirmed votes *in absentia* should be counted as valid**

**The subtle and not-so-subtle arts and sciences of coopting otherwise good people**

There are 193 voting members of UN General Assembly. How much would it cost to buy half of them?

What is the collective wealth of the Fortune 500 companies? They most certainly have an enormous collective stake in maintaining the global status quo precisely as it is.

Suppose you were a voting member of the UN General Assembly and getting back to your hotel one evening found a black credit card in your jacket pocket with a stick-um on it saying: Positive balance \$5,000,000. If you were from a wealthy family of course you might call room service and ask for a scissors so you could privately cut that card into tiny pieces and flush them down the toilet. If however your family was relatively poor and you can't afford to send your sons and daughters to a private school in Switzerland or a university in the United States, like all their friends, and/or you need quite a lot of money for one of your parents' cancer treatments, what exactly would you do?

You could report finding this card to the Secretary General who might well ask: "How exactly did you get this card? Are you aware that even having this card in your possession compromises your position as a member of the UN General Assembly?" Though a victim of a bribery attempt, the recipient of this "largesse" might be tempted to just hide the card and think about it.

Conversely suppose you were out with friends one night in New York, perhaps had just a little too much to drink, and found yourself at a party where clearly illegal things were happening. Suppose in fact you found yourself participating in some of those illegal things. True, you could go to a hospital and request a blood test, however suppose they found illegal drugs in your blood, even though you didn't knowingly take any illegal drugs; perhaps someone slipped something into one of your drinks or food.

Rohypnol is a drug that makes people highly suggestible and then leaves that person with amnesia the next day. It is commonly called the "date rape drug," and also "roofie." This and other related drugs can be passed by food or drink, or even via a handshake when combined with another chemical called Dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO). Without consciously knowing it, virtually anyone can participate in quite a number of highly illegal and immoral behaviors, and then remember nothing about it the next day. This is one of the dangers of modern life most people prefer to not think about, however a voting member on the UN General Assembly must always consider.

Suppose after such a night out, someone approached you with videos of yourself at a party engaging in obviously illegal and highly immoral behaviors that you don't even remember?

Could the threat of exposure of not just one video, but several shot from different angles influence your vote the next day on some issue raised at the UN General Assembly?

Alternatively, suppose you are a General Assembly voting member and your son or daughter or brother or sister was caught in a compromising situation that could seriously damage your family's reputation at home and abroad, what would you do?

There are a million ways anyone can be "compromised."

"Compromising" half of the General Assembly, or 96.5 people is a bit more difficult and expensive than only compromising the one third of the General Assembly, or the 64.3 people necessary to defeat any particular resolution brought before the General Assembly and the major criticism of the UN is that it is ignoring most of the war crimes and crimes against happening on a daily basis. Eliminate the votes of the three major belligerents in most wars and the whole voting process gets simpler and cleaner as well.

*In fact, none of the above very direct and heavy-handed methods of "persuasion" are necessary to manipulate most people's vote on any particular resolution. A close friend of 20 years might ask: "How is your son? With a strange look of "concern" on his or her face. That in and of itself can be enough to alter a person's vote.*

Anyone with family is vulnerable to manipulation. Anyone who values his or her own life is vulnerable to manipulation. Suppose you're going to sleep and feel like your heart is going to explode the night before a vote. What will you do? Go to a doctor? Which doctor? Who can you trust?

Alternatively, you, a voting member of the General Assembly can get an encrypted phone call informing you that Ford Motor company is considering building three factories in your nation. Together those factories would employ thousands of people that would support hundreds of other businesses and more than half of the cars manufactured can be exported providing a desperately needed balance of trade adjustments to your nation's economy (and shutting up exceptionally avaricious neighboring countries to whom your country owes considerable money). What would you do?

For those not familiar with the methodologies commonly used by players in the "Great Game" it is a "game" without rules that has been perfected by the British, French, and other principally European world powers, and further sharpened by the American CIA.

For the truly "spooky" there is the ongoing research by the American Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) on "Neuromodulation."

Neuromodulation Research and Application in the U.S. Department of Defense by Jeremy T. Nelsona and Victoria Tepe

Methods

We explored articles, cases, and historical context to identify critical considerations of debate concerning dual use (i.e., national security and

civilian) technologies, specifically focusing on non-invasive brain stimulation (NIBS).

Brain Stimulation, Volume 8, Issue 2, March–April 2015, Pages 247-252

**key words:** Transcranial direct current stimulation, Transcranial magnetic stimulation, Brain stimulation, Neuromodulation, Performance enhancement, Performance optimization, National security

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S1935861X1400343X>

Six Paths to the Nonsurgical Future of Brain-Machine ... - Darpa

<https://www.darpa.mil> › News And Events

May 20, 2019 - The research is split between two tracks. ... with electromagnetic nanotransducers that are nonsurgically delivered to neurons of interest. ... of neurons to electric fields to enable localized stimulation of specific cell types.

<https://www.darpa.mil/news-events/2019-05-20>

Also for example see: <https://globalbiodefense.com/event/darpa-panacea-program-accessing-the-dark-proteome/>

Biochemical Effects Electromagnetic Weapons, Updated Dec 05 2019,

Electromagnetic Weapons, Biochemical Effects

Exposure to electricity and electromagnetic radiation, while relatively uncommon, can be a factor in a forensic investigation. Because the effects of exposure to electromagnetism leave no visible signs such as bruises or cuts, the cause of a disability or death can be difficult to unravel without knowledge of the phenomena...

Electronic stimulation can have other, non-lethal effects on humans. Secret research conducted in the United States following World War II demonstrated that electronic stimulation of different regions of the brain of test subjects could produce extreme emotions of rage, lust, and fatigue...

Many scientists assume that research into the debilitating effects of electromagnetic radiation has continued up to the present day. However, increasing restrictions on the information obtainable through the U.S. Freedom of Information Act have made verification difficult...

<https://www.encyclopedia.com/social-sciences-and-law/law/crime-and-law-enforcement/biochemical-effects-electromagnetic-weapons>

Also see:

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/electromagnetic-and-informational-weapons-the-remote-manipulation-of-the-human-brain-2/5458103>

<https://stephenlendman.org/2011/01/electromagnetic-frequency-mind-control/>

It would be wonderful to believe that mind control research exists only in the realm of tawdry fiction and paranoid delusions, however to believe so would be dangerously naïve to believe that. The fate of the entire population of planet earth and the ecosystem that supports that human populations depends on the integrity and effectiveness of the United Nations, two qualities it clearly has lacked from its founding.

The researchers at DARPA have broad access to previous research including former Nazi research which was turned over to the CIA when Allen Dulles brought their foremost scientists to work for the CIA (Operation Paperclip) and subsequent MK-ULTRA research. A part of that research looked at the use of covert administration of hypnotic drugs to increase suggestibility.

More modern research by DARPA doesn't need the use of drugs to remotely manipulate brain functioning of "target subjects." However, when for example high or low frequency focused intersecting EM or sonic stimulation is combined with pharmacologic intervention, total mind control can easily be achieved.

Who then is free from potential manipulations by such corrupt and infinitely creative practices? Only those with no family who are steadfastly dedicated and single-mindedly willing to die for their beliefs. What percentage of the voting members of the UN General Assembly have no family, are willing to personally suffer and die for a single vote at work and have the psychological strength to overcome remote mind control technologies?

On that same subject, which national leaders are truly free to make decisions in the best interests of the entire developing world, as compared to just their own country, family or personal interests?

In sum, demanding a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote to pass a motion before the General Assembly makes it just too easy for third parties to manipulate any particular vote and prevent the UN from doing anything whatsoever.

Perhaps national leaders should not allow any particular voting member of the UN General Assembly to remain in the General Assembly for too long, even beyond one vote to decrease the probability of that member being cooped in some way. There are a million ways to manipulate a person.

For that matter, perhaps national leaders as well should be changed as often as possible, unless they are already making decisions that benefit the entirety of the "dispossessed" around the world.

Passing a motion by a majority is a fine way to make decisions. Arguments to the contrary are probably laced with dubious logic motivated by something other than sincere intent.

Imagine the lives of one to three billion people depend on cleaning up the United Nations, something that is long, long overdue from the point of view of the disposed in Africa, Asia and Central and South America.

All of the above rational apply equally to the proposition that confirmed votes *in absentia* should be counted as valid, as there can be an infinite number of contrived reasons for missing an important UN General Assembly vote. Suppose someone who knows you are planning to vote a certain way on a resolution has you shot or poisoned, but you manage to survive though confined to a hospital bed. Don't you deserve and have an existential need to cast your vote in defiance of the sinister forces that almost stopped you? The UN certainly can be a "thuggish" place as reported by Matthew Russell Lee above.

**V. The United Nations needs to affirm recognition of the proposition that a variety of forms of governance, not just democracy can in different circumstances provide maximum individual liberty and freedom and this more open-minded approach to human governance needs to be recognized in United Nations documents.**

McCarthyism, also referred to as the Second Red Scare refers to a period starting in the 1940s and lasting to about 1958. It started when Senator Joseph McCarthy, a Republican from Wisconsin claimed that a large number of Communists had infiltrated the U.S. State Department. The hysteria that followed resulted in many innocent people, some socialist, some not going to jail, losing their jobs and getting "blacklisted." Some individuals that had their lives destroyed committed suicide. Though by 1960 the furor within the United States had generally calmed down, and the more overt persecutions ended, internationally the spirit of, vitriolic hatred for, and military aggression against socialism and communism continues to this day. Literally millions of people have been killed due to "big capital's" irrational fear of the more socially egalitarian socialist and communist economic, social and political philosophies and practices.

It was socialist and communist nations in almost every case that fought the colonial powers to liberate most of Africa, Asia and Latin America from the yoke of European and American absolute domination and exploitation, and in every case after those wars of liberation, the USA rolled in with even larger armies, and overthrew the primarily socialist governments and replaced them with either dictators or democracies in which American supported candidates always won the elections, leading many to believe that those democracies really had American puppet presidents.

During this process literally millions of people were killed. Some were socialists and communists but many were not, in most cases they were just simple farmers and village people that got caught on the horns of America's desire for global hegemony, and or American industrialists wanted their land and/or natural resources. In either case, McCarthyism only ended within the USA, but continues as an extremely powerful, deadly force within American foreign policy.

The United Nations bias in favor of democracy and by implication against socialism and communism, and for that matter also against monarchies, however benign and liberal they may

be, are a part of the problem, not a solution to, the seemingly never-ending profit-driven conflicts and war, and other violations of international law.

“Remoteness can also aid objectivity. Many writers in the West care very much if democratic government and economic interdependence promote peace, if alliances and armaments are conducive to stability or its opposite, or if diplomacy and international law are essential to conflict resolution. Since we live in the present we are concerned with and involved in consequences. Even ostensibly theoretical research may serve, consciously or not, some policy agenda. The debate over the validity of the democratic-peace theory is a case in point. Such commitment may contaminate data and bias analysis... The Amarna system existed for at least two hundred years with few major wars between the Great Powers. Are there lessons here? How did the Great Kings avoid war? What mechanisms of conflict resolution, if any at all did they resort to?”

*Amarna Diplomacy – The Beginnings of International Relations*, Edited by Raymond Cohen and Raymond Westbrook, The John Hopkins University Press, 2000, pp. 5 - 6 (Amarna diplomacy dates to the 14<sup>th</sup> Century BCE)

Ideas put forward regarding criteria for Permanent Security Council membership display overt unfounded bias in favor of democracy and the use of military force

Why Is No One Talking About UNSC Reform Anymore? by Stewart M. Patrick, June 3, 2019

“Any aspirant for permanent Security Council membership, then, should be judged against objective criteria. In a 2010 report for the Council on Foreign Relations, my co-author Kara MacDonald and I proposed a list of potential criteria: Any candidate must demonstrate a history of political stability and, ideally, democracy; a robust military and a willingness to deploy it; significant financial contributions to the U.N.’s regular and peacekeeping budgets; demonstrated willingness to use enforcement tools under Chapter VII of the U.N. Charter; an ability to lead and broker collective action; adequate diplomatic staff; and a record of conforming to and enforcing global security regimes, as well as of contributing to other global public goods.”

<https://www.worldpoliticsreview.com/insights/27906/why-is-no-one-talking-about-unsc-reform-anymore>

Their criteria?

