

Time-Critical Need for Restructuring the UN: Law, History and News

To be or not to be – Restructure the UN or face WWII



“I think we have fairly entered upon a durable struggle as to whether this ~~nation~~ world is to ultimately become all slave or all free, and though I fall early in the contest, it is nothing if I shall have contributed, in the least degree, to the final rightful result.”

Adapted from:

Abraham Lincoln - December 8, 1858 Letter to H.D. Sharpe

“This is a world of compensations; and he who would be no slave, must consent to have no slave. Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves; and, under a just God, cannot long retain it.”

Abraham Lincoln - April 6, 1859 Letter to Henry Pierce

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The US signs the UN Charter in 1945
And immediately went about suborning every Chapter (UN Photos)

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Note to Readers: If you read one book this year, it should be this book. Why? Your life, our lives, and all of our families' lives may depend on it. Please read one or both of the Abstract/Summaries, or just skip to the Contents. In any case, there's a lot in this book you are not going to find anywhere else. Nuclear weapons may be the least of our worries now that biological weapons, and nanite weapons have become so vogue in the international marketplace.

News stories and history books all contain fragments of truths mixed with other things. In this book I've tried to put it all together into a cohesive picture that anyone can understand.

Some people may wonder what makes me qualified to write this book.

I first left the USA in 1963 to live in a foreign country for more than a year when I was six. Since then I've lived in South America, Europe, Asia and Africa for more than 20 years, usually living with local people. In addition, I'm a good reader; I got my first university library card when I was five years old and read many books and newspapers every day. I'm not exactly a bookworm type though, as I've also fought in more than 300 martial arts tournaments in one place or another, so I'm not scared easily. But what's going on in the world now is scary. Scarier than at any time in history and I've studied histories, a lot of them.

This may sound like B.S. to some people, but I'm not in a position where I can afford to lie or exaggerate even a little. The stakes are too high. I would much prefer to have been doing sports during the time it took me to research, compile and write this book but again, the stakes are too high. I didn't plan or want to write it. But brutally obvious global trends combined with personal experiences forced me to, and in fact this book wrote itself, compelled by moral and practical intensities that could not be denied.

If you value peace and freedom not to mention life itself, please read this book. The hour is later than you think.

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ABSTRACT/SUMMARY 1

This book is a cross-disciplinary law, history, political science and news review suggesting numerous structural reforms within the United Nations are time-critical prerequisites for it to begin to live up to its mandate, and due to rapidly escalating conflicts involving nuclear armed states, and the potential use of DARPA designed biological weapons there is an overwhelming need for those structural reforms to be enacted as-soon-as-possible. Though very recent judicial actions by International Criminal Court (ICC) Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda to conduct official probes into war crimes in Palestine and hold hearings on U.S. torture and other grave crimes in Afghanistan offers faint glimmers of hope regarding a paradigm shift at the United Nations, they are nowhere near enough to substantially alter the plans of the primary belligerents in the world's major conflicts, as the "targeted assassination" of Iranian General Soleimani and nine other people January 3rd proved. Likewise, evidence is mounting that the COVID-19 currently sweeping China and the world is an ethnic-specific biological weapon designed for the purpose of diminishing China as an economic power. A major emphasis of this book is upon the fact that the American Defense Planning Guidance (DPG) is driving the USA to start WWII in order to maintain its global hegemony and the Congress and Senate should hold hearings of the constitutionality of that document, as WWII has the potential to rob Americans of the right to life, given that China, Russia and Iran are not backwards third world nations, but rather have the potential to strike back very hard if WWII occurs using nuclear and biological weapons and have had a long time to prepare for this possible event. The leadership in USA cannot imagine "harmonizing" within a multi-polar world and is attempting to trigger WWII to maintain its monopolar global hegemony, and so intends to keep provoking Iran until it gets the desired results. In this case, the "glimmers of hope" from the ICC will be too little too late to prevent another major war from breaking out. Though not a confirmed signatory country to the Rome Statue (that created the ICC), the US has always been held sacrosanct at the UN. This review article asserts **1)** the United Nations has failed miserably in its stated duty to prevent wars as is evidenced by the ever increasing number of displaced persons in the world now exceeding 70 million, **2)** there is a time-critical need for restructuring the UN in order to very rapidly cool nuclear flashpoints in Iran and Kashmir and reduce the probability of a broader regional war starting in Libya **3)** that restructuring is also necessary to produce a deterrence effect designed to stop other current wars and prevent future wars, **4)** the historic and current colonial activities by democracies, and the relative freedoms in and successes of China demonstrate that democracy is not the only form of representative government that promotes freedom and human rights and UN documents should be amended as thus far they have only extolled democracy as the "saving grace" of peace and freedom, when in many cases the exact opposite has been proven to be true, **5)** the UN has neglected some critically important education needs and other human rights issues such as corporate-driven land grabbing world-wide that also need addressing post-haste. This book concludes that if the UN put more effort into conflict deterrence with more rapid investigations into possible war crimes and crimes against humanity before the beginning of wars e.g. the illegal sanctions against Iran and the "targeted assassination" of Qassem Soleimani and his associates in Iraq on January 3rd 2020, they could finally begin to fulfill the 1945 UN Charter mandate to prevent wars. This book concludes by presenting 16 suggestions for amendments to the UN Charter and derivative documents. The question for the UNGA and readers is this: "Will the UN remain a sycophantic organization serving exclusively US interests forever and thus witness WWII or for once prosecute the greatest violator of laws regarding War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity in all human history, the USA, and begin to live up to the original mandates inculcated in its original 1945 Charter?"

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY 2

This book is a summary of the dramas unfolding within the UN and between the US and the UN which can result in either world peace or WWIII, as belligerents in two nuclear armed hotspots are escalating their provocations just as the United Nations has started its own moral and legal reawakening. The road to this critical point in time has been a long one. Only two years after the signing of the UN Charter in 1945 the whole thing was tossed in the trash November 29, 1947 with UN Resolution 181 – The (Palestinian) Partition Plan, representing a 180° turn in UN policy. At that time UN efforts to fulfill its mandate to end wars and promote peace ceased while the USA started systematically and brutally pillaging the world. Simultaneously, whereas the 1945 UN Charter appeared free of political bias, in 1947 a strong predisposition in favor of democracy emerged, implicitly denigrating all other forms of representative government, an attitude which then proliferated in UN documents and a wide variety of UN sub-organizations. Just as it appeared all hope was lost on November 15, 2016 the UN woke up from its long slumber and the International Criminal Court dared to assert US Forces directed by CIA may have committed War Crimes in Afghanistan, thus representing a long overdue 90° turn in the orientation of the UN. Meanwhile in the wake of the civil war in Libya resulting from the US assassination of its leader October 20, 2011, the UN helped construct and is supporting the coalition GNC government in Libya while the USA is militarily attacking it using a cabal including France, Saudi Arabia and others, simultaneous to open political conflict at the United Nations in New York and The Hague. And then December 20, 2019 the ICC announced an intention to conduct an official probe into alleged war crimes in Palestine. Thus, the UN, US and world now stand at a cross-road. This book suggests that to complete the final 90° turn and align itself with the original intent of the 1945 Charter, the United Nations will have to move out of New York and the USA entirely so its foreign members will not have their visas revoked and suffer other forms of harassment and possible assassination, and a number of other structural changes will have to be made within the UN. This book asserts that the choice the UN now confronts is between completing the circle to bring it back to the letter and intent of the original 1945 UN Charter and world peace or revert to the status quo that has dominated the UN since 1947 and prepare for WWIII. A major emphasis of this book is upon the fact that the American Defense Planning Guidance (DPG) is driving the USA to start WWIII in order to maintain its global hegemony, and the Congress and Senate should hold hearings of the constitutionality of that document, as WWIII has the potential to rob Americans of the right to life, given that China, Russia and Iran are not backwards third world nations, but rather have the potential to strike back very hard if WWIII occurs using nuclear and biological weapons and have had a long time to prepare for this possible event. This book concludes that if the UN can succeed in turning that final 90° bringing it back to the intent of the original Charter, and world resources devoted to building a better world, it would represent a paradigm shift greater than the invention of the wheel ushering in a new era of peace and prosperity in line with the utopian ideals of all the great philosophers and prophets in history, with the caveat being the USA will do everything in its power to prevent that from happening.

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PREFACE

The Streamlined United Nations (SUN)

*aut dedere aut judicare*¹ - A *prima facie*² case³

The United Nations - designed to prevent and stop wars - is a failure because it was designed to be a failure. There has been constant war since it was created, and the number and intensity of wars has only increased since then. It was constructed by the world's foremost colonial powers to give an illusion of hope and string the world along while the world's colonial powers went about their bloody business unfettered by any international or national legislative or judicial body with the power to stop them.

Some will most certainly argue that restructuring the United Nations has to be done within the purview of existing international law and that may be true, although it's debatable. If currently existing legal rational is needed, there is:

The obligation to extradite or prosecute (*aut dedere aut judicare*)

Final Report of the International Law Commission 2014

“Adopted by the International Law Commission at its sixty-sixth session, in 2014, and submitted to the General Assembly as a part of the Commission's report covering the work of that session (at para. 65). The report will appear in Yearbook of the International Law Commission, 2014, vol. II (Part Two).

¹ The principle of *aut dedere aut judicare* (Latin for "either extradite or prosecute") refers to the legal obligation of states under public international law to prosecute persons who commit serious international crimes where no other state has requested extradition.

https://legal.un.org/ilc/texts/instruments/english/reports/7_6_2014.pdf

The traditional place to start in ascertaining an international obligation's sources is article 38(1) of the Statute of the International Court of Justice, which identifies these as international conventions, international custom as evidence of a general practice accepted as law, the general principles of law recognised by civilised nations and as a subsidiary source, the teachings of the most highly qualified publicists of the various nations. <https://books.openedition.org/iheid/301?lang=en>

² A *prima facie* case is the establishment of a legally required rebuttable presumption. A *prima facie* case is a cause of action or defense that is sufficiently established by a party's evidence to justify a verdict in his or her favor, provided such evidence is not rebutted by the other party.

https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/prima_facie Due to vast accumulation of evidence, partly presented in this book, there is no rebuttal that can possibly justify the crimes described herein or rebut the allegations of so many, living and dead; for as every forensic pathologist and prosecuting attorney knows, the dead can speak; and according to many the *pleroma* is always listening and acting in its own mysterious ways. (See for example Matthew 5:17–5:17 and “natural law.”)

³ Western legalists love to spice up their arguments with Latin phrases which do have a certain undeniable *gravitas*. On the other hand, there is inestimable value in plain speaking.

“1. Obligation to fight impunity in accordance with the rule of law (1) The Commission notes that States have expressed their desire to cooperate among themselves, and with competent international tribunals, in the fight against impunity for crimes, in particular offences of international concern, (420) and in accordance with the rule of law. (421) In the Declaration of the High-level Meeting of the General Assembly on the Rule of Law at the National and International Levels, the Heads of State and Government and heads of delegation attending the meeting on 24 September 2012 committed themselves to “ensuring that impunity is not tolerated for genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and for violations of international humanitarian law and gross violations of human rights law, and that such violations are properly investigated and appropriately sanctioned, including by bringing the perpetrators of any crimes to justice, through national mechanisms or, where appropriate, regional or international mechanisms, in accordance with international law ...”. (422) The obligation to cooperate in combating such impunity is given effect in numerous conventions, inter alia, through the obligation to extradite or prosecute. (423) The view that the obligation to extradite or prosecute plays a crucial role in the fight against impunity is widely shared by States; (424) the obligation applies in respect of a wide range of crimes of serious concern to the international community and has been included in all sectoral conventions against international terrorism concluded since 1970. (2) The role the obligation to extradite or prosecute plays in supporting international cooperation to fight impunity has been recognized at least since the time of Hugo Grotius, who postulated the principle of *aut dedere aut punire* (either extradite or punish): ‘When appealed to, a State should either punish the guilty person as he deserves, or it should entrust him to the discretion of the party making the appeal.’⁴²⁵”

https://legal.un.org/ilc/texts/instruments/english/reports/7_6_2014.pdf

Unfortunately, the most egregious violators of International law - specifically those nation states and/or the individuals guiding their foreign policies - those who have violated those international laws with utter impunity⁴, repeatedly over extended periods of time - have never been formally charged or tried by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) or the International Criminal Court (ICC), because of 1) the antiquated structure of the UN outlined in its original 1945 Charter, and 2) the glacial speed with which the ICC operates according to United Nations policies and procedures,⁵

⁴ “...genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and for violations of international humanitarian law and gross violations of human rights law.”

⁵ Section 21. “...Proceedings relating to the implementation of the obligation to prosecute should be undertaken without delay, as soon as possible, in particular once the first complaint has been filed against the suspect. (471) The timeliness of the prosecution must be such that it does not lead to injustice; hence, necessary actions must be undertaken within a reasonable time limit.” (472) Quoted from: *The obligation to extradite or prosecute (aut dedere aut judicare)*, *Final Report of the International Law Commission 2014*

and so, that Charter must be amended to permit that extradition and/or prosecution in a timely fashion.⁶ The notion of “timely fashion” is critically important for the ICC to have any deterrence effect upon those nation states and/or the individuals guiding their foreign policies.

The United States Declaration of Independence was and remains a marvelous document and perhaps the United Nations can and should adopt it.⁷

“...We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security...”

<https://www.ushistory.org/declaration/document/>

The predecessor to the United Nations, the League of Nations was replaced by the UN because it failed to keep the peace. It would be pointless to repeat history and dissolve the UN given that it can be streamlined such that it can begin to fulfill its mission. Unfortunately, that can't happen in the US or using its current structure. The “leap” from here to there however, from a malfunctioning UN Charter to a streamlined effective UN Charter and UN, allowing for the fulfillment of the obligation to extradite or prosecute (*aut dedere aut judicare*) may not be so difficult as most people might imagine.

The key to the riddle of the abject failures of the United Nations to prevent and stop war is in its structure.

The General Assembly (UNGA) is not a decision-making body, it is only an “advisory body.” The real power is and always has been the Security Council (UNSC). The Veto Power of the five “Permanent Seats,” in the Security Council - wherein any one holder of a permanent seat can

⁶ The word “punishment” was changed to “prosecute,” in UN documents “as the alternative to extradition in order to reflect better the possibility that an alleged offender may be found not guilty.

⁷ ...adopt it with a few important updates, for example, change “man” to “humans...”

veto anything - has ensured that the colonial powers can continue their rampages of conquest unfettered by any concerns of the UN doing anything whatsoever about it.

The UNSC is like an aristocracy of mostly older Anglo-Saxons whose job it is to make sure nothing ever changes and ensure that this failure to do anything useful *seems* perfectly rational and reasonable to everyone when in fact it is neither rational or reasonable for anyone except the colonial powers that wrote the original UN Charter in 1945.

The UNSC's five permanent members now are: China, France, Russian Federation, the United Kingdom and the United States. Not coincidentally, United States, France, and the UK are the world's primary colonial powers.⁸ To create an illusion of "diversity," the UNSC also has 10 Non-Permanent Seats: Belgium (2020), Dominican Republic (2020), Estonia (2021), Germany (2020), Indonesia (2020), Niger (2021), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2021), South Africa (2020), Tunisia (2021), and Viet Nam (2021).

Which are – sadly - merely window dressing. It's like slave owners allowing some of the slaves in for dinner on occasion, but after dinner its back to the fields for them! Or perhaps, incoming Europeans to the Americas inviting some indigenous people to dinner and after dinner enslaving and/or killing them and then placidly inheriting their lands and natural resources.

There is only one way the United Nations can begin to fulfill its original mandate.

The UN General Assembly must meet outside the USA and make some changes to the original Charter of the UN starting either by eliminating the Security Council entirely or at least eliminating the Five Permanent Seats on the Security Council.

That can very easily be done with a word processor, starting with:

CHAPTER III - ORGANS

Article 7 1. There are established as the principal organs of the United Nations: a General Assembly, ~~a Security Council~~, an Economic and Social Council, a Trusteeship Council, an International Court of Justice, and a Secretariat.

The UNSC in general and the Permanent Seats on the UNSC in particular negates the equality of nations or anything even close to the equality of nations.

The UNSC in general, and the five permanent seats on the UNSC in particular are horrid hangovers from British aristocracy which must be eliminated from the UN if the UN is ever to fulfill the primary mission to prevent and stop conflict and war.

⁸ Most people are familiar with British and American colonialism however most don't know much about contemporary French colonialism. To learn about that, research the word "Françafrique." Wikipedia would have people believe it refers to France's "influence" over its "former" colonies in sub-Saharan Africa however their colonial power is as real today as it ever was, especially with American AFRICOM military might backing it up all across the continent. See for example: <https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/opinion/2017/07/macron-francafrique-170721190500965.html>

There is no aristocracy among equals.

The “delete” button on word processors makes eliminating the UNSC from UN documents quite easy. The UNGA can then vote on the amended draft of the United Nations in an expeditious fashion and put to rest 500 years of western colonialism. The representatives of nations that slow down and/or quibble about these very simple and obviously essential streamlining modifications will be the most disingenuous.⁹

The General Assembly will then be free¹⁰ to vote to suspend the membership of the USA, France and the UK until such time as they – as nations – decide to act in a civilized manner and give up their colonial ways.

“Articles 5 and 6 of the Charter of the United Nations deal respectively with suspension of rights and privileges of membership, and with expulsion from the United Nations.”

<https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/repertoire/membership-united-nations>

Article 5 A Member of the United Nations against which preventive or enforcement action has been taken by the Security Council may be suspended from the exercise of the rights and privileges of membership by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the ~~Security Council~~. The exercise of these rights and privileges may be restored by the ~~Security Council~~. [Replace “Security Council” with “General Assembly” in these two sentences.]

Article 6 A Member of the United Nations which has persistently violated the Principles contained in the present Charter may be expelled from the Organization by the General Assembly ~~upon the recommendation of the Security Council~~.

This may seem “irregular,” or even a violation of the rules of the United Nations, however, it is patently obvious that under the current structure the UN has been and is an abject failure and only by reformulating its structure can it hope to begin to accomplish its mission.

⁹ 36. ‘When a Chamber receives a request or application raising a challenge or question concerning its jurisdiction or the admissibility of a case . . . it may join the challenge or question to a confirmation or a trial proceeding as long as this does not cause undue delay . . .’ (Rules of Procedure and Evidence, Rule 58). <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/leiden-journal-of-international-law/article/importance-of-being-earnest-the-timeliness-of-the-challenge-to-admissibility-in-katanga/FBA9593075055AAF265813ACA61E72F5>

¹⁰ Free of the disingenuous bottleneck, the vestiges of the colonialist abrogation of law and justice the UNSC has always most emphatically represented.

Since the penning of the original 1945 UN Charter, that Charter has been the primary blueprint for the UN, and the cause of its abject failure – a failure which has cost a hundred million lives at least. No document is so sacred as to be worth more than the life and dignity of a single individual, much less a hundred million, most of whom have been people of color and/or Muslims. This epoch of history must end, and the sooner the better.¹¹

To rephrase this in the vernacular, the overwhelmingly Euro-American-centric nature of the UNSC is nothing more than the slave masters' table. This may not be politically correct, but it is realpolitik; and it's long past the time realpolitik got put on the other foot.

First the Streamlined United Nations (SUN) needs to meet outside the USA. The US State Department has always had a bad habit of denying visas to, harassing and intimidating UN General Assembly members it doesn't like. The physical security of all UN members will need to be guarded carefully for a variety of pragmatic reasons.

The choices here are simple and stark. The vast majority of the world's extreme poverty is in Africa, Asia and Latin America and they continue to be lorded over by the colonial powers.¹² The United Nations has abjectly failed to serve their interests and instead has only legitimized that enslavement.

Thus, it is long overdue that the United Nations reinvent itself, as no one else on earth has the power to do that. The United Nations must declare itself independent of the legalist chains built into the original UN Charter, and forge a new destiny wherein all humans can experience "unalienable Rights," such as "Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness," for in many cases the first time in 500 years.

Naturally, the colonial powers will resist. They will retaliate in many ways.¹³ They will parade truckloads of UN mandates and other legalist obfuscations to obstruct every step of this vitally necessary process. Though the initial UNGA meetings and paperwork can be done within weeks the transition from administration by the current failed United Nations to a Streamlined United Nations will need to be implemented more slowly such that for example nations currently led by colonial imposed dictators do not instantly erupt into civil wars around the world. Instead, this

¹¹ The legal basis for this is exceedingly simple. Nine million human beings every year are starving to death, primarily because of conflict and war (e.g. <https://www.unhcr.org/news/briefing/2017/4/58ec9d464/unhcr-says-death-risk-starvation-horn-africa-yemen-nigeria-growing-displacement.html>) thus there are innumerable moral and legal imperatives to expedite cessation of those conflicts and wars.

¹² <http://hdr.undp.org/en/content/2019-human-development-index-ranking>

¹³ Such as the British did in 1947, causing cultural genocides and mass rapes and killings during the partition of India and Pakistan, and the mass rapes and killings during the Nakba that same year, which was the same year India broke its chains to the "UK" - 1947. There is and always has been a criminal edge of absolute sadism some might call "terrorism" associated with colonialism that never fades.

process must take into account the political realities of all nations and their governments in this transition to prevent more injustices, e.g. violence and death.

Fortunately, technology has reached the point where even mid-level software writers can write code for clean voting apps, which will need many separate but redundant versions *in addition to paper votes*, so-as to make rigging elections – something the USA is very good at¹⁴ – impossible.

In the book that follows examples are given that suggest all nations might not want to go the way of democracy. Democracies seem to work well in small generally prosperous nations with well-educated people. Some nations might want to experiment with other forms of government, like China with its “Socialism with Chinese characteristics,” or Cuba and Venezuela with their more grass roots forms of socialism or even Bernie Sanders with his unique form of socialism¹⁵. Most European countries have socialist or labor parties that sometimes hold the dominant power. It seems different sorts of government “fit” different groups of people best and it may take some experimentation for the people of all nations to find out what works best for them. The biggest mistakes are: 1) trying to move too quickly, 2) getting attached to systems that don’t work well and lacking the courage to try something different, and 3) failed government structures that cruelly try to hold on to power when they are obviously failing miserably to provide for the welfare of the people in those countries.¹⁶

In any case, the UN needs streamlining now, and the people and leaderships of all nations will need to be patient during the transformation process from the current state of Euro-American corporate/colonial rule to the attainment of genuine equal representation and opportunities, and real Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness for all.

Lastly, this book isn’t perfect. It was written, researched and compiled in a six-week period in December 2019 and January 2020 in response to a convergence of trends increasingly indicating that an asymmetrical form of WWII was about to start, or already has started. During the last few weeks of writing there were the murders of Quds Commander Major-General Soleimani, Iraqi commander of the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and their eight associates while on a diplomatic mission, as well as what appears to be the novo-coronavirus attack upon China which are classic gambits in the provocation and initiation of war.

Fortunately, cool heads (adults) rule in China, Iran, Russia, Turkey, Pakistan and Germany and all efforts are being made and will continue to be made to prevent the American hubris-driven ultimate catastrophe from happening.

¹⁴ <http://interactive.fusion.net/how-to-rig-an-election/cards.html> & Felony disenfranchisement laws cited in https://blackagendareport.com/how_dems_and_repubs_block_the_vote

¹⁵ Sanders is a far from an ideal candidate. As of late he’s jumped on the bandwagon of bashing foreign leaders indiscriminately. <https://www.foreignpolicyjournal.com/2020/01/30/even-the-most-progressive-u-s-foreign-policy-blames-foreigners/> and yet his domestic American policies (other than sowing hatred of foreigners) are an improvement over any of the previous presidents.

¹⁶ Pakistan and Thailand are interesting cases in point. Military takeovers can be blessings in disguise, however repulsive it may sound. Personally, I just want to live in peace, work and have hope my children have hope for an even better future. This is simply not possible in a kleptocracy which is what most failed states, democracies or otherwise really are.

Unfortunately, American state-driven provocations of foreign nationals and leaders, especially during the President Trump regime using asymmetric forms of attack that individually and collectively constitute war crimes are increasing rapidly, costing human lives and abrogating human dignity represent nothing less than crimes against humanity and violation of all humanitarian laws.

The United Nations desperately needs to start to do its job, for without the legally mandated clarity only it can impose, via the rule of international law, Americans, British and French people will continue to be tricked by the paper-thin absurd fabrications presented by the western “mainstream media.”

This book was written to assist in facilitating that process. There is so much the western mainstream media is not reporting, and so many distortions, deletions and – to put it in the vernacular – lies, the mainstream media is “reporting,” few Americans, British or French people have any idea what their governments are really doing in the world or what to expect in the future.

Ah(!) the future. It can be so beautiful, if humanity can get on the same page and start to work together to make it so but this isn’t going to happen unless and until the United Nations is restructured and starts to fulfill the intent of the original Charter written in 1945.

For that to happen, unrestrained capitalism must be restrained, corporate control of the media must cease, and the vast potential of humans to work together for a change, unleashed.

This could be the greatest paradigm shift of them all, an age of true enlightenment, a renaissance like none before it in history, or, if the needed changes are not made, WWIII, which probably will result in the end of this civilization as we know it.

Some Americans, British and French people probably think that a war against Iran, or in Kashmir, or with China/Russia... would be just like another TV show like the Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan wars. That is unlikely as it’s not the 1950s anymore and the “gloves will be off” in this incipient battle with no holds barred. There will be no winners, that’s for sure.

Anywhere from a few billion to most of the world’s population would die in that ultimate catastrophe for there would be no winners, only losers on every continent and in every nation.

Maybe the Bible is right. Maybe only the meek will survive hidden away from civilization and the trade winds that will bring nuclear radiation death to all it touches and/or the diseases that come from biological warfare.

It seems WW3 has already started and it is beginning with asymmetric attacks launched from the United States using no doubt plausibly deniable private intelligence and military contractors to do the dirty work. Hopefully, Presidents Xi, Putin, Ali Khamenei, Erdogan and Angela Merkel can prevent the incipient hot war that can so easily follow. There are fortunately, some adults in the room. That however may only represent a temporary solution, and similar scenarios can and

invariably will follow again in the future if corporate, NSC and CIA driven forces continue to drive and determine American foreign policies.

In any case the United Nations has the legally mandated responsibility to make a huge difference in shifting the probability curves that ultimately determine what kind of future humanity will have, if any at all.

PREAMBLE

It has been five hundred years of colonization for the peoples of Africa, Asia, the Americas and Middle East.

And “Glimmers of Hope” are not enough to alter the direction, mass and acceleration of events occurring in the world now.

William Blum, author of the seminal book: *Killing Hope, U.S. Military and CIA Interventions since World War II* (2004, Common Courage Press) prefaced his book title with the phrase “Killing Hope” for a reason.

Provocation is one of if not the primary weapon of colonial powers. Giving a little hope to colonized people, and then smashing that hope is very powerful provocation. This was certainly the case with the UN Charter in 1945, and then only two years later the UN shredded the letter and intent of those laws by passing and adopting United Nations Resolution 181 on November 29, 1947 “giving” a large part of Palestine to Zionists, which was quickly followed by the genocide, mass rapes and land theft known as the “Nakba.”

Consequently, there are significant “trust issues” regarding the neutrality of the United Nations, not just among Muslims but by all of the dispossessed around the world.

Nearly 1/2 of the world's population — more than 3 billion people — live on less than \$2.50 a day. More than 1.3 billion live in extreme poverty — less than \$1.25 a day. 1 billion children worldwide are living in poverty. According to UNICEF, 22,000 children die each day due to poverty.

<https://www.dosomething.org/us/facts/11-facts-about-global-poverty>

Though Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Putin represent substantial stabilizing forces in the world, it is impossible to calculate if that is going to be enough considering the mass and acceleration of destabilizing influences emanating from Washington DC and Langley Virginia.

There are so many things the United Nations could be doing to actualize the lofty goals enshrined in its 1945 Charter that could profoundly help stabilize and rebalance the world, it is not doing. “Glimmers of Hope” are “nice,” but are not nearly enough; too little too late it appears. The American National Security Council (NSC) does not do “harmony.” They want and demand hegemony in perpetuity and will do anything, repeat anything to maintain that position. Thus, this book.

Chapter 1 Let's be honest

The God-like Power of the USA!

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 really helps keep the USA Number 1 in the world forever. And, those weapons sales don't hurt either, well not the USA anyways. America is the world's Number 1 weapons exporter with Russia in a distant 2nd place, and everyone else way far behind. Foreign wars are no more real to most Americans than movies and TV shows, nothing more or less than a form of voyeuristic macabre entertainment; nothing more or less than Romans joyfully watching the state sponsored gladiatorial "games." Nuking Iran? Well, they probably have it coming, right? What exactly did they do again?

Now that the USA has almost perfected the art of starting "color revolutions" in any country, the USA can fire up conflicts and wars just about anytime, anywhere and sell weapons to one side or the other or both. Countries that don't buy exclusively American weapons can be sanctioned, and starved into submission or, failing that can suffer the true wrath of the United States via regime change, with the leader of that nation tortured and killed. Videos of that public humiliation and torture will be available on the internet as a lesson to other world leaders that think they can balance their nation's interests between east and west. Balance is not an option. The USA demands total subservience of every world leader. The USA can sucker or provoke almost any nation into war within itself, or virtually anyone else, at any time.

This is the unassailable power of the American democracy at the beginning of the second decade of the 21st Century.

The Price Other People Have to Pay

Simultaneously 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 right alongside the Central African Republic. 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.

According to UNICEF:

...every year, 85,700 children under-15 die from diarrhea linked to unsafe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities (WASH), compared with 30,900 from conflict.

<https://news.un.org/en/story/2019/03/1035171>

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 killer and abuser in all of human history, does it not?

But why?

It’s about democracy. American voters vote people into political office who pander to the war mongers, the Nazi-like people that worship the American war machine, the “military industrial complex.” Democrats have joined the Republicans on the war wagon and now form a duopoly singing war chants in harmony.

And it’s about capitalism. Very rich people always want more and more money, natural resources, land and power.

Though there is something called the United Nations, they couldn’t have been less effectual if they tried (with the exception of UNICEF and few other side efforts at “repairing” some of terrible crimes the parent UN organization – ultimately controlled by the UN Security Council has enabled).

The oligarchs of the USA and worldwide have a disease of the heart. They always want more money and don’t care about the suffering and the death they cause. “Collateral damage,” they say. “The world is over-populated anyways,” they add.

“Slavery is founded in the selfishness of man's nature -- opposition to it is in his love of justice. These principles are an eternal antagonism; and when brought into collision so fiercely, as slavery extension brings them, shocks, and throes, and convulsions must ceaselessly follow. Repeal the Missouri Compromise -- repeal all compromises -- repeal the declaration of independence -- repeal all past history, you still cannot repeal human nature. It still will be the abundance of man's heart, that slavery extension is wrong; and out of the abundance of his heart, his mouth will continue to speak.”

Abraham Lincoln, October 16, 1854 Speech at Peoria

Though the USA signed the original UN Charter, it has suborned every chapter, especially CHAPTER VII: ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THREATS TO THE PEACE, BREACHES OF THE PEACE, AND ACTS OF AGGRESSION, so many times as to be uncountable.

Yet this was not the first chapter on infamy written by the nations of the north to enslave those of the south and east, only a continuation and escalation of the past 500 years of Euro-American colonialism.

Where did American imperialism begin? Some, like historian Donald W. Meinig argue American imperialism began with the savage conquest of the indigenous peoples of the Americas. Others

like Stephen J. Heidt argue it really began in the mid-1800s before Lincoln's war against the odious yoke of slavery.

To begin to understand the absolutely diabolical nature of American foreign policy one has to consider that the U.S.A. created the Taliban, ISIS and other terrorist groups with their predatory foreign policies, and then kill innocent civilians at a ratio of 3 to 1 compared to those terrorists in hunting them down. Thus, the US is creating a pool of potential future terrorists with its "clever" but oh-so-very unwise foreign policies.

Who pays the price? The victims, their families, friends, communities, and nations, and of course American tax payers who pay for this eradication of human rights on a global scale. And it all somehow manages to slip under the radar of the United Nations, which after-all legitimized "giving" a large part of Palestine to Israel only two years after the original UN Charter was signed in 1947.

To complete the true stupidity and supreme evil of all this, the victims are blamed if they make any efforts to protect their lands, property or women from rapacious foreign invaders. Mass rapes of primarily Muslim women are a part of the Standard Operating Procedure of American and United Nations sponsored genocides as is evidenced in Palestine and Kashmir, numerous reports by Human Rights organizations document this and linked references to that documentation are provided in this book. Rape and other forms of torture appear to be hallmark characteristics of American foreign policies designed to terrorize target populations such that their leadership will give the US government whatever is demanded.

The "Transfer of Savagery"

"Presidential Power and National Violence: James K. Polk's Rhetorical Transfer of Savagery

"President James Knox Polk is often lauded for his achievements as president, including the territorial acquisition of the western portion of the nation. Critical attention to this legacy mostly focuses on his rhetorical strategy for putting the nation into war with Mexico. To date, no studies focus on Polk's rhetorical strategy for ending the war. In this article, I examine Polk's end-of war rhetoric, attending to his rationalizations for exiting the war, his justification for resuming diplomatic relations with Mexico, and his identification of a new enemy requiring presidential and national attention. I argue that Polk's pivot from Mexicans to Indians rhetorically transferred tropes of savagery to Indians, reenergized violence against Indians, and facilitated the institutionalization of management of Indian affairs via the creation of the Department of the Interior. I conclude that rhetorical critics should closely attend to the way end-of-war rhetoric enables presidents to transition from one enemy to another while reaping institutional benefits."

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(Can be downloaded from JSTOR and Academia.edu)

It was President Polk's war with Mexico in the mid-1800s that informed the European powers that the USA was no longer just a liberated colony, but had joined the cut-throat gang of colonizers and empire builders, in other words, an imperial power. It was Polk that first established a permanent standing army for the United States. And thus, was born true American imperialism.

American Exceptionalism, Manifest Destiny, Hegemony in Perpetuity and the 1992 Draft Defense Planning Guidance (DPG)

Several key beliefs led the United States to this, what is currently the lowest point in American history.

First, was the idea of "American Exceptionalism."

"American exceptionalism asserts a unique history and destiny for this nation. It is usually based on a story with divine overtones, a narrative which arc toward freedom and justice. In this story, God in his providence founded the United States to lead the world into civil and religious liberty."

<https://religionandpolitics.org/2018/01/09/american-exceptionalism-and-america-first/>

Its roots can be discovered in the founding of the United States.

The second is Manifest Destiny:

"John O'Sullivan, who coined the phrase "Manifest Destiny," declared that the United States would "establish on earth the moral dignity and salvation of man—the immutable truth and beneficence of God. For this blessed mission to the nations of the world ... has America been chosen."

ibid

In sum, American imperialism is largely based on American exceptionalism and has a sacred mission to spread "liberty" and "democracy."

1898 was a particularly terrible year for the world as the United States simply stole Hawaii from the Government of the Hawaiian Islands and made it into a US state, because Dole corporation wanted it to grow pineapples. Worse still the US invaded the Philippines and started a long and terrible genocide of the Muslims there, again for Dole corporation, primarily for growing sugar cane, though the stated purpose was to "Christianize the natives."

Things went from bad to worse after that. Allan Dulles and his brother John Foster Dulles were the bankers for the Nazis before WWII, and some of the primary weapons dealers and advisors for the Japanese. They essentially set WWII in motion which resulted in the death of some sixty million people, but, left the United States as the sole superpower in the world. After WWII John

Foster was appointed to be the US Secretary of state, and Allen Director of the CIA. American foreign policy henceforth, was primarily determined by big banks, the super-rich and the Dulles brothers, principally Allen who was the architect of the “modern CIA,” and decided that the USA could and should rule the entire world (hegemony) forever (in perpetuity).¹⁷

In the early 1970s a Top-Secret National Security Directive was issued stating that no nation or region would be allowed to compete with the United States, principally based on the fear that Chinese labor combined with Japanese technology could compete with the USA. Everyone associated with that leaked document went to jail and the whole thing was quietly forgotten by what few members of the public read about it, however it was the key to gaining ever larger “defense” department budgets for the military-industrial complex.

Then things got much worse for freedom around the world when that original National Security Directive was expanded.

“The 1992 draft Defense Planning Guidance (DPG), crafted by then-Defense Department staffers I. Lewis Libby, Paul Wolfowitz, and Zalmay Khalilzad, is widely regarded as an early formulation of the neoconservatives’ post-Cold War agenda, laying out a series (of) economic and military objectives that were intended to ensure a U.S.-led unipolar global system...

“Among its more salient points, the draft guidance called for massive increases in defense spending, the assertion of lone superpower status, the prevention of the emergence of any regional competitors, the use of preventive—or preemptive—force, and the idea of forsaking multilateralism if it did not suit U.S. interests. It called for intervening in disputes throughout the globe, even when the disputes were not directly related to U.S. interests, arguing that the United States should “retain the preeminent responsibility for addressing selectively those wrongs which threaten not only our interests, but those of our allies or friends, or which could seriously disrupt international relations.” “According to the draft DPG, the United States must also ‘show the leadership necessary to establish and protect a new order that holds the promise of convincing potential competitors that they need not aspire to a greater role or pursue a more aggressive posture to protect their legitimate interests.’”

https://militarist-monitor.org/profile/1992_draft_defense_planning_guidance/

In other words, any potential economic, political or military competitors must be so crippled they cannot compete. This sanctions pre-emptive strikes of one kind or another on any potential competitor, and this then became the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) of the new American

¹⁷ Author’s note: I first heard this phrase: “hegemony in perpetuity” in 1967 from my father – a university professor of history when we were living in Madrid. That was the first occasion I ever had a “debate” with my father. I was 11, yet knew enough about history to know that all empires rise, and eventually fall. I started reading newspapers regularly after that.

“Defense” establishment; the logical extension and deadly poisonous fruition of American Exceptionalism, American Imperialism and Manifest Destiny: The United States of America will rule the world forever, unchallenged by any competitor. And thus, the entire world was subjugated to the will of the United States, essentially accorded slave status.

The real causes of the “War on Terror”

RESOURCES OF THE MUSLIM WORLD: A REFFLECTION ON THE MUSLIM WORLD’S RESOURCES, THEIR DEVELOPMENT AND UTILIZATION

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2.1 Human Resources - The Muslim world constitutes about —23% of the world’s total population. The ratio and percentage regarding population of the Muslim world is increasing with the passage of time and may cover up in the near future ¼th of the world population. Muslims who slowly but surely with a population approaching 1.5 billion people are climbing towards over a quarter of the world's population. (6)

2.2.1 Oil and Gas - Oil and gas are most sought after and expensive resources in the world. In this sphere, the Muslim world is ahead of all the nations of the world. It owns round about 75% of the total global oil reserves of the world. (9) Furthermore, Muslim countries including Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Yemen, Libya, Nigeria, Algeria, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, possess between 66.2 to 75.9 % of total oil reserves. The stronger position of the Muslim world regarding oil resources can be gauged from the comparative position of the world’s only super power, the US which has barely 2% of total oil reserves. (10) The share of Western countries is only 4% of total oil reserves. Michel Chossudovsky further states that only Iraq owns five times more oil than the United States and Muslim countries possess at least 16 times more oil than the Western countries. The above-mentioned facts and figures are the real cause of the so-called —war on terrorism -a plea on the basis of which the Western countries, especially the US and UK, try to snatch these oil and gas reservoirs from the Muslim countries. In the words of Michel Chossusdovsky, the US-led war in the broader Middle East, Central Asian region consists in gaining control over more than 60% of the world's reserves of oil and natural gas. (11)”

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<https://admin.umt.edu.pk/Media/Site/UMT/SubSites/jitc/FileManager/JITC%20Spring%202012/5.%20Resources%20of%20the%20Muslim%20World.pdf>

The references these gentlemen used in writing this article are academically sound, as is their reasoning. The evidence and logic are inescapable. Though they don't explicitly state it, **Motivation** for "high crimes" is solidly established.

The ancient arts and sciences of provocation

How to start a war

"How to Start a War: Eight Cases of Strategic Provocation J.D. Maddox, Department of Information Science & Technology, GMU

"Provocation is one of the most basic, but confounding, aspects of warfare. Despite its sometimes-obvious use, it has succeeded consistently against audiences around the world, for millennia, to compel war. A well - constructed provocation narrative mutes even the most vocal opposition. It seems we are ever welcoming of a just reason to fight.

"Proponents of the *jus ad bellum* (just war) discipline have argued since Roman times in favor of the strict validation of martial intentions. As Saint Augustine witnessed the slow destruction of his beloved Roman Empire by invading Visigoths and Vandals in the 5th Century, he developed what would become the West's framework for justifying warfare, building on the foundations of Cicero's earlier studies. Beholden to both the morality of the Christian scriptures and to the pragmatism of the Empire, he bemoaned the necessity of warfare, but forgave the Romans their defensive violence against invaders:

"The real evils in war are love of violence, revengeful cruelty, fierce and implacable enmity, wild resistance, and the lust of power, and such like; and it is generally to punish these things, when force is required to inflict the punishment, that, in obedience to God or some lawful authority, good men undertake wars, when they find themselves in such a position as regards the conduct of human affairs, that right conduct requires them to act, or to make others act in this way."

(Mattox, 2006, p. 47) Augustine's sentiment – and that of his scholarly successors – has endured a thousand wars.

"He is frequently paraphrased in the rhetorical preparations for violence. But kings and commanders have more often bent Augustine's methodology to their own benefit than adhered to his moral intention, especially as they plan invasions. The Bush administration's 2006 doctrine of preemption, 'recasting the right of anticipatory self - defense,' according to the United States Judge Advocate General, (Judge Advocate General, 2009, p. 6) is a recent example – excoriated by the left (as in

The Myth of American Exceptionalism) and equally championed by the right (as in Presidential Power). It is not unreasonable for critics to say that the just war discipline is more often used to justify one's own plans or condemn an enemy's intentions, than to passionlessly prevent an undignified war."

Narrative and Conflict: Explorations of Theory and Practice, Vol. 3 May 2015 <http://journals.gmu.edu/NandC>

<https://journals.gmu.edu/index.php/NandC/article/view/601/1170>

It's interesting that George W. Bush used the same argument of "2006 doctrine of preemption, 'recasting the right of anticipatory self - defense,' as President Trump did to justify the assassination of Commander Soleimani, Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and eight associates January 3, 2020.

Herein are explained **Methods** for High Crimes committed by the United States against a very long list of Muslim targets.

Opportunities are to be found everywhere for a superpower with the motivation and methods to enact such High Crimes.

President Trump "giving" Jerusalem to Israel was extreme provocation, which is a method to initiate conflict; conflicts which western nations including Israel and NATO will probably win due to the massively and immorally weapons-heavy nature of the American budget.

The so-called *Proposal for Peace between Israel and the Palestinians* was unveiled by US President Donald Trump at the White House on January 28, 2020. It was and will remain an extreme provocation of the Palestinians. RT News did a good summary of some of the more provocative and just plain ridiculous contents.

Trump's highly provocative "deal of the century"

Trump's Deal of the Century Won't Bring Peace...That Was the Plan by Jonathan Cook

"The so-called "Vision for Peace" unveiled on Tuesday simply confirmed that the US government has publicly adopted the long-running consensus in Israel: that it is entitled to keep permanently the swaths of territory it seized illegally over the past half-century that deny the Palestinians any hope of a state.

"The White House has discarded the traditional US pose as an "honest broker" between Israel and the Palestinians. Palestinian leaders were not invited to the ceremony, and would not have come had they been. This was a deal designed in Tel Aviv more than in Washington – and its point was to ensure there would be no Palestinian partner.

"Importantly for Israel, it will get Washington's permission to annex all of its illegal settlements, now littered across the West Bank, as well as the

vast agricultural basin of the Jordan Valley. Israel will continue to have military control over the entire West Bank.

“Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has announced his intention to bring just such an annexation plan before his cabinet as soon as possible. It will doubtless provide the central plank in his efforts to win a hotly contested general election due on March 2.

“The Trump deal also approves Israel’s existing annexation of East Jerusalem. The Palestinians will be expected to pretend that a West Bank village outside the city is their capital of “Al Quds”. There are incendiary indications that Israel will be allowed to forcibly divide the Al Aqsa mosque compound to create a prayer space for extremist Jews, as has occurred in Hebron...”

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/01/30/trumps-deal-of-the-century-wont-bring-peace-that-was-the-plan/>

The word “incendiary” in the paragraph above was well chosen.

“‘Deal of the century’: What’s in Trump’s peace plan for Israel and Palestine, January 29, 2020

“The proposal for peace in the Middle East unveiled by US President Donald Trump envisions the conditions under which a Palestinian state might be recognized. RT delves into the 180-page ‘deal of the century’ to see what’s inside.

“‘A realistic solution would give the Palestinians all the power to govern themselves but not the powers to threaten Israel,’ says the Vision at the very beginning. Therefore, any Palestinian state would have to be fully demilitarized.

“Palestine would not have any right to ‘develop military or paramilitary capabilities’ without Israel’s approval. It would also be barred from any sort of security or diplomatic arrangements with other countries without Israeli consent.

“Israel would retain the right to “dismantle and destroy any facility in the State of Palestine that is used for the production of prohibited weapons or for other hostile purposes,” and maintain control over “all international crossings into the State of Palestine.”

“Also, as a precondition for recognition, the Palestinian Authority would have to drop all pending or planned legal action against Israel, the US and their citizens before the International Criminal Court, the International Court of Justice, and all other tribunals.

“The map reflects the US view that Israel is not legally bound to provide Palestinians with 100 percent of the pre-1967 territory, but something “reasonably comparable in size.” It shows a Palestinian state almost entirely enclosed by Israel to address “security requirements.” As noted above, Israel gets to maintain control over Palestinian borders.

“There shall be no right of return by, or absorption of, any Palestinian refugee into the State of Israel.”

<https://www.rt.com/news/479434-deal-middle-east-peace-trump/>

https://www.scribd.com/document/444638295/Vision-for-Peace-Prosperity-and-a-Brighter-Future-of-Israelis-and-Palestinians#from_embed

The above document is a mockery of international law and the human and territorial rights of Palestinians. It is a kick in the face to the concept of sovereignty and human dignity. The deal of the century was designed to anger the Palestinians. Even though the Palestinians knew what to expect, that doesn't make the endless series of assault easier to absorb.¹⁸

A few of the key, exceptionally illegal and galling (provocative ridiculous) assertions include:

“The Jordan Valley, which is critical for Israel's national security, will be under Israeli sovereignty. Notwithstanding such sovereignty, Israel should work with the Palestinian government to negotiate an agreement in which existing agricultural enterprises owned or controlled by Palestinians shall continue without interruption or discrimination, pursuant to appropriate licenses or leases granted by the State of Israel.

“For over a decade, Gaza has been ruled by Hamas, a terror organization, responsible for the murder and maiming of thousands of Israelis.

“After the Six Day War in 1967, when the State of Israel took control over all of Jerusalem, the State of Israel assumed responsibility for protecting all of the city's holy sites...

“Given this commendable record for more than half a century, as well as the extreme sensitivity regarding some of Jerusalem's holy sites, we believe that this practice should remain, and that all of Jerusalem's holy sites should be subject to the same governance regimes that exist today.

¹⁸¹⁸ Given this writer Irish genetic background, my reaction were I Palestinian would be to get the whole nation to stand outside Israel's walls and laugh at them. Nobody in the world with any knowledge of the history or even the slightest knowledge of international law could possibly dignify that scurrilous document with anything but derision. It's absurdly, ridiculously and laughably stupid. The writers including Jared Kushner, and Netanyahu were probably laughing when they wrote it up too, intending to provoke anger and demonstrations where they can kill more innocent Palestinians, as if they haven't killed enough over the past 73 years since the UN adopted the obscene Resolution 181 on November 29, 1947.

“A division of Jerusalem would be inconsistent with the policy statements of the Jerusalem Embassy Act of 1995 of the United States. All former presidents who have been involved in the peace process have agreed that Jerusalem should not be physically divided again.

“On December 6, 2017, on behalf of the United States of America, President Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital.

“Jerusalem will remain the sovereign capital of the State of Israel, and it should remain an undivided city.

“The embassy of the United States to the State of Israel will remain in Jerusalem. Following the signing of the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Agreement, the embassy of the United States to the State of Palestine will be in Al Quds at a location to be chosen by the United States, in agreement with the State of Palestine. The United States will recognize the State of Israel and the State of Palestine in their respective capitals and encourage other nations to relocate their embassies to Jerusalem and Al Quds, as applicable.”

https://www.scribd.com/document/444638295/Vision-for-Peace-Prosperity-and-a-Brighter-Future-of-Israelis-and-Palestinians#from_embed

That last line means that the US Embassy will be in the Palestinian capital Al Quds in distant Eastern Jerusalem at a location chosen by the United States... That is surely a formula for disaster, and first-class provocation.

“Every country spends a very significant sum of money on its defense from external threats. The State of Palestine will not be burdened with such costs, because it will be shouldered by the State of Israel. This is a significant benefit for the economy of the State of Palestine since funds that would otherwise be spent on defense can instead be directed towards healthcare, education, infrastructure and other matters to improve Palestinians’ well-being.

Upon signing the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Agreement, the State of Israel will maintain overriding security responsibility for the State of Palestine, with the aspiration that the Palestinians will be responsible for as much of their internal security as possible, subject to the provisions of this Vision.”

Ibid

Israel wants a defenseless Palestine. Israel the great liberator will ‘shoulder the burden.’

It's laughably ridiculous. No nation-state would accept such terms.

"If the State of Israel withdrew from the Jordan Valley, it would have significant implications for regional security in the Middle East."

This is the kind of nonsense colonial powers always foist upon the colonized.

Appendix 2B Security Criteria insists that Palestinians will be unarmed and Palestinian police would become a de-facto branch of the Israeli military. Thus, if Israeli military wants to go into Palestine, anyone who tries to protect their own home from an illegal search would be defined as a terrorist, and the Palestinian police must arrest, and put them on trial for terrorism. Palestinian cooperation is spelled out as determined by arrests and long-term detentions.

A look at the "Vision for Peace" map (Appendix 1, Page 45) does reveal that Palestine would be a tiny island surrounded by a huge Israel.

Taken as a whole, the "Deal of the Century" would turn Palestinians into the animals in an Israeli petting zoo. The document looks like a marketing document meant to persuade teenage American girls that Israel is so kind, and the Palestinians a bunch of wild terrorists that must be kept unarmed and carefully managed by the wise and kind Israelis. The document is also soaking in all kinds of marvelous buzzwords like:

A VISION FOR PALESTINIANS AND THE MIDDLE EAST REGION

A Thriving and Integrated Economy, An Empowered and Prosperous
People, An Accountable and Agile Government...

Indeed, the Zionist Santa Clause has arrived to bring dignity to the wild ruffian Palestinians.

With "Empowering the Palestinian people" as a key theme, the only problem is, the opposite is true.

If any Palestinian leader were to consider signing that preposterous obscenity for one second, the people might do something violent and terrible to him. The colonized do not appreciate leaders that would strip them of their sovereignty, human dignity, self-determination and right to self-defense. Offering billions of dollars for those "commodities" does not help.

The whole document is a candy-coated provocation to any who knows the history of Palestine and the region.

On the surface the situation looks really quite simple.

The Deal of the Century? It's an impeached president and an indicted prime minister getting together to try to distract people's attention from their own illegal behaviors at home by presenting an inflammatory document to the Palestinians in hope of provoking more conflict to further distract attention from their own domestic criminal behaviors.

But there's a lot more going on here and a lot more at stake.

Who is the middleman really pulling the strings here?

Jared Kushner and the Art of Humiliation, by Michael Hirsh and Colum Lynch Feb 12, 2019

“...It was at Kushner’s urging, according to sources, that Trump announced he was moving the U.S. Embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, thus in one blow deciding an issue that a previous generation of American negotiators had delicately left to final talks. Kushner also pushed for ending the formal U.S. relationship with the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), denying a “right of return” for Palestinians to Israel, and defunding Palestinian refugees.”

<https://www.scribd.com/article/399519858/Jared-Kushner-And-The-Art-Of-Humiliation>

Fortunately, Turkish President Erdogan is cutting through the smokescreen by pulling out some maps showing how Palestine has been progressively shrunk over the decades

“Not everyone was pleased, however. Turkey slammed the “stillborn” plan, declaring “Jerusalem is our red line. We won’t allow steps to legitimize Israel’s occupation and oppression.” The Turkish Foreign Ministry called the plan “an attempt to kill the two-state solution” and ‘a plan aiming to annex Palestinian territory.’

“Palestinian people and Palestinian territories cannot be purchased.”

<https://www.rt.com/news/479424-israel-palestine-deal-foreign-reactions/>

Likewise, Iran and Jordan lambasted the document which is nothing more than candy coated slap in the face of the Palestinians.

The UK, Egypt, UAE and Saudis however were singing its praises. The UK one can almost understand, but Muslim leaders agreeing to that farce is not in accordance with Islamic law or culture. Approving of that plan is "curious" at best, and no doubt interpreted as treachery by all real Muslims. One can only wonder how long those government would retain power without American military might behind them, and if they so trust the US as to bet their lives things will never change. Needless to say, rather a long list of other Muslim leaders trusted the US only to be betrayed and hanged later on.

Besides all that, how can President Trump, or the USA give something, anything, including and especially a place sacred to all three major Abrahamic monotheistic religions to someone (Israel) they do not own?

President Trump’s Decision on Jerusalem Lacks International Legitimacy and Strategic Vision

By Ziad AbuZayyad

“At the last moment when this issue was ready to go to the printer, U.S. President Donald Trump came out with his statement officially recognizing Jerusalem as the capital of the State of Israel and instructing the U.S. State Department to move the embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. The statement will have a far-reaching impact on efforts to achieve a political settlement between the Israelis and the Palestinians, and therefore requires a clear, immediate response before it’s too late. President Trump’s decision lacks any international legitimacy or legal justification.

“First, this statement is in full violation of the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 181 (known as the Partition Plan) of November 1947, and all relevant UN Security Council resolutions on Jerusalem since it was occupied by Israel in June 1967. Numerous UNSC resolutions have said in the clearest language that Jerusalem is an occupied area, that all Israeli measures taken in the city are null and void.

“UNSC Resolution 252 (1968) in particular is explicit in this regard. In it, the Council considered “that all legislative and administrative measures and actions taken by Israel, including expropriation of land and properties thereon, which tend to change the legal status of Jerusalem, are invalid and cannot change that status.” Israel was urgently called upon “to rescind all such measures already taken and to desist forthwith from taking any further action which tends to change the status of Jerusalem.” The Security Council has repeatedly reaffirmed these two positions.

“The applicability of the Fourth Geneva Convention to Jerusalem was reaffirmed by the Security Council on December 20, 1990, when it expressed grave concern over the deteriorating situation in “all the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967, including Jerusalem,” and called on Israel to abide by it. Since 1997, the 10th emergency special session of the General Assembly has been reconvened several times. At the emergency session held in February 1999, the General Assembly affirmed its support for the Middle East peace process on the basis of the relevant Security Council resolutions and the principle of land for peace. Recalling its relevant resolutions, including Resolution 181 and those of the Security Council, the General Assembly reaffirmed that the international community, through the United Nations, has a legitimate interest in the question of the city of Jerusalem and the protection of its unique spiritual and religious dimension. It further reaffirmed the continued invalidity of all actions taken by Israel, the occupying power that have altered, or purported to have altered, the character, legal status and demographic composition of Jerusalem. Furthermore, UNGA Resolution 181 of November 1947 gave Jerusalem a special “corpus separatum” status and this status is still binding, and no country in the world recognized the Israel occupation of Jerusalem or chose to move its

embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, as such a step would have been interpreted as recognition of the Israeli sovereignty over Jerusalem.

“Having said this, it’s worth adding that Trump’s statement came 100 years after Lord Balfour’s promise to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Both Balfour and Trump gave away what they didn’t own.”

<https://www.pij.org/articles/1801/president-trumps-decision-on-jerusalem-lacks-international-legitimacy-and-strategicvision>

<https://www.scmp.com/news/world/middle-east/article/3003252/trump-gives-golan-heights-gift-israels-netanyahu-who>

Attempting to block any meaningful changes in American foreign policy is and will be the “deep state.” Its size, wealth and influence are not to be underestimated and ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda will most probably find her efforts to get the ICC to successfully prosecute the CIA, US Military, or any other American blocked at every turn. She really has a lot on her side however: The facts, the law, and most of the people in the world who are more than fed up with America’s endless wars on peace, overthrowing governments, starting civil wars, stealing natural resources, repeated genocides, torture, assassinations, and so on. But to guard against the deep state, it helps to take a quick look at its constituent parts.

Disinformation

The following quote is by an author that has written several well researched and insightful articles on disinformation including at least one on reputation management and restoration. Those nations and individuals who have been subjected to disinformation campaigns (like most of the “developing world”) would be well advised to read her works.

Qatar’s Use of Hacking and Mass Media to Assassinate Characters of Rivals and to Shut Down Criticism: Implications for Reputational Management - Character Assassination as Information Warfare in International Relations

“Character assassination can be broadly defined as the ‘malicious and unjustified harming of a person’s good reputation.’ It can, but not always does fall under the legal category of ‘defamation of character’; however, the smear techniques used to destroy one’s reputation are not always false, nor necessarily carry legal culpability. In international relations, various forms of character assassination have been used as part of information warfare strategy to smear, demoralize, and ultimately, to disarm their opponents. Information warfare is not a simple concept to define. According to some sources, information warfare involves information collection, transport, protection, and manipulation with the aim of gaining a competitive advantage over one’s adversary, whether in the military, intelligence, political, or business context. Other elements may include information disturbance, degradation, and denial.¹ Another

way of looking at it is as a combination of electronic warfare, cyberwarfare, and psy-ops (psychological operations). 2 Information warfare utilizes cyberspace, advanced computing, mobile networks, unmanned systems, and social media to gather intelligence, disrupt the operational capabilities of the other adversary, and to engage in a variety of tasks to advance the mission of the governmental or non-state actors. 3 Character assassination is an element of information warfare that can be pursued through a variety of disinformation tactics and is generally considered a type of psy-ops. However, as this paper will show, more recently, traditional means of character assassination, has also relied on various types of cyberwarfare, such as hacking to advance the agenda of destroying the reputation of the target. Psy-ops are 'planned operations to convey selected information and indicators to audiences to influence their emotions, motives, objective reasoning, and ultimately, the behavior of organizations, groups, and individuals...'"

https://www.academia.edu/39012243/Qatars_Use_of_Hacking_and_Mass_Media_To_Assassinate_Characters_of_Rivals_and_to_Shut_Down_Criticism_Implications_for_Reputational_Management?email_work_card=view-paper

Paper presented at Character Assassination and Reputational Politics Conference, 2019 by Irina Tsukerman, George Mason University

The “deep state” is an unelected governing body that manipulates American foreign and domestic policies

In order to bring positive change to the United Nations, some understanding of the forces that will go into overdrive to resist those changes must be examined.

One might give thanks to President Trump and former CIA Director John McLaughlin for very publicly acknowledging what everyone knows already, that there is indeed a “deep state.” Previously anyone even accused of suggesting that there might possibly be a deep state secretly pulling the strings of the US government was accused of being a raving paranoid conspiracy theorist and immediately discredited in all but the most left-wing circles.

‘Thank God for Deep State,’ ex-CIA boss says. Still think it’s a conspiracy theory? 1 Nov, 2019

“In just a few short months, the US political establishment has gone from denying the existence of the ‘Deep State’ and calling it a conspiracy theory, to praising it as the bulwark of the Republic against President Donald Trump.

“‘Thank God for the ‘Deep State,’” declared former CIA director John E. McLaughlin at an event this week, describing the diplomats and intelligence officers testifying before the congressional impeachment

inquiry as “people who are doing their duty or responding to a higher call.”

“Lavishing praise on the ‘whistleblower’ intelligence officer whose complaint about Trump’s phone call launched the impeachment probe, McLaughlin said the intelligence community is “institutionally committed to objectivity and telling the truth.”

<https://www.rt.com/usa/472398-deep-state-ex-cia-boss/>

Second, thanks should be given to those courageous few who first illuminated the extent to which there exists a largely hidden and highly secretive “government within the government” in the USA.

The first person deserving of such thanks is Col. Fletcher Prouty who in the early 1970s in great depth and detail exposed large segments of the internal workings of the highly secretive American intelligence apparatus and how it controls many branches of the US government and “private” industry.

“CFR (Council on Foreign Relations) is unmatched in raw power. Top journalists call it ‘the real State Department.’ Newsweek says it is ‘the foreign policy establishment of the US.’ CFR scholars say, ‘With access to the most sensitive and highly confidential state secrets, CFR can render de facto control over the state.’ ‘It is also known as the primary power base of the CIA. (H&M: 729 Sources: Shoup and Minter; L. Fletcher Prouty, *The Secret Team: The CIA and Its Allies in Control of the World*. NY, Ballantine, 1973).

“Some cases of CIA funding can be readily substantiated, to the Retail Clerks (now UFCW-United Food and Commercial Workers), Communications Workers (CWA), Newspaper Guild (ANG), Public Workers (AFSCME-American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees), Oil and Chemical Workers (OCAW). We may never know how much money went into CIA-Labor activity, but a well-known columnist pegged it around \$100,000,000 a year’ (H&M: 732. Sources: William Grieder, *Washington Post*, May 21, 1969; Paul Jacobs, *How the CIA Makes Liars Out of Union Leaders*, *Ramparts*, May 1967; *New York Post*, February 24, 1967).

“The monumental attempt to restructure and subordinate nations around the world under CIA direction had nothing to do with planting seeds of democracy...”

<http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/42a/126.html>

He was only able to see these inner workings and identify its constituent parts because he worked in the Pentagon for many years.

All of his writings should be read in detail as it provided the first large blueprint of the invisible government within the United States. It was not complete of course, as some topics are too dangerous for him to mention (the influence of religion within the invisible government for example), however it was and remains a monumental groundbreaker.

Next, very special thanks must be given to William Blum, author of *Killing Hope, U.S. Military and CIA Interventions since World War II*, 2004, Common Courage Press, the undisputed classic on illegal American intelligence operations, *Rogue State* (Monroe, Maine: Common Courage Press, 2000), and other publications (<https://williamblum.org/>) as his research and writing were and remain a significant milestone in the history of the uncovering of the “deep state” in the United States and world-wide.

Underlying that shell of government “deep state” however there lays a core, another level of manipulators whose roots go much further back in history; a collection of sometimes unified and sometimes divided religious zealots who have assumed unto themselves the power of God.

Jeff Sharlet and his 2008 book: *The Family – The Secret Fundamentalism at the heart of American Power* which rather emphatically proved and illuminated in great detail that though government may or may not have great power in religion, religion absolutely has enormous largely covert power in the US government.

Though separation of church and state is enshrined in the Constitution of the United States, that separation has been blithely ignored from the beginning of American history and it is impossible to entirely divide the influences of religion and secular power structures when looking at their combined influences.

The following is a partial map to the structure of the “deep state” within the United States that largely controls the outer manifestation of the US government, like the Congress, Senate, President, Judiciary, legislative branches police, etc.

Although some might argue the “deep state” isn’t the problem:

“The Deep State was not the problem. It was the up-in-your-face state.”

— Bob Woodward, *Fear: Trump in the White House*¹⁹

Its’ existence and vast arc of influence is largely unseen, which makes it all the more difficult to understand, predict, and resist.

It is a truism however, that to change something, one must understand it.

¹⁹ Some have argued that Bob Woodward himself was used by the CIA in “uncovering” Watergate, as they were highly motivated to destroy Richard Nixon for 1) ending the Vietnam War and 2) opening to door to China, both acts the CIA really did not like or appreciate. Thus, denigrating the idea of a “deep state” at work in American politics could be interpreted as another manifestation of him being unwittingly used (again) by one of the king-pins of the deep state (the CIA) he wishes to paint as not “the problem.”

Governmental Intelligence Organizations

There is a complex labyrinth of overlapping and largely redundant American Intelligence organizations

Office of National Security Intelligence

Central Intelligence Agency (This has a labyrinth of internal organizations and sub-organizations, some on the books, some off-book. For an interesting list of alleged CIA front companies, see: <https://www.scribd.com/document/117023837/CIA-Front-Companies> Many or most are out-of-date or have changed their names, but some are still there. Keep in mind they now outsource some 70% of their budget to private intelligence companies and private military companies)

Bureau of Intelligence and Research (State Department)

Office of Intelligence and Counterintelligence

Office of Intelligence and Analysis

National Security Agency/Central Security Service

National Reconnaissance Office

National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence

Intelligence Branch (FBI)

Defense Intelligence Agency

Twenty-fifth Air Force

Office of Naval Intelligence

Marine Corps Intelligence Activity

Intelligence and Security Command (US Army)

Coast Guard Intelligence

The above operate - in theory - under two umbrella programs:

- The National Intelligence Program (NIP) headed (in theory) by the Director of National Intelligence (DNI)
- The Military Intelligence Program (MIP) headed (in theory and possibly in fact) by the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence

The National Security Council

The National Security Council (NSC) is the president's (the deep state's 'puppet in the White House') "principal forum for considering national security and foreign policy matters with his senior national security advisors and cabinet officials."

At this time, it is chaired by (the mentally very stable genius) President Trump and its regular attendees are the Vice President, the Secretary of State (who coincidentally happens to be the former Director of the Central Intelligence Agency), the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Defense, and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff is the statutory military advisor to the Council, and the Director of National Intelligence is the intelligence advisor.

The above unelected officials basically run the world, except of course for the temporary whims of the disposable puppets in the White House who are elected via the corporate controlled Mainstream Press, aka the "Presstitutes," AKA Reich Ministry of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda. For more on the stealthy gang of murderers at the NSC, see:

<https://history.state.gov/historicaldocuments/frus1964-68v33/d203>

<https://2001-2009.state.gov/r/pa/ho/frus/johnsonlb/xxvi/4440.htm>

https://www.bibliotecapleyades.net/sociopolitica/esp_sociopol_secretgov_5a.htm

http://powerbase.info/index.php/NSC_oversight_of_covert_operations

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/intell/ops/covert-action-nsc-5412.htm>

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2019/05/how-national-security-council-got-so-powerful/589273/>

<https://www.alainet.org/en/active/71630>

Foreign governmental and private intelligence agencies coordinating with American intelligence agencies

...can powerfully skew attitudes within the American political consciousness and foreign policies

The list of foreign government intelligence agencies is too long to include here, however a few of their private intelligence agencies are listed below.

1. Israel

- Archimedes Group (Israel based)
- Psy-Group (Israel based, now closed)
- Black Cube (Israel & UK-based)
- NSO Group (Israel based)

2. Europe

- AEGIS (UK-based)
- Cambridge Analytica (UK- based)
- Control Risks Group (UK-based)

Groupe GEOS (France-based)
Hakluyt & Company (UK-based)
Orbis Business Intelligence (Uk based)
Oxford Analytica (UK Based)

3. North America

Aggregate IQ (Canada based)
Booz Allen Hamilton (US-based)
Fusion GPS (US-based)[22]
Kroll Inc. (US-based)
Pinkerton National Detective Agency (US-based)
Smith Brandon International, Inc. (US-based)
Stratfor (US-based)

Private Military Companies (PMCs)

L3 Communications (Titan Corporation MPRI is a subsidiary)
The Supreme Group
Compass Security
Service Employees International
DynCorp
AEGIS

...to name but a few.

Institutes, Councils, Foundations and Think Tanks

- Atlantic Council
- American Enterprise Institute
- American Foreign Policy Council
- Aspen Institute
- Brookings Institution
- Carnegie Endowment
- Cato Institute
- Center for a New American Security
- Center for Strategic and International Studies
- Center for Transatlantic Relations/Johns Hopkins Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies
- Council on Foreign Relations
- Foreign Policy Research Institute
- German Marshall Fund of the United States
- Heritage Foundation
- Hudson Institute
- New America Foundation

Time-Critical Need for Restructuring the UN: Law, History and News

- Nixon Center
- Rand Corporation
- United States Institute of Peace
- Wilson Center International Center for Scholars

As well as:

- Freedom House Project for the New American Century
- U.S. Committee on NATO
- Project on Transitional Democracies
- National Endowment for Democracy and its International Forum for Democratic Studies
- World Movement for Democracy and its Network of Democracy Research Institutes
- International Republican Institute
- National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

And so on.

Funding organizations for the Atlantic Council, include:

- the Ford Foundation,
- the Open Society Institute,
- the German Marshall Fund of the United States and the
- Cuba Policy Foundation.

Branches of the US Military

- U.S. Departments of the Air Force, Army, Navy and Energy and from the U.S. Mission to NATO and the U.S. Mission to the European Union.

The 17,985 American Police and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies

These include County Sheriff, City and State Police Departments, and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies.

Corporations specializing in manufacturing for the militaries

- Boeing,
- EADS North America,
- General Dynamics,
- Lockheed Martin,
- Northrop Grumman and
- Raytheon,

Non-military corporations

- AT&T,
- Chevron U.S.A.,
- Daimler,

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- Goldman Sachs,
- JPMorgan
- Chase,
- MSNBC,
- Sony,
- Textron,
- Time Warner,
- Toyota and
- Viacom

Political Lobby Groups

Below are just few of the major lobby groups in the US. Many or most are incalculably wealthy and powerful, and can buy the votes of almost any politician on almost any legislation and no doubt that influence ripples out through the executive and judicial branches of government and largely controls the mainstream media as well.

Who's got the most juice on Capitol Hill? Here's a list of the top interest groups contributing to members of the 116th Congress during the 2019-2020 election cycle.

- Retired \$57 million
- Lawyers/law firms \$32 million
- Securities/Invest \$30 million
- Real Estate \$21 million
- Health Professionals \$17 million
- Insurance \$15 million
- Leadership PACs \$15 million
- Education \$15 million
- Lobbyists \$9 million

<https://www.opensecrets.org/industries/mems.php>

This does not include suitcases or wine boxes stuffed with cash given to politicians or left in their unlocked cars. The list continues:

- Military Officers Association of America
- Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- CTIA-The Wireless Association (***Meredith Attwell Baker one-time Texas lawyer rose to prominence in the Bush years and is now using her experience at the FCC to help the telecom industry fend off net neutrality rules***)
- Internet Association (*Michael Beckerman helping internet companies navigate the charged political fights that increasingly touch the industry from privacy battles to patent issues.*)
- Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association

Time-Critical Need for Restructuring the UN: Law, History and News

- National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions
- Business Roundtable (Joshua Bolten, the former chief of staff to President George W. Bush took over from John Engler as leader of the Roundtable this year as its *corporate CEO members looked to capitalize on a unified government.*)
- Global Automakers (If you'd like to buy some votes in the General Assembly of the US, just promise to open a car factory in their country – you don't actually have to do, just promising is enough usually.)
- International Franchise Association (*Robert Cresanti has led the charge for repealing an Obama-era National Labor Relations Board ruling that could make franchisors liable for labor law violations committed by subcontractors or franchisees.*)
- American Medical Association
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce
- American Chemistry Council
- U.S. Travel Association (*Might just be tempted to make the rest of the world appear very dangerous indeed to promote US tourism*)
- Independent Petroleum Association of America

And many others.

List extracted from: <https://thehill.com/business-a-lobbying/top-lobbyists/358132-top-lobbyists-2017-associations> with additional notes, italics added by this author

Religious Political Lobby Groups

Religious political Lobby groups include: Christian Coalition, Family Research Council, Congressional Prayer Caucus, National Association of Evangelicals, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Church of Scientology, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Friends Committee on National Legislation, Knights of Columbus (A mix of relatively benign and not so benign.)

Labor Unions

Federal government

- The American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) is the largest federal employee union representing 700,000 federal and D.C. government workers
- National Treasury Employees Union - The NTEU is the nation's largest independent union of federal employees, representing 150,000 workers in 33 departments and agencies.
- The National Federation of Federal Employees (NFFE) is a national union representing approximately 110,000 blue- and white-collar government workers across the United States. Ratifying its constitution on September 17, 1917, NFFE is the oldest union representing federal employees.
- The National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees is an independent labor Union that is composed of three tiers: the National – headquartered in Washington, District of Columbia; Ten Districts – with a division of the fifty states, the U. S. Virgin Islands and

Puerto Rico; and various Locals – located within the fifty states, U. S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico.

Media Mega-Giants

It is the media giants that shaped public opinion in the US leading to the 2016 presidential election choice between the two most unqualified people in the USA, Hillary Clinton, “who never met a war she didn’t like other people to fight,” and proudly bigoted President Trump. The American media conglomerates play a critical role in upholding America’s endless fight to keep the rest of the world on its knees and in chains so the USA can get their natural resources “for a song.”

1. Alphabet (the new holding company that owns Google) \$136.22 billion in media revenue (2018) – It’s hard to say if google works in support of the military industrial complex e.g. cutting off China, or if the military industrial complex works in support of google, which certainly does not want competition from Chinese Huawei telecommunications. Kidnapping Meng Wanzhou Huawei chief financial officer and daughter of Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei, throwing her in jail in Canada for a while and still holding her in Canada is a rather fishy way to do business and indicative of the medieval measures the deep state is willing to go to maintain its global hegemony. Were the Board of Directors at google wise, they’d do a stock swap with Huawei, and start working together, rather than playing a zero-sum lose-lose game as is going on now initiated by google.

2. The Walt Disney Company — \$ 59.43 billion in media revenue (2018)

3. Comcast — \$86 billion in media revenue (2018, holdings include NBC Universal cable networks and broadcast TV divisions, cable division including 15 national cable networks in the US — USA Network, Syfy, CNBC, and more — and nine international TV channels, broadcast holdings include NBC and Spanish-language network Telemundo.

4. 21st Century Fox — \$86 billion (2018) in media revenue, holdings include Fox Broadcasting and Fox Sports television companies, STAR India, and a 39% stake in British broadcasting company Sky.

5. Facebook — \$55.8 billion

<https://www.businessinsider.com/the-30-biggest-media-owners-in-the-world-2016-5#9-baidu--7895-billion-in-media-revenue-22> (with updated revenues and other edits) (Is now censoring any and all accounts critical of the assassination of American assassination victim Qassim Soleimani, Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and eight associates. If the reader does not have an account guard, Facebook can and will track everything you do on the internet.)

Other Private Sector News Media

News Corp - holdings include: The Wall Street Journal, the New York Post, the magazines Barron's and SmartMoney, book publisher HarperCollins and numerous websites including MarketWatch.com

AT&T - Holdings include: CNN, the CW (a joint venture with CBS), HBO, Cinemax, Cartoon Network, TBS, TNT, Warner Bros. Pictures, Castle Rock and New Line Cinema.

Time Inc. - Holdings include: over 150 magazines such as Time, Cooking Light, Marie Claire and People.

Amazon - Amazon.com, Inc. is an American multinational technology company based in Seattle that focuses on e-commerce, cloud computing, digital streaming, and artificial intelligence. It is considered one of the Big Four tech companies, along with Google, Apple, and Facebook. In 2013, Amazon secured a US\$600 million contract with the CIA, which poses a potential conflict of interest involving the Bezos-owned The Washington Post and his newspaper's coverage of the CIA. Kate Martin, director of the Center for National Security Studies, said, 'It's a serious potential conflict of interest for a major newspaper like The Washington Post to have a contractual relationship with the government and the most secret part of the government.' This was later followed by a US\$10 billion contract with the Department of Defence.

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/norman-solomon/the-cia-amazon-bezos-and_b_4559317.html

<https://www.nytimes.com/2013/08/18/business/expecting-the-unexpected-from-jeff-bezos.html>

Verizon media and technology company 'that connects with 1 billion people around the world through sites and apps like Yahoo, AOL, HuffPost, TechCrunch, Engadget and more.'

For more information on "supersized" news media refer to:

<https://archives.cjr.org/resources/index.php>

Microsoft News (previously named MSN News and Bing News) is a news aggregator and service that features news headlines and articles chosen by editors

And so on.

"The *de facto* censorship which leaves so many Americans functionally illiterate about the history of US foreign affairs may be all the more effective because it is not so much official, heavy-handed or conspiratorial, as it is woven artlessly into the fabric of education and media. No conspiracy is needed. The editors of *Reader's digest* and *U.S. News and World Report* do not need to meet covertly with the representatives from NBC in an FBI safe-house to plan next month's stories and programs; for the simple truth is that these individuals would not have reached the positions they occupy if they themselves had not all been guided through the same tunnel of camouflaged history and emerged with the same selective memory and conventional wisdom."

William Blum, *Killing Hope, U.S. Military and CIA Interventions since World War II*, p. 15

[Permission to quote granted by William Blum via email March 15, 2018]

It's not just the news. Movies and TV show, music, all the media are now being censored. First Amendment Freedom of Speech? A relic of a bygone era in the United States.²⁰

Hollywood has been more heavily censored since 2001, films bashing US army & CIA can't go public – Oliver Stone to RT, January 30, 2020

“The American film industry changed beyond recognition after the milestone year of 2001, director Oliver Stone told RT, with producers using financial restraints to censor movies challenging the US military or the CIA.

“When the Iron Curtain fell and the Cold War ended, things didn't change for the better, Stone believes. “My film career has suffered, because sometimes I've said things that American producers hate to hear,” he revealed, adding that those sponsoring film productions sometimes resort to ‘economic censorship.’”

<https://www.rt.com/news/479584-stone-hollywood-censorship-money/>

Various profession associations

For example:

- Military Officers Association of America
- Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association
- CTIA-The Wireless Association (*Meredith Attwell Baker one-time Texas lawyer rose to prominence in the Bush years and is now using her experience at the Federal Communications Commission to help the telecom industry fend off net neutrality rules – crushing freedom of speech on the Internet*)
- Internet Association (Michael Beckerman helping internet companies navigate the charged political fights that increasingly touch the industry from privacy battles to patent issues.)
- Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association
- National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions
- Business Roundtable (Joshua Bolten, the former chief of staff to President George W. Bush took over from John Engler as leader of the Roundtable this year as its corporate CEO members looked to capitalize on a unified government.)
- Global Automakers
- International Franchise Association (Robert Cresanti has led the charge for repealing an Obama-era National Labor Relations Board ruling that could make franchisors liable for labor law violations committed by subcontractors or franchisees.)
- American Medical Association
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce

²⁰ A couple of my internet sites used to get thousands of visits per week, but about the middle of 2018 suddenly visits dropped to around 20 per week. See “shadow regulation” in Chapter 3.

- American Chemistry Council
- U.S. Travel Association (Might just be tempted to make the rest of the world appear very dangerous indeed to promote US tourism)
- Independent Petroleum Association of America
- The Federal Judges Association (FJA) is a national voluntary organization of United States federal judges, appointed pursuant to Article III of the Constitution
- The American Judges Association (www.amjudges.org) is an organization of judges only, reported to be independent of any governmental entity or court organization (but that doesn't mean they can't have lunch together). AJA is the largest independent organization of judges, for judges only.
- The Association of American Publishers (AAP) represents the leading book, journal, and education publishers in the United States on matters of law and policy

A preponderance of ivy league, state and private universities

“Data shows a surprising campus free speech problem: left-wingers being fired for their opinions

“Does “political correctness” really crush conservative speech on campus?
The data suggests no, by Zack Beauchamp, Aug 3, 2018

“Examples include Princeton professor Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor’s commencement speech being canceled after receiving death threats for criticizing President Donald Trump and the president of Sonoma State University apologizing for allowing a black student to read a poem critical of police violence at commencement.

“Jeffrey Sachs, a political scientist at Canada’s Acadia University, put together a database of all incidents where a professor was dismissed for political speech in the United States between 2015 and 2017. Sachs’s results, published by the left-libertarian Niskanen Center, actually found that left-wing professors were more frequently dismissed for their speech than conservative ones...”

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2018/8/3/17644180/political-correctness-free-speech-liberal-data-georgetown>

Since 9/11 there has been close to a total takeover at American universities by the conservative right, as exemplified by the ease with which the CIA has extended recruitment on and around campuses across the US. In addition, it appears the CIA to some extent is involved in engineering radical white nationalist movements, in government and universities.

“Do the CNP and the CIA run or steer the alt.right movement? by Alexander Benesch, August 2018

“The CNP is the conservative counterpart to the left-wing or social-democratic Council on Foreign Relations, which in turn dates back to the roundtable groups of the British empire. From the shadows, the CNP

seems to steer many flavors of the political right in the US, and has done so for decades. The spectrum ranges from mainline Republican groups to shock jocks like David Duke and even the early conspiracy media of the John Birch Society. Not every CNP-member is automatically and consciously part of a conspiracy. It can be assumed that many bona fide members are simply watched and indirectly steered.

“The membership lists of the CNP are secret and members are requested never to mention the organisation by name. A list of members from 2014 has fortunately been leaked. Among the members are

Oliver North, who was involved with the CIA in the Iran-Contra scandal

Political lobbyist Jack Abramoff

The majority leader of the Republicans in the U.S. Congress Richard Arme

TV preacher Pat Robertson

The arms rights activist Larry Pratt

Steve Bannon of Breitbart, who acted for a while under Trump in the White House

Kellyanne Conway, political star

The parents of Blackwater founder Erik Prince

“In 1990, young Erik Prince completed an internship at the White House under President George H.W. Bush (formerly CIA Director, member of Skull&Bones). Prince and his relatives own billions in various business fields. His youngest son, Charles Donovan, was named after William J. Donovan, the former director of the secret service OSS, forerunner of the CIA. Blackwater received generous government contracts worth at least \$1.6 billion plus a series of secret contracts of unknown amounts. At least an additional \$600 million is estimated by the CIA. Prince’s parents were members of the CNP and Erik, it is assumed, is also part of the group.

“The guru of the so-called alt.right movement, Richard Spencer, who calls for “peaceful ethnic cleansing” to preserve the white race, has a man from a family of influential CIA patrons behind him. William Regnery II comes from ultra-right circles full of neocons and intelligence men and is happy to finance select rightwing figures. With Spencer as his frontman he built up a think tank and also gave money to other right-wing organizations.”

<http://eng.recentr.com/2018/08/do-the-cnp-and-the-cia-run-or-steer-the-alt-right-movement/>

April 7, 2003, The CIA is Back on Campus by David N. Gibbs

“The prospect of domination of the nation’s scholars by Federal employment, project allocations, and the power of money is ever present—and is gravely to be regarded.”
(Dwight D. Eisenhower)

“The new collaboration between academics and the intelligence agencies has elicited little debate or negative comment. On the contrary, such collaboration has been endorsed across the ideological spectrum. In November 2002, the liberal American Prospect published an article by Chris Mooney entitled: “Good Company: Its Time for Academics and the CIA to Work Together. Again.”² To the best of my knowledge, there has been no extended response to the Mooney article in The American Prospect or in any other publication.”