Democracy

Robust military and willingness to use it

Financial “contributions” to UN peacekeeping missions

Willingness to use “enforcement tools”

Diplomatic Staff, and so on...

With proposals like this it is hardly a wonder people around the world don't want to talk about United Nations reform. Given the power structure of the UN now, it's hard to imagine how it could be worse, but given suggestions in the above article, it might well get worse. The USA might end up with the only Permanent Seat on the UN Security Council with everyone else on that Security Council quivering in terror.

The bigger problem in the USA might not be democracy per se, but rather the toxic combination of a democracy protected by corporate controlled media designed and micromanaged in support of unrestrained “neo-liberal” capitalism.

The Capitalist Crisis Has Made the U.S. a Pariah State

Danny Haiphong, BAR Contributing Editor, 11 Dec 2019

U.S. imperialism has nothing left to offer humanity but ecological destruction, endless war, and a decline in living standards domestically and globally.

“There would be no endless wars for profit without the enslavement of Africans.”

Capitalism, even of the U.S.' so-called “exceptional” variety, is characterized by cyclical crises that occur every ten or so years. Marxist theorists attribute the emergence of capitalist crises to the always sharpening contradiction between labor and capital. The more profit that capitalists extract from labor, the more impoverished labor becomes. Eventually, workers become so impoverished that entire sectors of capitalist production ground to a halt. This process is generally called overproduction but is better termed underconsumption. In a frenzy to shed costs and maintain profits, capitalists engineer massive layoffs, wage freezes, and other measures that intensify the precariousness of the masses.

Two developments are principally responsible for nursing the capitalist system back to recovery. Capitalist crises inspire workers to organize and demand concessions from the ruling class. Capitalist themselves search for new markets by waging wars to boost production. A combination of worker-led resistance and military-based capitalist production brought the United States out of the Great Depression by the end of World War II. However, in a little over three decades, the U.S. capitalist system entered a new stage of development incapable of generating even a modicum of economic recovery for the working class.

This stage of capitalism has come to be known by many as neoliberalism. Under neoliberalism, the banks and monopolies rule. Neoliberalism is

thus the most sophisticated yet most crisis ridden form of imperialism to date. Automation and technological development have fueled corporate mergers and rendered large sections of the working class obsolete. Capitalists have frozen wages, plundered the public sector, and placed all vestiges of public life into the death throes of “the market” to set into motion a race to the bottom. Overproduction has become a permanent fixture of the capitalist system.

The permanency of overproduction has made the U.S. a desperate pariah state, always in search of the most profitable forms of destruction. Wars of aggression have become just as permanent as the economic crisis that engendered them. The U.S. military state has grown exponentially over the course of the last half century and eclipses the next ten nations’ military budgets combined. U.S. Special Forces, known in the world as the mercenary arm of the military state, occupy seventy percent of the world’s nations. The U.S. is the world leader in drone warfare and regularly assists jihadists in their bloody crusade to destabilize independent Arab nations such as Syria and Iraq. Because U.S. imperialism is governed by a racist state, Black and brown people make up the majority of those murdered, imprisoned, and tortured in the capitalist quest to preserve social and economic tranquility by way of military intervention.

“Wars of aggression have become just as permanent as the economic crisis that engendered them.”

New research indicates that neither war nor neoliberal austerity can foster economic recovery for the masses. Wage growth, along with employment, is commonly viewed by even the most reactionary of economists as a key measure in determining whether the capitalist system is on the road to recovery. According to Brookings, wage growth remains non-existent since the economic crisis of 2007-2008. Forty-four percent of all workers in the United States make less than \$16 per hour. The study excluded students living in dormitories, graduate students, as well as other sections of the workforce that ran the risk of skewing the data. In other words, there are likely even more workers toiling in the low-wage sectors of capitalism than the results of the study suggest.

The capitalist crisis has made the U.S. such a pariah state for workers that white Americans have become collateral damage in the ruling class’ pursuit of profit. Life expectancy has been falling in the United States since 2014. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), this trend is likely to continue in 2019 and beyond. JAMA connects the spiral downward in life expectancy to a massive die-off of middle-aged white American men from the diseases of despair: suicide, addiction, and chronic medical illness. White American male workers are

sicker, poorer, and more prone to self-annihilation than at any other period in U.S. history. While the capitalist crisis has maintained white power in the ruling order, it has chipped away at the material privileges of white male workers who had grown accustomed to receiving a portion of the wealth robbed from Black Americans and Indigenous peoples.

“The capitalist crisis has chipped away at the material privileges of white male workers.”

JAMA leaves out a very important factor in the decline of life expectancy in America. That factor is the rise of the mass Black incarceration state. The U.S. possesses twenty-five percent of the world’s prisoners and just five percent of the world’s population. Research suggests that for every year a person spends in prison, two years are taken from their life expectancy. The United States has lost at least five years of total life expectancy gains due to its obsession with mass incarceration.

Over the last thirty years alone, millions of Black Americans have been imprisoned or ensnared in a system of mass incarceration designed to control an increasingly redundant section of labor. One in three Black men in the United States will go to prison at some point in their lives. Police homicide is now the seventh leading cause of death for young Black men. For as much as the capitalist economic crisis has eroded white privileges, the U.S. remains a white supremacist death trap to its core. Militarized forms of state repression such as the mass incarceration state have been reserved for Black Americans, Indigenous peoples, and the massive numbers of migrants forced to flee from U.S. imperialist treachery in the Americas. These conditions have remained a fixture of the crisis of capitalism but are rarely discussed as such.

“The U.S. remains a white supremacist death trap to its core.”

The crisis of capitalism is a global crisis. Much of the world’s people have long been aware of the parasitic character of the U.S. state. According to a new index of human development, the source of the U.S.’ parasitic character lies in its imperial development model. The U.S. ranks 159th out of 163 nations on the Sustainable Development Index (SDI). The SDI divides gains or losses in the education, income, and life expectancy of a given nation by the ecological footprint left by the country’s course of development. Socialist Cuba topped the list as the most sustainably developed country in the world. Unlike socialist Cuba, the U.S.’ imperialist model of development has always placed the profits of the rich above the needs of workers and the environment. And at its current stage, U.S. imperialism has nothing left to offer humanity but ecological destruction, endless war, and a decline in living standards domestically and globally.

The crisis of capitalism has indeed exacerbated the ills of imperialism, but these ills are foundational and inherent to the U.S. way of life. Finance capital and the post-industrial age of the U.S. Empire could not have come about were it not for the centuries of colonial plunder and racialized terror imposed upon Black and Indigenous lives beginning in the 17th century. Wall Street began as a marketplace for the slave trade. Africans were traded not only as laborers but also as financial instruments that enriched bankers and slave traders alike. Wall Street financiers would go on to intentionally devalue property in Black communities and then target them with fraudulent “ghetto loans” geared toward fleecing Black America of its wealth in the post-Civil Rights era...

<https://blackagenda.com/index.php/capitalist-crisis-has-made-us-pariah-state>

One difference between a parasitic disease and a symbiotic relationship is the parasitic diseases drastically reduce the quality of life of the host organism, and usually weaken it opening the doors to a very wide variety of other dangers any of which can kill the host. Certainly, the corporate controlled mainstream media protects the neoliberal capitalist system described above, though the actual death of the host can come from a very wide range of causes produced by the weakness inherent in the current parasitic economic structure.

#### **The Location of the United Nations, ICC and ICJ Needs to Be Changed**

The United Nations should not be located in the USA, or Switzerland, or other developed country. It should be located in the world’s least developed country as measured by the UNDP ranking system. At this time the UNDP lists Niger, ranked 189<sup>th</sup> out of 189 countries by UNDP measures of development in 2018 as the least developed nation in the world, while at the same time it is also home to one of the world’s largest oil reserves and uranium deposits. The poor in Niger can only thank the French for this arrangement.

UN representatives should be permanently in session at their post in that least developed country until such time as that least developed nation attains a position among the 50% best developed nations. When that happens the UN headquarters can move to the new “least developed nation.”

In this fashion, United Nations representatives can learn a sense of urgency they now totally lack. Ditto for the ICC and ICJ. The USA and Switzerland are altogether too comfortable to impart any sense of urgency to any of those international bodies which have been given the power to influence the world in a dramatic and meaningful way.

All other structures and rational are simply excuses of the rich to ignore the suffering of the poor who have been for the past 500 years and still are having their resources extracted for pennies on the dollar. Continuing the trend towards polarization of rich and poor within and between nations is the primary criteria for the initiation of WWIII. How much worse can the UN do?

**Democracy is not the panacea to ensure the greatest good for the greatest number at all times and in all places, as the UN has increasingly asserted over time.**

“Democracy is a core value of the United Nations. The UN supports democracy by promoting human rights, development, and peace and security. In the 75 years since the UN Charter was signed, the UN has done more to support **democracy** around the world than any other global organization. The UN promotes good governance, monitors elections, supports the civil society to strengthen democratic institutions and accountability, ensures self-determination in decolonized countries, and assists in the drafting of new constitutions in post-conflict nations.

“United Nations activities in support of democracy are carried out through the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations **Democracy** Fund (UNDEF), the Department of Peace Operations (DPO), the Department of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs (DPPA), the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), and the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), among others.

“These values are embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. It projects the concept of democracy by stating “the will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government”. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights develops them even further and lays down the legal basis for the principles of democracy in international law. It covers, for instance, freedom of expression, the right of peaceful assembly, and the right to freedom of association with others. The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women stipulates that its 189 contracting parties shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that women can vote and stand for elections, and participate in public life and decision-making, including at the international level.”

<https://www.un.org/en/sections/issues-depth/democracy/index.html>

United Nations Millennium Declaration

General Assembly resolution 55/2 of 8 September 2000

“Freedom. Men and women have the right to live their lives and raise their children in dignity, free from hunger and from the fear of violence, oppression or injustice. **Democratic** and participatory governance based on the will of the people best assures these rights.”

[https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/genera/assembly/docs/globalcompact/A\\_RES\\_55\\_2.pdf](https://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/genera/assembly/docs/globalcompact/A_RES_55_2.pdf)

Democracy appears to work well with relatively small groups of well-educated people (e.g. northern European countries that incidentally profited hugely from the colonial era), however too many examples of how democracies can be manipulated using media propaganda (e.g. corporate controlled mainstream press in western nations, as well as corrupt campaign finance “donations,” or simply mobile phones and fake news) and voter fraud (e.g. alleged to have taken place in Egypt) demonstrate that democracy is not always the best system.

“Freedom!” Yes, this word is the clarion call of the United States, that nation which has denied freedom to more people on earth than all other nations in human history combined, including the people within the United States. However, when used by the propagandists of the United States it becomes the Siren’s call, leading entire generations of liberal minded people to absolute slavery, as was exemplified by all of the Arab Spring Revolutions save one (Tunisia).

### **The tragic but true story of democracy in Egypt**

Egypt is a classic example of how democracies can be manipulated by (“alleged”) voter fraud. The Egyptian revolution of 2011 ousted an extremely repressive, brutal and corrupt tyrant, American/Israeli supported Hosni Mubarak, and then the Egyptian people elected Mohamed Morsi via a free and fair democratic election. That he was a member of the Muslim Brotherhood should be irrelevant. He was the people’s choice in a free and fair election.

Between May 26 and 28, 2014 there was another election.

Abdel Fattah el-Sisi won with 98% of the votes in an election virtually all Egyptian voters believe was rigged. He then went on a killing spree and sentenced 529 Morsi supporters to death.<sup>16</sup> He became famed for torture, disappearances and other extreme abuses.

According to Human Rights Watch:

“No member of the security forces has been held accountable for the mass killings of protesters that followed the military’s July 2013 removal of Mohamed Morsi, Egypt’s first freely elected president, which al-Sisi orchestrated as defense minister. These included the killing of at least 900 people in a single day, August 14, during security operations to clear protest sites in Cairo.

“These killings amounted to probable crimes against humanity. But a government-commissioned fact-finding committee that investigated the events related to Morsi’s removal released only an executive summary of its findings in November 2014. The executive summary did not recommend any investigations into the mass killings, and Egypt’s prosecutor general has never announced an independent investigation.

“In its annual report, released in May 2015, the quasi-governmental National Council for Human Rights (NCHR) stated that the “right to life

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<sup>16</sup> <https://www.dawn.com/news/1095268/egypt-sentences-529-morsi-supporters-to-death>

witnessed horrible deterioration” in 2013 and 2014. The report said that violence had resulted in about 2,600 deaths in that period, including 700 security personnel, 1,250 supporters of the Muslim Brotherhood – the organization to which Morsi belonged – and 550 other civilians...

“The authorities detained, charged, or sentenced at least 41,000 people between July 2013 and May 2014, straining Egypt’s prisons and aggravating hugely overcrowded conditions in the police stations and security directorates where the Interior Ministry now holds detainees, many of them without trial. In its report, the NCHR stated that prisons were at 160 percent capacity, and police stations at 300 percent. The authorities have also used unofficial facilities, including military bases and security agency sites to house detainees. Torture and ill-treatment at these facilities are routine.”

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2015/06/08/egypt-year-abuses-under-al-sisi>

Turkish - then Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan called Morsi's ouster a “coup,” and called for the immediate release of Morsi from prison, insisting he is the legitimate president of Egypt. Consequently, Prime Minister Erdogan did not recognize Sisi as president of Egypt and called him an “illegitimate tyrant.”

Egyptian “president” Abdel Fattah el-Sisi was and remains fully supported by Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE.<sup>17</sup> Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE are notorious henchmen of the CIA in the Middle East, for example their ongoing war in Yemen in which several hundred thousand men, women and children have been killed in a populist revolution against the CIA/Saudi installed government.

Also see: <https://www.globalresearch.ca/middle-east-the-cia-operating-behind-a-web-of-pro-democracy-ngos/29864>

### **The American so-called national security apparatus has discredited democracy**

As the above tragic but true story proves, the American so-called national security apparatus, including the National Security Council, CIA and its armada of subcontracted private intelligence organizations and paramilitary sub-contractors, together with a flotilla of other extremist intelligence organizations, foundations, think tanks, institutes, councils, corporations, and “religious organizations” all safely protected from public scrutiny by secrecy and the corporate controlled mainstream media have 1) so usurped and discredited the American democracy, that 2) some other forms of government must be considered as at least equally viable.

The United States may have signed the UN Charter, however has acted in relentless defiance of it. Though quoted above, the following deserves to be read and again.

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<sup>17</sup> <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2014/06/saudi-king-abdullah-visits-egypt-sisi-2014620183031132590.html>

“From 1945 to 2003 the United States attempted to overthrow more than 40 foreign governments, and to crush more than 30 populist-nationalist movements fighting against intolerable regimes. In the process the US bombed some 24 countries, caused the end of life for several million people, and condemned many millions more to a life of agony and despair.”

Blum, William, Killing Hope, U.S. Military and CIA Interventions since World War II, 2004, Common Courage Press p. 392

And since 2003? At least a dozen more countries.

### **China’s Poverty eradication Program and Freedom**

China’s poverty eradication program of the past 40 years is universally hailed as an “economic miracle” yet democracy was not part of that “miracle.” With a democratic system that economic miracle would not have occurred. The USA simply will not allow it. The USA will not allow any nation or region to compete with it economically, and allowing any fractures into the Chinese system of government will be an open invitation to “troublemakers” to start a civil war in China in very short order. It would be absolutely impossible for China to have a free and fair election in a world where the CIA can so easily radicalize large groups of people and commit voter fraud.

Starving people are not “free.” There is no liberty in being forced to rent out or sell one’s wife, sister or daughter in order to avoid ones’ entire family starving to death. Yet these are decisions starving people must make today and tomorrow if they wish their family to survive. The husband in such a family can simply commit suicide, however the value of his wife, sister and daughter then decreases even further. Poverty is an inescapable trap, as Euro-American foreign policy makers and joy riders on the Lolita Express know full well.

People in advanced nations cannot even conceive of such “compromises” however are via their political naivete partly responsible. Socialism and communism are not the “devils” the mainstream western media makes them out to be. Instead, China, working within a uniquely tailored socialist system, has lifted more people out of poverty than any other nation in human history. It has given enormous freedom to more than a billion people in the same 40 years the democratic USA has fallen behind in every measure of development.

“However, by the current standards, the poverty-stricken rural population in 1978 was 770 million with the poverty headcount ratio as high as 97.5 percent.

“Since the mid-1980s, large-scale, well organized, and planned programs have been carried out, including the Seven-Year Priority Poverty Reduction Program (1994-2000), the Outline for Development-Oriented Poverty Alleviation for China’s Rural Areas (2001-2010) and the Outline for Development-Oriented Poverty Alleviation for China’s Rural Areas (2011-2020).”

<http://www.chinatoday.com.cn/ctenglish/2018/sl/201902/t20190221800157313.html>

“China has created the largest poverty alleviation miracle in human history. Over the past four decades, it has pulled some 874 million people out of absolute poverty (surviving on less than US\$1.9 per person per day). This accounts for 74.5 percent of the world’s absolute poverty reduction (1,173 million people) during the same period.

“China has made a great contribution to world poverty reduction and its poverty eradication strategies — especially the practices and theories of the Targeted Poverty Alleviation Methods — have critical implications for the world.

“China’s experiments with poverty alleviation continue. In 2020, China will put an end to thousands of years of absolute poverty. Over the past six years, the number of rural residents living in poverty has reduced from 98.99 million to 16.6 million. The incidence of rural poverty has decreased from 10.2 percent to 1.7 percent.”

<https://www.chinadailyhk.com/articles/184/65/29/1573461766253.html>

Growth is slowing—but China is still adding the equivalent of Australia every year.

<https://www.mckinsey.com/featured-insights/china/china-brief-the-state-of-the-economy>

In many respects Chinese people are the freest in the world, in sharp contrast to western media reports.

“The American criminal justice system holds almost 2.3 million people in 1,719 state prisons, 109 federal prisons, 1,772 juvenile correctional facilities, 3,163 local jails, and 80 Indian Country jails as well as in military prisons, immigration detention facilities, civil commitment centers, state psychiatric hospitals, and prisons in the U.S. territories...

“Every year, over 600,000 people enter prison gates, but people go to jail 10.6 million times each year...

“Jail churn is particularly high because most people in jails have not been convicted. Some have just been arrested and will make bail within hours or days, while many others are too poor to make bail and remain behind bars until their trial. Only a small number (less than 150,000 on any given day) have been convicted, and are generally serving misdemeanors sentences under a year...

“540,000 people in the United States are locked up who haven’t even been convicted or sentenced. Why? Many are detained because they cannot afford to pay the bail set to secure their release...

<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/pie2019.html>

Though China has three times the population of the United States, it has less people in jail than the United States. The US has turned crime and punishment into a huge industry that keeps the unemployment statistics down, by locking people up and employing others to guard them. This is “freedom” in a democracy?

### **Comparing American Vs. China’s Trends in Regards to Infant Mortality and Literacy**

At the same time how is the United States – the icon of democracy - doing in regards to infant mortality?

“According to this year's America's Health Ranking Annual Report, the U.S. infant mortality rate is 5.9 deaths per 1,000 live infant births, while the average rate of infant mortality among the OECD countries is 3.9 deaths per 1,000 live births. Compared with other OECD countries, the U.S. ranks No. 33 out of 36 countries.”

<https://www.americashealthrankings.org/learn/reports/2018-annual-report/findings-international-comparison>

Whereas China’s infant mortality rate has been steadily declining for the past 50 years, the infant mortality rate in the United States has been increasing at what many call an “alarming rate.” Could American increased defense department budgets and decreasing health care expenditures have something to do with this?

How is the US doing in regards to literacy?

Crisis Point: The State of Literacy in America, March 5, 2018

In the United States, literacy rates vary greatly between racial and socio-economic groups. Even today, minorities are still oppressed by lower literacy levels. Literacy continues to be a mechanism of social control and oppression. On the most recent National Assessment of Educational Progress 12th Grade Reading Level Assessment (2015), 46 percent of white students scored at or above proficient. Just 17 percent of black students and 25 percent of Latino students scored proficient. Females scored higher than males.

<https://education.cu-portland.edu/blog/education-news-roundup/illiteracy-in-america/>

What’s the latest U.S. literacy rate?

“Just 2% of global adults read at top level

“Read it and weep: After decades of reporting five levels of literacy, the largest adult literacy study in the world has dropped the top level.

“The reason: Just 2% of adults worldwide — barely enough to count — performed at Level 5. So researchers combined it with Level 4 in their most recent report.

“Welcome to the world of literacy today, according to the latest Program for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies, or PIAAC.

“PIAAC is an enormous, every-10-year study of adult literacy, developed and organized by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education. The study seeks to determine how well adults are prepared to function in today’s society.

“Here’s what they learned in the latest study. Most read at basic or below-basic literacy levels. Some 52% of all Americans (global literacy rate: 49%) have basic or below-basic reading skills.”

<https://www.wyliecomm.com/2019/03/us-literacy-rate/>

Simultaneously most internet sites boast that the USA has a 99% literacy rate. Yes, that’s vaguely true, but what exactly does that mean? Most Americans can fill out forms and write their names, but beyond that the statistics are frightening. The literacy rate in the USA is declining rapidly.

Compare this to China.

In 2018, adult literacy rate for China was 96.8 %. Adult literacy rate of China increased from 65.5 % in 1982 to 96.8 % in 2018 growing at an average annual rate of 10.52%.

<https://knoema.com/atlas/China/topics/Education/Literacy/Adult-literacy-rate>

Who is “freer?” The person who can read or the person who cannot read?

Has China caught up with the USA in regards to infant mortality and literacy? Not quite yet, but the trends suggest that China’s socialist government is moving in the right direction, towards greater freedom, e.g. the freedom to survive infancy and the freedom that comes from being able to read, (and the freedom to not be locked up in jail) than the icon of democracy the United States which is falling further and further behind in most measures of development.

Despite all the statistics, some will wonder: “What would happen if China changed to a democratic system? Could things improve even faster?”

Given the experience of for example, Egypt, that seems unlikely. The covert branches of American intelligence organizations have proven themselves masters of rigging elections and fostering “color revolutions.” It appears China’s conversion to a democracy at this time would be economic suicide as experience in Hong Kong proves.

## America's Endless War against Socialism/Communism

“The boys of Capital, they also chortle in their martinis about the death of socialism. The word has been banned from polite conversation. And they hope that no one will notice that every socialist experiment of any significance in the twentieth century – without exception – has either been crushed, overthrown, or invaded, or corrupted, perverted, subverted or destabilized or otherwise had life made impossible for it, by the United States. Not one socialist government or movement – from the Russian Revolution to the Sandinistas in Nicaragua, from Communist China to the FMLN in Salvador – not one was permitted to rise or fall solely on its own merits; not one was left secure enough to drop its guard against the all-powerful enemy abroad and freely and fully relax control at home.

“It’s as if the Wright brothers’ first experiments with flying machines all failed because the automobile interests sabotaged each test flight. And then the good and god-fearing folk of the world looked upon this, took notice of the consequences, nodded their collective heads wisely, and intoned solemnly: Man shall never fly.”

Killing Hope – *U.S. Military and CIA Interventions since World War II*, Updated Version, 2004, P. 20

As William Blum author of *Killing Hope, U.S. and CIA Interventions since World War II* notes:

“The main problem with the media today, as earlier, is what is left out of articles dealing with controversial issues. For example, the very common practice during the first Cold War of condemning the Soviet Union for taking over much of Eastern Europe after the Second World War. This takeover is certainly based on fact. But the condemnation is very much misapplied if no mention is made of the fact that Eastern Europe became communist because Hitler, with the approval of the West, used it as a highway to reach the Soviet Union to wipe out Bolshevism once and for all; the Russians in World Wars I and II lost about 40 million people because the West had twice used this highway to invade Russia. It should not be surprising that after World War II the Soviets were determined to close down the highway. It was not simply “communist expansion”.

“Or the case of Moammar Gaddafi. In the Western media he is invariably referred to as “the Libyan dictator”. Period. And he certainly was a dictator. But he also did many marvelous things for the people of Libya (like the highest standard of living in Africa) and for the continent of Africa (like creating the African Union).”

<https://williamblum.org/aer/read/155>

[Permission to quote granted by William Blum via email March 15, 2018]

It is ironic at best and hypocritical in most ways that the primary philosophical traditions of the west, Europe and the US revere Socrates, Plato and Aristotle as the fathers of western philosophy, and yet the three of them detested democracy, whereas the USA makes a sport of cruelly crushing any country it can that is socialist or communist.