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2003/04/07/the-cia-is-back-on-campus/>

Jun 8, 1986 – “The trend away from the Ivy League is supported by a recent C.I.A. internal study of what schools have provided the most recruits. Although Yale is still on the list, the top schools, in order, are Georgetown, George Washington University, the University of Maryland and American University.”

<https://www.nytimes.com/1986/06/08/magazine/campus-recruiting-and-the-cia.html>

“But the CIA and FBI aren’t the only agencies from the Intelligence Community that ICCAE brings to American university campuses. ICCAE also quietly imports a smorgasbord of fifteen agencies — including the National Security Agency, Defense Intelligence Agency, and Homeland Security.

“ICCAE’s stated goals are to develop a “systematic long-term program at universities and colleges to recruit and hire eligible talent for IC [Intelligence Community] agencies and components,” and to “increase the [intelligence recruit-ing] pipeline of students ... with emphasis on women and ethnic minorities in critical skill areas.” Specifically, ICCAE seeks to “provide internships, co-ops, graduate fellowships and other related opportunities across IC agencies to eli-gible students and faculty for intelligence studies immersion,” and to “support selective international study and regional and overseas travel opportunities to enhance cultural and language immer-sion.” ICCAE’s aim is to shower with fellowships, scholarships and grants those universities that are adapting their curricula to align with the political agenda of American intelligence agencies; also to install a portal connecting ICCAE cam-puses with intelligence agencies, through which students, faculty, students studying abroad, and unknown

others will pass. While ICCAE claims to train analysts rather than members of the clandestine service, the CIA historically has not observed such boundaries.

“ICCAE-funded centers have different names at different universities. For example, at the University of Washington (UW), ICCAE funds established the new Institute for National Security Education and Research (INSER), Wayne State University's center is called the Center for Academic Excellence in National Security Intelligence Studies, and Clark Atlantic University's program is the Center for Academic Excellence in National Security Studies.”

http://www.tulanelink.com/mind/CIA3_box.htm

“Over the last couple of years, the Central Intelligence Agency has put out a lot of PR indicating that the agency is interested in recruiting more diverse operatives than ever before. Many have claimed they're interested in moving away from recruiting Ivy Leaguers in order to create a more diverse and all-inclusive agency. But has the CIA recruited fewer Ivy Leaguers in recent years? Or have they realized that Ivy League schools are some of the most diverse universities in the nation? The fact is, the Ivy League and the CIA remain intimately tied.

“What's interesting is that the new Director of the Central Intelligence Agency is General George Petraeus, a man who received his PhD from Princeton University. Porter Goss, who served as Director of the CIA from 2004-2005, was a Yale graduate. George Tenet, who served in the same position from 1997-2004, holds a master's degree from Columbia University. The list goes on and includes President George H.W. Bush, a Yale graduate....”

<https://www.ivycoach.com/the-ivy-coach-blog/ivy-league/ivy-league-and-the-cia/>²¹

The CIA Within Academe

²¹ There's a bit of history here. In the 1950s all of America's spy networks were getting “rolled up” in Russia and East Europe. One theory was that so many were from Ivy League Universities, so the CIA shifted its recruiting to the Midwestern states for more “real” “down-to-earth,” believable people. Now-a-days however China for instance gives P.R. cards and other preferential treatment to Ivy Leaguers, so the shift of CIA recruitment is back to the Ivy League schools. Status is everything in an image- and crony-driven world. Real intelligence and effectiveness have been cast on the trash heap of history along with justice and freedom. Only image, money and power matter in a world driven by populism and avarice. A good example is the “alternative news” media, liberally quoted in this article. Those writers are brilliant and courageous, and survive on almost no money while living with the social status of lepers, whereas news writers for the mainstream media, simple minded gophers that they are, obedient slaves of the CIA, professional Yes men, get all the money, glory, girls and access.

“Book documents how foreign and domestic intelligence agencies use -- and perhaps exploit -- higher education and academe for spy operations.”

By Nick Roll, October 3, 2017

<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2017/10/03/%E2%80%98spy-schools-how-cia-fbi-and-foreign-intelligence-secretly-exploit-america%E2%80%99s>

Also see: <https://www.muckrock.com/news/archives/2017/sep/01/cia-college-tour-ivy-league/>

Universities also are much beholding to the CIA because it and/or other defense department organizations contract many professors to do research for them. This is seen as beneficial to the university, helping rankings climb and increases the probability of (right-wing) professor's papers getting published, even though much of the defense department research is published in journals to which only DoD has access.

<https://www.aau.edu/key-issues/department-defense-research-funding-table-fy19>

<https://www.defense.gov/Newsroom/Releases/Release/Article/1482657/defense-department-awards-169-million-in-university-research-funding/>

<https://edscoop.com/dod-pledges-to-protect-department-funded-research-at-u-s-universities/>

For general information on the alt-right:

<https://arxiv.org/ftp/arxiv/papers/1905/1905.02712.pdf>

<https://www.american.edu/ucm/news/20190908-alt-right-twitter.cfm>

The United Nations

The United Nations since 1947 has been a huge supporter of the deep state propping up and militarily backing what amounts to white supremacy in the international milieu and can be seen as the international arm of the American deep state.

For a more detailed look into this hidden government that was never elected, that has usurped freedom in the U.S. and around the world, see:

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/the-insidious-role-of-the-atlantic-council-securing-the-21st-century-for-nato/18945>

Though the above is very impressive and hugely rich and power, it must be balanced against the US national debt of 23 trillion dollars,

<https://usdebtclock.org/>

And the fact that the USA is hugely divided, fighting against itself as well as against the rest of the world. Though most people around the world admire the USA in many ways, nobody trusts the USA or Americans very much anymore and instead very much actively distrusts the USA, and increasing huge numbers of people around the world hate the USA.

Likewise, there is a small but growing corps of independent minded and financed “alternative news” sources that try to cut through the incredible maze of lies woven by the rest of deep state (mostly listed above).

Resisting the deep state

Alternative News Media

- <https://www.rt.com/>
- <https://www.counterpunch.org>
- <https://stephenlendman.org/>
- <http://www.palestinechronicle.com/>
- <https://www.tehrantimes.com/>
- <http://covertactionmagazine.com/>
- <https://www.blacklistednews.com>
- <http://cepr.net/>
- <https://rightsanddissent.org/news/category/dissent-newswire/>
- <https://www.commondreams.org/>
- <https://www.globalsecurity.org>
- <https://www.hrw.org> (however lacks objectivity in regards to Hong Kong in this writers opinion²²)
- <https://www.telesureenglish.net>
- <https://deepstateblog.org>
- <https://www.revealnews.org/>
- <https://truthout.org>
- <http://www.globalresearch.ca>
- <https://www.blackagendareport.com/>
- <https://www.fort-russ.com/>
- <https://fair.org/>
- <https://militarist-monitor.org>
- <https://www.foreignpolicyjournal.com>
- <https://www.dawn.com/world>
- <https://www.aljazeera.com> (Has an obvious pro-Arab bias in regards to Iran and anti-Chinese bias however has reasonably good coverage in some areas, notably Palestine.

²² I've been to Hong Kong twice recently and studied the American CIA's use of color revolutions to attack governments the American political duopoly doesn't approve of, e.g. any form of governance other than democracy, and thus have personal experience and structural knowledge based on extensive irrefutable proofs that HRW has a powerful and unfounded bias against the Chinese government (Chapter 11 The UN needs to affirm a variety of forms of governance, not just democracy can provide maximum individual liberty and representation). This is, in this writer's opinion, a great tragedy and disservice to human rights. On the other hand, in regards to events in some other countries, e.g. mass torture and rape in occupied Kashmir, they appear to have undertaken reasonably objective data collection and dissemination.

- <https://www.liberationnews.org>
- <https://www.splcenter.org>
- <https://www.theguardian.com>
- <https://wikileaks.org>
- <http://www.informationclearinghouse.info/>
- <https://www.paulcraigroberts.org>

Some former alternative news media have “jumped ship” and gone “over to the dark side” AKA the mainstream media; they will not be named here as they generally hire the same super-shark law firms the giant mainstream media (MSM) corporations use that reflexively sues anyone that doesn’t kowtow to them and sing the praises of the alt-right. In most cases they don’t win, but they do love bankrupting small independent alternative newspapers and other dissidents that don’t march lockstep behind their hyper-conservative and “neo-liberal” agendas.

The Southern Poverty Law Center

The Southern Poverty Law Center is dedicated to fighting hate and bigotry and to seeking justice for the most vulnerable members of our society. Using litigation, education, and other forms of advocacy, the SPLC works toward the day when the ideals of equal justice and equal opportunity will be a reality.

<https://www.splcenter.org/what-we-do>

American Civil Liberties Union

The ACLU’s mission remains realizing the promise of the Bill of Rights for all and expanding the reach of its guarantees. Beyond one person, party, or side — the ACLU dares to create a more perfect union.

Yes, the deep state outpowers the resistance, and yet, the growing ranks of poor in the United States add to the anti-deep state coalition that is growing.

And, the rest of the world is not without influence either.

The wild card in this rather unbalanced equation
is: Can the United Nations change?

**...given that the USA is moving increasingly towards absolute fascism,
especially now that the democrats are also on the military industrial complex
bandwagon?**

The “Deep State” Is a Political Party

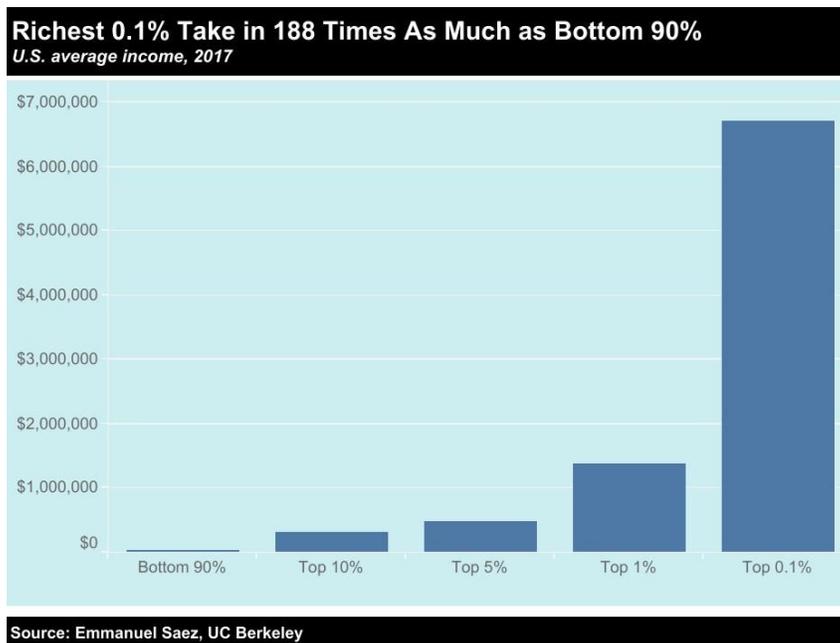
As an impeachment crisis looms, CIA and FBI veterans are taking a troubling lead in opposing Trump at the ballot box, by
Jefferson Morley, November 8, 2019

<https://newrepublic.com/article/155629/deep-state-political-party>

The above linked story is certainly worthwhile reading in its entirety.

Certainly, ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda is not alone. For proof of this, turn on the number crunchers.

In the USA



<https://inequality.org/facts/income-inequality/>

Also see: <https://www.thebalance.com/income-inequality-in-america-3306190>

Income inequality in America is the highest it's been since Census Bureau started tracking it, data shows

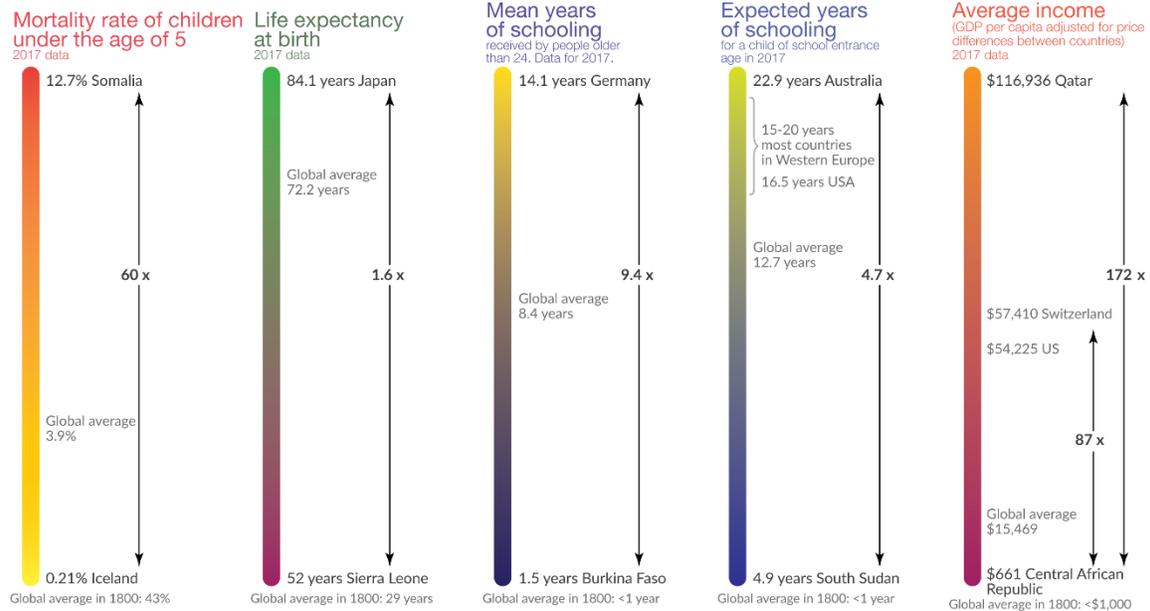
In the midst of the nation's longest economic expansion, the separation between rich and poor is at a five-decade

high <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2019/09/26/income-inequality-america-highest-its-been-since-census-started-tracking-it-data-show/>

World-wide

Global inequality in living conditions

between the world's worst-off and best-off countries



Data source: all data for 2017 is taken from various UN publications. Historical estimates for 1800 are from OECD – How was life? and Our World in Data. This is a visualization from OurWorldinData.org, where you find data and research on the world's largest problems. Licensed under CC-BY by the author Max Roser.

Africa's stagnation. In 2019, some 70 percent of the world's poor will live in Africa, up from 50 percent five years ago. By 2023, Africa's share will rise to over 80 percent (up from 60 percent in 2016). For Africa to end poverty by 2030, more than one person would need to escape poverty every second; instead, Africa currently adds poor people. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel. In 2019, for the first time since the enactment of the SDGs, Africa will start reducing the absolute number of people living in extreme poverty, albeit very modestly.

<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/future-development/2018/12/13/rethinking-global-poverty-reduction-in-2019/>

The World Bank and UN have glowing reports of reduction in world poverty. This is true in China, and to a much lower extent in India. Poverty in Africa – that continent with the most extreme poverty, is increasing.

“US targeting of Nigeria: Is it really about terrorist problem or is America fearful of Africa's first superpower emerging? Darius Shahtahmasebi

“The US is punishing Nigeria amid a current humanitarian crisis where the West African nation is grappling with a violent terrorist problem in the form of Boko Haram; a terrorist entity that the US indirectly helped rise to power.

“The Trump administration is considering expanding its travel ban to include five more countries, including Nigeria.

“Furthermore, the US Agency for International Development (USAID) has been making it incredibly difficult for vital humanitarian aid to reach Nigeria over the past year. A relatively new clause in all grant contracts now requires the recipient agencies to have approval of a USAID Agreement Officer in advance “to individuals whom the Recipient affirmatively knows to have been formerly affiliated with Boko Haram” or Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS), as combatants or non-combatants...

“This restriction goes against the core principles that govern humanitarian aid, one of which states that aid must be provided on need and can’t be influenced by other considerations...

Hitting Nigeria where it hurts

“Nigeria is facing one of the world’s gravest humanitarian crises as a result of a conflict which has dragged out for approximately ten years. As a result of the relentless violence perpetrated by the terror outfit known as Boko Haram, 7.1 million people are in need of life-saving assistance, and 1.8 million people have been uprooted from their homes (the majority of whom are women and children).

“In total, the conflict in Nigeria has killed at least 27,000 civilians. Even as I type, communities in the West African nation are still being targeted by violent attacks.

“Nigeria was already struggling with a pending humanitarian crisis before the conflict erupted over ten years ago. Six states in north east Nigeria were already lagging behind the rest of the country in terms of their socioeconomic development. The situation affecting these states now has been described as “famine-like.”

“According to the UN, insecurity in parts of Nigeria has played a major role in the reduction of humanitarian aid. Essentially, the new USAID requirements are making an already delicate situation even worse...”

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/479588-us-terrorist-nigeria-targets-superpower/>

American destabilization aside, Nigeria is a democracy modeled after the American system and is considered by most to be the economic powerhouse of Africa. According to the International Monetary Fund, in 2018 had the highest Nominal GDP in Africa though some regions suffer from extreme poverty primarily related to conflicts.

And, US sanctions make things worse for the poor. The American way of teaching foreign leaders they don’t like? Stave the poor to death.

List of countries being sanctioned by the US and/or EU:

- Afghanistan
- Balkans
- Belarus
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Burundi
- Central African Republic
- China
- Cuba
- Cyprus
- Ivory Coast
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- People's Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Egypt
- United States of America (the EU is sanctioning the USA)
- Fiji
- Guinea
- Guinea-Bissau
- Haiti
- Iran
- Iraq
- Kyrgyzstan
- Laos

<https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=f4ca0f85-dba4-4769-a0e5-4dae962fe95f>

Nearly 385 million children living in extreme poverty, says joint World Bank Group – UNICEF study.

3 October 2016 – Children are more than twice as likely as adults to live in extreme poverty, according to a new analysis from the World Bank Group and UNICEF

https://www.unicef.org/media/media_92856.html

So, ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda is not alone. Besides the hungry and starving, those suffering from diseases without medicine in Africa, Venezuela, Yemen, and other places, there are also the spirits of the 20 – 30 million who have been killed - murdered in fact - in America's unjust wars since WWII. Life is not like books with a spirit army materializing to support the righteous Strider - Aragorn son of Arathorn in the Trilogy of the Rings, or movies with spirit armies materializing to support inebriate Hollywood characters like Captain Jack Sparrow. But even in consideration of

the hard-cold facts of the real contemporary world, the life and death of real human beings leaves a trace and memory that cannot be forgotten or lightly dismissed.

What would the founding fathers and/or President Lincoln have thought of all this?

Thomas Jefferson wrote:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

American Declaration of Independence (signed August 2, 1776)

It does not say “...all American men...” It says “all men,” implying perhaps “all people worldwide.”

Abraham Lincoln:

Emancipation Proclamation

“That on the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, all persons held as slaves within any State or designated part of a State, the people whereof shall then be in rebellion against the United States, shall be then, thenceforward, and forever free; and the Executive Government of the United States, including the military and naval authority thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of such persons, and will do no act or acts to repress such persons, or any of them, in any efforts they may make for their actual freedom...”

“And by virtue of the power, and for the purpose aforesaid, I do order and declare that all persons held as slaves within said designated States, and parts of States, are, and henceforward shall be free; and that the Executive government of the United States, including the military and naval authorities thereof, will recognize and maintain the freedom of said persons...”

“And I hereby enjoin upon the people so declared to be free to abstain from all violence, unless in necessary self-defense; and I recommend to them that, in all cases when allowed, they labor faithfully for reasonable wages.”

Transcript of the Proclamation, January 1, 1863, By the President of the United States of America (Abraham Lincoln)

<https://www.archives.gov/exhibits/featured-documents/emancipation-proclamation/transcript.html>

In spite of those basic ideals that are shared by people of conscience, all nations were and are, according to the 1992 draft Defense Planning Guidance (DPG), to be kept as subject captives and economic slaves subordinate to the will and power of the United States of America, forever.

Recall the DPG reported:

“United States must also ‘show the leadership necessary to establish and protect a new order that holds the promise of convincing potential competitors that they need not aspire to a greater role or pursue a more aggressive posture to protect their legitimate interests.”

That describes the relationship of a slave to a master. That’s not really a new order either, that’s the same old colonial chain that has hobbled the majority of humanity for the past 500 years²³ and no different from Hitler’s New World Order. “Stay in your place, slave. Don’t get uppity with me boy!” “Think you can compete with me? I’ll teach you a lesson you’ll never forget!” And, the USA has the weaponry and covert mission skills to enforce this DPG doctrine on a global scale until such time as those responsible for prosecuting international law forbidding such actions holds to account those who effect such aberrant goals as are outlined in the American 1992 DPG.

The ideals of all the great philosophers and prophets, the writers of the Magna Carta, the American founding fathers and Abraham Lincoln have been cast atop the rubbish heap of history by American foreign and domestic policies, and replaced by a system no different than that of Roman Emperor Caligula, King John of England, and Hitler of Nazi Germany.

Living in Machiavelli’s nightmare

Machiavelli was political writer whose entire philosophy can be summed up very briefly:

Make friends just so you can betray them when it’s convenient. Lying to everyone, torturing and killing are not just OK, they are good. We are gods above all laws, and justice is a stupid joke that only fools believe in.

And that pretty much summarizes American foreign policy as well.

Machiavellian Realism and U.S. Foreign Policy: Means and Ends by
Howard Zinn, 1991

While teaching courses in political theory at Boston University, and fascinated by the figure of Machiavelli, I came across the remarkable volume by Ralph Roeder, *The Man of the Renaissance*, with its brilliant portraits of the dissident Savonarola and the toady Machiavelli. At the same time I noted the respect with which Machiavelli was treated by people on all parts of the political spectrum. The Vietnam War led many people, including myself, to look more closely at the history of United States foreign policy, and to me there was a distinct Machiavellian thread

²³ The men were very huffy, and some of them wanted to hang Jim for an example to all the other niggers around there, so they wouldn’t be trying to run away like Jim done... But the others said, don’t do it, it wouldn’t answer at all; he ain’t our nigger, and his owner would turn up and make us pay for him, sure. So that cooled them down a little, because the people that’s always the most anxious for to hang a nigger that hain’t done just right is always the very ones that ain’t the most anxious to pay for him when they’ve got their satisfaction out of him. *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, Chapter-42

running through that history. This essay appeared in my book *Declarations of Independence* (HarperCollins, 1991).

Interests: The Prince and the Citizen

About 500 years ago modern political thinking began. Its enticing surface was the idea of "realism." Its ruthless center was the idea that with a worthwhile end one could justify any means. Its spokesman was Nicolo Machiavelli.

In the year 1498 Machiavelli became adviser on foreign and military affairs to the government of Florence, one of the great Italian cities of that time. After fourteen years of service, a change of government led to his dismissal, and he spent the rest of his life in exile in the countryside outside of Florence. During that time he wrote, among other things, a little book called *The Prince*, which became the world's most famous hand book of political wisdom for governments and their advisers.

Four weeks before Machiavelli took office, something happened in Florence that made a profound impression on him. It was a public hanging. The victim was a monk named Savonarola, who preached that people could be guided by their "natural reason." This threatened to diminish the importance of the Church fathers, who then showed their importance by having Savonarola arrested. His hands were bound behind his back and he was taken through the streets in the night, the crowds swinging lanterns near his face, peering for the signs of his dangerousness.

Savonarola was interrogated and tortured for ten days. They wanted to extract a confession, but he was stubborn. The Pope, who kept in touch with the torturers, complained that they were not getting results quickly enough. Finally the right words came, and Savonarola was sentenced to death. As his body swung in the air, boys from the neighborhood stoned it. The corpse was set afire, and when the fire had done its work, the ashes were strewn in the river Arno.

In *The Prince*, Machiavelli refers to Savonarola and says, "Thus it comes about that all armed prophets have conquered and unarmed ones failed."

Political ideas are centered on the issue of ends (What kind of society do we want?) and means (How will we get it?). In that one sentence about unarmed prophets Machiavelli settled for modern governments the question of ends: conquest. And the question of means: force.

Machiavelli refused to be deflected by utopian dreams or romantic hopes and by questions of right and wrong or good and bad. He is the father of modern political realism, or what has been called *realpolitik*. "It appears to me more proper to go to the truth of the matter than to its

imagination...for how we live is so far removed from how we ought to live, that he who abandons what is done for what ought to be done, will rather learn to bring about his own ruin than his preservation."

It is one of the most seductive ideas of our time. We hear on all sides the cry of "be realistic...you're living in the real world," from political platforms, in the press, and at home. The insistence on building more nuclear weapons, when we already possess more than enough to destroy the world, is based on "realism." The Wall Street Journal, approving a Washington, D.C., ordinance allowing the police to arrest any person on the street refusing to move on when ordered, wrote, "D.C.'s action is born of living in the real world." And consider how often a parent (usually a father) has said to a son or daughter: "It's good to have idealistic visions of a better world, but you're living in the real world, so act accordingly."

How many times have the dreams of young people-the desire to help others; to devote their lives to the sick or the poor; or to poetry, music, or drama-been demeaned as foolish romanticism, impractical in a world where one must "make a living"? Indeed, the economic system reinforces the same idea by rewarding those who spend their lives on "practical" pursuits-while making life difficult for the artist, poets, nurses, teachers, and social workers.

Realism is seductive because once you have accepted the reasonable notion that you should base your actions on reality, you are too often led to accept, without much questioning, someone else's version of what that reality is. It is a crucial act of independent thinking to be skeptical of someone else's description of reality.

When Machiavelli claims to "go to the truth of the matter," he is making the frequent claim of important people (writers, political leaders) who press their ideas on others: that their account is "the truth," that they are being "objective."

But his reality may not be our reality; his truth may not be our truth. The real world is infinitely complex. Any description of it must be a partial description, so a choice is made about what part of reality to describe, and behind that choice is often a definite interest, in the sense of something useful for a particular individual or group. Behind the claim of someone giving us an objective picture of the real world is the assumption that we all have the same interests, and so we can trust the one who describes the world for us, because that person has our interests at heart...

http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com/Foreign_Policy/Machiavelli_ForPol.html

This essay/dissertation goes on, but the point is made.

There are so many fallacies in Machiavelli's works as to be uncountable and Howard Zinn quoted above does a great job of illuminating many of them. His article goes on, but the point it made. The end result of the application of a Machiavellian philosophy is sooner or later a coalition will form around the individuals involved, expose their tyrannies and defeat them.

The Italian renaissance was a very artistic period and had all the trappings of greatness, but writings like Machiavelli's betray the soullessness of it all. His writings are seductive in the extreme but always lead to the same end: Larger communities must be protected from ruthless predators. The much wider tapestry of human endeavor vividly and repeatedly demonstrate philosophies like Machiavelli's can gain power quickly but will always fall quickly too, burning on the timbers of its own craven and corrupt foundations.

Many are the very erudite writings extolling the great wonders of Machiavelli's writings. Most sites on the Internet make it sound entirely reasonable and good. But, like all things born in cruelty and betrayal, it invariably ends with cruelty and betrayal.

No doubt some of what Machiavelli wrote was true:

"In the book, Machiavelli describes how a prince is to maintain his rule over a territory that he calls new. This territory is one that is annexed to an already existing territory which is under the prince's dominion. One of the things that he advises a prince to do is ensure that no other dominant power settles at his borders. This is because his neighbours who are disgruntled by his rule by virtue of fear or ambition may provide this power with an opportunity to make inroads into the former's territory."

<https://theforeignpolicyanalyst.wordpress.com/2012/12/29/machiavelli-an-approach-to-foreign-policy-analyzing-the-prince-part-iii/>

Which is a very fancy and complex way of writing don't let your enemies take over your neighbors, which is exactly what China did in "repossessing" Tibet, and Iran was and is doing with the Quds force.

The best way to sell a big lie is to have it protected by a bodyguard of obvious truths, even if they are couched in ridiculously complex verbal formulas. The reader can then feel shared brilliance with the source of that great wisdom by deciphering his lofty pronouncements.

In truth Machiavelli is like the evil wizard teaching his apprentice:

"Why have a house on the mountain when you can own the whole mountain, turn everyone else on that mountain into your slave, rape and pillage as you please, and there's nothing anyone can do about it! You know perfectly well that's what they would do to you if they could, so it's better you do it first!"

There are many people who would fall into the seductive logic of this. But there are flaws. First, most people are not so greedy and evil as this sorcerer. Most people do not want to turn everyone

into their slaves. The entire 12,000 history of civilization and law is 180° the opposite of this and eventually the liars, torturers and murderers are always brought to justice – always.

Those American foreign policy “experts” that admire and extoll the wonderous power of Machiavelli are the handmaidens of Armageddon in that they have so deeply interwoven his psychopathological political “philosophies” into American foreign policy it may well take WWII to put an end to the infinite evils that have arisen out of that confluence of absolute corruption since WWII.

Every tyrant, dictator and murderer in history believed exactly the same things Machiavelli taught; they have always come to ruin, and they always will, due to a few small perhaps seemingly insignificant facts:

- 1) Most people everywhere are basically good.
- 2) Most people will fight against being turned into slaves.
- 3) Sooner or later people will organize and defeat those who turn them and other people into slaves.
- 4) Life has value and meaning above and beyond that which can be measured by tyrannical despots.
- 5) People do not forget great injustices.
- 6) What goes around comes around.

Galatians 6 Darby Translation (DARBY)

1 Brethren, if even a man be taken in some fault, ye who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of meekness, considering thyself lest *thou* also be tempted.

2 Bear one another's burdens, and thus fulfil the law of the Christ.

3 For if any man reputes himself to be something, being nothing, he deceives himself;

4 but let each prove his own work, and then he will have his boast in what belongs to himself alone, and not in what belongs to another.

5 For each shall bear his own burden.

6 Let him that is taught in the word communicate to him that teaches in all good things.

7 Be not deceived: God is not mocked; for whatever a man shall sow, that also shall he reap.

8 For he that sows to his own flesh, shall reap corruption from the flesh; but he that sows to the Spirit, from the Spirit shall reap eternal life:

9 but let us not lose heart in doing good; for in due time, if we do not faint, we shall reap.

10 So then, as we have occasion, let us do good towards all, and specially towards those of the household of faith.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+6&version=DARBY>

Through all the redactions and translations of The Bibles, some universal truths survive, and they have survived for a reason.

Hitler's New Order - *Neuordnung*

The *Neuordnung* ("New Order") was Hitler's plan for the conquered areas under its dominion. The establishment of the *Neuordnung* had already begun long before the start of World War II, but was publicly proclaimed by Adolf Hitler in 1941:

The year 1941 will be, I am convinced, the historical year of a great European New Order.

<https://ww2today.com/30th-january-1941-hitlers-new-world-order>

If one reads his speech 'Hitler's New World Order' in its entirety and replaces the word 'Jew' with 'Muslim and Socialist,' one will find an exact duplicate to the American 1992 Draft Defense Planning Guidance (DPG) directing American 21st Century foreign policies.

Subsequent history has certainly proven that the misnamed "developing nations," of people of color, Muslim and socialist nations - are not allowed to fairly compete in any sphere, "in perpetuity." The 1992 Draft Defense Planning Guidance (DPG) mandates it.

The simple truth is one must bow deeply to American hegemony or be destroyed from within and without. There are no exceptions if one is a person of, or from a nation of color, Muslim, or socialist in orientation. We have been so dehumanized and demonized for at least the past 500 years torture and killing national levels are not only justifiable but richly rewarded in the American New World Order which should be called: *Neuordnung 2 – the Sequel*.

What role has the United Nations played in this? Since 1947 it has marched lockstep behind the USA in this disharmonic symphony of cruelty and injustice, though some peripheral organizations like UNICEF plays the big hero, helping some of the victims sometimes, just to remind everyone that the Great White Gods Are Merciful and Kind, well sometimes to some people anyways. Enough for some good photos on the UNICEF website anyways.

The fragmenting European Union

“Divide et impera”

“Divide and conquer” – a military strategy old in the time of Rome

Western European Christians however are more or less usually exempt from provocations and sabotage by the USA and are by virtue of their commonalities with the leadership of the USA,

permitted generously some freedoms, as long as they do not challenge the United States in any way, shape or form, which perhaps the formation of the European Union itself might accidentally have done.

Enter: Brexit

There is a reasonable possibility, even probability that the origin of Brexit was not in the UK, but rather the bowels of Langley Virginia.

A unified European Union could have competed with the United States. All that was required to start to fragment that union would be shaving off one country. England was the natural choice.

British hooligans were rather notorious for their violence and passion. Giving them a veneer of political savvy, especially in regards to EU rules regarding accepting refugees, mostly African and Middle Easterners – colored people(!) – would have been enough to start the social revolution that led to Brexit. Teaching and exacerbating hatred is something the US knows a lot about, as emphasized by Stephen J. Heidt (referred to above) in his seminal work: *“Presidential Power and National Violence: James K. Polk’s Rhetorical Transfer of Savagery.”*

Unfortunately, the Europeans don’t seem to have figured this out yet, but then they never seemed to figure out how the US launched them into WWII either,²⁴ so it’s not terribly surprising. In any case, they are white, Christian more or less sometimes, and democratic, so they don’t really have so much to worry about, at least for now.

The “developing world,” and nationalizing resources

Nationalizing Resources

For the poor in underdeveloped nations, nationalizing resources is a great idea. It gives the representative government control over output and profits. But there are liabilities associated with cutting the superpower colonial masters out of total control over one’s own resources.

In Libya

April 8, 2011

Why the Oil Companies Decided Qaddafi Has to Go, by A D Hemming

“Libya’s actions were surefooted. The shah of Iran’s soldiers occupied Abu Musa and the Tunb islands in the Gulf in December 1971, just before British forces withdrew from the region. To punish Britain for allowing this to happen, the Libyan government nationalized BP’s assets. The pretext was flimsy but the stakes were high: BP owned the majority of the Sarir oilfield, the biggest in Libya. After a stormy legal battle, an

²⁴ Allen Dulles and John Foster Dulles were in the 1930s the lead attorneys for Wall Street law firm Sullivan and Cromwell that, in cooperation with several of America’s largest corporations helped the Nazis rise to power. (Talbot, David “The Devil’s Chessboard: Allen Dulles, the CIA, and the Rise of America’s Secret Government”) and it was American Commodore Matthew Calbraith Perry that forced Japan to open its doors leading to the Meiji Restoration that led to the occupation of Manchuria and eventually WWII.

agreement was signed restoring complete control of the oilfield to Libya. Every confrontation ended the same way: foreign technicians were harassed, work on platforms slowed and productivity was badly hit. Gulf, Philips, Amoco, Texaco, Socal and others abandoned the oilfields, and Libya, in disgust. The Libyan National Oil Company (NOC), which had been formed on the US model, had no trouble taking them over, and in a decade, national revenue quintupled, reaching \$10,000 per capita in 1979.

Trouble starts

“Politics were the problem. The US State Department published its first list of state sponsors of terrorism in 1979, and Libya figured prominently, because of its support for radical Palestinian groups. The US soon closed its embassy in Tripoli, and banned US citizens from buying Libyan crude. Then in June 1986, all trade with the Jamahiriya (Gaddafi’s new national term, from the Arabic words for republic and the masses) was declared illegal.”

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2011/04/08/why-the-oil-companies-decided-qaddafi-has-to-go/>

“You mean you want to control your own national resources, BOY? We’ll teach you a lesson you’ll never forget.”

That’s the way it looks from the point of view of a nation that tries to gain control over its own nation’s natural resources.

Gaddafi says looking at oil firm nationalization, January 22, 2009

WASHINGTON (Reuters) – “Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi said on Wednesday his country and other oil exporters were looking into nationalizing foreign firms due to low oil prices and suggested Tripoli might not stick to OPEC production quotas.”

<https://uk.reuters.com/article/businessproind-us-libya-gaddafi-oil/gaddafi-says-looking-at-oil-firm-nationalization-idUKTRE50K61F20090121>

He was assassinated in an American sponsored revolution October 20, 2011.

In Iraq

Oil Take-over Pact Announced by Iraq, March 1, 1973

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Feb. 28—“Iraq and the Western-owned Iraq Petroleum Company have reached a settlement on last year’s nationalization of the

company's oilfields and assets, President Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr announced tonight.

“The company is to pay £141-million—about \$350-million as settlement of debts to Iraq. The company has accepted 15 million tons of Iraqi crude oil as compensation for the nationalization on June 1, 1972.

“Mr. al-Bakr made the announcement in Baghdad over Iraqi television and radio. He hailed the agreement as ‘yet another victory for the . . . Arab masses against the Western oil monopolies.’”

<https://www.nytimes.com/1973/03/01/archives/oil-takeover-pact-announced-by-iraq-iraq-oil-nationalization-pact.html>

Report of the National Energy Policy Development Group

Office of the President (of the USA), National Energy Policy May 2001

“In 2000, Big Oil, including Exxon, Chevron, BP and Shell, spent more money to get fellow oilmen Bush and Cheney into office than they had spent on any previous election. Just over a week into Bush's first term, their efforts paid off when the National Energy Policy Development Group, chaired by Cheney, was formed, bringing the administration and the oil companies together to plot our collective energy future. In March, the task force reviewed lists and maps outlining Iraq's entire oil productive capacity.

“Planning for a military invasion was soon under way. Bush's first Treasury secretary, Paul O'Neill, said in 2004, “Already by February (2001), the talk was mostly about logistics. Not the why (to invade Iraq), but the how and how quickly.”

<https://edition.cnn.com/2013/03/19/opinion/iraq-war-oil-juhasz/index.html>

In Venezuela

“The Venezuelan coup d'état attempt of 2002 was a failed coup d'état on 11 April 2002 that saw President Hugo Chávez ousted from office for 47 hours before being restored to power. Chávez, who had been elected in 2000, was aided in his return to power by popular support (mostly labor unions) and mobilization against the coup by moderate ranks in the military.”

https://elpais.com/diario/2002/04/17/internacional/1018994403_850215.html (Downloaded Jan. 17, 2020)

<https://web.archive.org/web/20031102043203/http://www.ultimasnoticias.com.ve/ediciones/2002/04/13/p16n2.htm> (Downloaded Jan. 17, 2020)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2002_Venezuelan_coup_d%27%C3%A9tat_attempt (Downloaded Jan. 17, 2020)

Chavez was a socialist, the kiss of death in the American encyclopedia of Who Gets Deposed or Murdered First. He was 59 in 2013 when he died and many in Venezuela assume he was poisoned by the CIA.

Venezuela coup linked to Bush team

“Specialists in the ‘dirty wars’ of the Eighties encouraged the plotters who tried to topple President Chavez by Ed Vulliamy in New York, 21 Apr 2002,

First published on Sun 21 Apr 2002 14.30 BST

“The failed coup in Venezuela was closely tied to senior officials in the US government, The Observer has established. They have long histories in the ‘dirty wars’ of the 1980s, and links to death squads working in Central America at that time.

“Washington's involvement in the turbulent events that briefly removed left-wing leader Hugo Chavez from power last weekend resurrects fears about US ambitions in the hemisphere.”

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2002/apr/21/usa.venezuela>

It was a classic US sponsored color revolution following what has become a textbook model:

The CIA Was Involved In the Coup Against Venezuela's Chavez

“The White House and the State Department both claimed that the Chávez government had provoked violence and actions that resulted in the President’s alleged resignation in April 2002. Investigations have provided a plethora of evidence proving the U.S. involvement in the coup on various levels.

“On April 12, 2002, White House spokesperson Ari Fleischer stated:

“Let me share with you the administration's thoughts about what's taking place in Venezuela. It remains a somewhat fluid situation. But yesterday's events in Venezuela resulted in a change in the government and the assumption of a transitional authority until new elections can be held.

“The details still are unclear. We know that the action encouraged by the Chavez government provoked this crisis. According to the best information available, the Chavez government suppressed peaceful demonstrations. Government supporters, on orders from the Chavez government, fired on unarmed, peaceful protestors, resulting in 10 killed and 100

wounded. The Venezuelan military and the police refused to fire on the peaceful demonstrators and refused to support the government's role in such human rights violations. The government also tried to prevent independent news media from reporting on these events.

“The results of these events are now that President Chavez has resigned the presidency. Before resigning, he dismissed the vice president and the cabinet, and a transitional civilian government has been installed. This government has promised early elections.

“The United States will continue to monitor events. That is what took place, and the Venezuelan people expressed their right to peaceful protest. It was a very large protest that turned out. And the protest was met with violence.”

<https://venezuelanalysis.com/analysis/800>

The above article is “classic” disinformation ignoring all of the dynamics on the ground in Venezuela and within the halls of power in Washington DC.

Reuters World News October 8, 2012

“Factbox: Venezuela's nationalizations under Chavez

“In 2007, Chavez’s government took a majority stake in four oil projects in the vast Orinoco heavy crude belt worth an estimated \$30 billion in total.

“Exxon Mobil Corp and ConocoPhillips quit the country as a result and filed arbitration claims. Late last year, an arbitration panel ordered Venezuela to pay Exxon \$908 million, though a larger case is still ongoing.”

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-venezuela-election-nationalizations/factbox-venezuelas-nationalizations-under-chavez-idUSBRE89701X20121008>

“Another Failed US-Backed Coup Attempt in Venezuela Goes Unnoticed

“Despite heavy backing from US officials, the coup attempt fell completely flat as Venezuela’s armed forces failed to defect to Juan Guaidó’s side and few opposition protesters trickled into the streets.

by Alan Macleod

“Fresh off a successful military coup deposing leftist President Evo Morales in Bolivia last week, the United States attempted to overthrow the government of Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela this weekend. The events, however, went barely noticed outside the South American nation, as the attempt proved to be a complete fiasco.

“U.S.-backed self-declared President Juan Guaidó, who had tried multiple times earlier in the year to depose Maduro to no avail, had long publicly targeted November 16 as the date of his latest insurrection, calling on all Venezuelans to rise up and fight in the streets against the “dictatorship.” That way, he explained on social media, they could build up national and international pressure on Maduro.”

<https://www.mintpressnews.com/juan-guidos-latest-coup-attempt-venezuela-ends-was-a-massive-flop/262870/>

Slaves are objects that exist to enrich masters and for no other reason

Help the poor by optimizing natural resource output to maximize profit? Oh no, no, no. Slaves must enrich the colonial masters!

There are many reasons countries like to own their own natural resource extraction processes, and overseas sales, with the foremost being they can control the output. When prices are too low, they can cut back production and raise that production when prices are higher. This is a basic law of supply and demand. But, colonial masters like very low prices, so naturally they are highly motivated to extract, extract, extract to keep prices low. Thus, foreign domination of one’s natural resources works very much against the indigenous people and especially the poor in a nation.

In country after country one can find this same process. Call it colonialization or neo-Colonial, or whatever. But that doesn’t stop the major colonial powers like the US and France, both signatories to the 1945 UN charter, and in fact both occupying permanent seats on the UN Security Council.

What does the vaunted UN Charter say about this?

CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS - CHAPTER I

PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES, Article 1

2. To develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace; 3. To achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion; and 4. To be a center for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends.

Sponsoring and organizing revolutions and coups is not developing “friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples,” nor is it encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms.

So, if the USA can't take over the government, it can and does sanction nations (as in Iran also) and try to starve them into submission.

U.S. Sanctions On Venezuela Risk Contributing To Potential Famine, July 11, 2019

New York Times: Trump Doesn't Have Time for Starving Venezuelans

"Francisco Rodríguez, chief economist at Torino Economics, former head of research at the United Nations' Human Development Report Office, and former head of Venezuela's Congressional Budget Office

"Over the past two years, Washington has imposed increasingly punitive economic sanctions on Venezuela. ... The sanctions were designed to choke off revenues to the regime of Nicolás Maduro. Its architects claimed they would not generate suffering for Venezuelans. The reasoning was that Mr. Maduro would quickly back down, or the military would force him out before the sanctions could begin to have an effect. That was wrong. ... Given that most of the population is already living at near-starvation levels and that the country depends on imports to feed itself, further cuts in foreign purchases risk producing the first Latin American famine in over a century. The risks of famine — and what needs to be done to stop it — are lost in the conversation among Washington policymakers and the Venezuelan opposition. ... How to stop hundreds of thousands of Venezuelans from starving to death this year should be front and center of the international community's debate on how to help Venezuela. ... The reality of sanctions is not that simple. Ignoring the suffering they're causing is not going to bring democracy to Venezuela. What it will do is make Venezuelans poorer and their plight more desperate. Famines do not topple dictatorships. They only lead to loss of lives"

<https://www.kff.org/news-summary/u-s-sanctions-on-venezuela-risk-contributing-to-potential-famine/>

Yes, the colonial masters are brutal indeed.

All the laws of God and man have been shredded on the altar of Euro-American hegemony over the past 500 years, and there is little evidence that will change, except perhaps for two little, probably insignificant glimmers of hope from the ICC in December 2019 discussed later in this article.

Some hope is also coming from China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) which works to build infrastructure in developing countries, so naturally the good ol' USA is working feverously to stomp on that process in every country it can by starting civil wars, threatening sanctions and so on. "What developing countries need is fighter jets, bombs, missile defense systems and drones!" the USA argues. "Let them eat bombs," the mad queen confirms.

Consequently, the less insane argue, the structure of the UN must change for it to become an effective organization as the International Criminal Court is not addressing any of those “issues.”

Domination vs. harmony and social evolution

A “clash” of civilizations?

The belief that a “clash” of civilizations is inevitable is a construct in support of colonial domination not an empirical fact based on human evolution or characteristic of wisdom.

One of if not the major philosophical and practical differences between the Euro-American approach to international relations and that of eastern nations, notably Chinese and Islamic perspectives on life and relationships between people revolves around the construct of domination vs. harmony.

“Samuel P. Huntington's 1996 ‘The Clash of Civilizations and the Remaking of World Order’ was the bestselling book version of a controversial ‘Foreign Affairs’ article, a big-picture look at the world which dared to imagine that a bi-polar competition between communism and democracy/capitalism was about to be replaced by a multi-polar world of competing civilizations.

“One grim Weltanschauung for this new era was well expressed by the Venetian nationalist demagogue in Michael Dibdin’s novel, *Dead Lagoon*: ‘There can be no true friends without true enemies. Unless we hate what we are not, we cannot love what we are.’ These are the old truths we are painfully rediscovering after a century and more of sentimental cant. Those who deny them deny their family, their heritage, their culture, their birthright, their very selves! They will not lightly be forgiven.” The unfortunate truth in these old truths cannot be ignored by statesmen and scholars. For peoples seeking identity and reinventing ethnicity, enemies are essential, and the potentially most dangerous enmities occur across the fault lines between the world’s major civilizations.

“The central theme of this book is that culture and cultural identities, which at the broadest level are civilization identities, are shaping the patterns of cohesion, disintegration, and conflict in the post-Cold War world. The five parts of this book elaborate corollaries to this main proposition.

“Part I: For the first time in history global politics is both multipolar and multicivilizational; modernization is distinct from Westernization and is producing neither a universal civilization in any meaningful sense nor the Westernization of non-Western societies.

“Part II: The balance of power among civilizations is shifting: the West is declining in relative influence; Asian civilizations are expanding their

economic, military, and political strength; Islam is exploding demographically with destabilizing consequences for Muslim countries and their neighbors; and non-Western civilizations generally are reaffirming the value of their own cultures.

“Part III: A civilization-based world order is emerging: societies sharing cultural affinities cooperate with each other; efforts to shift societies from one civilization to another are unsuccessful; and countries group themselves around the lead or core states of their civilization.

“Part IV: The West’s universalist pretensions increasingly bring it into conflict with other civilizations, most seriously with Islam and China; at the local level fault line wars, largely between Muslims and non-Muslims, generate “kin-country rallying,” the threat of broader escalation, and hence efforts by core states to halt these wars.

“Part V: The survival of the West depends on Americans reaffirming their Western identity and Westerners accepting their civilization as unique not universal and uniting to renew and preserve it against challenges from non-Western societies. Avoidance of a global war of civilizations depends on world leaders accepting and cooperating to maintain the multicivilizational character of global politics.”

<https://www.amazon.com/Clash-Civilizations-Remaking-World-Order/dp/1451628978>

Samuel P. Huntington's book contains a lot of information, some of which is true, some of which is self-servingly and dangerously false, and also misses some very important information that can help build a world without predatory wars and without global domination by an elite 1% that turns everyone else into slaves.

Michael Dibdin’s primitivist view of friendship was perhaps shaped by an ancient mammalian instinct fostering ingroup cohesion in herds of animals. Politicians going back to Rome and no doubt before have noted that out-group aggression fosters in group cohesion, that is, hating them makes us feel so chummy and close, partly explaining why the “Transfer of Savagery” is indeed a powerful weapon. The quote used in the review article quoted above reflects the dichotomist and deceptive nature of the book it is reviewing.

Friendship can be based on a lot of things and there’s quite a lot of research on it.

Psychology Today in 2018 published a short review article that made the following observations:

- Friendships are considered to exist when pleasure is taken in the company of another; when being with someone becomes a duty, rather than a preference, friendships begin to wane.
- The construct of friendship implies reciprocity and give-and-take. This is not in the sense of an immediate even exchange economic model of behavior, rather that support is expected to flow both ways as needs arise for either party.

- Levels of friendship commitment vary over a lifetime, depending on the energy required by family or other commitments at the time. However, many of the women believe that when crisis strikes, true friends can be counted on to offer support, regardless of any inconvenience or challenges they may face to do so.
- We engage in friendships on a voluntary basis and we recognize that our friends are also making the choice to engage in the relationship. This strong mutual alliance was summed up clearly by one woman in the following manner, “I feel like my circle of friends are the family I chose.”
- Perhaps most importantly, genuine friendships will flourish only if mutual respect exists between friends.

There’s nothing in any of the scientific research on friendship being formed around who we hate.

https://www.purdue.edu/hhs/psy/directory/faculty/documents/Berndt_Friendship_quality_and_social_development.pdf

https://research.birmingham.ac.uk/portal/files/25685514/Walker_Curren_Jones_Childrens_Friendships_complete_post_print_pre_proof_paper.pdf

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5937874/>

True, colonizers are greatly aided by hating, blaming and dehumanizing the colonized. Perhaps they are defined by what they hate.

Which might explain why the foreign service branches of the American government don’t have too many friends these days except its partners in crime, the UK, and France. Colonizer relationships with the colonized are not give and take; the colonized have to give and give and give, while the colonizer takes and takes and takes. Thus, the USA, UK and France represent the remnants of the colonial ‘family’ going back 500 years long after the other European powers have decided such vampiric relationships are not conducive to building wider networks friendships in the world. Colonizers have mutual respect for each other, perhaps, when they are not busy cutting each other’s throats trying to get more of the booty.

Contrary to Michael Dibdin’s theory most people do not define themselves by who or what they hate.

Learning to tolerate ideas that are very different from our own, and individuals very different from ourselves is a part of wisdom.

Defining and Assessing Wisdom: A Review of the Literature

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

Studies were included if they were published in a peer-reviewed journal and (1) proposed a definition of wisdom or (2) discussed the development or validation of an instrument designed to assess wisdom. Thirty-one articles met inclusion criteria. Despite variability

among the 24 reviewed definitions, there was significant overlap. Commonly cited subcomponents of wisdom included knowledge of life, prosocial values, self-understanding, acknowledgment of uncertainty, emotional homeostasis, tolerance, openness, spirituality, and sense of humor.

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S1064748112000826?via%3Dihub>

One will notice tolerance is number six on that list of the nine most commonly found variables of wisdom.

From a psychological point of view, the reviewer's perspective appears psychopathological.

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Denying that we are defined by what we hate is not sentimental cant. It is even more true that we are defined by what we can tolerate, even if we don't necessarily like it.

The above unfortunately is the philosophy of a rabid dog, foaming at the mouth and ready to bite whatever moves. It is certainly not wise. Please recall the new brain evolved with the early prehuman development of language. They needed to communicate and function as one within tribes to survive against faster more deadly predators running and slithering on the spongy floors and dropping out of trees in the primordial jungle after they came down from those trees. Humans are hardwired and predisposed towards inter-species cooperation vastly more than inter-human competition, except perhaps in regards to finding a mate, keeping in mind that humans evolved according to the twin forces of endo-adaption and intra-selection.

The "clash" between civilizations is unnecessary if people are wise.

Adam Smith's theory of capitalism

According to the Adam Smith's theory of capitalism social harmony results when profit motives can operate unrestrained by government interference.

The Twenty years' Crisis 1919 – 1939 – An Introduction to the Study of International Relations by Edward Hallett Carr

"The Paradise of Laissez-FaireIt was the laissez-faire school of political economy created by Adam Smith which was in the main responsible for popularizing the doctrine of the harmony of interests. The purpose of the school was to promote the removal of state control in

economic matters; and in order to justify this policy, it set out to demonstrate that the individual could be relied on, without external control, to promote the interests of the community for the very reason that those interests were identical with his own. This proof was the burden of *The Wealth of Nations*. The community is divided into those who live by rent, those who live by wages and those who live by profit; and the interests of 'those three great orders' are 'strictly and inseparably connected with the general interest of the society .'"

P. 43 (on document) P. 51 on pdf

Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations*, Book 1. Ch. xi. conclusion, extracted from:

https://s3.amazonaws.com/academia.edu.documents/51533957/20_ye_ars_of_crisis.pdf

This was written of before the dangers of for example, monopolies were discovered, the passing of anti-trust laws, and long before 1% of the world ended up owning 50% of the money, rendering more than a billion and half people into a state no better than, and in many ways worse than slavery.

Abrahamic religions and Chinese philosophies

One major difference between Abrahamic religions and Chinese Religious philosophies can be in Genesis, the first book of the Jewish Bible which says:

Genesis 1:26-28 King James Version (KJV)

26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

The word "dominion" above clearly means "domination over nature." It stands in stark contrast to 4,000 year old concepts of harmony.

The Confucian Ideal of Harmony, by Chenyang Li

"*He* (和 hé) is usually translated into English as "harmony," although it may be more appropriately be rendered as "harmonization" in certain contexts. The word predates Confucianism. Its earliest form can be found in the inscriptions on bones a tortoise shells from the Shang dynasty (sixteenth to eleventh centuries B.C.E.) and later more frequently in inscriptions on bronze utensils of the Zhou dynasty (1066-256 B.C.E) In the earliest Confucian texts, we can find numerous occurrences of *he*. Its meaning in these texts mostly has to do with sounds and how sounds interact with one another...

“In all these instances, *he* evidently is used to describe how various sounds – of animals, of people, and of instruments – respond to one another. This meaning of “responding” is preserved in the modern Chinese language when *he* is used as a very (with the fourth tone), as in *he shi* – composing a poem in response to another poem by someone else. Xu Shen (30-124A.D.E.) in his lexicon *Shuowen Jiezi* simply defines *he* as “mutual responsiveness [of sounds].”

“However, mere mutual responsiveness is not yet harmony. Harmony results on when sounds respond to one another in an appropriate way. One of the earliest definitions of *he* as harmony, several hundred years before Xu Shen, can be found in the *Guoyu*, a classic text written during the Spring and Autumn period (770-476 B.C.E.) in close association with the Confucian tradition. In the chapter “*Zhouyu B*” it is stated that “when sounds correspond and mutually *bao* (保 *bǎo*) one another, it is called “*he*.” *Bao* has a number of interrelated meanings such as “protect” (保护 *bǎohù*), nurture (哺育 *bǔyù*), “rely on (倚靠 *yǐkào*),” stabilize” (安定 *ān dìng*) and “assure” (保证 *bǎozhèng*).

“Understood this way, *he* does not simply mean that sounds mutually respond, but rather the various sounds respond to one another in a mutually promoting, mutually complementing and mutually stabilizing way...”

“Thus, we can say that, philosophically, harmony presupposes the existence of different things and implies a certain favorable relationship among them. One of the earliest expressions of *he* was proposed by Shi Bo, a pre-Confucian scholar-minister who lived toward the end of the Western Zhou period (1066-771 B.C.E.).”

(p. 583-584)

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/4488054?seq=1>

<https://ctext.org/guo-yu/zheng-yu/zh>

The “*Guoyu Zhengyu*” was remarkably prescient in some ways:

“The grandfather was a public servant and very popular with the Zhou Zhong and Dongtu people. He asked Shi Bo: ‘There are so many royal families and yet they spread fear and sorrow. How can you be free of this?’

“Shi Bo said:

“Are all brutal... If you are not a relative and not born within one of these families you cannot enter... they are arrogant, extravagant, and neglectful. In addition, they are greedy. If you take Zhou as an example,

you can't forbid sending bribes. Zhou is disorderly and corrupt, is arrogant and greedy. The disasters are without end. It is the heart of the apocalypse.”

<https://ccontext.org/guo-yu/zheng-yu/zh> (In Chinese)

One could argue that the decisions in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010), and in *McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission*, 572 U.S. 185 (2014) cemented corruption into the American political system and pretty much guarantee an “apocalypse,” sooner or later given that there are most certainly innumerable *quid pro quo* relationships between “campaign finance donations” and subsequent political decisions, and everyone knows it. This *quid pro quo* relationship is particularly dangerous when corporate interests include the manufacturing of weapons and especially nuclear weapons. That corruption has a corrosive effect at all levels of the state and the people it governs was perfectly clear to Shi Bo when he wrote “*Guoyu Zhengyu*” sometime between 1066 and 771 BC.E.

“In the period from the end of the Western Zhou to the Spring and Autumn Era, there was discussion of “harmony” and “sameness.” Shi Bo and Yangzi both emphasize the importance of harmony. Confucius also says: “The gentleman harmonizes with others but does not merely make himself the same as them” (Analects, 13.23) and one of Confucius’ disciples says, “Among the functions of ritual, harmonizing people is the most noble” (Analects, 1.12). What is meant by harmony here is a kind of pluralistic unity. Shi Bo pronounces: “Harmony truly gives birth to things, but if they are all the same, they could not be continued. Using one thing to balance against a difference thing is called ‘harmonizing them.’ Thus, one can flourish and grow, and other things will come to one as well. But if one simply adds the same thing to the same thing, taken to the end it is untenable (*Guoyu Zhengyu*)... In the Warring States period, the term “harmony” was understood as following along with things uncontentiously, but in fact, in the Spring and Autumn Era it referred to the combining of dissimilar things.”

Chinese Philosophy in an Era of Globalization, edited by Robin R. Wang, SUNY Press, 2004

The above section is followed by:

“Mozi’s Exaltation of Public Profit as a Utilitarian Theory of Value

“Mozi is different from Confucius, for he takes “profit for the state and common people” as the highest value. Mozi advocates that “proposals must conform to three standards: What are the ‘three standards?’ He says: ‘There is finding a precedent for it. There is having a source for it. And there is showing its effective use,’ and the most important of these is ‘showing its effective use.’ How does one show its effective use? One employs it in setting punishments and issuing government decrees, and

observes the profit it brings to the state and common people' (Mozi, Chapter 35). 'Profit for the state and common people' is thus the most important. Mozi emphasizes that one must 'bring about profit for all people under Heaven' He says: 'What the benevolent person takes as his work is surely to bring about profit for all people under Heaven, and eliminate what is harmful to all people under heaven.' (Mozi, Chapter 15)..."

Chinese Philosophy in an Era of Globalization, edited by Robin R. Wang, SUNY Press, p. 18

The teachings of Mo Zi (c.470 BC-391 BC) both resembled and greatly differed from that of Confucius. Today, two aspects of Mo Zi continue to be quoted in a largely Confucian China: universal love, and peace (no war).

Confucius and Mo Zi resembled each other in some ways, such as in their adherence to the ideas of ren/jen (humaneness) and yi (righteousness), although their interpretations of the two concepts differed. Both Confucius and Mozi also believed in an ethical heaven and a practical attitude toward life. But beyond these similarities, differences abounded. For Confucius, social strength and prosperity lay in the observance of ancient rituals and the practice of humaneness. For Mozi, they would be the result of capable administrators bent on practical administration, universal love and peace. This difference may originate from their different attitudes toward human nature. While Confucius thought humans had an ethical nature, for Mozi he was far less sure about that.

<http://www.iun.edu/~hisdcl/h425/mozi.htm>

"Cultivated persons seek harmony but not sameness" (Confucian Analects 13. 23)

It's also interesting to note Mozi advocated universal love some 500 years before the birth of Christ, and some wonder if Jesus of Nazareth might possibly have traveled to China during the missing years of his life.

Generally speaking, Chinese Confucianism, Mohism, Taoism and Buddhism do not give man the authority to "dominate" over nature. Generally speaking, Chinese philosophies teach people to harmonize with nature. Given that Europe and the U.S. are dominated by Judeo/Christian peoples, it is not surprising perhaps that domination (e.g. colonialism) has been a major theme in their philosophies, or that it should contrast strongly with Chinese philosophy with its emphasis on harmony.

It is also interesting to note that the neocortex, the thinking brain co-evolved with human language ability...

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/behavioral-and-brain-sciences/article/mosaic-evolution-of-the-neocortex/6B85341271F2A78628440732FFA62CD1>

...which was a cooperative endeavor. Thinking relentless domination and aggression supported by political corruption and a corporate controlled media will maintain one sub-group's perpetual rulership over everyone else on the planet forever appears flawed based on evolutionary trends and recorded history and is more likely to result in an apocalypse as noted by Shi Bo some three thousand years ago.

Can American foreign makers learn to adapt to a multi-polar world without the need for WWII or some other apocalyptic event?

Consensus diplomacy as an alternative to domination and obliteration

Chinese decision makers think so.

Still, President Trump favors obliteration.

Trump warns Iran of 'obliteration like you've never seen before' By
MARTIN MATISHAK, 06/23/2019

<https://www.politico.com/story/2019/06/23/trump-obliteration-iran-nuclear-weapons-pursuit-1376744>

Trump threatens 'obliteration' after Iran suggests he has a 'mental disorder'

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/jun/25/trump-iran-rouhani-insults-sanctions-threats>

In spite of, or possibly in reaction to American long-standing ultra-violent aggression, a world-wide consensus is emerging suggesting cooperative efforts can be used to resolve conflict. Most recently this was witnessed in Berlin as President Putin, President Erdogan, and Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel's held peace negotiations with foreign belligerents and Libyan leaders.

Berlin peace talks: In war-torn Libya, can international community help finish what Russia & Turkey started?

19 Jan, 2020

"Talks in Berlin between warring Libyan factions could finally deliver a lasting ceasefire after a decade of chaos ushered in by NATO regime change there. Could the mediation efforts, kick-started by Moscow and Ankara, bear fruit?"

"All eyes in Europe and beyond are set on Berlin, as PM Fayez al-Sarraj of the Government of National Accord (GNA) and Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar of the Libyan National Army (LNA) arrive on Sunday for peace talks hosted by Germany and attended by representatives from 11 countries, including Russia's Vladimir Putin.

"The GNA has been internationally recognized since 2015, but Haftar's troops now control the vast majority of Libya, with the exception of the capital, Tripoli, and surrounding areas. Both emerged from the ashes of

NATO's 2011 intervention, which backed Islamist militants from Benghazi seeking to overthrow the government of Muammar Gaddafi. But after NATO jets bombed Gaddafi's forces and the rebels surrounded and murdered him, the militants turned on each other, and Libya was plunged into chaos and civil war.

"Reports claimed that President Donald Trump called Haftar – a Libya-US citizen – to support his campaign and sent diplomats to reach out to him. Whatever diplomacy was involved, it got nowhere, while the State Department became preoccupied with blaming the alleged "destabilizing Russian presence" for Libya's woes.

"The actual push for peace came from Moscow and Ankara, which, despite not seeing eye to eye on conflicts in the Middle East, have clearly become close enough to work out common ground.

"The effort culminated with a conference in Moscow, in which foreign ministers Sergey Lavrov and Mevlut Cavusoglu mediated political talks between al-Sarraj and Haftar, while defense ministers Sergey Shoigu and Hulusi Akar handled the military side of things."

<https://www.rt.com/news/478573-libya-berlin-conference-ceasefire/>

'Detailed proposals for Libyans to take up': Roadmap for settling every field of Libya war agreed in Berlin, Lavrov says

19 Jan, 2020

"A set of measures to overcome the ongoing Libyan crisis has been agreed in a wide-ranging document at the Berlin talks, the acting Russian FM said – and it is up to the Libyans themselves to take up the peace process baton.

"The document agreed at the conference covers several aspects that need work to resolve the Libyan crisis, acting Russian FM Sergey Lavrov told journalists, following a meeting that lasted about five hours.

"It contains a chapter dedicated to security issues, which in particular includes measures to keep a stable ceasefire regime,' the minister said. Other proposals state that all of Libya's sectarian groups, ethnic and political, should benefit from the nation's natural resources.

"A special chapter also focuses on humanitarian issues and the plight of Libyan civilians; there is a chapter regulating international support for Libya that should be lent under the UN auspices."

<https://www.rt.com/news/478651-lavrov-reporters-berlin-talks/>

It was United States' CIA driven special operations actions that are responsible for the proxy-driven civil war there, as the direct result of an American financed and organized color revolution

which culminated in the torture/rape and murder of the 69-year-old sovereign leader of Libya Muammar Gaddafi. Libya had attained the highest standard of living under his leadership, however he was not willing to give a disproportionate control of Libya's massive oil industry to the USA, and so the USA had to make an "example" out of him to terrify all other developing world leaders into passive obedience to American policies.

What is happening, e.g. in Berlin, and what will probably increasingly happen, is that cooperative groups of nations will come together in an attempt to "contain" the unlimited aggression and avarice of American foreign policy decision makers.

Pursuit of hegemony in perpetuity by any means necessary by the USA is causing the USA to become increasingly isolated in the world and accelerating the decline and fall of the USA as a responsible member of the world community and has already displaced it as the sole-superpower. It is already a multi-polar world and foreign policy makers in the US simply need to learn how to function within it rather than attempting to relentlessly sanction and murder its way back to being the supreme power on earth.

That the current peace negotiation in Berlin were organized by Russian President Putin and Turkish President Erdogan strongly reinforces this notion. The foreign policies of the US, wearing the laughing gloating face of Hillary Clinton, started the civil war in Libya, and more mature and responsible members of the world community have come together to try to find a peaceful way to end it.

The American policy: "We will not negotiate with terrorists," is self-defeating and reveals its true solipsistic nature when broadly realized the colonizers define all efforts at self-defence against American, French and British colonial aggression as "terrorism." The colonizers do not negotiate. They expect absolute submission or they will do their best to destroy the target nations.

America's list of imaginary enemies promoted by the corporate profit-driven media to inflate "defense" spending at the expense of education, health and welfare of Americans

China Poses Largest Long-Term Threat to U.S., DOD Policy Chief Says

SEPT. 23, 2019 | BY TERRI MOON CRONK

It is not an exaggeration to say China is the greatest long-term threat to the U.S. way of life, but China also poses the greatest challenge to the Defense Department, DOD's policy chief said.

John C. Rood, undersecretary of defense for policy, made the assertion during a panel discussion today at the Center for European Policy Analysis Forum in Washington.

"The National Defense Strategy very clearly lays out a blueprint for America's role in the world and how we see it," the undersecretary said. "It starts with recognition that in this highly complex, dynamic security environment, the great power competition has returned," he said.

Rood said it's important to recognize the scale of China's ambitions. China wants not only to become the world's largest and most influential economy, but also to be the world's largest and most influential nation in all spheres of life.

<https://www.defense.gov/Explore/News/Article/Article/1968704/china-poses-largest-long-term-threat-to-us-dod-policy-chief-says/>

China is the main threat they say, so China is the main target of the so-called department of defence.

There are many logic errors in the above quote. It presumes without evidence that China “wants to become the largest and most influential economy.” That is not necessarily true. China has a population three times the size of the US and in order to meet their development needs the economy has to grow. It is not by any means some targeted goal of the diabolical Chinese to “beat” the USA by having a bigger economy. It’s simply a byproduct function of trying to modernize a country with a population much larger than the USA. This does not in any way, shape or form pose a threat to the “American way of life.” Chinese do not want to steal American apple pie, they – like every other country would like modernization and self-determination.

Also John C. Rood asserts China wants to be “the most influential country in all spheres of life.” That statement however is made without evidence of any kind. Does China want everyone in the world to use chopsticks? Probably not. China is – if nothing else – a diverse country with 56 major ethnic groups that all manage to get along pretty well, compared to for example race problems in the USA which led to movements like: Black Lives Matter, given the disproportionate number of African Americans being shot by white police. China is not going around the world assassinating people, starting revolutions, promoting military coups, etc. Chinese philosophy is based on harmony, a concept decision-makers in the American Department of Defence could benefit from learning something about. There is an old English adage: “You catch more flies with honey than vinegar.” If promoting harmony and say for example building hydroelectric dams in countries where 80% of the people still don’t have electricity is “spreading influence,” maybe it’s a good thing. Maybe instead of hating China, American policy makers could join in the effort to help modernize countries that are still living in the agrarian age.

Besides all that, most Chinese love America, or at least did before Donald Trump’s mutually destructive trade war.

Hostile paranoid delusions like those spread by John C. Rood are spewed out to keep inflating the already hyper-inflated American defense department spending. The USA is driving arms races all around the world, and blaming everyone else in the world for it. It’s psychopathological, as is John C. Rood.

January 30th, 2019 all the major mainstream media including NYT, BBC, Reuters, etc. reported that: Pompeo Calls China's Ruling Party ‘Central Threat of Our Times.’ In other words, the mainstream news is reporting that China is the “main enemy” of the United States according to the Department of Defense and State Department.

Pompeo's slandering China beyond the pale: China Daily editorial, 2020-02-02

"US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has gone beyond the pale in describing China as "the central threat of our times" and calling on the United States and its allies to have the military and technological power to ensure that the century is governed by Western principles.

"As the top diplomat of the world's sole superpower, Pompeo should know where to toe the line when talking in public. He should know that he was talking about the world's second-largest economy, which is also one of the major trade partners of his country despite the trade frictions in the past year.

"He should know that he was slandering a country which has achieved tremendous economic progress in the past more than four decades and which has lifted more than 770 million of its residents out of poverty since 1978. The country he was referring to is on the threshold of realizing its goal of becoming a moderately prosperous society in all aspects.

"He should know that he was launching a verbal attack against a country which is doing its best to extend a helping hand to as many countries as possible across many parts of the world via its Belt and Road Initiative.

"He should know that this country, which is apparently in his bad books, has been doing whatever it can to maintain a multilateral world and leading a world campaign against trade protectionism and unilateralism.

"This country that he is maligning is calling for the building of an international community with a shared future. Among all permanent members of the UN Security Council, this country is the one that provides the largest number of troops for United Nations' peacekeeping missions. This country has also sent its warships to protect the safe navigation of cargo ships in international waters.

"True, China has a political system that is quite different from that of the United States and many Western countries. It is indeed a country ruled by one dominant party, but that party has established a political system that represents the interests of the people from all walks of life in the broadest manner.

"True, China has been modernizing its military, but it is for its national defense, for the protection of its own sovereignty and territorial integrity, and for safeguarding its national interests in the international community.

"This country has contributed about 30 percent to the growth of the world economy for several consecutive years. Its leaders have reiterated its peaceful rise on different occasions and called for talks for peaceful

settlement of all its disputes with its neighbors. It has long been doing what it can to help maintain the multilateral global order and for world peace.

“Pompeo is trying to pull the wool over people's eyes when he calls this country ‘the central threat of our times.’”

<http://global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202002/02/WS5e36d3c8a310128217274379.html>

Compared to the CIA with its very tightly focused paranoid delusions regarding China, the American mainstream-media-driven (‘MSM’) has American people wandering back and forth trying to figure out who they should hate the most at any one time.

It’s really so strange. Since Richard Nixon’s visit to China Chinese people have hugely admired the USA. They have no ill intent towards the USA, just the opposite in fact. Ditto for the leadership in China.

The Chinese government and Chinese private investors have trillions of dollars invested in the USA and certainly do not think of the USA as an enemy. Likewise, neither China, nor Russia or Iran for that matter has any intention of invading the USA or attempting to strong-arm it into subservience. They, like all other reasonable nations simply wish self-determination for themselves. None-the-less, American MSM spews forth malicious lies designed to enflame hatred and fear.

Enemies of the State, The United States’ Biggest Enemies by Katharina Buchholz, Mar 4, 2019

“If Americans had to name one country as their nation’s top enemy, it would currently be Russia. In a poll that has been conducted by Gallup on and off since 2005, 32 percent of respondents pointed their finger towards Moscow. A year ago, the culprit was North Korea (51 percent) but the country has settled into third place this year, with China being identified as enemy of the state number two (21 percent).”

<https://www.statista.com/chart/17231/united-states-biggest-enemy-poll/>

America’s Enemies, Who’s On the List?

By Prof. James Petras, Global Research, January 08, 2019

This article was originally published by GR in November 2017.

For almost 2 decades, the US pursued a list of ‘enemy countries’ to confront, attack, weaken and overthrow.

This imperial quest to overthrow ‘enemy countries’ operated at various levels of intensity, depending on two considerations: the level of priority and the degree of vulnerability for a ‘regime change’ operation.

The criteria for determining an 'enemy country' and its place on the list of priority targets in the US quest for greater global dominance, as well as its vulnerability to a 'successfully' regime change will be the focus of this essay.

We will conclude by discussing the realistic perspectives of future imperial options.

Prioritizing US Adversaries

Imperial strategists consider military, economic and political criteria in identifying high priority adversaries.

The following are high on the US 'enemy list':

1) Russia, because of its military power, is a nuclear counterweight to US global domination. It has a huge, well-equipped armed force with a European, Asian and Middle East presence. Its global oil and gas resources shield it from US economic blackmail and its growing geo-political alliances limit US expansion.

2) China, because of its global economic power and the growing scope of its trade, investment and technological networks. China's growing defensive military capability, particularly with regard to protecting its interests in the South China Sea serve to counter US domination in Asia.

3) North Korea, because of its nuclear and ballistic missile capability, its fierce independent foreign policies and its strategic geo-political location, is seen as a threat to the US military bases in Asia and Washington's regional allies and proxies.

4) Venezuela, because of its oil resources and socio-political policies, challenge the US centered neo-liberal model in Latin America.

5) Iran, because of its oil resources, political independence and geo-political alliances in the Middle East, challenge US, Israeli and Saudi Arabia domination of the region and present an independent alternative.

6) Syria, because of its strategic position in the Middle East, its secular nationalist ruling party and its alliances with Iran, Palestine, Iraq and Russia, is a counterweight to US-Israeli plans to balkanize the Middle East into warring ethno-tribal states.

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/americas-enemies-whos-on-the-list/5619763>

It's hard to figure out how Venezuela's oil resources pose a threat the United States. Likewise the ridiculous nonsense about Syria. The article says: "...it's secular nationalist ruling party..." in the American view, one would think a secular government would be a good thing. Would the USA prefer Syria had a fundamentalist Islamic government? Furthermore Iran has a right to have

alliances with its neighbors, doesn't it? Is that a bad thing? That article is so full of hyperbolic ridiculous nonsense any critical thinking person who knows anything about the world can dismiss it as government propaganda in no way different from that spewed forth by the infamous Reichsministerium für Volksaufklärung und Propaganda, RMVP, or in English the Nazi Reich Ministry of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda.

The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

A defamation job has been done on the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative by the mainstream American media. Instead of being recognized as helping to build critically important infrastructure, like providing electricity to people that never had it before, building roads and trains to improve connectivity between rural and city people, and so on, it's been labeled as something horrible, like an evil Chinese plan to take over the world. True, it's business, but it's better than exporting color revolutions, coups, assassinations, wars and so forth most people with a moral conscience would agree. But, that's not the way the Western press AKA mainstream media (MSM) sees it. And, at almost every step along the way of doing the positive business of building things, the USA tries to interfere.

The BRI in Myanmar and former President Obama

Myanmar is a relatively small country neighboring China on the southeast also situated on the Bay of Bengal. It is mostly a rural country and most people don't have electricity²⁵; transportation is not developed, and in 2018 it was ranked as 106 out of 162 countries in terms of development. Fortunately, however Myanmar fits nicely into President Xi's Belt and Road Initiative. That's lucky for Myanmar because less than 40% of the population has electricity and they need foreign investment for development. Their medical and educational resources are still in the agrarian age. Without infrastructure nations don't develop as development is usually measured by infrastructure, and medical and educational resources.

How would the readers feel if they didn't have access to modern medical treatments for their sick babies? How would they like to live without electricity? So, yes, it's lucky for Myanmar to be located next door to China and that China is working on the BRI plan. It's very luck indeed!

Myanmar is situated along two of the BRI corridors.

- China Indochina Peninsula Economic Corridor: Vietnam, Thailand, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Cambodia, Myanmar, and Malaysia
- China, Bangladesh, India, Myanmar Economic Corridor

Unfortunately, the American administration loathes - absolutely hates China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and does everything it possibly can to block it at every turn, probably as an extension of mandates outlined in the Defense Planning Guidance (DPG).

²⁵ Currently, less than 40 percent of Myanmar's population has access to electricity while 37.2 percent of the total population in FY 2016-2017 and 34 percent in FY 2015-2016 consumed power. Sep 10, 2019 <https://www.export.gov/article?id=Burma-Energy>

WikiLeaks cables: Americans funded groups that stalled Burma dam project, September 30, 2011

Newly leaked document reveals support for opponents of proposed Myitsone dam, widely seen as a Chinese project

Looking at the US Embassy Classified cable near the bottom one finds:

An unusual aspect of this case is the role grassroots organizations have played in opposing the dam, which speaks to the growing strength of civil society groups in Kachin State, including recipients of Embassy small grants.

In October 2009, RRMO and the Kachin Public Youth Organization conducted two anti-dam prayer meetings. They then enlisted the support of 50 local pastors to collect the signatures of over 4,100 local residents who oppose the project.

Student groups reportedly tried to disrupt the ceremony by distributing anti-dam leaflets and posters.

Additional anti-dam prayer and advocacy campaigns are in the works.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2011/sep/30/us-embassy-cables-myitsone-dam-document>

The heading on that cable:

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EO 12958 DECL: 01/14/2020
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SUBJECT: BURMA: GRASSROOTS OPPOSITION TO CHINESE-BACKED DAM
IN NORTHERN BURMA
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REFTEL B: 09 RANGOON 447 RANGOON 00000030
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And, thus, P/E Officer Adam Murray should be charged with what is an international crime, that is, interfering in the domestic affairs of another nation. He might be able to negotiate clemency if he can identify those uphill on the chain of command leading to the illegal action of paying off villagers to protest against the building of a hydro-electric dam.

That cable also reveals Christian NGOs were involved in fomenting local opposition to the construction of that dam:

“In October 2009, RRMO and the Kachin Public Youth Organization conducted two anti-dam prayer meetings. They then enlisted the support of 50 local pastors to collect the signatures of over 4,100 local residents who oppose the project.”

ibid

Based on that cable and the habit of the CIA to use Christian NGOs in their illegal foreign operations one can assert there is a reasonable likelihood that CIA directed Christian Pastors in rural Myanmar who went door-to-door in their campaign, and also likewise held village meetings. The true extent of the payoffs to villagers should be investigated.

That is a confession to US interference in the domestic affairs of another nation and efforts to obstruct the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative.

“When the Myitsone Dam project was introduced, China was also establishing a foothold in Myanmar’s Kyaukpyu port on the Bay of Bengal, from which it would build energy pipelines to southern China.

“Everything seemed to be going according to plan. But in 2011, just two years after the \$3.6 billion project got underway, Myanmar’s government suddenly suspended the dam’s construction—a slap in the face to China. Moving toward democratic reform, President Thein Sein’s government was eager to cast off the view of Myanmar as a Chinese client state.

“Sein got what he wanted. Myanmar’s reversal on the Myitsone Dam became a watershed moment for the country’s democratic transition. It helped to bring an end to Myanmar’s international isolation, and an easing of the long-standing Western sanctions that made Myanmar so dependent on China in the first place. In 2012, Barack Obama became the first US president ever to visit Myanmar.

“Last year, Myanmar elected its first civilian-led government. The National League for Democracy, led by the former political prisoner Aung San Suu Kyi, won the election in a landslide. Though Suu Kyi was blocked from running for the presidency directly, she’s the most powerful figure in Myanmar’s 10-month-old government.

“Alongside all of this democratic progress, however, Myanmar’s relations with China cooled considerably. After work on the Myitsone Dam halted, several other dam and energy projects were also put on hold, though Chinese firms did manage to complete multibillion-dollar oil and gas pipelines from Myanmar’s western coast to southern China in 2013-2014.

“But China has not given up on the Myitsone project. Indeed, President Xi Jinping seems to be trying to seize the opening created by Suu Kyi’s

efforts to defuse bilateral tensions—her first diplomatic trip since the election was to Beijing—to pressure her to reverse Sein’s decision.

“China has warned that if Myanmar fails to resume the Myitsone project, it will be liable to pay \$800 million to China. Hong Liang, China’s ambassador to Myanmar, declared three months ago that Myanmar should be paying \$50 million in interest alone for each year the project is suspended. But if the project were completed, Hong continued, Myanmar could reap high returns by exporting much of the electricity to China.

“In fact, within Myanmar, the Myitsone project is widely regarded as a yet another neo-colonial policy, designed to expand China’s influence over smaller countries, while feeding its own resource greed, regardless of local conditions or needs. And there’s plenty of evidence to support this reading —beginning with China’s demand for most of the electricity, even as much of Myanmar suffers from long daily power outages.”

<https://www.aspistrategist.org.au/chinas-dam-problem-myanmar/>

It is nothing less than astonishing that the writer of the above article accuses China of “neo-colonialism”, when in fact it was American President Obama that halted infrastructure development, including a hydroelectric dam, in a country that largely doesn’t even have electricity, and where it does, the electricity often goes out (power shortages).

Burma - Energy

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Overview

“It is essential that the Government of Myanmar continues to reform and expand its energy infrastructure to support the country’s continued economic growth. Currently, less than 40 percent of Myanmar’s population has access to electricity while 37.2 percent of the total population in FY 2016-2017 and 34 percent in FY 2015-2016 consumed power.”

<https://www.export.gov/article?id=Burma-Energy>

Is the USA and its vaunted democracy helping develop electricity in Myanmar? No, it’s blocking China in that effort, and in fact paying villagers to prevent it from happening. That is a most cynical abuse of power, Machiavellian in the extreme.

The deal between China and Myanmar was and remains, any electricity Myanmar doesn’t need, they can sell to China. That is valuable foreign exchange currency for Myanmar. It may take a decade for Myanmar to develop an electric distribution system around the country, and the things like lights and appliances to use them. Myanmar desperately needs electricity, and blaming China for helping to develop it preposterous.

One can wonder if the reader can imagine what life without electricity is like? For one thing, there's no refrigeration, and for example people can only eat meat on special days when whole villages get together and slaughter an animal, because there's no way to preserve meat. Forget about notebook computers, online learning, TV or radio, though sometimes rural cafes will have generators so people can watch TV sometimes, though reception is usually not too good, if possible, at all.

Granting the people of Myanmar, the great blessing of democracy, simultaneously slowed development in other areas, like access to electricity. Healthcare is still problematic. A total of 2.12% of Myanmar's GDP in was spent on health in 2017, little changed on the figure of 2.18% from three years previously and far below recommended levels. What do the rural rice farmers know of those for whom they are supposed to vote? They will vote for those they are told to vote for, and pray for infrastructure just the same.

<https://eurocham-myanmar.org/uploads/37f07-healthcare-guide-2019-web.pdf>

The Dam project started before the BRI program in 2011. What else happened in Myanmar since then?

Oh yes, the Rohingya Genocide. The first phase began in October 2016 and ended in January 2017 and the second phase which began in August 2017 and is ongoing as of now.

That whole thing is very odd. Myanmar is a Buddhist country and usually Buddhists and Muslims get along fine. There is even a huge branch of Islam called Sufism that is considered by many to be a synthesis of Islam and Buddhism.

"The Lady", as Aung San Suu Kyi was known, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991. Now she is called 'genocide denier,' and widely believed to be a CIA stooge.

"Burma's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi has asked the U.N. International Court of Justice to drop the genocide case against Myanmar, formerly Burma. Suu Kyi is a Nobel Peace Prize winner who spent over a decade fighting against the Burmese military, which she is now defending. Last week, Suu Kyi appeared in person at the court to dispute the charges and called the allegations of genocide against Rohingya Muslims "incomplete and misleading." The Burmese military killed and raped thousands of Rohingya and forced more than 700,000 to flee into neighboring Bangladesh in a brutal army crackdown in 2017. Gambia brought the genocide case to the International Court, accusing Burma of trying to "destroy the Rohingya as a group, in whole or in part, by the use of mass murder, rape and other forms of sexual violence." In Barcelona, Spain, we speak with Reed Brody, a counsel and spokesperson for Human Rights Watch. He is also helping Gambian victims seeking to prosecute the former dictator Yahya Jammeh."

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2019/12/17/aung-san-suu-kyi-denies-burmese-genocide-rohingya-hague>

But does all this stop the Chinese projects? No, however some projects were put on hold for a few years. Fortunately, the leadership and people in Myanmar have learned “democracy” doesn’t build bridges, or roads, or hospitals, or schools, or electric dams, but the BRI will.

It is a truism, and also a fact that “Patience is the great virtue of Asia.” And indeed, the Chinese just had to wait, as Obama’s empty words and promises proved to be just that and Obama fever subsided. Yes, American royalty came, and left, but didn’t leave anything substantial behind – zero, except perhaps a few photos of smiling President Obama. Unfortunately those photos don’t produce the electricity for lights in the libraries they don’t even have yet.

Before long, the Myanmar government figured out they were conned, and got back to work helping their people along the path of development which meant working with BRI. Another useful characteristic of President Xi is he can do business with anyone, even for example President Trump and Aung San Suu Kyi. He doesn’t close doors, but keeps them open when and where he can. How can people grow, develop, learn and change with closed doors?

The proposal to build the CMEC was announced by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi following a meeting with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in November 2017. Wang said the economic corridor would enhance investment in development and trade as part of the BRI.

The estimated 1,700-kilometer-long corridor will connect Kunming, the capital of China’s Yunnan province, to Myanmar’s major economic checkpoints first to Mandalay in central Myanmar, and then east to Yangon and west to the Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Rakhine State.

Wang Yi Holds Talks with Myanmar State Counsellor and Foreign Minister Aung San Suu Kyi, 2019/12/08

“On December 7, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi held talks with Myanmar State Counsellor and Foreign Minister Aung San Suu Kyi at Naypyidaw.

“Wang Yi said, next year marks the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Myanmar. The two sides should have a series of celebration activities, plan and prepare high-level exchanges, and promote cooperation in economy, trade, people-to-people areas. The two sides should carry forward "Pauk-Phaw" friendship, deepen comprehensive strategic cooperation and work hand in hand to build a community with a shared future...

“Aung San Suu Kyi thanked China for its strong support and help in safeguarding national sovereignty, opposing foreign interference, and promoting economic and social development. Aung San Suu Kyi said, the two sides should take the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries as an opportunity to strengthen high-level exchanges, jointly build "Belt and Road Initiative" , develop the Myanmar-China Economic Corridor, and achieve more results in various fields of practical cooperation. Myanmar is fully capable of dealing with the problems it faced with. Myanmar is willing to

strengthen communication and coordination with China on international and regional issues, and jointly defend the purpose and principles of the UN Charter.”

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/zxxx_662805/t1722519.shtml

All's well that ends well they say, but the people of Myanmar will have to live with the international stigma of pursuing a genocide for generations to come. Hopefully education, transportation, better medical services will help, regardless as to what American armchair critics and media pundits assert.

Time Magazine July 1, 2013 had the front cover photo and headline story devoted to: The Face of Buddhist Terror, how Militant Monks are Fueling Anti-Muslim Violence in Myanmar.

<http://content.time.com/time/covers/asia/0,16641,20130701,00.html>

American foreign policy will do anything to try to stop the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative, *except* put their money where their mouth is and actually help do something positive in the countries Chinese actually work to help develop. Causing genocides again, is all in a day's work for the CIA, and if the targets are Muslims, so much the better and they pass out “secret medals” to all who participated in dividing and smearing neighbors, communities and nations, while no doubt deriving enormous vicarious pleasure from the mass rape of the Rohingya Muslim women.

Under the MOU for CMEC, the governments agree to collaborate on projects in a number of sectors including basic infrastructure, construction, manufacturing, agriculture, transport, finance, human resources development, telecommunications and research and technology.

<https://www.beltandroad.news/2019/11/10/in-myanmar-chinas-belt-road-projects-are-old-wine-in-a-new-bottle/>

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has described the violence as ethnic cleansing and the humanitarian situation as catastrophic. Rights groups and other UN leaders suspect acts of genocide have taken place, and in September 2018, a UN fact-finding panel released a report [PDF] that claimed the Myanmar government had “genocidal intent” against the Rohingya. The chair of the UN panel said it found clear patterns of abuse by the military, including systematic targeting of civilians, committing sexual violence, promoting discriminatory rhetoric against minorities, and creating a climate of impunity for security forces.

Where are the Rohingya migrating?

Bangladesh: Most Rohingya have sought refuge in nearby Bangladesh, which has limited resources and land to host refugees. More than nine hundred thousand Rohingya refugees are in the country, according to the UN refugee agency. Many live in crowded camps in Cox's Bazar district, now home to the world's largest refugee camp. Nearly four hundred

thousand children in the camps lack access to education, since teachers are banned from using both Bangladeshi and Myanmar curricula in the camps and Rohingya children are barred from enrolling in schools outside the camps. At the same time, the risk of disease outbreak in camps is high, with health organizations warning of possible outbreaks of measles, tetanus, diphtheria, and acute jaundice syndrome. More than 60 percent of the available water supply in refugee camps is contaminated, increasing the risk of spread of communicable and water-borne diseases. Some refugees have turned to smugglers, paying for transport out of Bangladesh and Myanmar and risking exploitation, including sexual enslavement.

<https://www.cfr.org/background/rohingya-crisis>

And for what? To delay some Chinese infrastructure development projects for a few years.

President Trump one can almost understand as he doesn't even read CIA Special Operations Directives, and just signs them in batches electronically. But former President Obama did read them, and still went ahead with this particular genocide.²⁶

Recall President Lincoln's words:

Those who deny freedom to others, deserve it not for themselves; and,
under a just God, cannot long retain it."

Abraham Lincoln - April 6, 1859 Letter to Henry Pierce

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The novo-Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and American research on biological weapons

What happens when an irresistible force meets an immovable object?

Nothing good, that's for sure. On the other hand, some measure of balance increases stability in any system, and Iran, with the world's third largest oil reserves in the world is obviously in the cross-hairs of Langley as always. Thus, China and Russia showing solidarity with Iran helps to

²⁶ In Obama's defense, one might suggest the CIA didn't even tell him how cynically he was being used in Myanmar, as he is at least nominally Black. On the other hand, he did order more than 500 drone strikes, knowing drones caused more civilian casualties than any other kind of warfare. This is not incomprehensible, knowing he had a long-term addiction to cocaine, as he admitted in his book: *"Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance (1995)."* Long-term cocaine use is highly correlated with increased aggression and violence. This was probably one reason he was permitted by the NSC to be nominated for the presidency.

balance the world and should in theory give the US reason to pause in launching new assaults upon Iran.

Iran Launches Naval Drills with Russia, China Amid Tensions with U.S.
December 28, 2019

“Iran’s navy has launched its first joint maneuvers with Russia and China in the northern part of the Indian Ocean, Iranian state TV reports.

“‘The message of this exercise is peace, friendship, and lasting security through cooperation and unity...and its result will be to show that Iran cannot be isolated,’ Iranian Admiral Gholamreza Tahani said on state television on December 27.

“Speaking on December 28, the deputy commander of Iran’s army for coordination, Rear Admiral Habibollah Sayyari, said that joint maritime maneuvers between Iran, Russia, and China will be continued in the future as such drills demonstrate “Iran’s naval authority” in the northern Indian Ocean.

“Russia, meanwhile, called the event ‘an unprecedented’ example of naval cooperation.

“Officials in Tehran and Beijing had earlier announced that the maneuvers would run from December 27-30 in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Oman.

“The exercise was launched from the southeastern port city of Chahbahar in the Gulf of Oman and near the border with Pakistan.

“Iranian TV quoted Iran’s navy chief, Admiral Hossein Khanzadi, as saying the drills are designed to heighten security in the region’s crucially important waterways.”

<https://www.rferl.org/a/iran-russia-china-naval-maneuvers-persian-gulf-oman/30348593.html>

Unfortunately, American foreign policy does not follow the playbook of a reasonable nation.

US attempted to sabotage Iranian-Russian-Chinese war drills: Iran

By News Desk, 2020-01-02

“Iranian Navy Commander Rear Admiral Hossein Khanzadi has accused the United States of trying to prevent Russia, Iran and China from conducting the joint naval drills, Tasnim News Agency reported on Thursday.

“‘During the combined naval exercise of Iran, Russia, and China, the Americans and their allies held an emergency meeting aimed at disrupting the process of the joint war game with our two allies,’ the news agency quotes him as saying.

“He added though that the Americans’ plots had been foiled due to deceptive maneuvers by the participants in the drills.

“The joint Russian-Iranian-Chinese naval drills codenamed “Marine Security Belt” ended on December 30. They were held in the Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Oman.”

<https://www.almasdarnews.com/article/us-attempted-to-sabotage-iranian-russian-chinese-war-drills-iran/>

Will this show of unity slow President Donald Trump or the super-hawks within the American Department of Defense? Absolutely not.

Their personalities are characterized by absolute megalomania and reckless indifference to law and all life.

Thus, humanity stands at the precipice of WWII, while the majority of the world’s population blithely ignores the “situation” as best they can, except when they’re getting blown up, starved and diseased. For those who have much, those are “someone else’s problems.”

“An SEP is something we can't see, or don't see, or our brain doesn't let us see, because we think that it's somebody else's problem. That's what SEP means. Somebody Else's Problem. The brain just edits it out, it's like a blind spot.”

Douglas Adams, *Life, the Universe and Everything*, 1982

And so the wars, starvation, and disease keep the slaves occupied, while the colonialists revel in the beneficence of God’s gifts, their Manifest Destiny and imperial luxuries, unsullied by the sordid details of the sources of their great wealth for the past 500 years.

For those who have eyes but do not see

**Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding;
which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:
Fear ye not me? saith the LORD...**

Jeremiah 5:21-22

There does not appear to be much of that kind of Fear emanating out of Langley or DC these days.

**Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the Lord: though
hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.**

Proverbs 16:5 King James Version (KJV)

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 beginning of the year 2020 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.

In contrast, China’s development of the Belt and Road Initiative has galvanized the developing world.

Action plan on the Belt and Road Initiative

Updated: Mar 30,2015

“The initiative to jointly build the Belt and Road, embracing the trend toward a multipolar world, economic globalization, cultural diversity and greater IT application, is designed to uphold the global free trade regime and the open world economy in the spirit of open regional cooperation. It is aimed at promoting orderly and free flow of economic factors, highly efficient allocation of resources and deep integration of markets; encouraging the countries along the Belt and Road to achieve economic policy coordination and carry out broader and more in-depth regional cooperation of higher standards; and jointly creating an open, inclusive and balanced regional economic cooperation architecture that benefits all. Jointly building the Belt and Road is in the interests of the world community. Reflecting the common ideals and pursuit of human societies, it is a positive endeavor to seek new models of international cooperation and global governance, and will inject new positive energy into world peace and development.

“The Belt and Road Initiative aims to promote the connectivity of Asian, European and African continents and their adjacent seas, establish and strengthen partnerships among the countries along the Belt and Road, set up all-dimensional, multitiered and composite connectivity networks, and realize diversified, independent, balanced and sustainable development in these countries.”

http://english.www.gov.cn/archive/publications/2015/03/30/content_281475080249035.htm

It's that word: "multipolar" that makes US policy makers "crazy" because they have assumed that American post-WWII hegemony will last forever. In fact, that is enshrined in the American 1992 Draft Defense Planning Guidance (see above).

Thus we have motivation for the "extra-judicial" "targeted assassination" of Iranian Commander Qassem Soleimani, Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and eight associates on January 3rd 2020 as an example that the USA, a rapidly fading global monolith is finding it impossible to get used to the idea of a multi-polar world power structure, desperately and illegally lashing out in an attempt to start WWII as a way to maintain its sole proprietorship of the world. It was WWII that launched the US into the role of sole super-power and they are more than ready, willing and able to start another World War, if that is what it takes to maintain that position.

Provocation is one of their most successful weapons. As a case in point, in retaliation for the "targeted assassination" of Qassem Soleimani, Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and eight associates on January 5th 2020 the Iranian government announced it was ending all restrictions on uranium enrichment, scrapping entirely the Iran nuclear agreement and opening itself up to a preemptive nuclear attack by the USA.

President Trump fervently hoped for a conventional military "revenge" strike by Iran in retaliation for those "targeted assassinations" to launch its own attack on Iran, potentially a nuclear attack upon Iran's nuclear enrichment facilities which are deep underground.

Whether or not the US military would obey an order by President Trump to launch a preemptive nuclear weapons strike on Iran's nuclear enrichment facilities without Congressional approval remains to be seen.

At the end of WWII the world was still in shock and everyone except the Japanese and Germans felt much beholden to the USA for helping to end the war.

Thus, perhaps the UN felt that becoming the handmaiden of American policy was in the best interests of rebuilding the shattered world and maintaining peace and stability. Thus, following an American agenda, seemed the wisest choice.

The United States however has changed a lot. Campaign finance corruption has become enshrined in law, and both political parties are now "on-board" endlessly inflating the American military-industrial complex that Eisenhower warned Americans and the world about, but most Americans at least have forgotten.

American democracy and the mainstream media have been corrupted by corporate power. Consequently, the American "democracy" is a sham, and the CIA has worked very successfully to divide and conquer most of the world.

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

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 even until today 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

American AFRICOM is a military force in Africa that operates to maintain French and American colonies in resource rich Africa. The vaunted American and French democracies are still enslaving entire nations, with Niger as a classic example, being a French colony with some of the Africa's largest oil and uranium deposits that still manages ranks 189th out of 189 countries on UNDP's list examining “development.” That is a slave nation of France kept in power with American special forces military.

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 permitting marginalized groups within the USA the right to vote, it was systematically colonizing China using opium. In 1898 the liberal democratic USA started the colonization of the Philippines for Dole corporation's development of the highly profitable sugar trade and Hawaii for pineapples.

These very same democracies continued colonialist military actions 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.²⁷

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 total possession of those natural resources with the help of their appointed dictators.²⁸

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 NED coordinated color revolutions in Egypt, Libya, Syria, Venezuela, Bolivia, 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 relatively small 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,

²⁷ Blum, William, *Killing Hope, U.S. Military and CIA Interventions since World War II*, 2004, Common Courage Press

²⁸ *ibid*

that democracies are not synonymous with “promoting human rights, development, and peace and security,” as the UN asserts.

While it is true the International Criminal Court has finally begun some investigation of “alleged” 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 and are now suffering 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.

Simultaneously, all of the people in Iran, the entire Middle East region and the world are clearly in “imminent danger.”

IMMINENT DANGER

In relation to homicide in self-defense, this term means immediate danger, such as must be instantly met, such as cannot be guarded against it calling for the assistance of others or the protection of the law. U. S. v. Outerbridge, 27 Fed. Cas. 390; State v. West, 45 La. Ann. 14, 12 South. 7; State v. Smith, 43 Or. 109, 71 Pac. 973. Or, as otherwise defined, such an appearance of threatened and impending injury as would put a reasonable and prudent man to his instant defense. State v. Fontenot, 50 La. Ann. 537, 23 South. 034. 09 Am. St. Rep. 455; Shorter v. People, 2 N. Y. 201, 51 Am. Dec. 280.

<https://www.freelawdictionary.org/imminent-danger/>

...and subsequent case law (this free dictionary is free because the copyright expired, and thus more than 70 years old).

Indicating at minimum the government of Iran has a legal basis to file a federal lawsuit against President Trump.

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 book 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 will be no stopping. And that precipice may be upon us much sooner than anyone expects, like tonight, or tomorrow given that nuclear armed Russia and China support Iran, and Kashmir is in the middle of nuclear armed India and Pakistan.

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. Though investigation of war crimes and crimes against humanity in Afghanistan and Palestine are long overdue, the nuclear flashpoints of Iran and Kashmir need immediate attention as well. Similarly, Washington has been rallying other South American countries to infiltrate and initiate conflict within Venezuela, in the wake of its failed American sponsored coup attempt creating the distinct possibility of a regional war in South America.

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. Perhaps they are a symbolic “shot across the bow” of U.S. foreign policy makers. Unfortunately, they are not addressing the nuclear flashpoints, and even then, may well be far too little and far too late to prevent WWII, unless the machinations of the ICC are greatly accelerated. Furthermore, President Trump is not one to be easily intimidated. He will do what he wants to do and a “shot across the bow,” will mean nothing to him as was proven by the “targeted assassination” of Qassem Soleimani, Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and their eight associates on January 3rd 2020.

Killing, is what the US does best.

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, build-up of military forces and assassinations Iran most certainly are.

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 as of January 2020.

Unfortunately, “business as usual,” at the United Nations, or even a modest increase in prosecutions at the ICC, isn’t going to make any difference whatsoever 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 measured by the increasingly rapid escalation in the numbers of displaced people and refugees in the world today, which surpassed the number of refugees at the end of WWII several years ago.

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 very quickly in regards to a rapid restructuring at the United Nations beginning with the ICC responses to "acts of war" before the hot wars start. They need to be immediate and strong, instead of the current tepid and vague.

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, the ICC 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 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, some quite obvious and others which cannot be spoken aloud in public have come together to help motivate ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda to shift the former direction of the ICC and start investigations which are long overdue. Respect must be paid to this lady for her

courage to challenge the ultimate hypocrisies of our age, and the intelligence to function within a system that has been clearly rigged against administering justice practically from its inception.

In spite of these glimmers of hope, a large number of other investigations need to be initiated by the ICC at a greatly accelerated rate if the lofty goals enshrined in the UN Charter are ever to be attained, without the added "obstacle" and motivation of WWII which can easily be ignited by American very aggressive and illegal actions against Iran and India's relentlessly illegal actions in occupied Kashmir.

Chapter 2 Iran, Kashmir, Libya, Venezuela, Central African Republic – Nuclear Flashpoints, Regional conflicts and Imminent danger

Should regional-wide conflicts break out around Iran, Kashmir, Libya, and/or Venezuela the United Nations' Security Council and International Court of Justice will be complicit in those crimes for their negligent failure to move swiftly enough to preempt them by investigation into innumerable possible war crimes and crimes against humanity by the aggressors responsible.

It appears the "problems" within the UN are structural, as this report demonstrates.

For now they simply cite: "Procedural obstacles" as excuses for totally failing in their job which has resulted in the long slow torturous deaths of millions and rapidly escalating conflicts and starvation.

For example, the UN and ICC just let the Iraq war "slide." A few placid "statements," and that was it. No war crimes tribunals, no prosecutions, nothing.

Iraq war was illegal and breached UN charter, says Annan

Ewen MacAskill and Julian Borger, 16 Sep 2004

"The United Nations secretary general, Kofi Annan, declared explicitly for the first time last night that the US-led war on Iraq was illegal.

"Mr. Annan said that the invasion was not sanctioned by the UN security council or in accordance with the UN's founding charter. In an interview with the BBC World Service broadcast last night, he was asked outright if the war was illegal. He replied: "Yes, if you wish."

"He then added unequivocally: "I have indicated it was not in conformity with the UN charter. From our point of view and from the charter point of view it was illegal."

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2004/sep/16/iraq.iraq>

Well la, di, da. That wishy-washy statement is vastly different from prosecuting the offenders. Any confirmed signatory member of the Rome Statue could have referred it for prosecution, yet none apparently did.

The Security Council, holding its first debate on Iraq since hostilities began on 19 March, was called on to end the illegal aggression and demand the immediate withdrawal of invading forces, by an overwhelming majority of this afternoon's 45 speakers.

<https://www.un.org/press/en/2003/sc7705.doc.htm>

True, the USA is not a signatory to the Rome Statute (2000) making extradition more difficult, but any nation that did sign that statute could have brought charges against the US and a war crimes investigation started.

How the (ICJ) Court Works

“The Court may entertain two types of cases: legal disputes between States submitted to it by them (contentious cases) and requests for advisory opinions on legal questions referred to it by United Nations organs and specialized agencies (advisory proceedings).

Contentious cases

“Only States (States Members of the United Nations and other States which have become parties to the Statute of the Court or which have accepted its jurisdiction under certain conditions) may be parties to contentious cases. “

<https://www.icj-cij.org/en/how-the-court-works>

With a few phone calls to a coalition of Rome Statute signatory members, the President of the ICJ or anyone could have gotten the ball rolling.

Every signatory state to the Rome Statute could have submitted to the ICJ at minimum a request for an advisory opinion on the American unilaterally imposed sanctions against Iran. The ICJ could have had an answer within 24 hours, and the January 3rd 2020 murder of Iraqi Commander Qassem Soleimani, Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and eight associates would never have happened. As long as the USA has *carte blanche* at the UN they will continue their rampage of infamy and the Iraq war was an open and shut case they let slide.

In regards to the Iraq War, the Secretary General of the UN could have got the ball rolling in regards to both war crimes and crimes against humanity. But, because of “political considerations” then President George W. Bush, and more importantly his Director of CIA George Tenet, got off scot-free. Had the United Nations done its job at that time, the imminent war with Iran would not be about to begin. Unfortunately, any decision over which the Security Council and/or International Court of Justice has influence, will be thwarted.

The responsible leaders of the UNSC and ICJ should be prosecuted as complicit in all war crimes since 1945 starting with the Nakba.

The United Nations has already largely ignored over 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. Now those two conflicts have the potential to ignite nuclear wars. Likewise, American aggression against Libya and Venezuela have a high potential to turn into larger regional conflicts. Any of these four conflicts have the potential to trigger WWII due to the United Nations long string of failures to use the power they have.

All people who know anything about the UN’s history, and have a social and moral conscience are more than a little skeptical of the United Nation’s intent to fulfill its mandate.

IRAN

“As a result of the imposition of the US unilateral economic sanctions, the Iranian people have faced humanitarian threats, in particular, lack of access to pharmaceuticals, medical supplies and health-care, poverty, high inflation and high unemployment. All these are matters of “the right to an adequate standard of living” contained in Article 11(1) of the UN International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1966), which is understood to establish a minimum entitlement to food, clothing and housing at an adequate level.

“According to CESCR’s General Comment No 8, “the inhabitants of a [stubborn] country do not forfeit their basic economic, social and cultural rights by virtue of any determination that their leaders have violated norms relating to international peace and security. The aim is to insist that lawlessness of one kind should not be met by lawlessness of another kind which pays no heed to the fundamental rights that underlie and give legitimacy to any such collective action.”

“All in all, the humanitarian impacts of economic sanctions have no justification from the perspective of international law. Regardless of the causes, the use of hard-hitting sanctions by the US administration as a political measure to punish the Iranian regime has already caused suffering to Iranians, leading to substantial violations and human rights abuses in the target country.

<https://ohrh.law.ox.ac.uk/civilian-life-at-risk-in-iran-the-hard-hitting-effects-of-the-us-economic-sanctions/>

Collective punishment is prohibited in international humanitarian law.

Collective Punishment

“International humanitarian law posits that no person may be punished for acts that he or she did not commit. It ensures that the collective punishment of a group of persons for a crime committed by an individual is also forbidden, whether in the case of prisoners of war or of any other individuals (GCIII Art. 87, API Art. 75.2.d, APII Art. 4.2.b). This is one of the fundamental guarantees established by the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their 1977 Additional Protocols. This guarantee is applicable not only to protected persons but to all individuals, no matter what their status or to what category of persons they belong, as defined by the Geneva Conventions (GCIV Art. 33).

“Collective punishment is prohibited, based on the fact that criminal responsibility can be attributed only to individuals. Respect for this principle can be ensured solely by establishing guarantees that protect

judicial procedures. This principle must also be monitored in the context of disciplinary sanctions procedures.”

<https://guide-humanitarian-law.org/content/article/3/collective-punishment/>

‘Maximum Pressure’

“US Economic Sanctions Harm Iranians' Right to Health, October 29, 2019

“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.

“On several occasions, US officials have indicated that the pain US sanctions are causing for ordinary Iranians is intentional, part of a strategy to compel Iranian citizens to demand their autocratic government to “change behavior” – a recipe for collective punishment that infringes on Iranians’ economic rights. For instance, on February 14, 2019, US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told CBS News, “Things are much worse for the Iranian people [with the US sanctions], and we are convinced that will lead the Iranian people to rise up and change the behavior of the regime.”

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

The illegal assassination, murder to put it bluntly of their national hero, by the United States of Commander Qassim Soleimani however, galvanized the Iranian people.

Murder he wrote? It appears so:

“The ICJ has made this point in more than one case, but given the current protagonists, it is appropriate to cite from the case Iran brought against the U.S. for uses of military force against Iranian property that resulted in deaths.

“The ICJ said in the Oil Platforms case:

“...[I]n order to establish that it was legally justified in attacking the Iranian platforms in exercise of the right of individual self-defence, the United States has to show that attacks had been made upon it for which Iran was responsible; and that those attacks were of such a nature as to be qualified as “armed attacks” within the meaning of that expression in Article 51 of the United Nations Charter, and as understood in customary law on the use of force. As the Court observed in the case concerning Military and Paramilitary Activities in and against Nicaragua, it is necessary to distinguish “the most grave forms of the use of force (those constituting an armed attack) from other less grave forms” (I.C.J. Reports 1986, p. 101, para. 191), since “In the case of individual self-defence, the exercise of this right is subject to the State concerned having been the victim of an armed attack” (ibid., p. 103, para. 195).

“Oil Platforms (Iran v. United States), Merits, Judgment of 6 November 2003, ICJ Reports 2003, para 51.

“In addition to the significant armed attack, the general principle of necessity requires that the defensive military response be a last resort and one that is likely to succeed in accomplishing the lawful objective of defense. The use of force must not be disproportionate to the injury suffered by the victim state, and it must aim at the state legally responsible for the attack. If the attack is over with no follow-on attacks occurring, it is unlikely that the requirement of necessity can be met. Such intermittent attacks require alternative responses to the use of military force, such as countermeasures.

“The Court applied these principles in Oil Platforms to find both that the US had submitted insufficient evidence to prove Iran had carried out attacks on its ships. Even if attribution had been proven, however, the court doubted the necessity of the US counter-attacks:

“‘[T]he Court is not satisfied that the attacks on the platforms were necessary to respond to these incidents. ...[T]here is no evidence that the United States complained to Iran of the military activities of the platforms, in the same way as it complained repeatedly of minelaying and attacks on neutral shipping, which does not suggest that the targeting of the platforms was seen as a necessary act. ...[I]n the case of the attack of 19 October 1987, the United States forces attacked the R-4 platform as a “target of opportunity”, not one previously identified as an appropriate military target ...’

“The facts of the Soleimani killing do not meet these elements of lawful self-defense. The attacks that have already occurred raise questions of attribution as well as gravity, necessity, and proportionality. More importantly, the law does not permit the use of military force to respond to an alleged plan to attack in the future. U.S. officials stress that attacks

were “imminent”. The New York Times, however, has cast doubt on intelligence reports do not support the claim that attacks were “imminent”. The idea that a right of self-defense is triggered by an “imminent” attack was first introduced by Derek Bowett in the wake of the Suez Crisis as a justification for the British use of force. “Imminence” does not appear in Article 51. The actual words are ‘if an armed attack occurs.’”

Blog of the European Journal of International Law

<https://www.ejiltalk.org/the-killing-of-soleimani-and-international-law/>

So, yes, the United States is starving the poorest of Iranians, denying them lifesaving medicines and the economic means to buy them anywhere, and murdering their top people in an effort to provoke a war that very few people in the world believe is justified in any way, shape or form outside of President Trump’s inner circle of war-mongers, Israel and Saudi Arabia.

The U.S. provides Israel \$10.5 million in military aid each day, while it gives the Palestinians \$0 in military aid

“Since the October War in 1973, Washington has provided Israel with a level of support dwarfing the amounts provided to any other state. It has been the largest annual recipient of direct U.S. economic and military assistance since 1976 and the largest total recipient since World War II. Total direct U.S. aid to Israel amounts to well over \$140 billion in 2003 dollars. Israel receives over \$3 billion in direct foreign assistance each year, which is roughly one-fifth of America’s entire foreign aid budget. In per capita terms, the United States gives each Israeli a direct subsidy worth about \$500 per year. This largesse is especially striking when one realizes that Israel is now a wealthy industrial state with a per capita income roughly equal to South Korea or Spain.”

<https://ifamericansknew.org/stat/usaid.html>

KASHMIR

India: Mounting Human Rights Abuses - Growing Crackdown on Peaceful Dissent; Marginalized Groups Targeted

Human Rights Watch - January 14, 2020

(New York) – “The Indian government’s unilateral actions – in Jammu and Kashmir in August 2019 caused enormous suffering and rights violations of the Kashmiri population, Human Rights Watch said today in its World Report 2020. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led government revoked the province’s special constitutional status and split it into two separate federally governed territories.

“Indian authorities also failed to protect religious minorities, used draconian sedition and counterterrorism laws to silence peaceful dissent, and invoked foreign funding regulations and other laws to discredit and muzzle nongovernmental organizations critical of government actions or policies.

“The Indian government has tried to shut down Kashmir, hiding the full extent of the harm caused there,” said Meenakshi Ganguly, South Asia director at Human Rights Watch. “Instead of addressing growing attacks on minorities, Indian authorities bolstered their efforts to silence critical voices in 2019.”

“Prior to its actions in Jammu and Kashmir, the government deployed additional troops to the province, shut down the internet and phones, and arbitrarily detained thousands of Kashmiris, including political leaders, activists, journalists, lawyers, and potential protesters, including children. Hundreds remain in detention without charge or under house arrest to prevent protests.

“The government failed to properly enforce Supreme Court directives to prevent and investigate mob attacks, often led by BJP supporters, on religious minorities and other vulnerable communities. Since May 2015, extremist Hindu groups have killed 50 people and injured over 250 amid rumors that they traded or killed cows for beef. Muslims were also beaten and forced to chant Hindu slogans. Police failed to properly investigate the crimes, stalled investigations, ignored procedures, and filed criminal cases against witnesses to harass and intimidate them.

“Nearly two million people from tribal communities and forest-dwellers remained at risk of forced displacement and loss of livelihoods after a Supreme Court ruling in February 2019 to evict all those whose claims under the Forest Rights Act were rejected.”

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/01/14/india-mounting-human-rights-abuses>

In Kashmir, a family's harrowing quest to prove their son's death

“Osaib Altaf Marazi, 17, died on August 5 but his family has been unable to get a death certificate from the hospital.

January 16, 2019

“Srinagar, Indian-administered Kashmir - On an unusually tense afternoon when Indian-administered Kashmir was under full lockdown, Osaib Altaf Marazi, made a fatal decision.

“The 17-year-old boy, who loved to travel and take selfies, left home to play cricket with his neighbourhood friends on August 5 last year - the day New Delhi stripped Kashmir of its autonomy.

“He never returned.”

<https://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/kashmir-family-harrowing-quest-prove-son-death-200116065122901.html>

“Kashmir residents say they are starving as first accounts of India's lock-down of region emerge

Joe Wallen, in New Delhi, 7 August 2019

“Fears are growing of food shortages among Kashmir's poorest residents as the region enters the third day of an unprecedented lock-down.

“In some of the first accounts to surface after India shocked the world by stripping the area of Kashmir's special status, witnesses have told The Telegraph of mounting desperation as food supplies and money has dried up.

“India announced a strict curfew and communications blackout on Monday, with the movement of goods and people in and out of the region also strictly controlled.

“Sanna, 23, a Kashmiri student, was one of few residents to have been allowed to leave the region so far. When leaving she told The Telegraph she had been approached by “five or six” different people who claimed their families were starving.

“A source told AFP that at least six people had been admitted to hospital in Srinagar with gunshot wounds while sporadic protests had erupted across the state.

“Several deaths have also been reported although this is difficult to confirm due to the blackout.

“The curfew which has been implemented since Monday morning is also contributing to growing hunger as residents are too scared to leave their homes.”

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/08/07/kashmir-residents-say-starving-first-accounts-surface-lock-down/>

India, one of America's great democratic pals, has nuclear weapons, as does Pakistan. Kashmir is in the middle and the tensions are at a full boil due to Hindutva extremism in the Indian BJP political party. Most in the BJP political party come from a fascist youth organization called the RSS, which also proudly produced the man that murdered Gandhi.

LIBYA

Al Jazeera takes a look at the foreign actors invested in the Libyan conflict and who they are siding with.

by Ramy Allahoum

9 Jan 2020

Libya's war: Who is supporting whom

“Since renegade military commander Khalifa Haftar launched an offensive on Libya's capital Tripoli in April, the conflict in the North African country has ground to a standstill.

“After months of fighting, forces aligned with the United Nations-recognised Government of National Accord (GNA), based in Tripoli, have largely prevented Haftar, who is affiliated with a rival administration in the east, from seizing the city.

“Haftar issues ‘call to arms’ over possible Turkey intervention”

“Following a recent escalation in fighting, the UN on Wednesday welcomed calls by Turkey and Russia - who support opposing sides in the conflict - for a ceasefire amid warnings that Libya faced becoming a "second Syria".

“As more foreign actors jostle for influence in Libya, Al Jazeera takes a look at the powers looking to shape events in the war-racked country and who they are siding with.

United Arab Emirates

“The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is seen by many experts as one of Haftar's main supporters, having supplied him with advanced weapon systems in violation of a 2011 UN arms embargo imposed at the beginning of an uprising that toppled longtime leader Muammar Gaddafi.

“Haftar’s self-styled Libyan National Army (LNA) has relied heavily on UAE air support, which includes the suspected deployment of Chinese-made Wing Loong II drones during its months-long offensive against the GNA.

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/01/libya-war-supporting-200104110325735.html>

“Qatar, the UAE and the Libya connection by Guma El-Gamaty

“A UN report released in November said the UAE also supplied Haftar with the Russian-made Pantsir S-1 advanced air defence system that was installed at the al-Jufra base near the town of Gharyan.

"The complexity and costs of the system make it very unlikely that the United Arab Emirates has supplied it to any other entity who could have subsequently transferred it to Libya," the report said.

“A separate UN report in 2017 said the Gulf country built an airbase at Al Khadim in eastern Libya and provided Haftar with aircraft as well as military vehicles.

“The UAE considers Haftar a trusted partner capable of curbing the spread of political Islam, most notably the Muslim Brotherhood.

“‘Abu Dhabi has no tolerance for political Islam, including its most moderate manifestations,’ Jalel Harchaoui, a research fellow at the Clingendael Institute and Libya expert, told Al Jazeera.

“‘The only way for them to sleep easy at night and be sure proponents of political Islam do not wield any power in Libya is to prop up strict autocracy instead.

“‘The fact that the Muslim Brotherhood happens to be very weak politically in Libya is not going to reassure or appease the Emiratis. The latter prefer erring on the safe side, by combating any form of democratic opening, whether legitimate, corrupt or dysfunctional.’

EGYPT

“Like Abu Dhabi, Cairo's aversion to the Muslim Brotherhood has meant that it found in Haftar a natural ally.

“President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi took power after a 2013 military coup that toppled Mohamed Morsi, Egypt's first democratically elected head of state and a member of the Brotherhood. The group was outlawed that same year and declared a "terrorist" organisation by Egyptian authorities.

“For Cairo, the GNA's makeup, one that accepts the participation of groups such as the Brotherhood - already an important component of the UN-recognised government - in the political decision-making process, constitutes a major red line.

“Haftar's endorsement by wealthy Gulf states, his military background and ability to rein in armed groups in eastern Libya's sparsely populated desert region have also earned him the support of el-Sisi.

“Egypt has used its vast border with Libya to funnel weapons and provide logistical support to Haftar, according to Libyan officials and Egyptian foreign ministry documents seen by Al Jazeera.

“During a recent trip to Cairo, Haftar - who received part of his military training in Egypt - said he would take over Tripoli ‘within hours’ if Egypt were to send troops to assist his forces.

How Libya spiraled into chaos post-Gaddafi (3:08)

France

“French President Emmanuel Macron has officially backed efforts for a peaceful solution to the conflict in Libya.

“Armed men crossing from Libya alleged to be French spies

“That stance, however, is counterweighed by France's diplomatic support for Haftar, which includes the blocking of a European Union statement calling on the renegade military commander to halt his assault on the capital, prompting GNA Prime Minister Fayez al-Sarraj in April to accuse the Macron administration of backing a "dictator".

“There are also concerns that France is providing Haftar with military support.

“Tunisia’s border guard in April denied entry to 13 French nationals attempting to cross into its territory after the group failed to disclose weapons it had in its possession.

“Quoting a ‘well-placed source’ at Tunisia's presidential palace, Radio France International reported the men were not diplomats as claimed but intelligence agents.

“In June, US-made Javelin missiles belonging to France were found at a base used by Haftar's troops in the town of Gharyan, located some 80km (50 miles) south of Tripoli.

“In 2016, a French helicopter crashed near Benghazi, killing three soldiers, during what then-President Francois Hollande described as a "dangerous intelligence operation". The GNA said the incident was a "violation" of its sovereignty.

Russia

“Much like France, Russia has publicly supported the UN’s mediation efforts led by Special Envoy Ghassan Salame. Moscow, however, in April blocked a UN Security Council statement that would have called on the Libyan commander to halt his advance on Tripoli.

“Russian mercenaries from the private Wagner group have also reportedly joined the battle alongside Haftar's forces.

“Analysts say that, if true, this could not have happened without the Kremlin's greenlight and suggests a push by Russia to establish itself as a new power broker in the region.

United States

“The US was among the states that supported the efforts that led to the GNA's creation in late 2015. But soon after taking office in January 2017, US President Donald Trump said he did not see a "role" in Libya.

“But Washington began to send mixed signals shortly after Haftar launched his offensive on Tripoli.

“In an April 19 phone conversation with Haftar, who is also a US citizen, Trump recognised ‘Field Marshall Haftar's significant role in fighting terrorism and securing Libya's oil resources.’

“Washington in July blocked a UNSC statement condemning an air raid on a migrant detention centre that killed more than 40 people, which the GNA blamed on the US ally UAE.

Saudi Arabia

“The Wall Street Journal (WSJ) reported in April that Saudi Arabia offered tens of millions of dollars to help fund Haftar's Tripoli offensive.

“According to the US publication, the offer came during a visit by Haftar to the Saudi capital, Riyadh, in late March 2019, days before the launch of his assault on Tripoli.

Sudan/Jordan

“A report by the UNSC Libya sanctions committee in November accused Sudan and the head of Sudan's Rapid Support Forces (RSF), Mohamed Hamdan Dagalo, widely known as Hemeti, of violating UN sanctions by deploying 1,000 troops to Libya.

Turkey

“Turkey has been one of the GNA's foremost supporters since its inception in 2015.

“Ankara has stepped up its military support for the GNA in the face of Haftar's military campaign.

“In addition to armoured vehicles, the GNA was reported to have bought 20 Bayraktar TB2 drones from Turkey last summer.”

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/01/libya-war-supporting-200104110325735.html>

“Libya has been the main transit point for refugees and migrants traveling from North Africa to Europe for decades. As of November 2018, at least 670,000 refugees and migrants from more than 40 countries were recorded to be living in Libya, though this may be an underestimate. Ten percent are minors; among adults, 88 percent are men. While traveling through Libya, refugees and migrants become trapped in vicious cycles of abduction, exploitation, extortion, and sometimes slavery. Transnational criminal networks, local militias, gangs, and terrorist groups extort, exploit, and sell refugees and migrants, with smuggling alone reportedly generating US\$255 to \$323 million per year (The Global Initiative, 2015). Thousands of refugees and migrants are held in nightmarish official and makeshift detention centers across Libya, where torture, sexual violence, forced labor, trafficking for purposes of sexual exploitation, and other harms are systemic. Legal recourse and other forms of redress are effectively nonexistent. Although this violence appears to have intensified in recent years, exploitation and abuse of refugees and migrants in Libya has been longstanding.”

<https://www.womensrefugeecommission.org/images/zdocs/Libya-Italy-Report-03-2019.pdf>

VENEZUELA

The recent American driven but failed coup against Venezuela, combined with the illegal sanctions on Venezuela constitute war crimes and crimes against humanity

“Amnesty International expresses its concern over the newest sanctions imposed upon Venezuelan governmental entities by the government of the United States **on 5 August 2019**.

“In an already dire and severe humanitarian emergency, in which lack of medicines, medical supplies, food, and other basic goods is affecting Venezuelans who are trying to survive in the country, expanding the scope of sanctions to all governmental authorities and entities intensifies the risk of increased human rights violations, and the risk of continuing pushing Venezuelans out of the country, fleeing from this extreme situation.”

<https://reliefweb.int/report/venezuela-bolivarian-republic/new-sanctions-united-states-put-venezuelan-population-greater>

November 18th, 2019, By Alan Macleod

“Fresh off a successful military coup deposing leftist President Evo Morales in Bolivia last week, the United States attempted to overthrow the government of Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela this weekend. The events, however, went barely noticed outside the South American nation, as the attempt proved to be a complete fiasco.”

<https://www.mintpressnews.com/juan-guidos-latest-coup-attempt-venezuela-ends-was-a-massive-flop/262870/>

What the US Sanctions Against Venezuela Have Wrought, By Rebecca Hanson and Francisco Sánchez

“The United States’ sanctions against Venezuela continue to punish ordinary Venezuelans while deepening the country's political crisis. They need to end.”

<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2019/09/venezuela-sanctions-embargo-caracas-trump-maduro-guaido>

Starving poor children and adults is not the best way to promote democracy. By November starvation has set in. This is terrorism caused by American sanctions, but most American mainstream media blame the government, as if the total economic blockade the USA imposed was not the cause.

“Residents tell of children starving to death, of forming human chains to block roads to hijack trucks just to get food. They tell of hiding provisions – toilet paper even – in cemeteries, and of concealing their supplies in buckets under layers of trash. They tell of being prisoners in their own homes, frightened to leave for fear of looters, who don’t come for their televisions and computers – no one wants those any more – but for basic foodstuffs and medicine.”

<https://www.thenewhumanitarian.org/special-report/2018/11/21/hunger-and-survival-venezuela>

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Crisis in the Central African Republic

UNICEF Child Alert | November 2018

What’s happening in the Central African Republic?

“In December 2013, Bangui, the capital of the Central African Republic (CAR), descended into violence. The situation fleetingly made international headlines, leading to warnings of a failed state and possible genocide. Now the few early signs of recovery and rebuilding in CAR have given way to a dramatic resurgence in fighting.

“Who is affected by the fighting?”

“More often than not, the armed groups target civilians rather than each other. They attack health and education facilities and personnel, mosques and churches, as well as sites where displaced people have taken shelter.

How many children are affected?”

“Today, 1.5 million Central African children require humanitarian assistance. Meanwhile, there are almost 643,000 internally displaced Central Africans.

“In 2018, severe acute malnutrition rates among young children in the Central African Republic have risen above the emergency threshold across more than half the country.

“And the situation is set to worsen. The number of children who are expected to suffer from severe acute malnutrition is projected to reach more than 43,000 in 2019.”

<https://www.unicef.org/child-alert/crisis-central-african-republic>

Central African Republic Transnational Issues 2019

Page last updated on February 08, 2019

“Periodic skirmishes persist over water and grazing rights among related pastoral populations along the border with southern Sudan

“Refugees and internally displaced persons:

“IDPs: 547,814 (clashes between army and rebel groups since 2005; tensions between ethnic groups) (2018)

“Trafficking in persons:

“Current situation: Central African Republic (CAR) is a source, transit, and destination country for children subjected to forced labor and sex trafficking, women subjected to forced prostitution, and adults subjected to forced labor; most victims appear to be CAR citizens exploited within the country, with a smaller number transported back and forth between the CAR and nearby countries; armed groups operating in the CAR, including those aligned with the former SELEKA Government and the Lord’s Resistance Army, continue to recruit and re-recruit children for military activities and labor; children are also subject to domestic servitude, commercial sexual exploitation, and forced labor in agriculture, mines, shops, and street vending; women and girls are subject to domestic servitude, sexual slavery, commercial sexual exploitation, and forced marriage.”

https://theodora.com/wfbcurrent/central_african_republic/central_african_republic_issues.html

Central African Republic has extensive mineral deposits and other resources, such as uranium reserves, crude oil, gold, diamonds, cobalt, lumber, and hydropower, yet ranks 188th of 189 countries in the world in terms of development.

“From Women Around the World and Women and Foreign Policy Program. This Week: Impunity at the ICC.” June 17, 2018

ICC Reverses Rape Conviction

“Last week, the International Criminal Court (ICC) overturned a war crimes conviction against former Congolese Vice president Jean-Pierre Bemba, ruling that he could not be held responsible for actions committed by his troops in the Central African Republic. The Bemba conviction was the ICC’s first and only conviction for sexual violence as a weapon of war in its twenty-year history. ICC Chief Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda called the reversal “regrettable and troubling,” but emphasized that the court still recognizes the suffering caused by Bemba’s soldiers. Impunity for rape as a weapon of conflict remains a serious challenge, and prior to its reversal, the Bemba case had been a landmark judgment for gender justice in international criminal law.

U.S. Rejects Domestic Violence Asylum Claims

“On Monday, U.S. Attorney General Sessions reversed decades of established law by declaring that domestic violence and gang violence are not grounds for asylum. In vetoing an immigration appeals ruling that granted asylum to a Salvadoran woman who was abused by her husband, Sessions eliminated a path to freedom for women fleeing increased persecution in Central America. According to federal law, asylum seekers must prove that they face persecution in their homeland based on their race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or “membership in a particular social group.” Since the 1990s, the U.S. government rendered women fleeing domestic violence eligible to apply to asylum, as have the governments of the UK, Canada, Australia, and Germany. Sessions’ ruling is the latest in a string of immigration crackdowns that disproportionately affect women and children.”

<https://www.genocidewatch.com/single-post/2018/06/16/From-Women-Around-the-World-and-Women-and-Foreign-Policy-Program-This-Week-Impunity-at-the-ICC>

Other colossal failures of the UN

The Bosnian war with mass rapes used as a weapon of war, Srebrenica massacre, and too many African nations and regions e.g. Rwanda, Darfur etc.

The UN somehow managed to not prosecute anyone for the Iraq War in which more than two million people were killed.

And then there's the rapidly escalating number of displaced persons now topping 70 million as of 2019.

As it stands at this time, the United Nations is worse than useless, it's complicit in uncountable crimes.

Weapons Proliferation

Who is profiting from selling weapons?

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 armored 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 defense 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

“Armored 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 armored 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 defense exporters.”

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

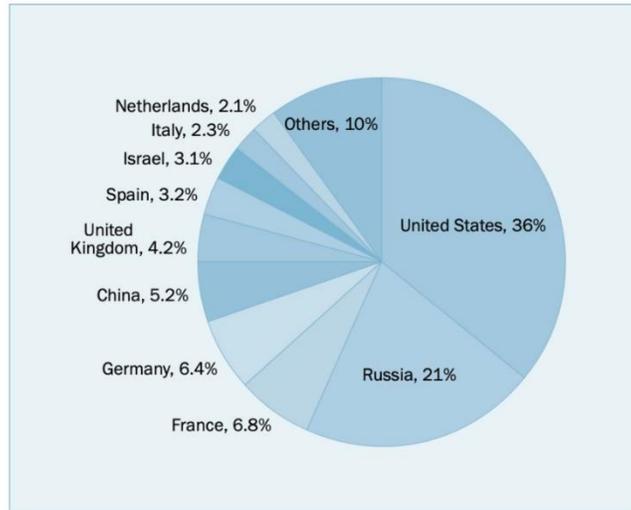


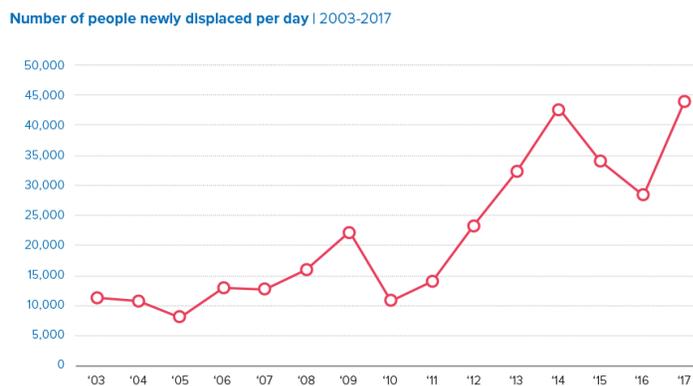
Figure 2. Global share of major arms exports by the 10 largest exporters, 2014–18

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.

- **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 are responsible for the primary three wars creating the largest groups of refugees in the world, with a statistically significant proportion of them being Muslim.

And yet there is no war crimes tribunal accusing the presidents of United States or Directors of Central Intelligence of Crimes Against Humanity or War Crimes.

Why not?

Some of the reasons are articulated later 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>

Were this published in Counterpunch, Blackagendareport²⁹ or other “alternative media,” it would no doubt be dismissed as leftist propaganda, a “conspiracy theory,” and/or the “whining” of “losers,” but, Bloomberg?

How many of these kinds of crimes have been investigated by the ICC? Zero? Why not?

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.

As of the beginning of the year 2020 the world has become more divided and angrier about western hegemony which has polarized wealth and poverty within and between 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.

²⁹ Two of the finest alternative media's news producers, and a couple of this writer's favorites by the way. Anyone who is critical of the American military/industrial/media complex is labeled in unfortunate ways, including this writer.

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

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.

- **Long-standing total disregard of Article 2.4 of the UN Charter by US officials**

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.)

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>

With all due respect to the good people at the crisis group.org, the UN Security Council has always been “paralyzed;” it’s their normal state.

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, Somalia, Iraq and a large number of other nations which the United Nations, also known as “the sanctified guardian of the colonial powers” and western mainstream media, also known as the colonial press has decided people just don’t need to know much about...

In Africa: Niger, Mali, & Chad, Darfur, CAR, South Sudan, Somalia, Burkina Faso, Angola, Sierra Leon, etc.

In Asia: Afghanistan, Myanmar, Philippines, Tehreek-i-Taliban (TTP) activity in Pakistan (2010-Present), separatism in the Baluchistan regions in Iran, India, and Pakistan (2017-Present), political violence & protests in India’s northeast (2016-Present), India’s Naxalite-Maoist Insurgency (2016-Present), Gau Rakshak cow vigilantism in India (2016-Present), etc.

In South America: Mexico and Columbia,

Middle East: Yemen, Palestine, Israel, Jordan

With at least half of the bloody work done by Private Military Contractor (PMCs).

“As a multibillion-dollar industry, the list of companies is continually growing, as is demand for their services. In late 2018, the US Department of Defense reported nearly 50,000 contractors working under the auspices of such companies. Over 28,000 were in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Syria.”

<https://qz.com/africa/1684416/the-role-of-private-military-and-security-companies-in-africa/>

<https://medium.com/smartaim-tech/war-for-money-leading-private-military-companies-of-the-world-eab9f9fe2de8>

As far back 2007 the CIA was outsourcing 70% of their “wet-work” to private military companies.

https://www.salon.com/2007/06/01/intel_contractors/

...which are always good for deniability and totally opaque to Congressional Oversight.

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 sanctions (strangulation of) on Iran, Turkey, Syria and socialist Venezuela and more than a dozen other countries.

Simultaneously nobody is keeping any kind of war related war 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. Yes, ACLED uses analytics to produce reports, but those analytics are only on reported deaths, and don't include the secondary and tertiary deaths from malnutrition, water bourn and other infectious diseases, etc.

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 along with the fact that civilian casualties associated with drone strikes are the highest of any kind of warfare. 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."

Chapter 3 Global 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/>

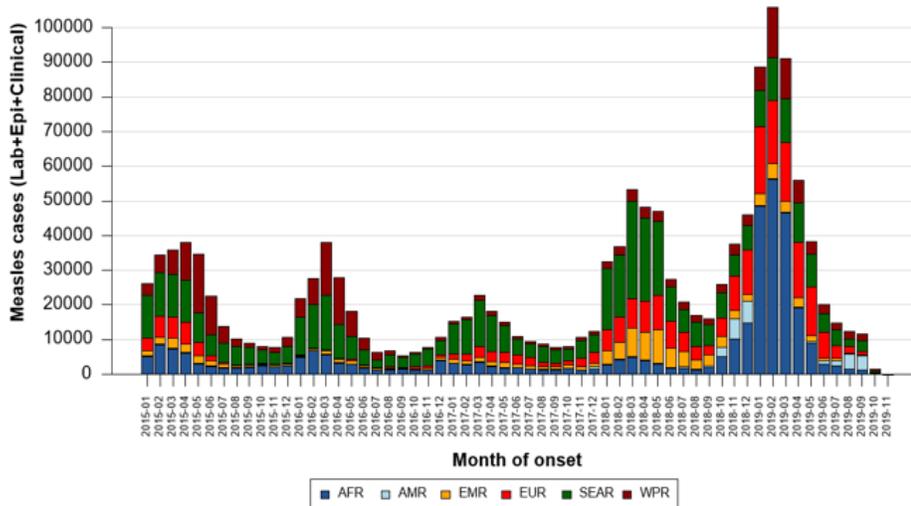
Measles – Global situation

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/>

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 in Measles cases.

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

Hunger and Starvation – Nine million people a year die of starvation; mostly 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> (Bold text added by author.)

“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 (Glick, 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 at least in Africa; Yemen, Venezuela and other nations not apparently included in World Bank studies, largely a consequence of conflict and war.

Half the world's population could die in WWIII

For example:

- Were nuclear armed Russia and China to get involved in this, which is eminently possible, thermonuclear war could occur in which case a billion people could be killed within 24 hours.
- WWIII will cause the world economy to collapse and nations are simply too interconnected now to survive without each other. Disease and starvation would set in across the world as international trade would cease. For example, so many countries use GM hybrid seeds now for substantial percentages of their food supplies. There is a major problem with those GM hybrid seeds. Their offspring do not produce seeds like natural plants. Within a year or two following the initiation of WWIII, massive starvation would set in across the world and another billion would die.
- Also, medicine would become scarce at best. Another 500 million could die.
- Nuclear winter could kill another billion.
- Civil wars and gang rivalries would kill another billion.

And so on.

Fortunately, the strategic planning of President Ali Khamenei and consistently effective battlefield tactics employed by Quds Commander Soleimani won the day on January 8th, 2020.

A knee-jerk reaction, like bombing and killing some US soldiers in Iraq would have been falling into a trap created by the US National Security Council's and CIA's attack dogs. They are itching for a war and doing everything they think they can get away with to provoke a war.

Instead, January 8th the wiser minds in Tehran prevailed and sent a message to the war-mongers of the empire: “We are not animals that instinctively react to every provocation without reasoned consideration. We will react in our time and our own way. You cannot manipulate us so easily.”

How long that reasoned approach will continue is unknown.

Chapter 4 International and National Laws Broken by the USA

Repeated violations of the United Nations Charter, Chapter 1, Article 1, No. 4

“All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.”

The United States was a signatory member of 1945 UN Charter and has relentlessly, with malice aforethought (premeditation) violated Chapter 1, Article 1, No. 4 of the Charter of the United Nations without censure by the United Nations, as documented below titled: “*List of foreign governments the US has overthrown or attempted to overthrow since WWII*,” prepared by William Blum and at minimum the follow-up additions to that list provided by this author.

The long list of 2018 and 2019 economic sanctions on Iran and assassination of General Soleimani, Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and nine associates on January 3rd 2020 constitute “use of force against the territorial integrity and political independence” of Iran, thereby constituting violation of Chapter 1, Article 1, No. 4 of the UN Charter and therefor international law, as do all of the following:

Foreign governments the US has overthrown or attempted to overthrow since WWII

Overthrowing other people’s governments: The Master List, by William Blum

Instances of the United States overthrowing, or attempting to overthrow, a foreign government since the Second World War. (* indicates successful ouster of a government)

China 1949 to early 1960s

Albania 1949-53

East Germany 1950s

Iran 1953 *

Guatemala 1954 *

Costa Rica mid-1950s

Syria 1956-7

Egypt 1957

Indonesia 1957-8

British Guiana 1953-64 *

Iraq 1963 *

North Vietnam 1945-73

Cambodia 1955-70 *

Laos 1958 *, 1959 *, 1960 *

Ecuador 1960-63 *

Congo 1960 *

France 1965

Brazil 1962-64 *

Dominican Republic 1963 *

Cuba 1959 to present

Bolivia 1964 *

Indonesia 1965 *

Ghana 1966 *

Chile 1964-73 *

Greece 1967 *

Costa Rica 1970-71

Bolivia 1971 *

Australia 1973-75 *

Angola 1975, 1980s

Zaire 1975

Portugal 1974-76 *

Jamaica 1976-80 *

Seychelles 1979-81

Chad 1981-82 *

Grenada 1983 *

South Yemen 1982-84

Suriname 1982-84

Fiji 1987 *

Libya 1980s

Nicaragua 1981-90 *

Panama 1989 *

Bulgaria 1990 *

Albania 1991 *

Iraq 1991

Afghanistan 1980s *

Somalia 1993

Yugoslavia 1999-2000 *

Ecuador 2000 *

Afghanistan 2001 *

Venezuela 2002 *

Iraq 2003 *

Haiti 2004 *

Somalia 2007 to present

Honduras 2009 *

Libya 2011 *

Syria 2012

Ukraine 2014 *

<https://williamblum.org/essays/read/overthrowing-other-peoples-governments-the-master-list>

To that list one can certainly add:

Turkey 2016

Venezuela 2019

Bolivia 2019 *

Iran 2019

This long list establishes a known habit by the United States as defined by law,³⁰ of flaunting international laws prohibiting the interference in the affairs of other nations.

³⁰ What is HABIT?

“A disposition or condition of the body or mind acquired by custom or a usual repetition of the same act or function. Knickerbocker L. Ins. Co. v. Foley, 105 U. S. 354,26 L. Ed. 1055 ; Conner v. Citizens’ St. R. Co., 146 Ind. 430, 45 N. E. 662; State v. Skillicorn,104 Iowa, 97, 73 N. W. 503; State v. Robinson, 111 Ala. 4S2, 20 South. 30.”

<https://thelawdictionary.org/habit/>

The United States is clearly and openly attempting to overthrow the government of Iran – again.

“In 1953 the CIA overthrew the democratically elected Mohammed Mossadegh of Iran in a military coup, after he threatened to nationalize British oil. The CIA replaced him with a dictator, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi also called the Shah of Iran. Mossadegh’s secret police, SAVAK, was just as or even more brutal than the German Gestapo.”

...was and remains no secret.

“While the media focus for three years of the Trump presidency has centered around “Russia collusion” and impeachment, the most dangerous collusion of all was happening right out in the open — the Trump/Saudi/Israel/UAE drive to war with Iran.

“On August 3, 2016 — just three months before Donald Trump would win the Electoral College vote and ascend to power — Blackwater founder Erik Prince arranged a meeting at Trump Tower. For decades, Prince had been agitating for a war with Iran and, as early as 2010, had developed a fantastical proposal for using mercenaries to wage it.

“At this meeting was George Nader, an American citizen who had a long history of being a quiet emissary for the United States in the Middle East. Nader, who had also worked for Blackwater and Prince, was a convicted pedophile in the Czech Republic and is facing similar allegations in the United States. Nader worked as an adviser for the Emirati royals and has close ties to Mohammed bin Salman, the Saudi crown prince.

“There was also an Israeli at the Trump Tower meeting: Joel Zamel. He was there supposedly pitching a multimillion-dollar social media manipulation campaign to the Trump team. Zamel’s company, Psy-Group, boasts of employing former Israeli intelligence operatives. Nader and Zamel were joined by Donald Trump Jr. According to the New York Times, the purpose of the meeting was “primarily to offer help to the Trump team, and it forged relationships between the men and Trump insiders that would develop over the coming months, past the election and well into President Trump’s first year in office.”

“One major common goal ran through the agendas of all the participants in this Trump Tower meeting: regime change in Iran. Trump campaigned on belligerence toward Iran and trashing the Obama-led Iran nuclear deal, and he has followed through on those threats, filling his administration with the most vile, hawkish figures in the U.S. national security establishment. After appointing notorious warmonger John Bolton as national security adviser, Trump fired him last September. But despite reports that Trump had soured on Bolton because of his interventionist posture toward Iran, Bolton’s firing merely opened the door for the

equally belligerent Mike Pompeo to take over the administration's Iran policy at the State Department. Now Pompeo is the public face of the Suleimani assassination, while for his part, the fired Bolton didn't want to be left out of the gruesome victory lap:

"Trump, who had no idea who Qassim Suleimani was until it was explained to him live on the radio by conservative journalist Hugh Hewitt in 2015, didn't seem to need many details to know that he wanted to crush the Iranian state.

"Much as the neoconservatives came to power in 2001 after the election of George W. Bush with the goal of regime change in Iraq, Trump in his bumbling way assembled a team of extremists who viewed him as their best chance of wiping the Islamic Republic of Iran off the map..."

<https://theintercept.com/2020/01/03/qassim-suleimani-assassination-trump-administration-war/>

Iran Is Not a Threat to Our Security. Trump's Saber-Rattling Is.

By Eric Levitz Jan. 8, 2020

The Iranian "threat" is an American fever dream.

"Iran does pose a serious threat to American influence in Iraq, and Saudi hegemony in the Middle East. Its Islamist regime also represents a modest (though not "existential") threat to Israeli security and regional influence, as well as a fundamental obstacle to the personal freedom of Iranians in general, and Iranian women and LGBTQ individuals in particular.

"But Iran poses no serious threat to American national security.

"That last fact is inconvenient for U.S. foreign-policy elites who would like to sacrifice American lives and wealth to the causes of maximizing Washington's influence in Iraq, Riyadh's hegemony in the Persian Gulf, Israeli security, or regime change in Tehran (most of the Trump administration's foreign-policy hands fall into at least one of those buckets). Persuading America's infamously provincial public to embrace an expansive conception of their nation's "core interests" — let alone the specific conception favored by America's anti-Iran hawks — is hard. Persuading Americans that they have an interest in not dying in a terrorist attack is, by contrast, fairly easy. For this reason, a defining feature of American foreign-policy discourse is its willful elision of the distinction between threats to U.S. interests (as tendentiously defined by elite policy-makers) and threats to the physical security of the American people.

“Anti-Iran hawks aren’t the only ones who engage in this rhetorical sleight of hand. It is endemic to Washington’s foreign-policy community. House Democrats, and the State Department officials who testified at their impeachment hearings, routinely described Russia’s incursions into the Donbass as a threat to America’s “national security” — as though the only thing standing between Vladimir Putin’s declining petro-state and geopolitical parity with the world’s preeminent economic and military power was control of an impoverished, environmentally degraded slice of Eastern Ukraine. More broadly, the equation of challenges to American “regional interests” with threats to the nation’s domestic security is baked into our government’s basic vocabulary: The White House’s principal foreign-policy planning body is not called “The Geopolitical Strategy Council” but rather, the National Security Council, even though the bulk of its activities have little to do with securing the American nation-state.”

<http://nymag.com/intelligencer/2020/01/trump-iran-statement-speech-iraq-strike-soleimani.html>

In sum? The US is engaged in an aggressive attempt to start a war with Iran or at least overthrow the Iranian government, even though it has nothing to with American security, but rather with Israeli/Saudi dreams of regional hegemony. Trump’s assassination of Qassim Soleimani, Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and eight associates was not justified by anticipatory self-defense any more than George W. Bush’s excuse for the invasion of Iraq.

Incidentally the mainstream news may not be reporting a complete picture of events in Ukraine:

https://www.pravdareport.com/russia/136169-icc_crimea/

And as it so often does (e.g. Libya and Venezuela), the ICC may be “barking up the wrong tree.”

The Bush administration’s 2006 doctrine of preemption was simply ‘recasting the right of anticipatory self - defense,’ according to the United States Judge Advocate General in 2009. Both cases represent violations of international law.

“Anticipatory and pre-emptive self-defence 45. The third key area of controversy is the extent to which States seek to invoke the right to self-defence not just in response to an armed attack, but in anticipatory self-defence, or alternatively, as a pre-emptive measure in response to a threat that is persistent and may take place in the future, but is not likely to take place imminently.⁹⁰ Under a restrictive view of Article 51, the right to self-defence may only be invoked after an attack has taken place.⁹¹ In contrast, under a more permissive view that more accurately reflects State practice and the weight of scholarship, self-defence also includes the right to use force against a real and imminent threat when “the necessity of that self-defence is instant, overwhelming, and leaving no choice of means, and no moment of deliberation.”⁹² A third view,

invoked exceptionally by the US Bush administration, but which apparently may still reflect US policy, would permit “pre-emptive self-defence”, the use of force even when a threat is not imminent and “uncertainty remains as to the time and place of the enemy’s attack.”⁹³ This view is deeply contested and lacks support under international law.

Report of the Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Philip Alston, Addendum Study on targeted killings*

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IV. Conclusions and recommendations

“General 93. States should publicly identify the rules of international law they consider to provide a basis for any targeted killings they undertake. They should specify the bases for decisions to kill rather than capture. They should specify the procedural safeguards in place to ensure in advance of targeted killings that they comply with international law, and the measures taken after any such killing to ensure that its legal and factual analysis was accurate and, if not, the remedial measures they would take. If a State commits a targeted killing in the territory of another State, the second State should publicly indicate whether it gave consent, and on what basis. • States should make public the number of civilians collaterally killed in a targeted killing operation, and the measures in place to prevent such casualties. • The High Commissioner for Human Rights should convene a meeting of States, including representatives of key military powers, the ICRC and human rights and IHL experts to arrive at a broadly accepted definition of “direct participation in hostilities.”

“Specific requirements under human rights law, applicable in and outside armed conflict, include: • States should disclose the measures taken to control and limit the circumstances in which law enforcement officers may resort to lethal force. These include: • Permissible objectives (which may not include retaliation or punishment but **must be strictly to prevent the imminent loss of life**); the non-lethal tactics for capture or incapacitation that must be attempted if feasible; • the efforts that must be made to minimize lethal force, including specifying the level of force that must be used at each stage; • the legal framework should take into account the possibility that **a threat may be so imminent that a warning and the graduated use of force are too risky or futile (e.g., the suspect is about to use a weapon or blow himself up)**. **At the same time, it must put in place safeguards to ensure that the evidence of imminence is reliable, based on a high degree of certainty, and does not circumvent the requirements of necessity and proportionality.**

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(p. 27, 28)

“Source: Human Rights Council Fourteenth session Agenda item 3 Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development”

<https://www2.ohchr.org/english/bodies/hrcouncil/docs/14session/A.HRC.14.24.Add6.pdf>

Thus, the murders of Qassim Soleimani, Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and eight associates were 10 violations of international law.

Citation #94 above refers to a SECRET communication from the Attorney General of England to the Prime Minister:

PRIME MINISTER IRAQ: RESOLUTION 1441 [SECRET] March 7, 2003

33. The International Criminal Court at present has no jurisdiction over the crime of aggression and could therefore not entertain a case concerning the lawfulness of any military action. The ICC will however have jurisdiction to examine whether any military campaign has been conducted in accordance with international humanitarian law. Given the controversy surrounding the legal basis for action, it is likely that the Court will scrutinize any allegations of war crimes by UK forces very closely. The Government has already been put on notice by CND that they

intend to report to the ICC Prosecutor any incidents which their lawyers assess to have contravened the Geneva Conventions. The ICC would only be able to exercise jurisdiction over UK personnel if it considered that the UK prosecuting authorities were unable or unwilling to investigate and, if appropriate, prosecute the suspects themselves. (34) It is also possible that CND may try to bring further action to stop military action in the domestic courts, but I am confident that the courts would decline jurisdiction as they did in the case brought by CND last November. Two further, though probably more remote possibilities, are an attempted prosecution for murder on the grounds that the military action is unlawful and an attempted prosecution for the crime of aggression. Aggression is a crime under customary international law which automatically forms part of domestic law. It might therefore be argued that international aggression is a crime recognised by the common law which can be prosecuted in the UK courts.³⁵ In short, there are a number of ways in which the opponents of military action might seek to bring a legal case, internationally or domestically, against the UK, members of the Government or UK military personnel. Some of these seem fairly remote possibilities, but given the strength of opposition to military action against Iraq, it would not be surprising if some attempts were made to get a case of some sort off the ground. We cannot be certain that they would not succeed. The GA route may be the most likely, but you are in a better position than me to judge whether there are likely to be enough States in the GA who would be willing to vote for such a course of action in present circumstances.

Proportionality 36. Finally, I must stress that the lawfulness of military action depends not only on the existence of a legal basis, but also on the question of proportionality. Any force used pursuant to the authorisation in resolution 678* (whether or not there is a second resolution): must have as its objective the enforcement the terms of the cease-fire contained in resolution 687 (1990) and subsequent relevant resolutions; be limited to what is necessary to achieve that objective; and must be a proportionate response to that objective, i.e. securing compliance with Iraq's disarmament obligations. That is not to say that action may not be taken to remove Saddam Hussein from power if it can be demonstrated that such action is a necessary and proportionate measure to secure the disarmament of Iraq. But regime change cannot be the objective of military action. This should be borne in mind in considering the list of military targets and in making public statements about any campaign.

ATTORNEY GENERAL 7 March 2003

<http://image.guardian.co.uk/sys-files/Guardian/documents/2005/04/28/legal.pdf>

One can only wonder if death by hanging is considered “regime change,” and if this happened by accident, and if killing the sovereign leader of a nation is proportional to Iraq not having any WMD at all – zero? Hoping it not be prosecuted on jurisdictional grounds seems like a weak defense as well.

The above quotation also reminds the reader that:

The ICC would only be able to exercise jurisdiction over UK personnel if it considered that the UK prosecuting authorities were unable or unwilling to investigate and, if appropriate, prosecute the suspects themselves.

Imagine a city, county, state, or federal court which could only prosecute a murderer if the murderer failed to investigate himself?

Also note the use of the phrase “regime change.” Any government the US does not approve of is a “regime.” Overthrowing that government is not the “violent illegal and unwarranted overthrow of a foreign government,” instead it is the very antiseptic “regime change,” like a change of clothes, or something trivial like that.

It is a travesty of justice that such loopholes exist in international law. Populist presidents and prime ministers are very unlikely to be convicted for war crimes and crimes against humanity in their own countries. Yes, the ICC is a court of last resort. That sounds fine; however, it means the worst perpetrators of war crimes and crimes against humanity are never even investigated much less prosecuted for those crimes. That Blair had his attorney general write the above legal analysis means he knew there was some possibility of his being charged with war crimes, crimes against humanity, violations of international humanitarian laws and possibly murder. Even the attorney general could not give him any guarantees, only writing it was “unlikely,” because he knew full well the invasion of Iraq was a war crime and crime against humanity.

Clearly the decision makers in USA and UK that led the Iraq War should be convicted of war crimes and crimes against humanity, and everybody in the world knows it, but according to the law, they have to be given a chance to be prosecuted within their own country first.

Given that George W. Bush, (ruled as President from 2001 - 2009) and Tony Blair (ruled as Prime Minister 1997–2007) along with their intelligence chiefs are not currently in prison for war crimes, crimes against humanity, and incidentally murder and “aggression” it is transparently obvious the international justice system does not work. Were they black, Hispanic, Asian, Muslim or socialists, of course, they would most certainly be in prison serving life sentences without the possibility of parole. Obstacles would be removed and ways would be found, that is for certain.

Were the assassinations of Commander Soleimani, Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and eight associates legal?

No. Will anyone ever be prosecuted for those war crimes and crimes against humanity? Maybe.

Consequently, the President Trump and his legion of war-mongers can go right back to trying to start a war against Iran, or at least overthrow the government, without the least concern of ever being held accountable in any court on earth.

The staggering death toll in Iraq

“The American public must come to terms with the scale of the violence and chaos we have unleashed

Medea Benjamin - Nicolas J.S. Davies, March 19, 2018

“March 19 marks 15 years since the U.S.-UK invasion of Iraq in 2003, and the American people have no idea of the enormity of the calamity the invasion unleashed. **The U.S. military has refused to keep a tally of Iraqi deaths. General Tommy Franks, the man in charge of the initial invasion, bluntly told reporters, “We don’t do body counts.” One survey found that most Americans thought Iraqi deaths were in the tens of thousands. But our calculations, using the best information available, show a catastrophic estimate of 2.4 million Iraqi deaths since the 2003 invasion.**

“The number of Iraqi casualties is not just a historical dispute, because the killing is still going on today. Since several major cities in Iraq and Syria fell to Islamic State in 2014, the U.S. has led the heaviest bombing campaign since the American War in Vietnam, dropping 105,000 bombs and missiles and reducing most of Mosul and other contested Iraqi and Syrian cities to rubble.

“An Iraqi Kurdish intelligence report estimated that at least 40,000 civilians were killed in the bombardment of Mosul alone, with many more bodies still buried in the rubble. A recent project to remove rubble and recover bodies in just one neighborhood found 3,353 more bodies, of whom only 20% were identified as ISIS fighters and 80% as civilians. Another 11,000 people in Mosul are still reported missing by their families.”

https://www.salon.com/2018/03/19/the-staggering-death-toll-in-iraq_partner/

List of US funding organizations used to overthrow foreign governments

“Democracy promoting foundations (as used here, “democracy” is synonymous with capitalism, i.e. favorable to the interests of US investors). Here are seven of the main ones involved in funding and training Arab Spring activists:

- USAID (US Agency for International Development) – State Department agency charged with economic development and humanitarian aid with a long history of financing destabilization activities, especially in Latin America.

- NED (National Endowment for Democracy) – national organization supported by State Department and CIA funding dedicated to the

promotion of democratic institutions throughout the world, primary funder of IRI and NDI.

- IRI (International Republican Institute) – democracy promoting organization linked with the Republican Party, currently chaired by Senator John McCain and funded by NED.
- NDI (National Democratic Institute for International Affairs) – democracy promoting organization linked with the Democratic Party, currently chaired by Madeline Albright and funded by NED.
- OSI (Open Society Institute) – founded by George Soros in 1993 to help fund color revolutions in Eastern Europe. Also contributed major funding to Arab Spring revolutions.
- Freedom House – US organization that supports nonviolent citizens initiatives in societies where liberty is denied or threatened, financed by USAID, NED and the Soros Foundation.
- CANVAS (Center for Applied Non-Violent Action and Strategies) – center originally founded by the Serbian activists of Otpor who the US funded and trained to overthrow Slobodan Milosevic and who were instrumental in training Arab Spring activists. Funded by Freedom House, IRI and OSI.

(Dr. Bramhall is a retired American psychiatrist and political refugee in New Zealand. She has published a free, downloadable non-fiction eBook 21st Century Revolution. Her first book The Most Revolutionary Act: Memoir of an American Refugee describes the circumstances that led her to leave the US in 2002.)

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/the-arab-spring-made-in-the-usa/5484950>

For a more complete list see:

https://fsi.stanford.edu/docs/democracy_promotion_organizations_in_the_united_states/

Introduction to “color revolution” engineering³¹

Some degree of teenage rebellion is a relatively natural stage of development. Teens need to experiment with different identity loci, break from parental centered identities and form peer

³¹ Since the first publication of this book in December 2019, the content of google searches for “color revolutions” has substantially changed. Color revolutions are now labeled a Russian plot, rather than an American engineered systematic approach to overthrowing foreign governments, except in such cases as where the American deep state succeeds in installing a foreign leader willing to host CIA black sites (<https://eurasianet.org/uzbekistan-report-ties-uzbekistan-to-cia-black-ops>) and biological weapons

bonding, and so on. It appears teen rebellion is especially strong in more affluent youth.³² That however is an enormously different process compared to throwing fire bombs and overthrowing governments.

When the foreign policy wizards of the American deep state decide they no longer like a foreign government for any of a variety of reasons, for example nationalizing their oil, buying gas or weapons from someone else besides the USA, or whatever, the US reliably will start working on “regime change” be that nation a democracy, socialist, or whatever. The tools they use to effect regime change vary from color revolutions, military coups, economic sanctions, proxy wars, assassinations, disinformation campaigns, and so on.

Probably the simplest, cheapest most sophisticated and effective weapon the United States has come close to perfecting is the “Color Revolution.”

Often or usually they are social media driven.

Hackers' Wars: [Draft of essay] How the FBI, Pentagon, NATO and technologists staged the Arab Spring and resulting coups and wars. Or, How I learned to worry and stop loving the Arab Spring. An argument in favor of Cyber-realism, by Joanna Bell, Georgetown University Department Member

Draft of a working paper arguing that the Arab Spring and its resulting coups and wars across the Middle East were orchestrated by US law enforcement, intelligence, and the military establishment with the willing and knowing cooperation of hacker groups like Anonymous, big technology companies, major media outlets and major policy institutions.

Introduction

“This paper begins with many honest premises. First and foremost, that the Arab Spring protests have ended in violence and the deaths of numerous protesters, followed by state coups, the ‘failure’ of states, wars, sex slavery and human trafficking, refugee migrations, genocides and major destabilization of the entire Middle East and beyond. Therefore, this paper does not hesitate to frame any and all discussion of the Arab Spring protests of 2011 in those terms. Further, it makes the argument that the FBI, Pentagon, NATO, and technologists of various US industries including media are responsible for these premeditated tragedies. This is a paper about how revolution, war, and genocide begin in the Web 2.0. I focus on the intersection between information technology and US foreign policy in the Middle East as an information science professional and Middle East studies expert. This is in no way a look at ‘what went wrong’ in the celebrated Arab Spring movement, and where my opinion

research centers, and/or use it for transshipment of illegal weapons for terrorists, e.g. Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan (<http://armswatch.com/the-pentagon-bio-weapons>).

³² <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4358933/>

is expressed, it is intolerant of the exclusion of the results of the Arab Spring. It is a laying out of facts as they occurred with: first, knowledge of the US' military and intelligence transgressions in the Middle East, and second, a basic understanding of the history of technology in modern war crimes.

It shows that the events that have unfolded before and since 2011 display a high level of strategic and tactical coordination between government and industry professionals to the end seen today. Theoretically, it is a work of realism and therefore it "assume[s] unitary governmental decision making with a high degree of control over implementation and access to near-perfect information" over "popular passions, operational instruments, and political objectives", creating the monopolies of violence that were needed to bring about both the idealism of the Arab Spring and the devastation that would result...

https://www.academia.edu/40040105/Hackers_Wars_Draft_of_essay_How_the_FBI_Pentagon_NATO_and_technologists_staged_the_Arab_Spring_and_resulting_coups_and_wars._Or_How_I_learned_to_worry_and_stop_loving_the_Arab_Spring._An_argument_in_favor_of_Cyber-realism?email_work_card=title

Cyber-warfare is the "kickoff" for subsequent events.

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/>

These are clearly violations of Article 2.4 of the UN Charter.

Has anyone ever been convicted for the use of color revolutions? 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 may true at the time it is 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.

On the subject of color revolutions also see:

Chapter 4

- List of US funding organizations used to overthrow foreign governments (with this kind of American money thrown into overthrowing foreign governments, color revolutions are not some "Russian plot" but rather very real CIA driven illegal interventions into the affairs of other nations that often or usually lead to revolutions and the deaths of thousands if not – when measured cumulatively, millions of human beings. Certainly Libya, Syria, and Egypt are classic and very painful examples).

Chapter 7

- UN inaction on illegal American financed coup in Bolivia Nov. 2019
- UN inaction and ICC failure to investigate the funding sources of the Color Revolution in Libya

- UN inaction regarding prosecution of the specific perpetrators of the American driven Venezuela attempted coup
- UN inaction on US supported color revolution in Hong Kong

Chapter 11

- The tragic but true story of democracy in Egypt

...in this book.

The List of US funding organizations used to overthrow foreign governments in Chapter 4 is proof that the United States is interfering in the domestic affairs of foreign nations. The fact that most of the American sponsored and directed color revolutions become very violent indeed (including the torturing and killing of foreign leaders) these revolutions are most definitely violations of the UN Charter.

UN Charter Article 2 (4)

“The Organization and its Members, in pursuit of the Purposes stated in Article 1, shall act in accordance with the following Principles. 1. The Organization is based on the principle of the sovereign equality of all its Members. 2. All Members, in order to ensure to all of them the rights and benefits resulting from membership, shall fulfil in good faith the obligations assumed by them in accordance with the present Charter. 3. All Members shall settle their international disputes by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security, and justice, are not endangered. 4. All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.”

(Quoted from the original 1945 UN Charter)

“A. Decisions relating to Article 2 (4) In 2010 and 2011, the Council adopted no decisions containing an explicit reference to Article 2 (4). In a number of its decisions, however, the Council reaffirmed the principle of refraining from the threat or use of force in international relations; reiterated the importance of good-neighborliness and non-interference by States in the internal affairs of others; called for the cessation of support by States to armed groups engaged in destabilizing peace and security; and called on parties to withdraw from a disputed area, as illustrated below. Affirmation of the principle of refraining from the threat or use of force in international relations In the period 2010-2011, the Council stressed the importance of the principle of refraining from the threat or use of force among States in the following instances. In resolution 1929 (2010) of 9 June 2010, by which it modified sanctions measures against the Islamic Republic of Iran in

connection with non-proliferation, the Council stressed that nothing in the resolution compelled States to take measures or actions exceeding the scope of the resolution, “including the use of force or the threat of force”.³⁵ In a presidential statement dated 1 June 2010 in connection with the situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question, the Council deeply regretted the loss of life and injuries resulting from the use of force during the Israeli military operation in international waters against a convoy sailing to Gaza.³⁶ Reiteration of the principles of good-neighborliness, non-interference and regional cooperation among States. During the two-year period under review, the Council underlined the principle enshrined in Article 2 (4) by recalling the principles of good-neighborliness, non-interference and regional cooperation in several decisions concerning the Central African Republic, Côte d' Ivoire and the Sudan, while reaffirming its commitment to the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of those States (see table 2).

https://www.un.org/en/sc/repertoire/2010-2011/Part%20III/2010-2011_Part%20III.pdf

Causing - funding and coordinating violent revolutions, via turning sons against fathers and mothers in foreign nations in the name of dubious forms of “democracy” is decidedly not “good-neighborliness.”