Socrates: Democracy is inherently corrupt, as it gives in to the will of the people, which is inherently depraved. Democratic people have little tolerance for argument: Mob rule sustains their political way of life. Those who disagree will be killed.

This was tragically proven true with the death sentence issued to Socrates.

Plato: "Democracy leads directly to tyranny."

"Aristotle, adapting Plato's ideas, suggests that democracy is a deviant form of polity, in line with tyranny. He categorizes democracy as a government that aims only to advantage the rulers.

"Talking Democracy

'Does not tyranny spring from democracy?' How Plato's 380 BC philosophy is truer than ever today

"As in Athens, anti-elite demagogues in modern democracies are increasingly rising to power riding populist waves fueled not by logic but fear and nationalism.

"That record is why Socrates – before being sentenced to death by democratic vote – chastised the Athenian democracy for its elevation of popular opinion at the expense of truth. Greece's bloody history is also why Plato associated democracy with tyranny in Book VIII of The Republic. It was a democracy without constraint against the worst impulses of the majority."

<https://scroll.in/article/943564/does-not-tyranny-spring-from-democracy-how-platos-380-bc-philosophy-is-truer-than-ever-today>

Likewise, it is ironic at best and hypocritical in most ways that the prevailing religion of the west, Europe and the US is Christianity, given that Jesus of Nazareth was quoted as saying:

"Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions."

Matthew 19:21-22 King James Version (KJV)

...which sounds very communist indeed. This irony is furthered by the fact that Jesus lived in what was essentially a commune with his 12 disciples.

### **Bolivia Revisited**

Bolivian Coup Plotters Were Trained by US Military and Served as Attaches in FBI Police Programs, by Jeb Sprague, 20 Nov 2019

Commanders of Bolivia's military and police who helped plot the coup were educated for insurrection at the US military's School of the Americas and FBI training programs.

"The role of military and police officials trained by the US was pivotal in forcing regime change."

The United States played a key role in the military coup in Bolivia, and in a direct way that has scarcely been acknowledged in accounts of the events that forced the country's elected president, Evo Morales, to resign on November 10.

Just prior to Morales' resignation, the commander of Bolivia's armed forces Williams Kaliman "suggested" that the president step down. A day earlier, sectors of the country's police force had rebelled.

Though Kaliman appears to have feigned loyalty to Morales over the years, his true colors showed as soon as the moment of opportunity arrived. He was not only an actor in the coup, he had his own history in Washington, where he had briefly served as the military attaché of Bolivia's embassy in the US capital.

Kaliman sat at the top of a military and police command structure that has been substantially cultivated by the US through WHINSEC, the military training school in Fort Benning, Georgia known in the past as the School of the Americas. Kaliman himself attended a course called "Comando y Estado Mayor" at the SOA in 2003.

<https://blackagendareport.com/bolivian-coup-plotters-were-trained-us-military-and-served-attaches-fbi-police-programs>

After Morales Ousted in Coup, the Lithium Question Looms Large in Bolivia, Vijay Prashad, 20 Nov 2019

The main target in Bolivia is the nation's massive deposits of lithium, crucial for the electric car.

"Bolivia has struggled to raise investment to develop the lithium reserves in a way that brings the wealth back into the country for its people."

Bolivia's President Evo Morales was overthrown in a military coup on November 10. He is now in Mexico. Before he left office, Morales had

been involved in a long project to bring economic and social democracy to his long-exploited country. It is important to recall that Bolivia has suffered a series of coups, often conducted by the military and the oligarchy on behalf of transnational mining companies. Initially, these were tin firms, but tin is no longer the main target in Bolivia. The main target is its massive deposits of lithium, crucial for the electric car.

<https://blackagendareport.com/after-morales-ousted-coup-lithium-question-looms-large-bolivia>

Bolivia – A Color Revolution – or a New Surge for Latin American Independence? By Peter Koenig, Global Research, November 17, 2019

Like Túpac Katari, indigenous Aymara leader more than 200 years ago, confronting the Spaniards, Evo Morales was betrayed and ‘dismembered’ by his own people, recruited and paid by the agents of the most destructive, nefarious and murderous dark elite that governs and has governed for over two hundred years our planet, the United States of America. With their worthless fiat-Ponzi-pyramid money, the made-out-of-thin-air US dollar, they create poverty throughout the globe, then buy off the weak and poor to plot against the very leaders that have worked for years to improve their social conditions.

It's become a classic. It's being called a Color Revolution, and it's been taking place on all Continents. The list of victim-countries includes, but is not exhaustive – Colombia, Honduras, Argentina, Paraguay, Ecuador, Chile, Brazil, in some ways also Uruguay (the current left-leaning government is powerless and has to remain so, otherwise it will be “changed”... that's the name of the game) – and now also Bolivia. – Then there are Georgia, Ukraine, Iraq, South Sudan, Libya, Afghanistan, Indonesia; and the lawless rulers of the universe are attempting to “regime change” North Korea, Syria, Iran, Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua – and on a larger scale China and Russia (I just returned from China – where the Government and people are fully aware what Washington's intentions are behind every move they make).

In Africa, Africom, the US military Africa Command, buys off almost every corrupt African leader put in place by Africa's former and new European colonialists, so they may continue sucking the riches out of Africa. These African leaders backed by Africom keep the African population in check, so they will not stand up. In case they won't quite manage, “they” created the fear-squad called, Boko Haram, an off-spring of ISIS / IS – the Islamic State, created by the same creator, the CIA, Pentagon and NATO.

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/bolivia-color-revolution-new-surge-latin-american-independence/5695175>

## **“Those damn commies are atheists!”**

Tragically this McCarthyistic rhetoric still echoes loudly in the collective consciousness of many or most Americans. Not surprisingly, there is no empirical basis to this assertion either historically or in any contemporary society.

### Pachamama and the Pope

Ann Garrison, BAR Contributing Editor, 18 Dec 2019

“The violent coup in Bolivia may have been presaged by events at the Vatican, where right-wing Catholics rebelled against the Pope’s display of respect for the indigenous earth goddess.

“A fundamentalist Austrian Catholic entered the Church of Santa Maria Traspontina in the dark of night and stole the five wooden Pachamama statues.”

“On November 14, Bolivian coup leader Luis Fernando Camacho, a white Evangelical Christian fascist millionaire, stormed Bolivia’s government palace with his pastor, who pronounced that “Pachamama will never return to the palace,” and “Bolivia belongs to Christ.”

“This might at first seem strange because 75% of Bolivia’s people identify as Roman Catholic, but it’s largely a syncretic Catholicism, a blend of both Catholic and indigenous religion which includes Pachamama, the Andean and Amazonian earth goddess. Pachamama is symbolized as a naked, pregnant woman kneeling with her arms protectively wrapped around the child in her womb, and her head turned to the earth as though in meditation or prayer.

“Pachamama had suffered violence and desecration in the Vatican just two weeks before the coup, but in that case Pachamama prevailed, though not as definitively as the liberatory wing of the Church might have liked. Here’s a brief, far from conclusive, chronology of events leading up to the ongoing standoff:

“January 2015: Evo Morales says, “I remain convinced that we Bolivians have a double religion, double faith. We are Catholics, but at the same time we have rituals of our own.”

July 2015

“Pope Francis II, an Argentinian, visits Bolivia. He meets with indigenous organizations and peoples in traditional dress, and asks them to forgive the Roman Catholic Church’s sins during “the so-called conquest.”

“Pope Francis criticizes capitalism, as he has before, and calls for the downtrodden to create a new world order.

“He denounces the “new colonialism” of agencies like the IMF and the World Bank that impose economic austerity, and he calls for the poor to have the “sacred rights” of labor, lodging and land.”

<https://blackagenda.com/pachamama-and-pope>

China may be a socialist state, but there are:

- 20 million Muslims
- 9 million Catholics
- 39 million Protestants
- 244 million Buddhists (18.2% of its total population and the largest Buddhist population of any country in the world)

Demonizing communists as all atheists is patently balderdash.

“The new leader of China, Xi Jinping, has an unusually close and personal connection with the Dalai Lama and Tibetan Buddhism. That the Dalai Lama presented Xi's father a watch that the latter wore for years afterwards is well-known. What is less known is that Xi's mother was buried with full Tibetan Buddhist rites and Xi's wife has embraced the religion.

“Xi acceded to the request of his mother, Qi Xin, to be buried with full Tibetan Buddhist rites, says Richard Rigby, Chinese expert at the Australian National University and a former analyst with the Australian Secret Intelligence Organization.”

<https://www.hindustantimes.com/delhi/tibet-s-conquest-of-china-s-xi-jinping-family/story-ER9gDsx4lFsqb8JfsdFiJM.html>

The (damning) problem with religion in China is that foreign intelligence agencies so often use religion to hide their nefarious operations. The CIA's use of Christian NGOs, Buddhist monks are legendary and not something to toy with.

<https://baptistnews.com/article/campolo-says-us-missionaries-too-close-to-cia/>

<https://defence.pk/pdf/threads/american-cias-plan-to-christianize-india-through-usaid-funded-christian-ngos.349496/>

<https://theintercept.com/2015/10/26/pentagon-missionary-spies-christian-ngo-front-for-north-korea-espionage/>

<http://souciant.com/2015/11/christian-intelligence-agency/>

<https://www.nytimes.com/1976/01/29/archives/churches-angered-by-disclosures-look-to-bar-further-cia-use-of.html>

Thus, the CIA of the USA discredits Christians and halts the development of Christianity and all religions in its endless pursuit of hegemony in perpetuity.

For a “laughable” article on American hegemony, see:

The debate on American hegemony

“...hegemony is established less by domination and more by consent...”

<https://doc-research.org/2019/06/the-debate-on-american-hegemony/>

It is highly doubtful that the people of Bolivia, Venezuela, or Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Yemen, Libya, and China “consent” to the color revolutions, coups and general economic strangulation that the US applies to those nations it deems “enemies.” To the victims of American pursuit of global hegemony, it is mass murder and torture and nothing less.

In each case it is tyranny. In each case it is criminal by international law and in most cases constitutes crimes against humanity, and yet, the UN in most cases does nothing.

It appears, the CIA feels it has a license to murder ever increasing numbers of Muslims and socialists/communists and that the UN will give them a pass.

### **Hong Kong’s US supported “color revolution”**

US Color Revolution Masquerades as “Popular Opposition”

Unable to defeat the bill legislatively, Hong Kong’s pro-Western opposition has taken to the streets. With the help of Western media spin – the illusion of popular opposition to the extradition bill and Beijing’s growing influence over Hong Kong is created.

What is not only omitted – but actively denied – is the fact that the opposition’s core leaders, parties, organizations, and media operations are all tied directly to Washington DC via the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and corporate foundations like Open Society Foundation.

Hong Kong’s opposition has already long been exposed as US-sponsored.

This includes the entire core leadership of the 2014 so-called “Occupy Central” protests, also known as the “Umbrella Revolution.” Western media has portrayed recent anti-extradition bill protests as a continuation of the “Umbrella” protests with many of the same organizations, parties, and individuals leading and supporting them.

The Western media has attempted to dismiss this in the past. The New York Times in a 2014 article titled, “Some Chinese Leaders Claim U.S. and Britain Are Behind Hong Kong Protests,” would claim:

Protest leaders said they had not received any funding from the United States government or nonprofit groups affiliated with it. Chinese officials

choose to blame hidden foreign forces, they argued, in part because they find it difficult to accept that so many ordinary people in Hong Kong want democracy.

Yet what the protest leaders claim and what is documented fact are two different things. The New York Times article itself admits that:

...the National Endowment for Democracy, a nonprofit directly supported by Washington, distributed \$755,000 in grants in Hong Kong in 2012, and an additional \$695,000 last year, to encourage the development of democratic institutions. Some of that money was earmarked “to develop the capacity of citizens — particularly university students — to more effectively participate in the public debate on political reform.”

While the New York Times and Hong Kong opposition deny this funding has gone to protesters specifically, annual reports from organizations opposition members belong to reveal that it has.

Hong Kong’s opposition leaders receiving US support include:

Benny Tai: a law professor at the University of Hong Kong and a regular collaborator with the US NED and NDI-funded Centre for Comparative and Public Law (CCPL) also of the University of Hong Kong.