The color revolutions very briefly documented in this book are only a small sampling of the many color revolutions sponsored by the US going back to the 1950s. These specific cases are provided as some of the more egregious examples of the American CIA/Department of Defense’s total disregard of international law³³ and the United Nations’ failure to extradite or prosecute (*aut dedere aut judicare*) the perpetrators of these crimes that lead to the deaths of millions and torturing of hundreds of thousands of people who were covertly manipulated by American foreign policy interventions using the guise of “promoting democracy.”

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

<https://www.scmp.com/news/hong-kong/politics/article/3041334/hong-kong-protests-petrol-bomb-attacks-citys-courts-widely>

Just type: “Hong Kong students throwing fire bombs” into google and click on “images.” A very large collection of very graphic images emerges, including students armed with firebombs, bows and arrows, iron pipes, street signs that had been uprooted and so on. One sees fire everywhere in addition to massive property destruction and a massive assault upon the functioning of Hong

³³ The non-intervention rule is a principle of international law that restricts the ability of outside nations to interfere with the internal affairs of another nation. At its core, the principle is a corollary to the right of territorial sovereignty possessed by each nation.

http://www.judicialmonitor.org/archive_spring2014/generalprinciples.html

Kong as an economic entity. The money trail from American “democracy” promoting NGOs is proven beyond any doubt and yet the UN’s ICC has not brought charges against any of those NGOs or the intelligence chiefs that coordinate their activities. Why not? All of these events have occurred in virtually all American funded color revolutions. The sources of those photos on google are not Russian, they include WSJ and Bloomberg. They are not fake. The fear and terror experienced by parents and shop owners in Hong Kong, is quite real indeed.

The first rule in criminal investigation is: “Follow the money.” And the money trail is virtually always out in the open. The NED Internet site for example openly advertises how much money people can get for advocating “democracy” in different countries. There are no ambiguities here, nor is the evidence “circumstantial.” This – as in all of the CIA directed color revolutions - is a case where the ICC refuses to extradite or prosecute flagrant violations of international law. They violate the letter and intent of the Charter of the UN with impunity, and are reinforced in those behaviors by the inaction of the ICC, ICJ and UN in general. This should not be allowed in a world governed by law. Instead, it appears the laws of the jungle dominate and good people everywhere must live in terror. That, is the bottom line on color revolutions, American foreign policy and the rule of the vaunted UN in saving:

“...succeeding generations from the scourge of war, reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples...”

In so many countries the color revolutions have resulted in hundreds of thousands of women and boys, mothers, wives, sisters and daughters, brothers and sons being sold into sex slavery or perhaps just rented out by the hour, day, week or month. How are the loved ones of those rape victims (economic exploitation is a kind of rape, not to mention the violent gang rapes of incensed mobs) supposed to live, eat, sleep and breath know what is going on with those they love? This is the end result of the UN’s failure to live up to their mandated obligations in country after country, after country over the period of time since 1945. The United Nations is complicit in every one of those crimes, just as it is complicit in the homelessness of the 70 million plus refugees, many of whom suffer exploitation just the same as those caught up in American driven “color revolutions.” And yet, all this passes below the radar of the so-called “free press” in western “democracies.” But, take a look at UNHCR or just the UN’s internet site and one sees happy well fed kids, that absolutely do not represent the nine million people that starve to death every year, or the millions who suffer sexual exploitation because the well-fed people at the United Nations don’t do their jobs because of “procedural complications,” which in most cases is really due to the willful recalcitrance woven artlessly into the United Nations Security Council. Meanwhile, the ruling class in the US uses “Shadow Regulation” to make sure very, very little of the truth ever gets out. (“Shadow regulation” is discussed later in this chapter in the section titled: “Deletion of the First Amendment.”)

False Flag Operations and Acts of War

Whereas Iran has been accused by the US State Department of various violations of international law potentially constituting "acts of war..."

"The attack on oil facilities in Saudi Arabia that temporarily shut down oil production of the kingdom was an act of war according to speakers at the Doha forum in Qatar. There is growing fear of a regional conflict with the September 14 attack allegedly carried out by Iran with precision missile that were long-range and highly accurate."

<https://classarius.net/act-of-war/>

...none have been proven, or even substantial evidence provided to substantiate those claims.

Most people reading the above quote skip over the critical word: "allegedly," but rather accept the accusation as fact.

Allegations against Iran and the Quds force by the US State Department consist of long lists of unproven allegations which are none-the-less accepted as statements of fact constituting the basest form of defamation.

Simultaneously Nazi Germany, the US and Israel have specialized in "false flag" operations:

The truth about 'False Flags' from Nazi Germany, to the Vietnam War

"One of the most famous incidents considered by many to be a false flag operation is the Reichstag fire, which took place on the night of the 27th of February 1933..."

"After the war, the United States and Great Britain jointly organized false flag operations during the 1953 Iranian Coup. The aim of the operations carried out in the country was to deliberately undermine the government of Prime Minister Mohammad Mosaddegh. Mosaddegh had made the mistake of nationalizing Iran's oil companies. This angered the US and the UK, who jointly decided to launch a series of bombing campaigns against mosques and prominent people that they then blamed on communists sympathetic to the government. Protests grew against Mossadegh, egged on by the CIA and MI6, and Mossadegh was eventually fired from his post by the Shah of Iran and placed under house arrest. He would stay there until his death in 1967. The US refused to admit any involvement in the overthrow of Mosaddegh until 2013."

<https://www.history.co.uk/article/the-truth-about-false-flags-from-nazi-germany-to-the-vietnam-war>

False Flag

A series of CIA memos describes how Israeli Mossad agents posed as American spies to recruit members of the terrorist organization Jundallah to fight their covert war against Iran, by Mark Perry, January 13, 2012

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2012/01/13/false-flag/>

Given both American and Israeli proven habits and patterns of behavior utilizing false flag operations, accusations of "Acts of War" by Iran must be proven before they can be given any creditability at all.

Forget law - The USA is the Law!

The CIA has from its founding has shown contempt for 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 or a geo-political location 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.

War Crime: The Invasion of Iraq

This specific war crime was hardly the first or last, however remains one of the most visibly egregious and most easily proven.

Iraq war was illegal and breached UN charter, says Annan

Ewen MacAskill and Julian Borger in Washington

16 Sep 2004

“The United Nations secretary general, Kofi Annan, declared explicitly (Sept. 15, 2004) for the first time last night that the US-led war on Iraq was illegal.

“Mr. Annan said that the invasion was not sanctioned by the UN security council or in accordance with the UN's founding charter. In an interview with the BBC World Service broadcast last night, he was asked outright if the war was illegal. He replied: "Yes, if you wish."

“He then added unequivocally: ‘I have indicated it was not in conformity with the UN charter. From our point of view and from the charter point of view it was illegal.’

“Mr. Annan has until now kept a tactful silence and his intervention at this point undermines the argument pushed by Tony Blair that the war was legitimized by security council resolutions.”

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2004/sep/16/iraq.iraq>

The Iraq Inquiry, 6 July 2016

“We have concluded that the UK chose to join the invasion of Iraq before the peaceful options for disarmament had been exhausted. Military action at that time was not a last resort.”

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20171123123237/http://www.iraqinquiry.org.uk/>

OK, that's nice. A confession of guilt. But where is the prosecution of those responsible? Two million human beings were killed.

11 Times Russian Leaders Condemned the Use of Force Without U.N. Approval

“1. Putin on Iraq in 2003: ‘The use of force abroad, according to existing international laws, can only be sanctioned by the United Nations. This is the international law.’

“2. ‘I am convinced that it would be a grave error to be drawn into unilateral action, outside of international law,' he said.

“3. ‘Everything that is done without the UN Security Council's sanction cannot be recognized as fair or justified,” Putin said in 2003...

“9. In a New York Times opinion piece published this summer, Putin reinforced the importance of the United Nations: ‘No one wants the United Nations to suffer the fate of the League of Nations, which collapsed because it lacked real leverage...’”

<https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/alisonvingiano/times-russia-condemned-the-use-of-force-without-un-approval>

“Iraq War was illegal, says Blair’s former deputy

Staff writer, Al Arabiya English Sunday, 10 July 2016

“Former British Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott has revealed his believe that the 2003 Iraq War was “illegal,” days after an inquiry into the war savaged Tony Blair, who was prime minister at the time.

“Prescott, now a member of the House of Lords, said he would live with the "catastrophic decision" of Britain going to war, alongside the United States, for the rest of his life.

““A day doesn't go by when I don't think of the decision we made to go to war. Of the British troops who gave their lives or suffered injuries for their country. Of the 175,000 civilians who died from the Pandora's Box we opened by removing Saddam Hussein," he wrote in the Sunday Mirror.”

<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2016/07/10/Iraq-war-was-illegal-says-Blair-s-former-deputy-.html>

Not a peep from American politicians however.

War, Aggression and State Crime: A Criminological Analysis of the Invasion and Occupation of Iraq

Ronald C. Kramer, Raymond J. Michalowski, Published: 19 April 2005

“Post-colonial and feminist theorists have argued that U.N sponsored international law frequently encodes the political hegemony of white, Western, liberalism rather than representing universally valid conceptions of human nature (Lambert, Pickering, and Alder, 2003; Otto, 1998; Sihna, Guy, and Woollacott, 1999). In this vein Eric Hobsbawm (1996) has criticized the present order as “human rights imperialism.”

“The invasion and occupation of Iraq would certainly appear to fit within Green and Ward’s definition of state crime. A death toll that now includes more than 10,000 innocent civilians, armed attacks on residential neighborhoods, home invasions, arrests and detention without probable cause or due process, and the torture and abuse of

prisoners are clear violations of existing human rights standards (Amnesty International, 2004; Gonzales, 2002; Schell, 2004).

“This strategy obscured the more specific geopolitical and economic goals of creating a neo-conservative Pax Americana behind the smokescreen of fighting terrorism. In Falk’s (2004: 195) words: ‘the Iraq debate was colored by the dogs that didn’t bark: oil, geopolitical goals in the region and beyond, and the security of Israel.’

Messianic Militarism

“The final factor to consider in understanding the Bush administration’s war on Iraq is the fusion of a neoconservative imperial agenda with the fundamentalist Christian religious convictions of George W. Bush, a convergence that has been variously referred to as ‘messianic militarism’ (The Progressive, 2003), ‘political fundamentalism’ (Domke, 2004) or ‘fundamentalist geopolitics’ (Falk, 2004). Bush’s evangelical moralism creates a Manichean vision which views the world as a struggle between good and evil, a struggle that requires him to act on behalf of the good. In his West Point speech, for instance, Bush (2004) insisted that ‘we are in a conflict between good and evil, and America will call evil by its name.

“George W. Bush is not the first U.S. president to justify his foreign policy on ideological or moral grounds. As we noted above in our historical overview of the American imperial project, many presidents have rationalized the pursuit of empire on the basis of ideological claims such as ‘white man’s burden’ or ‘making the world safe for democracy.’ But George W. Bush presents himself as more explicitly motivated by a specific religious doctrine than past presidents, and as well as apparently more willing to act on those convictions. As Domke (2004: 116) observes, ‘The Bush administration... offered a dangerous combination: the president claimed to know God’s wishes and presided over a global landscape in which the United States could act upon such beliefs without compunction.’”

The British Journal of Criminology, Volume 45, Issue 4, July 2005, Pages 446–469, <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azi032>

<http://homepages.wmich.edu/~kramerr/Final%20War%20on%20Iraq-BJC.pdf>

“Chip Berlet, senior analyst for Political Research Associates in Somerville, Massachusetts, is an expert on rightwing religious groups. “Bush is very much into the apocalyptic and messianic thinking of militant Christian evangelicals,” he says. “He seems to buy into the worldview that there is a giant struggle between good and evil culminating in a final confrontation.

People with that kind of a worldview often take risks that are inappropriate and scary because they see it as carrying out God's will.'

"Others, like Frederick Clarkson, author of *Eternal Hostility: The Struggle Between Theocracy and Democracy*, doubt the depth of Bush's religious beliefs and see him invoking this rhetoric for political purposes. 'Bush is playing to a base activist constituency,' says Clarkson. 'Many of these people believe that they're living in biblically inspired End Times.'

"Michael Klare, professor of peace and world security studies at Hampshire College, believes what motivates Bush is 'a combination of the empire and the messianic. He grasps the practical need to control oil, for which the Administration is willing to go to any lengths, and he fuses it with messianic fervor.'"

<https://progressive.org/magazine/bush-s-messiah-complex/>

All the psychoanalyzing aside, George W. Bush was primarily manipulated by George Tenet, former President Clinton's DCI into launching the genocide in Iraq.

Even if convicted Former President George W. Bush could plead mitigating circumstances, e.g. his very low IQ, as evidence by his inability to construct grammatically correct sentences on many or most occasions, and his lack of experience in international politics which led him to trust his director of Central Intelligence George Tenet. If anyone should be tried and convicted for war crimes it is former DCI George Tenet.

In addition, George W. Bush is no different from other war mongering presidents and there have been many of them. Their rationale may differ slightly, but all believe they have a God given right to kill entire nations full of innocent people based on Manifest Destiny when in fact the real motivating force is profit driven.

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 an invaluable document, that should be read by everyone, and the "cracks (chasms) in the system," fixed.

UN Security Council and ICC – 73 years late - The Muslim Holocaust, the 1948 Nakba – Mass rape, theft and murder by Zionists justified and sanctified by the UN

In order to function as an effective 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 the 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. And there is nothing like having an American imposed dictator even today to reinforce those feelings of dispossession.

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 wildly criminal acts of the United Nations...

Reader beware - The following quote is highly inflammatory and biased:

UN Resolution 181 – The Partition Plan November 29, 1947

What resulted was Resolution 181 [known also as the 1947 Partition Plan], a nonbinding recommendation to partition Palestine, whose implementation hinged on acceptance by both parties – Arabs and Jews. The resolution was adopted on November 29, 1947 in the General Assembly by a vote of 33-12, with 10 abstentions. Among the supporters were the United States and the Soviet Union, as well as other nations including France and Australia. The Arab nations, including Egypt, Syria, Iraq, and Saudi Arabia denounced the plan on the General Assembly floor and voted as a bloc against Resolution 181 promising to defy its implementation by force. The resolution recognized the need for immediate Jewish statehood [and a parallel Arab state], but the blueprint for peace became a moot issue when the Arabs refused to accept it. Subsequently, realities on the ground in the wake of Arab aggression [and Israel’s survival] became the basis for UN efforts to bring peace. Aware of Arab’s past aggression, Resolution 181, in paragraph C, calls on the Security Council to: “Determine as a threat to the peace, breach of the peace or act of aggression, in accordance with Article 39 of the Charter, any attempt to alter by force the settlement envisaged by this resolution.”

<http://www.mythsandfacts.org/conflict/10/resolution-181.pdf>

The above article is biased in favor of the Israeli aggressors given that it assumes Arab “aggression” was unilateral. Fighting in defense of one’s land is not aggression, it is self-defense.

“Arab aggression?” The UN sanctified giving the land of nearly an entire Muslim nation to the Zionists. Fighting to protest one’s land suddenly became: “Arab aggression.”

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The aggressors were those stealing the land of other people. Then, as today, fighting to protect one's hereditary land is defined as a "breach of the peace and act of aggression."

The above is an example of the "looking glass world," a world where obvious truths are turned on their heads and presented as legal doctrine. It was, and will remain for all time an obscenity and mockery of law and justice, the precise opposite of the lofty goals stated in the original UN Charter.

Even the use of language in the above document was biased. The Zionists are identified by their religion, "Jews" whereas the Muslims referred to by their racial grouping, "Arab."

What a Muslim would see as "fight to protect my land from theft," was translated in the above document as: "shed Jewish blood." The religion of the thieves was not the issue. The theft of land facilitated by the so-called United Nations was.

The plan to steal this land was originally spelled out in the 1917 Balfour Declaration, which in a real court of law would have gotten the UN's case (Resolution 181, in paragraph C, calling on the Security Council to: "Determine as a threat to the peace, breach of the peace or act of aggression, in accordance with Article 39 of the Charter, any attempt to alter by force the settlement envisaged by this resolution") dismissed as motivation for the Zionists land theft.

This theft of land led to several wars, with the Israelis, armed to the teeth with American weapons, mostly won.

What this adds up to is the UN aided and sanctified stealing Palestinian land, and any efforts to fight to get any of that land back was deemed criminal.

Thus, only two years after its founding the United Nations began operating in a manner diametrically opposed to the tenets of its Charter.

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 and all persons of conscience in the world as an act of infamy as it violated the principles of national self-determination and apparently was used to justify the Muslim holocaust in 1947 called the Nakba.

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

Emboldened by the UN's complicity in this crime, it was very rapidly followed by the Palestinian Holocaust called the Nakba.

“Depending on the sources and the definition, between 10 and 70 massacres occurred during the 1948 war.

Morris 2008, pp. 404-06

<https://web.archive.org/web/20131011080656/http://www.highbeam.com/doc/1G2-2699200100.html>

Jawad (2007), Zionist Massacres: The Creation of the Palestinian Refugee Problem in the 1948 War, in E. Benvenisti & al, Israel and the Palestinian Refugees, Berlin, Heidelberg, New-York: Springer, pp. 59-127

Esber (2009), p.356 referring to Aryeh Yitzhaki, Israeli historian who served as director of the IDF archives who stated:

‘In almost every conquered village... Zionist forces committed war crimes such as indiscriminate killings, massacres and rapes.’

Saleh Abdel Jawad has listed 68 villages where acts of indiscriminate killing of prisoners, and civilians took place, where no threat was posed to Yishuv or Israeli soldiers

Saleh Abdel Jawad (2007), Zionist Massacres: The Creation of the Palestinian Refugee Problem in the 1948 War, in E. Benvenisti et al, Israel and the Palestinian Refugees, Berlin, Heidelberg, New-York: Springer, pp. 59-127)

The war caused the death of more than 20,000 people.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Killings_and_massacres_during_the_1948_Palestine_war

60 Years after the Nakba: Historical Truth, Collective Memory and Ethical Obligations by Nur Masalha

“In 1948 the expulsion and dispossession of the Palestinians was carried out as an integral part of the infamous Plan Dalet and through the systematic use of terror and a series of atrocities and massacres, of which the massacre of Deir Yasin in April 1948 was the most notorious. The Israeli state delegates the job of acquiring, settling and allocating land in the country to the Jewish National Fund (JNF), a quasi-governmental racist institution whose own mandate is to build a homeland for the Jewish people only[Lehn and Davis 1998; Abu Hussein and Mckay 2003]...”

Kyoto Bulletin of Islamic Area Studies, 3-1(July 2009), pp.37–88

http://www.asafas.kyoto-u.ac.jp/kias/1st_period/contents/pdf/kb3_1/06masalha.pdf

Also see:

<https://ifamericansknew.org/history/ref-nakba.html>

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>

Some wounds heal slowly. And some wounds are never allowed to heal when they are reopened daily, and fresh salt rubbed in.

Gaza death toll rises to 61, May 15, 2018

“Sixty-one Palestinians have now been killed by Israeli occupation forces as a result of yesterday’s protests in the besieged Gaza Strip.

“The protests, which took place against the US’ inauguration of its embassy in occupied Jerusalem and the 70th anniversary of the Nakba, continued today and have been met with relentless Israeli aggression as dozens of Palestinians have been killed and hundreds more injured.

“The assault also claimed the life of eight-month-old Layla Al-Ghandoor who died this morning of tear gas inhalation fired by Israeli forces yesterday, making her the youngest victim of Israeli violence.

“On the West Bank, Israeli forces responded with brutal violence to protests this morning, as unarmed demonstrators faced live fire.

“According to the Palestinian Red Crescent, at least 46 people have been injured by gunfire in Bethlehem. In Al-Bireh, Israeli forces fired live

ammunition at Palestinian youth, with gas bombs dropped to disperse crowds. Protests in Beit El have also been met with tear gas forcing peaceful demonstrators and paramedics to retreat.”

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20180515-gazan-death-toll-rises-to-61/>

Thus, practically from its inception the United Nations was legitimately and clearly 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 more or less maybe, addressing some of the issues in Palestine, in stark contrast to its former role.

US Statutory laws defining First-Degree Murder and the assassinations of General Soleimani, Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and eight associates on January 3rd 2020

The killing of Qassem Soleimani, Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and eight associates on January 3rd, 2020 as ordered by President Trump and executed by the US military action, may represent 10 First Degree Murders According to US Statutory law

“Section 1751(a) of Title 18 incorporates by reference 18 U.S.C. §§ 1111 and 1112. 18 U.S.C. § 1111 defines murder as the unlawful killing of a human being with malice, and divides it into two degrees... Murder in the first degree is punishable by death.”

<https://www.justice.gov/jm/criminal-resource-manual-1536-murder-definition-and-degrees>

On Sunday, January 13th, 2020, 10 days after the “targeted assassination” of Iranian Commander Qassem Soleimani, Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and their eight associates, American Secretary of Defense Mark Esper during an interview with Face the Nation admitted that he didn’t see the “exquisite intelligence” evidence supporting President Trump’s assertions on Fox News that Iran was planning to attack American Embassies, the claim used to assassinate Cuds Commander Qassem Soleimani. Instead he used words like “probably” and “could have been” and in reference to the motivation for President Trump’s assassination. Esper added: “He didn’t cite specific evidence.” He also added: “My assessment was they were going to go after American embassies.” And, “We had information there was going to be an attack, orchestrated by Qassem Soleimani.” All these assertions are by Defense Secretary Mark Esper’s own admission devoid of any specific credible information. If anyone in the defense establishment of the United States should have seen the specific evidence supporting the “targeted assassination” of a military general in a foreign nation with whom the United States was not at war – if such specific and credible evidence existed - it should have been Defense Secretary Mark Esper.

Jurisdiction can be claimed in the United States as planning and orders for that murder occurred within the territory of the United States.

- The initiatory or subjective theory - The state in which the sequence of events begins. The planning for the murders of Commander Qassim Soleimani, Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and eight associates occurred in the United States and executive decision to go ahead with that plan was also in the United States.

This murder was also a crime against the states of Iran and Iraq:

- One of the classifications of crime is "crimes against the state". These are crimes that affect the interests of the state or its administration.

According to Law.com Murder is:

“the killing of a human being by a sane person, with intent, malice aforethought (prior intention to kill the particular victim or anyone who gets in the way) and with no legal excuse or authority. In those clear circumstances, this is first degree murder.”

<https://dictionary.law.com/Default.aspx?selected=1303>

In this case President Trump may claim innocence based on reasons of insanity, however, those in the American intelligence and military services that participated in the decision to participate in this crime have no such defenses before the law. President Trump can also claim “Sovereign Immunity,” and that he was given false or incomplete information by his subordinates in the intelligence and military services and Justice Department. Those in the American intelligence and military services that participated in the “targeted assassination” of ten people in Iraq on January 3rd 2020 have no such defenses before the law.

No national or international *judicial body* gave legal justification or permission to President Trump to order the assassination of Qassem Soleimani, Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and their eight associates on January 3rd, 2020.

Even if the dubious proposition of Self-Defense is claimed in regards to the extra-judicial killing of Qassem Soleimani was deemed justifiable, which it was not, that does not in any way justify the killing of Iraqi Commander Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and the other eight human beings in the vehicles accompanying Qassem Soleimani at that same time.

In regards to the killing of specifically Qassem Soleimani, unsubstantiated claims by the US State Department claims that he was a terrorist, do not constitute proof and were not based on any national or international judicial decisions and thus remain unfounded allegations with no basis in fact or law.

The US State Department is not a judicial body. The obligations of the Secretary of State are as follows:

“The Secretary of State, appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate, is the President's chief foreign affairs adviser. The Secretary carries out the President's foreign policies through the State Department and the Foreign Service of the United States.”

<https://www.state.gov/duties-of-the-secretary-of-state/>

The US State Department is an entity charged with enforcing the will of the President, not making judicial decisions.

The U.S. Attorney General is appointed by the President of the United States under the Appointments Clause of the United States Constitution, to wit the officeholder is nominated by the President of the United States and appointed with the advice and consent of the United States Senate.

A Special Referendum within the United States needs to be called to consider a Constitutional Amendment to remove that power of appointment from the President, given that American Presidents have acquired Emperor-like power and repeatedly removed and replaced Attorney Generals upon their investigation of alleged illegal actions by the President of the United States. This power places American presidents beyond the reach of American law.

Article 7 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) states: ‘All are equal before the law and are entitled without any discrimination to equal protection of the law.’ Thus, everyone must be treated equally under the law regardless of race, gender, national origin, color, ethnicity, religion, disability, or other characteristics, *without privilege*, discrimination or bias.

This fair principal and legal dictum dates back to at least 700 BCE when Chinese legalist Guan Zhong declared that all persons under the jurisdiction of the ruler are equal before the law.

Equal justice under law is a phrase engraved on the front of the United States Supreme Court building in Washington D.C. It is a societal ideal that has – to some degree - influenced the American legal system.

The phrase was proposed by the building's architects, and then approved by judges of the Court in 1932. It is based upon Fourteenth Amendment jurisprudence.

Are prosecutors in the US Justice Department or Washington DC investigating Present Trump, his intelligence and military advisors and “hit men” for murder? It does seem rather unlikely, as American presidents are not equal to other people before the law as history has repeatedly demonstrated and the last thing one can expect from the U.S. Justice Department is anything resembling justice.

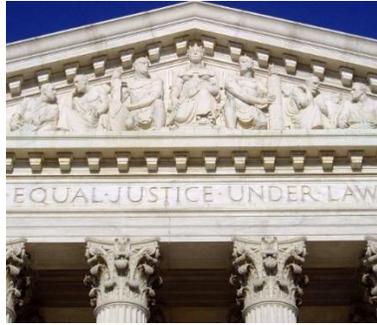


Figure 1 By UpstateNYer - <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:CourtEqualJustice.JPG>, CC BY-SA 3.0, <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=26397742>

“International Terrorism” in American law as defined by 18 U.S. Code § 2331

...and the assassination of Quds Commander Qassem Soleimani, Commander of the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and eight associates, January 3, 2020

It can most certainly be argued that the murders of Quds Commander Qassem Soleimani, Commander of the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and eight associates, January 3, 2020 was an act of terrorism by the United States, planned and coordinated by the CIA, approved by the President, and executed by the US Air Force, and all can and should be prosecuted for murder and terrorism.

18 U.S. Code § 2331. Definitions of Terrorism

As used in this chapter—

(1) the term “international terrorism” means activities that—

(A) involve violent acts or acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State, or that would be a criminal violation if committed within the jurisdiction of the United States or of any State;

(B) appear to be intended—

(i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population;

(ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion;

or

(iii) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping; and

(C) occur primarily outside the territorial jurisdiction of the United States, or transcend national boundaries in terms of the means by which they are accomplished, the persons they appear intended to intimidate or coerce, or the locale in which their perpetrators operate or seek asylum;

- (2) the term “national of the United States” has the meaning given such term in section 101(a)(22) of the Immigration and Nationality Act;
- (3) the term “person” means any individual or entity capable of holding a legal or beneficial interest in property;
- (4) the term “act of war” means any act occurring in the course of—
 - (A) declared war;
 - (B) armed conflict, whether or not war has been declared, between two or more nations; or
 - (C) armed conflict between military forces of any origin;
- (5) the term “domestic terrorism” means activities that—
 - (A) involve acts dangerous to human life that are a violation of the criminal laws of the United States or of any State;
 - (B) appear to be intended—
 - (i) to intimidate or coerce a civilian population;
 - (ii) to influence the policy of a government by intimidation or coercion; or
 - (iii) to affect the conduct of a government by mass destruction, assassination, or kidnapping; and
 - (C) occur primarily within the territorial jurisdiction of the United States; and
- (6) the term “military force” does not include any person that—
 - (A) has been designated as a—
 - (i) foreign terrorist organization by the Secretary of State under section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1189); or
 - (ii) specially designated global terrorist (as such term is defined in section 594.310 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations) by the Secretary of State or the Secretary of the Treasury; or

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/2331>

Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and other associates were not members of Quds Force. Furthermore, the State Department designation of what is and is not a Terrorist Organization does not in fact or law make the accusation valid.

The US State Department has made numerous allegations against Quds Force, which include providing aid to various Palestinian groups (which should not - in a just world - be considered an act of terrorism) and the Syrian government of Bashar al-Assad in its attempt to protect itself

from an American efforts to effect “regime change” (overthrowing a foreign government, which is illegal, which again - in a sane and just world - should not be considered an act of terrorism), and accusations of various other unproven plots and plans around the world, including US State Department allegations that Iran had “knowingly permitted Al Qaeda members, including several of the 9/11 hijackers, to transit its territory on their way to Afghanistan for training and operational planning, *proof that the Iranian officials know the intent of Al Qaeda prior to the 9/11 attack*. <https://www.state.gov/designation-of-the-islamic-revolutionary-guard-corps/>. The logic here is lacking. “Proof” that Iran officials knew anything about a bunch of Saudis passing through Iran having anything to do with a planned terror plot has never been provided, and apparently is in the realm of “secret intelligence” of the US Defense Department in an identical manner as the “secret intelligence” used to “justify” the illegal and unjustifiable war against Iraq.

Any reasonable person can equally assert that several Al Qaeda plotters also traveled within the US, and many US officials also had prior knowledge of the planned attack before the attack, yet chose not to respond,³⁴ making “Iranian officials” no more culpable or complicit in the 9/11 attacks than US officials.

Furthermore, regardless as to State Department unverified, non-judicial proclamations regarding Quds Commander Soleimani, the killing of Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis, commander of the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces and eight other people in that missile strike meet the criteria for constituting acts of terrorism by the president of the United States, the intelligence officers that encouraged that strike, and military officers that executed that strike.

³⁴ A classified military intelligence program known as "Able Danger" was created in October 1999 specifically targeting al-Qaeda. Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer and Congressman Curt Weldon (R-PA) charged before the Senate Judiciary Committee that Able Danger had identified Mohamed Atta, and three of the other hijackers, prior to 9/11.

The US administration, CIA and FBI received multiple prior warnings from foreign governments and intelligence services, including France, Germany, the UK, Israel, Jordan, Afghanistan, Egypt, Morocco and Russia.[5][32] The warnings varied in their level of detail, but all stated that they believed an al-Qaeda attack inside the United States was imminent. British Member of Parliament Michael Meacher cites these warnings, suggesting that some of them must have been deliberately ignored.[33] Some of these warnings include the following:

March 2001 – Italian intelligence warns of an al-Qaeda plot in the United States involving a massive strike involving aircraft, based on their wiretap of al-Qaeda cell in Milan.

July 2001 – Jordanian intelligence told US officials that al-Qaeda was planning an attack on American soil, and Egyptian intelligence warned the CIA that 20 al-Qaeda Jihadists were in the United States, and that four of them were receiving flight training.

August 2001 – The Israeli Mossad gives the CIA a list of 19 terrorists living in the US and says that they appear to be planning to carry out an attack in the near future.

August 2001 – The United Kingdom is warned three times of an imminent al-Qaeda attack in the United States, the third specifying multiple airplane hijackings. According to the Sunday Herald, the report is passed on to President Bush a short time later.

September 2001 – Egyptian intelligence warns American officials that al-Qaeda is in the advanced stages of executing a significant operation against an American target, probably within the US. Thus, the US government knew of the 9/11 attacks prior to those attacks.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/September_11_attacks_advance-knowledge_conspiracy_theories#Intelligence_warnings

“The United States was well aware that Soleimani was on a diplomatic mission. His goal was to start an Iraqi brokered peace process between Iran and Saudi Arabia. But he was set up by the U.S. and Israel like the victim of a mafia hit job. Of course, U.S. foreign policy is always very gangsterish.”

<https://blackagendareport.com/freedom-rider-iran-and-need-black-activism>

It was an “extra-judicial” killing – murder in effect - without authorization of any judicial body, designed specifically to terrorize the entire population of Iran as American claims of self-defense have thus far not been substantiated by any judicial body. Unproven allegations by the State Department do not by law give justification for murder or terrorism.

US Secretary of Defense Mark Esper reported on the American television show “Face the Nation” January 12, 2020, nine days after the assassinations of Quds Commander Soleimani, Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis, commander of the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces and their eight associates, *he (Esper) has seen no credible evidence of planned imminent attacks planned by Quds Commander Soleimani upon American embassies or other American targets.* If anyone within the American Department of Defense establishment should have seen that evidence, had it existed, it would have been the Secretary of Defense Mark Esper.

Terrorism by US Drones - Sanctioned killing of thousands of foreign non-combatants with drones has a terrorism effect upon entire target populations

- **and official estimates of civilian casualties are grossly understating the real numbers of those killed**
- **As egregious and offensive, barbaric, cruel and unusual as most reasonable people consider the assassination of Commander Soleimani and his nine associates to be, that act of terrorism has come after a very long line of other terrorist attacks upon innocent civilian targets as evidenced by rapidly increasing civilian casualties caused by the rapid increase in drone attacks during the Obama and Trump administrations.**

The Bureau of Investigative Journalism: Drone strikes in Pakistan 2004 to present

Current Statistics

6,786 Minimum Confirmed Strikes

8,459-12,105 Total Killed

769-1,725 Civilians Killed

253-397 Children Killed

Just in Pakistan alone

<https://www.thebureauinvestigates.com/projects/drone-war>

The above investigation reports of a sample of 2,379 total killed only 704 were identified.

<https://www.thebureauinvestigates.com/namingthedead/visualisation/>

(Downloaded January 14, 2020)

Though US officials acknowledge thousands of innocent civilians are killed in American drone attacks, those numbers are a gross underestimate of the real number of innocent civilians killed according to Columbia University researchers. To take one “small” example, civilians killed in Pakistan in 2011:

“Our recount found reports of between 72 and 155 civilians killed in 2011 Pakistan drone strikes, with 52 of the reportedly civilian dead identified by name – a relatively strong indicator of reliability. By comparison, New America Foundation’s count is just 3 to 9 “civilians” killed during this period; Long War Journal’s count is 30 civilians killed. In percentage terms, and based on their and our minimum numbers, we counted 2300 percent more “civilian” casualties than the New America Foundation, and 140 percent more “civilian” casualties than New America’s “civilian” and “unknown” casualty counts combined. We counted 140 percent more minimum “civilian” casualties than the Long War Journal. The Bureau of Investigative Journalism’s count of between 68 to 157 civilians killed in Pakistan during 2011 is closest to our own: we counted only 5.9 percent more minimum civilian casualties. We describe our standards for the recount below. It is important to note that despite the great care we took in reviewing the data and original media sources, our recount does not purport to be reliable or an accurate indicator of the actual number of civilian or “militant” casualties of U.S. drone strikes. Rather, our recount reflects the extent to which civilian casualties that are credibly reported are nonetheless missed by the tracking organizations; it underscores that the public and policymakers do not have complete information about the humanitarian cost of drone strikes.”

<https://www.law.columbia.edu/sites/default/files/microsites/human-rights-institute/COLUMBIACounting%20Drone%20Strike%20DeathsSUMMARY.pdf>

<https://www.law.columbia.edu/human-rights-institute/counterterrorism/drone-strikes/counting-drone-strike-deaths>

“Those covert operations, directed by the CIA and military, have resulted in the deaths of as many as 5,160 people, including 1,124 civilians, according to TBIJ.

“Our villages are poor — no education, no hospitals, no roads, nor any services. Of all the progress and advances in the modern world, only these deadly missiles reached us,’ said a Yemeni citizen interviewed by

Open Society Foundations for its report Death by Drone, which documents nine drone strikes that killed 26 civilians, including at least one pregnant woman and children.

“In Pakistan, where the US has carried out an estimated 415 drone strikes targeting Al Qaeda and Taliban militants since 2004, as many as 3,949 people have been killed, including up to 962 civilians, TBIJ estimates.”

<https://www.pri.org/stories/if-obama-apologized-1-civilian-drone-victim-every-day-it-would-take-him-3-years>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/30/opinion/drones-civilian-casualties-trump-obama.html>

World News, September 20, 2019

Factbox: Civilian deaths from air strikes in Afghanistan

KABUL (Reuters) “A U.S. drone strike intended to hit an Islamic State (IS) hideout in Afghanistan killed at least 30 civilians resting after a day’s labor in the fields, Afghan officials said on Thursday.

“According to the United Nations, at least 3,812 Afghan civilians were killed or wounded in the first half of 2019 in the war against militant groups, with a big increase in the number of casualties caused by government and foreign forces...”

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-afghanistan-attack-drones-factbox/factbox-civilian-deaths-from-air-strikes-in-afghanistan-idUSKBN1W42RV>

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2019/09/afghanistan-shocking-disregard-for-civilians-as-us-drone-strike-adds-to-death-toll/>

<https://www.snopes.com/fact-check/obama-drone-strikes/>

<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/publications/after-dead-are-counted-us-and-pakistani-responsibilities-victims-drone-strikes>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-47831351>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-47480207>

<https://www.jstor.org/stable/26298539>

<https://theintercept.com/2019/10/02/trump-impeachment-civilian-casualties-war/>

Etc.

Things are known by their effects, and the effect of CIA directed drone strikes on civilian populations around the world, in Africa, Asia and Middle East at least, is one of terror, created by the sky-rocketing number of innocent civilian casualties by drone strikes. Presidents Obama and Trump bear complicity in each and every one of these crimes of terrorism, along with their

intelligence advisors and military officials that carry out these orders that are known to have terrorist effects on civilian populations.

American terrorism by torture

“Following the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the Central Intelligence Agency embarked on a highly classified program of secret detention and extraordinary rendition of terrorist suspects. The program was designed to place detainee interrogations beyond the reach of law. Suspected terrorists were seized and secretly flown across national borders to be interrogated by foreign governments that used torture, or by the CIA itself in clandestine “black sites” using torture techniques.

“Globalizing Torture is the most comprehensive account yet assembled of the human rights abuses associated with CIA secret detention and extraordinary rendition operations. It details for the first time what was done to the 136 known victims, and lists the 54 foreign governments that participated in these operations. It shows that responsibility for the abuses lies not only with the United States but with dozens of foreign governments that were complicit.”

<https://www.justiceinitiative.org/publications/globalizing-torture-cia-secret-detention-and-extraordinary-rendition>

The number of victims held and being tortured at this moment by the CIA is unknown adding to the “terrorism effect” which has been a long-standing hallmark characteristic of American foreign policies.

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 of American military adventurism and CIA coordinated coups and revolutions 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.

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

“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 Secretary of State Pompeo’s threats against many countries relating to several issues:

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>
- <https://phys.org/news/2018-11-urging-allies-shun-huawei-wsj.html>
- Huawei Exec Accuses Trump Officials Of ‘Ridiculous’ Falsehoods as Tough New Ban Proposed, Jan 9, 2020 by Zak Doffman
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/zakdoffman/2020/01/09/huawei-exec-accuses-trump-officials-of-ridiculous-falsehoods-as-tough-new-ban-proposed/#cf246d750991>

Threats against nations participating in President Xi Jinping’s BRI

(“BRI” refers to 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>

Threats against nations participating in the Nord Stream 2 pipeline

Threatening Germany, Poland, Turkey

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

“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>

Threats against 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>³⁵

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 predictably will and already is having 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 any 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 admirable.

³⁵ 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.

These lessons are being learned by the unwary around the world. Like a disease the corruption, brutality, arrogance, and even sadism is metastasizing at an unprecedented rate.

Deletion of the First Amendment – Free Speech has disappeared

American news and social media regarding the alleged murders of Gen. Qassem Soleimani, Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and eight associates on January 3rd are being blocked. Posts with photos of Gen. Qassem Soleimani and discussion of him are being deleted on Facebook and Instagram, and likewise public media news is under orders from the US State Department to publish nothing favorable about him. This is clear abrogation of the American people's First Amendment Free Speech rights.

This is not a UN issue per se, rather one falling within the purview of American law.

However, by curtailing the free flow of news to the American people, distorting their perceptions, and in fact operating as a form of obstruction of justice, preventing Americans access to information in order to make a fair appraisal of alleged crimes committed against Gen. Qassem Soleimani, Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis and eight associates, and thereby biasing the American public and consequently making a fair trial of the alleged guilty parties (CIA, President Trump and US Air Force) impossible in the United States, makes a referral to the ICC for prosecution required.

“Instagram, and its parent company Facebook, took down posts regarded as too sympathetic to Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani, who was assassinated January 3 in a controversial US airstrike. The news website Coda (1/10/20) was credited with breaking the news, and Newsweek (1/10/20) also reported that Iranian journalists have reported the censorship of their Instagram accounts. Posts about Soleimani have disappeared from Instagram, which is currently the only operational international social media site within Iran. According to the Facebook corporation, as quoted by CNN (1/10/20), removal of such posts is required by US sanctions; the Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps, of which Soleimani was a commander, was designated as a terrorist organization by the US government in April: "As part of its compliance with US law, the Facebook spokesperson said the company removes accounts run by or on behalf of sanctioned people and organizations."

“But this news has also gotten journalists and press advocates worried about what this means for free speech and the First Amendment in the United States. On the one hand, as a private company, Facebook is free to make its own rules about acceptable content. Yet if the network is removing content because it believes it is required to do so by law, that is government censorship—and forbidden by the Constitution's guarantee of freedom of the press.

“Shayana Kadidal, a senior managing attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights, told FAIR that while it was possible for the US government to restrict media companies from coordinating with sanctioned entities and providing ‘material support’ to the IRGC, the US government cannot restrict Americans from engaging in what he called ‘independent advocacy.’”

<https://fair.org/home/facebooks-soleimani-ban-flies-in-face-of-first-amendment/>

That article also made reference to research published by the Electronic Frontier Foundation. A search of that site very quickly led the illumination of a vast array of US government censorship mechanisms most people would never imagine.

Free Speech is Only as Strong as the Weakest Link, By Rainey Reitman, November 21, 2011

“From Mubarak knocking a country offline by pressuring local ISPs to PayPal caving to political pressure to cut off funding to WikiLeaks, this year has brought us sobering examples of how online speech can be endangered. And it’s not only political speech that is threatened – in the United States, legislation is working its way through Congress that would give the government and private actors broad new online censorship tools in the name of improving intellectual property rights enforcement. As Internet users, we rely on a chain of intermediaries – such as social networks, search engines, and ISPs – to help ensure that creative expression and information reach a broader audience. Unfortunately, “weak links” in this chain can operate as choke points to accomplish widespread censorship...”

<https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2011/11/free-speech-only-strong-weakest-link>

On this page: <https://www.eff.org/free-speech-weak-link/> is a map brilliantly illuminating the major links the US government has attacked to totally over-ride, ‘relegate to the graveyard of history’ the First Amendment of the Constitution guaranteeing free speech.

Certainly, Facebook deleting or blocking accounts that contain even a photo of Soleimani is a violation of Constitutional law, but in so doing they have exposed a much wider range of crimes they have been committing for years.

Looking further through that site one finds a page on “Shadow Regulation.”

“Shadow Regulations are voluntary agreements between companies (sometimes described as codes, principles, standards, or guidelines) to regulate your use of the Internet, often without your knowledge.

“Shadow Regulation has become increasingly popular after the monumental failure of restrictive Internet laws such as ACTA, SOPA and

PIPA. This is because Shadow Regulation can involve restrictions that are as effective as any law, but without the need for approval by a court or parliament. Indeed, sometimes Shadow Regulation is even initiated by government officials, who offer companies the Hobson's choice of coming up with a 'voluntary' solution, or submitting to government regulation.

"Shadow Regulation is used in many different contexts, including copyright enforcement, regulation of "hate speech," and to restrict sales of lawful products, among others. You can see some examples of Shadow Regulation in the Blog section below, and in the interactive "Free Speech Weak Links" infographic linked in the sidebar.

"What's wrong with these agreements? The crux of the problem is that they can quietly reshape our Internet without our knowledge or input. We weren't consulted during their development, don't know how they are being applied, and typically have little or no means of recourse when they are used to shut down our speech online...

"This doesn't mean that voluntary agreements with Internet companies are always a bad thing. Such agreements can be a positive way to avoid heavy-handed and inflexible regulation, and there are ways of reaching such agreements in an inclusive, balanced, and accountable way. We've developed some criteria for how these agreements can be done right, which we introduce in this Deeplinks post and summarize in the second infographic to the side.

<https://www.eff.org/issues/shadow-regulation>

And...

Shadow Regulation: The Back-Room Threat to Digital Rights, By Jeremy Malcolm and Mitch Stoltz, September 29, 2016

"When a new law threatens to stifle online speech, to limit our use of the Internet, or allow others to control our digital devices, we can push back in a variety of ways—participating in formal consultations, calling or petitioning our representatives, exposing the proposal through the media, and bringing a legal challenge if the law passes, and so on. When individual companies threaten our rights, we also have options, ranging from boycotting that company, to 'shaming' it into changing its practices, or if nothing else works, bringing a lawsuit or invoking regulatory action.

"But what do we do when the same threats aren't the result of a law or the practices of an individual company, but the result of a private industry agreement? For example, agreements between copyright holders and Internet companies that give copyright holders the ability to effectively delete users' content from the Internet, and agreements on other topics

such as hateful speech and terrorism that can be used to stifle lawful speech. Unlike laws, such agreements (sometimes also called codes, standard, principles, or guidelines) aren't developed with public input or accountability. As a result, users who are affected by them are often completely unaware that they even exist.

“Even those who are aware of these agreements have few options for changing them, because users aren't a party to these private deals. They tend to cover multiple companies, so shaming or boycotting a single company isn't an option. And asking regulators to step in might not be possible either, because these agreements often have the active support of government officials who see them as a cheap and easy alternative to regulation.

“We are calling these invisible and unaccountable arrangements Shadow Regulation.”

<https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2016/09/shadow-regulation-back-room-threat-digital-rights>

This article then goes on to list and describes in detail several specific examples that everyone who cares about free speech should be aware of.

Practically anything anyone writes or says, or any photo or video can be used as cause to be censored.

But the censorship doesn't have to be a complete block, one can “merely” have one's site ranking drop to the 100th page on the major browsers, regardless as to how well it's constructed or the value of the information contained therein.

Just as disturbing is a page on that site regarding the potential “fate” of all .org internet sites.

<https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2019/08/opening-door-censorship-new-trademark-enforcement-mechanisms-added-top-level>

In sum?

The US government has been waging a successful war against free speech for years; it has accelerated in the past year enormously, and now the US government is confident enough that it has virtual complete control of the former American right to free speech that it can come out of the closet and just butcher anyone who dares to have an opinion on the events of the day that doesn't march lockstep behind whatever clown happens to be in the White House.

Gagging the American public makes it oh-so-easy for the US government for example to control who can run for political office by silencing dissenting opinion, thus making “representative government” a thing of the past, all done using the marvels of modern technology, flying completely under the radar of the average person who has no idea what-so-ever how limited the information they are receiving actually is. If this sounds terrifying, like the assumption of total domination by a police state, that's because it is.

Free speech is a thing of the past and has been for quite a while as the US government has been pushing a full-scale war against free speech using Shadow Regulation and other such mechanisms, on top of other more overt means to silence opposition to its draconian murderous foreign and domestic policies.

This of course is terrible for Americans, a nightmare in fact. What's truly worse is the fate of everyone else in the world who are unwillingly locked into being the targets of this predatory machine called the US government. Americans to some extent, will "enjoy" some of the fruit of that vampire-like relationship the US has with the rest of the world, but there will inevitably be (more) blowback (refueling the vicious cycle the USA created), and Americans won't like that.

For Americans that don't "approve of" China these days, it is worth recalling that China's big contribution to foreign nations is infrastructure building, not starting and escalating wars everywhere. Something to think about. There are alternatives to sowing death and destruction everywhere upon the earth, and voters might consider this before going to the ballot box next time.

What one might wonder is the ACLU doing about all this? They do have a page on free speech. They do try in some areas to make a difference.

"The U.S. Government Tracked, Detained, and Interrogated Journalists. We're Suing on Their Behalf.

"No journalist should have to fear government interference for having the persistence, courage, and commitment to expose the truth.

"As part of a coordinated effort that undermined the freedom of the press, the U.S. government tracked, detained, and interrogated journalists who were reporting on conditions at the U.S.-Mexico border. Now, we're suing on their behalf to defend their First Amendment rights.

"Together with the New York Civil Liberties Union and the ACLU of San Diego & Imperial Counties, we're representing five photojournalists who traveled to Mexico in late 2018 and early 2019 to document the experiences of people traveling by caravan towards the U.S.-Mexico border. Their photographs were subsequently published by news outlets such as The New York Times and The Intercept.

"On multiple separate occasions, border officers detained each journalist as they sought to return to the U.S. They interrogated the journalists about their coverage of the caravans of people traveling, and asked them about their observations of conditions at the U.S.-Mexico border, including in shelters. A couple of the journalists were also presented with a book of headshots and asked to identify people they recognized...

<https://www.aclu.org/news/civil-liberties/the-u-s-government-tracked-detained-and-interrogated-journalists-were-suing/>

And there is a 146-word page on net neutrality with a petition, but no mention of or information in any way comparable to the **Electronic Frontier Foundation**. It seems the ACLU is way behind the curve on the critical issue of the chokeholds the US government has placed on each link of the supply chain of information exchange on the internet. <https://www.eff.org/free-speech-weak-link/> and the Shadow Regulations, (codes, principles, standards, or guidelines) used to regulate everyone's use of the Internet. <https://www.eff.org/issues/shadow-regulation>

No doubt the ACLU has done great work helping people over the decades, but are way behind on defending against the US government's very wide and deep blitzkrieg attacks on freedom of speech within the electronic frontier.

As Thomas Jefferson said: "He governs best who governs least."

Not only has free speech been dead for some time, rigor mortis set in a long time ago, maggots are quickly decomposing the corpse while the bones and teeth are being ground into dust to remove any evidence it was ever there. Then the government will claim: "*Habeas Corpus*."

Killing free speech in the US and worldwide is an essential component of asserting global hegemony in perpetuity, as outlined in the 1992 Draft Defense Planning Guidance document.

"Free Speech" is already becoming a blind spot in the American view of things - a distant memory alongside this long-forgotten bit of - what is now - useless historical trash:

"That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."

<https://www.ushistory.org/declaration/document/>

No one need bother welcoming the American Fourth Reich, because it is already here and in full control of everything. Laws? What laws?

Americans should thank President Trump for helping to clarify and highlight the dissolution of all law very openly. Hillary Clinton would have concealed an even more tyrannical set of actions beneath an opaque veneer of oily but confusing legalist jargon leaving Americans hogtied just the same, laughing uproariously all the while.

Chapter 5 – US Attempts to provoke war against Iran

Selling the war against Iran

Many Americans might balk at the phrase: “innocent people of Iran.” Why? DoD sponsored anti-Iran rhetoric has so permeated the mainstream news and other media for so many decades that many people presume Iran is “guilty,” of something, but can’t really pin down what Iran is guilty of. The popular American song: “*Bomb bomb bomb bomb bomb Iran*” by Vince Vance & The Valiants (1980) is programming pure and simple that reinforces the worst prejudices and desensitizes people to the unfathomable cruelty of murdering very large numbers of innocent people – men, women and children - for no reason whatsoever.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zBGPw_LBiRA

It is a hate song that encourages violence.

YouTube should not post such transparently dangerous propaganda that transparently advocates for mass murder. A photo of Commander Soleimani but hate speech that promotes mass murder is OK?

Fortunately, there is no tit-for-tat *Bomb bomb bomb bomb bomb USA* song.

Americans have been hypnotized for 40 years with that propaganda, and yet, the programming goes back much further.

The 1980 “*Bomb bomb bomb bomb bomb Iran*” song by Vince Vance song piggy-backs on an older song – as it uses the same melody as the 1965 Beach Boys song “Barbara Ann.”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXylsfhp86Q>

...which was a newer version of a 1961 song with the same melody and name by the Regents.

...and because of the carry-over effects in the melody, Americans have nearly 60 years of programming associated with the frivolous even joyful mass-murder of Iranians.

The American media is weaponized, powerful and effective at dehumanizing any person or group the DoD or any particular president wishes to destroy for whatever reason, with the usual primary reason being they have oil, and the secondary reason they are Muslim, though the reasons are not always in that order.

Thus, Americans might not know what Iran is guilty of, but unconsciously believe Iran must be guilty of something to warrant that ever-so-lively and popular song

President Trump’s build-up to war against Iran is going largely unquestioned in the US and the UN. There were some demonstrations but they were a “flash in the pan,” and forgotten by the people who make decisions like when to go to war, and what lies and false flag operations will be required to justify starting a war. President Trump’s threats are based on unproven suppositions that reinforce prejudices long built deeply into the American and world’s unconscious minds.

Surely President Trump is aware that:

“NEVER has a President in wartime been defeated, including two times when war clouds hovered, but we were not technically at war!

“Witness the following:

“James Madison, the War of 1812, reelected in 1812

“Abraham Lincoln, the Civil War, reelected in 1864

“Woodrow Wilson, World War I, not at war but nearing it, reelected in 1916

“Franklin D. Roosevelt, World War II, not at war but nearing it, reelected in 1940, and then at war, reelected in 1944.

“Lyndon B. Johnson, using the Vietnam War issue through the Gulf of Tonkin, elected in 1964

“Richard Nixon, Vietnam War, reelected in 1972

“George W. Bush, Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, reelected in 2004”

<http://www.theprogressiveprofessor.com/?p=19187>

It is interesting that President Trump accused former President Obama of planning to start a war against Iran to manipulate the then, upcoming election.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXeEAutwmL0>

Despite that obvious conundrum, there is some possibility President Trump will wait to start the war against Iran he has already sold to most of the American public, until a little closer to the election. He believes with the combined military might of the USA, Israel and the GCC he can defeat Iran in short order, and thus doesn't want to start too soon in fear it would be over by election time. These are the kinds of calculations taken into account by American presidents. In the meantime, his sanctions are taking a toll on the minds and spirits of the Iranian people. They are in the jaws of the world's most cold-blooded and deadly carnivore, and they know it, while Americans hum the tune about bombing Iran and folks at the UN twiddle their thumbs.

Promoting war against Iran is an easy sell, and President Trump knows it.

President Trump's sanctions are killing people already

“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 decision makers in Langley and the White House the perception of carte blanche to ignore international law, again, as usual.

Who was Qassem Soleimani?

“Soleimani, 62, was born in Qanat-e Malek village, Rabor County, Kerman Province, to an impoverished peasant family. In his youth, he moved to the city of Kerman and worked as a construction worker to help repay a debt his father owed.”

<https://en.radiofarda.com/a/iran-guards-intelligence-chief-says-plot-to-kill-soleimani-neutralized/30197639.html>

He was the son of a poor farmer in rural farm village in Southeastern Iran with a population of about 300. As a young man he worked in construction worker and enjoyed lifting weights as a hobby. At the time of his assassination, he was married and had five children.

The January 3rd 2020 assassination of Soleimani wasn't the first assassination attempt

Iran Guards Intelligence Chief Says Plot to Kill Soleimani Neutralized,
October 03, 2019

“Fars news agency affiliated with the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC), reported on Thursday, October 3 that an attempt to assassinate the IRGC's Qods Force Chief Commander, Brigadier General Qassem Soleimani has been foiled.

“Citing the head of the IRGC's fearsome Intelligence Organization, Hossein Taeb (Ta'eb), Fars said, three agents on the payroll of foreign governments were arrested for the plot.

“Speaking to the 23rd Supreme Assembly of the IRGC Commanders, Taeb did not identify the three but claimed that they were hired by ‘Hebrew-Arab’ intelligence services.

“Apparently, by ‘Hebrew-Arab,’ the mid-ranking cleric meant Israel and Saudi Arabia.

“The Islamic Republic does not recognize Israel and has been engaged in a proxy war with Saudi Arabia in recent years.”

<https://en.radiofarda.com/a/iran-guards-intelligence-chief-says-plot-to-kill-soleimani-neutralized/30197639.html>

The rationale of the United States presented by President Trump for the “targeted killing” (assassination) of Major-General Soleimani is “self-defense.” Unfortunately for President Trump and the entire US administration, there are no internationally recognized judicial determinations to substantiate that claim. It is conjecture based upon a web of unproven allegations precisely the same as the American “defense” establishment presented to the world prior to the illegal invasion of Iraq.

It appears Commander Soleimani may have been lured into a trap by the US, specifically an invitation to negotiate in Iraq, thereby supporting the legal definition of Perfidy.

Iraq's caretaker prime minister Abdul-Mahdi said the Iranian military leader Qassem Soleimani had flown to Iraq to negotiate, and stated President Trump had requested the Iraqi government mediate at that negotiation.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/future-of-us-military-presence-in-iraq-in-question-amid-confusion-in-washington/ar-BBYG2FF?li=BBnb7Kz>

This is sure to spread a chill through all leaders: Even an invitation to negotiate by DC can be a death trap. "The Americans can never be trusted."

This provides added weight to the allegation that the US engaged in Perfidy as defined by international law and noted above.

Soleimani worked with U.S. in the fight against Taliban & ISIS

Col. Lawrence Wilkerson: Qassem Soleimani Worked with U.S. in Fight Against Taliban & ISIS

January 06, 2020

"Col. Lawrence Wilkerson, who served as Secretary of State Colin Powell's chief of staff from 2002 to 2005, discusses the U.S. assassination of Iranian military commander Qassem Soleimani, who once worked with the United States to fight the Taliban and ISIS.

"And one of the people — one of the groups that helped us the most, as you might imagine, were the Iranians, because the Iranians looked at the Taliban as their enemy, too. You may recall that the Taliban had killed some Iranian diplomats and others in the months prior. So the Iranians were all for our eliminating the Taliban as the legitimate government of Afghanistan, and so pitched in to help.

"As I said, once President Bush had given his speech about the axis of evil' and included Iran in that, their desire to help was not quite as ardent as it was before. But they, nonetheless, realizing, as Iran almost always does — I hate these people who say they're irrational. They're far more rational than we are. Let me say that again: **The leadership in Tehran is far more rational than the leadership in Washington.** So, they decided they would continue to help us, because, after all, the enemy of my enemy — you know, all that old, good business about the enemy of my enemy is my friend. And they did in fact continue to help us, all the way through the Bonn conference. And Soleimani was part of that at the time.

“AMY GOODMAN: You just said Esper, Pence, Pompeo, Trump. Explain what they’re lying about right now as we hear them talk about what he was just about to engage in another attack on U.S. personnel.

“LAWRENCE WILKERSON: Well, the first thing they’re lying about, as a military professional, I know cold. No general, especially not one at the level that Soleimani was operating — no general reaches out and kills someone. Nor does he reach out to a team and say, “Kill someone.” Nor does he reach out to a squad or a platoon or a company and say, “Kill someone.” He gives orders at the top, sets strategic purposes and principles and general guidelines, and he boosts morale, and he travels around, and he talks to the teams and so on — exactly what Soleimani was so good at.

“So, to say that Soleimani, himself personally, was an imminent threat is, as I said before, laughable. And the fact that Esper and Pompeo, who have some manner of expertise in military affairs, are saying these things makes them even more egregious liars than otherwise. If John Kerry got up there and said something like that, or if Warren Christopher got up there and said something of that, Kerry even with his Vietnam experience, you could give them a little bit of leeway. But these guys are supposed to be experts in the very fields that they’re talking about. They’re anything but experts. They are warmongers. They are warmongers par excellence.

“Mike Pompeo and Vice President Pence, they both long for the rapture, for the end times, for Jesus coming down to the Earth and killing all the unbelievers with his flaming sword. This is what they are all about. This is why they allowed the embassy to move to Jerusalem. Go back and check the remarks that were made at that time, the prayers that were given and so forth. This is, in a word, a very different U.S. administration, but in the same hands of the military-industrial complex, of the national security state, of all the people who want warfare to be the *raison d’être* of this empire at the same time.

“So, you’re looking at an incompetent leadership, coupled with a leadership that’s ruthless and brutal and knows where it wants to go. And with Iran, it’s regime change, period. And if they have to go to war, that’s what they want. And now they’ve got it to the point where it’s going to be extremely difficult — I’d put the chances at 50-50 — for us to extricate ourselves from this march to war. And this war will put Iraq to shame in terms of its consequences in blood and treasure.”

https://www.democracynow.org/2020/1/6/lawrence_wilkerson_iraq_iran

The US unwittingly helped create Qassem Soleimani. Then they killed him.

“Scott Ritter (a former US Marine Corps intelligence officer. He served in the Soviet Union as an inspector implementing the INF Treaty, in General Schwarzkopf’s staff during the Gulf War, and from 1991-1998 as a UN weapons inspector.)

3 Jan, 2020

“The US is unprepared for the consequences of its assassination of Qassem Soleimani, if only because it knows nothing about the reality of the man it murdered, and can’t gauge the impact of his death on Iran or the Middle East.

“Qassem Soleimani, an Iranian military commander whose paramilitary organization, known as the Quds Force, helped position Iran as a modern regional power, was assassinated on January 3, 2020, on order of the President of the United States, Donald Trump. American political leaders of both major parties have been united in their description of Soleimani as an evil man whose death should be celebrated, even while the consequences of his demise remain unknown.

“The celebration of Soleimani’s death, however, is born of an ignorance regarding the events and actions that shaped the work he directed, and which defined the world in which he operated. While the US has cast Soleimani as a byproduct of Iran’s malign intent in the Middle East, the reality is much starker: Soleimani is the direct result of America’s irresponsibly aggressive policies. In a world defined by cause-effect relationships, the link between Soleimani and the United States is undeniable.

“Making of an enemy hero

“Soleimani gained prominence in Iran during the Iranian Revolution and the eight-year war with Iraq, where his leadership, courage and decisiveness caught the attention of senior Iranian leaders including then-President Ali Khamenei. During this time, Soleimani developed the skillset that would later serve him well as the leader of the Quds Force, the paramilitary organization he helped found in the aftermath of the Iran-Iraq War.

“The Quds Force was designed to project Iranian influence through covert means. Soleimani and the Quds Force first came into prominence in 1998, after the Taliban murdered hundreds of Afghan Shi’a and nine Iranians (eight diplomats and a journalist) following the capture of the northern Afghan city of Mazar-i Sharif.

“While senior Iranian military leadership advocated a massive punitive expedition into western Afghanistan, Soleimani advised a more constrained response, with his Quds Force providing training and material

support to the Northern Alliance, an umbrella group of forces opposed to the Taliban. Soleimani personally directed this effort, transforming the Northern Alliance into an effective fighting force.

“After the terrorist attacks of 9/11, the US used the Northern Alliance to establish a foothold in Afghanistan and eventually drive the Taliban from power. Soleimani played a major role behind the scenes helping make the US-Northern Alliance partnership viable, including providing operational and intelligence support.

“The US-Iranian cooperation was short-lived; President Bush’s designation of Iran as being part of “an Axis of Evil” caused Iran to terminate its cooperation with the Americans.

“Training the anti-US Iraq rebels

“The US invasion of Iraq in 2003 created another opportunity for Iranian-American cooperation, which the US promptly fumbled. While Iran had no desire for increased American military presence in the region, it found common cause with the US in removing its archenemy, Saddam Hussein, from power.

“The Americans, however, were ill-prepared to cope with the reality of a post-Saddam Iraq, especially one where the majority Shi’a population would demand a major role in determining how Iraq would be governed. When the US started turning its guns on Shi’a forces, Soleimani and his Quds Force took the lead in organizing anti-American resistance in Iraq, leading to increasingly violent clashes that resulted in significant American casualties.

“Today, many veterans of the US war in Iraq hold Soleimani personally accountable for the hundreds of American soldiers who lost their lives due to the tactics employed by Iraqi militias trained and equipped by Soleimani’s Quds Force.

“Mastermind of Tehran’s regional domination plan

“Soleimani did not emerge in a vacuum, but rather was the manifestation of the logical response of Iran to external threats brought on by the actions of others. Iran’s role in Lebanon was defined by Israel’s decision to invade and occupy southern Lebanon in 1982; the creation of the Lebanese Hezbollah movement followed.

“Iran’s intervention in Syria likewise came on the heels of a massive intervention by outside powers, including the United States, Turkey and Saudi Arabia, to create a resistance designed to remove Syrian President Bashar al-Assad from power. Soleimani’s actions in directing the Quds

Force to organize pro-Assad Shi'a militias in Syria was simply a reaction to this foreign intervention in Syria's sovereign affairs.

"Likewise, when the Islamic State erupted on the scene in 2014, it was Soleimani, at the invitation of the Iraqi government, who helped organize and equip various Shi'a militias under the umbrella of the Popular Mobilization Force. Soleimani went on to direct the PMF in a series of bloody battles that helped turn the tide against the Islamic State well before the US became decisively engaged in the fighting. Soleimani played a defining role in shaping the Middle East in the aftermath of 9/11, positioning Iran to become a major power in the region, if not the major power.

"Soleimani's actions in accomplishing this outcome, however, were not part of a master Iranian plan for regional domination, but rather part and parcel of Iran's ability to react effectively to the mistakes made by the United States and its allies in implementing policies of aggression in the region.

"Will his death make the world safer?"

"The reality is that the only thing more dangerous for the US than a world where Qassem Soleimani is living is a one where Qassem Soleimani is dead, murdered on orders of an American President.

"Alive, Soleimani would be able to credibly advise patience and caution to an Iranian leadership increasingly pressured by more militant members of the Iranian defense establishment to take a more proactive stance in countering American, Saudi and Israeli policies in the region."

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/477423-us-soleimani-assassination-consequences/>

Was Trump's order to assassinate Iran's Qassem Soleimani legal?

Democrats question whether US president needed congressional approval, while Trump says he was acting in self-defence, by William Roberts

January 4, 2019

"It's debatable whether there was legal justification for this strike," Democratic Senator Chris Murphy said in a news conference on Friday.

"This is the equivalent of the Iranians assassinating the US secretary of defense. If the Iranians were to assassinate the US secretary of defense, we would consider that an act of war and we would respond disproportionately," Murphy said.

"The answer largely depends on the facts the Trump administration based its decision - facts that may never be made public.

“But some analysts and US members of Congress said Trump appears to be crossing the line put forth in the 1973 War Powers Act, by risking a major escalation with Iran. The landmark legislation says that sustained hostilities that put US forces in harm's way require prior approval by Congress...

“‘The fact that the United States designated Qassem Soleimani on its own unilaterally as a foreign terrorist does not give the United States, in law or in practice, the right to kill him,’ said Hillary Mann Leverett, a political risk consultant and former director of Iran affairs at the White House's National Security Council.

“In US law, it gives the United States the right to seize his assets, but not to kill him,” Leverett, told Al Jazeera...

US media, citing defense officials, reported on Friday that the US is sending 3,000 additional troops to the Middle East to provide a rapid response force to protect against further threats.”

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2020/01/trump-order-assassinate-iran-qassem-soleimani-legal-200103212119366.html>

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution gives the power to declare war solely to the Congress.

“The extrajudicial killing of Commander Qassim Soleimani, Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis, commander of the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces and their eight associates was not authorized by Congress and was an act of war no less than the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria in 1914 by Serbian operatives that triggered World War I.

“The War Powers Resolution provides for those occasions when a President may need to use military force without Congressional authorization. The Soleimani and al-Muhandis killings fits within none of the authorized circumstances. Claims of imminent attack by Iran mirror claims made by the U.S. justifying its entirely deceptive case used to sell the Iraq War to the United Nations and world.

“A significant distinction between crimes against humanity and war crimes is that crimes against humanity do not have to take place during war. The concept of crimes against humanity developed through international customary law, and the assassination of only one person could be considered a crime against humanity because of the crime's impact on a country's citizens.”

<https://cja.org/human-rights-issues/crimes-against-humanity/>

Congress votes to limit Trump's war powers

Congress may have voted to limit Trump's power to take military action against Iran...

House votes to curb Trump's powers to take military action against Iran

Resolution in wake of Suleimani killing is non-binding, but reignites debate over who has power to declare war

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2020/jan/09/house-war-powers-trump-iran>

But...

The CIA has a proven longstanding habit of ignoring Congress

...as in for example the CIA's continued "secret wars" in Laos and Cambodia after Congress ordered them halted.

"America's Secret War in Laos Uncovered - More bombs were dropped on Laos than over Germany and Japan in WWII combined," by Bob Woodruff and Karson Yiu, 9 September 2016

"As President Obama makes a historic visit to Laos, ABC News' Bob Woodruff uncovers decades-old cluster bombs that are claiming lives of innocent children."

<https://abcnews.go.com/International/americas-secret-war-laos-uncovered/story?id=41968017>

<http://legaciesofwar.org/about-laos/secret-war-laos/>

<http://www.soldiers-of-misfortune.com/history/apocalypse-now.htm>

<https://www.vietnamfulldisclosure.org/americas-secret-war-laos/>

The whole "Iran Contra" affair was wildly illegal too, orchestrated by the CIA in defiance of the US Congress

<https://nsarchive.gwu.edu/special-exhibit/iran/2018-12-09/iran-contra-affair>

<https://www.history.com/topics/1980s/iran-contra-affair>

<https://www.u-s-history.com/pages/h1889.html>

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/features/reagan-iran/>

The United States' ongoing war in Iraq and continued occupation is interpreted by many to be ongoing crimes against humanity and war crimes, just the usual (wildly illegal) colonial process.

The United States created ISIS from that series of crimes, and murdered in cold blood the most effective fighter against ISIS, Qassem Soleimani while he was on his way to negotiations in Iraq.

Likewise, the US created the Taliban in the Afghan refugee camps in Pakistan during the 1990s, using Saudis as the middleman/cutout.³⁶

Thus, the United States' foreign policy is to engage in ever escalating war crimes and provocations piggy-backing off each other to instigate ever greater war crimes and crimes against humanity.

And what is the UN's response? A tepid:

“US ‘most likely violates international law’ – UN Rapporteur”

https://edition.cnn.com/middleeast/live-news/baghdad-airport-strike-live-intl-hnk/h_f4d89b41ef9e19a716edc8047bf923df

When someone punches you in the face very hard, it isn't “very likely.” It is a fact. When someone murders a group of 10 people it's not “most likely,” it's a fact.

The United Nations again has failed in its mission and duty. The ICC should have immediately begun an investigation and been very public about it.

ICC charges of War Crimes against President Trump, Secretary of State Michael Pompeo, and the military commanders that executed the illegal orders to murder Qassem Soleimani *and those who were accompanying* him should have been the headline news, in order to help prevent a war.

Though it appears Iran is “standing down” of its own volition, does not absolve the UN for its failure to help provide some measure of deterrence what were blatant acts of aggression and crimes against humanity.

Instead, the UN issued a classic do-nothing typically weak wishy-washy UN statement by an ineffectual UN Rapporteur.

The seriousness of those murders is above and beyond other Crimes Against Humanity by the United States committed against Iran by sanctions unilaterally demanded by President Trump in open defiance of international law.

Had the ICJ/ICC 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 (June 2nd 2019, during an interview with NBC's “Meet The Press”), clearly in violation of Article 2.4 of the UN Charter, the murder of General Qassem Soleimani and associates would not have occurred.

Thus, the UN is at least partly complicit in all ensuing war crimes and crimes against humanity on both sides should an American, Israeli or Saudi driven war against Iran be commenced.

³⁶ As a journalist working in Pakistan in 1993 accompanied by Pakistan military officers, I visited a Taliban madrasa (school) and noticed they were only studying Quran and nothing else. I asked one of the military officers with me why that was. He stated: “That's what the Saudis ordered, and they are paying for the schools. What can we do?”

The United Nations has legal obligations that it has been ignoring for over seventy years, and the current world conflicts are the results of that dereliction of duty. They have consistently failed to meet the mandates of a series of contracts signed by all members of the United Nations.

And it is on the shoulders of the Secretary Generals of the United Nations upon whom the weight of these failures will be laid most heavily by the histories to come. Any one of them could have initiated the restructuring of the United Nations to represent the interests of the citizens of the world, instead of a cabal of Anglo-Saxon capitalists only interested in furthering the interests of their own constituencies.

U.S. Executive Order 12333 prohibiting assassination

U.S. Executive Order 12333 reads in part: “No person employed by or acting on behalf of the United States government shall engage in, or conspire to engage in, assassination.”

This law was enacted because the CIA had repeatedly assassinated numerous foreign leaders as cited above. It has been resolutely and many times ignored by the CIA as is detailed and evidenced later in this book.

Violation of Article 37 of International Humanitarian Law: Perfidy

Given that the US and Iran were not at war, and General Soleimani was invited to negotiations by President Trump, the assassination of General Soleimani constitutes a form of perfidy

“Article 37 — Prohibition of perfidy 1. It is prohibited to kill, injure or capture an adversary by resort to perfidy. Acts inviting the of an adversary to lead him to believe that he is entitled to, or is obliged to accord, protection under the rules of international law applicable in armed conflict, with intent to betray that confidence, shall constitute perfidy.”

<https://ihl-databases.icrc.org/ihl/WebART/470-750046?OpenDocument>

https://www.mpil.de/files/pdf3/mpunyb_doermann_7.pdf

Iraq’s caretaker prime minister Abdul-Mahdi said the Iranian military leader Qassem Soleimani had flown to Iraq to negotiate, and stated President Trump had requested the Iraqi government mediate at that negotiation.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/future-of-us-military-presence-in-iraq-in-question-amid-confusion-in-washington/ar-BBYG2FF?li=BBnb7Kz>

In this case Qassem Soleimani believed he was working on a diplomatic mission. He believed he was to meet Saudi representatives to negotiate peace agreements. Killing him *en route* to that meeting is a classic example of perfidy by President Trump.

The assassination of General Soleimani as a state sponsored Act of War

Certainly, the Iranians believe the Soleimani killing an act of war.

Iranian ambassador to UN says Soleimani killing an 'act of war'

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/iranian-ambassador-to-un-says-soleimani-death-an-act-of-war/>

Simultaneously even many Americans consider the trade embargo instituted by President Trump against Iran - not to mention the Soleimani killing - an act of war.

"The Republican senator (Sen. Rand Paul R-KY), who has become one of Trump's biggest supporters on Capitol Hill, further criticized the administration for placing an embargo on Iran, saying an 'act of an embargo is like an act of war.'"

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/rand-paul-rails-against-trump-over-soleimani-strike-says-i-hate-this>

The Killing of Qassem Soleimani Is Tantamount to an Act of War, by Robin Wright, January 3, 2020

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/our-columnists/the-us-assassinated-soleimani-the-chief-exporter-of-irans-revolution-but-at-what-price>

Fortunately, some in the American Congress are attempting to get a leash on President Trump, however that may prove difficult or impossible.

Calling Soleimani Assassination an 'Act of War' Without Authorization, Omar and Lee Announce War Powers Resolution to Stop Trump

"Trump's reckless military actions, without Congressional approval or authorization, have caused this crisis," said Rep. Barbara Lee. "We have been down this dangerous path before in Iraq, and we cannot afford another ill-advised, destructive, and costly war in the Middle East."

Monday, January 06, 2020, by Jon Queally, staff writer, Common Dreams

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/2020/01/06/calling-soleimani-assassination-act-war-without-authorization-omar-and-lee-announce>

Iran's Soleimani transformed Syrian war in Assad's favor

"When Syrian President Bashar Assad made a rare visit to Tehran last year, the powerful Revolutionary Guard commander Qassem Soleimani was there to greet him, along with Iran's supreme leader and president. Iran's

foreign minister wasn't, and he resigned in protest at being excluded from talks with a crucial ally.

"Iran's frontman in Syria since 2011, Soleimani helped turn the tide in the now nearly 9-year-old civil war, intervening to save Assad as armed rebels neared the capital, Damascus, and seized key cities."

<https://www.ynetnews.com/article/Skbqk7GI8>

Application of RICO laws to US Officials resulting from UK Provocations of Iran

Current US administrative and military actions targeting Iran is behavior typical of established and evolved crime syndicates; attempts to confuse and overwhelm the courts, to which the only correct legal remedy may be application of legal mandates regarding organized crime, which in the US are called RICO laws.

Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act, Section 901(a) of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970 (Pub. L. 91-452, 84 Stat. 922, enacted October 15, 1970) and is codified at 18 U.S.C. Ch. 96 as 18 U.S.C. §§ 1961-1968.

The following is a legal basis for the allegation that UK government officials are supporting US criminal behavior as part of an illegal "Swarming and Information Operations" tactic aimed at the international legal judiciary

"Primarily of interest to U.S. policymakers and strategists, this documented briefing will also interest those in academia and research institutes concerned with how the information revolution is altering the nature of conflict. This study was prepared for a project on "Swarming and Information Operations." The project was sponsored by the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Command, Control, Communications and Intelligence), OASD/C3I, and was conducted within the International Security and Defense Policy Center of RAND's National Defense Research Institute (NDRI). NDRI is a federally funded research and development center sponsored by the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Joint Staff, the unified commands, and the defense agencies. Readers should also see a companion study by Sean Edwards, Swarming on the Battlefield: Past, Present, and Future (RAND, 2000). It provides additional historical back-ground and analysis."

https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/documented_briefings/2005/RAND_DB311.pdf

Swarming is an approved US government strategy regardless as to its illegality.

Attempts to overwhelm, distract and dissuade the court from prosecution of crimes against humanity, regardless as to the number of belligerents that choose to join in that criminal

behavior is illegal, and the UK joining American efforts against Iran invite the application of RICO laws to both.

United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime (Palermo 2000)

“In resolution 64/179,1 the General Assembly reaffirmed the urgent need to strengthen international cooperation and technical assistance in promoting and facilitating the ratification and implementation of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), and encouraged Member States to ensure, inter alia, the consideration and dissemination of existing manuals and handbooks developed and published by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)...

“Summary: Criminal policies on organized crime; organized crime as a multifaceted, dynamic form of criminality; types of organized crime offences, including new and emerging offences; the open-ended scope of application of the Palermo Convention; the scope of application of national laws against organized crime; the risk of rigidity in systems based on a list of offences...

“Minister of Foreign Affairs, Minister of Interior, Minister of Justice, Italy Transnational organized crime is one of the most dangerous scourges that affect the world in the 21st century. It undermines the foundations of our societies and poses a serious obstacle to their development. **By distorting competition in world markets, by taking advantage of failed states or contested spaces, and, in some cases, by establishing nefarious partnerships of convenience with other destabilizing factors such as terrorism and maritime piracy, criminal networks may even threaten world peace and security.**

“The nature and extent reached by transnational organized crime require collective responses, on the basis of the principle of shared responsibility. A comprehensive and effective response may be delivered by the full and universal implementation of the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime, signed in Palermo in 2000. **Its open-ended nature makes its provisions applicable to an indefinite range of crimes**, therefore embedding the potential for a lasting effectiveness also against future new challenges. Twenty years after the murder of judges Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, whose ideas and proposals largely inspired the Convention, we are honored to declare that this landmark legal achievement of the International Community has contributed to turn Palermo into a global symbol of the common struggle against all kinds of mafias...

“The entry into force in 29 September 2003 of the Palermo Convention gave birth to the most important global instrument to promote cooperation and prevent and combat international crime, effectively. Through this mechanism, States Parties have set forth a commitment to identify the globalizing processes, which international crime networks have taken advantage of to find shelter from law enforcement, and to attack head-on transnational crime in all its different manifestations.”

https://www.unodc.org/documents/organized-crime/Digest_Organized_Crime.pdf

ISIS praises US murder of Iranian General Soleimani

“ISIS praises US murder of Iranian general Soleimani as ‘divine intervention’ that will help them rise again”

11 Jan, 2020 02:17

<https://www.rt.com/news/477991-isis-praise-soleimani-assassination/>

Legal questions

1. Does Iran also have a right to self-defense from a global hegemon that attacked and destroyed neighboring Iraq (20 March 2003 – 18 December 2011) based on self-serving false information?
2. Does Iran have a right to self-defense given that it recently suffered a war driven by that same global hegemon (the USA) when Saddam Hussein was president of Iraq (22 September 1980 – 20 August 1988) and was publicly acknowledged as operating as a proxy of the American CIA in which a million people were killed and the infrastructure of Iran destroyed?
3. Does Iran have a right to self-defense when Iranian citizens are dying because of American internationally recognized unwarranted and illegal sanctions?
4. Does any country have a right to protect itself from the United States’ unlimited aggression and war and will the United Nations affirm that right or deny it?
5. Was the murder of Quds Force Commander Soleimani legal by American law as some American lawyers assert: <https://www.lawfareblog.com/did-president-have-domestic-legal-authority-kill-qassem-soleimani>
6. Was the murder of Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis, commander of the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces legal? Was he labeled as a “terrorist” by anyone?
7. Were the murders of the other eight passengers on January 3rd labeled as terrorists? Does anyone even know their names? Were their names known by the attacking forces before the murders? Were they simply “unnamed collateral damage?”
8. Will the United Nations operate in its usual fashion of glacial slowness and ineffectual statements such that full-scale war occurs(?) given that even a simple statement by the

ICC that is was investigating the murder of Quds Force Commander Soleimani as an act of war and a crime against humanity(?) given that such a statement could prevent a full-scale war.

9. Do the illegal sanctions against Iran which has already caused deaths in Iran, and the illegal assassination of Quds Force Commander Soleimani, and the killing of the nine associates of his who were killed at the same time upon the orders of American President and Commander-in Chief of all US Armed Forces Trump, constitute Acts of War, providing cause for A Just War, and thereby give Iran a right by international law to now engage in open warfare against military forces of the United States?
10. Given #2 above, that the US sponsored and assisted in an unwarranted (incidentally illegal) war against Iran 1980-1988, killing a million people, and destroying the infrastructure of both nations involved, does Iran not have some right to protect itself from that happening again, and a vested interest in ensuring that all its neighbors are also not taken over by the US or its proxies as a form of justifiable self-defense?

It appears it was for this reasons that the Quds military force was created.

Article 51 of the U.N. Charter covers an individual or collective right to self-defense against armed attack.

Suppose an ultra-violent gang came into the readers house, killed a million people and destroyed everything. You fought back and after eight unbelievably deadly painful years evicted them. Then, they systematically started attacking all your neighbors. If the reader would be so brave as to try to help your neighbors, the reader would just have become the "Cuds military force."

And how exactly would the reader feel about being labeled as a "terrorist" for trying to protect your house and the houses of your neighbors by the ultra-violent gang that started all of his horrible, horrible business? Well, the leaders of that ultra-violent gang control most of the internet and the first several pages of google all refer to the cuds military force as a terrorist organization even though there is no concrete verifiable evidence of that.



Figure 2 - Middle East Map - This image is in the public domain

3 Jan, 2020

“The UN’s top expert on extrajudicial executions said that Washington’s decision to assassinate the commander of the Iranian elite Quds Force, Qassem Soleimani, cannot be justified under international law.

“Major-General Soleimani and the second-in-command of the Iran-backed Iraqi paramilitary Popular Mobilization Units (PMU), Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, were killed (along with others) in a US airstrike at Baghdad’s airport on Friday morning.

“The ‘targeted killings’ of both men ‘most likely violate international law including human rights law,’ the UN’s Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions, Agnes Callamard, wrote on social media shortly after the attack.

“Outside the context of active hostilities, the use of drones or other means for targeted killing is almost never likely to be legal.

“The human rights expert said that such an attack may have been justified to protect against ‘an imminent threat to life’ or in self-defense, but this ‘test is unlikely to be met in these particular cases.’

“Lawful justifications for such killings are very narrowly defined and it is hard to imagine how any of these can apply to these killings.

“The Pentagon argued that the airstrikes were aimed at “deterring future Iranian attack plans.” Callamard, however, dismissed this reasoning as being ‘very vague’ and, therefore, unable to qualify as rationale to carry out targeted killings under international law.”

<https://www.rt.com/news/477387-un-rapporteur-soleimani-airstrike/>

There is no doubt that the assassination of Quds Commander Major-General Soleimani and commander of the Iraqi Popular Mobilization Forces Abd Mahdi al-Muhandis will inspire millions of others along the path of violence the USA apparently so profitably loves to provoke.

U.S. Will Come to Regret Its Assassination of Qassim Soleimani

Today the U.S. declared war on Iran and Iraq, January 03, 2020

“Earlier today a U.S. drone or helicopter killed Major General Qassim Soleimani, the famous commander of the Iranian Quds (‘Jerusalem’) force, while he left the airport of Baghdad where he had just arrived. He had planned to attend the funeral of the 31 Iraqi soldiers the U.S. had killed on December 29 at the Syrian-Iraqi border near Al-Qaim.

“The Quds force is the external arm of the Iranian Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps. Soleimani was responsible for all relations between Iran and political and militant movements outside of Iran. Hajji Qassim advised the Lebanese Hezbollah during the 2006 war against Israel. His support for Iraqi groups enabled them to kick the U.S. invaders out of Iraq. He was the man responsible for, and successful in, defeating the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria. In 2015 Soleimani traveled to Moscow and convinced Russia to intervene in Syria. His support for the Houthi in Yemen enabled them to withstand the Saudi attackers.

“Soleimani had arrived in Baghdad on a normal flight from Lebanon. He did not travel in secret. He was picked up at the airport by Abu Mahdi al-Muhandes, the deputy commander of the al-Hashd al-Shaabi, an official Iraqi security force under the command of the Iraqi Prime Minister. The two cars they traveled in were destroyed in the U.S. attack. Both men and their drivers and guards died.

“The U.S. created two martyrs who will now become the models and idols for tens of millions of youth in the Middle East.”

<https://www.moonofalabama.org/2020/01/us-will-come-to-regret-its-assassination-of-qasim-soleimani.html>

The assassination was clearly intended for provocation as the above article illustrates.

Iranian official government sources say 10 people were killed in that assassination. American sources report seven killed.

Seen from another angle the assassination of General Qasem Soleimani and his nine associates January 3rd, 2020:

Trump’s New Year killing of Soleimani finally blows up the fake Russiagate narrative, by Neil Clark, 3 Jan, 2020

“Trump’s ordered assassination of General Qasem Soleimani, head of the Revolutionary Guards’ elite Quds force, not only means a dangerous escalation of tensions with Iran, but also ends fiction that Russia was controlling him.

“Just imagine... If Iran’s President Rouhani had authorized a New Year drone strike on General Mark Milley, the Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, as he was being driven to the airport in Canada.

“Would anyone even be suggesting that the attack was done in ‘self-defense’? But that’s exactly the line we’re being fed now about the killing of Qasem Soleimani.

“The undeniable truth is that for all his posthumous neocon demonization as the most evil man on the planet, the silver-haired Soleimani played a key role in the defeat of the barbaric death-cult ISIS and other al-Qaeda affiliates in the Middle East. He helped mastermind secular, Christian-protecting, Syria’s against-the-odds survival in the face of a ferocious onslaught by some of the most powerful countries in the world, who unleashed an alphabet soup of jihadist proxies and death squads to try and achieve a violent ‘regime change’. Soleimani’s reward for fighting the groups that have targeted western civilians around the globe- including American citizens on 9-11, and British tourists in Tunisia in 2015, was to be blown up right at the start of 2020. Remind me again, who are the terrorists here?

“The airwaves are full of talk about the likelihood of a war on Iran, but the fact is that hostilities have already started. Trump provocatively pulled out of the Iranian nuclear deal, boasted that his new sanctions on Iran were ‘the highest ever imposed on a country,’ and now has ordered the killing of a man regarded by many as the most powerful figure in the country. Soleimani threatened US forces in Iraq we are told, by means of a

justification. But what are US forces doing in Iraq in the first place? We're meant to forget that they came there at the head of an illegal invasion force in 2003 which was supposed to be about getting rid of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction which didn't actually exist. What right did the US and its allies have to invade Iraq seventeen years ago? Absolutely none, under international law. But Iraqi WMDs was not the only deception. Far from it.

"We've been told (ad nauseum) the past few years that Donald Trump was under the control of Putin. That he was a de facto Russian agent. A marionette of Moscow.

"...Iran is a key Middle Eastern ally of Russia, an important strategic partner... ...the foreign country which have the greatest influence in US politics is not Russia, but Israel (and after Israel, Saudi Arabia).

"The killing of Soleimani — and the strong likelihood of Iranian retaliation against US targets, makes no sense from a US viewpoint, but it makes plenty of sense from an Israeli one.

"...The Jerusalem Post notes that the Quds supremo, was a key part of Iran's support for Hezbollah during the 2006 war with Israel. He also stressed Iran's continuing support for the Palestinians.

"If you were a staunch Zionist there's probably no one in the world you'd want out of the way more than Soleimani."

"...Israel's priorities (smashing the Iran-Syrian-Hezbollah axis- and eliminating leading figures from those countries/movements), actually weakens the broader fight against radical Islamist terror groups. If a 'War on Terror' was really being fought, you wouldn't be droning those who have done the most to defeat ISIS and al-Qaeda, would you? But that's what Donald Trump is doing. All the time liberals were getting into a strop over non-existent 'Russian interference,' Israel and its lobby were pushing for tougher action against Iran, the strongest regional foe of ISIS and al-Qaeda.

"...That means the dangers of a major conflagration breaking out in 2020 are greatly increased, for all the pre-election rhetoric about ending Middle Eastern wars."

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/477397-trump-killing-soleimani-russiagate-fake/>

Europeans are a wild card in the American fabricated conflict with Iran. They say they want diplomacy,

German FM blasts US policy on Iran, says Europe wants to prevent 'firestorm' in Middle East without regime change, January 19, 2019

19 Jan, 2020

German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said that, instead of following the US' maximum pressure campaign against Iran, the EU will stick to diplomacy in order to avoid further escalation of tensions in the region.

The US and Europe have a "different approach" to Iran and the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) for its nuclear program, Maas told Bild am Sonntag newspaper, in an interview published on Saturday.

"While the US unilaterally abandoned the nuclear agreement and imposed maximum pressure [on Tehran], we want to achieve progress through negotiations. France, Britain and Germany want to keep the deal to prevent Iran from getting nuclear weapons," Maas stated.

The minister added that "pure threats" and military action have done "nothing" to change Iran's behavior.

<https://www.rt.com/news/478646-heiko-maas-iran-policy/>

..and they know perfectly well the issues do no rest in Tehran, but DC. Why aren't they twisting arms in DC? Talk is cheap.

The credibility of Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Executions, Agnes Callamard

The press did not report that the assassination of Soleimani and nine associates was being turned over to the ICJ for immediate priority investigation. Why wasn't it?

The United Nations can find a referring Rome Statute nation, or coalition of nations to petition for an investigation and prosecution. Since the crime occurred in Iraq, and Iraq is a Rome Statute signatory nation, it can refer it for investigation as a violation of several international laws.

Unfortunately, everyone is terrified of US retaliatory measures in response to any effort to obtain legal justice, which is one reason American terrorism has proliferated. People and entire nations do not believe that the UN is capable of doing its job.

The UN's usual "procedural" excuses for not investigating crimes against humanity and war crimes have directly led to millions of deaths and most of the 70+ million "displaced persons" loss of their homes.

Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan has accused Agnes Callamard of a cover-up before and he may well be right, as based on a proven habit of cover-ups, for example in the Khashoggi murder:

"Agnès Callamard: 'Saudi Arabia hasn't been punished for what it has done to Mr. Khashoggi' by STEFANIA MAURIZI, June 21, 2019

"I am suggesting that the Secretary General should be able to put together a panel of criminal lawyers undertaking this criminal

investigation, so far the Secretary general has argued that he needs an official request from Turkey to do so, so I am also calling on Turkey to demand such a criminal investigation.”

https://www.repubblica.it/esteri/2019/06/26/news/agnes_callamard_saudi_arabia_hasn_t_been_punished_for_what_it_has_done_to_mr_khashoggi_-229703926/?refresh_ce

Unfortunately, Turkey is not a signatory to the Rome Statue and cannot refer the murder to the ICC, as Agnes Callamard well knows. Why not?

Could it be that President Erdogan doesn't trust the UN to deal with it fairly, as for example the ICC attempting to prosecute Venezuelan officers use of force against violent American paid color revolutionaries that killed some of those officers? Could it be that the UN has a long history of discriminating against socialists and Muslims as part of its crusade for some twisted version of "liberal democracy?"

Astonishingly, an American law firm in D.C. put together its own petition to the ICC to investigate MBS' role in the Khashoggi murder.³⁷

“Legal petition urges ICC to investigate MBS over Khashoggi murder

“Petition on behalf of rights group calls for ICC to probe Saudi crown prince for alleged 'crimes against humanity'.

“It was not clear whether the Hague-based court would respond to the petition, as it only has jurisdiction over crimes committed on the territory of its member states. Neither Saudi Arabia nor Turkey is a member of the court.”

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/10/legal-petition-urges-icc-investigate-mbs-khashoggi-murder-191001135619592.html>

A 35-page Petition to: Open an Investigation Pursuant to Article 15 of the Rome Statue in the International Criminal Court (dated July 19, 2019) has already been written by the New Jersey law firm referred to in the above article, a copy of which is included in that article, yet due to “procedural issues” at the UN, it cannot go forward, and thus the UN, ICJ, and ICC earn the reputation of a do-nothing organization, which could be interpreted as “covering up” murder. Murder is legal now as always, because of “procedural issues” at the UN, and no one at the UN has the initiative to overcome and rectify those “procedural issues.”

And thus, the ICJ and ICC cannot prosecute a case in a room full of smoking guns,

³⁷ Bruce Fein, Esquire and W. Bruce Delvalle, Esquire, Fein & Delvalle, PLLC, 300 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Suite 900 Washington D.D. 20001
<https://www.feindelvalle.com/>

Even when a New Jersey law firm already did most of the paperwork,

And thus, the sadists and murderers can go prancing around the world passing out what is to them pocket change, like Santa Clause,

And thus, the International Court of Justice and UN in general have well-earned reputations for being do-nothing organizations.

And thus, the surviving victim family members of those crimes against humanity seethe with impotent rage, fueling the endless cycles of revenge that have haunted humanity at all times when law has no meaning.

And thus, nine million people a year die of starvation primarily due to conflict and war,

And thus, the sadists and bullies, murderers and rapists are emboldened and the crimes against humanity and war crimes escalate to ever dizzying heights,

And thus, the world becomes numb and hopeless,

Because the United Nations cannot or will not do its job.

Why are some lawyers at a New Jersey law firm the only people in the world with the courage to write a petition to open an investigation into the Khashoggi murder?

The answer is simple: The global hegemon has so terrorized the world, everyone else is afraid and the UN has always acted in defense of the global hegemon.

The Visit of The Wise Men from the East (Matthew 2:1-12)

Sometime after Jesus of Bethlehem was born, wise men came from the East, Parthia to be specific, with gifts for the new King of the Jews. They brought the gifts to his *house* by the way, not a “manger” and it might have been months after his birth, as the details are not specific in any text.

Where exactly is Parthia on today's map? It's an ancient land corresponding roughly to the modern region of Khorāsān in Iran.

<https://www.britannica.com/place/Parthia>

How many wise men visited young Jesus or Bethlehem? Again, the text is not specific, though various numbers have been postulated from three to 12, though it could have been more. In fact, one cannot be sure that all the visiting mages, or wise men were from Parthia. One might have come from Russia, and one could have come from China. Again, the surviving records are not that complete to rule out those possibilities. Also, it appears the magi showed up in early Spring not the middle of winter.

<https://bible.org/seriespage/3-visit-wise-men-matthew-21-12>

Based on: *Chronological Aspects of the Life of Christ* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing Company).

But this time, instead, wise men in Tehran led by President Ali Khamenei did not give a gift *per se*, to the CIA, and refrained from killing some “soft target” soldiers in Iraq as the CIA and Trump so dearly wanted.

Instead the wise men followed the 6th commandment³⁸ and did not kill – possibly innocent U.S. soldiers (sacrificial lambs of the Deep State) in Iraq. Possibly or probably the wise men in Tehran were inspired by the wise spirit of Quds Commander Soleimani, who most certainly would not have wanted his own murder used as a provocative weapon to trigger WWII – a war in which possibly half of the people in the world could die. So what did they do? The wise leaders of Iran sent a couple of missiles a hundred meters away from the U.S. soldier’s barracks, and no one was injured or killed. It was a message from the wise men of the east.

³⁸ Commandments the CIA leadership, politicians in DC etc. might want to review are the 6th, 8th, 9th and 10th. That would clean up American foreign policy overnight if they could possibly take those Commandments seriously. In fact, a good review of all the Commandments would be helpful, like the 1st, given that those foreign policy makers seem to worship money and power vastly more than God.

Chapter 6 Motivation: The profitability of promoting crusades in all but name

The roots of the colonial era starting at the beginning of the 16th Century, American Exceptionalism, Manifest Destiny, Hegemony in Perpetuity and the 1992 Draft Defense Planning Guidance are all to be found in the European crusades.

The Crusades

Have we got a deal for you! You can go to the Holy Land,
steal the land and all the gold, rape all the women, break
every contract, terrorize those damn infidel Moslems,
and God will love you and forgive all of your sins!

Sweet deal, eh?

An over-simplification? To be sure. Incredible marketing? Yes, right alongside books and movies that glorify the crusades and CIA.

Many are the rational for the European Crusades to the Holy Land. For the European medieval man reluctantly emerging from the Dark Ages greed was not an inconsiderable motivation, though there were others.

What is a crusade?

It's a pity there isn't a single word in English for "extremist anti-Muslim bigotry and hatred, theft, rape and other tortures and mass-murder, using primarily Christianity as a spoken rational concealing old-fashioned greed in most cases but not always." The word "Islamophobia" is just totally wrong. The word "crusade" however should be sufficient as it is used broadly in English to include usages like: "A crusade against eating meat," and "A crusade against drugs." In all cases however, crusades appear to be focused on something quite bad, and that's all good for those who wish create associations between Islam and all things bad.

Almost all the standard histories date the origin of the Western Crusades to the holy land at 1095.

In fact the crusades started well before 1095 and officially ended in 1291 with the fall of the last nominally Christian city in the holy land, Acre but didn't really end there either. Fortunately, at least they abandoned the last city in the holy land which was a blessing for the local environment and people there in 1291. Then the Christian knights sailed off to Malta, and later regrouped as NATO.

Relentlessly extremist anti-Muslim bigotry and hatred, theft and murder (hereafter referred to as "crusades") continued to emanate from Europe, (though the British did harmonize with Muslims for a while in a mutual hatred of Portugal).

In any case in English the word Crusade can refer to any “righteous” mass action of people against something they consider to be wrong.

Rational for the Crusades

“At the beginning of the eleventh century three great powers dominated the Mediterranean world: the Byzantine Empire in the Balkans and Anatolia, the Fatimid caliphate in North Africa and Syria, and the Umayyad caliphate in al-Andalus. By the end of the eleventh century these powers had either disappeared or had begun to disappear by degrees. The great Mediterranean powers at the turn of the millennium were submerged by two major events of world-historical importance that transformed the new millennium: the movement of western European peoples that culminated in “the greatest upsurge of expansive energy that human history has ever seen”⁶ and the movement of Turkic peoples that created a vast Turkoman sphere stretching from the borders of China to the Balkans and led to the formation of the great Islamic empires of the Saljuqs, Mamluks, Timurids, Safavids, Mughals, and Ottomans, all with Turkic roots. These events were far from being the only influences at work, but they proved decisive enough to constitute a turning point in the history of the Mediterranean – and for that matter, of the whole world...

“In 1071, the Saljuq victory over the Byzantines at Manzikert left the Eastern Empire in peril and the eastern wall of Christendom permanently breached. As Byzantium was reduced to a mere rump of its former self, survival and recovery depended upon rescue efforts from the Latin West. The Crusade, which had first turned to the Islamic south, now turned to the Islamic east...

“It is Ibn al-Athir who elevated this interpretation of the Crusade to canonical status in Arabic historiography in his monumental work, *al-Kamil fi l-ta’rikh* (“The Consummate History”). His account reads:

“The first appearance of the power of the Franks and the extension of their rule— namely, attacks directed against Islamic territory and the conquest of some of these lands— occurred in 478/1085, when they took Toledo and other cities in Islamic Spain (al-Andalus), as previously mentioned. Then in 484/1091 they attacked and conquered the island of Sicily, as I have also described; from there they extended their reach as far as the coast of North Africa, where they captured some places. The conquests [in North Africa] were won back, but they took possession of other lands, as you will see.”

From: *The Islamic Interpretation of the Crusade: A New (Old) Paradigm for Understanding the Crusades*, by Paul E. Chevedden (UCLA Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies)

https://www.academia.edu/20223692/The_Islamic_Interpretation_of_the_Crusade_A_New_Old_Paradigm_for_Understanding_the_Crusades

Thus, the Crusades from a Muslim perspective began at least 10 years before the 1st crusade preached by Pope Urban II at the Council of Clermont in 1095.

Muslim and Latin historians generally agree:

The spark that launched the “First” Crusade was ignited in 1093–94 when Christian pilgrims were prevented from traveling to Jerusalem:

“The inhabitants of the coastal regions [of Syria-Palestine] prevented the Latin (*al-firanj*) and Byzantine pilgrims from going to Jerusalem. Those that returned home safely to their countries (*mimman salima minhum ila biladihim*) spread the news of what had happened. As a result, they (i.e., the Latin Christians) made preparations for the expedition (that came to be known as the “First” Crusade).”

Ibid

However, that short passage, and western historians in general almost never mention Jerusalem had *always* been shared by Jewish, Christians and Muslims alike, and this did not change during the time of the great Islamic Empires, until after 1085 when the Latins intensified attacks upon Muslim lands in Sicily, followed by Spain and Syria.

This is a critical piece of information that is virtually always conveniently forgotten.

Latin attacks on Sicily began much earlier:

“1038-1042 - Byzantine forces of George Maniakes briefly occupy parts of eastern Sicily; army includes Greeks, Normans, Lombards and Norse Varangian Guard with Harald Hardrada.

“1060 - Unsuccessful Norman incursion into coastal northeastern Sicily; permanent presence after Battle of Messina (1061).

“1072 - Battle of Palermo ends in early January with Norman occupation under Roger I and Robert de Hauteville. Nicodemus removed from

authority over Christian community. 'Latin' Benedictines soon introduced in Sicily, where previously monasteries were Orthodox.

“1087 - Ibn Hammud, emir of Kas’Janni (Enna), last major Arab stronghold, surrenders to Normans in 1087; Noto falls in 1091. Dozens of fortified Arab-founded (or re-populated) towns dot the island: Calascibetta, Caltanissetta, Caltagirone, Mussomeli, Marsala (Mars’Allah), Misilmeri, Cammarata...”

<http://www.bestofsicily.com/timeline.htm>

By 1072, Palermo was once again in the hands of the Latins, and by 1087 the whole of Sicily had reverted to Christian rule.

Certainly, the Muslims knew well in advance of “Christian” intentions to attack Jerusalem, and thus Christians found themselves locked out of Jerusalem for the first time in history. This then was used as a convenient excuse for Pope Urban II to launch the crusades against Jerusalem in 1095. Distorted, redacted histories, have a long history.

Syria also has a long history with Christianity:

“This heritage was held by the people of Syria who, it is claimed, could have influenced depictions of kings, battles, and events as recorded in the Old Testament and even the vision of the risen god as given in the New Testament. Saul of Tarsus, who would later become the apostle Paul and then Saint Paul, was a Roman citizen of Tarsus in Syria who claimed to have seen a vision of Jesus while en route to Damascus (also in Syria). The first major center of Christendom rose in Syria, at Antioch, and the first evangelical missions were launched from that city. Scholars such as Hyam Maccoby (and, earlier, Heinrich Graetz in his History of the Jews) have suggested that the apostle Paul synthesized Judaism and Mesopotamian – particularly Assyrian – mystery religions to create the religion which became known as Christianity. If one accepts these claims, then Panbabylonism (the historical viewpoint that the Bible is derived from Mesopotamian sources) owes its existence to the people of Syria, who would have helped to spread Mesopotamian culture.”

<https://www.ancient.eu/syria/>

In the 14th and 15th Century...

“In Spain, attention focused on Muslims and Jews, at a time of growing religious and cultural intolerance. The former found themselves expelled from Andalusia by force of arms, the latter issued with an uncompromising order to convert to Christianity, leave Spain or be executed. Desperate to liquidate their assets, a fire-sale ensued, with

property scooped up by investors who picked up vineyards in exchange for pieces of cloth, as estates and fine houses were sold for a pittance...”

Peter Frankopan, *The Silk Roads – A New History of the World*, 2015, p. 194-195

In other words, if Jewish people converted to Christianity, they could stay, whereas Muslims all had to leave and even conversion was not even an option.

“Many Jews chose to head for Constantinople. They were welcomed by the city’s new Muslim rulers. ‘You call Ferdinand a wise ruler,’ Bayezid II purportedly exclaimed, greeting the arrival of Jews in the city in 1492, ‘even though he impoverishes his own country to enrich mine.’ This was not simple point-scoring: in scenes which would bemuse many today, but which evoke the early days of Islam, Jews were not just treated with respect but welcomed...”

Ibid p. 195

“This belligerent posturing was part of a wider hostility towards Islam that was growing across the Iberian Peninsula at the time. When Henry the Navigator, the son of the King of Portugal, wrote to the Pope in 1454 to request a monopoly over the navigation of the Atlantic, he said his motivation was to reach the “Indians who, it is said, worship the name of Christ, so that we can...persuade them to come to the aid of the Christians against the Saracens.”

Ibid p. 201

And the crusades continued...

On one occasion Vasco da Gama himself captured a ship willed with hundreds of Muslims returning to India after going on pilgrimage to Mecca. Ignoring the desperately generous offers of those on board to pay a ransom, he ordered the ship to be set on fire in an act so grotesque that one observer avowed, “I will remember what happened every single day of my life.” Women held up their jewelry to beg for mercy from the flames or from the water, while others held up their infants to try to protect them. Da Gama watched impassively, “cruelly and without any pity” as every last passenger and crew member drowned before his eyes.”

Ibid p. 221 (Vasco da Gama, 1460-1524)

The Crusades laid the foundation for the colonial era

“Columbus had already advised on the passivity and naivety of those he encountered on his first crossing. “They are fit to be ordered about and made to work, plant and do everything else that may be needed, and

build towns and be taught our customs,” he wrote. From the very outset the local populations were identified as potential slaves. Violence quickly became standard. On the island of Cuba in 1513, villagers who arrived to present the Spanish with gifts of food, fish and bread “to the limit of their larger” were massacred “without the slightest provocation,” in the words of one dismayed observer. This was just one atrocity among man. “I saw... cruelty on a scale no living being has ever seen or expects to see,” wrote the Spanish friar Bartolome de las Cases...”

Ibid p. 206 – 207

And in Africa...

The African slave trade exploded in the fifteenth century: it proved highly “lucrative” (at least for some) from the onset...

“And even the chronicler who claimed to have been moved by what he saw on the quayside in Lagos had no qualms, when, two years later, he took part in a slaving raid in which a woman and her two-year-old son, spotted collecting shellfish on a beach were captured along with a fourteen-year-old girl who struggled so furiously that it took three men to force her into the boat. ‘At least,’ says the chronicler matter-of-factly, she ‘had a pleasurable presence for a Guinean.’ Men, women and children were routinely rounded up in raids that resembled animal hunts. Some begged the crown prince for a license to equip multiple vessels and head off in convoy. Not only did he approve, but he ‘at once commanded... banners to be made, with the Cross of the Order of Jesus Christ’ – one for each ship. Human trafficking was thus in league with the crown and with God.”

Ibid p. 203

“European warfare, however had an even more important role; it prompted the rise of the west. Discussions about Europe in this period emphasize that the Enlightenment and the Age of Reason saw a coming of age where ideas of absolutism were replaced by notions of freedom, rights and liberty. But it was Europe’s entrenched relationship with violence and militarism that allowed it to place itself at the centre of the world after the great expeditions of the late 1490s.”

Ibid 250

Flush with the stolen wealth of the Americas and Africa, Europe experienced its’ renaissance. Never mind that it was financed with the blood of innocents and built upon the bones of millions and rode upon a rising sea of blood (much the same as the American empire today).

Fierce competition between very wealthy European powers for the “spoils” of the Americas, Africa and Asia quickly led to rapid advancements in weaponry leaving the rest of the world staggered in the mire of their shattered cultures.

The author of the above cited book Peter Frankopan goes on to make a very interesting observation:

“It was not that aggression did not exist in other societies. As numerous examples across other continents would show, any conquest could bring death and suffering on a large scale. But, periods of explosive expansion across Asia and North Africa, such as in the extraordinary first decades of the spread of Islam or during the time of the Mongol conquests, were followed by long periods of stability, peace and prosperity. The frequency and rhythm of warfare was different in Europe to other parts of the world: no sooner would one conflict be resolved than another would flare up. Competition was brutal and relentless. In that sense, seminal works like Thomas Hobbes’ *Leviathan* were quintessential texts that explained the rise of the west. Only a European author could have concluded that the natural state of man was to be in a constant state of violence; and only a European author would have been right.”

Ibid p. 253

God’s War?

There are many western scholars of the crusades, with Christopher Tyerman being one of the more interesting. His book “*God’s War*” (2006) and more recently “*How to Plan a Crusade*” being two of his most notable works.

A book review in *The Guardian* summarizes some motivating factors and marketing strategies used to drum up support for the Crusades in this latter book by Tyerman.

“The first challenge for Pope Urban II when he made the call to arms at the Council of Clermont in 1095 was to convince western Christians that the “liberation” of Jerusalem and the defense of their co-religionists 2,500 miles away was a good idea. A sizable carrot was presented in the form of remission of all the penalties of confessed sins. In a divinely ordered world, where everyone believed in God and was terrified of purgatory, war had hitherto been seen as a sinful deed that required penance. Now, for those “took the Cross”, or who vowed to become crusaders, it was sanctified slaughter, a penitential act in itself. Crusaders were told that if they died in the service of the Cross they would vault over purgatory “as if in one leap they pass into heaven”. (This metaphor was popular in Flanders, where it was customary to pole vault over canals.)

“According to the church authorities, Jerusalem was part of Christendom because it had been bought by the blood of Christ. It was both a relic of the past – the site of Christ’s life, death and resurrection – and the stage for the second coming and last judgment. The case for its urgent recovery was bolstered by millenarian rhetoric and inflammatory images of Muslim sacrilege – including, it was alleged, huge cartoons of Saladin’s horse defiling the Holy Sepulchre. Recruits were promised “paradise and honour / merit, reputation and the love of one’s beloved”. Those who seemed reluctant to sign up were likened to chickens confined to their hutches or freshwater fish fleeing the sea. During the campaign for the third crusade, suspected shirkers were sent wool and distaffs, a shaming device that anticipated the white feathers of 1914. Misogynistic pressure was put on wives, who (until Innocent III changed the rules) could refuse their husbands permission to enlist.

“Although the chroniclers tended to idealise poverty and the poor (loosely defined as plebs, pauperes, peregrini and mediocres), crusading was a rich man’s game. The main targets of recruitment were those with liquid capital and large retinues. Royal endorsement helped: every king of France between 1137 and 1364, of England between 1154 and 1327, and of Germany between 1137 and 1250 took the Cross, which is not to say that they all ventured to Palestine. Vow redemption, a sort of get-out-of-crusade payment scheme, was a useful source of revenue. It was also open to abuse. By the early 14th century, redemptions had morphed into outright indulgences of the kind that would get Martin Luther so worked up in 1517.

“Income taxes came with the Crusades, including the notorious Saladin tithe, which became a model for future parliamentary taxation in England. Crusaders were exempt. They also benefited from interest-free loans and other immunities and privileges: “Mammon in the service of God”, notes Tyerman.

“Still, there was a hole in the heart of crusade strategy. Jerusalem and the Holy Land were easier to win than to keep...”

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2015/sep/25/how-to-plan-a-crusade-reason-and-religious-war-in-the-middle-ages-christopher-tyerman-review#maincontent>

Most of what most people think they know about the Crusades is wildly inaccurate. They were anything but holy at least for the crusaders.

Jesus Wars—Then and Now

“Ramsay MacMullen, the prominent professor of Roman and Christian history, estimated that many people died in these doctrinal squabbles.

“Our sources for the two and a quarter centuries following Nicaea allow a very rough count of the victims of creedal differences: not less than twenty-five thousand deaths” (2006, p.56). Jenkins wryly observed that ‘in any theological struggle, the first thousand years are always the bitterest’ (p. 234).

Who knew that theology could be so violent?

Even More Violence

“Herbert J. Muller, the American historian, wrote that “the First Crusade...set off on its two-thousand-mile jaunt by massacring Jews, plundering and slaughtering all the way from the Rhine to the Jordan. ‘In the temple of Solomon,’ wrote the ecstatic cleric, Raimundus de Agiles, ‘one rode in blood up to the knees and even to the horses’ bridles, by the just and marvelous Judgment of God!’” (Peters, 1977)

“It is estimated that at least one million innocents were killed in the crusades. The inquisition took another 350,000 lives. Witch-hunting is estimated to have killed between 100,000 and 1 million people. Apparently, Christians are quite as glad to kill as any group.

“It should cause us profound pain and deep reflection that the followers of Jesus have so often been willing to kill each other and those we saw as wicked. The Mountain Meadow Massacre reminds us that we LDS are not exempt.”

Jenkins, P. (2010). *Jesus Wars: How four patriarchs, three queens, and two emperors decided what Christians would believe for the next 1,500 years*. New York: HarperOne.

<http://drwally.com/2010/09/>

“Every war results from the struggle for markets and spheres of influence, and every war is sold to the public by professional liars and totally sincere religious maniacs, as a Holy Crusade to save God and Goodness from Satan and Evil.”

King Richard the terrorist

If proof is needed that there have been real “pseudo-Christian” terrorists, devils in human form, one need look no further than King Richard’s activities during the Third Crusade.

“Jerusalem, which had been in the hands of the crusaders for almost a century, had been re-taken in 1188 by the Muslims under Saladin, a powerful “prince” and military leader. The Third Crusade, whose goal was to re-take the Holy City, was therefore preached throughout Europe. The

greatest monarchs of their time, Henry II, then Richard, Philip Augustus and Frederic Barbarossa...”

<http://www.richardcoeurdelion.fr/crusade.html>

Although this seems straightforward enough, typical warfare as it were, in fact a historical precedent was set by King Richard’s ruthlessness during this the Third Crusade.

“Richard was keen to set off for Jerusalem, but could not leave while burdened by the 3,000 prisoners. His patience ran out, and he took a terrible decision. In his own words:

“‘On Saladin’s behalf it has been agreed that the Holy Cross and 1,500 living prisoners would be handed over to us, and he fixed a day for us when all this was to be done. But the time limit expired, and as the pact which we had agreed was entirely made void, we quite properly had the Saracens that we had in custody – about 2,600 of them – put to death.’

“They were roped together, led out to the open space before Acre, in full view of Saladin’s advance guards and executed by Christian swordsmen, along with 300 of their wives and children, sparing only the ‘prisoners of note’ and such as were strong enough to labor. The watching Muslims troops rushed to stop the slaughter, but were repulsed...”

Saladin - The Life, the Legend and the Islamic Empire, by John Man, Penguin Random House UK, Corgi Edition 2016, p. 282.

Few will doubt that the killing of 300 helpless women and children “in plain view” of the Muslims was an act of provocation and terror.

The writer of the above book John Man goes on:

“Two thousand six hundred: not many, perhaps by the standards of modern genocide, but a show of brutality far beyond anything done by Saladin. It is not a question of numbers. This was a political act, revealing the difference between personalities and between cultures... What a difference between the generosity Saladin, as a Muslim, usually (not always) showed to his enemies, and the ruthlessness that Richard, as a Christian, showed to his. (*Ibid*, 282-283)

Thus, on August 20, 1191 at the Massacre of Ayyadieh King Richard the terrorist made a real loud and clear statement: “We will slaughter your helpless prisoners, soldiers, women and children in plain view, so you know fear, so you Moslems know terror and rage.” This was not only the murder of innocents; it was an act of intentional provocation and terror by an invading army.

Is the Massacre of Ayyadieh to be forever repeated now on a daily basis? Reading newspapers today it certainly appears so, but the victims are not only Muslims.

American anti-socialist crusades Culminating in the League of Nations and UN

As noted earlier in this book one can legitimately argue that the concept of Manifest Destiny is a religious delusion that, like the Crusades permits and encourages uncountable evils and thus this convenient and profitable rationalization has roots going back to the foundations of the European savage conquest of the Americans.

And yet, time is not like a straight highway, but rather more like a river with forks and mergings, significant turns, deep narrow swift focus points, wide shallow marshes here and there, islands, waterfalls and so on.

Father Włodzimierz Ledochowski

Remarkably one Polish anti-Semitic, anti-Protestant and anti-communist Jesuit leader, specifically Father Włodzimierz Ledochowski had an enormous influence on the Dulles Brothers and Adolph Hitler, could well be responsible for WWII, subsequent CIA endless treacheries, and potentially WWIII.

Though most historians agree WWII was the result of unfair economic hardships imposed upon Germany at the end of WWI as formulated in the Treaty of Versailles, others believe WWII was in fact a revenge motivated plan against German Protestants and Russian Eastern Orthodox Christians combined with long-standing historic bigotry against Jewish people drafted and set in motion by the rather extraordinary Father Włodzimierz Ledochowski - the 26th Superior General of the Jesuit Order - which radiated out into WWII greatly facilitated by the progenitors of a whole new level of international deep state greatly facilitated by the American brothers John Foster Dulles and Allan Dulles with the aid of the hydra-like tentacles of the four hundred year old Catholic order of the Jesuits. Adolf Hitler, in this scenario was a patsy, a convenient disposable tool.

- Adolf Hitler was baptized a catholic and his father was at least nominally a Catholic.

Johnson, G. E. W., Hitler and the Catholic Church, The North American Review, Vol. 238, No. 5 (Nov., 1934), pp. 438-447, Published by: University of Northern Iowa
<https://www.jstor.org/stable/25114533>

Wlodimir Ledochowski – Nexus point in time and the danger of hate

- Wlodimir Ledochowski, a Pole, was the 26th Superior General of the Jesuit Order, elected February 11, 1915 and he had very powerful personal and religious reasons for hating German Protestants and Eastern Orthodox Russians, as well as a long-standing ecumenically approved bigotry towards Jewish people all going back to some childhood experiences relating to the nationalism and jailing of his father in the wake of WWI.

For more details see:

Chenau, Philippe, Father Włodzimierz Ledochowski (1866–1942):
Driving Force behind Papal Anti-Communism during the Interwar Period

Journal of Jesuit Studies 5 (2018) 54-70

https://www.academia.edu/35945027/Father_W%C5%82odzimierz_Led%C3%B3chowski_1866_1942_Driving_Force_behind_Papal_Anti-Communism_during_the_Interwar_Period

And

Zeyen, Thomas, *Jesuit Generals*, 2004, University of Scranton Press

<http://continuingcounterreformation.blogspot.com/2008/03/putting-learning-against-learning.html>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mieczys%C5%82aw_Cardinal_Led%C3%B3chowski

What other factors might have promoted a cozy relationship between the Church and Hitler? A mutual hatred of Communism.

“Father Włodzimierz Ledochowski (1866–1942): Driving Force behind Papal Anti-Communism during the Interwar Period

Abstract

“Włodzimierz Ledochowski, superior general of the Society of Jesus, wielded great influence in the battle against Communism. His belief that there was a link of some degree between Jews and Communism, his work to establish a secretariat in Rome to counter atheistic Communism, and his influence in the development of the papal encyclical, *Divini redemptoris*, are explored in this article. Convinced that the Russian Revolution was a satanic force out to eradicate Christian society, Ledochowski made it his life’s work to expose the lies and threats of Bolshevism, culminating in his penultimate Congregation (in 1938) where the superior general discussed techniques that could be used to combat the spread of Communism.

“Father Włodzimierz Ledochowski (1866–1942), elected twenty-sixth superior general of the Jesuits on February 11, 1915, was undoubtedly a key, and controversial, figure in the modern history of the Society of Jesus.

“At the very least, the general of the Society of Jesus did not dissociate himself from these attacks against Jews and took every opportunity to mention the existence of a “Jewish peril” in private conversations. Evidence appears in this conversation with Alfred Baudrillart (1859–1942), rector of the Catholic University of Paris (icp) and future cardinal, on April 29, 1922:

“Lengthy meeting with Fr. Ledochowski, Jesuit general. He’s a true Pole: charming, seductive, with simple ways, and talks a lot. Spent forty minutes with him. He spoke a lot about the Jewish organization in Poland and Russia as well his relationship with the Bolshevik movement. He’s convinced that the organization is out to destroy Christian society.”

Philippe Chenaux, Pontifical Lateran University, *Journal of Jesuit Studies* 5 (2018) 54-70, brill.com

So, what can a clever Austrian born ultra-Catholic Jesuit Pole like Ledochowski do when he passionately hates the (Protestant) Germans, (Eastern Orthodox Communist) Russians and Jewish people? The answer is obvious, charm and arm Hitler and then sic him on Western Europe and then the Russians. Thus, not long after...

The Dulles brothers, and the formation of a financial deep state for Hitler

“That John Foster Dulles and his brother and sister had a grandfather who was Secretary of State to President Benjamin Harrison and an uncle who similarly served Woodrow Wilson was as well-known already as their childhood familiarity with such celebrities of the American Establishment as William Howard Taft and John W. Davis. Mr. Mosley provides details of Foster's youth that, had we known them during his lifetime, might or might not have helped us to receive the great obfuscator's signals louder and clearer. Like his father, he was a fervent Christian who strove to avoid any appearance of priggishness. After the Reverend Mr. Dulles had sacked the maid who had been caught fornicating in her attic bedroom with a local farmer, he had remarked with a sigh that ‘She’s so pretty it’s almost a pity she isn’t a professional.’

<http://archive.spectator.co.uk/article/8th-july-1978/20/very-special-relationships>

In sum, Allen Dulles future CIA Director and John Foster Dulles (future Secretary of State) were (in the 1930s) lead attorneys for Wall Street law firm Sullivan and Cromwell that, in cooperation with several of Americas largest corporations helped the Nazis rise to power.

Talbot, David “The Devil's Chessboard: Allen Dulles, the CIA, and the Rise of America's Secret Government” HarperCollins, 2015

In fact, the Dulles brothers didn’t just help Hitler and the Nazis gain power, they financed it almost entirely.

“So it was that on Allen’s fortieth birthday—April 7, 1933—he was riding a train to Berlin on his way to meet Adolf Hitler.

“At four o’clock the next afternoon, the two emissaries were ushered into the Reichskanzlei, which sat just across Wilhelmstrasse from the American embassy where Allen had served as a junior diplomat thirteen

years before. They were among the first foreign delegations the Führer received. Prime Minister Daladier had told Allen in Paris that Hitler had no clear foreign policy ideas, and their meeting confirmed it. Hitler spoke at length about the injustice of harsh reparations payments and insisted that he favored universal disarmament. He rambled through subjects ranging from the American Civil War to the perfidy of Poland. When Davis asked him about reports of “excesses” against dissidents, Hitler, well briefed on his guests’ role in global finance, replied that he was simply imposing order ‘to protect the millions in foreign capital that are invested in Germany.’

“Gangs of Nazi thugs were beating Jews on German streets while Allen was there, but he came home without animus toward Hitler. When he returned to Berlin two years later, though, he found conditions worse and had what he called a “sinister impression.” He was disturbed by stories he heard from Jewish clients, and worried about the implications of Sullivan & Cromwell’s work fueling German financial and industrial power. Nazism became the first and only important subject on which the Dulles brothers seriously disagreed. Allen sensed what was coming and wished to spare Sullivan & Cromwell the stigma of collaboration. Foster could not bear to turn away.

“Despite his lifelong devotion to France—which had awarded him the Legion of Honor for his work on the Versailles treaty—no country appealed to Foster more deeply than Germany.

“Foster had helped design the Dawes Plan of 1924, which restructured Germany’s reparation payments in ways that opened up huge new markets for American banks, and later that year he arranged for five of them to lend \$100 million to German borrowers. In the seven years that followed, he and his partners brokered another \$900 million in loans to Germany—the equivalent of more than \$15 billion in early-twenty-first-century dollars. This made him the preeminent salesman of German bonds in the United States, probably the world. He sharply rejected critics who argued that American banks should invest more inside the United States and protested when the State Department sought to restrict loans to Germany that were unrelated to reparation payments or that supported cartels or monopolies.

“In mid-1931 a consortium of American banks, eager to safeguard their investments in Germany, persuaded the German government to accept a loan of nearly \$500 million to prevent default. Foster was their agent. His ties to the German government tightened after Hitler took power at the beginning of 1933 and appointed Foster’s old friend Hjalmar Schacht as minister of economics.

“Working with Schacht, Foster helped the National Socialist state find rich sources of financing in the United States for its public agencies, banks, and industries. The two men shaped complex restructurings of German loan obligations at several “debt conferences” in Berlin—conferences that were officially among bankers, but were in fact closely guided by the German and American governments—and came up with new formulas that made it easier for the Germans to borrow money from American banks. Sullivan & Cromwell floated the first American bonds issued by the giant German steelmaker and arms manufacturer Krupp A.G., extended I.G. Farben’s global reach, and fought successfully to block Canada’s effort to restrict the export of steel to German arms makers.

“According to one history, the firm “represented several provincial governments, some large industrial combines, a number of big American companies with interests in the Reich, and some rich individuals.” By another account it “thrived on its cartels and collusion with the new Nazi regime.” The columnist Drew Pearson gleefully listed the German clients of Sullivan & Cromwell who had contributed money to the Nazis, and described Foster as chief agent for “the banking circles that rescued Adolf Hitler from the financial depths and set up his Nazi party as a going concern.”

Although the relationship between Foster and Schacht began well and thrived for years, it ended badly. Schacht contributed decisively to German rearmament and publicly urged Jews to “realize that their influence in Germany has disappeared for all time.” Although he later broke with Hitler and left the government, he would be tried at Nuremberg for “crimes against peace.” He was acquitted, but the chief American prosecutor, Robert Jackson, called him “the facade of starched respectability, who in the early days provided the window dressing, the bait for the hesitant.” He baited no one more successfully than Foster...

“By some accounts, Foster wept after pronouncing those words. Later he backdated the announcement by a year, to make it appear that the firm had closed its German offices in 1934 rather than 1935. He and Janet, however, continued to visit Germany as the Nazi regime tightened its grip on power, making trips in 1936, 1937, and 1939. Apparently, nothing he saw disturbed him. He supported the neutralist America First committee—Sullivan & Cromwell drew up its articles of incorporation without charge—and roused its members with speeches denouncing Churchill, Roosevelt, and other “warmongers.” Hitler impressed him as “one who from humble beginnings, and despite the handicap of alien nationality, had attained the unquestioned leadership of a great nation.”

“Only hysteria entertains the idea that Germany, Italy, or Japan contemplates war upon us,’ he assured businessmen at the Economic Club of New York on March 22, 1939. This was a year after Hitler had incorporated Austria into the Reich, and barely a week after his troops seized Czechoslovakia.

“Not even the Nazi invasion of Poland later that year changed Foster’s mind. Two months afterward he gave a speech lamenting Britain’s declaration of war against Germany and asserting that there was “neither in the underlying causes of the war, nor in its long-range objectives, any reason for the United States becoming a participant.” This set off bitter arguments between the brothers, often over dinner at Foster’s retreat in Cold Spring Harbor. Foster had published a plea for “alterations of the international status quo” in order to head off “powerful forces emotionally committed to exaggerated and drastic change.” Allen understood this as a call for accepting the rise of Nazism as a way to fight Bolshevism, and he was appalled.

“‘How can you call yourself a Christian and ignore what is happening in Germany?’ he demanded of his brother. ‘It is terrible.’

“At least one other senior partner at Sullivan & Cromwell, Eustace Seligman, was equally disturbed. In October 1939, six weeks after the Nazi invasion of Poland, he took the extraordinary step of sending Foster a formal memorandum disavowing what his old friend was saying about Nazism.”

<https://erenow.net/modern/the-brothers-john-foster-dulles-allen-dulles-and-their-secret-world-war/3.php>

Both Dulles brothers got around quite a bit. John Foster Dulles was the single most influential person helping to finance the Nazis before WWII using American corporate money. France did present older brother John Foster Dulles Legion of Honor for his work on the Versailles treaty, and it was the Versailles Treaty at the end of WWI that established the original League of Nations, the forerunner of the United Nations.

John Foster Dulles completely ignored Nazi atrocities against Jewish people and the invasion of Poland.

“Going back to the aftermath of the First World War, Dulles had been an ardent advocate of liberal internationalism. The principle of non-interventionism — which internationalists such as Dulles slurred as “isolationism” — was the enemy. To Wilson and the rest of his globalist delegation, including Dulles, at Paris in 1919, the most important segment of the Treaty of Versailles was that creating the League of Nations. Colonel House wrote the first draft of the Covenant of the League. To promote the idea of the league, intended from the start as the foundation for a world

government, House put together a group of sympathizers to inquire into the facts of global affairs, which was dubbed “the Inquiry.”

“The membership of the Inquiry included Norman Thomas, a leader of the American Socialist Party. Another member was Dulles’ good friend, Walter Lippmann, a founding member of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society. Two other members in the small, select group were John Foster Dulles and his brother, Allen.

Dulles Among Founders of the Globalist CFR

“When Wilson failed (twice) to win ratification of the Treaty of Versailles, largely because the U.S. Senate was not yet prepared to merge the United States into a global government, the Inquiry became the core group of the world-government-promoting Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), founded in 1921. (The British had their own associated group, the Royal Institute of International Affairs.) As Kinzer explains in *The Brothers*, the defeat of the League of Nations “showed the Dulles brothers and others on Wall Street that internationalism had potent enemies. To resist those enemies, and to work toward a world that would welcome American corporate and political power, the brothers and a handful of their friends had decided to create an invitation-only club, based in New York, where the worldly elite could meet, talk, and plan.”

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/print-magazine/item/28299-john-foster-dulles-how-this-early-deep-stater-harmed-america>

The curious can find a large collection of speeches and other documents primarily by John Foster Dulles demonizing communism, and enlisting the help of trade unions in that effort posted at:

<https://catalog.hathitrust.org/Record/100800087>

A prime example:

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=umn.31951d03597163n&view=1up&seq=5>

Also:

<https://onlinebooks.library.upenn.edu/webbin/book/lookupname?key=Dulles%2C%20John%20Foster%2C%201888%2D1959>

There is no doubt after WWII both Dulles were very influential in the United Nations. John Foster for example wanted to significantly restructure it.

The Dulles’ influence over the UN

U.S. Constitution and U.N. Charter: An Appraisal

Address by Secretary Dulles (John Foster)

... The Constitutional Problem

“At this juncture a movement has grown up to limit severely the treaty making power and to curtail the authority of the President to conduct international Business.

“This movement reflects concern that our treaty power might be used to effectuate domestic reforms, particularly in relation to economic and social matters, and to impose upon our country socialist conceptions which are alien to our traditional ideals.

“These fears were largely founded upon the activities of certain committees of the United Nations...

International Law and Order

“Physical scientists have enabled man to destroy himself. Political wisdom must enable man to save himself. Political leadership that timidly goes backward will never cope with scientific knowledge which goes ever forward...

“This administration has a vision of something better than bare survival in the face of danger. We have faith that it is possible to end the menace under which humanity has existed for so long. It was hoped that the united nations would achieve this, and I still believe that it can. But to realize this hope will require that the Charter be altered in some important respects. The UN Charter now reflects serious inadequacies.

“One inadequacy sprang from ignorance...

“A second inadequacy sprang from the fact that the three leaders who planned the united nations were President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, and Generalissimo Stalin, precisely the three who led the wartime victory coalition against Hitlerite Germany. Inevitably, they looked upon the united Nations as a kind of peacetime prolongation of the wartime triumvirate. Consequently, the proposals initially put forward by the United States, United Kingdom, and Soviet Russia placed primary authority in the Security Council and stipulated that the great powers permanently represented on that Council must be in agreement.

“At San Francisco this concept was to some extent altered and greater scope was given to the General Assembly. However, the “veto” remained in the Security Council and the General Assembly was permitted only to “recommend.” Indeed, the Assembly voting procedure, with one vote per nation, precludes its decisions have more than advisory weight.

“Now we see the inadequacy of an organization whose effective functioning depends upon cooperation with a nation which is dominated by an international party seeking world domination...”

<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/imgsrv/download/pdf?id=umn.31951d03563129p;orient=0;size=100;seq=5;attachment=0>

It is more than a little ironic that in the hindsight of 2020, one can see most vividly which nation has most ruthlessly and relentlessly been seeking world domination.

Younger brother Allen Dulles had another approach to garnering power over and within the United Nations.

“Younger brother Allen, on the other hand, had gone through Princeton, likewise as a philosophy student but without suffering sexual trauma at the hands of a gay deceiver, and emerged with a cash prize big enough to take him on a posh voyage to the Orient, where he became fluent in Hindi and studied Sanskrit. He was already a compulsive womanizer and even flirted seriously enough with the pretty Vijaya Lakshmi Nehru, then only fourteen, for him to be able cryptically to mark his card of congratulation to her in 1953 when, as Mrs. Pandit, she became the first woman President of the United Nations General Assembly, ‘Allahabad 1914.’”

<http://archive.spectator.co.uk/article/8th-july-1978/20/very-special-relationships>

Vijaya Lakshmi Nehru’s father, Motilal Nehru (1861–1931) was a self-made wealthy barrister who belonged to the Kashmiri Pandit community. The Kashmiri Pandits are Kashmiri Hindus from the Kashmir Valley. Kashmiri Pandits originally lived in the Kashmir Valley.

Her older brother Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru went on to become the first prime minister of India serving from 1946 – 1964.

In 1912 he returned to India from several years in the UK studying law. The next year he started fundraising for Indian civil rights movement led by Mahatma Gandhi in South Africa, collecting funds for the movement.

During the WWI, Nehru volunteered for the St John Ambulance and worked as one of the provincial secretaries of the organisation in Allahabad.

St John Ambulance is a derivative organization of the Knights Hospitaller in the Middle Ages, which was later known as the Order of Malta, a Crusader Catholic military order. It was headquartered in the Kingdom of Jerusalem until 1291, on the island of Rhodes from 1310 until 1522, in Malta from 1530 until 1798 and at Saint Petersburg from 1799 until 1801. Today several organizations continue the Hospitaller tradition, most importantly the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. NATO can justifiably be considered a spinoff of Crusader armies as well.

With this curious family background, it is possible Allen Dulles did not “recruit” or seduce pretty 14-year-old Vijaya Lakshmi Nehru, but rather she recruited him, who at that time was a 21-year-old internationally inexperienced fresh out of university graduate. In any case the relationship worked out well for the both them and the groundwork for a Hindu-Crusader-CIA bond was formed. That relationship however didn’t work out so well for the Muslim majority in Kashmir.

Indian Prime Minister Modi is currently attempting to depopulate Indian controlled “Kashmir” of Muslims. CIA controlled mainstream media (MSM) is virtually silent on this cultural genocide. Prime Minister Modi is from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) party which originated from the fascist Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). During World War II, the RSS leaders openly admired Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini and took inspiration from Adolf Hitler’s ideology of racial purity. Though the RSS and BJP did not share Hitler’s hatred of Jewish people, but Hindu nationalists have been persecuting (killing and otherwise abusing) Muslims at least as far back as Ibn Battuta’s travels in India in the 13th Century.

Thus, the Allen Dulles/Vijaya Lakshmi Nehru connection strengthened a bond between two very large groups with historic antipathy and murderous intent towards Muslims.

The two genocides of 1947

Many in India hold Nehru responsible for the partition of India and Pakistan in 1947 in which somewhere between 1 – 2 million people were killed though no doubt the British were the puppet masters as it was Lord Mountbatten who drew up the partition map. That partition is often also called the largest mass rape in history. The British might have thought they had the last laugh saying goodbye to their precious colony in India.

Thus, 1947 saw two major genocides, the Nakba in Palestine, and the overly hasty poorly mapped out partition between Pakistan and India. As it was all “Arabs” and brown Indians and Pakistanis that were killed and rated this was extremely horrid exit for the United Kingdom from its formerly uncontested colonial power. That the Dulles brothers had something to do with all this seems to have slipped under the British radar.

The matrix of events spinning off from Jesuit Father Ledochowski, the Dulles brothers, and including the Nehru family resulted in no less than 200 million deaths including WWII, the endless wars between Pakistan and India over Kashmir, the endless American supported war of the Israelis to steal the entirety of Palestine, and the anti-communist wars all over Africa, Asia and Latin America.

What was Ledochowski’s father jailed for? Teaching in Polish language.

1874: Arrested, a national hero

The Poznan Courier reported on 3rd February 1874 that Mieczysław had been arrested at 4am that morning and "remained calm and dignified". He was jailed in Ostrów Wielkopolski. On 18th April a Berlin court removed him from his post as Archbishop. The Catholic Church’s fight against Kulturkampf was now also a fight by Poles for their language, history and culture. Mieczysław, once decorated by Kaiser Wilhelm I, Emperor of the German Reich, and always a loyal man of the Catholic Church, was now also a Polish national hero.

On Mieczysław's birthday, 29th October, the jail porter played the violin by his door and visitors even included the jail inspector with his three

daughters. The first wished Mieczysław health, the second happiness and the third freedom.

<http://www.ledochowski.eu/rodzina/mieczyslaw1822en.html>

There are no reports he was tortured or anything like that. The next year Pope Pius IX appointed Mieczysław a Cardinal and the year after he was released.

Ledochowski hated Germans and Russians, and with the Dulles' help got his revenge for his father's two years in jail, a rather extreme example of the "butterfly effect." And yet, his hatred of Germans and Russians still echoes across the world having already resulted in 200 million humans killed, uncounted millions tortured, uncounted rapes and other savageries; what's worse it isn't over.

It should be remembered it was Allen Dulles that orchestrated the 1953 CIA overthrow of democratically elected Mohammed Mossadegh of Iran in a military coup, after he threatened to nationalize British oil and replaced him with dictator, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi also called the Shah of Iran.

Thus, the two current nuclear war hotspots:

- Kashmir, with Nuclear armed India on one side, and nuclear armed Pakistan on the other,
- Iran supported by nuclear armed Russia and China on one side, the intended victim again of nuclear armed American aggression supported by nuclear armed Israel, most of the GCC, and Egypt.

...were orchestrated by a combination of the British, the Polish Ledochowski and the Dulles brothers with the Hindus and Nehru.

In the grandest of ironies and hypocrisies it was the socialist nations that liberated Africa, Asia and Latin American from the slavery of colonialism and in every case the USA then sent in its huge armies to destroy those socialist governments, a tradition that continues until today. The USA never gives up on destroying any nation that dares to help the poor. Neo-liberalism does not permit it.

It bears repeating that there's quite strong evidence that Jesus of Nazareth was perhaps at least somewhat socialist/communist himself.

"Jesus said to him, 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.'"

Matthew 19:21 (KJV)

And he lived in a "commune" with his disciples and Mary.

Trump's UN promises: War, racism, and an anti-communist crusade

None-the-less:

Trump's UN promises: War, racism, and an anti-communist crusade

September 22, 2017

“Donald Trump delivered perhaps the most warlike, chauvinistic, and insulting speech ever by a U.S. President to the United Nations General Assembly earlier this week.

“What Trump rants at one of his hate-filled rallies and what he said at the U.N. are practically indistinguishable. Except this time, no one was cheering.

"Alt-right" world view

“Trump’s speech expressed his worldview and that of the so-called ‘alt-right’ and white supremacist, Christian nationalist, trans-global alliance. He framed the speech with ‘America First’ nationalism, backed by the world’s most powerful military and the threat to use nuclear weapons.

“He attacked the United Nations’ role to promote global cooperation by asserting the sovereign right of nations. Trump’s brand of sovereignty is good only when it comes to the U.S. and with an added twist: it’s the United States that is the aggrieved nation and the real victim, despite having the most powerful military and economy on the planet.

“And in the most alarming remarks, Trump singled out a new Axis of Evil: North Korea, Iran, Syria, Cuba, and Venezuela. Trump’s racism and chauvinistic bullying is grossly blatant – all are non-European, developing nations, and smaller than the U.S.

“The scourge of our planet today is a small group of rogue regimes that violate every principle on which the United Nations is based,” Trump said. ‘They respect neither their own citizens nor the sovereign rights of their countries.’ Despite all the cosmetic talk of respect for sovereignty as a basic pillar of international relations, Trump is committed to ‘regime change’ in each of these countries.

Islamophobia

“Playing on fears of terrorism, Trump singled out Iran and Syria as states that support ‘Radical Islamic terrorism’ and “threaten other countries and their own people with the most destructive weapons.”

“Such talk ignores the complex political dynamics between class, religious, and social forces in both countries and the broader Middle East region.

“It ignores the impact of capitalist colonialism, globalization, and the role U.S. imperialism has played historically in destabilization through economic domination, resource theft, military intervention, and occupation.

“It reinforces the idea there is a global “clash of civilizations” between Christianity and Islam, inferring that Islam is an inherently warlike religion.

<https://www.peoplesworld.org/article/trumps-un-promises-war-racism-and-an-anti-communist-crusade/>

Is this democracy granting liberty?

“The fruits of Christianity were religious wars, butcheries, crusades, inquisitions, extermination of the natives of America, and the introduction of African slaves in their place.”

Arthur Schopenhauer

<http://oberon07.com/dee/monopolyOnVirtue.shtml>

“Our nation was born in genocide when it embraced the doctrine that the original American, the Indian, was an inferior race. ... We are perhaps the only nation which tried as a matter of national policy to wipe out its indigenous population. Moreover, we elevated that tragic experience into a noble crusade. Indeed, even today we have not permitted ourselves to reject or to feel remorse for this shameful episode.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

<https://nacc.yalecollege.yale.edu/reflection-today-our-nation-was-born-genocide-when-it-embraced-doctrin>

The topic of American anti-Communism and anti-Socialism is continued in *Chapter 11 The UN needs to affirm a variety of forms of governance, not just democracy can provide maximum individual liberty and representation*, though this virulent ideology of hate also meets the criterium of being a “crusade.”

Tolerance?

“Ever since the Crusades, when Christians from western Europe were fighting holy wars against Muslims in the near east, western people have often perceived Islam as a violent and intolerant faith – even though when this prejudice took root Islam had a better record of tolerance than Christianity. Recent terrorist atrocities have seemed to confirm this received idea. But if we want a peaceful world, we urgently need a more balanced view. We cannot hope to win the ‘battle for hearts and minds’ unless we know what is actually in them. Nor can we expect Muslims to be impressed by our liberal values if they see us succumbing unquestioningly to a medieval prejudice born in a time of extreme Christian belligerence.”

Karen Armstrong

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2012/jan/22/prejudice-islam-hajj-british-museum>

**This crusade, this war on terrorism is going to take
a while.**

George W. Bush

<https://georgewbush-whitehouse.archives.gov/news/releases/2001/09/20010916-2.html>

Ending America's Endless War, We Must Stop Giving Terrorists Exactly What They Want, By Bernie Sanders June 24, 2019

“The war on terror has also been staggeringly wasteful. According to the most recent study by the Costs of War Project at Brown University, it will have cost American taxpayers more than \$4.9 trillion through the end of this fiscal year. Factoring in the future health-care costs of veterans injured in post-9/11 wars, the bill will be closer to \$6 trillion. And even after this enormous expense, the world has more terrorists now, not fewer. According to the Center for Strategic and International Studies, there were nearly four times as many Sunni Islamic militants operating around the world in November 2018 as on September 11, 2001. That is no coincidence: the way the United States and its partners have prosecuted this war has caused widespread resentment and anger, which helps those terrorists recruit.”

<https://www.foreignaffairs.com/articles/2019-06-24/ending-americas-endless-war>

“The surest way to work up a crusade in favor of some good cause is to promise people they will have a chance of maltreating someone. To be able to destroy with good conscience, to be able to behave badly and call your bad behavior ‘righteous indignation’ — this is the height of psychological luxury, the most delicious of moral treats.”

Aldous Huxley

<https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/16335152-crome-yellow>

President Obama on the crusades and his subsequent crucifixion

“And lest we get on our high horse and think this is unique to some other place, remember that during the Crusades and the Inquisition, people committed terrible deeds in the name of Christ. In our home country, slavery and Jim Crow all too often was justified in the name of Christ.”

Barack Obama

<https://obamawhitehouse.archives.gov/the-press-office/2015/02/05/remarks-president-national-prayer-breakfast>

The media and “religious right” in the US crucified Obama for that statement. It was just way too honest and the religious right cannot tolerate even the tiniest shreds of truth at any time, much less a Presidential Prayer Breakfast.

The victims of these crusades are certainly not always Muslims...

This Day in Jewish History 1389: Hundreds of Jews Massacred in Prague on Easter

“All but the very youngest Jews were slaughtered, in many cases with their limbs being cut off, and their homes then plundered.”

David B. Green, Apr 17, 2016

<https://www.haaretz.com/jewish/.premium-1389-hundreds-of-jews-massacred-in-prague-on-easter-1.5432665>

It is characteristic of all movements and crusades that the psychopathic element rises to the top.

Robert M. Lindner

Also see:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4321752/>

The 10th Crusade

The Tenth Crusade, by Alexander Cockburn, September 7, 2002

“Would an attack on Iraq be a reprisal? If it degraded Saudi Arabia’s role as prime swing producer of oil, if it indicated utter contempt for Arab opinion, then Yes. But does anyone doubt that if the Bush administration does indeed topple Saddam Hussein and occupy Baghdad, this will be truly a plunge into the unknown, one that would fan once more the embers of Islamic radicalism that peaked as long ago as the end of the 1980s, and amid whose decline the attacks of September 11, 2001 were far more a coda than an overture.

“Would Iran sit quiet while US troops roosted in Baghdad. And would not the overthrow of Saddam be prelude to the downfall of the monarchy in Jordan, with collapse of the House of Saud following thereafter?”

“Islamic fanatics flew those planes a year ago and here we are with a terrifying alliance of Judeo-Christian fanatics, conjoined in their dreams of the recovery of the Holy Lands of the West Bank, Judaea and Samaria. War

on Terror? It's back to the late thirteenth century, picking up where Prince Edward left off with his ninth crusade after St Louis had died in Tunis with the word Jerusalem on his lips."

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2002/09/07/the-tenth-crusade/>

Edit on Counterpunch excerpts: The 9/11 attackers were not "Islamic fanatics." That is simply incorrect, however common that error is. When someone engages in the crime of mass murder, they have already lost their affiliation with Islam and become something else. The same can be said for Christians. This writer would not refer to King Richard as a Christian Terrorist, as he was no Christian, obviously. People who believe in a just God don't do "terrorism."

That kind of error however committed by all mainstream news paints a target on all Muslims.

The indigenous people of Jerusalem and subsequent invasions

The history of Jerusalem is certainly complex.

"The major source for the history of ancient Jerusalem is the Bible and the writings of Flavius Josephus (36-100 CE). In the 19th century CE, archaeological excavations began in and around Jerusalem essentially to try to prove the biblical stories and to affirm the existence of its major characters such as King David and Solomon. In the modern era, exploration expanded to include all levels of the ancient city.

"The Siloam Tunnel, also known as Hezekiah's tunnel, connects the springs at the pool of Siloam to the inner city.

"There is material evidence of occupation in the Chalcolithic Period (4500-3400 BCE) and the Middle Bronze II Period (1800-1500 BCE). The end of the Bronze Age (c. 1200 BCE) saw the invasion and conquest by the New Kingdom of Egypt (under Tuthmose III) and many Egyptian artifacts continue to be found in the excavations at this level. The Iron Age (1200 BCE) included an invasion of the Sea Peoples in the Eastern Mediterranean, named "Philistines" in the Bible. "The Philistines introduced both iron and chariots to the region, although Philistine material remains have mainly been found in the Gaza Strip where they settled."

<https://www.ancient.eu/jerusalem/>

The indigenous people of this region were called the "Canaanites."

The Canaanites were people who lived in the land of Canaan, an area which according to ancient texts may have included parts of modern-day Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.

<https://www.livescience.com/56016-canaanites.html>

However, if one wants to use historical ownership of land by conquest as legal merit for ownership today, then perhaps Jerusalem should be ruled by Egyptians.

That however would be grotesquely unfair to the Canaanites, and thus perhaps DNA tests should be done and rulership of the entire region returned to those with the highest percent of Canaanite DNA, thereby settling once and for all the religious and political fighting going on there. Might makes right only in uncivilized lands not governed by just and fair laws that protect the inalienable rights of indigenous people.

But is DNA enough? Perhaps candidates for leadership in Jerusalem should be asked to undergo neuroimaging tests to help determine their relative wisdom.

“Functional neuroimaging permits exploration of neural correlates of complex psychological attributes such as those proposed to comprise wisdom.

“...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.”

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

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/>

Thus, the key to peace in the Middle East might come from a combination of DNA tests to see who really are the indigenous people there, and then with the help of neuroimaging figure out who amongst them are most wise.

Then, a determination of the relative populations of Muslims and Jewish in the Holy Land prior to WWII will need to be ascertained, and if Israel wishes to continue as a nation, it must withdraw to the percentage of land its population represented prior to that war. Thus, Israel as a nation can continue, and the Palestinians can get a fair percentage of their land back. Any other “solution” will be fraught with perceptions of bias by the injured party, the Palestinians. Orchestrating this transition can and should be one of the first tasks of the new United Nations. The conflict will continue until a fair solution is implemented, and no real fair solutions have thus far been suggested, prior to the one above. Two states? Yes, but they must be founded upon

fairness and the truths of history, not military might and political influence.³⁹ Reparations? The olive trees and vineyards of the Palestinians before WWII are all gone now, but they will inherit some apartment buildings. It's not a fair exchange. The New Israel should be required to disband its military on the condition that Palestine offers guarantees concerning its security. The phrase "Never again" should apply to all people on the earth, especially the victims of holocausts.

This no doubt it the above will sound like a joke to most people; however, it is no joke when a person, or the loved one of a person is shot, tortured or killed because of the limitless political ambitions of some most unholy and unwise people.

If they do a good job and peace reigns for an indefinite period of time, the experiment was a success. Unfortunately, the US would almost certainly start funding the most massive color revolution in history in Palestine and then blow the whole place up to hide evidence of what they did - the typical American solution to most problems. The UN of course would close their eyes like usual. This might not happen if political campaign finance laws that truly cleaned up the politics in the USA were enacted and strictly enforced.

Blaming the victim and attacks from within

Inclusive Security for the Muslim World, Violent Extremism, by Husain Haqqani, March 2016

"An open discourse among Muslims about their decline might identify the reasons why the Ottoman and Mughal empires refused to accept the printing press for more than two and a half centuries after Johannes Guttenberg invented movable type. It might also explain why Muslims failed to embrace the Industrial Revolution, modern banking, insurance, and the joint stock company, even after these had emerged in Europe. Instead, most of the discussion focuses on real or perceived historical injustices. "We are weak because we were colonized," Muslims tend to say, instead of recognizing that Muslim lands were colonized because they had become weak."

<https://www.inclusivesecurity.org/publication/inclusive-security-for-the-muslim-world/>

³⁹ An old Palestinian friend of mine, also my Arabic teacher for a while named Fakhri told me when he was a boy in Palestine before WWII, Jews, Christians and Muslims lived in peace and perfect harmony together. If someone needed a cup of sugar, they just went next door and asked, not caring if the neighbor was a Jew, Christian or Muslim. I was in the USA with his son Mohammed, a medical student on the night of 9/11 when we were attacked by a gang of white men for the "crime" of being Muslim. When the police arrived, much too late, they told us: "You must have asked for it," and so didn't fill out a crime report and left. I left the United States shortly after and never returned, with no desire what-so-ever to return in the future. The United Nations cemented anti-Muslim bias in 1947 into the world's consciousness where it will remain until it truly starts to live up to its 1945 mandate. It is a tragedy beyond measure that American promotion of tribalism and sectarianism worldwide aided by UN malfeasance in 1947 has so divided the world and turned it against itself such that diverse groups of people can no longer live together in peace.

And who is the writer Husain Haqqani?

Husain Haqqani is a senior fellow and director for South and Central Asia at Hudson Institute. He served as Pakistan’s ambassador to the United States from 2008 to 2011 and is widely credited with managing a difficult partnership during a critical phase in the global war on terrorism.

<https://www.hudson.org/experts/655-husain-haqqani>

And what is the Hudson Institute?

“The Washington, D.C.-based Hudson Institute is part of a closely-knit group of neoconservative policy institutes that champion aggressive, Israel-centric U.S. foreign policies. Founded in 1961 by several dyed-in-the-wool Cold Warriors, including Herman Kahn—a one-time RAND nuclear war theorist notorious for his efforts to develop “winnable” nuclear war strategies—Hudson describes itself as “a nonpartisan policy research organization dedicated to innovative research and analysis that promotes global security, prosperity, and freedom.”[1]

“Hudson complements its foreign policy work with research on social and economic issues, claiming to “challenge conventional thinking and help manage strategic transitions to the future through interdisciplinary and collaborative studies in defense, international relations, economics, culture, science, technology, and law.”[2]

“Although the institute calls itself a “non-partisan” organization, its scholars and work tend to reflect a deep ideological affiliation with militaristic security policies, as well as an anti-Islamic and right-wing “pro-Israel” posture with respect to the Middle East. For instance, in March 2015, Hudson hosted hawkish Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR), who used the Hudson perch to allege that President Obama has a “tendency” to give terrorists “a hand and help them off the mat.”[3]

“The Gatestone Institute, an “Islamophobic” advocacy group headed by Nina Rosenwald, began as a Hudson satellite office in New York.

“War on Terror” and Middle East Politics

“Hudson scholars write on a variety of purported threats to U.S. security—including a rising China, leftists in Latin America, and border politics. However, the institute devotes much of its work to issues related to the Middle East and Islam, often promoting hawkish policies vis-à-vis Mideast countries like Syria and Iran.”

https://militarist-monitor.org/profile/hudson_institute/

That explains pretty much in regard to his motivation and political orientation. One might wonder how much Haqqani is paid of all that work of his?

Fact check on the above article by Husain Haqqani

Myths and reality about the printing press in the Ottoman Empire, by Ekrem Bugra Ekin, 08/06/2015

“The first printing press, which belonged to the Muslims, was established by Ibrahim Muteferrika in 1727, during the Tulip Era when the Ottoman industrial revolution began. It was opened 36 years later than the first printing press in New York.”

<https://www.dailysabah.com/feature/2015/06/08/myths-and-reality-about-the-printing-press-in-the-ottoman-empire>

Some other facts...

“The social structures in the Muslim world, which developed along very different lines to those in western Europe, also proved to be an important factor. Islamic societies generally distributed wealth more evenly than their Christian counterparts, largely thanks to very detailed instructions set out in the Quran, about legacies – including principles that were positively enlightened by the standards of the day when it came to the share women could and should expect from the estates of their father or husband. A Muslim woman could expect to be much better looked after than her European peer; but this came at the expense of allowing large-scale wealth to remain within the same family for a long period of time. This in turn meant that the gap between rich and poor was never as acute as it became in Europe because money was redistributed and recirculated more widely. These values to some extent inhibited growth, as a general rule, teaching and stipulations about legacies mean that families found it hard to accumulate capital over successive generation because inheritance was progressive and egalitarian; in Europe, primogeniture concentrated resources in the hands of one child, and paved the way for great fortunes to be built up.”

Peter Frankopan, *The Silk Roads – A New History of the World*, Alfred A. Knopf, NY, 2016 P. 257

In addition to marital property laws, Islamic Zakat laws precisely determined how much money – based on a percent of assets and income, a person must pay in Zakat, an annual tax on all Muslims to help the poor. The more one had, the more one had to pay. This certainly helped prevent the large concentrations of poverty found throughout the Christian world and also mitigated against the accumulation of great wealth in a few hands.

Islam is in most respects a capitalist system; the Prophet Mohammed was a businessman, but simultaneously it had many socialist features e.g. more fair economic distribution compared to previous religious philosophies.

All that aside huge wealth concentrated in the hands of a few in Europe, which combined with the stolen wealth of the Americas and Africa and financed the Renaissance and industrial age, while the Muslim world was attacked on all sides and fragmented into artificial countries encompassing competing linguistic and tribal lands, ensured to keep Muslims forever at each other's throats especially when a hyper-aggressive Israel was added to the mix by the British and Americans. The accusatory quote by Husain Haqqani above ignores the complexity of world events and attempts to blame a religion for what are in most respects some of its greatest attributes, e.g. social egalitarianism.

The seeds of the collapse of most great empires come from within, and beating up on the followers of the religions of those empires doesn't help anyone really. Self-hate is the saddest of all probably, and everyone needs to learn tolerance and understanding of the complex causative factors that go into events in history as they follow macro- and micro-trends.

This is not to say that some Muslims don't bear some responsibility for the poverty in which most of the Muslim world community (Ummah) now finds itself. It never was that way before European domination in the industrial age.

For example:

"Sixty percent of conflicts are in Muslim countries"

"Turkey's presidential aide says Muslim countries need political leadership and unity today more than ever," by Fatih Hafiz Mehmet, Ali H. M. Abo Rezeg, 08.02.2019

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/politics/60-percent-of-conflicts-are-in-muslim-countries/1387472>

These fine gentlemen come close to telling the truth here, at least in the title, but the body of the article appears to express a level of self-repudiation which most Muslims don't really deserve.

One day a man is walking down the sidewalk while another man on the upper floor of an apartment building adjacent to that sidewalk is suffering from a major personality issue, and just to prove what a man he is he throws his piano out the window. It lands, unfortunately upon the poor fellow walking down the street. The poor squashed man on the sidewalk doesn't really need to blame himself at all. And this is the lot of the common working man, not only in the Muslim world, but all around the world that have been disenfranchised, marginalized, and robbed by the great capitalists who just insist on maximizing profits at the expense of the working poor. In this the poverty-stricken people in Africa, Latin America and Asia are the same. Blaming the poor does not help. Whipping and blaming the slaves for their "inferiority" does not help.

It is true some Muslims are lazy, and many Muslim leaders are just unbelievably selfish. Most Muslims are not lazy however, and in fact the argument can be made that Muslims are the most highly disciplined large group in the world which is one reason some people do really fear

Muslims. (Although that's not the primary reason for bigotry however; jealousy and instrumental learning of prejudice are the primary two factors people irrationally hate Muslims.)

It's time to stop blaming the victims, and put King Richard the Terrorist, Tomás de Torquemada and Woodrow Wilson to rest.

And whatever happened to former ambassador Hussain Haqqani?

Govt seeking extradition of Haqqani from US on embezzlement charges,
Updated January 05, 2019

"ISLAMABAD: After failing to get former ambassador Hussain Haqqani through Interpol, the government has initiated the process of seeking his extradition from the United States through the Foreign Office on allegations of embezzlement.

"The Ministry of Interior has transferred a 355-page extradition dossier to the Foreign Office, which will be sent to the State Department for Mr. Haqqani's extradition," a source told Dawn.

"In this connection deliberations are being held within the Foreign Office over legal aspects of the case.

"A nine-member SC bench, headed by the then chief justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry, had on June 4, 2013, directed the government to use all legal channels to bring him back.

"Mr Haqqani, who was at the centre of a controversy over allegedly sending a memorandum to the then US military chief Admiral Mike Mullen seeking his direct intervention to avert a possible overthrow of the PPP government by the military, is currently based in the United States.

"A commission constituted by the Supreme Court commonly known as the 'Memogate Commission' had in its report held Mr. Haqqani as the originator and architect of the memo.

"The government has on at least a couple of occasions in the past sought Interpol warrants for Mr. Haqqani's arrest, but could not convince the international criminal police to act. On one occasion the request for warrants was turned down because of the absence of a criminal charge, while the second time, when a treason charge had been made against the former envoy, the request was not entertained because treason did not constitute grounds for extradition under the international law, a source said."

<https://www.dawn.com/news/1455584>

No doubt he's laughing all the way to the bank, at least for now.

Too many “Muslim” leaders are Euro-American puppets

Simultaneously it is true the majority of Muslim leaders could do a lot more than they doing now to help the impoverished Ummah. Many can be called dictators and puppets. In fact, like as in any other large group of people they are very diverse. Some are decidedly better and worse than others.

The following book is quite instructive:

The Narrative of William W. Brown a Fugitive Slave, by William Wells Brown, 1847

...and make note of the fate of Randall.

With the message being that when one is the “wrong” race (or religion) one may find favor for a while, but in the end, the masters will tire of their pets and send them down to hell.

A little lecture from beyond the grave by another slave is also instructive:

"What, to the American slave, is your 4th of July? I answer: a day that reveals to him, more than all other days in the year, the gross injustice and cruelty to which he is the constant victim. To him, your celebration is a sham; your boasted liberty, an unholy license; your national greatness, swelling vanity; your sounds of rejoicing are empty and heartless; your denunciations of tyrants, brass fronted impudence; your shouts of liberty and equality, hollow mockery; your prayers and hymns, your sermons and thanksgivings, with all your religious parade, and solemnity, are, to him, mere bombast, fraud, deception, impiety, and hypocrisy — a thin veil to cover up crimes which would disgrace a nation of savages. There is not a nation on the earth guilty of practices, more shocking and bloody, than are the people of these United States, at this very hour."

Frederick Douglass: Selected Speeches and Writings, ed. Philip S. Foner (Chicago: Lawrence Hill, 1999), 188-206 (Attribution-ShareAlike 3.0 Unported, CC BY-SA 3.0)

Bilal incidentally was one of the earliest great African Muslims, the first slave to convert to Islam, and the first Muezzin (he who calls the people to prayer).

Why did Iraq invade Kuwait? How did Kuwait get help? Why really did the US declare war on Iraq and hang Saddam Hussein?

Saddam Hussein was once the golden boy of Langley, but his time ran out. It can and always does sooner or later for any and every Muslim and person of color. Langley, DC and even voters sometimes are quite fickle and unpredictable. If Muslims were all on the same page, the Ummah could be a paradise-like place again with homes and gardens and lives with meaning beyond thinking about where to get the next meal, excelling again in arts and science, business and law like during the Golden Age of Islam.

In any case there is a lot more each Muslim leader can do to help the poor which would begin by ending the totally haram (forbidden) attacks by people who call themselves Muslim upon Muslims. These are not religious conflicts, or even tribal, they are more a function of the sycophants that suck up to American hegemony in perpetuity, and those that don't. Given the current transition from a mono-polar world of American hegemony to a multi-polar world, those sycophants might reconsider their alliances before it's too late for them. The world is changing very rapidly now and groups and individuals that don't change with it usually don't fare too well. So-called Muslim leaders found to have worked as surrogates exclusively for western powers usually find themselves in rather difficult situations.

In addition to that, some clever person really should compile an online database of the top 1,000 richest Muslims, and how they spend their money. That would be an eye-opener. Christian and Jewish leaders can do as they wish within the confines of secular laws, but Islam came along much later in history than all previous religions and set much higher standards for Muslims to follow.

Why hate Russia so much?

Why hate Russia so much? They are white and Christian! How can anyone possibly run an anti-Russian crusade?

There are many "good" reasons to still hate Russia. First, they are a potential competitor superpower to the USA. That is really bad, but not necessarily the main reason to hate Russians.

Americans have a long history of hating Communists, and Russia was communist from about 1920 to 1991, so there's 71 years of hate propaganda hanging around in the American consciousness and media targeting Russia and Russians. Of course, the US needs foreign demons and monsters to keep the defense budget ballooning ever higher.

That's enough reason to hate Russians. Those are not good reasons to hate Russians, but they will suffice.

It is considered a waste by the gnomes in the inner sanctum of the CIA to "let go" of a good target – like Russia. (Also see: "Transfer of Savagery" in the Preface of this book.)

Tragically the poor in the US don't have the high price lobbyists the corporate defense contractors have, and both Republicans and Democrats are fully "on board" the whole military-industrial-media complex bandwagon now.

Consequently, more American taxpayer money goes into hating Russians than loving Americans.

Did Russians manipulate the 2016 election? Is there any election in the world the USA does not manipulate? Does any foreign leader have a right to prefer on American candidate over another considering the awesome unrivaled power of the USA, and the realistic possibility that one candidate is more likely to start WWII than the other?

Poll: Most Americans want Trump removed from office by Senate

51 percent of respondents support the Senate convicting Trump on articles of impeachment

By Matthew Choi, 1/20/2020

“A majority of Americans want the Senate to convict and remove President Donald Trump from office, according to a new poll conducted by CNN.

“Fifty-one percent of respondents to the poll want the Senate to convict Trump on the impeachment charges brought by the House, which would lead to his immediate expulsion from office. Meanwhile, 45 percent of respondents said they don't want to see the president removed. The poll was conducted from Jan. 16-19 and released Monday, on the eve of the Senate impeachment trial, which gets underway Tuesday, though senators were sworn in last week.

“The numbers are the most favorable for removal since another CNN poll in June 2018. Approval for impeachment and removal has generally hovered between 36 and 47 percent, peaking at 50 percent in polls from October and November 2019, once impeachment proceedings were underway in the House.”