In the CCPL’s 2006-2007 annual report, (PDF, since deleted) he was named as a board member – a position he has held until at least as recently as last year. In CCPL’s 2011-2013 annual report (PDF, since deleted), NED subsidiary, the National Democratic Institute (NDI) is listed as having provided funding to the organization to “design and implement an online Models of Universal Suffrage portal where the general public can discuss and provide feedback and ideas on which method of universal suffrage is most suitable for Hong Kong.”

In CCPL’s annual report for 2013-2014 (PDF, since deleted), Tai is not listed as a board member but is listed as participating in at least 3 conferences organized by CCPL, and as heading at least one of CCPL’s projects. At least one conference has him speaking side-by-side another prominent “Occupy Central” figure, Audrey Eu. The 2013-2014 annual report also lists NDI as funding CCPL’s “Design Democracy Hong Kong” website...

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/us-color-revolution-struggles-hong-kong/5681898>

Also see: <https://stephenlendman.org/2019/08/civil-disobedience-in-hong-kong-or-us-color-revolution-attempt/>

Talk to the shopkeepers, restaurant and hotel owners in Hong Kong and not one will say a word about “the situation.” Why not? They are afraid. They are very afraid, not of the Chinese government or police, but of the “color revolutionaries.” Hardly surprising:

<https://www.rt.com/news/473115-hong-kong-man-set-on-fire/>

Yet, look at any western mainstream media and all the footage and photos are of gangs of police “abusing” protestors. The opposite is the case, and the mainstream news in the US is intentionally truncating, distorting and perverting “the news” in support of the American efforts to start a revolution in Hong Kong. It’s unconscionable, but that is American foreign policy, the foreign policy of “The Great Democracy.”

### **Socialism in the UK**

Jeremy Corbyn is the leader of the Labor party in the UK. That makes him a quasi-socialist.

Freedom Rider: Propaganda and the Defeat of Jeremy Corbyn

Margaret Kimberley, BAR editor and senior columnist, 18 Dec 2019

If Corbyn can be defeated with a libel it can work just as well on Sanders.

"Corporate in both countries behave in similar fashion and make a mockery of any claims of a free press."

One year ago this columnist wrote about the Integrity Initiative, an arm of British intelligence masquerading as an NGO. “The Integrity Initiative is a means of undermining the sovereignty of the British people by manipulating them with lies. It engaged in numerous efforts to libel Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn and prevent him from ever being elected prime minister.” There is no claim of precognition here, just an effort to connect the dots regarding those forces that make the word democracy a sham and a lie.

The Labour party suffered a resounding defeat in the elections held on December 12, 2019. They didn’t just lose to the conservative Tories, they lost in a landslide. Constituencies that had dependably voted for Labour for many decades suddenly switched sides...

But there is another factor that must be discussed in analyzing this election. Corbyn and his party were relentlessly targeted by the corporate media who worked in collusion with the Tories, the surveillance state, and rightwing forces in the country. He was accused of being a Russian agent and an anti-Semite. The latter charge was often used against him and the entire party. The smear was repeated quite often and created an endless need to respond. Of course, the target is never free in such instances. Corbyn couldn’t focus on his message when prominent people like the country’s chief rabbi called him “unfit for

office.” The Archbishop of Canterbury helped shove Corbyn under the bus by asserting that British Jews lived in “fear and insecurity.”

Most voters said that the charges of anti-Semitism didn’t sway their choices, but propaganda works in an insidious way. Repetition of a lie can change minds, much like subliminal messaging on a constant loop. Eventually the target cannot be thought of in a positive light and is connected with the libel just because it is uttered often enough. The need to challenge a falsehood gives it energy and attention. Even a denial emphasizes the connection of the targeted individual with what he hopes to avoid.

“Repetition of a lie can change minds, much like subliminal messaging on a constant loop.”

Corbyn was facing an establishment that had too much to lose if he won. They could not risk him freeing Julian Assange or returning gold illegally stolen from Venezuela or refusing to snatch Iranian oil tankers if the U.S. demanded it. They couldn’t risk anyone possibly disrupting the work of MI6, one of the “Five Eyes” intelligence agencies which works in concert with counterparts in the U.S., Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

The U.K. is at the very heart of the surveillance state, acting as America’s puppet. The once mighty empire, which subjugated and oppressed millions of people around the world, now exists as Uncle Sam’s puppet and partner in crime. It was British intelligence figures like Christopher Steele who provided the foreign interference in the 2016 elections. The two countries work hand in hand to ensure that the people don’t get what they want. Corporate media in both countries behave in similar fashion and make a mockery of any claims of a free press....

Johnson has a long history of making racist remarks, on one occasion referring to “pickannies” and “watermelon smiles.” Johnson has long been a buffoonish figure of fun in British politics while serving as Mayor of London, Foreign Minister, and Prime Minister. He plays the part of a dumb blonde, but being blonde surely doesn’t hurt him. Getting buy-in from the billionaire-controlled media gave him protection....

<https://www.blackagendareport.com/freedom-rider-propaganda-and-defeat-jeremy-corbyn>

Foreign Office investigates reports that state-funded body targeted Corbyn

Leaked documents suggest Fife-based company promoted anti-Labour tweets

The Foreign Office minister, Alan Duncan, has ordered an investigation into reports the government provided funding to a Scottish-based company meant to counter online Russian propaganda, which also spread unfavourable views about Jeremy Corbyn.

The Institute for Statecraft, based in Fife, received hundreds of thousands of pounds in Foreign Office money.

According to the Sunday Mail, leaked documents show it tried to promote tweets calling the Labour leader a “useful idiot” who helped the Kremlin cause, and attacked members of his staff.

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2018/dec/10/foreign-office-investigates-report-state-funded-body-targeted-corbyn>

Government corruption and attacks upon any particular political party may not be covered under the auspices of international criminal law, however the above is cited to make the point that domestic/national laws also are ignored when it comes to the persecution of those who work for social egalitarianism and advocate for the poor, as did Socrates, all of the prophets and the world socialist movement in general.

### **Economic polarization and the British American dirty war on social egalitarianism**

The British and American mainstream media wars against the Labour Party in the UK demonstrates that the colonial war isn't only against people of color (Africans, Middle East, Chinese, Latin Americans), isn't only against Muslims (Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Yemen, etc.), but against – even a white guy(!) who argues for greater social egalitarianism.

### **Global Inequality**

“Inequality has been on the rise across the globe for several decades. Some countries have reduced the numbers of people living in extreme poverty. But economic gaps have continued to grow as the very richest amass unprecedented levels of wealth. Among industrial nations, the United States is by far the most top-heavy, with much greater shares of national wealth and income going to the richest 1 percent than any other country.”

<https://inequality.org/facts/global-inequality/>

Time after time after time in history great inequalities lead to revolutions. The polarization of rich and poor around the world creates vacuums which invariably are vaporized with extreme violence.

In physics, *horror vacui*, or *plenism* commonly stated as “nature abhors a vacuum,” is a postulate attributed to Aristotle...

The idea was restated as “*Natura abhorret vacuum*” by François Rabelais in his series of books titled Gargantua and Pantagruel in the 1530s.[6] The

theory was supported and restated by Galileo Galilei in the early 17th century as “*Resistenza del vacuo.*”

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horror\\_vacui\\_\(physics\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horror_vacui_(physics)) (Horror! Yes, the writer quote Wikipedia. Downloaded December 22, 2019)

A global study reveals an overwhelming wealth gap, with the world's three richest people having more money than the poorest 48 nations combined.

By MarketWatch

The richest 2% of the world's population owns more than half of the world's household wealth.

<https://web.archive.org/web/20110905042236/http://articles.moneycentral.msn.com/News/StudyRevealsOverwhelmingWealthGap.aspx>

And that was in 2006. It's worse now. Much worse and getting worse every minute.

It's not just a financial gap, it's also a trust gap. And it's not just a gap, it's become a vast chasm...

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2019/01/is-learning-how-to-consume-information-the-antidote-to-polarization/>

To the wealthy this may just seem like “sour grapes” on the part of the growing poor. But, to the impoverished and working poor, it's more personal.

The U.S. Wealth Gap Just Hit a Depressing 50-Year High

It's approaching levels seen in developing countries like Uganda and Nigeria.

by Emma Ockerman, Sep 27 2019

The U.S. wealth gap is worse than it's been in 50 years, new Census Bureau figures show.

And what are the key reasons?

“Economists speaking to the Associated Press mainly blamed three things: demographics, since baby boomers are approaching the peak of their earnings as they age; wealthy families benefiting from a tax cut passed by a Republican-controlled Congress in 2017; and sluggish wage growth.

“Income inequality — determined by a globally used measurement called the Gini index — grew from 2017 to 2018, from 0.482 to 0.485, according to American Community Survey Data. The nation's level of income inequality has been consistently increasing over the last 50 years.”

[https://www.vice.com/en\\_us/article/evjakm/the-us-wealth-gap-just-hit-a-depressing-50-year-high](https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/evjakm/the-us-wealth-gap-just-hit-a-depressing-50-year-high)

The great “democracy” of the USA is failing the poor. Starting a war with Iran for example, could well involve Israel, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, on one side, and Lebanon, Turkey, Russia, and China on the other. And, it could well trigger a new civil war in this US, not along racial lines, but along economic lines. Though some have argued against the belief that “nature abhors a vacuum,” logic, natural law and history<sup>18</sup> support the notion. In addition to all that, causing another genocide in Iran will cost the US money. The current American national debt is now over 23 trillion dollars <https://www.usdebtclock.org/> ...

And the Japanese and Germans are getting a bit tired of lending more and more money to the USA. Just paying the interest on the national debt is costing more money than the USA can afford to pay.

President Trumps budget for 2020 includes a military spending increase up to \$750 billion, more than what the Pentagon asked for. His budget cuts include in areas like Medicaid, transportation, clean energy and other good things. Is this really democracy at work? It seems so. In China its rather difficult to find a homeless person anywhere, whereas in New York city alone:

#### New York City Homelessness: The Basic Facts

“In recent years, homelessness in New York City has reached the highest levels since the Great Depression of the 1930s.

“In September 2019, there were 62,391 homeless people, including 14,962 homeless families with 22,083 homeless children, sleeping each night in the New York City municipal shelter system. Families make up more than two-thirds of the homeless shelter population.

“Over the course of City fiscal year 2018, 133,284 different homeless men, women, and children slept in the New York City municipal shelter system. This includes over 45,600 different homeless New York City children.”

<https://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/basic-facts-about-homelessness-new-york-city/>

From the above, the argument can be made, that socialism may not really the “great evil” that the western military-industrial-media complex has made it out to be, but perhaps in fact, quite the opposite, a relatively benign socio-economic structure designed for a more socially egalitarian society, that has been ruthlessly tormented and systematically attacked and in most cases destroyed since at least WWII.

“The troubles of mankind will never cease until either true genuine philosophers attain political power or the rulers of state by some dispensation of providence become genuine philosophers.”

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<sup>18</sup> e.g. the French Revolution

Plato

## Monarchies

From the time of the first great King - King Sargon of Akkad of Mesopotamia more than 4,000 years ago there have been great and terrible kings. In a good kingdom the lowest peasant can get an audience with the king and find justice. A good king is the servant of his people and rules wisely, following the way of Plato's genuine philosopher. Thus, it is wise to not dismiss them all as tyrannical. Whereas most western histories measure kings by their conquests, this is not necessarily the best measure.<sup>19</sup>

## Discrediting democracy

The 2016 election between Donald Trump, an outspoken racist and religious bigot and Hillary Clinton who promoted and cheered on revolutions in Syria, Libya and Yemen leading to a cumulative death toll of over a million men, women and children, most of whom suffered unimaginable agony before death and who laughed uproariously about the murder of sovereign leader Muammar al-Gaddafi.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1FoHpgSo\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w1FoHpgSo_s)

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/dougbandow/2016/09/26/wannabe-global-dominatrix-hillary-clinton-never-met-a-war-she-didnt-want-other-americans-to-fight/#22b757966aa8>

...did more to discredit democracy than any propaganda any communist nation could ever cook up.

Any two reasonably bright 11-year olds from anywhere in the world with a basic sense of right and wrong, could have done a better job of being president than either of the candidates nominated by the Republican and Democrat Parties to run for president in the 2016 election.

The 2016 presidential election proves the worst of what Socrates believed to be true of democracies, is indeed true. That election proved that a democracy can be just as bad or even much worse than any other form of government.

Furthermore, the entire political campaign finance scandal in the United States with unlimited donations from Super-PACs has led the USA to become what is in effect a totalitarian state with corporate-special interest-media-controlled candidates.

Democracy by the Wealthy: Campaign Finance Reform as the Issue of Our Time by Eugene D. Mazo and Timothy K. Kuhner (eds.), Democracy by the People: Reforming Campaign Finance in America (2018).

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<sup>19</sup> This writer's favorite monarchs in history include: a) the third Emperor of the Ming dynasty, commonly called the Yongle Emperor who reigned from 1402 to 1424. He expanded his empire via trade and diplomacy to the benefit of all while reclaiming/restoring farmland for the poor. He lowered taxes, freed slaves and brought about a renaissance period in Chinese history, and, b) Cyrus the Great of Persia who is renowned for his achievements in human rights, politics, and military strategy as well as his quite positive influences on both Eastern and Western civilizations.

[https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=3374100&download=yes](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3374100&download=yes)

House Democrats propose major campaign finance reforms in first bill of session, by Karl Evers-Hillstrom, January 4, 2019

<https://www.opensecrets.org/news/2019/01/democrats-propose-campaign-finance-reforms19/>

The government of the United States which has ruthlessly overthrown more than 50 governments, democracies and non-democracies alike since WWII, while punishing primarily the poor within all countries represents the most abhorrent form of tyranny in all human history. Besides this example of democracy, China's socialist state appears a shining pillar of virtue in comparison.

While the USA has legitimized giving what is in effects bribes to government officials by calling it "free speech" China has been cleaning up corruption in government.

In 2018, courts around the country concluded 28,000 graft cases involving 33,000 people, including 18 former officials at the provincial-level and above. In the year, 32 former senior officials at such levels were prosecuted.

Over the years, the anti-corruption drive led by the Communist Party of China (CPC) has achieved remarkable progress.

Both high and low ranking officials are targeted. More than 500 senior officials at or above provincial level have been investigated since the 18th CPC National Congress in late 2012.

Thousands of graft suspects who had fled abroad were repatriated. Since 2014, Operation "Sky Net" has netted about 5,000 fugitives, recovering more than 13 billion yuan (US\$1.94 billion) in stolen assets.

As the "tigers" are taken out, "flies" swatted and "foxes" hunted down, the political ecosystem has changed for the better.

The anti-corruption campaign now places more attention on prevention. More checks and balances have been put in place. Rules are being strictly enforced, and supervision has been enhanced through regular inspections.

Increasingly, officials don't dare to, are unable to and have no desire to be corrupt.

With a decrease in both new and unsolved old cases, the anti-corruption campaign has entered a new stage.

<https://www.chinadailyhk.com/articles/180/197/190/1552379362735.html>

Who is freer? A person who can choose between two candidates who have collected unknown quantities of money from unknown sources, and ultimately are chosen by corporate controlled media, or someone whose political leader is at least relatively clean and educated? China certainly comes closer to the Socratic ideal than the American form of democracy. Considering all of the above, the United Nations really needs to get off its “high horse” in regards to democracy. The virtues or vices of a government have more to do with the quality of the individuals and the United States has about as far from a “clean, representative” government as any government can get.

Also in regards to the great freedoms of Americans, there is drug addiction. Certainly, Americas are free to become addicted to both doctor prescribed and illegal drugs.

Drug overdose deaths continue to impact communities in the United States. From 1999 to 2017, more than 702,000 people have died from a drug overdose. In 2017, more than 70,000 people died from drug overdoses, making it a leading cause of injury-related death in the United States. Sixty-eight percent of those deaths involved a prescription or illicit opioid. On average, 130 Americans die every day from an opioid overdose.

<https://www.cdc.gov/injury/features/prescription-drug-overdose/index.html>

Drug addition is rather rare in China.

The government of China gives Chinese people in China truly unbelievable freedom.<sup>20</sup>

**VI. Special Referendum in the General Assembly of the United Nations to approve prosecution of any and all violators of Crimes Against Humanity, regardless as to whether or not they signed the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court followed by a large expansion of the staff of the International Criminal Court (ICC) to facilitate accelerated timelines in established cases of imminent danger**

Imagine how well city, state and federal courts would function if criminals had to volunteer to sign a paper before they could be prosecuted, and instead the most egregious mass murderers, rapists and other torturers, thieves, kidnappers, etc. were allowed to continue their crimes indefinitely?

The UN cannot operate with its hands tied in this fashion and all it takes is 1) dissolution of the ossified Security Council, followed by 2) a vote in the General Assembly to allow non-Rome Statute signatory members to be investigated and prosecuted for war crimes and crimes against humanity *in absentia* if necessary, to end 90% of the wars and poverty in the world. That would have a deterrence effect if nothing else.

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<sup>20</sup> This writer can confidently state this by virtue of having lived immersed in Chinese culture for the past 10 years, and having lived in/traveled through some 40 other countries over the period of the past 56 years.

**Parallel to UN reforms a special referendum needs to be called in the United States to require the President of the United States to sign the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court**

The bought and paid for US Congress and Senate would most probably vote against such a referendum, and if and when that happens each of them should be voted out of office or dismissed for dereliction of duty and violations of Constitutional Law.

State Legislators will be required to assist in this process, as per the U.S. Constitution:

**Article 1 – Legislative, Section 4**

1: The Times, Places and Manner of holding Elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof; but the Congress may at any time by Law make or alter such Regulations, except as to the Places of choosing Senators.

The general election for state legislative races is on November 3, 2020.

Due to the structure of the US government, specifically the fact that the President appoints the US Attorney General, and can apparently fire them at will, it is virtually impossible for the US to hold a fair trial for a president or Director of CIA.

Under international law, states have a responsibility to investigate and appropriately prosecute (or extradite for prosecution) suspected perpetrators of genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and other international crimes.

Furthermore, presidents of the United States are apparently protected within the USA by Presidential Immunity from Judicial Direction.

...Rare has been the opportunity for the Court to elucidate its opinion in *Mississippi v. Johnson*, and, in the Watergate tapes case,<sup>811</sup> it held the President amenable to subpoena to produce evidence for use in a criminal case without dealing, except obliquely, with its prior opinion. The President's counsel had argued the President was immune to judicial process, claiming "that the independence of the Executive Branch within its own sphere . . . insulates a President from a judicial subpoena in an ongoing criminal prosecution, and thereby protects confidential Presidential communications."<sup>812</sup> However, the Court held, "neither the doctrine of separation of powers, nor the need for confidentiality of high-level communications, without more, can sustain an absolute, unqualified Presidential privilege of immunity from judicial process under all circumstances."<sup>813</sup> The primary constitutional duty of the courts "to do justice in criminal prosecutions" was a critical counterbalance to the claim of presidential immunity, and to accept the President's argument would disturb the separation-of-powers function of achieving "a workable government" as well as "gravely impair the role of the courts under Art. III."<sup>814</sup>

Present throughout the Watergate crisis, and unresolved by it, was the question of the amenability of the President to criminal prosecution prior to conviction upon impeachment.<sup>815</sup> It was argued that the Impeachment Clause necessarily required indictment and trial in a criminal proceeding to follow a successful impeachment and that a President in any event was uniquely immune from indictment, and these arguments were advanced as one ground to deny enforcement of the subpoenas running to the President.<sup>816</sup> Assertion of the same argument by Vice President Agnew was controverted by the government, through the Solicitor General, but, as to the President, it was argued that for a number of constitutional and practical reasons he was not subject to ordinary criminal process.<sup>817</sup>

<https://law.justia.com/constitution/us/article-2/45-presidential-immunity-from-judicial-direction.html>

Under what is known as the “principle of complementarity,” the ICC may only exercise its jurisdiction when a country is either unwilling or genuinely unable to investigate and prosecute these grave crimes.

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/03/15/qa-international-criminal-court-and-united-states#2>

The American Justice Department, Congress and Senate will most definitely be unwilling to allow American Presidents and Directors of Central Intelligence to be prosecuted for the obvious every day crimes of those Presidents and Directors of Central Intelligence which include but are not limited to the Draft articles on Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity 2019 as cited below in this article.

The ICC is a “Court of last resort” and yet, because of the structure of law in the United States it appears investigation into Crimes against Humanity by American presidents simply will not occur within the United States and the ICC is the only venue in which fair trials can take place.

In plain language:

The ICC can show interest in a persecutor and send out a warrant; however, if the country where the persecutor is residing is not a signatory or hasn't ratified the Rome Statue then there is no way the ICC can take him/her to court. This is not the only obstacle standing the way of the intervention in the prosecution of these perpetrators, but the ICC must always try to allow the State to conduct a fair trial first, before any serious interference can be made. Because of this the ICC has been described by Sudan President Omar Al Bashir as ‘a mosquito in the ear of an elephant.’

<https://internationalcriminalcourtnashie.weebly.com/power-of-the-icc.html>

Active ICC Investigations and cases can be found here: <https://www.icc-cpi.int/> (hover cursor over "Situations and Cases" on menu at top of page)

And: <http://coalitionfortheicc.org/explore/icc-situations-and-cases>

If indeed American Directors of CIA and Presidents are innocent, surely the ICC will determine that.

"The ICC is designed to be an independent permanent tribunal that respects the highest standards of justice. The Rome Statute incorporates international fair trial standards to preserve a defendant's due process rights, including: presumption of innocence; right to counsel; right to present evidence and to confront witnesses; right to remain silent; right to be present at trial; right to have charges proved beyond a reasonable doubt; right to an appeal; and protection against double jeopardy."

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/03/15/qa-international-criminal-court-and-united-states#2>

Also curious is the following:

"Furthermore, at the individual level, that is, that of criminal liability, it would seem that one of the consequences of the *jus cogens* character bestowed by the international community upon the prohibition of torture is that every state is entitled to investigate, prosecute and punish or extradite individuals accused of torture, **who are present in a territory under its jurisdiction.**"

International Law Commissions: The Obligation to Extradite of prosecute by Amnesty International P. 23

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/IOR40/001/2009/en/>

Is this only limited to torture? What about other crimes against humanity?

Are the economic strangulations of Iran, China, Venezuela, Turkey, and coup in Bolivia forms of torture? Is the starvation of thousands of Yemenis children torture, even if the recognized government invited intervention?

**Could any of the US presidents or CIA directors that are culpable in Crimes Against Humanity be extradited to the ICC if they appeared in any of the countries that are signatories to the Rome Statute?**

If yes, then finally an end can be put to the endless tyrannies American foreign policies have forced upon the world for more than the last century. Cleaning up American foreign policy is the only way to reduce the probability of WWII and/or another 9/11 happening.

At present the United States...

"is not a State Party to the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (Rome Statute), which founded the International Criminal Court

(ICC) in 2002 as a permanent international criminal court to "bring to justice the perpetrators of the worst crimes known to humankind – war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide", when national courts are unable or unwilling to do so."

"The States Parties to the Rome Statute." International Criminal Court. Archived from the original on March 1, 2018. Retrieved February 25, 2018.

Human Rights Watch (July 2008). *Courting History: The Landmark International Criminal Court's First Years*. New York.

<https://www.hrw.org/reports/2008/icc0708/>

Certainly, every US President since WWII, every Director of CIA, as well as most British, French and Israeli Prime Ministers have repeatedly and with intention of forethought ordered and/or at minimum approved violation of all or nearly all of the following:

### **Draft articles on Prevention and Punishment of Crimes Against Humanity 2019**

#### **Article 2**

#### **Definition of crimes against humanity**

1. For the purpose of the present draft articles, "crime against humanity" means any of the following acts when committed as part of a widespread or systematic attack directed against any civilian population, with knowledge of the attack:

- (a) murder;
- (b) extermination;
- (c) enslavement;
- (d) deportation or forcible transfer of population;
- (e) imprisonment or other severe deprivation of physical liberty in violation of fundamental rules of international law;
- (f) torture;
- (g) rape, sexual slavery, enforced prostitution, forced pregnancy, enforced sterilization, or any other form of sexual violence of comparable gravity;
- (h) persecution against any identifiable group or collectively on political, racial, national, ethnic, cultural, religious, gender, or other grounds that are universally recognized as impermissible under international law, in connection with any act referred to in this paragraph;
- (i) enforced disappearance of persons;
- (j) the crime of apartheid;
- (k) other inhumane acts of a similar character intentionally causing great suffering, or serious injury to body or to mental or physical health.