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/01/20/trump-poll-impeachment-101245>

This then is “proof” that continuing to hate Russians is good for the USA. If it's possible to knock him for the golden throne in the White House, Mike Pence the VP can step in and mount the throne. VP Pence is the mold from which the Taliban were poured – a zealot extremist that wields the furious flaming sword of God in one hand and a missile launcher in the other.

Mike Pence Will Be the Most Powerful Christian Supremacist in U.S. History

Jeremy Scahill, November 16 2016

“The election of Donald Trump has sent shockwaves through the souls of compassionate, humane people across the country and the world. Horror that a candidate who ran on a platform of open bigotry, threats against immigrants and Muslims, and blatant misogyny will soon be president is now sinking in. Trump appointed a white nationalist, Steve Bannon, as chief White House strategist — which was promptly celebrated by the American Nazi Party and the Ku Klux Klan. Bannon and other possible extremist Trump appointees, such as John Bolton, a neocon who believes the U.S. should “bomb Iran,” and the authoritarian Rudy Giuliani, are now receiving much deserved public scrutiny.

“Trump is a Trojan horse for a cabal of vicious zealots who have long craved an extremist Christian theocracy, and Pence is one of its most

prized warriors. With Republican control of the House and Senate and the prospect of dramatically and decisively tilting the balance of the Supreme Court to the far right, the incoming administration will have a real shot at bringing the fire and brimstone of the second coming to Washington.

“The enemy, to them, is secularism. They want a God-led government. That’s the only legitimate government,’ contends Jeff Sharlet, author of two books on the radical religious right, including ‘The Family: The Secret Fundamentalism at the Heart of American Power.’ ‘So when they speak of business, they’re speaking not of something separate from God, but they’re speaking of what, in Mike Pence’s circles, would be called biblical capitalism, the idea that this economic system is God-ordained.”

<https://theintercept.com/2016/11/15/mike-pence-will-be-the-most-powerful-christian-supremacist-in-us-history/>

Besides all that, Russians are not Catholic or Protestant! They are Russian Orthodox. Christians fought and killed each other for being the wrong kind of Christian from 1524 until 1648 killing tens of millions of Christians in the Wars of Religions. So, one can also hate Russians for that too, and make it a real crusade.

Could NATO also be considered a “crusader” army?

NATO and the Knights of Malta

After the end of the Crusades in 1291 the remaining Catholic Crusaders first moved to Malta, the point of origin of NATO.

NATO and the Crusaders have a long and – in the viewpoints of some – glorious history.

“Second only to the Papacy’s 2000-year history is the 1000-year history of the Knights of Malta. As a military Catholic order of monks, they’ve run hospitals since the Crusades and were the fore-runner of NATO, with a navy that protected Europe against the Ottoman Empire...

“It was Voltaire who said, ‘Nothing is better known than the Siege of Malta!’ Voltaire was recalling the event in 1565, when the Knights Hospitaller achieved their greatest victory. Under the order’s famous leader, Jean Parisot de La Valette, a French nobleman and 49th Grand Master of the Hospital, the knights defeated the Ottoman Empire at Malta in one of history’s famous battles.”

<https://www.crikey.com.au/2017/02/02/why-has-pope-francis-taken-over-the-knights-of-malta/>

The crusaders incidentally were virtually all Catholic, as they happened long before the Reformation in Europe.

At this time NATO (with its long and strong Catholic history) forces are right on the doorstep of (Eastern Orthodox Christian) Russia in (Catholic) Poland, (Eastern Orthodox but desperately in need of foreign capital) Romania, and Bulgaria.

NATO headquarters these days coincidentally or not is in a good Catholic country, Belgium, along with the headquarters of the European Union.

In any case, NATO surrounding Russia adds up to - what some consider to be - a Catholic inspired military force aimed at the largest Eastern Orthodox Christian nation in the world, Russia. This certainly could be viewed as indicative of the threat one of the new "wars of religion."

Profit motive for hating and dehumanizing Muslims

...making the invasion of Muslim countries to steal natural resources so much easier.

Trump keeps talking about 'keeping' Middle East oil. That would be illegal.

There's a well-established international standard outlawing "pillage."

by James G. Stewart, November 6, 2019

(James G. Stewart is an associate professor at the University of British Columbia Peter A. Allard School of Law, a former war crimes prosecutor and the author of "Corporate War Crimes: Prosecuting Pillage of Natural Resources.")

"President Trump wants it known that — despite his recent decision to pull back the U.S. military back from previously Kurdish-held territory in Syria — he plans on "keeping the oil" in Syria and using American troops to do it.

"If he follows through, he'll set a dangerous precedent — and might commit a war crime.

"Keeping Syria's oil could well constitute pillage — theft during war — which is banned in Article 33 of the Fourth Geneva Convention and the 1907 Hague Laws and Customs of War on Land, which states, "The pillage of a town or place, even when taken by assault, is prohibited." The prohibition has a solid grounding in the laws of war and international criminal justice, and the U.S. federal code, including as a sanction for the illegal exploitation of natural resources such as oil from war zones."

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2019/11/05/trump-keeps-talking-about-keeping-middle-east-oil-that-would-be-illegal/>

Similar programming occurs in the video game world:

The oxymoronic deception of “Islamic terrorism”

The whole oxymoronic deception of “Islamic terrorism” is a finely crafted lie, a propaganda tool and an oxymoron. That’s like saying “first strike defense,” “almost candid,” and “almost pregnant.” Islam by Islamic law can never be used to harm innocents. Islam is and always has been a religion of peace. As it says in the Quran:

- You may fight in the cause of God against those who attack you, but do not aggress. God does not love the aggressors. (Quran 2:190)
- If they leave you alone, refrain from fighting you, and offer you peace, then God gives you no excuse to fight them. (Quran 4:90)

If this writer decides to paint himself purple and claim to be alien, then goes about painting everyone’s house blue, can the news accurately report: PURPLE ALIEN PAINTING PEOPLE’S HOUSES BLUE! No, they cannot. They should report: A crazy person who painted himself purple is going around claiming to be alien, even though he is human, and has been painting people’s houses blue.

Furthermore, if there were any real purple aliens around, they certainly should have the right and responsibility to sue those newspapers, broadcast news agencies and everyone else who went around spreading fake news about their community. But Muslims have no rights in the western world, except a right to die by violence. This is proved by the American government’s endless violence against Muslims, Extraordinary Rendition, and the mainstream media’s relentless justifications for it.

Globalizing Torture: CIA Secret Detention and Extraordinary Rendition

<https://www.justiceinitiative.org/publications/globalizing-torture-cia-secret-detention-and-extraordinary-rendition>

(The 216-page report can be downloaded from the linked site immediately above)

Thus, killing innocent Muslims for sport wasn’t enough, the torture and “disappearances” of Muslims was legalized and sanctified by law as well by the U.S. Government.

The above report says that after 10 years “the time has come for the United States and its partners to definitively repudiate these illegal practices...” Any Muslim would argue such practices were never justified for even one instant.

Muslims cannot to terrorism. It rather like the original Karate Kid movie: A Muslim can fight in defense only. This is not something complicated; it’s very simple and straightforward. All news reports, games, TV shows etc. claiming the contrary are operating in support of reinforcing bigotry, torture and murder.

Those deluded individuals who harm innocents and claim to be Muslims are simply that: deluded individuals and sometimes groups, but they are not Muslim by definition. They do not represent Muslims or Islam. The phrase “Islamic Terrorism” should never – not once - have been used in the media. It is propaganda weapon of anti-Muslim bigots and a very destructive, divisive lie.

That kind of very common lie makes it so easy for greedy politicians like George Bush, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump to murder Muslim *en-masse* and get away with it scot-free.

The Quran also warns Muslims:

“They would persist in fighting you until they turn you back from your religion, if they could.” Quran 2:217

<http://www.islamicity.org/4270/war-and-peace-in-the-quran/>

One can only wonder if those American soldiers stationed in Iraq knew they were being used as sacrificial lambs for the mega-corporations that control the US government and that they were the most likely easy targets for a revenge killing. One can only wonder how they would have felt if they had known.

The words “terrorism” and “terrorist” are perfect weapons as they have come through classical conditioning to be associated with all Muslims and have since – as part of the evolving web of lies woven around Muslims by the Euro-American propaganda machine – become inseparably related to the horrific crimes of 9/11. That lie helps radicalize everyone in the world against Muslims and Islam in a vicious circle of hate and fear and provides justification for ever increasing defense department budgets. What’s worse is some very low IQ Muslims believe that lie too.

It should be remembered that 15 of the 19, 9/11 bombers were Saudi Arabian, two were from UAE, and one from Egypt, all close allies of the US, and President Trump has signed deals with Saudi Arabia to sell \$350 billion worth of more weapons to them.

Ignoring the “little fact” that hurting or killing innocents is absolutely forbidden in Islam, the propaganda of the American hegemonic machine has used that lie to inflate defense department spending and facilitate and justify the murder of millions of innocent men, women and children.

The western world owes the “developing world” restitution and the fourth estate has to take the lead

This is unlikely to happen soon; however, it is possible.

First, the USA for example is 23 trillion dollars in debt.

<https://usdebtclock.org/>

Second, all the land was stolen anyways.

However, the weapons manufactures could start to diversify into construction and engineering and start to rebuild some of what they destroyed, and pay for it themselves.

The media should absolutely stop using the phrases: “Islamic terrorism” as there is no such thing, and pay restitution to the victims of white supremacist terrorist attacks, which would include victims in every Muslim and socialist country. The media has a lot of cleaning up to do.

“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”.

<https://williamblum.org/aer/read/155>

[Permission to quote granted by William Blum via email March 15, 2018]

The press used to be called the “fourth estate” and was supposed to work as a check on the other three ‘estates,’ executive, legislative and judiciary branches of government. But the mainstream media sold out to corporate interests, and the whole system has become monolithic with no checks and balances what-so-ever.

If and when the American empire falls, as surely it will if it continues on its current path without a major correction, the corruption of the media will be seen as one of the most treacherous. One expects politicians to be dirty, but the press too?

Yes, the media has a lot of cleaning up to do first if the American empire is going to be saved.

“Outrage over 'Muslim Massacre' computer game” by Daily Mail Reporter

“A computer game in which players battle to wipe out all Muslims is 'deeply offensive' and should be removed from the internet, furious members of an Islamic group say.

“Muslim Massacre involves taking control of an gung-ho 'American Hero' armed with a machine gun and a rocket launcher.

“He is parachuted into a Middle Eastern country with the aim of 'leaving no Muslim man or woman alive'.

“Players progress through the levels, targeting characters dressed as terrorists and civilians, before taking on Osama bin Laden, Mohammed and finally Allah.”

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1054380/Outrage-Muslim-Massacre-game.html>

The world media should be screaming for prosecution of President Trump and his accomplices in the murder of Qassim Soleimani. The media should be screaming for prosecutions in the attempted coups in Turkey, and Venezuela and the successful coup in Bolivia, the ongoing wars in Libya, Iraq, Yemen, and so on.

George W. Bush and most especially George Tenet, then Director of the CIA should have been prosecuted for War Crimes, Crimes Against Humanity and murder for the war in Iraq. But, the western media just “let it go,” reinforcing the endless profit driven wars, profitable only for the few super-rich who own stock in weapons corporations, while endless nightmares and death stalk the innocent victims around the world.

The International Criminal Court legally, is “the court of last resort.” But the executive branch of the American government is corrupted by corporate money, the judiciary is now totally a tool of the corrupted executive branch, and the legislative branch of government makes laws that are only applied to people of color, Muslims and socialists. And the supersizing and corporatization of the vaunted “fourth estate” seals the fate of the American Empire.

If change is possible from within the USA it has to start with the fourth estate.

Do American military personnel have to follow orders they know to be illegal?

Memo to Trump: The military will not follow illegal orders...

Nov 20, 2017 – “The military will not blindly follow a first-strike order. ... The top commander of U.S. nuclear forces says he would push back if President Donald Trump asked...”

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/right-turn/wp/2017/11/20/memo-to-trump-the-military-will-not-follow-illegal-orders/>

As for President Trump, if he goes ahead with his war in Iran, he can expect a verdict of not guilty by reason of mental disorder, probably some - under ordinary circumstances banal - disease associated with aging, and find himself sentenced to a high security mental health facility, aka posh nursing home.

The military commanders who followed his orders to murder Qassem Soleimani however, may not find their futures so sunny.

Fact Sheet: “Following Orders” Is No Defense to War Crimes: The Duty to Disobey Illegal Military Orders

“Service members of the United States Armed Forces are required to disobey orders that violate the law. As retired Marine Corps General John Allen recently said: “When we swear an oath to support and defend the Constitution...one of those is to ensure that we do not obey illegal orders.” While the Uniform Code of Military Justice demands obedience to the lawful orders of a superior commissioned officer, it equally demands disobedience when the order given is illegal. Military leaders such as Lieutenant General Sean MacFarland have spoken out to reaffirm that the U.S. military will not commit war crimes: “We are bound by the laws of armed conflict. And you know at the end of the day, it doesn't only matter if you win, it matters how you win.” Both international and domestic

courts have a robust history of convicting service members who carried out unlawful orders. When former Nazis claimed to have just been following orders, this defense was unequivocally rejected during the Nuremberg trials.

“Waterboarding, killing family members of suspected terrorists, and carpet-bombing civilian areas are not only clear violations of the law, they are war crimes. Giving, following, or relaying orders to commit such acts are also war crimes.”

<https://www.humanrightsfirst.org/resource/fact-sheet-following-orders-no-defense-war-crimes-duty-disobey-illegal-military-orders>

Certainly, President Trump said that Qassem Soleimani was guilty of a, b, and c, *but there were no judicial findings to substantiate that claim*. Thus, it was murder and a brazen breach of many international and American laws.

Chapter 7 Glimmers of Hope?

News: UN General Assembly calls on Israel to withdraw from Syria's Golan Heights

'Stumbling block for peace': UN General Assembly calls on Israel to withdraw from Syria's Golan Heights, December 04, 2019

"The UN General Assembly has adopted a resolution demanding that Israel vacate the Golan Heights – Syrian territory it captured in 1967 and has occupied since – arguing its presence in the disputed region is an obstacle to peace.

"Passed in a 91-65 vote with 9 abstentions on Tuesday, the resolution called on Israel to abandon the Golan after over 50 years of occupation, insisting that nations may not acquire territory by conquest, a core principle of international law.

"The continued occupation of the Syrian Golan and its de facto annexation constitute a stumbling block in the way of achieving a just, comprehensive and lasting peace in the region," the resolution said, demanding that "Israel withdraw from all the occupied Syrian Golan."

"The rebuke comes months after US President Donald Trump recognized Israeli sovereignty over the Golan, reversing longstanding American policy and contradicting a number of previous UN resolutions condemning Israel's presence in the territory. In another more recent about-face, Washington also rubberstamped Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank, which have also been the subject of past UN measures."

<https://www.rt.com/news/474959-un-resolution-golan-heights/>

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

Monday, 23 December 2019 10:49 AM

“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

Given the numerous UN Resolutions that were passed in regards to Israeli actions in Palestine over the decades that accomplished no real changes on the ground, it’s a bit difficult to be too optimistic in regards to this new effort by Fatou Bensouda, however well intentioned.

<https://www.foreignpolicyjournal.com/2016/12/28/the-significance-of-the-un-resolution-on-israeli-settlements/>

<https://www.foreignpolicyjournal.com/2019/12/20/how-un-resolution-2334-accelerated-israels-colonization-in-the-west-bank>

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 and failure to uphold international law emboldens belligerents

UN Inaction on President Trump’s threats against Iran based on unproven allegations and unwarranted illegal American sanctions on Iran

The United States, Israel, and the majority of the Gulf Cooperation Council nations are preparing to begin another genocide against Iran⁴⁰, 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 House ‘is afflicted by mental retardation’ and that they would permanently close the door to diplomacy in the wake of U.S. sanctions.”

⁴⁰ 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.

<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>

This is not a warning, it's a threat: Trump declares US embassy in Iraq safe, says Iran will pay 'big price' for attack

31 Dec, 2019

“President Donald Trump has said that a US embassy in Baghdad has been secured by American and Iraqi troops, and threatened to hold Iran “fully responsible” for any damages or loss of life at any US facility.

“‘This is not a Warning, it is a Threat,’ Trump declared in a tweet on Tuesday afternoon, adding that Iran will “pay a very BIG PRICE” for the embassy siege earlier in the day.

“A task force of US Marines was rushed to the embassy in Baghdad on Tuesday, after protesters and fighters of the Shia militia Kataib Hezbollah stormed the perimeter, chanting “Death to America.”

“The embassy siege appeared to be Kataib Hezbollah’s response to a series of US airstrikes over the weekend, targeting their positions in Iraq and Syria. The Iranian-backed militia has been fighting against Islamic State (IS, formerly ISIS) terrorists, but the Pentagon blamed it for last week’s attack on a US coalition base near Kirkuk, in which one contractor died.

“The Iraqi government had condemned the airstrikes as a violation of their sovereignty. Iran rejected all accusations that it was responsible for the embassy siege, calling it “surprising audacity” to blame Tehran for protests over the “savage killing” of at least 25 Iraqis.”

<https://www.rt.com/news/477237-trump-threat-iran-iraq-protests/>

Thank you, Mr. President, for articulating the precise nature of your threats. But are the Iranian really to blame and can anyone prove it?

Unrest at US embassy reveals Iraqis are fed up with American ‘occupiers’

31 Dec, 2019

“Anti-American sentiment has taken deep root in Iraqi society and ultimately fueled the fiery siege of the US Embassy in Baghdad, as the locals blame Washington for the sorry state of Iraq, military and political analysts tell RT.

“Chanting “Death to America” and “Death to Israel,” a crowd of protesters surrounded the US diplomatic mission on Tuesday, angered by the death of two dozen Iraqis in US airstrikes against the Iranian-backed Kataib Hezbollah militia over the weekend.

“At one point, the mob set a checkpoint at the entrance on fire and attempted to storm the embassy. Dozens of people made it inside the heavily-guarded compound and delivered some damage to the property before eventually retreating as a force of US Marines backed by attack helicopters arrived as reinforcements.

“‘There’s nothing surprising’ about the embassy in Baghdad being targeted by protesters, Lukyanov pointed out. The US has been directly involved in Iraqi affairs since the invasion in 2003 and the locals now blame the ‘foreign sponsors’ of the Iraqi government for its inability to improve their security and well-being.

“The operation against backed Kataib Hezbollah, launched without any approval from Baghdad, became “yet another sign for the ‘Iraqi street’ that the Americans are behaving like occupiers,” he added. Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdel Mahdi called it an “an unacceptable vicious assault” and said the US had violated the sovereignty of his country.

“‘The level of anti-American sentiment is as high in Iraq as it was in Libya and Iran. It’s not something that’s fueled by some military or political entities,’ Lukyanov told RT.

“The Iraqi opposition will now most likely “double down on its political pressure on the Iraqi government to evict US military forces from Iraqi soil,’ Ritter told RT.”

<https://www.rt.com/news/477210-iraq-embassy-siege-analysts/>

Perhaps not. That quote by Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdel Mahdi referring to “an unacceptable vicious assault” referring to the US violation the sovereignty of his country is *prima facie* evidence that Iraqis don’t need Iranian help in fostering high level anti-American feelings and activities.

Not long after:

Iraqi parliament passes resolution asking government to cancel request for assistance from US-led coalition, 5 Jan, 2020

<https://www.rt.com/news/477515-iraq-parliament-foreign-troops/>

Followed immediately by:

Trump threatens Iraq with 'very big sanctions' unless it pays back BILLIONS for an airbase if US troops are forced to withdraw

6 Jan, 2020

Iraq should brace for sanctions that will make the ones placed on Iran look weak in comparison if it kicks out the US troops without first covering the costs for an airbase, US President Donald Trump said.

"We have a very extraordinarily expensive air base that's there. It cost billions of dollars to build, long before my time. We're not leaving unless they pay us back for it," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One on Sunday.

<https://www.rt.com/news/477539-iraq-sanctions-base-withdraw/>

Indeed, colonized people should always pay back their masters for the use of the instruments of their enslavement. Why didn't Abraham Lincoln charge the slaves for their chains and give that money to the poor white overlords before freeing them? That does make good business sense.

President Trump's assumptions that the Iranians are behind everything that happens in the Middle East is sophomoric at best and frighteningly dangerous in that particular environment at this time. He's building a case on supposition and innuendo constructed of his own known habits of intense prejudice against Iran in particular and Muslims in general.

And then there are President Trump's sanctions against Iran which irrefutably meet all criteria for crimes against humanity.

2018 & 2019 American imposed sanctions on Iran - another violation of Article 2.4 of the UN Charter

The list of 2018 & 2019 sanctions on Iran imposed by the US is staggeringly long and another violation of Article 2.4 of the UN Charter representing a knowingly malicious, criminal and unjustifiable effort to overthrow the government of Iran

<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/mideast/RS20871.pdf>

A total and unwarranted economic stranglehold has been applied against the innocent people of Iran. People are dying for lack of critically important medicines.

Emboldened by UN Inaction - Post-murder provocations by President Trump Continue

Even after the cold-blooded murders of January 3rd, 2020, President Trump is relentless in his provocations, consistent defiance of international law, at attempts to interfere in the domestic affairs of Iran

'Your courage is inspiring!' Trump tweets in FARSI, backing Iranian protesters against Tehran govt, 11 Jan, 2020

<https://www.rt.com/usa/478043-trump-iran-tweet-protests/>

Encouraged by UN Inaction - Colonial Partner-in-Crime the UK Joins the US in Relentless Provocation of Iran

UK envoy to Tehran briefly detained for 'inciting & directing' anti-govt protesters outside Amirkabir University, 11 Jan, 2020

<https://www.rt.com/news/478040-uk-ambassador-tehran-protests/>

UN Inaction on India's 70+ Year War in Occupied Kashmir

...failure to implement UNSC Res. 47 of 21 April 1948 granting plebiscite to Kashmir, 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 characteristic of the callous and frivolous way the British managed "their" colonies, 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, the United Nations and the news media, is more relevant at this time.

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 many or 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.

<https://www.thoughtco.com/history-of-the-kashmir-conflict-1770394>

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, torture and murder - committed by the various branches of the Indian military ever since.

Relentless series of war crimes committed against the people of Kashmir

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/09/kashmir-lockdown-stories-torture-arbitrary-arrests-190904122016072.html>

<http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2017/10/day-kashmir-marks-1947-indian-army-arrival-171027122649223.html>

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2017-01-19/debates/5E3E7217-2415-4B94-8748-3D9E6B1E759B/Kashmir>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/sep/12/indian-forces-kashmir-accused-human-rights-abuses-coverup>

<https://www.hrw.org/sites/default/files/reports/INDIA937.PDF> ✓

<https://www.scribd.com/document/117616321/The-Kunan-Poshpora-Tragedy>

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/312146759_Untold_Stories_of_Human_Rights_Violations_in_Kashmir_ABSTRACT

<http://jkccs.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2016-Human-Rights-Review-JKCCS.pdf>

<http://brighterkashmir.com/jkccs-releases-human-right-review-of-2016/>

<http://jkccs.net/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/2016-Human-Rights-Review-JKCCS.pdf>

<https://tribune.com.pk/story/1476068/genocide-in-kashmir/>

India strips Kashmir of special status and divides it in two

Oct. 31, 2019

“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 ongoing are incorrect, as the war in 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>

...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 by far, if mass rapes, other torture and refugee statistics are considered reliable indicators.

'Queen of Battle': Indian aircraft carrier deployed to closely watch over Pakistan-China 'Sea Guardian 2020' naval drill, 11 Jan, 2020

“The Indian Navy has deployed its sole aircraft carrier to the Arabian Sea to keep an eye on a joint military drill between China and regional rival Pakistan.

“The INS Vikramaditya, with a fleet of MiG-29K fighter jets on board, has arrived to monitor large nine-day naval exercise 'Sea Guardians 2020,' which was kicked off by Beijing and Islamabad in the northern part of the Arabian Sea on Monday...

“The carrier was reportedly testing out new hardware as well. A prototype of the HAL Tejas light combat aircraft (LCA) has successfully taken off from the ship's flight deck and landed on it on Saturday, military sources told NDTV and Hindustan Times. By doing so, the Tejas has become the first Indian-built jet to land on an aircraft carrier.

“India and Pakistan nearly went to an all-out war last February, when cross-border shelling was accompanied with the first case of open aerial combat since 1971. After a brief period of friendly gestures, the tensions

between the neighbors began rising again since last summer, as India revoked the longstanding autonomy of the part of the disputed Kashmir it controls, and reorganized the region.

“Indian authorities argue that the changes in Kashmir will help fighting terrorism, and that better integration into India proper will boost the region's economy. The country also recently adopted a citizenship law, which simplifies naturalization for several religious groups that have arrived from Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Pakistan, but does not do the same for Muslims.

“Pakistani officials have blasted the law as discriminatory. India denies these allegations, saying that the legislation is aimed at protecting the persecuted minorities coming from the Muslim-majority states, and is not detrimental to Muslims in any way.”

<https://www.rt.com/news/478010-indian-aircraft-carrier-mission/>

And most recently:

Why America’s war on terror can’t be a great example for India, by Abhijit Majumder, 18 Jan, 2020

As the defence chief of a newly assertive India, Bipin Rawat has extolled the United States’ template of war against terror, It seems he is forgetting the long trail of disasters America has cavalierly left behind.

India celebrated its 72nd Army Day on January 15 with many firsts. The most significant one is that the nation has just got its first chief of defence staff (CDS) to head all three commands – the Army, Navy and the Air Force. However, the newly appointed CDS, General Bipin Rawat, who was previously the army chief, started out with a questionable remark.

“We have to bring an end to terrorism and that can only happen the way Americans started after the 9/11 terror attack. They said let’s go on a spree on global war on terror. To do that you have to isolate the terrorists and anybody who is sponsoring terrorism has to be taken to task,” he has been widely quoted as saying at a recent event in Delhi.

India has shed its long-dangling ‘soft state’ tag and has been diplomatically and militarily assertive lately, taking on China in the Doklam standoff, conducting surgical strikes on guerrillas hiding in Myanmar and one on terror camps in Pakistan-administered Kashmir, and topping it off with airstrikes on a Balakot jihad camp last year, deep inside Pakistani territory. India’s intelligence operatives – some of them women – have infiltrated ISIS chemical labs in Syria and Indonesian social networks, and have tracked and taken out terrorists.

But do we really want to emulate America's war on terror? No. General Rawat is wrong there. Here is why.

The US has left a trail of disasters...

The US has 6,185 nuclear warheads while India has 135. America's defence spending last year was \$716 billion while India's was \$55.2 billion. The US economy is \$21.5 trillion, while India's is struggling to touch \$3 trillion.

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/478538-india-war-on-terror/>

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 American instigation of war in Syria

The Arab Spring: Made in the USA - Review of Ahmed Bensada's Book

By Stuart Jeanne Bramhall, Global Research, March 22, 2018

"None were spontaneous – all required careful and lengthy (5+ years) planning, by the State Department, CIA pass through foundations, George Soros, and the pro-Israel lobby.¹

“All focused exclusively on removing reviled despots without replacing the autocratic power structure that kept them in power.

“No Arab Spring protests made any reference whatsoever to powerful anti-US sentiment over Palestine and Iraq.

“All the instigators of Arab Spring uprisings were middle class, well-educated youth who mysteriously vanished after 2011. (Author’s note: It is widely believed they were given US citizenship, new identities and put into Witness Protection in the US where they mostly attended universities and went about ordinary lives; however some continued on occasion to do work for the CIA, e.g. translating, pilots and even on occasion assist in “interrogations,” and help train other color revolutionaries around the world.)

Follow the Money

“Relying mainly on Wikileaks cables and the websites of key CIA pass through foundations (which he reproduces in the appendix), Bensaada methodically lists every State Department conference and workshop the Arab Spring heroes attended, the dollar amounts spent on them by the State Department and key “democracy” promoting foundations³, the specific involvement of Google, Facebook, Twitter and Obama’s 2008 Internet campaign team in training Arab Spring cyperactivists in encryption technologies and social media skills, US embassy visits, and direct encounters with Hillary Clinton, Condoleezza Rice, John McCain, Barack Obama and Serbian trainers from CANVAS (the CIA-backed organization that overthrew Slobodan Milosevic in 2000).

“Bensaada focuses most heavily on the Tahrir Square uprising in Egypt. The Washington Post has estimated approximately 10,000 Egyptians took part in NED and USAID training in social media and nonviolent organizing techniques. For me the most astonishing information in this chapter concerned the role of an Egyptian exile (a former Egyptian policeman named Omar Afifi Suleiman) in coordinating the Tahrir Square protests from his office in Washington DC. According to Wikileaks, NED paid Suleiman a yearly stipend of \$200,000+ between 2008-2011.

When Nonviolence Fails

“Arabesques devotes far more attention to Libya, Syria and Yemen than Bensaada’s first book.

“In the section on Libya, Bensaada zeroes in on eleven key US assets who engineered the overthrow of Gaddafi. Some participated in the same State Department trainings as the Middle East opposition activists and instigated nonviolent Facebook and Twitter protests to coincide with the 2011 uprisings in Tunisian and Egypt. Others, in exile, underwent guerrilla

training sponsored by the CIA, Mossad, Chad and Saudi Arabia. A few months after Gaddafi's assassination, some of these same militants would lead Islamic militias attempting to overthrow Assad in Syria.

"Between 2005 and 2010, the State Department funneled \$12 million to opposition groups opposed to Assad. The US also financed Syrian exiles in Britain to start an anti-government cable TV channel they beamed into Syria.

"In the section on Syria, Bensaada focuses on a handful of Syrian opposition activists who received free US training in cyberactivism and nonviolent resistance beginning in 2006. One, Ausama Monajed, is featured in the 2011 film *How to Start a Revolution* about a visit with Gene Sharp in 2006. Monajed and others worked closely with the US embassy, funded by the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI). This is a State Department program that operates in countries (such as Libya and Syria) where USAID is banned.

"In February 2011, these groups posted a call on Twitter and Facebook for a Day of Rage. Nothing happened. When Sharpian techniques failed to produce a sizable nonviolent uprising, as in Libya, they and their allies (Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Qatar and Jordan) were all set up to introduce Islamic mercenaries (many directly from Libya) to declare war on the Assad regime.

Notes

"I was astonished to learn that Forum Fikra, a forum for Arab activists working against authoritarian governments, was mainly funded by the Nathan and Esther K Wagner Family Foundation. The latter also funds numerous pro-Israel groups and projects, as well as the Washington Institute for Near East policy (a pro-Israel group with close ties to AIPAC).

"The color revolutions were CIA-instigated uprisings that replaced democratically elected pro-Russian governments with equally autocratic governments more friendly to US corporate interests:

Serbia (2000) – Bulldozer Revolution

Georgia (2002) – Rose Revolution

Ukraine (2004) – Orange Revolution

Kyrgyzstan (2005) – Tulip Revolution

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/the-arab-spring-made-in-the-usa/5484950>

http://www.ahmedbensaada.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=368:the-arab-spring-us-black-ops-and-subversion&catid=46:qprintemps-arabeq&Itemid=119

Evidence that the American Department of Defense is arming terrorist groups (illegal by international law) is extremely strong.

- <http://armswatch.com/islamic-state-weapons-in-yemen-traced-back-to-us-government-serbia-files-part-1/>
- <http://armswatch.com/us-task-force-smoking-gun-smuggles-weapons-to-syria-serbia-files-part-2/>
- <http://armswatch.com/leaked-arms-dealers-passports-reveal-who-supplies-terrorists-in-yemen-serbia-files-part-3/>

It makes sense and is entirely justifiable that Iranian leaders and people would not want to be surrounded completely by American puppet governments. This fact led to the creation of Quds Force in Iran, a multi-national organization that worked more or less together most of the time on common goals, with the preeminent one being they didn't want the USA to take over the entire region, and only by working together could they accomplish that goal. This does not seem unreasonable.

“US to grant \$35 million to promote its fake news bubble in Syria & control local media by Eva Bartlett, 24 Jan, 2020

“Although Western media has a shoddy track record of lying on Syria (and Libya, Iraq...), the US State Department will pump \$35 million more into future war propaganda on Syria, under the guise of promoting honest reporting.

“A US State Department grant, “Support for Independent Media in Syria,” is unabashed in stating one of its main goals is “to advance U.S. Government policy objectives in Syria.”

“That is probably the sole honest clause in the grant description: that it is in the end about US self-serving, hegemonic objectives in Syria.

“The description goes on to claim these goals include the defeat of ISIS—although the illegal US-led coalition has attacked Syrian army positions on numerous occasions, ensuring the advance (not defeat) of ISIS in those areas. One of the most glaring instances being the September 2016 repeated attacks on the Syrian army in Deir ez-Zor province, which saw ISIS take over the region.

“The US assassination of Iranian General Qasem Soleimani, recognized in the region as the man responsible for the near-defeat of ISIS, is another notable example of the US goals being to prolong, not defeat, ISIS in the region.

“With their grant, the US plans to “advance human rights and promote tolerance and dialogue between ethnic and religious communities,” which is again morbidly laughable given that the US has been supporting Wahhabi and other extremists whose human rights track records include caging, torturing, raping, and starving civilians, and public executions.

“It wouldn't be American policy if the State Department grant didn't include mention of countering “Russian disinformation” and ending the presence of “Iranian forces and proxies in Syria.”

“However, removing Iranian forces isn't within America's right to do; Syria invited Iran, Russia and other allies to actually fight terrorism in Syria, as opposed to the US-led occupation forces. And as discussed, it isn't Russia that has the track record of disinfo on Syria, that honor goes to America and allies.

“Western outlets in chorus promoted the accusations of Syria/Russia preventing food and aid into eastern Aleppo (even Reuters reported “rebels” had stockpiled aid) and Madaya and eastern Ghouta (none was true). Western media sold the story of Russia/Syria bombing the home of Omran Daqneesh (didn't happen), of the al-Quds hospital being “reduced to rubble” by Russian/Syrian bombing (didn't happen), and a litany of other grotesque war propaganda stories.

“Suddenly we're meant to find credible journalists who embed with al-Qaeda and whitewash their crimes, and media which have on many occasions used photos not even in Syria to accompany sensationalist war propaganda stories...”

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/479089-us-grant-syria-propaganda-media/>

Most American don't travel much outside the USA, and if they do it's usually to popular tourist locations so they don't get confronted by the realities on the ground in America's wars. This writer has, in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Kashmir and other conflicts. The reality is the same as Vietnam and Iraq. Presidents start wars to get headlines and money for the military industrial complex, and maybe some free or cheap natural resources too. The millions killed, the even larger number injured, hungry, left homeless, without medicine or hope, it's obscene beyond description. And there goes the mainstream American media marching right behind the warmongering corporations. There is no evil on the earth greater than the torturing and killing of completely innocent people just for corporate profits of the richest few percent of people in the world. There are no words in any language to describe that kind of evil, and the US war effort is exactly that kind of evil. And yet, the duplicity of the American and British mainstream medias is almost worse, because it permits all that suffering, death and theft to fly under the radar, while waving their national flags. It's an obscenity beyond words.

The disgust should not end there. Suppose that \$35 million were spent on school food programs for the homeless children in New York?

“In November 2019, there were 63,092 homeless people, including 14,973 homeless families with 22,258 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.”

<https://www.coalitionforthehomeless.org/basic-facts-about-homelessness-new-york-city/>

Or perhaps helping the parents of those children find jobs and homes? Instead the money was spent on more blood and death in a country the United States has no legal or moral right to be in.

The war in Syria is a war crime and a long series of crimes against humanity based on fake “information” concocted by the American DoD and CIA and yet the UN ICC is mute. Half a million died in that war, at least, its still not over, and the USA is dumping an extra \$35 million in propaganda, another violation of the non-interference laws written into the UN Charter, and still, the UN closes its eyes. It’s hard to say if US criminal actions are more outrageous than UN criminal inactions.

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.

“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>

This a clearly a “forcible” illegal intervention in the affairs of another state, to put it mildly, yet curiously the ICC does nothing.

“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/>

UN inaction regarding prosecution of the specific perpetrators of the American driven Venezuela attempted 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 neighbors 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, with the Venezuelan government cast as the villain.

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)

It appears there is no right to self-defense against foreign inspired, financed and coordinated revolutions, and any attempts at self-defense will be investigated by the ICC as possible war crimes or crimes against humanity. Game, set, match. Colonialists win, freedom to choose one’s own form of governance, loses.

In countries that are being victimized by American government financed, orchestrated, and professionally driven “color revolutions,” the Court must take into account these are not simply “popular rebellions,” but foreign driven attacks upon the sovereignty of nations. 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 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.”

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 Efrain 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/>

Was Columbia one of the nations referring Venezuela to the ICC? Yes.

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 Guaidó's Racist Mob, by Lauren Smith, 08 May 2019

"Emboldened by Trump's aggressions against Venezuela, fascist followers of the treasonous Juan Guaidó 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://blackagendareport.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 signatory 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/>

Which adds up to a gang of bullies and thieves working together in an attempt to steal the oil wealth of Venezuela via an illegal foreign driven coup. And instead of prosecuting the aggressors, the ICC investigates the victim. Motive, methods and opportunity are all present in this case. The names of foreign aggressors and their background being trained by the foreign aggressors in violent revolution have been presented. In the UN’s realpolitik of “alternative truths” everything seems inverted. So, forget the law. The USA is the law. Is it any wonder some people go crazy in response to this? Or is that the intention?

“‘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'état 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 GALI. 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 and those amounts are large.

<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.

UN inaction and ICC failure to investigate the funding sources of the Color Revolution in Libya

...and subsequent lack of legal efforts to prosecute the real instigators of the illegal attacks on Libya’s United Nations, transitional government GNA by renegade commander Khalifa Haftar supported by President Trump, UAE, Saudi Arabia and their Sudanese mercenaries, as well as 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.

In Libya the US is using a questionable phalanx of allies as a front for militarily *attacking a UN constructed and supported government* and the death toll rapidly mounts...

...while nobody is counting the bodies, as usual.

That is insanely illegal and another outstanding moral outrage, a crime against humanity and violation of all laws agreed upon between men of conscience since time began.

In this war, strangely, 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 criminal conflict and put an end to it. The one bright spot in this new CIA created horror is that Turkey has agreed to a UN request to send in military to help, and Turkey and Russia are tightly bonded by a number of things, most recently and especially the Nord-stream II Gas Pipeline. They are both reasonably wise leaders, and can very possibly work together to end the American created war in Libya given they are on opposite side. Can President Putin control the American puppet Saudis? Probably.

If only the International Criminal Court had done its job and charged Hillary Clinton and the CIA with the war crimes of torturing and murdering former Libyan leader Muammar al-Gaddafi October 20, 2011 how different the region would have been. But the International Criminal Court, and the International Court of Justice that proceeded it have always been tools of the American Empire, not courts of justice.

In any case Hillary Clinton certainly appeared to confess to that murder on television – between outbursts of laughter - and that confession is available on YouTube for anyone to see.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlz3-OzcExI>

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, with UN tacit approval. 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, 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 ICCs 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. And again, there is no right to self-defense. Unfortunately, al-Gaddafi was an "old school" strong man leader who also learned from the Israelis. In that neighborhood however it was and remains that only strong men survive.

How different history would have been if al-Gaddafi's police had been trained by the Hong Kong police instead of following an Israeli model! There is no doubt what-so-ever that Chinese Hong Kong police should be training foreign police world-wide in how to suppress color Revolutions using minimum force. That training however was not available in al-Gaddafi's time. Instead, his military and police "teachers" were the brutal methodologies the Israelis have been using since the 1940s, methodologies the UN has turned a "blind eye" upon for more than 70 years.

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.

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>

Even if the ICC were to capture and convict Saif al-Islam Gaddafi, upon mitigation they would have to pardon him for temporary insanity. He and the world got to watch his father be raped and murdered by a revolution funded and orchestrated by the United States of America. If ever there was a person deserving of a suspended sentence for reasons of temporary insanity, it would be the son of Muammar al-Gaddafi.

The person who should be tried for crimes against humanity, and war crimes does not include Saif al-Islam Gaddafi, but should include every Secretary General of the United Nations who did not put heart and soul into changing the structure of the United Nations from the very beginning to prevent such atrocities from happening as happened to Muammar al-Gaddafi.

Did any member of the ICC or ICJ get to watch their father be raped with a bayonet and murdered on the Internet, with the full and certain knowledge that it was organized by the CIA knowing that this video is available 24/7 on the internet for all the world to see? Is there anything in the world more evocative of insanity than that?

Below is a screenshot of a scene from the movie *Apocalypto*, a 2006 American epic adventure film co-produced, co-written and directed by Mel Gibson. In this scene a human sacrifice had just occurred, and then the leader of this barbaric show held the still beating heart of his victim up for all the crowd to witness.



And the crowd cheers!

There is perhaps no better movie that describes the infinite cruelties of American foreign policies than *Apocalypto* in regards to its primitiveness and pure undiluted sadism. Is this where the CIA is at now? A sociopathic display of rape and murder of a sovereign leader to terrorize the world into absolute obedience to it?

Are the trophy displays of the leaders of the CIA any different from other psychopathic serial killers?

- Heads: Ted Bundy, Jeffrey Dahmer
- Genitals: Jeffrey Dahmer
- Saliva: Ahmad Suradji
- Chessboard Squares: Alexander Pichushkin
- Feet: Jerome Brudos
- Eyes: Charles Albright
- Underwear: Anatoly Onoprienko
- Faces: Ed Gein

Hillary Clinton's uproarious laughter at her role in the murder of Muammar al-Gaddafi is beyond belief, as is the fact that she won the popular vote to become president of the United States in 2016. If ever there was a solid and verifiable argument that the democracy in the United States is absolutely corrupt and ruled by a despotic tyranny supported by a corrupted media, there it is.

There are no attempts at tallying a cumulative death toll in Libya's ongoing conflict started by the American driven illegal assassination of Muammar al-Gaddafi. 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, and raised the standing of living in Libya far above any other African nation, was tortured and murdered on October 20, 2011 which resulted a civil war. Then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton appeared to confess to the murder (and laughed uproariously about it) on public television.

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 Muamar Ghaddafi by then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlz3-OzcExI>

Former Libyan internationally recognized sovereign leader Muamar 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>

Gaddafi sodomized: Video shows abuse frame by frame (GRAPHIC), October 24, 2011, Tracey Shelton

SIRTE, Libya — “An analysis of video obtained by GlobalPost from a rebel fighter who recorded the moment when Col. Muammar Gaddafi was first captured confirms that another rebel fighter, whose identity is unknown, sodomized the former leader as he was being dragged from the drainpipe where he had taken cover.

“A frame by frame analysis of this exclusive GlobalPost video clearly shows the rebel trying to insert some kind of stick or knife into Gaddafi's rear end.

“GlobalPost correspondent Tracey Shelton said there is some question as to whether the instrument was a knife from the end of a machine gun, which Libyans call a Bicketti, or some kind of stick.

“This latest video discovery comes as international and human rights groups call for a formal investigation into how the former Libyan leader was killed. In video clips that have emerged of his capture, Gaddafi can be seen injured but alive. Later he is seen with what appears to be gunshot wounds to his head and chest. According to the Geneva Conventions, however, abuse of prisoners under any circumstance is not permissible.”

<https://www.pri.org/stories/2011-10-24/gaddafi-sodomized-video-shows-abuse-frame-frame-graphic>

Photos on that news report show blood had leaked from his “rear end” suggesting this was an “invasive” torture. Photos of sovereign leader al Ghaddafi’s face show he was clearly tortured in other ways as well.

Hillary Clinton’s laughter is psychopathological in the extreme, and in 2011 she was the principal foreign affairs advisor to President Obama.

But torture is unquestionably 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 for her job as Director of CIA not in spite of her record of overseeing torture, but because of it.

Trump says torture works as his government readies a review

By Bradley Klapper, Desmond Butler and Deb Riechmann, January 26, 2017

<https://apnews.com/51441258df314aff9e09f648f27923e3>

“On 26 January, the newly elected President of the United States, Donald Trump, stated in his first TV interview that he would agree to allow waterboarding and possibly other measures considered torture in the fight against terrorism. When asked whether torture works he responded “absolutely it works”, referring to a supposed assessment of intelligence officials. Trump states that “we have to fight fire with fire” and do ‘everything within the bounds of what you’re allowed to do legally.’

“Torture and ill-treatment are absolutely prohibited

“Torture is not within the bounds of what you are allowed to do legally. Torture and ill-treatment are absolutely prohibited by international law as codified in international treaties (e.g. art. 7 ICCPR, 3 ECHR, 5 ACHR, 5 ACHPR) and recognized as customary international law. This clear legal prohibition is based on the strong belief in the indispensable and inalienable principle of human dignity, the encompassing source of all human rights. The UN Convention against Torture states “No exceptional circumstances whatsoever, whether a state of war or a threat of war, internal political instability or any other public emergency, may be invoked as a justification of torture.” (art. 2, para. 2 CAT). The so-called “enhanced interrogation techniques” used by US authorities during the Bush administration, including methods involving sexual humiliation, “waterboarding”, “short shackling” and using dogs to induce fear, are considered as torture or other forms of ill-treatment by international human rights bodies such as the UN Committee against Torture and the European Court of Human Rights that have called for the abolishment of such practices.”

<https://bim.lbg.ac.at/en/story/news/response-president-trump-torture-absolutely-prohibited-and-it-does-not-work>

No one is mentioning any investigation into the color revolution that led to the torture and 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 UN is trying to capture the victim family members for prosecution. No one is investigating the source of the funding for the color revolution.

The US may not have ratified the Rome Statute (for obvious reasons) 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 25th 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.

The good news is not to be discounted however.

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 highly likely President Erdogan would really prefer to not get his military drawn into this highly volatile and unbalanced conflict. However, with proactive support from Russian President Putin he may be able to negotiate a peaceful solution.

One very frightening possibility that President Erdogan must have considered is as follows. Could the UN have suckered him into an intractable lose-lose military scenario in Libya given the CIA’s previous attempts to overthrow his government and destroy him?

Why isn’t there a UN Peacekeeping force assigned to the mission in Libya instead of a highly suspicious invitation to Turkish forces, given that the current government of Libya is a UN amalgam?

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 a ruse 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?

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.” When the USA wants oil it’s best to not get in the way.

“Washington.” It’s a whole sentence unto itself, yet the above article lacks a bit of specificity. Is the above Reuter’s report 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 and the interest on the national debt more than doubles expenditures on education.

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?

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, or is there something else going on in that complex psychosis that is his brain?

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.

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 USA⁴¹ 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.)

⁴¹ This isn’t to say that the USA must meet some kind of catastrophic “death,” but rather more likely will be forced to find better ways to retain what power it has remaining than by massive destruction and killing. A possible way to do that would be for corporations that focus on manufacturing war materials to consider diversifying into more positive things like construction and engineering, such that the US can be more involved in building things rather than pursuing the current illegal and immoral destruction of nations, cultures and the people in them. Most of the European powers have managed this transition fairly well. One can only hope the USA can as well, without triggering WWII as a means to retain it’s global domination.

On the bright side, the Eastern Roman empire headquartered in Constantinople did last 900 years long 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-million proposition, but if anyone can do it would probably be President Erdogan. No doubt, President Putin will play a pivotal role and fortunately he has a pretty good track record in the wisdom department as well (unlike the other leaders amongst the aggressors in this ongoing crime against humanity and war crimes).

His background in judo may help. In judo one does not use force against force. Instead, when pushed, the response is to pull, not push back. This kind of deeply engrained learning can influence decision making processes.

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

Finally, another ray of hope from Libya finally emerges on January 12, 2020:

Forces of Libyan commander Haftar announce ceasefire starting January 12 – spokesman

11 Jan, 2020

“The Libyan National Army led by General Khalifa Haftar has declared a ceasefire after Russian and Turkish presidents suggested as a way to de-escalate the hostilities with the government in Tripoli.

“Russian President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Angela Merkel’s also called for ending hostilities between the two warring sides in the troubled North Africa country earlier on Sunday and promised conducting peace conference in Berlin.

<https://www.rt.com/news/478042-haftar-forces-ceasefire-libya/>

What compromises must be made to get this peace remain to be seen, but some measure of hope for peace is there; something the UN could not apparently contribute to.

Yes, time for rending of clothes and gnashing of teeth in Langley and DC, but for the people in Libya, a blessed relief.

UN inaction on illegal American attacks in Syria & theft of Syrian 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 Mualllem 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 reported.

“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/>

There's only one problem here. ISIS was working for the US in Syria.

"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 and PMCs make that ridiculously easy and eminently deniable.

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."

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/>

And:

<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

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“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)

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

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

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<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 news media, only absurdly unrepresentative photos and video clips carefully edited by western editors to make them look bad.)⁴²

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

<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

⁴² 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 during demonstrations and the “news” coverage was shocking. Business owners, shop managers and workers are afraid of the students, not the police, but they won’t say anything. The sense of fear is palpable. Hoards of CIA-looking westerners (tall, clean-cut, short hair, gloating, self-satisfied arrogant smiles) demonstrated with the Hong Kong students, probably on “breaks” from the US Consulate in HK. It was surreal. This brings to mind a joke made by William Blum: “Why will there never be a revolution in the US?” Ans: “There is no American embassy there.”

“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 Gulen’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 "Uyghur 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 Uyghur 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.

World News Briefs; Dalai Lama Group Says It Got Money From C.I.A. By The Associated Press, Oct. 2, 1998

<https://www.nytimes.com/1998/10/02/world/world-news-briefs-dalai-lama-group-says-it-got-money-from-cia.html>

CIA Gave Aid to Tibetan Exiles in '60s, Files Show, By Jim Mann, Sep. 15, 1998

For much of the 1960s, the CIA provided the Tibetan exile movement with \$1.7 million a year for operations against China, including an annual subsidy of \$180,000 for the Dalai Lama, according to newly released U.S. intelligence documents.

The money for the Tibetans and the Dalai Lama was part of the CIA's worldwide effort during the height of the Cold War to undermine Communist governments, particularly in the Soviet Union and China.

<https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1998-sep-15-mn-22993-story.html>

"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, and real terrorists the CIA flies in from Syria and other locations.

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 criticizing 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 UNSC and ICJ “let it slide.”

UN inaction on the torture of American political dissidents

Searching through google for “torture of American political dissidents” one finds scads of articles about torture in Saudi Arabia, Cuba, Venezuela, Egypt, China, Iran, UAE, Bahrain, Togo, Uzbekistan, Gabon, all pretty surprising for a search for “torture of American political dissidents.” Finally on page 4 of google search one finds one: Alliance for Global Justice <https://afgj.org/> that has a page on political prisoners in the USA: <https://afgj.org/politicalprisonersusa>

Google’s site ranking system has gotten very strange especially during the past year (2019).⁴³

In the case of the Alliance for Global Justice, hiding the information they present could be considered a form of “spoliation of evidence,” the intentional, reckless, or negligent withholding, hiding, altering, fabricating, or destroying of evidence relevant to a legal proceeding, given most of the incarcerated prisoners should be able to appeal their convictions, and garnering public attention increases the probability that they might get a fair trial at some time in the future. It was in February 2017 that the Washington Post adopted the slogan ‘Democracy Dies in Darkness’ for its masthead.

Chelsea Manning, the former Army intelligence analyst who provided documents to WikiLeaks was imprisoned from 2010 until 2017 when her sentence was commuted.

Chelsea Manning Jailed Again After Refusing to Testify, Updated May. 17, 2019, Daily Beast

“Chelsea Manning was ordered back to jail Thursday night in Virginia after refusing to testify in front of a second grand jury looking into WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. Manning told federal District Judge Anthony Trenga that she would “rather starve to death” than give testimony. She has already served 62 days in jail, of which 28 were in solitary confinement, for refusing to testify in front of a preliminary grand jury investigation into WikiLeaks. She now faces a further 18 months in custody. If, after 30 days, she continues to refuse to cooperate with this grand jury, she will be fined \$500 a day. After 60 days, she will be fined \$1,000 for every day she refuses to cooperate. “I will never agree to testify before this or any other grand jury,” she said. “The government knows I cannot be coerced.” Manning was found guilty of espionage for leaking military secrets to Assange. Her sentence was commuted in 2017 by President Obama.”

⁴³ Author’s note: Surprisingly even my sites have experienced a huge drop in visits over the last year (2019). My oldest site, that is regularly updated: www.fightingartsasia.com had over 2,000 visits a week a year ago, and has less than 20 visits per week now, though I can’t be sure as to the relative influences of Google vs. my web host which may also be partly responsible. I have invested thousands of dollars and thousands of hours building well evolved informative internet sites, which are now lingering with practically no visibility on major search engines. Site ranking criteria are an evolving weapon of the military-industrial-media complex. If not illegal, it certainly should be.

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/chelsea-manning-jailed-again-after-refusing-to-testify>

September 21, 2019 the World Socialist Web Site wsws.org reported:

As Trump threatens war on Iran:

“Chelsea Manning imprisoned without charge for six months for refusing to testify against Julian Assange

“The courageous whistleblower Chelsea Manning has now been held in a federal detention center in Alexandria, Virginia for more than six months. Manning has not been charged with or committed any crime. She was sent to jail on March 8, 2019 for refusing to testify before a secret grand jury that has indicted persecuted WikiLeaks founder and publisher Julian Assange, who published the information she leaked exposing rampant US imperialist criminality.

“As President Donald Trump threatened Friday to launch a catastrophic war against Iran, including an implicit threat to use nuclear weapons, the historic significance of what Manning and Assange did is clear. And it is also clear why every genuine defender of democratic rights and opponent of imperialism will be energetically fighting for the freedom of Manning and Assange.

“Among the information that Manning provided to WikiLeaks in 2009-2010 was the infamous “Collateral Murder” video—which documented the indiscriminate killing of civilians and Reuters journalists in the Iraqi suburb of New Baghdad. She leaked a trove of 400,000 documents that became known as the “Iraq War Logs” and another 91,000 documents that became part of the “Afghan War Logs.” Over 250,000 US diplomatic cables were also published, revealing the daily intrigue and conspiracies engaged in by American embassies and consulates around the world. The revelations played a role in inspiring ordinary people in Tunisia, Egypt and elsewhere to rise up in revolution against dictatorship and oppression.

“The world’s population was provided all the evidence necessary to demonstrate that the actions of the White House and Pentagon are not motivated by concern over “democracy,” “rule of law” or “human rights.” Rather, American imperialism operates as a predatory force of violence and intrigue to maintain US strategic hegemony and in the interests of the corporate profit of billionaire oligarchs.”

<https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2019/09/21/pers-s21.html>

Torture of political dissident Chelsea Manning in the United States

“‘US is torturing Chelsea Manning’: Top UN official says her treatment is ‘cruel and degrading’ 31 Dec, 2019

“Chelsea Manning is being subjected to cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment, constituting torture by the US government over her refusal to testify against whistleblower website WikiLeaks, a top United Nations official has said.

“UN special rapporteur on torture Nils Melzer accused the government of torturing Manning in a November letter, which was just released on Tuesday. In the letter, Melzer wrote that Manning is suffering “an open-ended, progressively severe measure of coercion” which fulfils “all the constitutive elements of torture.”

“The practice of coercive deprivation of liberty for civil contempt ... involves the intentional infliction of progressively severe mental and emotional suffering for the purposes of coercion and intimidation at the order of judicial authorities,” Melzer wrote.

“The torture expert added that victims of this kind of prolonged coercive confinement have demonstrated “post-traumatic symptoms and other severe and persistent mental and physical health consequences.”

“Manning’s detention is a “severe coercive measure amounting to torture & should be discontinued & abolished without delay,” he wrote. He said coercive detention appears also to be “incompatible with the international human rights obligations” of the US under various international conventions.

“Manning, a former Army intelligence analyst, was arrested on May 16 after she refused to testify against WikiLeaks before a grand jury. She is still being detained at the Alexandria Detention Center in Virginia and is facing fines of \$1,000 a day.

“WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who is being held at London’s maximum security Belmarsh Prison awaiting a US extradition hearing, has been charged with conspiracy to commit computer intrusion with Manning to break into Ministry of Defense computers and gain access to US state secrets. In 2010, WikiLeaks released the infamous ‘Collateral Murder’ footage, showing an indiscriminate US attack in Baghdad in 2007 which killed 12 people, including two Reuters journalists.

“Prosecutors are attempting to force Manning to testify in Assange’s trial if he is indeed extradited to the US.”

<https://www.rt.com/usa/477228-chelsea-manning-torture-melzer/>

The UN issuing a statement has no leverage. Prosecuting the perpetrators however would have a deterrence effect. But the UN is great at making statements (accomplishing very little or nothing) and a terrible record in regards to initiating and finishing prosecutions. Thus, the crimes against humanity and war crimes continue and escalate.

Torture of Australian whistleblower Julian Paul Assange in UK Prison

“‘I’m slowly dying here’: ‘Sedated’ Assange tells friend during Christmas Eve call from UK prison as health concerns mount, 31 Dec, 2019

“Julian Assange sounded like a shell of the man he once was during a Christmas Eve phone call, British journalist Vaughan Smith told RT, noting the WikiLeaks founder had trouble speaking and appeared to be drugged.

“His speech was slurred. He was speaking slowly,” the journalist continued. “Now, Julian is highly articulate, a very clear person when he speaks. And he sounded awful... it was very upsetting to hear him”

“Smith isn't the first to raise this issue, but British authorities have so far refused to divulge whether Assange has been given psychotropic drugs in prison, insisting only that they aren't “mistreating” him. But given that he is “being kept in solitary confinement for 23 hours a day,” with requests by numerous doctors to examine his physical condition denied, Smith said he has a hard time taking the officials at their word.”

<https://www.rt.com/uk/477138-assange-prison-awful-sedated-uk/>

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-7840847/Julian-Assange-told-journalist-friend-health-worsening-slurred-phone-call-prison.html>

According to New York Times, more than 60 doctors sent a letter to Britain's Home Secretary Priti Patel calling for the transfer of Julian Assange from Belmarsh maximum security prison to a university teaching hospital because: “Were such urgent assessment and treatment not to take place, we have real concerns, on the evidence currently available, that Mr. Assange could die in prison.” They also wrote that the medical situation is urgent and there is no time to lose. Mr. Assange is only 47 years of age.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/11/25/world/europe/julian-assange-health.html>

Thus, it appears in the opinion of UN special rapporteur on torture Nils Melzer, Chelsea Manning is being subjected to cruel, inhumane and degrading treatment, constituting torture by the US government, and in the opinion of 60 UK doctors Julian Paul Assange is suffering at minimum medical neglect and almost certainly physical and psychological torture.

Quick Google searches however will not reveal these facts.

Presidents Putin and Xi are trying to help America

On the short list of reasons to have hope is this: The Russians and Chinese are not out to destroy America. That is pure American Department of Defense propaganda, or to put it in the (German) vernacular, scheisse.

The strange thing is, President Putin and Chinese President Xi are trying desperately to help the USA and President Trump.

Why? Many reasons. One is that the world economy follows the American economy and hurting the American economy will hurt them too.

Both have money invested in the US. The American government for example owes China over a trillion dollars. Also, thousands of Chinese private citizens have another trillion invested in the USA in things like houses, businesses, and so on.

Another reason Presidents Putin and Xi are trying to help the USA is they have children and grandchildren, and just about everyone loves Disney movies and other creative and funny movies like the 1994 movie called *The Mask* starring Jim Carrey. Any nation that can produce Disney movies and *The Mask*, can't be all bad and is probably worth saving.

There's a fairly high probability both Presidents Putin and President Xi try to help President Trump in particular is that they feel sorry for him. Any grownup can recognize the blustering adolescent nature of his brutality. Poor President Trump never really grew up and all adults recognize that almost instantly. He's like a huge bully boy in a confusing world he doesn't really understand with all his blustering and threats, willingness to kill for no reason, arrogant swagger and so on. He is still a child in so many ways and that is transparent, crystal clear, painfully obvious to real adults.

Some will not believe this. Chinese President Xi could have crashed the American economy overnight by selling off its bonds and treasury bills in a big hurry. It could have totally blocked all rare-earth metals to the USA and crippled quite a number of key American industries. He could have played tit-for-tax on the import taxes and crashed hundreds of American businesses but he didn't. Instead he put very mild tax increases on a few things, just to mollify the Chinese public and make the point to President Trump and American politicians and economists, that the Chinese market does indeed profoundly influence the American economy. There are a hundred things he could have done he didn't.

“According to Moody’s Analytics, Trump's trade war has contributed to at least 300,000 jobs losses through a combination of layoffs, missed opportunities, and pessimism.

“The firm’s chief economist, Mark Zandi, told Yahoo Finance that the job toll from the trade war will hit about 450,000 by the end of the year, if there’s no change in policy. By the end of 2020, the trade war will have killed 900,000 jobs, on its current course. The hardest-hit sectors are manufacturing, warehousing, distribution and retail.”

<http://www.bobcesca.com/trumps-trade-war-has-cost-the-economy-300000-jobs-so-far/>

That's the result of China's very, very restrained response to President Trump's much larger assault on them.

A sure sign of psychopathology is when the symbols become more important than the things they stand for. Thus, President Trump holds the symbols of “America First” yet, he savages American jobs just so he can trumpet that he’s putting America first.

Three hundred thousand jobs. How many wives and daughters had to go out and find other incomes?

Yes, the American media paints the Russians and Chinese as devious monsters out to eat all the American pie, and nuc the USA at the soonest possibly moment, but that’s a bunch of DoD profit-driven poppycock.

Even Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei doesn’t hate America, though a lot of other Iranians definitely do now. Why wouldn’t he? He’s not an idiot. He’s an adult and knows that hatred is a disease. He’s willing to work with the US if the US would work with him, which President Trump hasn’t allowed. No doubt he’s angry, and who wouldn’t be? President Trump murdered someone he trusted and loved. But, the door is open, if President Trump has the courage to cut loose from the hate-filled war mongers around him, including and especially his advisor the despicable Michael Pompeo and son-in-law, not to mention his moronic vice-president Mike Pence.

Thanks to Europeans warmongers are winning the battle for Donald Trump’s soul

Iran’s Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei has been betrayed by the USA and Europe.

How Europe betrayed Iran: By triggering JCPOA dispute mechanism, EU helps Trump finish job of killing the Iran nuclear deal, Scott Ritter, 15 Jan, 2020

“Europe could have saved the Iran nuclear agreement. Instead, it abused the rule of law by inappropriately triggering its dispute mechanism, all but ensuring the agreement’s demise.

Disingenuous diplomacy

“On January 5, 2020, Tehran announced that it would no longer comply with its obligations under the Iran nuclear agreement, officially known as the Joint Comprehensive Program of Action (JCPOA). Iran’s actions are in response to the withdrawal of the US from the JCPOA, and the re-imposition of economic sanctions by the US which had been lifted when the deal came into force.

“In response to the Iranian actions, the governments of France, Germany, and the UK – all parties to the deal, along with the European Union (EU) – invoked provisions within the JCPOA, known as the Dispute Resolution Mechanism (DRM), in an effort to bring Iran back into compliance.

“The triggering of the DRM by the European countries, however, is a disingenuous move designed to provide diplomatic cover for the EU’s own failures when it comes to JCPOA implementation.

“Moreover, given the likely outcome of this process, a convening of the UN Security Council where economic sanctions will be re-imposed on Iran by default, the Europeans have all but assured the demise of the JCPOA, with their so-called diplomacy serving as little more than a facilitator of a larger crisis between Iran and the US that, given the heightened tensions between these two nations in the aftermath of the assassination of Qassem Soleimani, precipitously increases the prospects for war.”

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/478309-europe-iran-nuclear-deal/>

Thus, the embers of hope dim even further. Nobody can save a man from himself.

Chapter 8 Retiring the world's policeman – A new sheriff in town

Chinese should be training police in anti-color revolution methodologies, not American police

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 outside. 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://blackagendareport.com/thick-blue-line-how-united-states-became-worlds-police-force>

Who is training the American police?

<https://fpif.org/why-we-should-be-alarmed-that-israeli-forces-and-u-s-police-are-training-together/>

<https://theintercept.com/2017/09/15/police-israel-cops-training-adl-human-rights-abuses-dc-washington/>

<https://www.governing.com/topics/public-justice-safety/gov-israel-us-police-training-programs.html>

<https://blog.amnestyusa.org/middle-east/with-whom-are-many-u-s-police-departments-training-with-a-chronic-human-rights-violator-israel/>

<https://www.revealnews.org/article-legacy/us-police-get-antiterror-training-in-israel-on-privately-funded-trips/>

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20180607-concern-as-us-police-officers-are-trained-in-israel/>

<https://progressive.org/dispatches/us-police-trained-by-israel-communities-of-color-paying-price-shahshahani-cohen-191007/>

<http://inthesetimes.com/article/20631/Israel-United-States-police-occupation-Jewish-Voice-For-Peace-deadly-exchan>

“In fact, there have been suggestions that certain policemen might well be picking up some unanticipated pointers from the Israelis. Georgia has been experiencing a surge in officer involved shootings, nearly half of the victims being unarmed or shot from behind. As this has unfolded, the state continues to pursue a “police exchange” program with Israel run through Georgia State University.

“The police ‘exchange programs’ began twenty-seven years ago in 1992 and are paid for through grants from the U.S. Department of Justice as well as from the state and local governments. Reportedly ‘law enforcement from [a number of] U.S. states have participated in the program, including those from Tennessee, Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, North Carolina, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Nevada, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia.’ In some states and local jurisdictions, the Israel exchange program is managed by the Anti-Defamation League, which also sponsors propagandistic seminars on Israeli ‘counter-terrorism’ practices throughout the U.S.

“There has been particular concern expressed over the Israeli ‘us-versus-them’ dual track mode of policing where the 20% of the country’s citizens

that are Arab are regarded as an enemy while the settlers who prey on the Palestinians are automatically protected by police solely because they are Jewish. Lethal force is frequently resorted to on a 'shoot-to-kill' basis in any incident involving Arabs and Jews, even when there is no serious threat. Some critics of the training note how that type of policing is basically racial profiling while areas on what was once the Palestinian West Bank and along the Gaza border have become free fire zones for the Israeli army and law enforcement, killing hundreds of Arabs, many of them children. Palestinians injured by policemen or settlers also obtain no redress from the Israeli courts with only 3 per cent of investigations resulting in a conviction."

<https://russia-insider.com/en/jew-fatigue-us-police-forced-undergo-holocaust-training-trips-israel-funded-uncle-sam/ri27982>

It should be recalled that the rebellion that brought down Libya's government and led to the torture/rape and murder of its sovereign leader Muammar Gaddafi was a US funded, orchestrated Color Revolution. US financed color revolutions are textbook examples of real terrorism. If the Libyan police had been trained by Chinese police, he might still be alive and the civil war there, caused by Hillary Clinton and her agency friends, would never have happened.

Chapter 9 Development and dissemination of conflict resolution strategy skills curricula worldwide

...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. 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” 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 years 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.

...as if there were a land where people are allowed to dwell in tranquility. But one can hardly blame Sebetwane for his beautiful dream.

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 (Iran and Kashmir), 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 to

suggest mutually beneficial problem solving, which after-all could be viewed as confrontation by a criminal 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 and maintenance 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 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 most 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 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,⁴⁴ especially in a competitive environment.⁴⁵ 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

⁴⁴ https://selfdeterminationtheory.org/SDT/documents/1972_Deci_JPSP.pdf

⁴⁵ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2742036/>

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.

<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, nihilism and transcendentalism), 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.⁴⁶

⁴⁶ Exceptions to the tendency towards the “propagation of stability between communities” 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->

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 overruling 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, 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.⁴⁷

<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)

Amorite King Hammurabi's reign lasted some 42 years (1792-1750 BCE) and his Amorite kingdom an additional 150 years after that. For over a thousand years after that kings claimed to be his descendants, so powerful and great was his legacy of law and order.

And, it was not a democracy, but a kingdom based on laws – laws that were by-in-large enforced, unlike the international laws today that are loudly mocked daily by the USA and the UN while a pathetic lip service is paid to the formulas of the laws; a lip service utterly and completely devoid of substance like guarded statements virtually never followed by prosecution of the laws.

Interesting President Trump would not do well under King Hammurabi's laws.

Law Number 1. If anyone ensnare another, putting a ban upon him, but he cannot prove it, then he that ensnared him shall be put to death.

Law Number 3. If anyone bring an accusation of any crime before the elders, and does not prove what he has charged, he shall, if it be a capital offense charged, be put to death.

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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.

⁴⁷ Hammurabi is reported to have received the laws directly from *Shamash* the sun god.

Religions and diplomacy also appear to have co-evolved almost certainly starting in Africa⁴⁸, 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 (14th Century BCE)

As alternatives to biological “imperatives,” and neurologically hardwired needs to fight (confront) or run (flight, avoidance) 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 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

⁴⁸ For example, see: *The griot's craft: an essay on oral tradition and diplomacy* by Jan Jansen

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-conflictresolution.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.⁴⁹

United Nations Peace Education Programs – Cont.

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 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.”

⁴⁹ <https://www2.psych.ubc.ca/~ara/Manuscripts/2016 Norenzayan cultural evolution.pdf>

<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.⁵⁰

⁵⁰ 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.

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.

The way the UN is wired up now, their idea of teaching peace would be to simply instruct students to starve and torture and kill all the Africans, Muslims, and socialists, while letting the white people living in democracies perpetuate those crimes absolutely free of any fear of justice ever occurring and then magnanimously beg the white colonial masters to rule everyone on earth indefinitely. This is exactly and precisely what the United Nations is teaching the world now via their highly selective applications of the law, and grotesque uniform failure to apply the laws in the most egregious cases.

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:

“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,⁵¹ 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 III, IV & IV 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 WWIII and the collapse of the world economy).

⁵¹ 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

Chapter 10 Moral, Legal and Practical Imperatives for Restructuring the United Nations

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 (living) systems that fail to adapt to changing environments become extinct and thus these amendments are justified under the auspices of natural law.⁵²

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. No nations should act as an aristocracy maintaining a calcified do-nothing-to-change-the-way-things-are-attitude within the United Nations. The British love aristocracies, the poor do not, the terrorized do not, the mothers whose babies die from those wars do not.

Second, it’s simply way too easy to manipulate/co-opt fifteen people, 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 killing people.

⁵² 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.

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. The whole process could take 10 minutes or so and history could be changed forever. The rich and powerful would no longer enslave the poor weak. People of color, Muslims and Socialists could stop living in terror.

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 Christian 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,
- Ten non-Permanent Seats: Belgium (2020), Dominican Republic (2020), Estonia (2021), Germany (2020), Indonesia (2020), Niger (2021), Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (2021), South Africa (2020), Tunisia (2021), Viet Nam (2021)

Talk about a stacked deck!

That's two Muslims and 13 "Christians," which is not representative of the ratio of Muslims to Christians in the world. How positively marvelous for the "Christians," as it certainly makes it vastly easier to continue to colonize the Muslim nations in perpetuity.

Who is dealing the cards here? Oh yes, the Permanent Court of Arbitration (to be reviewed later in this chapter). Just the name: "Permanent..." Like as in "permanent hegemony," does have an ominous tone, but perhaps only the colonized can detect it.

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.

Mysterious death of United Nation Security Council Member

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>

Faked Chemical Attack Douma

- **“Douma”** refers to the April 7th 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 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.

Worst lie since fake claim sparked Iraq war? OPCW report behind Syria bombings was altered, whistleblower tells UNSC

21 Jan, 2020

“A former inspector with the OPCW has accused the chemical weapons watchdog of issuing a sanitized report on the alleged 2018 attack in Douma, Syria, arguing it ignored serious reservations of its own fact-finding team.

“The OPCW’s final report on the Douma incident, released last March, omitted key findings of its own inspection team which would have cast serious doubt on whether a chemical attack took place at all, a now former OPCW specialist, Ian Henderson, told members of the United Nations Security Council in a recorded video address – after his visa application to attend the meeting in person was rejected.

“The findings in the final [Fact Finding Mission] report were contradictory, were a complete turnaround with what the team had understood collectively during and after the Douma deployments,’ Henderson said.

“Even though several members of the fact finding team “had serious misgivings that a chemical attack had occurred” as early as July 2018, the organization’s final report – compiled by another group that never even visited the incident site – nonetheless concluded there were “reasonable grounds” to all but pin the blame for the attack on Damascus.

“Sanitized of any dissenting opinion, the report ignored “findings, facts, information, data or analysis” gathered by the team in the areas of witness testimony, toxicology studies, chemical analysis, as well as ballistics, the retired inspector said.”

<https://www.rt.com/news/478754-opcw-whistleblower-un-douma/>

One might wonder why there is somewhere between little and no public outcry over this by liberals in the USA?

Estimates of deaths in the Syrian Civil War from opposition activist groups vary between 380,636 and about 585,000. On 23 April 2016, the United Nations and Arab League Envoy to Syria put out an estimate of 400,000 that had died in the war. The UN and Arab league were in league with the perpetrators of that massive war crime and ongoing series of crimes against humanity, and their figures are not to be believed.

The evidence used to support the US war against Syria was fake. Could it be the American public is just so numbed at the incredible volume of American international criminal behavior they are just numbed to it? It appears the CIA led multiple wars are using psychological swarming to overwhelm opposition to American driven wars around the world.

https://www.rand.org/content/dam/rand/pubs/documented_briefings/2005/RAND_DB311.pdf

Swarming is another shameless approved US government strategy in addition to its illegality.

That the State Department refused a visa to the “former OPCW specialist, Ian Henderson, is another example of extreme perfidy by the State Department and a neutered Justice Department that lets it all slide. It is certainly an obstruction of justice. And the western media, reporters, editors and publishers are complicit, co-conspirators in these war crimes and crimes against humanity.

“Brazen disinformation: Syria narrative managers defend Douma chemical weapon hoax as OPCW comes under attack, by Vanessa Beeley , 22 Jan, 2020

“In the light of the increasing exposure of the OPCW as a deeply compromised instrument of power for the US-led global alliance, the role of aligned media in protecting discredited constructs must be examined.

“On January 20, a quiet, unassuming expert laid bare the OPCW suppression of evidence that would demonstrate the illegitimacy of the bombing of Syria in April 2018 by the UK, US, and France. Ian Henderson is a former OPCW inspection team leader and an engineering and ballistics specialist. Henderson said he visited Douma with the first OPCW inspection team shortly after the alleged chemical attack on April 7, 2018. In an address to the UN Security Council Arria-Formula Meeting, Henderson presented his misgivings and spoke of the OPCW management information lockdown.

“Henderson’s analysis of the events, in particular the “chlorine cylinder dropped by Syrian air-force helicopters” narrative was inexplicably suppressed by the OPCW and omitted from the final report which fraudulently maintained the “likely” verdict that chlorine had been used.

“Henderson’s report had supported the conclusion that there had been no chemical attack. A number of other OPCW colleagues have also come forward with similar claims that their expert opinions were censored by the OPCW who appear to have been tasked with retrospectively justifying the US allied criminal aggression against Syria. A bombing campaign that resulted in the destruction of a laboratory complex and cancer research center, located in Barzeh on the outskirts of Damascus...

“Two days after the Douma staged event was produced by none other than the terrorist-linked UK/US sponsored White Helmets, who have been primary “witnesses” and players in the majority of alleged chemical weapon attacks used to vilify Syria and Russia, the Guardian’s Simon Tisdall went on the warpath against Syria. “After Douma, the West’s response to Syria’s regime must be military,” Tisdall informed us.

“This rush to judgement was mirrored almost universally by media in the West; those who dared to challenge the dominant narrative or to advocate caution were dismissed and smeared as “conspiracy theorists” or worse “Orwellian genocide deniers.”...

“Syria has endured nine years of bloodshed thanks to a war which is being imposed upon its people by the US Coalition. The “chemical weapon” narrative is providing a pretext for unlawful proxy aggression against a sovereign nation and the media is wholeheartedly promoting this narrative despite the glaring evidence that exposes it as another WMD “dodgy dossier.”

“When I challenged Lyse Doucet, BBC international correspondent and Syria “expert,” about the BBC’s lack of coverage of the Douma/OPCW scandal, Doucet disingenuously blamed BBC silence on an alleged lack of access to Syria. The OPCW is based at the Hague but this minor detail was swept under the carpet...

“These journalists do not simply “go along” with disinformation, they jingoistically cheer for the destruction of nations and peoples that they know virtually nothing about.

“Journalists who capitulate wittingly to state foreign policy agendas and the associated official narratives manufactured to ease the passage of those agendas, are nothing more than accomplices, in breach of international law.”

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/478898-opcw-media-douma-syria/>

Perhaps President Assad should hire a multi-national team of lawyers to sue those publications and broadcast news producers that falsely gave the impression that the evidence of his participation in chemical weapons attacks to help pay for the reconstruction necessary to try to bring Syria back to the pre-war state. The half a million or more people mercilessly slaughtered on the altar of Euro-American hegemony cannot be brought back, but the fake news producers that made the war acceptable to the Euro-American citizenry should pay for their complicity in those crimes. The publications and broadcast news producers cannot prove their allegations that Assad used chemical weapons, as they hold the same weight as allegations that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, and they will lose provided the judiciary in the UK and US are not totally corrupted also, which is a distinct possibility. Sooner or later however, the US and UK will have leadership that is not psychopathological and those cases will be reviewed and reversed.

Some signatory nation to the Rome Statue should do the paperwork to start an investigation into American War Crimes and Crimes against Humanity in Syria.⁵³ Such legal assistance is not difficult to find. The White Helmets should most certainly be prosecuted as well. Their propaganda films incidentally are remarkably similar to that produced by the LTTE Tamil Terrorists during the war in Sri Lanka. According to Hillary Clinton’s emails (discovered by Wikileaks), she did work assiduously to protect the leaders of the LTTE at the end of the civil war there. (The CIA was also complicit in supporting the terrorist driven civil war in Sri Lanka, 23 July 1983 – 18 May 2009.⁵⁴)

⁵³ This law firm can do the paperwork: Bruce Fein, Esquire and W. Bruce Delvalle, Esquire, Fein & Delvalle, PLLC, 300 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Suite 900 Washington D.D. 20001

<https://www.feindelvalle.com/>

⁵⁴ I know this because I was in Sri Lanka during that war. Members of the Press Club in Colombo shared clippings from numerous reports of American Christian NGO members being arrested coming into the country with suitcases containing very large amounts of cash, bomb timing devices and other support materials for the LTTE. Somehow or other the CIAs role in that war completely slipped under the western news radar, probably because of Hillary Clinton’s total support for the LTTE. She was complicit in the initiation of a huge number of wars including Libya, Yemen, Syria and Myanmar which in a reasonable world should earn her the title of “queen of genocide.”

Unfortunately, Interpol, AKA the French Colonial police are unwilling to investigate international crimes committed by other colonial powers. However, if the American Justice Department ever becomes free from “Executive” political influence, they might send the FBI to catch the White helmet’s video producers and may well find at least one was from the LTTE working as part of the CIA’s international crime syndicate.

For more information on Douma see:

<https://wikileaks.org/opcw-douma/releases/> &

<https://www.rt.com/news/476965-opcw-wikileaks-leak-douma/>

Another false flag operation was clearly 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 definitely hired 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/>

No one can say aloud or make accusations that Bernard Tanoh-Boutchoué may have been murdered. Yet, few are the people who haven’t considered the possibility of it. If he was murdered to silence some truths, the long-term results of that action may be quite the opposite of those anticipated, for surely, he was not without friends who know the truth; and some truths do not die so easily as a mortal man.

Death of UN delegate: Ahmed Boukhari, April 2019

Yes, he had cancer, but so did Hugo Chávez of Venezuela at the untimely age of 58.

“Ahmed Boukhari is the United Nations Representative for the Frente Polisario, the political leadership of the government of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR).

“Western Sahara a 'shameful stain' on United Nations, says Polisario spokesman by Ahmed Boukhari.

“Last month the people of Western Sahara marked an important milestone in the 40-year history of our country.

“Although thousands of Saharawi citizens live as refugees in southwest Algeria – displaced from our homeland and separated from our families by Morocco’s colonial occupation – we have nonetheless developed an inclusive democracy and a well-functioning government in the refugee camps and liberated territory of our country.

“The smooth, peaceful election of Brahim Ghali as the new president of the Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic (SADR) is a testament to the strength of these institutions.

READ MORE: Western Sahara: Africa's last colony

“While we celebrated the election of a new president, the occasion was not without sadness.

“The Saharawi people are still mourning the loss of our longtime leader, Mohamed Abdelaziz, a towering figure who dedicated his life to the cause of liberation for Western Sahara. He leaves an impressive legacy behind, having transformed a movement that was originally built to resist a violent military invasion into a nation with a sophisticated set of state institutions.

“Today, our government operates effectively and provides services to our people despite the fact that we have limited resources and operate in trying desert conditions.

“We are cut off from most of our homeland, our coastline, our resources, and many of our people by an oppressive Moroccan military wall. The so-called 'berm' cuts a 2,700km scar across our country – an ugly symbol of oppression as well as a very real source of danger. It is manned by tens of thousands of Moroccan soldiers and millions of landmines litter the surrounding area.

“Our government...provides services to our people despite the fact that we have limited resources and operate in trying desert conditions

“The Saharawi people have made significant progress in our quest for self-determination.

“The Saharawi Republic is a full and founding member of the African Union, has been recognised by some 84 countries and possesses a global network of diplomats who vigorously pursue our foreign policy goals.

“International law is on our side and no country in the world recognises Moroccan territorial ambitions over Western Sahara. But despite this, Morocco and its powerful allies, particularly France, have for decades prevented us from choosing our own political future.”

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/author/ahmed-boukhari/>

The two UN representatives Tanoh-Boutchoué Passes and Ahmed Boukhari died 15 days apart; both held view at odds with American foreign policies.

Incidentally the American Department of Defense has oodles of money for medical research.

<https://research.usc.edu/obtaining-department-of-defense-medical-research-funding/>

<https://www.bumc.bu.edu/busm/research/find-funding-2/departement-of-defense/>

And one can only wonder about:

“WHO calls for emergency meeting as China confirms 4th death & person-to-person spread of new coronavirus, January 21, 2020

“The World Health Organization will convene an emergency expert panel to determine whether a new virus sweeping China should be declared a global threat, after Chinese health officials confirmed the lethal pathogen is contagious.

“The upcoming WHO meeting, set for Wednesday, was announced on the heels of the fourth confirmed death from the new coronavirus, which first broke out in the Chinese city of Wuhan but has since spread, taking hold in Beijing and Shanghai. There are now 217 known infections, according to the Chinese authorities, with 198 of them in Wuhan and another four cases reported in Japan, South Korea, and Thailand.”

<https://www.rt.com/news/478757-who-emergency-china-coronavirus/>

[Is anything too vile for the CIA? Probably not. Probably the CIA wouldn't want to release it in Beijing as it would spread to the US too quickly, however it seems likely they already have a vaccine for it. There's probably no disease they can't give to a person or "liberally" spread around any nation.]