2. For the purpose of paragraph 1:

(a) “attack directed against any civilian population” means a course of conduct involving the multiple commission of acts referred to in paragraph 1 against any civilian population, pursuant to or in furtherance of a State or organizational policy to commit such attack;

(b) “extermination” includes the intentional infliction of conditions of life, *inter alia* the deprivation of access to food and medicine, calculated to bring about the destruction of part of a population;

(c) “enslavement” means the exercise of any or all of the powers attaching to the right of ownership over a person and includes the exercise of such power in the course of trafficking in persons, in particular women and children;

(d) “deportation or forcible transfer of population” means forced displacement of the persons concerned by expulsion or other coercive acts from the area in which they are lawfully present, without grounds permitted under international law;

(e) “torture” means the intentional infliction of severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, upon a person in the custody or under the control of the accused; except that torture shall not include pain or suffering arising only from, inherent in or incidental to, lawful sanctions;

(f) “forced pregnancy” means the unlawful confinement of a woman forcibly made pregnant, with the intent of affecting the ethnic composition of any population or carrying out other grave violations of international law. This definition shall not in any way be interpreted as affecting national laws relating to pregnancy;

(g) “persecution” means the intentional and severe deprivation of fundamental rights contrary to international law by reason of the identity of the group or collectivity;

(h) “the crime of apartheid” means inhumane acts of a character similar to those referred to in paragraph 1, committed in the context of an institutionalized regime of systematic oppression and domination by one racial group over any other racial group or groups and committed with the intention of maintaining that regime;

(i) “enforced disappearance of persons” means the arrest, detention or abduction of persons by, or with the authorization, support or acquiescence of, a State or a political organization, followed by a refusal to acknowledge that deprivation of freedom or to give information on the fate or whereabouts of those persons, with the intention of removing them from the protection of the law for a prolonged period of time.

3. This draft article is without prejudice to any broader definition provided for in any international instrument, in customary international law or in national law.

...as they are all the ordinary daily actions of the primary colonial powers in the world today, which include the USA, UK, and France.

[With, in some cases the exception of (f) above, though certainly the Indian Army, Central Reserve Police Force and Border Security Personnel in Kashmir, various military forces supporting the Saudi led war in Yemen, and so on most certainly should also be investigated for violations of (f) above in addition to all the other above listed Crimes Against Humanity.]

**“Hasn't the US already investigated alleged abuses by US military and CIA personnel in Afghanistan?”**

**“The US has conducted some investigations into alleged abuses by US personnel in Afghanistan, but they were limited in scope. In 2009, the US Department of Justice opened an investigation into 101 cases of alleged detainee abuse by the CIA, including the cases of two detainees who died in CIA custody, but no charges were brought. Human Rights Watch found no evidence that the investigators interviewed any victims of CIA torture. Moreover, the investigation was limited to abuses that went beyond the interrogation methods authorized by the Justice Department. Many of the authorized techniques were abusive – some clearly amounting to torture – and should have been included. A 2014 report by the US Senate Intelligence Committee concluded that the CIA covered up its crimes, including by making false claims to the Justice Department. The 6,700-page Senate report remains classified, but a redacted version of the 525-page summary shows that abusive CIA interrogation methods were far more brutal, systematic, and widespread than previously reported.”**

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/03/15/qa-international-criminal-court-and-united-states#4>

Clearly the ICC is the only court in which the victims, and victim family survivors may find justice at this time. Cleaning up the 50 State Legislatures, Congress and the Senate could take decades and the victims of today, tomorrow, and the day after tomorrow cannot wait decades for justice to be done.

**VII. Land grabbing and the issue of polarization of wealth – the need for more specific enforceable national and international laws guaranteeing the of most basic rights of indigenous people**

The 1898 invasion of the Philippines by the United States on behalf of Dole corporation was one of history's more egregious examples of land grabbing. These days however corporations can simply go into a developing nation, buy national and local governments, and then go about doing the same thing the American military did in the Philippines – take the land from the indigenous population except under the blanket of government-controlled media.

In recent years there have been oceans of documents, plans, recommendations and proposals regarding the issue of primarily corporate driven land grabbing in developing countries.

[https://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Contemporary\\_Land\\_Grabbing1.html#GlobalInstitutionalizedSystematicMechanisms](https://www.nyulawglobal.org/globalex/Contemporary_Land_Grabbing1.html#GlobalInstitutionalizedSystematicMechanisms)

<http://www.fao.org/3/mi744e/mi744e.pdf>

And yet the catastrophic problems associated with farmland grabbing, which exacerbates economic polarization world-wide is escalating.

#### Anti-Land Grab Regulations

Land grabs are closer than you think. Holes in international law mean we have very little way of ensuring that our supply chains and savings don't link us to land that has been illegally or violently taken.

Likewise, despite efforts in Europe and the US to improve regulations of the finance sector following the 2008 economic crisis, there are still almost no rules stopping investors profiting from land grabbing. In 2013, we showed how rubber companies linked to land grabbing in Cambodia and Laos were backed by investors including Deutsche Bank, Credit Suisse and the International Finance Corporation, the private lending arm of the World Bank.

Global Witness has been documenting land grabbing crises in countries such as Cambodia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea and Liberia, where governments strike secretive deals with agri-business companies for land at the expense of communities that have relied on it for generations. These communities are often unable to access justice domestically, but right now the only recourse they have internationally is to voluntary standards and industry round-tables that lack teeth.

<https://www.globalwitness.org/en/campaigns/land-deals/land-grabbing-starts-in-our-financial-centres/>

More significantly, international law formalizes and provides legitimacy for such grabs. Crucially, it may do so even when international legal scholars happen to be critical of this or that land-grabbing technique.

[https://www.academia.edu/37284235/Grabbing\\_Land\\_Legally\\_A\\_Marxist\\_Analysis\\_32\\_2019\\_Leiden\\_Journal\\_of\\_International\\_Law\\_215-33](https://www.academia.edu/37284235/Grabbing_Land_Legally_A_Marxist_Analysis_32_2019_Leiden_Journal_of_International_Law_215-33)

A false promise? Regulating land-grabbing and the post-colonial state, by Ntina Tzouvala

Published online by Cambridge University Press: 08 March 2019

Since 2008, a global 'land rush' has been unfolding and so have efforts by international, national and regional actors to position themselves as the principal authorities in the determination of appropriate usages of land. This article examines three of the most influential 'soft law' instruments: the Principles for Responsible Agricultural Investment; the Principles for

Responsible Investment in Agriculture and Food Systems and; the Voluntary Guidelines on the Responsible Governance of Tenure. Despite their substantive differences, all three documents share a specific form of state-centrism...

In this context, the promise of 'soft law' instruments to make the post-colonial state the guarantor of universally beneficial large-scale land acquisitions is shown to be a false one.

*Leiden Journal of International Law*, Vol. 32, Issue, June 2019, pp. 235-253

<https://doi.org/10.1017/S0922156519000128>

SG Damtew 'Land-grabbing and the right to adequate food in Ethiopia' (2019) 19 African Human Rights Law Journal 219-245

<http://dx.doi.org/10.17159/1996-2096/2019/v19n1a11>

[https://www.ahrlj.up.ac.za/images/ahrlj/2019/volume\\_1/Chapter%20Damtew%201\\_2019.pdf](https://www.ahrlj.up.ac.za/images/ahrlj/2019/volume_1/Chapter%20Damtew%201_2019.pdf)

In Myanmar

<https://reliefweb.int/report/myanmar/land-grabbing-internationally-wrongful-act>

### **VIII. Conclusions**

Though many thousands of paid and volunteer UN workers have worked selflessly for more than half a century in an attempt to help the war-torn and poor around the world, as an organization the UN has, due to structural and policy failures neither stopped or even slowed the war and corporate machines that drive the world's most terrible poverty in the "developing world," and even in the USA.

The "problem" is not in the majority of the UN workers 90% of whom almost certainly are good people (with the other 10% working covertly for the CIA), but in the obviously failed structure of the UN itself, the near complete lack of critically important educational initiatives, increasingly common and perilous assumptions of the UN regarding the "superiority" of democracy, and failure to work more diligently on protecting the rights of indigenous people world-wide.

Though the recent judicial decisions by ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda in regards to investigation of legal options relating to crimes against humanity and war crimes in Palestine and Afghanistan offers some glimmers of hope, there is a very long road ahead.

Suppose an exceptionally greedy evil person were to impale your body with 100 long crooked rusty nails and left them there within your body, and somehow you managed to survive. Just how optimistic would you feel if someone suggested to "investigate" the removal of two of them? Fortunately, ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda is not "just anyone," however one can expect extreme "pushback" on her efforts to illuminate events in Palestine and Afghanistan and prosecute the guilty.

The Times of Israel, December 26, 2019

From The Gambia to The Hague: Meet Israel's new public enemy number one

ICC prosecutor Bensouda's bid to probe Israel for war crimes is being met with intense hostility, including by reporters highlighting her past work for a brutal African dictator

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The absurd thing is practically everyone in the world knows innumerable crimes against humanity and war crimes have occurred in Palestine and Afghanistan, and continue to occur on a daily system driven basis, the only question remains, will prosecution of those crimes be permitted in the Hague?

Is it possible to break hundreds of years of deeply engrained habits of simply disregarding Muslim life?

“What followed had disastrous consequences. Rome appointed as patriarch a senior Spanish Jesuit, Alfonso Mendes, who was knowledgeable in the ways of the Catholic Church but uncompromising and narrow-minded in his approach to the mission he was given. After landing in disguise at a remote harbor on the Red Sea coast, Mendes made a hazardous journey across the Danakil desert, finally arriving at Susenyos' headquarters in Dankaz (Ethiopia) in February 1626 with an entourage of priests, servants and musicians. Susenyos sent out an escort of 15,000 armed horsemen to welcome him...

“Losing no time, Mendes set out to crush centuries of religious tradition...

“Dissenters were punished by hanging or burning at the stake.

“The outcome was a series of rebellions across Abyssinia. In June 1632, Susenyos' own brother, Malka Christos, assembled a large army in Lasta to overthrow him. Susenyos managed to defeat it, but at the cost of 8,000 killed. As he walked with his son Fasilidas across the battlefield amid the dead, Fasilidas is reported to have said to him:

““The men you see lying dead here were neither pagans nor Muslims over whose deaths we could rejoice, but Christians, your subjects and fellow-countrymen, and some of them were your own kin. It is not victory that we have gained, for we have driven our swords into our own bodies... Through carrying on this war and abandoning the Faith of our ancestors, we have become a byword among the pagans and Arabs.””

*The Fortunes of Africa, a 5000-Year history of Wealth, Greed and Endeavour*, Vol. 1, by Martin Meredith, 2014, Simon and Schuster & PublicAffairs(TM), pp. 128.

Though according to history and law, the crusades supposed ended, slaves supposedly freed, and McCarthyism supposed ended, in the international milieu American foreign policies have blithely continued as if none of that history and law existed.

As the US, Israel and GCC supporters prepare for the unwarranted war against Iran, readers might enjoy watching a video posted on RT news: 'Christmas shopping brings happiness': WATCH Christians enjoy holiday spirit in Iran, dated December 26, 2019

<https://www.rt.com/news/476845-iran-christians-celebrate-christmas/>

Is it possible the absolute disregard for all laws with impunity may be the trigger that brings down the Goliath of colonialism, as has happened so many times before in history?

To continue the story of Susenyos above:

Exhausted and depressed, Susenyos returned to Dankaz, issued a proclamation granting his subjects freedom of religion and abdicated in favor of Fasilidas. He died a few months later... Fasilidas moved swiftly to rid Abyssinia of the Jesuits and their alien dogma. Mendes and his colleagues were first banished to Fremona and then expelled altogether. Five Jesuits who chose to remain were hanged on Fasilidas' orders, two others were assassinated... Seeking to ensure that no more Europeans entered the highlands Fasilidas signed agreements with the Muslim rulers of Massawa and other Red Sea ports to help keep them out. When a party of Franciscans sent by the Pope were discovered trying to enter Abyssinia disguised as Armenian merchants, they were killed.