- **“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 had and continue to 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 vastly safer and fairer way for the UN to make decisions than with a fifteen-member aristocratic clique, with half no doubt bought off or just quivering in terror wondering who will die next.

No one nation or small clique of individuals 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 especially 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.

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 co-opt (buy and/or otherwise manipulate) a small group like the United Nations Security Council however well-intentioned they may individually be.⁵⁵ The sudden and unexplained death of one or two 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/>

Changing the percentage of votes required to carry motions in the UNGA

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 co-opting otherwise good people

There are 193 voting members of UN General Assembly. How much would it cost to buy half of them?

⁵⁵ 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.

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/PW: ILOVEUNCLESAM. 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).⁵⁶ 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."

⁵⁶ DMSO was quite popular back in the 1970s. This is not a new thing or drug application approach.

“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.

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. No nation, especially one of the notorious colonial powers should have a veto power in the Security Council! This is precisely why the UN is an abject failure.

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? That might be enough to demonstrate to you that you are indeed very vulnerable to CIA manipulation.

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 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 wickedly sharpened by the American CIA. There are a million ways to co-opt anyone and new methodologies are always evolving.

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. Nelson 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-contro/>

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. The fate of the entire human 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 which is most unambiguously reflected in the ultra-rapidly growing refugee and other “displaced” persons population.

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, virtual total mind control can easily be achieved.

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.

The individual and collective lives of the entire human species depends on cleaning up the United Nations, something that is long, long overdue from the point of view of the dispossessed in Africa, Asia and Central and South America, as well as the poor in the US and Europe.

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 Security Council or 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 2/3rd 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. The UN is a “do-nothing” organization because of its structure and the CIA’s ability to co-opt and otherwise manipulate people.

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 year or even one vote to decrease the probability of that member being co-opted or manipulated in some way.

The Justices on the International Court of Justice are assigned to serve for nine years!

The Permanent Court of Arbitration

And, where do the ICJ justices come from?

The ICJ is composed of fifteen judges elected to nine-year terms by the UN General Assembly and the UN Security Council from a list of people nominated by the national groups in the Permanent Court of Arbitration. The election process is set out in Articles 4–19 of the ICJ Statute.

So really, they are selected by folks in the Permanent Court of Arbitration. And who are they?

The Permanent Court of Arbitration, established by treaty in 1899, is an intergovernmental organization providing a variety of dispute resolution services to the international community.

<https://pca-cpa.org/en/home/>

It sounds so wholesome. However, if (the judges are) judged by the situation in the world today, they are also complete failures, and also enablers of the infinite aggression and violations of the UN Charter as is the UNSC. In fact, because of their relative anonymity, they could well be the origin of the entire massive debacle called “international relations” at this time and operate as the CPU of the colonial nations. It is profitable to the few, and a monstrous evil to most people on earth, especially people of color, Muslims and socialists.

Who exactly are the guiding forces within the Permanent Court of Arbitration? Virtually no-one on earth knows. They – given their key position – certainly appear to represent the opaquest aspects of the “Global Deep State” and “invisible world government.”

1 on their list: Mr. QIRJAKO QIRKO, from Albania (he might be a good guy; evil organizations always like to put a good guy out in front kind of like a human shield)

2 on their list: Ms. SUSANA MYRTA RUIZ CERUTTI from Argentina (Probably a very nice lady, but that is where most of the Nazis went after WWII, no?)

3 on their list: Prof. HILARY CHARLESWORTH from Australia (Again, probably a very nice guy, but Australia is a member of the "Five Eyes," no?)

4 on their list: Prof. Dr. GERHARD HAFNER from Austria (Certain to be great person, but Hitler was from Austria, no?)

5 on their list: Prof. JAN PAULSSON from Bahrain (Here is a gentleman that almost certainly understands the plight of the poor, but Bahrain is one of the GCC countries that slavishly follows the Saudis that slavishly follows President Trump, no?)

6 on their list: Justice MD. TOFAZZAL ISLAM of Bangladesh (Absolutely a sterling character but is it possible like all these justices he’s ridiculously over-educated, not that that’s a bad thing of course...!)

7 on their list: Prof. Dr. PAYAM AKHAVAN LL.M., S.J.D. (Harvard) (Harvard! Wow! Must be smart, but Harvard is notorious for its very close association with the CIA, isn't it? They teach classes for CIA officers, right?)

8 on their list: Mr. IGOR V. FISSENKO, from Belarus (I don't know why, but I like this man's name. It's not one of those movie star fake names. It's real.)

9 on their list: Mr. EDUARDO RODRÍGUEZ VELTZÉ Bolivia – He didn't have anything to do with the coup there recently, did he? If not, why hasn't he taken a little vacation and talked with some signatory to the Rome Statue in order to file:

“A Petition to Open an Investigation Pursuant to Article 15 of the Rome Statue in the International Criminal Court: The Prosecutor Vs. CIA Director Gina Cheri Haspel, President Donald Trump, and Secretary of State Michael Pompeo, Pertaining to the CIA driven coup that overthrew the legitimate government of Bolivia

...like the law firm in D.C. did:

“For the Kidnapping, Torture, and Assassination of Jamal Khashoggi and other Crimes Against Humanity”⁵⁷

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/10/legal-petition-urges-icc-investigate-mbs-khashoggi-murder-191001135619592.html>

10 on their list: Mr. HECTOR ARCE ZACONETA also from Bolivia

11 on their list: Prof. M. CELSO LAFER from Brazil, (Wow! Cornell university; must be smart!)

12 on their list: Mme NADIA DE ARAUJO also from Brazil...

And on and on it goes for several more pages. One thing many or most of those individuals have in common is they graduated from or have some other relationship with American and/or European ivy league universities, notorious havens for the CIA and MI6.

[https://pca-cpa.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2017/07/Current-List-Annex-1-Members-of-the-Court-184006-v65 .pdf](https://pca-cpa.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2017/07/Current-List-Annex-1-Members-of-the-Court-184006-v65.pdf)

A bit surprising no Pakistani is not on their long, long list though. One can only wonder why.

In any case, however prestigious the individuals may be, and in fact clearly are, they are individually and collectively responsible for the 70 + million displaced people in the world, and the conflicts that created the circumstances with which they are forced to “live.” Perhaps all the years of so obediently becoming so prestigious has closed their eyes and hearts to the realities of the slave conditions so rapidly expanding around the world.

As in the early years of Chemistry, before SEM and TEM, the nature of the interaction of chemicals can only be determined by their effects, and judging by the abject and near total

⁵⁷ It only took about 10 seconds to find that law firm: Bruce Fein, Esquire and W. Bruce Delvalle, Esquire, Fein & Delvalle, PLLC, 300 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Suite 900 Washington D.D. 20001
<https://www.feindelvalle.com/>

failure of the UN to accomplish its mission, the Permanent Court of Arbitration shares in the culpability and complicity along with the Security Council, ICJ and ICC.

Their flaw, individually and collectively is myopia. They appear to fail to calculate outside the box sufficiently to correct the structure of the UN so that peace is possible. Will it take WWII to wake them, and the UN to their individual and collective responsibilities?

Of course, to some extent there is no doubt, the membership in that august body is carefully balanced so as to maintain the status quo, serve the interest of the big banks and the world corporate superstructure, while totally ignoring the plight of the war torn, starving, diseased and dying victims of that superstructure.

Once Yemen, Iran, Venezuela, and Turkey are totally destroyed, the American hegemon will get around to “obliterating” (dividing) China and any other nation that stands in the way of American absolute hegemony in perpetuity, and the Permanent Court of Arbitration will continue on their merry way, supporting that process until everyone and all natural resources in the world are completely owned by the United States of America. This is the inevitable future, unless there is significant structural reform in the United Nations, *post haste*. Any arguments to the contrary are self-serving, delusionally based and specious in the extreme. It is long past time to shake the dust off that august body and get them to do something meaningful for a change and time is critical so they had better not doddle along the way. Incidentally they too should be working out of Niger, or some other colonial possession to give them the sense of urgency they obviously lack now.

Given the uniform support for colonialism displayed by the United Nations from nearly the beginning,⁵⁸ it clearly and obviously needs to be “turned on its head,” and there’s a very easy way to do that. Study which justices on the Permanent Court of Arbitration reliably file dissenting opinions, and keep them. Give the rest of them a pat on the back, and say: “Thank you very much for your dedication and hard work. Oh, by the way, your services are no longer required,”⁵⁹; “repent and sin no more.” (John 8:11)⁶⁰ Do keep a few of the neo-cons around so they find out what it feels like to file the dissenting decisions for a while.

⁵⁸ The original 1945 Charter was great, but by the end of 1948 only blood smeared tatters of the original document remained.

⁵⁹ Suppose you own the “Unbelievably Huge Apple Farm,” and hire a group of sales people. They have awesome CVs, and report they can apples to anyone, like cats for example, gaseous planets, and leaders of countries where they worship apples. But then after a few years you find out that they’ve been somehow, doing something to your amazingly healthy apples, and millions of people have died as the result of whatever it was your salespeople did to those apples. Would you keep them on?

⁶⁰ This is not to say or suggest that the members of the Permanent Court of Arbitration are individually less than noble and fine people, however given the effects of the UN from the beginning there is reasonable evidence to suggest they may be the products of a highly distilled form of colonial thinking inherent in laws that may have programmed their unconscious perceptual frameworks. By logical extension it appears the majority of those laws may have been written in such a way as to give the appearance of administering justice, while leaving ample opportunities to maintain colonial rule. “*Senatores boni viri, senatus autem mala bestia*,” as the old saying goes.

“You think slavery is right and ought to be extended; while we think it is wrong and ought to be restricted. That I suppose is the rub. It certainly is the only substantial difference between us.”

Abraham Lincoln, December 22, 1860 Letter to Alexander Stephens

The compelling need to permit voting *in absentia* on important UN matters

All of the above rationals apply equally to the proposition that confirmed votes *in absentia* in the General Assembly should be counted as valid, as there can be an infinite number of contrived reasons for missing an important UN General Assembly vote.

For example, on 9 October 2019, 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.’ Thus, were prosecution of any specific American President or intelligence official, including Michael Pompeo himself to be launched, the US State Department could simply nullify their American visa, and/or bring other pressures to bear upon all parties involved such that they could not vote in person. The ICC fortunately is in The Hague; however, the General Assembly and Security Council are in New York and thus Secretary of State Michael Pompeo could freeze the activities of most of the UN quite effectively. His threat October 9, 2019 (against ‘any and all ICC officials determined to be directly responsible for an ICC investigation of U.S. personnel, or of allied personnel...’) (constituting nothing less than blackmail) had an immediate and powerful effect. Thus, voting in the General Assembly and UN security council should be permitted *in absentia*.

Suppose you are a General Assembly, Security Council, ICJ or ICC voting member, and someone who knows you are planning to vote a certain way on a resolution has you shot or poisoned, (or simply delayed getting to the UN) 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.

The locations of the United Nations, ICC and ICJ need to change

The USA has thrown away any moral right it might have had to host the UN by denial of visas to and harassment of foreign diplomats and thus the United Nations should not be located in the USA. The (democratic!) American contempt for all laws should disallow it from hosting the UN. Besides, the UN cannot function when the US selectively denies visas to anyone whom it doesn’t particularly like at any one time for any reason, making it impossible for the UN to function in the manner its’ original charter mandated.

U.S. Revokes ICC Prosecutor's Entry Visa Over Afghanistan War Crimes Probe

April 05, 2019

“The United States has revoked the entry visa of the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court, Fatou Bensouda, who is investigating possible war crimes committed by U.S. forces in Afghanistan.

“U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said last month that Washington would withdraw or deny visas to ICC staff investigating such allegations against U.S. forces or their allies.

“Bensouda's office on April 5 confirmed U.S. authorities revoked her visa but said the ICC prosecutor would continue her duties "without fear or favor."

“The move was criticized by the United Nations and the European Union.

“A 2016 report from the ICC said there was a reasonable basis to believe that the U.S. military had committed torture at secret detention sites in Afghanistan operated by the CIA, and that the Afghan government and the Taliban had committed war crimes.

“The United States does not recognize the court as having jurisdiction over U.S. citizens, but Americans can be charged with crimes that are allegedly committed in countries that are members of the court and Afghanistan is a member.

“ICC judges have not yet handed down a decision on opening a formal investigation in Afghanistan.

“The ICC is a court of last resort with 122 member states.

“It acts only when countries within its jurisdiction are found to be unable or unwilling to seriously investigate war crimes, genocide, or other serious atrocities.”

<https://www.rferl.org/a/u-s-revokes-icc-prosecutor-bensouda-visa-afghanistan-war-crimes-investigation/29863135.html>

“By denying Iran’s foreign minister visa for Security Council visit, America has lost moral right to serve as home for UN”

7 Jan, 2020, By Dr. George Szamuely, Senior Research Fellow at the Global Policy Institute and author of Bombs for Peace: NATO's Humanitarian War on Yugoslavia

“US officials have long used visa rejections to humiliate political adversaries who have to travel to New York to attend the United Nations...

“Sanctioning Zarif

“The US government has apparently denied Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif a visa to enter the United States in order to

attend a January 9 UN Security Council meeting. The subject to be discussed wasn't Iran but something far more anodyne: "Maintenance of International Peace and Security: Upholding the UN Charter." Zarif had applied for a visa long before the current turmoil in relations between Washington and Tehran.

"Iran's foreign minister is currently under US sanctions. The sanctions, imposed in July 2019, "froze" whatever assets Zarif may have in the United States (Zarif has none).

"While the US did not prevent Zarif from attending the opening of the UN General Assembly last September, his presence on US soil today is evidently too much for the US government to bear.

"The United States serves as host country to the United Nations and, according to the agreement it signed with the United Nations in 1947, it has no right to stipulate whom UN member-states can and whom they cannot send to the UN to speak on their behalf.

"This applies "irrespective of the relations existing between the governments of the persons referred to...and the government of the United States." Furthermore, "The appropriate American authorities shall afford any necessary protection to such persons while in transit to or from the headquarters district."

Washington's loophole

"The language is unambiguous. However, as per usual, the United States managed to get around this by sneaking in an exception. Not in the agreement, of course, but in an accompanying congressional resolution. Section 6 of the Joint Resolution of Congress that authorized the president to enter into this agreement states that "Nothing in the agreement shall be construed as in any way diminishing, abridging, or weakening the right of the United States to safeguard its own security and completely to control the entrance of aliens into any territory of the United States other than the headquarters district and its immediate vicinity."

"Ever since, the United States has clung to these words in order to insist that, yes, it can decide who can and who can't be assigned to the UN. However, it is hard to read the resolution's words as suggesting anything other than the US can impose restrictions on the movement of UN diplomats when they are not in the "headquarters district and its immediate vicinity."

"Moreover, just because the US Congress insisted on this exception, it doesn't mean the United Nations was under any obligation to accept it. The words were no part of the headquarters agreement.

Abusing its privileges

“For years the United States has been imposing all manner of restrictions on who comes to the UN. In 1988, the United States denied Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat a visa to address the UN General Assembly. Back then, the General Assembly had the courage to defy the United States and convened its meeting in Geneva. In 2013, the United States denied a visa to President Omar al-Bashir of Sudan. Admittedly, Bashir was under indictment by the International Criminal Court. However, the United States doesn’t normally show such deference to the wishes of the ICC.

“In 2014, the United States denied a visa to Iran’s choice of ambassador to the UN, Hamid Abutalebi. In April 2019, the United States revoked the visa of ICC chief prosecutor Fatou Bensouda after she announced her intent to investigate war crimes in Afghanistan, including any committed by US forces.

“In 2018, in the aftermath of the Skripal poisoning affair, the United States, along with its NATO allies ordered the expulsion of Russian diplomats. Of the 60 diplomats the US expelled, 12 were accredited to the United Nations, not the United States—a clear violation of the US-UN hosting agreement. There is also the harassment that UN-accredited diplomats from countries out of favor with Washington face every day.

“A recent article in Foreign Policy reported that ‘Representatives from the UN delegations of China, Cuba, Iran, Nicaragua, North Korea, Russia, and Syria say their diplomats and support staff are subjected to increasingly restrictive travel limitations, arbitrary denial of visas and driver’s licenses, additional airport security checks, and curtailed access to banking services needed to conduct their diplomatic work and pay their dues at the UN.’

A new venue?

“Zarif himself pointed out in a tweet that the US’ denial of a visa, while a violation of the 1947 agreement, “pales in comparison” with “Pompeo’s threat to starve Iranians,” “Trump’s bluster about cultural heritage” and the “cowardly assassination.” That is undoubtedly true. However, such a gross violation of the US-UN hosting agreement demonstrates clearly that the United States is no longer a suitable venue for the UN headquarters.

“The United States is openly contemptuous of the United Nations, indeed of international law generally. A new venue is needed. Geneva, the former seat of the League of Nations, is an obvious choice. But there

are many great cities of the world that could also serve. What's important is that the decision to move be made now."

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/477668-move-un-embassy-iran/>

"It was reported on January 7th that the US State Department has now refused to issue a visa to Iranian foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, disallowing him to come to New York to address the UN security council on Thursday, violating the UN headquarters agreement."

<https://foreignpolicy.com/2020/01/06/trump-administration-blocks-iran-foreign-minister-zarif-addressing-un-security-council/>

It appears the USA will fight the UN not only in Libya but New York as well and the best way to silence the truth is to simply lock the crime victims' political representatives out of the UN.

Withholding the visa for a foreign minister is one (blatantly illegal) way to do that.

American consistent demonstrations of brazen contempt for and mockery of international law should disqualify it as a host nation for the UN and all UN officials, representatives, and support personnel should prepare to pack.

Likewise, the UN should not be located in Switzerland as like New York it is far too expensive for an organization that is supposed to – among other things – help the poor. With nine million people dying of starvation every year, the UN people should not be living in extravagant luxury as it would prove to be grotesque insensitivity to the people they are supposed to be helping.

Perhaps by moral right the UN should be located in the world's least developed country as measured by the UNDP ranking system. In 2018 the UNDP lists Niger, ranked 189th out of 189 countries by UNDP measures of development as the least developed country in the world.

Curiously, Niger is also home to some of the world's largest oil reserves and uranium deposits.

The poor in Niger can only thank the French for this arrangement as any other expression of emotion might be punished harshly. This is part of a "quaint" old French system called Francafrique, which some have asserted is nothing less than unabashed colonialism.

In any case perhaps 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." Perhaps UN General Assembly, ICJ and ICC Members should be permitted "Seconds" that is people who fill in for them when they need to take care of personal business in their home country's and/or take a vacation. There is no reason whatsoever to torture UN people by not allowing them personal days off and vacation!

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.

Unfortunately, Niamey at this time may lack the facilities to host the UN. Thus, the UN needs to help Niger prepare those facilities. The facilities should not be fancy. Spartan conditions are fine as long as essential living and work conditions function well. During the time needed for that preparation, perhaps the UN can be temporarily located in Addis Ababa, Jakarta, Beijing, Moscow, Cordoba, Napoli, and Mexico City, Nuremberg, etc. for a few months each.

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 WWII. How much worse can the UN do?

Who should pay for the UN and its move to new location(s)?

The answer to that question is so easy it's called a "no-brainer."

Obviously the richest 50% of the people from the richest 50% of the countries in the world should have to pay a tax specifically devoted to supporting the United Nations. Anyone who complains about this should be named, shamed, offered free psychiatric help, and be forced to pay that tax just the same.

It's pathetically obvious. The UN should not be held hostage to any particular nation or group of people.

The rarified "looking-glass world" culture at the UNSC, ICJ, ICC and the Lolita Express

Throwing stones at (make false accusations and attempting to prosecute) the victims of CIA driven attacks (on for example the Venezuelan government) is not a way to "promote peace" between nations. It explains why some nations might not want to sign the Rome Statue.

The UN has a distinct bias in favor of so-called "liberal democracies," real or fake American installed versions from rigged elections, and against Muslim and socialist nations as is evidenced since the UN's role in the foundation of Israel and subsequent failure to prosecute anyone for the genocide Muslims call the Nakba.

The UN culture appears to be an example of a rarified and cozy "looking-glass world" world at least in the UNSC, ICJ and ICC.

It's not surprising really. Probably not many of them have ever been shot with American tax payers' bullets, or bombed, had to rent out their children to buy food as an alternative to starving to death. Those are "someone else's problems." Life in America and Switzerland really is sweet, ripe with the fruits of WWII and while setting the stage for WWII.

Lurid, prurient, pandering to the baser instincts in man?

Does this analysis, suggesting that rich capitalists enslave the people in low SES nations so as to ensure a steady supply of very young children for their sexual exploitation seem unnecessarily lurid, prurient, pandering to the baser instincts in man? No, in fact it is highly relevant.

“The future president claimed in 2002 that he had a long friendship with Epstein. ‘I’ve known Jeff for 15 years. Terrific guy,’ Trump said, according to New York Magazine. ‘He’s a lot of fun to be with. It is even said that he likes beautiful women as much as I do, and many of them are on the younger side. No doubt about it — Jeffrey enjoys his social life.’”

<https://www.businessinsider.com/jeffrey-epstein-everything-we-know-about-his-relationship-with-trump-2019-7?IR=T>

The above article includes photos of Epstein and Donald Trump whose friendship extended over the period of many years.

If this should appear ‘lurid,’ it’s only the tiny tip of the iceberg, for example see one of the Mint Press’ in depth reports relating to these ‘issues’: <https://www.mintpressnews.com/genesis-jeffrey-epstein-bill-clinton-relationship/261455/>

And then there’s the UN, it’s vaunted all powerful Security Council, ICJ and ICC keeping this whole exploitative show on the road.

An obscenity? Absolutely. President Lincoln had an insider’s view on the business of slavery and he hated it. Winning the Civil War was one thing. Getting the 13th Amendment passed was vastly more difficult however. While the American Confederates of the south were losing the war to the north, and slaves eventually became freed, more or less in the US, US government supported commercial ‘enterprises’ were busy enslaving entire nations of people of color overseas.

And thus, the extreme need for structural reform in the United Nations, however difficult or impossible that task may appear to be. It is absolutely essential if this world will have any justice or freedom at all and if WWII is to be prevented.

The time for lame excuses and hiding behind procedural issues is long past, at least for the millions upon millions upon millions of victims of the endlessly predatory nature of “big capital,” and self-serving “democracies.”

And how are those parties in New York and Switzerland? Lurid, prurient, pandering to the baser instincts in men and women?

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 and reliable 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 “trophy”⁶¹ violations of international criminal law, which in all cases are 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 vastly 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 rather large 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.

⁶¹ A “trophy” violation is loudly announcing: “We are above international law, and can punish who we like in the way we like,” which has a terrorizing effect on most other nations. It is one of the “classic characteristics” of a sadistic bully who disregards all civilized norms, rules and laws with impunity.

“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

Niger by the way has some of the largest oil and uranium reserves in the world, yet ranked 189th 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, supported by American AFRICOM military killing power. It is colonialism pure and simple.

French/American hegemony in Africa is simply too pervasive to be prosecutable in most cases it appears, because of the American puppet dictators in those countries, 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 puppet masters that owns, 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, repeat 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 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 is the direct consequence of the actions of democracy “the great liberator” in the United States.

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 developing world for eternal (“in perpetuity”) ruthless exploitation. The marriage of a corrupted democracy decayed into pure populism with unrestrained neo-liberal capitalism has resulted in an oligarchy that tortures the developing world with impunity, and then makes show-off displays of their conquests and cruelties. Then they take one-hundredth of one percent of their booty from the lands they rob and rape, and give it back in foreign aid so they can brag about that too. As a reward the United Nations sanctimoniously absolves them of all their sins, and punishes the victims and victim family member survivors.

Chapter 11 The UN needs to affirm a variety of forms of governance, not just democracy can provide maximum individual liberty and representation

... and this more open-minded approach to human governance needs to be recognized in United Nations documents.

Global Satisfaction with Democracy Report 2020. Executive Summary

We use a new dataset combining more than 25 data sources, 3,500 country surveys, and 4 million respondents between 1973 and 2020 asking citizens whether they are satisfied or dissatisfied with democracy in their countries.

- Using this combined, pooled dataset, we are able to present a time-series for almost 50 years in Western Europe, and 25 years for the rest of the world.
- We find that dissatisfaction with democracy has risen over time, and is reaching an all-time global high, in particular in developed democracies.

2. Key Findings

Across the globe, democracy is in a state of malaise. In the mid-1990s, a majority of citizens in countries for which we have time-series data – in North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa, the Middle East, Asia and Australasia – were satisfied with the performance of their democracies.

Since then, the share of individuals who are “dissatisfied” with democracy has risen by around +10% points, from 47.9 to 57.5%.

This is the highest level of global dissatisfaction since the start of the series in 1995. After a large increase in civic dissatisfaction in the prior decade, 2019 represents the highest level of democratic discontent on record. The rise in democratic dissatisfaction has been especially sharp since 2005. The year that marks the beginning of the so-called “global democratic recession” is also the highpoint for global satisfaction with democracy, with just 38.7% of citizens dissatisfied in that year. Since then, the proportion of “dissatisfied” citizens has risen by almost one-fifth of the population (+18.8%). Many of the world’s most populous democracies – including the United States, Brazil, Nigeria, and Mexico – have led the downward trend. In the United States, levels of

dissatisfaction with democracy have risen by over a third of the population in one generation.

As a result, many large democracies are at their highest-ever recorded level for democratic dissatisfaction. These include the United States, Brazil, Mexico, the United Kingdom, South Africa, Colombia, and Australia. Other countries that remain close to their all-time highs include Japan, Spain, and Greece. Citizens of developed democracies have also experienced a large increase in democratic dissatisfaction. While in the 1990s, around two-thirds of the citizens of Europe, North America, Northeast Asia and Australasia felt satisfied with democracy in their countries, today a majority feel dissatisfied. **While it goes beyond the scope of this report to explain the cause of this shift, we observe that citizens' levels of dissatisfaction with democracy are largely responsive to objective circumstances and events— economic shocks, corruption scandals, and policy crises. These have an immediately observable effect upon average levels of civic dissatisfaction.**

"However, the picture is not entirely negative. Many small, high-income democracies have moved in the direction of greater civic confidence in their institutions. In Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, for example, democratic satisfaction is reaching all-time highs. These countries form part of the "island of contentment" – a select group of nations, containing just 2% of the world's democratic citizenry, in which less than a quarter of the public express discontent with their political system."

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/dkglg5xkcdvue8/AADpJgJRICcF2dZw3GnPm7BSa?dl=0&preview=Democracy_jan27.pdf

2% of the population with democracies is only a tiny percentage, however the report goes on to say that people in Southeast Asia seem to still like democracies.

The overall results, that 57.5% of people in democracies are dissatisfied with democracies is meaningful.

Though, as the authors stated, the reasons for this were not within the purview of that paper, they do state economic shocks, corruption scandals, and policy crises have an immediate observable response.

This writer contends that "big capital" corruption of democracy at least within the United States is a – if not the – primary reason people are dissatisfied.

The landmark Supreme Court decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010) and subsequent judicial decisions legitimizing big money corruption in political campaign finance has vaporized "representative" government, as only wealthy corporations and special interest groups now have political representation, which means essentially Deep State

rule over what has become a slave class of working people. Big capital has negated all the positive possibilities of democracies in the three major colonial nations at this time: The USA, UK and France.

“Don’t worship Europe in its totality. There is good as well as evil everywhere. There are angels and evils everywhere. There are devils with the faces of angels and angels with the faces of devils everywhere. And there is one thing that stays the same, Child, that is eternal: The colonialist is always a devil.

“You live in a colonized world, you can’t get away from that. But it doesn’t matter, as long as you understand: he is a devil until the end of the world. He is Satan...” (p. 82)

“What people call the modern age... is really the age of the triumph of capital. Everybody alive in this modern age is ordered about by big capital; even the education you received was adjusted to capital’s needs, not your own. So too the newspapers. Everything is arranged by it, including morality, law, truth and knowledge.” (p. 259)

Child of all Nations, by Pramoedya Ananta Toer, First ed. 1925

The Civil War has been refought and the Confederates have won, using big money instead of guns as their weapons. The 13th Amendment has been repealed. This is not news really, it’s been going on since the Civil War internationally, as during the Civil War big money capitalists were already busy joining the European colonialization wave of conquering what was called the “Third World,” the continents and islands of people of color.

“The Boston merchant Thomas Handasyd Perkins profited handsomely from the Atlantic slave trade, but like many others, he gradually turned his attention to opium and amassed a fortune. His nephew and fellow cartel member, John Murray Forbes (of the storied Forbes family), used ill-gotten drug loot to become the country’s earliest railroad magnate. These captains of industry were, of course, nothing if not considerate of their fellow man. Perkins used his drug money to establish hospitals, schools, and libraries throughout the Boston area, while Forbes became an ardent abolitionist, financing the free-staters in Kansas during the 1850s and working tirelessly on behalf of Abraham Lincoln’s presidential campaign in 1860 and 1864. Slave trading and drug pushing thus helped subsidize northern humanitarianism.

“Perkins and Forbes provide useful entry points for reconstructing a larger, global story of what we might call the long Opium Wars...

“Importing a highly addictive commodity proved to be the most important tool for British and U.S. merchants eager to rearrange the China trade on favorable terms. When Chinese authorities responded by prohibiting opium imports around 1800, an illicit drug trade was born

that escalated into a series of opium rushes, transforming Western opium smugglers into capitalist pioneers and buttressing British imperialism in Asia.

“By the 1820s, opium was the single greatest Western import into China. While the British East India Company controlled 90 percent of the opium trade, thanks to its monopoly on Indian-grown opium, U.S. firms cornered the market on smuggling a cheaper Turkish product into China—prospering by selling death and despair. “Opium was more than simply an economic commodity,” Lowe notes. “The distribution of the highly addicting drug that induced docility and dependence targeted the biology of the Chinese population, constituting a very different form of governance than earlier modes of political dominance or territorial conquest.” The opium peddler, claimed British reformers, “slays the body after he has corrupted, degraded and annihilated the moral being of unhappy sinners.”

<http://bostonreview.net/forum/how-race-made-opioid-crisis/max-mishler-race-and-first-opium-crisis>

This continued into the early 20th Century, a legacy of the great democracies.

The turn of the twentieth century witnessed a series of racial panics that trafficked in the grammar of addiction. Racist depictions of Chinese opium use underscored the Chinese threat to U.S. society and bolstered racist political campaigns for Chinese exclusion during the 1880s and 1890s. Meanwhile, black resistance to racial terror was interpreted through the lens of “Negro cocaine madness.” By the 1930s, in response to Mexican immigration and Latinx urbanization, white observers worried about “reefer madness.” In each case, white drug addiction was bracketed amid increased concern about racialized laboring populations whose indocility justified what Micol Seigel calls the “violence work” of policing. These moral panics veiled the fact that early giants of the pharmaceutical industry—Bayer and Merck—amassed fortunes producing heroin, cocaine, and methamphetamines for citizens and soldiers.

Ibid

This is democracy at work when harnessed to unrestrained capitalism.

Certainly, arguments can be made on either side regarding the relationship between democracy and capitalism.

Capitalism and democracy: the strain is showing

“To maintain legitimacy, economic policy must seek to promote the interests of the many not the few, by Martin Wolf

“A natural connection exists between liberal democracy — the combination of universal suffrage with entrenched civil and personal rights — and capitalism, the right to buy and sell goods, services, capital and one’s own labour freely. They share the belief that people should make their own choices as individuals and as citizens. Democracy and capitalism share the assumption that people are entitled to exercise agency. Humans must be viewed as agents, not just as objects of other people’s power.

“Yet it is also easy to identify tensions between democracy and capitalism. Democracy is egalitarian. Capitalism is inegalitarian, at least in terms of outcomes. If the economy flounders, the majority might choose authoritarianism, as in the 1930s. If economic outcomes become too unequal, the rich might turn democracy into plutocracy.”

<https://www.ft.com/content/e46e8c00-6b72-11e6-ae5b-a7cc5dd5a28c>

Jimmy Carter spoke truly when he said:

“‘We’ve become now an oligarchy instead of a democracy. And I think that’s been the worst damage to the basic moral and ethical standards of the American political system that I’ve ever seen in my life,’ the 90-year-old former president told Winfrey.”

<https://www.mic.com/articles/125813/jimmy-carter-tells-oprah-america-is-no-longer-a-democracy-now-an-oligarchy>

How does an oligarchy such as the United States is now return to a democracy?

“And then democracy comes into being after the poor have conquered their opponents, slaughtering some and banishing some, while to the remainder they give an equal share of freedom and power; and this is the form of government in which the magistrates are commonly elected by lot.”

- Plato, the Republic

<http://classics.mit.edu/Plato/republic.9.viii.html>

There is an implicit relationship between capitalism and democracy in western society, despite the fact that they are always moving in different directions and therefore in most cases become incompatible.

Is capitalism compatible with democracy? By Wolfgang Merkel

“Historical evidence also confirms that no developed democracy could exist without capitalism. Vice versa this is not the case. National Socialist Germany, the People’s Republic of China, Singapore and the capitalist dictatorships of Latin America or Asia in the twentieth century all

exemplify that capitalism can coexist or even flourish in the context of different forms of political government, such as democracy and dictatorship...

“Under capitalism, decisions and their implementation lead to a degree of economic and social inequality (of income, wealth, power and life chances) that is hardly acceptable in a democracy built on principles based on equal rights, opportunities and duties. Vice versa, full application of democratic decision-making—general and equal participation as well as majority decisions and minority protection—is unconceivable according to the rules of capitalism. Thus, capitalism is not democratic, democracy not capitalist.”

Z Vgl Polit Wiss DOI 10.1007/s12286-014-0199-4

https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/files/mobilized_contention/files/merkel_-_is_capitalism_compatible_with_democracy.pdf

Democracy vs. self-interest - Justice delayed is justice denied when human lives are in imminent danger now

President Lincoln’s speech at Peoria, Illinois October 16, 1854:

“I cannot but hate the declared indifference for slavery's spread. I hate it because of the monstrous injustice of slavery itself. I hate it because it deprives our republican example of its just influence in the world -- enables the enemies of free institutions, with plausibility, to taunt us as hypocrites -- causes the real friends of freedom to doubt our sincerity, and especially because it forces so many really good men amongst ourselves into an open war with the very fundamental principles of civil liberty -- criticizing the Declaration of Independence, and insisting that there is no right principle of action but self-interest.”

https://www.nps.gov/abli/learn/education/upload/LincolnQuote_sonSlavery.pdf

The worlds of Asia, Africa, the Americas, the Middle East and Pacific nations should not have to endure the yoke of slavery to which the United States has subjected them for anywhere between the past 100 to 500 years. The United Nations’ role in this over the past 73 years since 1947 when the UN cancelled all obligations to the UN Charter in support of the creation of Israel is transparent and loathsome to all humans who have any respect for liberty and freedom. If this is a demonstration of the American and the UN’s idea of “democracy,” then democracy denies the liberty to own land, the liberty to not be raped and murdered as happened *en masse* during the Nakba.

In comparison China’s and Cuba’s socialism are in fact liberal paradises. Any accolades of American “democracy” will fall upon the deaf ears of those who have been unjustly tortured and

slaughtered by it including Qassem Soleimani and those who worked with him in an attempt to earn and solidify some form of self-determination and freedom for their peoples.

The murder of Quds Commander Qassem Soleimani December 3rd, 2020 was potentially one of the biggest “mistakes” (war crime and crime against humanity) any American president ever made, and there have been many upon many upon many. When all is said and done and bombed, one can only wonder how deeply the prosecutions will go. There is not Statute of Limitations on murder.

In the wake of murder of Iranian General Qassem Soleimani and his nine associates, a sizable percentage of the dispossessed around the world were and remain in shock and consider a counter-strike justifiable if not required. “An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth,” as the Hebrew Bible and Quran agree. Meanwhile the obedient sycophants of American absolute rulership of the world were gleeful, gloating about the killing of ten more Muslims in Iraq. Is American rulership – hegemony in perpetuity – democratic?

Is anti-Muslim bigotry – democratic?

A knee-jerk reaction from the Iranian military was exactly what the gnomes in Langley were hoping for. That is why they killed Quds Commander Soleimani. They had hoped to provoke Iranian officials into immediately striking back, killing American soldiers, and those stationed in Iraq were the closest easiest targets.

“Radicalizing Moslems has always been a great way to drum up dollars for the Defense Department” they will say. The hollowness, illegality, cruelty and stupidity of that defense will echo through history along with the Nazi’s “Just following orders,” excuse.

Seeing the world through a looking glass darkly

**For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face
to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even
as also I am known.**

1 Corinthians 13:12 King James Version (KJV)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+13%3A12&version=KJV>

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.5

“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.)

It seems a tendency towards serial genocides and delusional thinking are at an epidemic level in Washington DC and Langley, but they always have been from Muslim and Socialist perspectives.

Is Donald Trump “insane?”

Many mental health professionals believe President Donald Trump has a deteriorating mental illness.

“350 health professionals sign letter to Congress claiming Trump’s mental health is deteriorating dangerously amid impeachment proceedings”

Tom Porter, Dec 5, 2019

“We are convinced that, as the time of possible impeachment approaches, Donald Trump has the real potential to become ever more dangerous, a threat to the safety of our nation,” said Drs. Bandy Lee, a Yale psychiatrist, Jerrold Post, a former CIA profiler, and John Zinner, a psychiatrist at George Washington University.”

<https://www.businessinsider.com/psychiatrists-submit-warning-trumps-mental-health-deteriorating-2019-12>

Is Trump Making America Mentally Ill?

https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/is-trump-making-america-mentally-ill/2017/06/13/28204b08-507b-11e7-be25-3a519335381c_story.html

“Trump's Order to Kill Iran's General Is Proof President Must Take Mental Health Check, Says Yale Psychiatrist”

By Brendan Cole On 1/4/20

<https://www.newsweek.com/bandy-lee-donald-trump-iran-mental-health-nancy-pelosi-1480404>

And there's a book:

The Dangerous Case of Donald Trump (2017) edited by Bandy X. Lee, a forensic psychiatrist with essays from 27 psychiatrists, psychologists, and other mental health professionals. They present compelling arguments concerning the “clear and present danger” US President Donald Trump's mental health poses to the ‘nation and individual well-being.’

What's truly remarkable is he seems to have chosen a Vice-President who is just about as crazy as he is:

Pence Links Iran's Soleimani to 9/11 Attacks, By D'Angelo Gore, January 7, 2020

Vice President Mike Pence tweeted that Iranian Gen. Qasem Soleimani “[a]ssisted in the clandestine travel to Afghanistan” of some of the terrorists who executed the 9/11 terrorist attacks. To support his claim, a spokeswoman referred to a State Department document that said Iran, not Soleimani, permitted members of al Qaeda, including some of the 9/11 hijackers, to travel through Iran to Afghanistan, where some received training.

However, that doesn't mean that Iran, or Soleimani, knowingly aided al Qaeda in carrying out the attacks, which may be the impression some got from Pence's tweet.

Notably, the 9/11 Commission Report — which doesn't mention Soleimani at all — said that investigators found no evidence that Iran was involved with, or had prior knowledge of, the terrorist organization's plans to attack the U.S. on Sept. 11, 2001.

<https://www.factcheck.org/2020/01/pence-links-irans-soleimani-to-9-11-attacks/>

Does craziness seem to follow President Trump around, or is it a case of “birds of a feather flock together?”

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>

“Donald Trump is guilty of many impeachable acts, but the Ukraine scandal ‘pales into insignificance compared to everything else Trump has done,’ said University of Illinois professor of international law **Dr Francis Boyle**. The US assassination of Iranian general Soleimani violated US and international law and is an impeachable offense, for example, but ‘most of the mainstream Democrats have supported’ the killing of Soleimani.”

<https://blackagendareport.com/dems-wont-impeach-trump-crimes-they-favor>

Is President Trump an Israeli foreign agent, or just a guy that wants to start WWII?

“Giving” Jerusalem to Israel – Provocation extraordinaire

The British Newspaper “The Sun” presented a nicely succinct summary of President Trump’s “gift” of Jerusalem to Israel.

“Is Jerusalem the capital of Israel and when did Donald Trump move the US embassy to there from Tel Aviv?”

“The status of the ancient city is one of the core questions at the heart of the long-running Israeli-Palestinian conflict, by David Hughes, 28 Jun 2018

“What is the capital of Israel?”

“Israel, which gained independence as a modern country in 1948, claims Jerusalem as its capital.

“But this is not internationally recognised because the ancient city is also the proclaimed capital of the State of Palestine.

“Jerusalem's unresolved status is one of the core questions at the heart of the Israel-Palestine conflict.

“A 1949 treaty following the Arab-Israeli war divided Jerusalem into two sections with the western half controlled by Israel, and the eastern half controlled by Jordan.

“Although Israel captured and annexed the entire city during the 1967 Six Day War, East Jerusalem – containing the famous Old City – is still claimed by Palestine.

“With many in the international community acknowledging East Jerusalem as the capital of a future Palestinian state, Israeli sovereignty over the whole city has not been recognised.

“The holy city has been at the heart of violent conflicts throughout history because it is home to key religious sites sacred to Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

“The population of Jerusalem is roughly 850,000, with two-thirds Jewish and a third Arab. Most neighbourhoods are divided on religious lines.

“While Israel's government and parliament are based in Jerusalem, the nation's economic and business centre is in Tel Aviv.

“Tel Aviv is also home to many foreign embassies including the UK's and, until May 2018, the USA's.

“Why was there a UN vote and which countries voted against the UN resolution?

“The UN General Assembly held a rare emergency special session at the request of Arab and Muslim states, after Trump's shock decision heightened tensions in the Middle East.

“The resolution effectively called on the US to withdraw its recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and was backed by the overwhelming majority of members.

“A total of 128 countries voted for the resolution on December 21, 2017. Just nine voted no: the US and Israel, plus Guatemala, Honduras, the Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau and Togo.

“Thirty-five nations abstained, including Canada, Mexico and Australia, and 21 countries didn't turn up for the vote.

“The vote came after US Ambassador to the UN Nikki Haley issued a direct threat, saying that the US will think twice about funding the world body if it voted to condemn Trump's decision.

“She said: ‘The United States will remember this day in which it was singled out for attack in this assembly.’”

Haley said the US will put its embassy in Jerusalem regardless of the vote.

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5082438/capital-israel-jerusalem-donald-trump-un-vote-prince-william/>

Oops! There goes the US threatening the United Nations again. Tsk, tsk, as if trying to ignite WWII wasn't enough.

The UNGA should hardly be surprised that President Trump should off-handedly give Jerusalem to Israel, considering the history of the UN robotically marching behind the Nazi-like foreign policies of the USA since 1947. The fact that this vote was ever taken in the General Assembly is rather astonishing in itself, as such a decision really should have been quietly assassinated in the UN Security Council, like most reasonable efforts at making "peace," at least the kind of "peace" the UN usually favors, that is total war with extermination and mass robbery and rape and other tortures of Muslims as added salacious benefits.

Should the answers to the rhetorical questions poised in this sub-section be "Yes" both are clearly impeachable offences.

Unfortunately both Republicans and Democrats, the duopoly that marches uniformly behind the ascendance of the military industrial complex to godhood, the *raison d'etre* for life itself in USA and reason why all other life forms in the universe should worship the USA, isn't about to change its planar perspective and impeach President Trump for anything except joking around with his Ukrainian friends.

Giving Jerusalem to Israel could be considered interfering in the affairs of another nation (Article 2.4 of the UN Charter) – Palestine, if the slavishly obedient, sycophantic so-called "United Nations" didn't have such "issues" as recognizing Palestine as a nation. Instead, official UN policy has always been that so-called Palestine is a big watermelon, made for eating, and the "people" there, inconsequential minor annoyances. "Not to worry," decision makers know, "the Israelis can take care of them."

Giving Palestine to Israel wouldn't normally come under the purview of a "crusade" (because it doesn't appear to benefit Christians) however, when it comes to robbing and otherwise provoking Muslims to violence, thereby further discrediting Muslims, it's all good, from a crusader point of view. It also good for some extra campaign finance and votes at election time too! Viva Democracy!

Trump's threat to bomb and destroy Iran's cultural history

If Iran had launched a counter-strike in the wake of the murder of General Soleimani, President Trump promised to destroy among other things, their archeological sites.

Biblical Sites, Ancient Wonders, the Last 'Garden of Eden': Here's What Trump Just Threatened to Bomb in Iran

“Late last week, using what has apparently become an official channel of communication, President Donald Trump announced via his Twitter account that the U.S. military would target “52 Iranian sites... some at a very high level & important to Iran & the Iranian culture” if Iran retaliated for the killing of its top military man and spy, Major Gen. Qassem Soleimani.

“Deliberately destroying sites of cultural heritage is, according to Irina Bokova, a former director general of UNESCO, “a war crime” and “a strategy of cultural cleansing.” It was a strategy employed to great effect by ISIS. Apart from the fact that the president is threatening to use terrorist tactics to punish an entire people, it is worth looking at the significance of the heritage he is planning to eradicate.

“Currently, there are 22 cultural UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Iran. Among them is the ancient royal city of Persepolis, in the southwest of the country, which was once the capital of the Achaemenid empire in the sixth century BCE. UNESCO describes it as “among the world’s greatest archaeological sites” and having “no equivalent.”

“The city was founded in 518 BCE by Darius the Great and includes a number of remarkable palatial buildings, terraces, and an architecturally remarkable throne hall.

“If Darius the Great sounds familiar, it might be because—according to the biblical book of Ezra—it was Darius who actually funded the restoration of the (second) Israelite temple in Jerusalem. In doing so, Darius was following a decree offered by another Persian king, Cyrus the Great. Cyrus was responsible for sending the Israelites back home to the Holy Land in the first place after he successfully conquered Babylon (Baghdad) in 539 BCE. For his momentous role in Israelite history, the Bible actually calls Cyrus God’s anointed one, the Messiah: “Thus says the Lord to his Anointed (Messiah), to Cyrus whom I took by his right hand” (Isa 45:1).”

“Cyrus the Great’s influence is felt throughout the country. According to the Greek writer Xenophon, the Persians were known as astonishing gardeners... Nine enclosed Persian gardens (all UNESCO sites), founded using design principles that date to the reign of Cyrus the Great, are dotted around the country’s provinces...

“In general, these Persian gardens are believed to represent the paradisiacal qualities of Eden which according to the Bible was located at the intersection of four rivers (the word Paradise actually derives from the Persian “*pardis*” or beautiful garden). Their design influenced the construction of the gardens of Alhambra in Spain. If Trump was to destroy these sites, one could reasonably (if hyperbolically) say that he destroyed all that was left of the Gardens of Eden.”

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/here-are-the-biblical-wonders-trump-just-threatened-to-bomb-in-iran>



Figure 3 <http://realiran.org/9-unesco-persian-gardens-at-a-glance/>

There is a thuggish quality to the American CIA and President Trump that is hard to describe, like “serial genocidal sociopath and destroyer of virtue and beauty,” a phrase that one does not find in literature or on TV because it is so uniquely horrid, unthinkable and psychopathological.

Targeting cultural heritage sites is also illegal according to the -

ADDITIONAL TO THE GENEVA CONVENTIONS OF 12 AUGUST 1949

Making the clearly-recognized historic monuments, works of art or places of worship which constitute the cultural or spiritual heritage of peoples and to which special protection has been given by special arrangement, for example, within the framework of a competent international organization, the object of attack, causing as a result extensive destruction thereof, where there is no evidence of the violation by the adverse Party of Article 53, sub-paragraph b), and when such historic monuments, works of art and places of worship are not located in the immediate proximity of military objectives;

https://www.icrc.org/en/doc/assets/files/other/icrc_002_0321.pdf

US acting ‘like ISIS’ threatening to destroy Iran’s cultural sites - FM Zarif, 10 Jan, 2020

The US was behaving like terrorists when President Donald Trump threatened to target Iranian cultural sites if Tehran retaliated for the killing of its top general Qassem Soleimani, Foreign Minister Javad Zarif has said.

In a speech directed to the United Nations Security Council on Thursday, Zarif said Trump’s threat could be compared to the Islamic State’s destruction of cultural sites during its reign of terror in the region, Iran’s PressTV reported.

The US "seeks to emulate the war crimes of Daesh, menacing the cultural heritage of the millennia-old civilization of Iran," he said. His remarks

were delivered by Iran's UN Ambassador Majid Takht-Ravanchi after Washington refused to issue a visa for Zarif to attend the meeting himself — a violation of its obligations as the host of the UN headquarters.

<https://www.rt.com/news/477948-iran-cultural-sites-isis/>

This is not surprising, given that ISIS is a reflection of the zealotry and bigotry that came out of Langley and Washington DC in the first place. The foreign policies of the US created both the Taliban and ISIS. Thus, it is hardly surprising that US threats reflect ISIS, given that ISIS is a reflection of the US. This is one reason the world of American “intelligence” is referred to as the “looking-glass” world and the land of “smoke and mirrors.”

Would Hillary Clinton have been better?

Simply put: No, she probably would have been worse than Donald Trump, however impossible that may seem to be. According to numerous media reports, her own demented presentations on YouTube (e.g. uproarious laughter at the torture and murder of sovereign leader Muamar Gaddafi, with knowledge of the civil war that followed), and based on her other decisions that led directly to civil and international wars in the past, had Hillary Clinton become president, WWII would most likely already have started.

Book: Queen of Chaos: The Misadventures of Hillary Clinton

“How about a woman War President? Hillary Rodham Clinton has painstakingly groomed herself for the role. Her record as Secretary of State shows that she is fully qualified to be the first woman to be known as the ‘mother of all drones’ or even to launch World War III.

“Veteran journalist Diana Johnstone captures the imperial worldview of Hillary Clinton in memorable detail. Hillary the Hawk, as U.S. Senator and Secretary of State, never saw a weapons system she did not support nor a U.S. war practice she did not endorse. This included her hyper-aggressive launch of the war on Libya (against the opposition of Secretary of Defense Robert Gates) and the resulting sprawling chaos, violence and weapons dispersal spilling beyond Libya’s war-torn society to larger regions of central Africa. Johnstone documents Hillary Clinton as ‘the top salesperson for the ruling oligarchy’ and ‘the favorite candidate of the War Party.’ That is what is at stake in November 2016.”

– Ralph Nader, author of Return to Sender: Unanswered Letters to the President

<https://www.amazon.com/Queen-Chaos-Misadventures-Hillary-Clinton-ebook/dp/B016L1RTR8>

Susan Sarandon: ‘If Hillary Clinton had won, we'd be at war,’ The actor talks Clinton, Trump, sexism, female empowerment and Bette Davis

<https://www.irishtimes.com/culture/film/susan-sarandon-if-hillary-clinton-had-won-we-d-be-at-war-1.3307264>

Hillary Clinton suggests Russians are grooming a Democrat for 2020, Oct 18, 2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Bly5dQFWA>

<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/#96e92306aa84>

Is mental illness contagious?

Most mental health experts don't think mental illness is contagious, but some appear to think it is possible in some cases.

<https://www.psypost.org/2015/11/mental-illness-contagious-39338>

In fact, some kinds of mental illnesses are obviously contagious as exemplified by violent mobs and riots. People literally, "lose their minds," and kill without compunction. Those are not sane people, and there is absolutely and definitely strongly contagious elements in the formation of mobs and riots.

Whatever the answer to that perplexing question, Donald Trump is the perfect tool of the CIA and Defense Department. They can advise him to do anything, and then blame his mental illness for the decision he makes later on.

To the average healthy-minded person, it is very easy to see the whole of the CIA and most of D.C. are mentally ill, by how disturbing it is reading or watching anything about their activities. Healthy people really don't like constant lies, wars and murder and find them very disturbing indeed, especially with the added possibility of "blowback."

Does the opinion of the American people mean anything and can the CIA change?

U.S. House Passes Nonbinding Resolution To Limit Trump's Actions Against Iran, January 10, 2020

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. House of Representatives, as expected, on January 9 passed a nonbinding resolution limiting President Donald Trump's ability to take military action against Iran.

The resolution passed by a margin of 224-194 in the Democratic-led chamber, where many lawmakers were unconvinced with the White House's justification for the targeted killing last week of Major General Qasem Soleimani, Iran's most prominent military commander.

Three Republicans voted for the measure, while eight Democrats voted against it.

Sponsored by Representative Elissa Slotkin (Democrat-Michigan), a former CIA analyst and Pentagon official who served in Iraq, the War Powers Resolution directs Trump to "terminate the use of the United States Armed Forces to engage in hostilities in or against Iran."

It also requires the president to consult with Congress "in every possible instance" before introducing the military in hostilities with Iran.

The military could also be deployed against Iran if Congress declares war.

Hours before the vote in the House, Speaker Nancy Pelosi (Democrat-California) said she did not believe Trump's administration had made the United States "safer" by killing Soleimani.

<https://www.rferl.org/a/us-house-approves-resolution-limiting-trump-war-powers-iran/30369480.html>

<https://iranian.com/2020/01/04/thousands-take-to-streets-in-over-70-us-cities-to-protest-trumps-reckless-acts-of-war-against-iran/>

All Americans are not stupid and amoral.

The gnomes in CIA and Trump know that they have committed innumerable war crimes, and the International Criminal Court might not protect them much longer, and individually and collectively they have a lot to answer for. Unfortunately, the sadists and murderers in the CIA and White House are mostly psychopaths and lack the ability to empathize, and the sensitivity to have any idea what most people in the world think of them.

What will come next? No doubt the USA will cook up more lies to smear Iran and other provocations as quickly as possible, as they really do not want the world to become multi-polar and the serial genocidal maniacs in Langley and D.C. believe WWII is the only way to preserve the American unipolar system.

Do the opinions of the American people mean anything to the genocidal maniacs in Langley and D.C.? The answer is very simple: It never has before, and it's highly unlikely to suddenly change.

The Dictionary of the American Psychological Association (APA) defines habit strength as:

"A hypothetical construct said to reflect learning strength, which varies with the number of reinforcements, the amount of reinforcement, the interval between stimulus and response, and the interval between response and reinforcement. [proposed in 1943 by Clark L. Hull]"

<https://dictionary.apa.org/habit-strength>

Impunity towards all laws is a deeply reinforced habit in the CIA.

Allen Dulles was the first civilian director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) starting in 1953 though he and his brother John Foster's influence over American foreign policy date to well before WWII.

In any case for 67 years the CIA has been free to overthrow governments and cause massive destruction around the planet. No CIA officer much less a director or deputy director has ever been charged with a crime. That is a very powerful habit strength, one that is probably impossible to break.

The original UN Charter was clean – almost

If it weren't for that Italian Necktie of the UN Security Council, the original UN Charter would have been great.

There is no mention of the vaunted "democracy" in the original 1945 UN Charter. But, by 1948 the effects of western domination were clearly to be felt.

THE INTERNATIONAL BILL OF HUMAN RIGHTS 1. Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Adopted and proclaimed by General Assembly resolution 217 A (III) of 10 December 1948

<https://www.ohchr.org/documents/publications/compilation1.1en.pdf>

In that document there are 21 references to Democracy and zero to socialism.

This is not surprising considering the USA has always dominated the United Nations, carrying with it the full weight of its endless ambition and greed, which if Adam Smith's theories of capitalism were complete and correct might be fine, but they weren't.

McCarthyism

McCarthyism refers to a period starting in the 1940s and lasting to about 1958 within the United States. 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. Slaves are hardly in a position to bargain in regards to such things.

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 guiding and justifying American foreign policy.

The United Nations' American inspired bias in favor of democracy and capitalism, 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 internationally recognized human rights and law, for with the usurpation of the media by the oligarchical corporate superstructure of capitalism, the democracy within the United States is effectively dead. - Author

"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 14th 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 “objective” 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. Obedience will not be enough. It must be trembling obedience.

What is a good Asian country in the eyes of the American ivory-tower establishment?

Japan.

In their free time – when they’re not working 16 and 18 hours a day, they like to relax watching golf, bowling and baseball on TV. They also hold the world record for the biggest sex party:

“Earlier this month, events group Menage Life’s sex festival fell short of its lofty, sweaty goal: to have the world’s largest orgy.

“While there’s no official world record, a Menage Life rep told Las Vegas Weekly that Japan allegedly nabbed the record for world’s largest romp at 500 people in 2006.”

<https://nypost.com/2018/06/28/not-enough-people-showed-up-to-the-worlds-largest-orgy/>

Incidentally the age of consent in Japan is a bit younger than the USA.

What are bad Asians? Those sneaky evil Chinese of course. What do they like to do in their free time? Play Mahjong perhaps? Bad Chinese! Very, very few Chinese are likely to watch golf, bowling and baseball on TV. They like Chinese singing and dance shows and Chinese TV dramas that revolve around family relationships where practically nobody ever gets killed and there’s no sex whatsoever. Confucian virtues reign supreme on TV at least. True, the moms do loudly nag quite a bit, but generally speaking they are peaceful. Bad, bad Chinese! “Those dirty commies!!!”

When most Chinese watch American movies, they appear a little sickened by the all the incredible violence and torture, the guns shooting, car chases and so on. It doesn't seem to "fit" their basic natures.

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.

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“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.

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“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.

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“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://blackagendareport.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 Euro-American 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 oligarchical economic structure of the United States which polarizes the wealthy and poor.

The onus of responsibility upon the United Nations is to learn from the recurring themes in history that repeatedly prove Socrates and Plato right: Democracies have inherent weaknesses including decay into populism and oligarchies which ultimately restrict all freedoms much more so than for example Chinese or Cuban Socialism which do not wage profit-driven predatory wars upon other nations.

The insipid belief in some divine relationship between democracy and freedom is proven patently absurd by American endless war mongering which has deprived more than 40 foreign nations and the people there in, the freedom to enjoy their own forms of government and even the right to live.

The USA since WWII, via its violent overthrow of so many national governments, has permanently and for all time discredited democracy as the sole legitimate form of representative government that promotes freedom.

Thus, the UN needs to enact amendments to remove the explicit bias for democracy in all documents in which it is mentioned, and thereby remove implied prejudices against socialism, communism and even monarchies, and recognize that different forms of government can provide maximum liberty and freedom for people at different times in different places. That is not just a liberal viewpoint on governance, that is the only honest viewpoint on governance.

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/generalassembly/docs/globalcompact/A_RES_55_2.pdf

Contrary to western news reports the Chinese government listens very carefully to the people, and in most cases works proactively in thousands of ways to keep the people as happy as possible. This naturally is in their self-interest, and they are good at it.

In China there is something called the CPPCC, Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference which is an “easy entry” to the government for regular people and its role and powers are vaguely similar to an advisory legislative upper house (Senate). It represents a very important platform for democratically participating in state affairs. Of course, western news organizations never mention it. The Chinese Communist Party (CPC) is not stupid. Of course they listen to the people, probably vastly more so than the United States with its huge divisions, huge percentage of homeless and unemployed, huge prison population, huge drug problem, declining rankings on

every measure of development, and so on. Whereas the United States has become a police state ruled by the ultra-rich, the Chinese government is obsessively concerned with keeping the people happy. The official name of China, is not, "China." The official name of China is: The People's Republic of China. It is a republic, and the smartest and best qualified people vote for who will be the Chairman of the CPC.

The Chinese system is probably closer to Plato's "Kallipolis" as described in his work titled: "Republic" than any other country on earth, and simply labeling it as "communist" really doesn't do it justice, given its multi-faceted, pluralist, interactive and quite peaceful features.

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 emphatically 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 propogandists 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 color revolutions and voter fraud. The Egyptian revolution of 2011 ousted an extremely repressive, brutal and corrupt tyrant, American/Israeli supported Hosni Mubarak. He assumed the presidency after the assassination of Anwar Sadat. Mubarak's presidency lasted almost thirty years, making him Egypt's longest-serving ruler since Muhammad Ali Pasha who ruled the country from 1805 to 1848, a reign of 43 years.

Following this there was a brief period of real freedom. 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.⁶² He became famed for torture, disappearances and other extreme abuses.

⁶² <https://www.dawn.com/news/1095268/egypt-sentences-529-morsi-supporters-to-death>

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 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>

This is democracy in the Euro-American context: a slave state ruled by the United States, Israel Saudi Arabia and the UAE (and Kuwait perhaps to a lesser extent, as they appear a bit more neutral than some other GCC countries.)

And there was the USA driving the whole show from behind the scenes, except for the election of Mohamed Morsi who was a dangerous “independent thinker,” something not tolerable to the corporate oligarchy that rules the world. Fortunately for them, unfortunately for the people of Egypt he was quickly gotten rid of via a rigged election.

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 the USA, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the UAE.⁶³ Saudi Arabia 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.

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“These camps delineated by RAND analysts are ‘Cyber-Enthusiasts,’ ‘Cyber-Killjoys,’ and ‘Anti-Imperialists.’ The RAND Corporation analysts declare themselves to be Cyber-Enthusiasts. Cyber-enthusiasts constitute a group of individuals that strongly support the role of technology in coordinating the Arab Spring revolutions. RAND’s official stance is that “without social media, Mubarak’s overthrow would not have occurred... So while one can imagine a revolution starting somewhere else without Facebook, it is hard to see how the one that happened in Egypt could have developed absent that technology.” (10) By RAND’s own definition, Cyber-killjoys are the section of the scholarly and journalistic community that minimize the role social media played in the Arab Spring revolts and emphasize on-the-ground action. When exactly the RAND Corporation became proponents of joy remains unclear. Nevertheless, RAND analysts do feel displeased with the notion that others believe the Arab Spring would have been possible via on-the-ground action only. RAND declares Anti-imperialists in the Arab Spring conversation to be those who attribute regime change in the Arab Spring to the Arab youth entirely and deny the role Western media played in the revolutions. Analysts write that “Perhaps this impulse to challenge social media’s political import is due to the frivolity of most social media use, or to the concerns of anti-imperialists that the ‘Facebook Revolution’ label was concocted by Western countries to claim responsibility for the heroic acts of Arab youth.” (11)

“With all three options explored and with all possibilities exhausted, the Department of Defense’s think-tank neatly classifies all the world’s conceivable reactions and stances on the nebulous interactions that occurred over two weeks which prompted revolution over one-fourth of the planet and the ever-evolving conflicts which resulted from those regime changes. So, such institutions like RAND are able to set the framework and shape all ensuing conversation in the field, neatly removing themselves from the equation, which I have witnessed in

⁶³ <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/middleeast/2014/06/saudi-king-abdullah-visits-egypt-sisi-2014620183031132590.html>

lecture halls and in journals for a decade. This think-tank, for-hire framework and its byproduct in scholarly discussion on the Arab Spring has been wholly insufficient in its explanatory prospects and does not merit serious consideration in a detailed cyber-realist conversation. In contrast to RAND's official publications and statements, whistleblower Scott Bennett claims that he took part in Arab Spring-related projects at RAND in the late 2000s, funded by George Soros' Open Society Foundation. Bennett, a retired US Army officer, alleges he "sat in on briefings where the Arab Spring was discussed as an operation being planned in the United States to break up Arab societies and governments to be 'rearranged' by the Western powers, NATO etc." He specifies that within RAND, there was talk of flooding social media with 'democracy' and 'revolution' tags and promotions. He claims that the Arab Spring was "a RAND product." (12)"

https://www.academia.edu/40040105/Hackers_Wars_Draft_of_essay_How_the_FBI_Pentagon_NATO_and_technologists_staged_the_Arab_Spring_and_resulting_coups_and_wars._Or_How_I_learned_to_worry_and_stop_loving_the_Arab_Spring._An_argument_in_favor_of_Cyber-realism?email_work_card=title

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.

"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/t20190221_800157313.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

A great civilization is not conquered from without until it has destroyed itself within.

Will Durant (1885–1981)

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.” Any divisions introduced into the Chinese political system would be a huge invitation to those with jackhammers and explosives to shatter it entirely. The foreign policies of the United States (primarily divide and conquer) does more to discourage the implementation of democracy than any other single factor in the complex equations that describe human motivation and endeavor. It appears China’s conversion to a democracy at this

time would be economic suicide as ongoing experiences in Hong Kong most unfortunately 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.

In English, particularly the word “communism” is inextricably associated with the Russian and early forms of Chinese communism which suppressed religions. Why did they do that?

Carl Marx referred to religion as the “opiate of the masses.” But what really scared him was the very real political danger Russian communism confronted from the Russian Orthodox church, which was the main arbiter of Russian spirit and morality during the czarist era.

“Indeed, experts say there is considerable debate within the church itself over how far it should carry efforts to regain its czarist-era role as the main arbiter of Russian spirit and morality, and hence the chief legitimizer of the state’s policies and actions.”

<https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Europe/2016/0104/Czarist-echo-Russian-Orthodox-Church-drives-to-restore-its-political-clout>

“COLUMN ONE: A Russian Force Is Reborn: As religious freedoms expand, the Russian Orthodox Church is again a powerful influence. But others fear a re-emergence of the church-state alliance of the czarist era.”

<https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1991-09-28-mn-2833-story.html>

Most people probably assume that Stalin hated religion. This might not have been the case.

“Stalin is unique among world communist leaders in at least one respect: he studied theology for five years at the Tiflis Spiritual Seminary, the training college for priests in the Russian Orthodox Church. He did so during a deeply formative time of his life, from the age of 15 to the verge of his 20th birthday (1894-1899). One of the best students, he was known for his intellect and phenomenal memory. And he was notably devout, attending all worship services and even leading the choir.

“In the early years of the Second World War, Stalin made a historic compact with the Russian Orthodox Church. In return for support of the war effort that eventually defeated Hitler, Stalin allowed the reopening of tens of thousands of churches and the re-establishment of the church’s leadership hierarchy. (These developments are far more complex than the common argument that a morally bankrupt government sought to harness the church’s influence to counter the Nazis.) However, one condition applied: the church was to respect the ‘affirmative action’ that already applied to ethnic minorities. Stalin was the architect of the policy of fostering the languages, cultures, education, and self-government of the many ‘nations’ or ethnic groups in the USSR. This policy included religion: the Muslim sharia in the south was permitted, Buddhism in the east was

fostered, and anti-Semitism was vigorously opposed, with many Jews in the government apparatus and heavy penalties for anti-Semitism. The old imperialism of the Russian church was to be a thing of past.”

<https://politicaltheology.com/saint-iosif-stalin-and-religion/>

Unfortunately, that didn't happen.

“Lenin began and Stalin completed the organizational structures and the repertoire of strategies and tactics that would be used as a model by almost all subsequent communist movements for suppressing religion. This model was primarily constructed to overcome the challenges posed to the revolution by a powerful Russian Orthodox Church. As such it did not fit the religious circumstances of other communist countries. It was poorly adapted to the decentralized patterns of religious practice in Asia, and it was unable to eliminate resistance from the Roman Catholic Church in Eastern Europe, especially when that church was connected with nationalism. Even though the Stalinist model initially seemed successful in eliminating political opposition from religion in the Soviet Union, it was in the long run a failure on its own terms.”

Madsen, Richard, The Oxford Handbook of the History of Communism

China at this time is likewise dealing with an outbreak nothing less than a revolution in Hong Kong, and “Christian” churches appear to be playing a significant role in provoking that revolution.

Hong Kong protesters tear-gassed after clashes with police

31 Aug 2019 Hong Kong, China – “Thousands of protesters in Hong Kong took to the streets for a 13th consecutive weekend and clashed with police who fired tear gas and water cannon to disperse them.

“Black-clad demonstrators, some carrying crosses, gathered on Saturday at a sports stadium in Hong Kong's city centre for what they called a Christian rally, before fanning out into the streets and marching towards the police headquarters in central Wan Chai...”

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

These facts argue against any inherent anti-religious epistemology within communism but rather illuminate a 20th and 21st century reality-based need for secular governments to defend themselves from the politically motivated use of religion, especially when that use is sharpened by an organization like the CIA.

The McCarthy era in the US cemented fear and hatred of communism into the American consciousness whereas most European countries have socialist political parties that sometimes are a ruling majority.

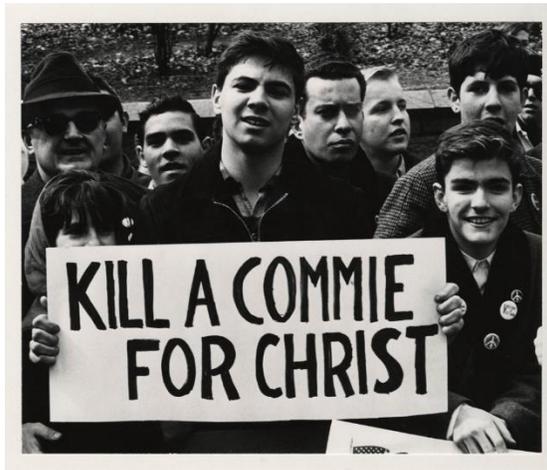
“The Party of European Socialists brings together Socialist, Social Democratic, Labour & Democratic Parties from Europe and Norway.

“The PES brings together 33 full member parties, 12 associate and 12 observer parties from all over Europe and neighboring countries.”

<https://www.pes.eu/en/>?

Though the US has a vibrant socialist party there has never been a socialist president or Vice President proving if nothing else that propaganda and fear mongering work.

An American version of the Czarist relationship with the church in opposition to Communism can easily be found on the Internet. Go to Google.com, type in “Kill a commie for Jesus,” and quite a number of graphic photos and artworks emerge.



https://68.media.tumblr.com/10482f781f1becfa1bce840621a05e28/tumblr_ojdz5t0VR71qivon6o1_1280.jpg

The grand and infinitely tragic irony here is that if the Gospel according to Matthew 19:21-22 King James Version (KJV), is to be believed, Jesus himself was a communist. This little datum however has not stopped the United States from attacking one communist/socialist nation after another and destroying them at the cost of millions of lives and billions of dollars.

The sight of the communist flag with the hammer and sickle strikes fear and loathing into many or most Americans, largely thanks to America’s McCarthyism, and has been used to justify endless wars against the more socially egalitarian socialist political/economic practices, without really thinking that the hammer and sickle really represent the workers, the people. In virtually all respects socialist nations, and labor parties in western countries do a vastly better job of helping the poor and working class than do capitalist nations like the USA.

If a relatively poor country tries for example to develop their own car industry, to support it they will need to raise taxes on imported cars, for which they will be accused of trade protectionism and possibly or probably punished. One reason protectionism is absolutely required by those developing countries is that the more advanced countries will reliably engage in “dumping,”

dropping prices to put the embryonic car industry out of business. This was so ubiquitous anti-dumping “legislation was enacted in the early 1920s in Japan, Australia, New Zealand and the United States.”

Economics and World History - Myths and Paradoxes by Paul Bairoch

<https://www.scribd.com/document/193124153/Economics-and-World-History-Myths-and-Paradoxes-Paul-Bairoch#>)

According to Bairoch, the United States was the “mother country and bastion of modern protectionism (1719 -1860).”

“...one should not forget that modern protectionism was born in the United States. In 1791 Alexander Hamilton, the First Secretary of Treasury (between 1789 and 1795) in the first US government, drew up his famous Report on Manufacturers, which is considered to be the first formulation of modern protectionist theory.” (p. 33)

Bairoch also emphasized:

“There is no doubt that the Third World’s compulsory economic liberalization in the nineteenth century is a major element in explaining the delay in its industrialization.” (p. 53)

Economics and World History - Myths and Paradoxes by Paul Bairoch

<https://www.scribd.com/document/193124153/Economics-and-World-History-Myths-and-Paradoxes-Paul-Bairoch#>

And the whole world must pay for Donald Trump’s approach to rebalancing trade with China.

“Global growth remains subdued. Since the April World Economic Outlook (WEO) report, the United States further increased tariffs on certain Chinese imports and China retaliated by raising tariffs on a subset of US imports. Additional escalation was averted following the June G20 summit. Global technology supply chains were threatened by the prospect of US sanctions, Brexit-related uncertainty continued, and rising geopolitical tensions roiled energy prices.”

<https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/WEO/Issues/2019/07/18/WEOupdateJuly2019>

“Trade tensions between China and the United States re-escalated in August, following the announcement by the United States that it will impose tariffs on a further \$300 billion of Chinese imports. In retaliation, China introduced additional tariffs on \$75 billion of imports from the United States. These developments triggered sharp movements in global equity markets, a decline in global oil prices and higher capital outflows from the emerging economies. As the trade disputes threaten to become even more pervasive, the global growth outlook has darkened.

“The protracted period of high trade tensions is exacerbating an ongoing cyclical slowdown in global economic activity. In tandem with slowing industrial production, world trade growth has decelerated sharply over the past year. For most developed and developing regions, trade growth has not only weakened compared to 2018, but has also fallen well below the average growth rate between 2012 to 2017 (Figure 1).”

<https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/publication/world-economic-situation-and-prospects-september-2019-briefing-no-130/>

Americans hurling invective at China for trade imbalances due to protectionism is a case of the pot calling the kettle black, and instead of better international marketing of America’s wide range of great products, blaming the Chinese “communists” and making the entire world pay has great populist appeal. Blaming others for one’s own weakness is not always the best solution-oriented approach to problems. The USA could be exporting construction and engineering services in the developing world to balance the trade deficit as China does, but instead is fixated on militarism, exporting “color revolutions” (as a cover for fomenting civil wars under the banner of “democracy”) and building economic walls in the world, which is hurting everyone.

And all this establishes strong evidence that America’s vaunted democracy is not promoting freedom and economic well-being, as compared to for example China’s unique form of socialism, but rather the opposite.

“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://blackagendareport.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 ridiculous 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-ER9gDsx4IFsqb8JfsdFijM.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 and “fake Muslim” extremists 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-seek-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 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.

Socialism in the UK

Jeremy Corbyn is the most smeared politician in history

“In the UK, one politician has been subject to the longest continuous smear campaign in UK history, and we are all influenced by it. Over 75 per cent of Jeremy Corbyn media coverage factually misrepresents him.

Ollie McAninch by Ollie McAninch, July 18, 2019

“In the UK, one politician has been subject to the longest continuous smear campaign in UK history, and we are all influenced by the continual negative and false headlines about Jeremy Corbyn.

Pressing Problems

“The media serves an important if not vital function in a democratic society. But, what if the bulk of the mainstream press becomes controlled by a handful of foreign-based billionaires?

“Anyone can see the obvious perils of a state-controlled media, but the dangers of the extreme opposite scenario are not widely understood.

“In the UK and the US, we are justified to mock countries like Russia for their consumption of a state-owned media and propaganda, but we need to acknowledge that we have serious problems of our own at the other end of the spectrum.

“In the last thirty years, the bulk of the UK and US media has become controlled by just a handful of corporate billionaires. Between them, they control the lion’s share of mass-media. Highly biased, normally with a strong political sway, and largely unregulated...”

<https://www.thelondoneconomic.com/opinion/jeremy-corbyn-is-the-most-smearred-politician-in-history/18/07/>

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 – even against 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 implode 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 Francois Rabelais in his series of books titled Gargantua and Pantagruel in the 1530s. 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 quoted 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 a vast chasm, as the dispossessed well knows.

<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.

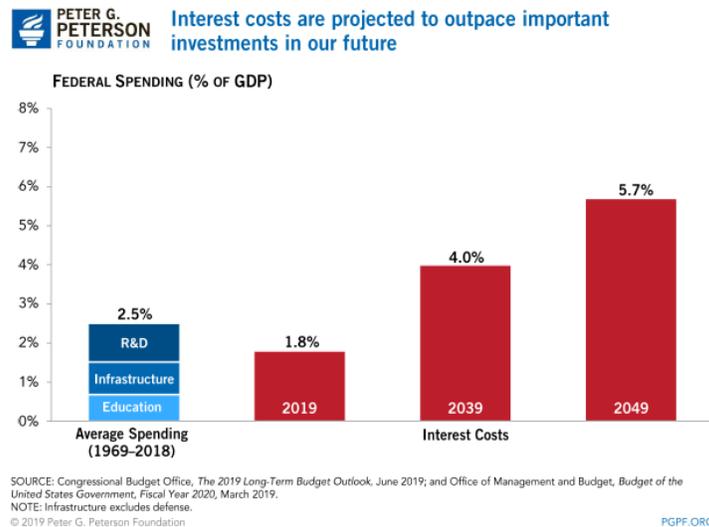
“Income inequality — determined by a globally used measurement called the Gini index — grew from 2017 to 2018, from 0.482 to 0.485, according to American Community Survey Data. The nation’s level of income inequality has been consistently increasing over the last 50 years.”

https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/evjakm/the-us-wealth-gap-just-hit-a-depressing-50-year-high

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 the USA, not along racial lines, but along economic lines.

Though some have argued against the belief that “nature abhors a vacuum,” logic, natural law and history⁶⁴ 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/>.

The Chinese and Japanese and everyone else is getting a bit tired of lending more and more money to the USA.⁶⁵ Just paying the interest on the national debt is costing more money than the USA can afford to pay.



⁶⁴ e.g. the French Revolution

⁶⁵ <https://www.thebalance.com/who-owns-the-u-s-national-debt-3306124>

As one can see, the interest on the national debt is more than twice that of the investment in education. Paying that interest does not lessen the debt, but just holds it off for a while longer.

Net interest costs are projected to increase sharply in coming years.

<https://www.pgpf.org/the-fiscal-and-economic-challenge/fiscal-and-economic-impact>

Herein lies [a major flaw in democracy as a system](#). Each political party buys votes by giving money to the constituents withing their political party, and borrows money to sustain that system. The debts add up as does the interest. Consequently, critical spending on Social Security, Medicaid, education, and vital infrastructure declines. This situation has gotten much worse since the democrats hopped on the massive defense department bandwagon too.

President Trump's 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 investments America needs. 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."

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.⁶⁶ This measure is typical of the colonial mentality however well dressed-up it may be.

Just a couple of recent examples:

- Qaboos bin Said Al Said was the Sultan of Oman from 23 July 1970 until his death, January 10, 2020 at age 79. He was considered by all to be a most excellent sovereign leader.
- King Hussein bin Talal, King of Jordan from 11 August 1952 until his death in 1999, appears to have been a just king.

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 torture and murder of sovereign leader Muammar al-Gaddafi in Libya, made the USA and democracy look quite terrible in the eyes of the world. No foreign country seeking to discredit the USA and/or democracy could possibly have cooked up a more disgusting and degrading scenario than the 2016 American democratic election.

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>

The 2016 presidential election proves the worst of what Socrates believed to be true of democracies, is indeed true. Socrates left no writings, but his follower Plato did:

“Dictatorship naturally arises out of democracy, and the most aggravated form of tyranny and slavery out of the most extreme liberty.

⁶⁶ 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.

“Democracy does not contain any force which will check the constant tendency to put more and more on the public payroll. The state is like a hive of bees in which the drones display, multiply and starve the workers so the idlers will consume the food and the workers will perish.

“And is it not true that in like manner a leader of the people who, getting control of a docile mob, does not withhold his hand from the shedding of tribal blood, but by the customary unjust accusations brings a citizen into court and assassinates him, blotting out a human life, and with unhallowed tongue and lips that have tasted kindred blood, banishes and slays and hints at the abolition of debts and the partition of lands.”

That 2016 American presidential election proved that a democracy can be just as bad or much worse than any other form of government as clearly reflected in the writings of Plato, who obviously was “disturbed” by the death sentence given to his teacher, Socrates, for the temerity to criticize democracy.

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).”

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 democratic 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 proving Socrates and Plato correct.

Besides these examples of democracy, China’s socialist state appears a shining pillar of virtue in comparison. China is not engaged in any foreign military actions except as peacekeepers working within the structure of the United Nations. Surely there is some moral virtue in that.

While the USA has legitimized giving what is in effects bribes to government officials by calling it “free speech”⁶⁷ China has been cleaning up corruption in government.

⁶⁷ *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010)

“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 the freedom to drug addiction. Certainly, Americas are free to become addicted to huge quantities of 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 addiction is rather rare in China.

The government of China gives Chinese people in China truly unbelievable freedom.⁶⁸

Democracies around the world, except in affluent well-educated countries in western Europe, (not including France), tend towards greater violence than dictatorships.

“It is common in academic and policymaking circles to argue or assume that democracy should be correlated with positive outcomes, such as peace, development, rule of law, and equality, while authoritarianism should be associated with all their negative opposites. But no serious observer of Asian politics—whether East, Southeast, South, or Central—would ever propose such a blunt causal connection, especially with regard to the outcomes that occupy our attention in this volume: peace and violence. Examples abound in Asia of countries where democratization has appeared to be associated with an increase in violence, as well as dictatorships that have at least seemed adept at fulfilling basic human desires for physical security, if not individual and collective freedoms. Trumpeted as they always are by autocrats and their most vocal champions, such examples give rise to the opposite conclusion: authoritarianism generally fosters peace, while democracy—especially the rocky process of democratization itself—tends to increase violence, at least until democracy ages, consolidates, and matures.”⁶⁹

https://asiafoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/The_State_of_Conflict_and_Violence_in_Asia-12.29.17.pdf

President Trump’s very open anti-Muslim bigotry

Given the “Muslim ban” President Trump installed as soon as he got in office, he might as well have had “crusading colonialist” tattooed on his forehead. This is one of the things people like about President Trump. He doesn’t hide his hate. Just like the crusaders of old, he’s in-your-face bad and

⁶⁸ This writer can confidently state this by virtue of having lived immersed in Chinese culture for the past 11 years, and having lived in/traveled through some 40 other countries over the period of the past 56 years.

⁶⁹ The first year of my life after age six that I didn’t have to fight regularly in school was the year I spent going to school in Madrid during the time of dictator Francisco Franco when I was 11 and 12 (1967-1968). Most of the rest of my childhood was in one democracy or another where I was attacked for the crime of being a foreigner, and worse yet, an American. Consequently, I had a certain respect for dictators.

doesn't give a damn what anybody thinks. Though this probably plays well with 20% of white men, 97% of the rest of the world are shocked by this, though they shouldn't be.

President Trump's Islamophobia and the Muslims: A Case Study in Crisis Communication

Mohammed Nuruzzaman

"The 2016 US presidential campaign was marred by unprecedented political rhetoric, outbursts of racist tones and anti-Islamic tirades. Then presidential hopeful Donald Trump promised to build a wall on the US – Mexico border, branded Islam a religion of violence and declared to ban the entry of Muslims to America, pledged a crackdown on China's unfair trade practices, expressed the determination to force America's allies to pay more for their own defenses, and declared the resolve to "bomb the shit out of ISIS". Soon after taking oath as the 45th president of the US on January 20, 2017, President Trump issued an executive order (officially titled "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States") on January 27 banning the entry of Muslims from seven Muslim-majority states of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen (a watered down version of the executive order issued on March 6 excluded Iraq from the ban). This was shocking news for Muslims worldwide, though not unexpected. The American as well as the global press was quick to label the new president's rhetoric and policy actions to capture the attention and shore up his white political support base as "Trumpism". Whatever ways the press and the public interpret the meanings and implications of Trumpism, President Trump is the first self-declared anti-Muslim president of the US. Neither did he hide his anti-Muslim biases nor his disliking for Islamic religion during and after the race to the White House— a sort of Islamophobia that has created a crisis situation in the relationships between the Muslims and Trump's America."