Ibid

At the closing of 2019, perhaps for the first time in the 500 years of western colonialization there are faint glimmers of hope among the dispossessed. Will those tiny sparks of light dim and be extinguished under the weight of institutional inertia at the UN, or be suffocated by a cold death imposed by the enemies of peace, or, somehow grow into the brilliant illumination of real freedom and equality, thereby permitting truth and justice for all, regardless as to race, religion or political orientation?

Though it may sound melodramatic, it is certainly possible the fate of the human species may rest upon the strength, intelligence, courage, faith and tenacity of ICC prosecutor Fatou Bensouda from the Gambia and the voting members of the UN General Assembly.

Epilogue - Quotes:

"It is scarcely possible that the eyes of contemporaries should discover in the public felicity the latent causes of decay and corruption. This long peace, and the uniform government of the Romans, introduced a slow

and secret poison into the vitals of the empire. The minds of men were gradually reduced to the same level, the fire of genius was extinguished, and even the military spirit evaporated." Edward Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Chapter 2

"Under a democratic government the citizens exercise the powers of sovereignty; and those powers will be first abused, and afterwards lost, if they are committed to an unwieldy multitude." Edward Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Chapter 2

"The influence of the clergy, in an age of superstition, might be usefully employed to assert the rights of mankind; but so intimate is the connection between the throne and the altar, that the banner of the church has very seldom been seen on the side of the people. A martial nobility and stubborn commons, possessed of arms, tenacious of property, and collected into constitutional assemblies, form the only balance capable of preserving a free constitution against enterprises of an aspiring prince." Edward Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Chapter 3

"War in its fairest form implies a perpetual violation of humanity and justice; and the hostilities of barbarians are inflamed by the fierce and lawless spirit which incessantly disturbs their peaceful and domestic society. The Vandals, where they found resistance, seldom gave quarter; and the deaths of the valiant countrymen were expiated by the ruin of the cities under whose walls they had fallen. Careless of the distinction of age, or sex, or rank, they employed every species of indignity and torture to force from the captives a discovery of their hidden wealth."

Edward Gibbon, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Chapter 33

And thusly is described the ultimate fate of all great nations in history.

and natural. He would give them an exact figure. It might not be right, but it would be precise.

"Six thousand, four hundred and seventy-two," he said.

A few of the litter-bearers stirred. They were not resting, they were rigid. If anyone had regarded them, they would have noticed that. But no one regarded them.

"Six thousand, four hundred and seventy-two," the fat man repeated. Caius made the right remark. "That much timber," Caius said. Helena knew it was a

fraud, but the fat man nodded appreciatively. Now they were en rapport. The fat man extracted a cane from the folds of his gown and gestured at the crucifix.

"That one—merely a token. A token of a token, so as to speak."

Claudia giggled nervously.

"Nevertheless of interest and of importance. Set apart with reason. Reason is Rome and Rome is reasonable." He was fond of maxims.

"Is that Spartacus?" Claudia asked foolishly, but the fat man found patience for her. The way he licked his lips proved that his paternal attitude was not unmixed with emotion, and Caius thought,

"The lecherous old beast."

"Hardly Spartacus, my dear."

"His body was never found," Caius said impatiently.

"Cut to pieces," the fat man said pompously. "Cut to pieces, my dear child. Tender minds for such dreadful thoughts, but that's the truth of it—"

Claudia shuddered, but deliciously, and Caius saw a light in her eyes he had never noticed before. "Beware of superficial judgments," his father had once said to him, and while his father had weightier matters in mind than estimation of women, it held.

### Author's note:

The last sentences of the novel titled "Spartacus" are as follows:

"Tales became legends and legends became symbols, but the war of the oppressed against those who oppressed them went on. It was a flame which burned high and low but never went out—and the name of Spartacus did not perish. It was not a question of descent through blood, but descent through common struggle.

"A time would come when Rome would be torn down—not by the slaves alone, but by slaves and serfs and peasants and by free barbarians who joined with them.

"And so long as men labored, and other men took and used the fruit of those who labored, the name of Spartacus would be remembered, whispered sometimes and shouted loud and clear at other times."

Howard Fast by the way, wrote the novel titled "Spartacus" while in prison in 1951 for the "crime" of being socialist in the USA.

Appendix 1

UN Security Council Calendar December 2019

Provisional Programme of Work of the Security Council – December 2019

(as of 20 December 2019)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>25 November</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1 Dec</b>
<b>2</b> <i>PR breakfast</i> <b>10:30 A.M.</b> - Coordinators' meeting <b>Consultations (11:30 A.M.)</b> - Programme of work  <i>IRMCT report due</i>	<b>3</b> <b>Briefing (A.M.)</b> - UNAMI <b>Consultations (A.M.)</b> - UNAMI <b>TCC meeting (P.M.)</b> - MONUSCO  <i>UNDOF report due</i>	<b>4</b> <b>Adoption (A.M.)</b> - Somalia Piracy <b>Consultations (A.M.)</b> - Middle East (Syria) [cw]	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>Briefing (P.M.)</b> - UNOCA/LRA <b>Consultations (P.M.)</b> - UNOCA/LRA <i>Authorization to fight Somalia piracy ends</i>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>  <i>SG Luncheon</i>	<b>10</b>  <b>TCC meeting (P.M.)</b> - UNDOF  <i>UNMISS report due</i> <i>UNAMA report due</i>	<b>11</b> <b>Debate (A.M.)</b> - IRMCT  <b>Briefing (P.M.)</b> - Non-proliferation/DPRK  <i>2231 report due</i>	<b>12</b> <b>Consultations (A.M.)</b> - Middle East (Yemen)  <b>Adoption (P.M.)</b> - Peace and Security in Africa <b>Briefing (P.M.)</b> - 1591 Committee <b>Consultations (P.M.)</b> - UNDOF	<b>13</b>  <i>2139 report due</i> <i>Libya PoE final report due</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> <b>Briefing (A.M.)</b> - Peace and security in Africa: Inter-communal violence and terrorism in West Africa  <b>Adoption (P.M.)</b> - Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts <b>Briefing (P.M.)</b> - UNAMA <b>Consultations (P.M.)</b> - UNAMA	<b>17</b> <b>Briefing (A.M.)</b> - SC subsidiary organs  <b>Briefing (P.M.)</b> - UNMISS - South Sudan sanctions <b>Consultations (P.M.)</b> - UNMISS - South Sudan sanctions	<b>18</b> <b>Briefing (A.M.)</b> - Middle East <b>Consultations (A.M.)</b> - Middle East  <b>Briefing (P.M.)</b> - ICC Sudan	<b>19</b> <b>Adoption (A.M.)</b> - MONUSCO - UNDOF <b>Briefing (A.M.)</b> - Middle East  <b>Briefing (P.M.)</b> - Non-proliferation	<b>20</b> <b>Briefing (A.M.)</b> - Middle East <b>Consultations (A.M.)</b> - Middle East (Syria) [pol] <b>Adoption (A.M.)</b> - Middle East  <i>MONUSCO mandate expires</i>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  <i>UN official holiday</i>	<b>26</b>  <i>Colombia report due</i>	<b>27</b>  <i>OPCW report due</i> <i>UNOWAS report due</i> <i>MINUSMA report due</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  <i>UNOWAS mandate ends</i> <i>UNDOF mandate ends</i> <i>CAR PoE final report due</i> <i>CAR sanctions- update on benchmarks due</i>	<b>1 January</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

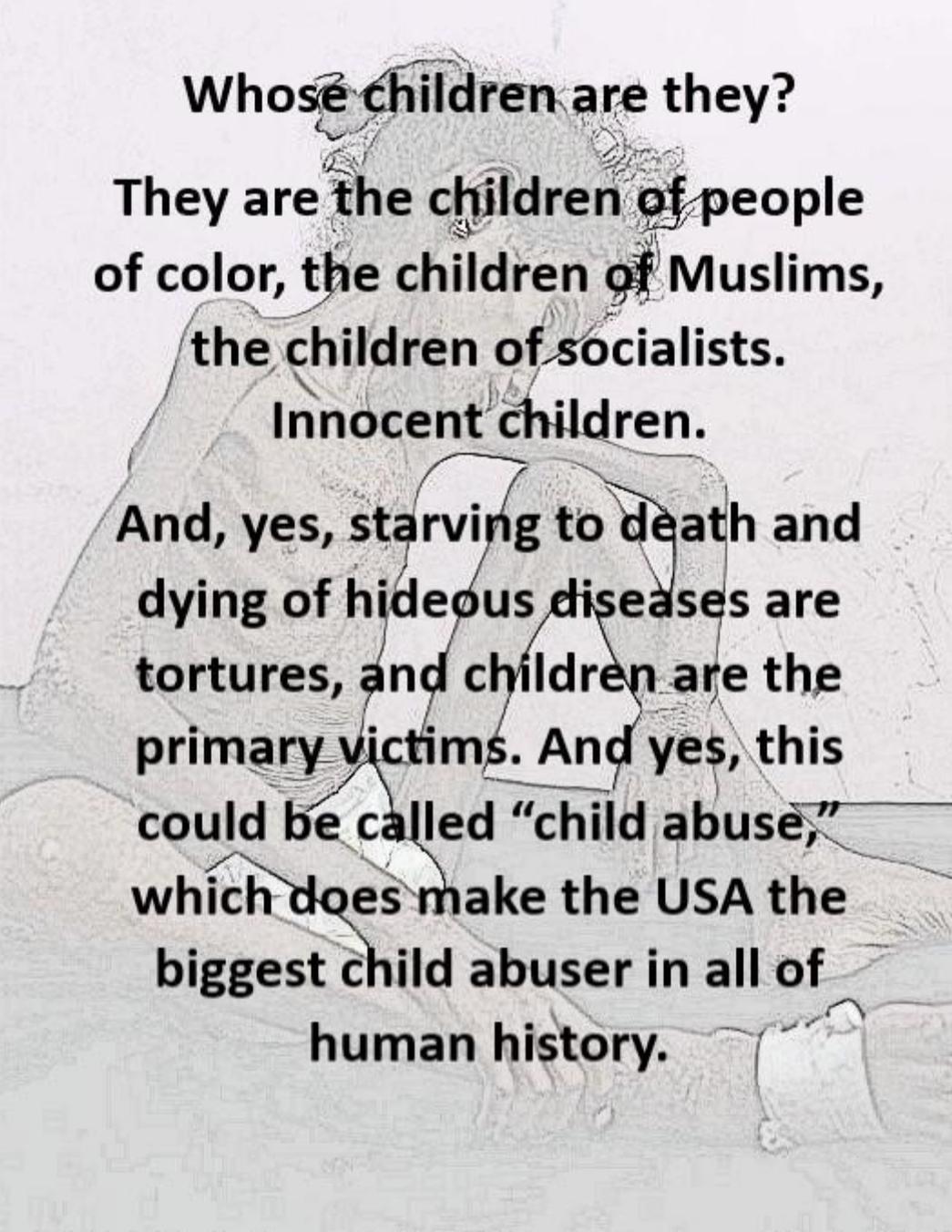
Letter Ukraine PR (S/2014/136); Letter Russian Federation PR (S/2014/264)

### **Let's be honest...**

War is damned good business for the USA, other people's wars at least. Keeping the rest of the world at each other's throats, fighting and killing each other forever is a great way to get their natural resources for a song and keep the USA Number 1 in the world forever! And, those weapons sales don't hurt either, well not the USA! America is the world's Number 1 weapons exporter with Russia in a distant 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and everyone else way far behind! Something to be proud of, eh?

Now that the USA has perfected the art of starting “color evolutions” in just about any country, the USA can start wars anywhere anytime!  
Wow! That’s great eh?

Yes, it is true nine million people die of starvation every year, and most of them because of war and conflict in their nations. And, yes, most of them are children, the uncounted casualties of war. And yes, Ebola is back, there’s a measles epidemic, polio outbreaks in Africa and Asia, as well as a rise in Yellow Fever, all causing intense suffering, misery and death.



**Whose children are they?**

**They are the children of people  
of color, the children of Muslims,  
the children of socialists.  
Innocent children.**

**And, yes, starving to death and  
dying of hideous diseases are  
tortures, and children are the  
primary victims. And yes, this  
could be called “child abuse,”  
which does make the USA the  
biggest child abuser in all of  
human history.**

Of course, they couldn't get away it, without UN help.

Law, what law?

The USA is the Law!