International Journal of Crisis Communication, 2017, 1, 16-20, can be downloaded from researchgate.com and academia.edu

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.

Chapter 12 The ABCs of Restructuring the UN

Major structural design flaws in the United Nations

Eliminate the do-nothing United Nations Security Council

First, the United Nations Security Council has consistently exclusively served the interests of the world's economic aristocracy, the colonial nations, the ultra-rich white slave masters, not the very diverse majority of increasingly poor people in the world.

Judging by a look at their calendar (see Appendix 1) they have accomplished this amazing feat by doing somewhere between very little and nothing at all, thereby putting the brakes on the vitally important work the United Nations is supposed to do and thereby preventing the fulfillment of the goals set out in the original 1945 UN Charter.

After the General Assembly eliminates the Security Council, the members of the General Assembly need to reread the Charter of the UN.

Enact Chapter 2, Article 6 of the UN Charter and Expel the United States from the General Assembly

...until such time that policy makers in the United States express profound contrition for unlimited crimes against humanity and war crimes, ceases all such activities and begins a realistic restitution program.

CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

CHAPTER II MEMBERSHIP

Article 6 A Member of the United Nations which has persistently violated the Principles contained in the present Charter may be expelled from the Organization by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Security Council.

Eliminate the Permanent Court of Arbitration from the United Nations structure

Next, the "justices" on the Permanent Court of Arbitration, which feeds judges into the International Court of Justice, and International Criminal Court systems have obviously been very carefully selected to serve only the world's economic aristocracy, not the very diverse majority of people in the world.

The United Nations can just eliminate them as a bigoted feeder source of Justices for the ICJ and ICC. The UN will never be able to live up to its mandate while the source of justices is so toxically polluted with highly bigoted aristocrats whose primary function is to maintain the status quo, because the status quo isn't working out too well, having given the world 70 million plus refugees and bringing us to the brink of two nuclear wars (centered on Iran and Kashmir) simultaneously.

The colonial era is finished. The great white overlords can't just exchange beads for gold and anymore and the people of color, Muslims and socialists will not continue suffering in the insufferable slavery to which the aristocrats in the Permanent Court of Arbitration consign us.

Consequently, the only alternative to Mutually Assured Destruction, is to cut the Permanent Court of Arbitration out of the equation. The General Assembly can and should vote on this ASAP, and take care of the paperwork later.

Prosecute all violators of international Crimes Against Humanity, not just Rome Statue signatory nations

...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.

Land grabbing and the polarization of wealth

– the need for more specific enforceable national and international laws guaranteeing the most basic rights of indigenous people

The 1898 annexation of Hawaii and invasion of the Philippines by the United States on behalf of Dole corporation were just two of history's more egregious examples of land grabbing by the United States.

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 Hawaii and the Philippines – take the land from the indigenous population except under the blanket of a bought and paid for puppet government and its tightly 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#GlobalInstitutionalizedSystematicMechani

<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

In Myanmar

<https://reliefweb.int/report/myanmar/land-grabbing-internationally-wrongful-act>

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) expelling the United States from the General Assembly, 3) 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, 4) write legislation to enact fair and precise ways of very generously compensating people whose land is appropriated for development projects.

More detailed suggestions for streamlining the United Nations are presented in the list of 16 reforms described in Appendix 2, THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS 2020 - in Chapter 15 of this book.

Chapter 13 Necessary American legal reforms

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 (via special interest “campaign finance donations”) 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,⁸¹¹ 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.”⁸¹² 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.”⁸¹³ 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.”⁸¹⁴

“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.⁸¹⁵ 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.⁸¹⁶ 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.⁸¹⁷”

<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 crimes against humanity and war crimes and 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 or 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 American economic sanctions (strangulations) against 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 Statue?

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 forethought ordered and/or at minimum approved violation of all or nearly all of the following Crimes Against Humanity.

What to do with the CIA?

This is a difficult question. These days the CIA is just a front door to the much wider and more profitable world of private intelligence agencies. It’s a place to get free training, while being paid, and some experience for the Resume, in order to get a much better job later.

In any case, what do with them? If they were simply disbanded they’d all just go to the private intelligence agencies and make more money working directly for corporations and foreign governments rather than working indirectly for them from within the CIA.

In the best of all possible worlds, they, and all former CIA officers would be debriefed to find out exactly what they’ve been doing and where during their employment with the CIA and subsequent private intelligence agencies.

The “rank and file” CIA officers and former CIA officers in both analysis and operations will need to be given immunity from prosecution in order to get the truth from them. Then that huge, huge amount of data will need to be collated within countries and regions. But, there should be a stipulation on the immunity deal. They should be required to spend at least three years helping people, doing the opposite of what they were doing working for the CIA after they get the education they need.

The “rank and file” should be offered free university educations in order to retrain them such that they can use their remarkable intelligence to doing good in the world instead of evil. Fields that should be available to them include:

Medicine, construction and engineering, architecture, agricultural science, environmental science, social working, art therapy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, family therapy, sports and recreation, advocacy, fund raising for social programs, and other programs where they

can balance the scales. If any are found to be up to their old tricks of causing chaos and mayhem, torture and death again, their immunity should be revoked and they should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

If any are found to be giving false, misleading or incomplete information during the debriefing, their immunity should be revoked and they should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

More than half of them will certainly need psychological counseling to help de-program them from the killing machine that is the CIA. That should be free, as it is for military personnel.

As for the Directors and Deputy Directors of the CIA, they will probably have to face war crimes and crimes against humanity courts/tribunals, either in the United States or in The Hague. In any case, they can look forward to future lives in super-max prisons where they belong. They should not have access to the internet, and all of their communications with visitors should be videoed and recorded. They will need to be debriefed also on a regular basis. If they are willing to undo some of the terrible evils they have done they might be allowed to do so via written communications. The world community will always need to be protected from them however. Perhaps when they are old enough if they have really tried to help undo the horror they helped create around the world, they might be allowed to do some farm work or something like that, as long as they have enough GPS monitors surgically implanted inside their bodies that cannot be removed such that they cannot conveniently disappear and continue their former lives of infinite evil.

Following all that the State Department can and should start to do what it was supposed to do from the beginning, and that is diplomacy. Right now, they are only an ancillary system to the war machine. The US needs to totally get out of the war business. Neither Canada nor Mexico, nor Iran or Russia or China is going to attack the USA. Everyone wants to love the USA. The USA did give the world many wonderful things, like Disney movies, and Kobe Bryant, rest in peace dear brother.

Who would replace the CIA?

Nobody. The president does not need a gang of hired thugs and murderers. Military intelligence can provide adequate intelligence regarding potential threats to the USA, and the necessary defensive measures required to neutralize those threats in a straightforward and legal manner. Likewise, the FBI has worldwide stations that can assist. In addition, Interpol needs to be moved out of France and totally restructured and then it too can assist in promoting and maintaining world peace. Possibly a few of the present employees of Interpol can continue working for them. The majority however probably should find other jobs.

The world mileau has been controlled by a cabal of intelligence organizations since WWII and Allen Dulles was largely responsible for this. That time has passed. World-wide communications are simply too good not and the vast majority of the world will no longer tolerate the accumulation of wealth by such tiny percentages of humanity. Everyone deserves an equal chance in life. Everyone deserves education, medical care and hope for the future. But, the majority of people in the world now do not have those "luxuries" because of the cabal of

intelligence organizations, led principally by the CIA, and their corporate masters, lobbyists and other special interest groups loosely defined as the “Deep State” in the United States.

The CIA was a nightmare of an organization that did very little except promote horror and war around the world. It does not need to be replaced. Like waking from a nightmare, the entire world, in Africa, Asia, Latin American, Europe and the USA can begin again to sleep well and have good dreams, and have realistic hope for the future. Drug abuse will decline gradually as the horror starts to fade.

When the vast resources devoted to killing are
instead put to building, the entire earth and
people that inhabit it can begin to grow back to
the Eden-like condition from which it started.

Right now, as of January 2020, the concept of world peace is a cynical joke, the mindless blabbering of beauty queens vying for first place. It doesn't have to be that way. There is a road to peace, though it is a perilous one.

Can the millions upon millions of those who have been horrifically damaged by the foreign policies of the United States find it in their hearts the possibility of forgiveness of the United States so-called “defence department” if genuine contrition and a real change in governance were made? That change would absolutely have to include the permanent dissolution of the CIA, of course. And, the remnants of the CIA would have to be accounted for including every single man and woman that participated in any way in the infinite crimes against humanity perpetuated by the CIA since WWII. This is the only possible path to peace for the USA, and the only possible way to start the healing that is so badly needed around the world.

The French and British obviously will need to undergo similar intelligence reforms whether they like it or not. In fact, a reformed media in the United States can make a huge difference in “encouraging” media and intelligence reforms in France and the UK.

What to do with mainstream media news publishers and editors, broadcasters and producers, news writers and broadcast news readers?

Like with the “intelligence” people most actually are probably quite bright – in some ways. But they know exactly what they have been doing. They will need to be deprogrammed like the “intelligence” people. The USA does not need to rampage around the world killing people, overthrowing governments, killing millions of innocents and starving nine million people every year. And yet, the mainstream news has been a vital part of that process, and those at the top of those hierarchies are equally to blame, complicit in those crimes. They had choices and they decided to follow the money and fame rather than pay attention to the value of human life. They are murderers just the same as those flying drones that launches missiles at weddings and funerals filled with innocent people.

Their debriefings are extremely important also. Someone at or near the top of every one of those news organizations routinely coordinated with someone in some intelligence organization in order to get the “approved” angle on the stories the presented the public.

Part of their deprogramming can be done with the help of publishers and editors from the alternative media. Having a conservative agenda is fine, but covering up murder and advocating for more murder is criminal. In fact, there is no such thing as “free speech” and never has been. Reckless conduct that promotes murder is murder, just the same as yelling “fire” in a crowded location where there is no fire. Immunity deals can be made with some if not most who cooperate in finding out who exactly has been coordinating the advocacy of murder campaigns around the world in the news. Some are in it just for the money. Some enjoy it. Those who enjoy it need the most help, and the wider world community needs to be protected from them.

As with the upper echelon of the “intelligence” community, the leaders in the news media that have relentlessly advocated for wars, which in fact were corporate driven mass-murder campaigns, need to be prosecuted for their crimes against humanity and war crimes as they were willing co-conspirators.

The “rank and file” need to be assessed in regards to their willingness to give peace a chance, and start to report news that builds instead of destroys. If they are to be allowed to live and work among civilized people, their work will need to be monitored closely for years to come, perhaps forever.

Chapter 14 – The Last Crusade

One must congratulate mainstream media (MSM) producers for popularizing Greta Thunberg. Perhaps their motivations were straightforward: “Save the earth!” But, tragically, probably not. They push and advertise political nominees that decimate the environment. They have followed agendas set by the corporate driven military-industrial complex which even further destroys millions of human lives and the environment. This has resulted in endless human suffering and death, as well as colossal crimes against the environment.

It seems innate in humans to worship something. For some it is God, or Gods, while for others it is money, power, sex, and so on. Humanists worship rationalism and the value of humans, and even nihilists worship rejection of all beliefs. Some communists may worship the state, while others fixate on one communist leader or another, but the vast majority have much in common with humanists and are ultimately utopian minded. Some Confucianists engage in ancestor worship, while others simply cling fast to family as the divine unit of life. Some Buddhists worship the Buddha, while others seek a transcendence beyond dichotomous understandings. And so on. Everyone seems to worship something.

Deeply imbedded in the middle brain of all humans however is circuitry for at least seven different kinds of aggression: predatory, inter-male, fear-induced, sex-related, pain-induced, maternal and instrumental or learned aggression.⁷⁰

A few traditional tribal groups, like the Hopi and Zuni Native Americans, and the Semai indigenous people of Malaya had cultures that by-in-large never woke up that ancient circuitry. It is, as remarkable and unbelievable as it may seem, possible for people to live without massive aggression or even a little. People can live together in peace.

And yet, in the world today, it is hyper-aggression that sells so many movies and TV shows, and even in history the legends of great warriors and conquering heroes has motivated and stirred the passions of most large cultures.

All of this has led to the situation which humanity confronts today, a world in which people appear to have a choice between 1) mutual assured destruction (WWIII), or 2) a new paradigm that distributes power (for example in the UN and the economic distribution of money within and between nations) more equally.

Which brings us back to the enigma of MSM popularizing Greta Thunberg. Was/is she simply “distraction news?” A cute naïve Swedish girl on a mission to save the earth? Something to make people smile amidst the horror MSM has helped create around the world, except of course for those with the money to avoid it?

Or perhaps something else. Is it possible the wretched souls directing MSM knew somewhere deep inside their unconscious minds that Greta Thunberg had a message that deserved consideration?

⁷⁰ Kenneth Moyer, Psychobiology of Aggression <https://www.coursehero.com/file/9337670/Aggression/>

Many ancient philosophies proposed a collective mind. Ancient Hindus wrote about Atman, Buddhists talk about the One-mind, Transcendentalists speak of the oneness of nature, Judaism's foundational prayer the Shema suggests there is one force connecting and uniting us all⁷¹, in Christianity there is "one Spirit,"⁷² Islam recognizes the truths of all the great prophets, including Moses, Jesus, Krishna, Buddha, Zoroaster and others as emanating from the same divine source, and so on. Humanists believe in the omnipresence of rationality and cause and effect that binds humanity and all things together.

Many are the movies where some hideous evil aliens come to earth and humanity unites to fight it, or perhaps a giant meteor or comet is going to hit the earth and all nations combine together to prevent that from happening.

But what if we humans don't need aliens and giant meteors or comets; suppose we already have a great evil right here and now on earth that we humans desperately need to work collectively to fight, and join together to fix once and for all?

And what would that be?

Ask Greta.

The earth is suffering and consequently so are humans and animals.

Radioactive waste from uranium mining is killing people

"Thousands of people in Niger's Arlit are exposed to radiation coming from the uranium mines around the city. AREVA, 80% owned by France, has operated these mines for almost half a century. The rising number of deaths and illnesses traced to pollution coming from the mines point to an ongoing ecocide."

<https://meta.eeb.org/2017/10/18/french-state-owned-company-creates-ecocide-in-niger-to-fuel-its-nuclear-plants/>

France destroys North Niger. Will the EU or UN act?

"Tens of thousands of people in Niger's Arlit are exposed to often deadly radiation coming from the uranium mines around the city. AREVA, owned by the French State for over 80% and the main company on this environmental crime scene, has misinformed and lied to a population that is now waking up to the devastating consequences of this ecocide. AREVA's lies were recently explained to a team from the European Commission, at a closed-door meeting in Brussels.

⁷¹ In Kabbalah and especially Hasidism, God's Unity means that there is nothing independent of his essence.

⁷² Paul tells us to "be eager to maintain the *unity of the Spirit* in the bond of peace" ([Ephesians 4:3](#)). I take that to mean that the Holy Spirit is the great giver of unity. "In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit" ([1 Corinthians 12:13](#)).

“Hidden in a remote corner of the Sahara Desert, careless digging and dumping started back in 1968. But rather than building the promised ‘Little Paris’ next to it, there’s now a city called Arlit.

“A recent study from AREVA on only 120 houses showed that 16% of them are polluted with radioactive radiation far above the health norms. But Arlit is now home to over 200.000 people. People living in the area are exposed to radioactivity and death rates twice as much as in the rest of the country. This is where about a third of all uranium for France’s reactors comes from.”

<https://www.mo.be/en/opinie/france-destroys-north-niger-will-eu-or-un-act>

Hundreds of thousands of tons of nuclear waste are piling up around the world, and many are leaking. It will take hundreds of thousands of years for them to be safe. The costs are enormous now and will only increase.

- The timeframes required to safely stop nuclear waste from spreading into the environment, including potential radiological impacts on future human society, extend centuries and hundreds of thousands of years into the future;
- When the stability of nations, is measured in years and perhaps decades into the future, what will be the viability of states over the thousands of year timeframes required to manage nuclear waste;
- Is it possible to ensure geological integrity, including disposal shaft and site water-tightness;
- How can future maintenance be guaranteed and carried out in underground nuclear waste facilities which may have collapsed...

https://cdn.greenpeace.fr/site/uploads/2019/01/REPORT_NUCLEAR_WASTE_CRISIS_ENG_BD-2.pdf

In France alone...

“In France, it’s highly complicated to assess the total cost of waste management, particularly since it increases over the time. According to the Court of Auditors, in 2013, the total gross costs for long-term waste management was €32 billion (of which €26 billion to be financed by EDF (81%). This number does not include costs of spent fuel management which was estimated at €16 billion by EDF on 31 December 2013. Lastly, regarding the cost of the Cigeo project for the deep geological disposal of high-level and medium-level waste: in 2015, ANDRA estimated that the project would cost €35 billion. But in 2016, a governmental decree decided it would cost €25 billion...”

Ibid

In the oceans it is no better.

“This young whale died with 88 pounds of plastic in its stomach - The animal in the Philippines likely starved because its stomach was full of plastic, not food,” by Alejandra Borunda, March 18, 2019

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/2019/03/whale-dies-88-pounds-plastic-philippines/>

For Animals, Plastic Is Turning the Ocean into a Minefield

“From getting stuck in nets to eating plastic that they think is food, creatures worldwide are dying from material we made. By Natasha Daly

“‘The really sad thing about this is that they’re eating plastic thinking it’s food,’ says Matthew Savoca, a marine biologist with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. ‘Imagine you ate lunch and then just felt weak and lethargic and hungry all day. That would be very confusing.’ Fish such as anchovies, Savoca has found, eat plastic because it smells like food once it’s covered with algae. Seabirds, expending energy their malnourished bodies don’t have, roam farther in search of real food, only to drag back plastic waste to feed their young.”

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2018/06/plastic-planet-animals-wildlife-impact-waste-pollution/>

Environmental disasters are happening every day at an accelerated pace.

<http://www.earthtimes.org/encyclopaedia/environmental-issues/environmental-disasters/>

What kind of planet is going to be left for our children and grandchildren?

Is this the price everyone on the planet must pay for the United States along with a couple of other European superpowers to maintain western hegemony?

If there is one thing that should bind all humans together it is the need to save the ecology of the earth.

The world now, ruled by democracies, which are ultimately ruled by ruthless capitalists are going to ensure that the children of this world inherit a burned-out cinder of a planet. This is the legacy we are all leaving for our children, grandchildren and those after if we don’t kill ourselves in a nuclear holocaust first, the ultimate sacrifice laid upon the altar of western hegemony.

It’s bad enough that 99% of the population is going to be slaves to the richest 1%, and the earth upon which that 99% will have to live will be a scorched desert, while the wealthy 1% live in oasis of lush greenery preserved for their pleasure only.

Those in the United States don’t see this so much, because the native Americans lived in harmony with nature before the Europeans came. Much of the natural ecology is still intact.

But, in countries with ancient globalized civilizations, for example in Egypt, which once flourished with forests before Rome entered the scene, and Asia, with its five thousand years of history, and the crushing environmental damage that ensued during the past hundreds of years fighting for independence from western hegemony, and South America, that is bulldozing and burning the Amazon at every increasing speeds for capitalist gain, these people see the effects of human “civilization” upon the environment every single day.

If there is one major challenge all nations need to fight it is desertification. The earth is turning into a desert.

Beyond a doubt, no nation is working harder to combat desertification than China.

China to double efforts in combat against desertification, drought, by Xinhua News Agency, 2019-06-17

“Desertification is a severe ecological problem challenging the world, and China has the greatest area of sandy land that affects the largest number of people,’ he said.

“After decades of hard effort, however, China has achieved substantial progress and made significant contributions to the world, the official noted.

“The area of desertified land in the country shrinks by an annual average of 2,424 square km, compared to an expansion of 10,400 square km at the end of the last century, official statistics showed.

“Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, home to several large deserts lying at the forefront of China’s fight against desertification, for example, has completed an afforestation project that spans more than 666,700 hectares every year.

“The decrease of sandstorms in northern China has been credited to its success in taming desertification.

“Beijing has seen a steady decline of sand and dust weather in the spring, from 26 days in the 1950s, 5 to 7 days at the turn of the century and to around three days after 2010.

“To a large extent, China’s fight against desertification has been pushed ahead side by side with its effort to reduce poverty.”

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2019-06/17/c_138151117.htm

And what do the emperors and empresses of the Western world, the corporate CEOs, the combined might of the Deep State want to do with China? Start a civil war and destroy it. Chop it into four or five impoverished smaller warring nations so the USA can rule the world in perpetuity. The earth? The environment? Nothing is as important as being the King of The Hill forever, in the psychotically deluded minds of the deep state in the USA.

A common cause, shared by all humanity, a new “Crusade” to save the delicate ecosystems of the earth is needed. It can find additional motivation in religious or secular philosophies, it doesn’t matter, but what does matter is the kind of world we want to leave for our children and their children after them, if we can have the wisdom to avoid extinguishing all life on earth with a thermonuclear holocaust first.

The warrior spirit needs to consider this new paradigm shift; from destroying human enemies to attacking crimes against the earth and restoring sustainable ecological systems.

This is something all people of all races and all religions and all secular humanists should be able to agree on. If anyone disagrees, they need to be educated.

- Take them to Niger, and have them live in a village that has water contaminated with uranium and see how they like it.
- Take them to Japan and work with the scientists trying to contain the radioactive leaks from their Fukushima nuclear plant.

How many movies have been made about the life and death struggle to save the environment? Compare that number to the number of war movies.

That ratio explains why the world is the way it is. The media plays an incredibly powerful role in shaping human attitudes and endeavor.

A movie about a person that becomes a sports champion can be just as compelling as a movie about super-spies and wars. A movie about saving one small part of the Amazon can be just as powerful and emotionally evocative as the most intense movie about fighting bad guys, aliens, terrorists, and/or deliciously evil beady-eyed laughably fictional Russian or Chinese communists out to take over the world.

And what to do with the designers of this tragic world in which we live now, where nine million people a year die of starvation? What do with individuals like Michael Pompeo, Hillary Clinton, John Bolton, Benjamin Netanyahu, Jared Kushner, and Gina Haspel?

Perhaps they should be sentenced to 10 years of life with the poorest people in the Central African Republic, the starving in Yemen and Venezuela and other nations, without their credit cards, mobile phones and friends, without their money, fame and power. Let them live and learn what its like to be at the bottom of the other side of the walls they have built for those less fortunate than themselves. Perhaps their daily experiences should be videoed for all the world to see how they handle themselves. They have reveled in their power and glory for long enough while the poor languish in hopeless hells of misery, pain and death. Perhaps they need a taste of their own medicines. This would make for splendid PBS educational reality show. People can learn how to learn – to be human.

Sadly, that form of education would be considered torture by the delicate minded of the global sophisticates, and the best one can hope for in real world is ICC trials and imprisonment for those who have unleashed such terror and death upon the world. Is that even possible? Probably not given the current structure of the United Nations.

What's tragic about this dichotomous example is that in prison the perpetrators of those crimes will garnish sympathy from their collaborators and only harden their cruel viewpoints on life whereas living with the victims of their own terrorism for an extended period of time they might change, learn that the surviving victims of their crimes are humans too, not significantly different from themselves, and become good people.

Maybe those greatest villains of the western world can share prison cells with the terrorists they created, separated at first by a glass wall so they don't kill each other. Perhaps they should have no one else to talk with. Over the years they both will learn a great deal about each other and themselves. And that process should be shared with humanity at large – a lesson for all to learn.

In any case a shift in global priorities from terrorist control of the whole planet driven by global corporate greed mainly coordinated in the USA, with the help of NATO, France, the UK, and Mainstream Media to world-wide cooperative work to save the earth could constitute the Last Crusade, and arguably the first truly Holy Crusade, and the greatest paradigm shift in all of human history.

Is WWII required to put the ancient Lords of Destruction to rest?

“The deluge of globalization now engulfing the world seems in some ways almost novel. National boundaries crumble. North and South cease to be cardinal points and become economic strata in a “turbo-capitalist” (Vallely 2002) world system. The Second World disappears in the early 1990s... The First and Third Worlds cease to be geographical areas and become classes found in every country: an English-speaking but multiracial and multinational ruling class, increasingly dominating national governments, made up of entrepreneurs, corporate executives and corporate lawyers, comprador military officers and comprador bureaucrats, growing richer and richer; and ever more deeply immiserated workers, sharecroppers and lumpens, polyglot, unorganized, uneducated (Hardt and Negri 2001). Even the “war on terrorism” fits into this dark vision, as a technique by which emerging global Empire swallows pockets of resistance like Afghanistan. But whether or not this is where globalization is going, where did it begin? Many scholars (and terrorists) trace it back to the expansion of the West...”

“Disreputable Magicians,” the Dark Destroyer, and the Trickster Lord: Reflections on Semai Religion and a Possible Common Religious Base in South and Southeast Asia, by Robert Knox Dentan

<http://www.sabrizain.org/malaya/library/semmai.pdf>

The author of the above work traces it back much further than the 500 years of western colonialism specifically to the unambiguously terrorist, “Disreputable Magicians, the Dark

Destroyer, and Trickster Lord” expansion of the primarily Indian Hindu empire in Southeast Asia about 1,700 years ago.⁷³

One of the byproducts of that terrorist expansion was the truly peaceful cosmology and culture of the indigenous marginalized Semai people of Malaya. That peace however was/is based on fear, terror in fact of the Indian brutal colonial expansion.

“For a thousand years these petty despots showed off their power by killing and slaving (Coedès 1968:58; Maxwell 1996), creating a “culture of state terror” (Hoskins 1996:3).

“Such experiences produce ‘learned helplessness,’ the (1) sense of generalized powerlessness that follows experience of (2) uncontrollable, often traumatic events, e.g., when armed outsiders routinely steal one's children for physical and sexual abuse (Peterson, Maierand Seligman 1993: 228–229).

<http://www.sabrizain.org/malaya/library/semai.pdf>

The Semai tribes of Malaya are in many ways beautiful examples that people can live together in peace. What do they do with their time? They like to share their dreams with each other, play with their children, hunt and fish, and it might appear, generally enjoy a pretty good life. Though through western eyes it must appear horridly “primitive,” one can only wonder how much time most modern westerners have to play with their children, and how the lack of that time influences their children.

Thus, the unfortunate question, is WWII required for humanity to learn to live in peace? If the UN cannot restructure in such a way as to bring the malevolent western “gods of war” to rest, and put them out of business permanently then WWII will occur, and in that wake of that ultimately terrifying and deadly catastrophe humanity will learn peaceful coexistence as did the Semai people of Malaya.

⁷³ I don't agree with everything he wrote though. He tends to make early Hindu and Buddhist roles identical or at least very similar which seems unfair to Buddhism. I suspect Buddhists followed the Hindus trying to help the victims where possible. Kublai Khan for example, the grandson of Genghis became educated in the ways of China and learned from Buddhist teachers, modifying in many ways the ruthlessness of the Mongolian expansion and subsequent empire. Likewise, the one reference the writer made to socialism/communism specifically a reference to Marxism was extremely negative, which betrays an unambiguous bias; which is a bit odd especially considering the murderous nature of the democracies that foster the globalization he recognizes as brutal colonialization.

Chapter 15 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, poor, hungry, and homeless around the world, as an organization the UN has, due to structural design flaws and policy failures neither stopped or even slowed the hydra-like Euro-American colonially based, corporate profit driven war machines that creates the world's war-torn, poor, hungry, and homeless people.

Due to those design flaws United Nations bears complicity in all of the wars that have ensued since its founding. It has enshrined and cemented a parasitic class of pseudo nobility into the world's power structure that has done little but exacerbate the economic polarization which is leading inexorably towards humanities final terrible act of self-destruction.

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.

Things as they are now in the real world

Though recent judicial decisions by ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda in regards to investigation of legal options relating to alleged crimes against humanity and war crimes in Palestine and Afghanistan offers some glimmers of hope, there are very long roads ahead. They should not be so long, as the absurd lengths of those roads is part of the problem (the glacial slowness of the ICC) not the solution (detering military conflicts and war and stopping ongoing military conflicts and war).

But there is something else going on here of vastly greater concern in regards to deterring war.

Yes, the ICC has recently magnanimously decided to investigate "alleged" crimes in:

- The Israeli profit driven war of aggression against Palestine, and
- The CIA profit driven war of aggression in Afghanistan

...while blithely ignoring two incipient nuclear war flashpoints:

- the incipient malicious war of aggression originally driven by nuclear armed Israel, the nuclear superpower the USA led by its front organization the CIA, along with their weapons-heavy friends in the GCC, against relatively benign Iran and,
- the 70+ year British colonially designed and driven, maliciously inspired war between India and Pakistan – two nuclear powers - over Kashmir

...and another flashpoint for

- a region-wide war originating in Libya but also designed to draw in Turkey.

Pretty much ignoring two incipient nuclear flashpoint wars and a regional war in North Africa seems like rather glaring and obvious oversights, and represent grievous failures on the part of the UN to fulfill its mandate clearly outlined in the 1945 UN Charter.

It is utterly inconceivable that the very clever, but very unwise people in leadership positions at the United Nations are unaware that they are setting the world up for another Muslim Holocaust, the scale of which is beyond all human reckoning.

In other words, the leaders at the United Nations appear to know exactly what they are doing:

1. acting with malice aforethought,
2. in a manner exactly opposite of their mandate as outlined in the 1945 UN Charter,
3. by creating the conditions which clearly have the potential to trigger WWIII,
4. with people of color, Muslims and Socialists being the primary target victims, just like the colonial masters.

The motivation of decision makers in the American defense industry appears to be maintaining American hegemony by triggering WWIII, and the ICC's "do nothing" attitude towards the "targeted killing" (assassination) of Qassem Soleimani reveals why it is failing in its primary mission and why there are so many wars in the world. The UN is clearly playing the role of "defensive tackle" in America's war on peace.

War always has been a profitable business for the US, and the USA has the weaponry - including 18 Ohio-class submarines, of which 14 are Trident II SSBNs (Ship, Submersible, Ballistic, Nuclear), each capable of carrying 24 SLBMs - to win WWIII.

The United Nations leadership certainly appears to be very close to the completion of this process; repeating war crimes and crimes against humanity they already committed during the creation of the modern state of Israel, except potentially 1000 times more deadly.

Investigation of legal options relating to the potential prosecution of alleged crimes against humanity and war crimes in Palestine and Afghanistan may not really be "glimmers of hope" at all, instead they are intentionally contrived distractions from the initiation of far more deadly wars in Iran, Kashmir and North Africa (centered on Libya but also drawing in Turkey). In other words, another far more deadly Muslim Holocaust is well in the making and the largely hidden United Nations leadership (along with the corporate-driven mainstream news media), is facilitating this process even more so than they did in drawing up the blueprints for the original Nakba Holocaust in 1948.

This is the oldest trick in the book. The known sadistic bully waves his left hand in front of his intended victims face while saying: "Do you see this hand?" which is instantly followed by a thermonuclear tipped punch thrown by that known sadistic bully's right hand into the solar plex of the targeted victim effectively suffocating and crippling him.

The United States and Israel are just itching and "dying" to test out their thermonuclear arsenals, and doing everything they possibly can to provoke the Iranian leadership into an "aggressive" act

(which the Iranians would see as a defensive act) they definitely will use as rationale to start a full-scale multi-national (USA, Israel and GCC) military attack on Iran which can so easily trigger WWII given that Russia and China have defense pacts with Iran.

Exposing empire... by Nebojsa Malic, January 7, 2020

“For decades, the US establishment has talked about an international community, rules-based order, the importance of NATO allies, democracy and sovereignty. Then President Donald Trump had an Iranian general assassinated.

Empire’s ‘rules’

“Time and again, the Washington establishment has sought to assert legitimacy for its actions by invoking the “rules-based” world order, sometimes also prefaced with “liberal,” and how the US was supposedly backed by the “international community.” All of these terms were conveniently vague, mind you, capable of being stretched to fit whatever definition was required at any given moment.

“The killing of Soleimani made crystal clear there are no such rules, no community, no order. There is only the American Empire, its vassals – euphemistically known as “allies” – and its targets, also known as “adversaries.” Iran made it to the adversaries list in 1979, after the Islamic Revolution overthrew the US client regime in Tehran. The Empire deals poorly with being scorned.

“Trump did not say “we do what we want, where we want, and how we want, and there is no power in the universe that can stop us” – but he didn’t have to; his missiles did all the talking.

“Allies or vassals? Funny you should ask

“There has been much pearl-clutching about Trump’s repeated brow-beating of Washington’s “allies”, but NATO’s response to the Soleimani affair only confirms that the alliance is made up of spineless yes-men, vassals rather than partners.

“NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg admitted on Monday that the alliance was not consulted about the killing, but said they all stood by Washington and condemned Iran, demanding Tehran “refrain from further violence and provocations.”

“In a typical display of impotent virtue-signaling, leaders of the UK, France and Germany issued a joint statement on Monday calling for “all parties to exercise utmost restraint and responsibility” and talking about the “current cycle of violence.”

“Remember how European nuclear powers, signatories of the 2015 nuclear deal, were supposed to repair and preserve it after Trump’s unilateral exit in 2018? They have not actually done so. Instead, France is now accusing Iran of “repeated violations” of the deal that US ditched. For all their claims to independence, at the end of the day they all march in lockstep with Washington.

“Democracy and sovereignty

“Going back to the First World War and Woodrow Wilson, the US has had a fetish about democracy, as in “making the world safe” for it. The assumption that world peace will break out when everyone mimics the US political and economic systems is an article of faith in Washington. Trump seemed to buck that vision by calling for a world of sovereign countries and an end to nation-building.

“Yet what has been his administration’s response when the Iraqi parliament voted to disinvite the US from its country? Secretary of State Mike Pompeo declaring that no, he knows better what the people of Iraq want, and Trump saying that the US won’t leave until the Iraqis “pay us back” for an expensive airbase...

“In reality, Trump may have a different style of running the Empire, but the substance of its actions has not changed one bit since Russian President Vladimir Putin called it out in his 2015 speech at the UN General Assembly.

“‘Do you realize now, what you have done?’ Putin asked, pointing to the chaos in the Middle East wrought by the Obama administration’s support for ‘Arab Spring’ revolutions and regime-changes. He then answered his own rhetorical question by saying that ‘policies based on self-assuredness and belief in one’s exceptionalism and impunity have never been abandoned.’”

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/477605-soleimani-killing-trump-empire/>

...while folks at the UN issue tepid statements rather like the following satirical version:

“Well the murder of Qassem Soleimani and his associates in Iraq maybe might have been illegal, but we don’t know for sure, but possibly could have been, just wait 10 years and we’ll issue another statement...” and other wishy-washy weak, ineffectual, bland, enabling statements like that.

Further distraction from the most serious “issues” of the United Nations’ role in enabling the initiation of one or two nuclear wars and a regional war is provided by the massive flak ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda is experiencing in the form of extreme “pushback” from her efforts to illuminate “alleged” crimes in Palestine and Afghanistan.

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..."

<https://www.timesofisrael.com/from-the-gambia-to-the-hague-meet-israels-new-public-enemy-number-one/>

Threatening and verbally beating up judges seems to be the sport of the month in DC and Tel Aviv.

Is this report any better? Hopefully yes in that this book offers some solutions to improve the structural design of the United Nations by eliminating some of the bottlenecks, along with educational reforms and amendments to the UN charter to prevent corporate driven land-grabbing are presented.

The absurd thing is everyone in the world knows innumerable crimes against humanity and war crimes have been committed in Palestine and Afghanistan – the very initiation of both those wars were war crimes, and yet those crimes continue to occur on a daily - system driven basis.

Many relevant questions remain.

1. Will prosecution of the specific progenitors – the presidents and prime ministers and the intelligence chiefs that advised them - of crimes in Palestine and Afghanistan, and someday perhaps in Iraq, and Iran and a hundred other countries be permitted in The Hague, given their long history of total support for American hegemony in perpetuity?
2. Will those prosecutions be obscured by what appears to be WWIII in the making(?) and
3. Will most people in the world once again blame the victims, as is already very cleverly designed into the blueprints already drawn up for WWIII?
4. Is justice possible in the year 2020 or is WWIII inevitable? Is it possible to break 500 hundred years of deeply engrained colonial habits and a thousand years of anti-Muslim bigotry that has so casually disregarded the lives and human dignity of people of color, Muslims and more recently, socialists?
5. ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda may be a very courageous woman, perhaps the most courageous person in UN history. Does she have sufficient power to start an investigation into the illegality of the sanctions on Iran and "targeted assassination" of Qassem Soleimani? Iraq is a signatory nation to the Rome Statue, and given that Iraqi militia leader Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis was killed in the same attack that killed Qassem Soleimani, the Iraqi leadership has sufficient motivation to initiate a criminal complaint against the US government and President Trump in the ICC. Did the Iraqi war ever end, and will it? Is this another war crime? Iran, China and Russia held joint military exercises in late December 2019. That "little fact" did not pass unnoticed in US DoD considerations before the "targeted assassinations" dated January 3, 2020.

In any case, the possibility of the United States using a nuclear weapon against Iran has now, as of January 7th, 2020, greatly increased:

“Iran holds all the cards in coming Middle East conflict with US - unless Trump is ready to drop a tactical NUKE” by Scott Ritter

“Iran has promised retaliation for the assassination of Qassem Soleimani. Donald Trump said this will lead to a disproportionate response from the US. One side can deliver on its threats, the other can't, unless it goes nuclear.

“‘Our reaction,’ Iranian general Hossein Dehghan said at the weekend, ‘will be wise, well considered and, in time, with decisive deterrent effect.’

Pushing the red button for Fordow

“However, there was a second significant development in the region on Sunday, in addition to the vote by the Iraqi Parliament to cut ties with the US military.

“The Iranian government announced that it was ending all restrictions on the enrichment of uranium, in effect nullifying the Iran nuclear agreement (the Joint Comprehensive Program of Action, or JCPOA), which the US withdrew from in May 2018. While Iran has stated that these measures were reversible if the US returned to the agreement, the newly unconstrained enrichment capability puts Iran well inside the one year “breakout” window (i.e. the time needed by Iran to produce enough fissile material for a single nuclear device) of one year that underpinned the prime purpose of the JCPOA.

“In doing so, Iran has inadvertently opened itself up to a preemptive nuclear attack by the US.

“The centrifuges that could be used by Iran to produce enriched uranium capable of being used in a fissile device are housed in a hardened underground facility located near the town of Fordow. No conventional munition currently in the US arsenal can destroy Fordow.

“Only a modified B-61 nuclear bomb can do the job.

“Trump has hinted that any future war with Iran would not be a drawn-out affair. And while the law of war might curtail his commanders from executing any retaliation that includes cultural sites, it does not prohibit the US from using a nuclear weapon against a known nuclear facility deemed to pose a threat to national security.

“This is the worst-case scenario of any tit-for-tat retaliation between Iran and the US, and it is not as far-fetched as one might believe.”

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/477558-iran-trump-nuclear-fordow/> (Italics added by this author.)

The United Nations is partly complicit in the creation of this situation by not immediately issuing a statement that it was beginning an investigation into the possibility of the sanctions against Iran being a crime against humanity. The assassination of Qassem Soleimani and nine associates' was a direct result of that negligence. Investigation of the possible crimes against humanity 1) sanctions plus the b) assassination could have prevented the Iranians from the potentially fatal step of announcing that it was "ending all restrictions on the enrichment of uranium, in effect nullifying the Iran nuclear agreement (the Joint Comprehensive Program of Action, or JCPOA)." (*ibid*)

Once again, the intractability and glacial slowness of the United Nations has set the stage for war, this time including the use of nuclear weapons.

The outcome of all this may be illuminated by the following story which is from what is now called Ethiopia:

"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

What is the moral of this story? There are many. For one thing, ultra-violence inspired by incredibly narrow-minded fanatics may be a great way to collect power and spread influence quickly, but it will not endure and, in every case, it will backfire sooner or later.

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 American/Israeli/GCC triumvirate 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

Will the Alfonso Mendes of today remain free to pursue future pogroms against those whose beliefs do not exactly fit his(?) or will the ICC finally start to live up to its mandate and immediately issue a statement that it already has begun an investigation into the illegal sanctions and "targeted killing" of Qassem Soleimani by the United States as crimes against humanity and possible war crime?

Any delays in doing this by the ICC will leave the door open for the initiation of WWII at any time. Iranian leaders have sworn revenge. The United States with their co-conspirators will react savagely and disproportionately. Russia and China can so easily get drawn into this.

At the closing of 2019 and beginning of 2020, perhaps for the first time in the 500 years of western colonialization there are faint glimmers of hope among the dispossessed, issued by ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, while the threat of WWII never loomed larger.

Has Armageddon finally arrived?

“The word ‘Armageddon’ occurs only once in the Bible, at Revelation 16:16. Prophetically, Revelation shows that at ‘the place that is called in Hebrew Armageddon,’ ‘the kings of the entire inhabited earth’ will be gathered ‘together to the war of the great day of God the Almighty.’”

(Revelation 16:14)

<https://www.jw.org/en/bible-teachings/questions/battle-of-armageddon/>

Scholars report that Armageddon myths are linked with subgroups living in fear of their own extinction.

That may be reassuring to some, but humanity is composed of a huge number of subgroups with most of them feeling the specter of terrorism the USA has so brilliantly fostered around the world through endless wars, provocations, and disinformation in no way different from the crusades, witch hunts, McCarthy Era, and of course the Nazi’s Reich Ministry of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda.

Will those tiny sparks of dim light be extinguished under the weight of institutional inertia at the ICC, suffocated by the 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 and political orientation as was promised in the original UN Charter in 1945?

Though it may sound melodramatic, it is more than possible – it is probable - the fate of the human species and the ecological systems that support us - rests upon the strength, intelligence, courage, faith and tenacity of ICC prosecutor Fatou Bensouda from the Gambia and the voting members the ICC and the UN General Assembly.

Can the ICC prosecute the specific individual progenitors – the presidents, prime ministers and the intelligence chiefs that advised them who individually and collectively committed innumerable crimes against humanity and war crimes in Palestine and Afghanistan, and apparently are “locked and loaded” ready to start WWII in Iran, and possibly Kashmir?

It seems unbelievable, but there is a tiny spark of hope amongst the four billion or more dispossessed people around the world. The 5% of the people that hoard 75% of the money in the world should not lord over everyone else.

The core of the ranks of the dispossessed include the starving, diseased, and those maimed by American, British, French and Israeli bombs and guns, and all those who have suffered the insufferable under the yoke of American, British, French and Israeli infinitely greedy colonial masters who boldly mock all laws, natural and human made.

- One can only pray ICC prosecutor Fatou Bensouda from the Gambia will have the strength and courage to name the names of the Presidents and Prime Ministers and the specific Intelligence chiefs that have advised them, in her preparation of formal charges of Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes committed in Palestine and Afghanistan in her prosecution of the defendants pursuant to Article 15 of the Rome Statute in the International Criminal Court and innumerable other laws. They may not be extradited from their home countries (because they are not from Rome Statute signatory nations), but they can be if they wander into any of the countries that had the moral integrity to sign the Rome Statute.
- One can also only pray that the ICC will – with the greatest possible rapidity – prepare formal charges against President Trump, CIA Director Gina Haspel, Secretary of State Michael Pompeo, and former National Security Advisor John Bolton, for the “sanctions” that are currently causing death in Iran, and force the American military to back off immediately from their impending war against Iran.
- One can also only pray that the ICC will – with the greatest possible rapidity – prepare formal charges against Indian Prime Minister Modi and his specific intelligence chiefs for the annexation of occupied Kashmir – currently a colony of India, formerly an independent state that has repeatedly over the past 75 years suffered large scale terrorism in the form of torture, disappearances, murder and mass rapes, and simultaneously mandate the Indian military to back off immediately from their illegal occupation of Kashmir. Furthermore, the Kashmiri people deserve to be polled to find out what kind of government they prefer, as throughout the past 2000 years of history they have been an independent race and culture, heterogeneous and simultaneously harmonious as it was before the British Empire subjected it to colonial rule. British colonial practices of past centuries should not determine the fates of nations forever. This is unconscionable and the cause of many or most conflicts in the world today.

Let there is no doubt that at this time ICC prosecutor Fatou Bensouda is in very deep water and surrounded by sharks on steroids and amphetamines.

And yet, she is not alone for the collective spirit of the billions of unrepresented and unfree people – human beings who were slaves for the past 500 years and for all practical purposes still are slaves now by virtue of living in dictatorships with foreign superpower imposed foreign rulers - around the world support her with their whole hearts, minds and souls.

As for the United Nations Security Council? Forget about them. They are a disgraced ossified bit of despicable colonial history that will be buried in ignominy whatever they do. They are beyond redemption.

It is possible in the history books of the future the Chinese and Russian holders of Permanent Seats on the UN Security Council may get a pass, racial and political minorities as they are. However, the colonial masters of the USA, Great Britain, and France pompously sitting upon their

Permanent thrones on the United Security council that have usurped the laws (as defined in the original 1945 Geneva Convention Statutes) and justice will be loathed and despised for eternity for the penultimate crimes of not only allowing but encouraging and mandating the perpetuation of colonialism for the past 73 years of “United Nations” history (as of 2020).

The situation is simply this: Either the UN will restructure itself from within – with extreme rapidity – and start to represent the whole of humanity, or, WWII will inevitably be triggered, which will result in the death of billions of innocent men, women and children and then the UN – if anything remains of it - will be restructured from without.

In this latter scenario, there is no doubt whatsoever the current members of the Permanent Court of Arbitration, International Court of Justice, International Criminal Court and Security Council will be vilified for the rest of time alongside the *Volksgerechtshof* of Nazi Germany, and the mainstream western media vilified alongside with the Nazi *Propagandaministerium*.

What is the current Secretary General of the UN, Antonio Gutierrez to make of all this? It is impossible to guess.

Even the most despicable of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and UN Security Council have sterling curriculum vitae, regardless as to the fact that they are no different from the slave masters and traders of yesteryear and around the world today.

Darwin went against prevailing religious orthodoxy to propose that living things adapt to environmental changes or they become extinct. The same is no less true with artificial systems that humans create to guide and benefit humanity. The United Nations is hopefully of this latter category.

The question today, for all members of the human species, and specifically for the leaders in the United Nations is, do we choose to radically alter the structure of the United Nations and follow a path towards peace and harmony, or continue along the path of war and destruction imposed upon the entire world by the past 500 years of colonial domination?

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 that chose to abandon the tenets of natural laws, the foremost of which is: Protect life and the harmony of the systems that sustain it.

Peace is more than the absence of war; it is an interconnected system of ecologically balanced systems that work together in an integrated fashion for the betterment of all.

Law is supposed to be an integrated system to help humans work together for the betterment of all, not just those of any particular economic status, race, religion or political ideology.

Time-Critical Need for Restructuring the UN: Law, History and News



SPARTACUS - ENGLISH - HOWARD FAST

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.

FAST, HOWARD

"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.

The last sentences of the novel titled "Spartacus" by Howard Fast 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."

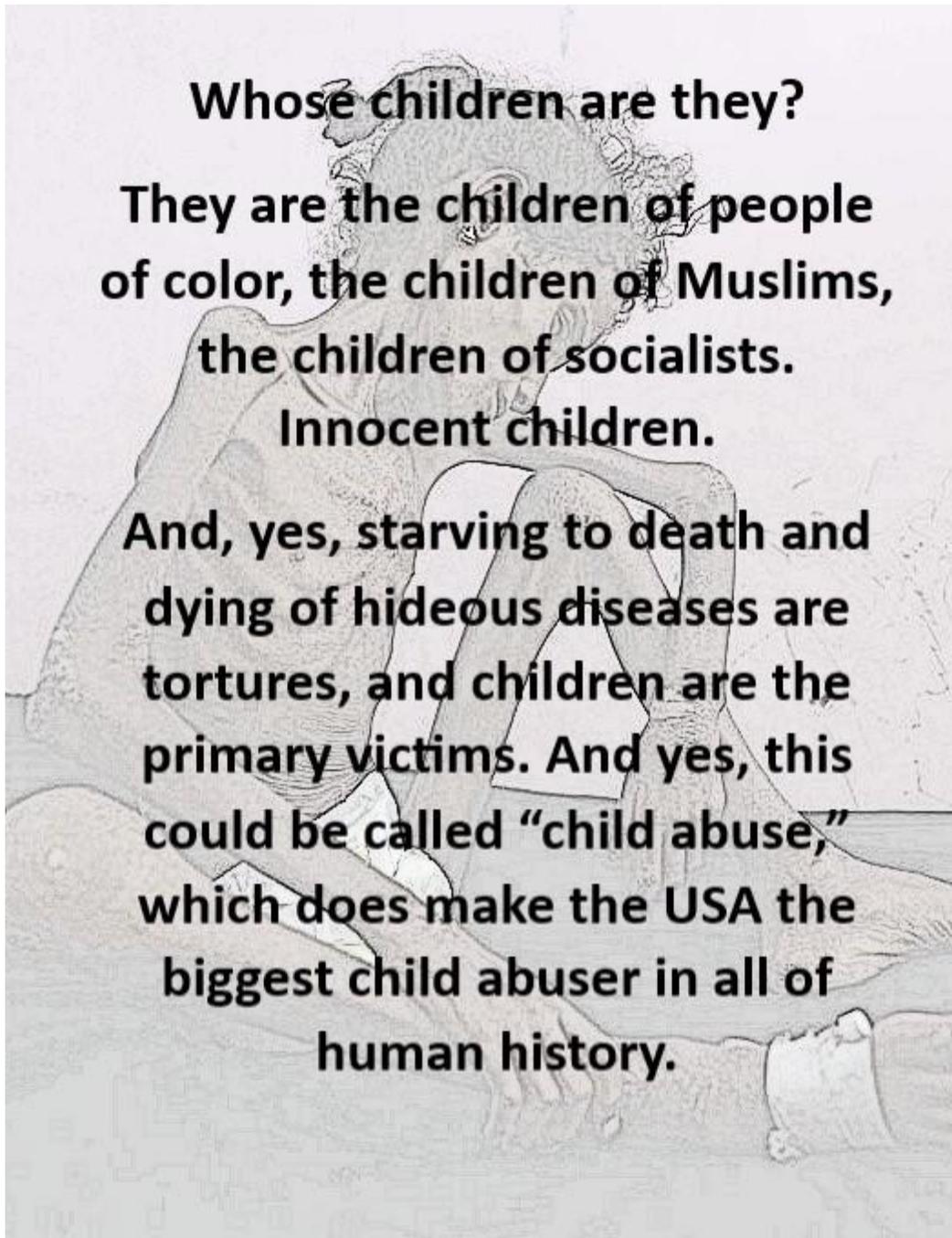
Howard Fast by the way, wrote the novel titled "Spartacus" while in an American prison in 1951 for the "crime" of being socialist in the USA.

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 2nd 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.



Of course, they couldn't get away it, without UN help.

Law, what law?

The USA is the Law!

Winning the Civil War was one thing, but getting the 13th Amendment passed another. Whereas soldiers had to take the lead on the battlefield, Lincoln had to lead the charge on the Amendment to end slavery. It was a daily battle against many, even his closest supporters and at times his wife.

“Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

“But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate -- we can not consecrate -- we can not hallow -- this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us -- that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion -- that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain -- that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom -- and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.”

Abraham Lincoln

November 19, 1863

Forcing the 13th Amendment through Congress eventually cost him his life.

Certainly, the founding fathers of the United States never could have imagined that the United States would grow up and rule the world, casting the long and bloodied shadow of a global apartheid across Africa, Asia and Latin America when they wrote the words:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.--That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, --That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and

accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.--Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world."

The Declaration of Independence

Nor could they have imagined that the United States could come to represent:

...a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism...

And that the long list of abuses ascribed to King of Great Britain would one day come to describe a long series of American presidents.

Truly the leaders in those slave states of America scattered around the world can proclaim:

"In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people."

And yet this has all fallen upon the deaf ears of the corporate colossus the US has unleashed upon the world.

"Beware that, when fighting monsters, you yourself do not become a monster... for when you gaze long into the abyss. The abyss gazes also into you."

Friedrich W. Nietzsche

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
25 November	26	27	28	29	30	1 Dec
2 <i>PR breakfast</i> 10:30 A.M. - Coordinators' meeting Consultations (11:30 A.M.) - Programme of work <i>IRMCT report due</i>	3 Briefing (A.M.) - UNAMI Consultations (A.M.) - UNAMI TCC meeting (P.M.) - MONUSCO <i>UNDOF report due</i>	4 Adoption (A.M.) - Somalia Piracy Consultations (A.M.) - Middle East (Syria) [cw]	5	6 Briefing (P.M.) - UNOCA/LRA Consultations (P.M.) - UNOCA/LRA <i>Authorization to fight Somalia piracy ends</i>	7	8
9 <i>SG Luncheon</i>	10 TCC meeting (P.M.) - UNDOF <i>UNMISS report due</i> <i>UNAMA report due</i>	11 Debate (A.M.) - IRMCT Briefing (P.M.) - Non-proliferation DPRK <i>2231 report due</i>	12 Consultations (A.M.) - Middle East (Yemen) Adoption (P.M.) - Peace and Security in Africa Briefing (P.M.) - 1591 Committee Consultations (P.M.) - UNDOF	13 <i>2139 report due</i> <i>Libya PoE final report due</i>	14	15
16 Briefing (A.M.) - Peace and security in Africa: Inter-communal violence and terrorism in West Africa Adoption (P.M.) - Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts Briefing (P.M.) - UNAMA Consultations (P.M.) - UNAMA	17 Briefing (A.M.) - SC subsidiary organs Briefing (P.M.) - UNMISS - South Sudan sanctions Consultations (P.M.) - UNMISS - South Sudan sanctions	18 Briefing (A.M.) - Middle East Consultations (A.M.) - Middle East Briefing (P.M.) - ICC Sudan	19 Adoption (A.M.) - MONUSCO - UNDOF Briefing (A.M.) - Middle East Briefing (P.M.) - Non-proliferation	20 Briefing (A.M.) - Middle East Consultations (A.M.) - Middle East (Syria) [pol] Adoption (A.M.) - Middle East <i>MONUSCO mandate expires</i>	21	22
23	24	25 <i>UN official holiday</i>	26 <i>Colombia report due</i>	27 <i>OPCW report due</i> <i>UNOWAS report due</i> <i>MINUSMA report due</i>	28	29
30	31 <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>	1 January	2	3	4	5

Letter Ukraine PR (S/2014/136); Letter Russian Federation PR (S/2014/264)

Appendix 2 – What every law-abiding peace-loving citizen can do

Giving another black eye to the concept of American freedom and liberty is the following:

Facebook ‘thought police’ censors pro-Iran posts ‘to comply with US sanctions’... as Trump warns Tehran against censorship, 12 Jan, 2020

Facebook has admitted to selectively censoring pro-Iranian government Instagram posts about the murdered General Soleimani, as US President Donald Trump hypocritically championed free speech and warned Tehran against censorship.

Instagram has confirmed that they have been removing posts that voice support for Qassem Soleimani, with a Facebook spokesperson claiming that censorship is fully justified in order to comply with US sanctions.

'These massive Big Tech corporations are Thought Police for the US government: Facebook and Instagram are removing posts expressing support for Iran's top general Soleimani,' journalist Ben Norton tweeted.

“They say it's to comply with US sanctions, but how do posts violate sanctions?”

<https://www.rt.com/news/478044-instagram-iran-trump-censorship/>

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution declares,

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

Bill of Rights

The First Amendment of the Bill of Rights echoes the First Amendment of the US Constitution:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Unfortunately, the Trump administration via a decision by “his” U.S. State Department, has decided to usurp the Constitution, and using friends at Facebook and Instagram, usurped the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Even more tragically and unfortunately a huge number of countries world-wide tend to parrot American activities, be they good, bad or indifferent.

Thus, Americans and citizens of every country world-wide might wish to meditate upon the proposition that the American efforts towards establishing a world-wide dictatorship is coming to an “untidy” (murderous) highly illegal and unethical end.

Appendix 3 - How Americans can save America

- 1) Prospective politicians should be asked if they would volunteer to be questioned before any election using state of the art truth detection technology.

True, no lie detection technology is perfect yet. Even if a prospective politician can lie “like a rug” the public simply finding out what real journalists⁷⁴ want to know, would stimulate their critical thinking in regards to their politicians. It is possible that a combination of three or four different lie detection technologies could prove more reliable than any one. Simply knowing that four different technologies were being used might encourage those being tested to stick

⁷⁴ The phrase “real journalists” does not include anyone from the mainstream press who have so dishonored the “free press” as to make it a standing joke world-wide. Instead select journalists from the “alternative news” media can and should generate questions for prospective politicians because only they have the courage and critical thinking skills needed to investigate and evaluate the backgrounds of those politicians. Unfortunately, no other group of people in the US seems qualified for this job.

to the truth. Beating one or might, can be learned, but beating four at once might prove a real challenge.

a. EyeDetect®

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<https://converus.com/eyedetect/>

b. fMRI

fMRI spots more lies in first controlled comparison of the two technologies, November 3, 2016

“When it comes to lying, our brains are much more likely to give us away than sweaty palms or spikes in heart rate, new evidence from researchers in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania suggests. The study, published in the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry, found that scanning people's brains with fMRI, or functional magnetic resonance imaging, was significantly more effective at spotting lies than a traditional polygraph test.

“It has been demonstrated that when someone is lying, areas of the brain linked to decision-making are activated, which lights up on an fMRI scan for experts to see. While laboratory studies showed fMRI's ability to detect deception with up to 90 percent accuracy, estimates of polygraphs' accuracy ranged wildly, between chance and 100 percent, depending on the study. The Penn study was the first to compare the two modalities in the same individuals in a blinded and prospective fashion. The approach adds scientific data to the long-standing debate about this technology and builds the case for more studies investigating its potential real-life applications, such as evidence in the criminal legal proceedings.”

<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/11/161103141437.html>

c. AVATAR

Meet AVATAR

Designed by Aaron Elkins, assistant professor of the Fowler College of Business Administration at San Diego State University, the new AI lie detector goes by the name Automated Virtual Agent for Truth Assessments in Real Time, or AVATAR for short. As you answer questions from AVATAR, the system uses sensors to gather data your body gives off. More specifically, the system looks at factors like voice (tone, pronoun use, etc.), pupil dilation and eye movement, facial expression (e.g., engagement of muscles around the corners of the eyes and mouth in a Duchenne smile) and posture. The theory is that it takes less effort to tell the truth than to maintain a façade. You subconsciously reveal that effort through physical cues, many of which researchers are still studying and pinning down. The AI is a big step forward from traditional polygraphs..

<https://www.inc.com/wanda-thibodeaux/this-artificial-intelligence-kiosk-will-spot-liars.html>

- d. The Polygraph test has evolved a great deal in the past decade and measures a much larger number of physiological responses than most people know about. The best source of information on this is probably:

<https://www.polygraph.org/>

- e. There quite a large number of “truth serums,” however it is unlikely any American politicians would volunteer for this. They are safe when professionally administered and remarkably effective, especially when used with any of the above. Given the power and proven dangerousness of American presidents, this really should be an option, if any president has the honesty and courage to try it. These would be much more difficult to cheat.

As mentioned above, no truth detection technology is perfect but the above four are better than human detection of lies which is usually about 55%.

In addition to politicians, and CIA directors, a disproportionate number of judges, doctors, newspaper publishers, editors and reporters, lawyers, university professors and so on have been co-opted by the military-industrial-media scam that has seen the so-called defense budget grow to such monstrous proportions that it threatens to ignite WWII and has reduced the quality of life, health, education and welfare of Americans to the point where the USA is not far from imploding. Thus, vastly greater attention to truth must be paid.

Lastly, fact checking.

There are some interesting internet sites for this. This is the ‘old fashioned’ way of lie detection.

See for example:

<https://www.factcheck.org/2020/01/false-and-misleading-claims-at-impeachment-trial/>

<https://www.factcheck.org/2020/01/nadlers-russia-claim/>

<https://www.factcheck.org/2020/01/trump-administrations-shifting-statements-on-soleimanis-death/>

Also see:

<https://www.politifact.com/personalities/donald-trump/>

<https://www.politifact.com/personalities/donald-trump/statements/byruling/false/>

<https://fortune.com/2020/01/13/donald-trump-fact-check-claims-iran-jobs/>

The sad fact is President Trump even in very short periods of time is caught telling avalanches of lies, including and especially relating to the murder of Qassim Soleimani

None-the-less according to <https://today.yougov.com/topics/overview/survey-results>

64% of Republicans strongly approve of “the way Donald Trump is handling his job as President.” (The Economist/YouGov Pol / January 19 - 21, 2020)

...in spite of the number, magnitude and potential consequences of the lies he tells.

Some perhaps most Americans are so used to being lied to by politicians, they simply prefer a politician that tells them the lies they want to hear. This is called living in denial, which is not a healthy way to go through life. Though some truths are bitter, it’s better to face them and correct the problems than before they metastasize beyond salvation.

This is the scariest truth of all, and proof that truth must be introduced to politics, however it is done. Until some effort is made to ascertain truth, voters will continue to accept the worst and be happy with it. At this time truth is not even an issue, and that is a very dangerous trend given that the USA has the military and covert intelligence capabilities to enslave most of the world and ignite WWII simply in order to ensure it has the world’s largest economy.

The question Americans have to ask themselves, is, given that literally millions of people die in American-driven wars, how would they feel if their loved ones were slaughtered in a war by a foreign government based on lies that government’s politicians were telling? Iran already suffered the death of million people in the last unjustifiable war (1980-1988) the US launched against them back when Saddam Hussein was the CIA’s golden boy. How would they react? Just forget about it? How many unjustifiable wars has the US started since WWII? Check the list in Chapter 4: Foreign Governments the US has overthrown or attempted to overthrow since WWII. It’s a very long list.

- 2) There needs to be a grand jury investigation into Jared Kushner’s influence on President Trump during the past four years in regards to a number of Trump’s executive decisions, including the incredibly provocative act of giving Jerusalem to Israel, sanctions on Iran

and the murder of Quds Commander Qassim Soleimani and his nine associates. Kushner's relationship with Israeli intelligence and leadership should also be carefully assessed. This is justified by the fact that President Trump's pattern of decision making follows an Israeli agenda much more so than an American agenda or a Russian agenda.

- 3) There needs to be a grand jury investigation into Mike Pence's influence on President Trump during the past four years in regards to a number of Trump's executive decisions, including the incredibly provocative act of giving Jerusalem to Israel, sanctions on Iran, and the murder of Quds Commander Qassim Soleimani and his nine associates. Likewise, he needs to be questioned in regards to his religious beliefs and how those beliefs have influenced his decisions regarding the advice he has given President Trump.
- 4) There needs to be a grand jury investigation into Hillary Clinton's role in the murder of the former sovereign leader of Libya Muammar Gaddafi and the American driven revolution that led to the torture and murder of that leader and subsequent civil war.

A vote today for Hillary Clinton is a vote for endless, stupid war
by Julian Assange

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Hillary didn't just vote for Iraq. She made her own Iraq. Libya is Hillary's Iraq and if she becomes president she will make more.

I have had years of experience in dealing with Hillary Clinton and have read thousands of her cables. Hillary lacks judgement and will push the United States into endless, stupid wars which spread terrorism. Her personality combined with her poor policy decisions have directly contributed to the rise of ISIS.

Pentagon generals objected to destroying the Libyan state. They felt Hillary did not have a safe post-war plan. Hillary Clinton went over their heads. Libya has been destroyed. It became a haven for ISIS. The Libyan national armory was looted and hundreds of tons of weapons were transferred to jihadists in Syria. Hillary's war has increased terrorism, killed tens of thousands of innocent civilians and has set back women's rights in the Middle East by hundreds of years. Having learned nothing from the Libyan disaster Hillary then set about trying do the same in Syria.

“Hillary publicly took credit for the destruction of the Libyan state. On hearing that the country's president had been killed by her handiwork, she became wild-eyed and gloated "We came, we saw, he died!". In the momentary thrill of the kill, she had aped, of all people, Julius Caesar.

“Hillary's problem is not just that she's war hawk. She's a war hawk with bad judgement who gets an unseemly emotional rush out of killing people. She shouldn't be let near a gun shop, let alone an army. And she certainly should not become president of the United States...”

<https://wikileaks.org/hillary-war/>

Likewise, she should be questioned in detail about her role in starting wars in Syria and also starting and facilitating civil wars in Yemen, Sri Lanka and so on. Her relationship with the internationally designated terrorist group the LTTE should be carefully examined as she received funding from them and protected their leadership at the end of the war. Facilitating a terrorist group is a serious crime and they committed a large number of crimes against humanity and war crimes during the long war there in Sri Lanka.

4) There should also be grand jury investigations into every Director of the CIA including Gina Haspel and Michael Pompeo for crimes against humanity and war crimes. They consistently have funded and provoked wars and revolutions, have lied to the American public on a regular basis, have contributed to corruption of the press, and have brought the United States to its lowest point in history, and the USA for all of its pretensions has had many low points in history. They have conjointly brought the United States to the brink of WWII as the result of illegal sanctions on Iran and illegal assassinations of its people. They have usurped an illegally large influence over the United Nations, and may be complicit in the murder of two UN representatives.

5) The Supreme Court needs to reverse its decision *in Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010) and take a very strong stand to stop political corruption at all levels of government in the United States. There are obviously “quid pro quo” relationships between political donations and political decisions; arguments to the contrary are specious. They should be petitioned, and have 24/7/365 demonstrations by millions of people in front of the Supreme Court until they agree to rehear that case come to a sane decision. Machiavellian philosophies should not rule the political consciousness and actions of the United States of America.

“‘Obvious malicious intent’: Tulsi Gabbard hits Clinton with defamation suit over 'Russian asset' smear, 22 Jan, 2020

“Democratic presidential hopeful Tulsi Gabbard is suing two-time White House runner-up Hillary Clinton over her claim that Gabbard was a “Russian asset,” alleging that the lie hurt not just her campaign but the entire election.

“Clinton “lied about her perceived rival Tulsi Gabbard... publicly, unambiguously, and with obvious malicious intent” when she claimed Gabbard was “the favorite of the Russians,” the campaign alleges in the suit, filed on Wednesday in the federal Southern District of New York. While Clinton isn’t technically running against Gabbard in the 2020

contest, the filing drily notes that the role of president is ‘a position Clinton has long coveted, but has not been able to attain.’”

<https://www.rt.com/usa/478916-tulsi-russian-asset-clinton-lawsuit/>

7. Julian Assange, Chelsea Manning and Edward Joseph Snowden should be given Presidential Medals of Honor for their role in helping to expose virtually unlimited government corruption and helping to usher in a new age of clean, honest, responsible and just government.

8. Americans can write to, call and visit elected representatives asking that the American government UN representatives sign the Rome Statue, such that genuine war criminals in government can be prosecuted as they should be. Perhaps then, people around the world might to start to trust the United States at least a little bit again.

9. Americans could benefit hugely from reading more alternative news media, choosing from the list in this book. Mainstream media caused the devastating problems the USA now faces, and it’s time to try getting fresh, more honest news.

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To shorten the long (obviously bloody) decline, it would help if citizens in every country would assert and affirm something like the following:

THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS 2020

Specifically, emancipation from the odious yoke of principally Euro-American profit-driven international corporate hegemony which has in effect caused the slavery of entire nations and continents. To liberate individuals and nations from those hegemonic influences the following Amendments to the UN Charter are humbly and tentatively offered:

FIRST, visit, call and write to appropriate political representatives and politely request the national leader to instruct your UN representative to put forward a motion in the General Assembly to make Amendments to the UN Charter to **dissolve the UN Security Council** which has not served the world community well in attaining the goals of the original UN Charter which reads as follows:

CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND STATUTE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE

which starts with the following paragraph:

“WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DETERMINED to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be

maintained, and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

AND FOR THESE ENDS

“to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples, Accordingly, our respective Governments, through representatives assembled in the city of San Francisco, who have exhibited their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed to the present Charter of the United Nations and do hereby establish an international organization to be known as the United Nations.”

This is followed by:

CHAPTER I

PURPOSES AND PRINCIPLES

Article 1

“The Purposes of the United Nations are: 1. To maintain international peace and security, and to that end: to take effective collective measures for the prevention and removal of threats to the peace, and for the suppression of acts of aggression or other breaches of the peace, and to bring about by peaceful means, and in conformity with the principles of justice and international law, adjustment or settlement of international disputes or situations which might lead to a breach of the peace; 2. To develop friendly relations among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights and self-determination of peoples, and to take other appropriate measures to strengthen universal peace; 3. To achieve international cooperation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion; and 4. To be a center for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends...”

1945, San Francisco

Clearly the United Nations has profoundly failed to attain these socially egalitarian noble goals.

Why?

One reason is that three of the five permanent seats on the Security Council are held by nations that continue to act like and are for all practical purposes, colonial powers: The USA, UK and France.

American AFRICOM for example is nothing less than a support military force enabling French continued colonial rule in numerous African countries. The people in those nations live in countries with French/American appointed rulers that do not represent or help the people, with Niger being a classic example, with some of the richest natural resources in the world being extracted by France, while ranking 189th out of 189 nations measured by UNDP in regards to the development of that nation. This is unconscionable, outrageous, and not something that can be ignored any longer. That Niger's population is 98% Muslim and France nominally a Catholic country is not something to be ignored as significant correlates can be found between the religion of occupying powers and the religion of the colonized people within the colonies controlled by those colonial powers.⁷⁵

Another reason the UN Security Council is obstructing the United Nations from meeting the goals stated in the Charter of the United Nations is the Veto rule in the UN Security Council.

The United States has used the veto on 79 occasions between 1946 and 2016; and since 1972, it has used its veto power more than any other permanent member. The United States Veto power has put a stranglehold on efforts to promote world peace, and is in direct opposition to the proposition of the "equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small" as stated in the UN Charter.

Second, politely request another Amendment be put before the United Nations General Assembly to **change the percentage of votes needed to pass a motion from 2/3 to 1/2**, making the United Nations a more dynamic organization, as its record of consistent failure, as is evidenced by the 70+ million displaced people around the world, and the long list of violent military conflicts simultaneously ongoing around the world.

Third, politely request another amendment be put to the United Nations General Assembly to **move the United Nations to a neutral nation** that will not withhold visas of UN members, as the United States has done repeatedly in an effort to block the UN from performing its precious and vital task. That imperial style usurpation alone is sufficient to bar the United States from acting as host to the United Nations. Riding on the shirt-tails of western hegemony in perpetuity, the UN has blossomed into a world of grandeur and opulence, completely isolating all within from the suffering of the poor and murderous effects of western hegemony in Africa, Asia and Latin America. A good king, and a good United Nations exists to serve the people, not to rule from atop a lofty throne forged in the slaughter and blood of innocents.

Humble quarters and meeting halls for the UN can best serve this purpose. Of course, the best technologies will be needed to accomplish their truly sacred mission, however it doesn't have to be embedded within awe inspiring and very expensive grandeur. The United Nations moving out of the United States will send a vitally important message to the billions of poor around the world: "We, the United Nations, represent The People, not just the rich and mighty." It will

⁷⁵ See for example, *Francafrique - A literature review and statistical analysis of historic and contemporary policies and practices perpetuating French neo-colonialism and neo-crusades in the Sahel region of Africa* by this author, which can be downloaded from academia.edu, scribd.com and other sources.

trumpet a clarion call of hope for real change in this world that has since 1947 been systematically pillaged by the United States and since 1500 by the Europeans.

Yes, the United Nations should be a symbol of real hope around the world. And, as reported elsewhere in this book, psychopathology is well developed by the time those symbols become more important than the things they stand for. Where should the new United Nations be located? Several options are explored in this book. Another option is Ethiopia. It has a long history of tolerance, and is also the capital of the African Union. The continent of Africa, more than any other continent on earth deserves and needs the attention of the world to help bring the level of development up to par with the rest of the world. There is no more despicable and loathsome quality than the racism that has plagued the western world since at least the Greco-Persian Wars that started in 499 BCE.

Fourth, politely request another amendment be put to the United Nations General Assembly to **drop the American unilateral designation of Iran as a Sponsor of Terrorism, and mandate a cessation of all international Sanctions against Iran**. Iran, like every other country in the world has a right to be free of American driven hegemonic efforts to forcibly take over all its neighboring nations, either directly or through surrogate proxies, specifically a cabal formed by the United States, consisting of France, Saudi Arabia (using Sudanese mercenaries), the UAE, Morocco, Qatar and Senegal. At this moment Russia has on its borders with Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Romania and Bulgaria sizable NATO forces mostly armed with American weapons. No nation should have to endure being surrounded by heavily armed American proxy military forces. What issues there are between Russia and Ukraine remain unclear and can be dealt with at a future date by the General Assembly of the United Nations after evidence is presented by all sides in this dispute. However, bullying and threatening with military forces, and surrounding nations that the USA does not favor due to its vastly inflated corporate driven “defense department” is not ethical, and not conducive to promoting international peace and harmony.

Fifth, politely request another amendment be put to the United Nations General Assembly to **change the language in the UN Charter and all subsequent documents that over the decades have increasingly promoted democracy as the only form of representative government** that can ensure freedom and dignity of the people in those nations. Due primarily to the - nothing less than diabolical illegal - interventions of the “democratic” United States, democracies are fragile entities easily suborned by color revolutions, rigged elections⁷⁶, western “mainstream news,” other internet driven propaganda and so on. In fact, there is no scientific evidence based on recent history to support the notion that democracy is the sole form of government that can best promote freedom and human rights, any more so than any other form of government. To requote from the text above:

Is capitalism compatible with democracy? By Wolfgang Merkel

“Historical evidence also confirms that no developed democracy could exist without capitalism. Vice versa this is not the case. National Socialist

⁷⁶ <http://interactive.fusion.net/how-to-rig-an-election/cards.html>
<https://www.wpr.org/us-supreme-court-ruling-effectively-ends-wisconsin-gerrymandering-challenge>

Germany, the People's Republic of China, Singapore and the capitalist dictatorships of Latin America or Asia in the twentieth century all exemplify that capitalism can coexist or even flourish in the context of different forms of political government, such as democracy and dictatorship...

“Under capitalism, decisions and their implementation lead to a degree of economic and social inequality (of income, wealth, power and life chances) that is hardly acceptable in a democracy built on principles based on equal rights, opportunities and duties. Vice versa, full application of democratic decision-making—general and equal participation as well as majority decisions and minority protection—is unconceivable according to the rules of capitalism. Thus, capitalism is not democratic, democracy not capitalist.”

Z Vgl Polit Wiss DOI 10.1007/s12286-014-0199-4

https://projects.iq.harvard.edu/files/mobilized_contention/files/merkel_-_is_capitalism_compatible_with_democracy.pdf

“It is common in academic and policymaking circles to argue or assume that democracy should be correlated with positive outcomes, such as peace, development, rule of law, and equality, while authoritarianism should be associated with all their negative opposites. But no serious observer of Asian politics—whether East, Southeast, South, or Central—would ever propose such a blunt causal connection, especially with regard to the outcomes that occupy our attention in this volume: peace and violence. Examples abound in Asia of countries where democratization has appeared to be associated with an increase in violence, as well as dictatorships that have at least seemed adept at fulfilling basic human desires for physical security, if not individual and collective freedoms. Trumpeted as they always are by autocrats and their most vocal champions, such examples give rise to the opposite conclusion: authoritarianism generally fosters peace, while democracy—especially the rocky process of democratization itself—tends to increase violence, at least until democracy ages, consolidates, and matures.”

https://asiafoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/The_State_of_Conflict_and_Violence_in_Asia-12.29.17.pdf

One could argue the United States has had 244 years to “mature” and yet is still the primary promoter of violence around the world and has relentlessly operated to confound the primary goals of the United Nations to promote peace within and between nations.

So-called “strong-man” governments have had no choice but to maintain their form of government in fear (“terror”) that the United States will move in a usurp power with their clever but not wise color revolutions and media propaganda machine.

No nation on earth wishes to have their culture taken over by another and no nation on earth in all of human history has done more to discredit democracy than the United States since WWII. Furthermore, “Communist” China and Cuba have what most will agree are reasonably socially egalitarian societies that maximize individual freedom and liberty as much as is possible given the political and economic realities of the world today.

Likewise, though some monarchies like Saudi Arabia and the UAE have come under considerable arguably justifiable criticism in regards to human rights, others, like Sultan Haitham bin Tariq Al Said of Oman is generally agreed upon - by most people who know of him - to be a moderate, balanced, healthy neutral national leader that promotes freedom and human rights within his kingdom.

Socrates was unquestionably right in many of his criticisms of democracy, as the worst possible outcomes of democracy have been very painfully exemplified by the serial genocides around the world since WWII promoted, financed and organized with intent by the United States of America.

The Politics of Plato and His Objection to Democracy

http://87.246.207.98/Content/24224/czas20956_21_1_2014_5.pdf

Sixth, politely request another amendment be put to the United Nations General Assembly to **disqualify the Permanent Court of Arbitration and the International Court of Justice as Judiciaries capable of nominating members to the International Criminal Court**. Their record of failure to nominate judges that represent the people of the world in a balanced and fair manner is proven by the abject failure of the UN to accomplish its stated goals as established in the original 1945 United Nations Charter. Those failures have directly resulted in the proliferation of civil and international wars the world confronts today. Had the ICJ or ICC from the beginning taken a proactive stance, and started investigations into Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes as soon as hostilities began, none of the genocides of the post-World War II era would have occurred. The failures of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and International Court of Justice are monumental, as are the failures of the UN Security Council.

Instead, members of the General Assembly should vote on qualified judges representing all nations for the International Criminal Court.

Likewise, ICC Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda, for her courage to conduct official probes into war crimes in Palestine and hold hearings on U.S. torture and other grave crimes in Afghanistan should be rewarded with some special advisory role in the nomination of judges for the ICC.

Seventh – politely request another amendment be put to the United Nations General Assembly that **national and/or international corporate driven land-grabbing is highly unethical and must be illegal by both international and national laws**. Certainly, nations have a right and need to develop, and in some cases, this involves “appropriating” farm land owned by indigenous people. However, in such cases adequate compensation must be given to the land owners. This word “adequate”

includes but is not limited to: New, free, safe, clean housing, education/training to help them adjust to their new environments, assistance in finding new employment, scholarships for their children so they can adapt to their new environments, and monetary compensation to help those who have lost their land not only survive, but live well in their new environments.⁷⁷

The Cup of Bitterness

“But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? They say unto him, We are able.”

Matthew 20:22 King James Version (KJV)

Eighth - politely request another amendment be put to the United Nations General Assembly that the UN do a lot more in terms of helping **develop educational curriculum for dissemination world-wide to promote peace and better understanding between people.**

In order to promote a world-wide understanding of the multi-faceted nature of human history, and valid and reliable methods for resolving conflicts in a harmonious manner, the United Nations needs to undertake the preparation of curricula that can be taught in the multitude of languages used around the world. The current tight focus on wars, profit and loss, the dominance and “superiority” and conquests by western nations needs to be clarified in the longer and wider context of human history. Most internet sites for example trace the origin of classical literature only as far back as the Greeks, and history of diplomacy only as far back as the Italian Renaissance, thereby obfuscating the real histories of those fields of endeavor. Histories taught in schools should include vastly more accurate, unbiased histories of diplomacy, philosophies including humanism, transcendentalism, atheism, agnosticism, religions (animist, polytheistic, monotheist), and medicine, not simply histories of war and conquests. Likewise, a curriculum teaching the basics of conflict resolution skills helping people to understand and identify their own preferred, habitual styles of conflict resolution, and the styles of conflict resolution used by other people and nations will go a long way to prevent personal conflicts and conflicts world-wide. Human behavior is habit-driven and learning to recognize our own habits, and the habits of others in regards to conflict resolution strategies can make a huge difference in the future evolution of human social systems, and offer a tremendous advantage over the current emphasis on simple power and military dominance in histories taught around the world.

⁷⁷ I will never forget a night I spent in a rural tavern in Ecuador in about 1972, drinking beer with a group of rural people, one of whom had lost his land and family to Texaco oil corporation. The man in question literally cried on my shoulder for a very long time. Fifty years later Texaco paid some compensation to such individuals, however I seriously doubt that man was still alive. He lost his wife and children in the fires that Texaco used to burn out the rural owners of that property. Thus, I feel strongly about this issue. I will never forget the lesson I learned that night, or the infinite suffering, the bottomless pit of sorrow of the dispossessed, if for no other reason later on in life I too became of the “dispossessed.”

Ninth politely request another amendment be put to the United Nations General Assembly that the past 500 years – **the Age of Colonialism is finished, and that all nations – regardless of the form of governance, has a right to self-determination free of the prejudices, largely unfounded assumptions and interference of western Euro-American cultures and nations.**

Tenth politely request another amendment be put to the United Nations General Assembly that the **International Criminal Court (ICC) needs additional funding to hire competent and fair legal researchers and writers to greatly accelerate their investigation of current and recent past violations of crimes against humanity and war crimes.** Judging by the “glacial slowness” of that court they need to accelerate their efforts 1,000-fold in order to be able to have a deterrence effect and prevent the escalation of conflicts and outbreak of wars.

Eleventh – politely request another amendment be put to the United Nations General Assembly that the **leadership in the United States be made fully aware that American efforts toward global domination via covert means** (color revolutions, suborned military coups, media propaganda, etc.) **and overt means** (political, military and civilian assassinations, military “interventions,” etc.) **will no longer be tolerated by the United Nations,** and that presidents, and the intelligence agency and military chiefs that advise them will be held accountable for their actions. If the United States wishes to participate in the United Nations, the leaders of the United States must assertively restrain the CIA, and subcontracted private intelligence agencies and private military companies from interference in the domestic affairs of other nations. This effort must be led by the International Criminal Court.

Twelfth – politely request another amendment be put to the United Nations General Assembly stating that **national leaders, intelligence and military chiefs of all nations will henceforth be held accountable for their actions whether or not they are signatory nations to the Rome Statue which came into effect in 2002. No nation is above the law.** No village, town, city, province, state or nation can function if criminals must sign some paper in order to be prosecuted for serious crimes. No one individual or nation should be exempt from the reach of international law, regardless as to what the framers of the UN Charter or subsequent lawyers “serving” in the United Nations may think.

Thirteen – politely request another amendment be put to the United Nations General Assembly that there must be **regulation of private and state intelligence and military companies, agencies and organizations world-wide.** These organizations act as predatory super-sharks swimming beneath the surface of human history suborning and overthrowing governments, starting and escalating wars, influencing elections, and otherwise acting in complete defiance of international law and order. They represent the worst of what human civilization and law has evolved since the evolution of the first laws which probably occurred before recorded history, in Africa.

Fourteen – Politely request another amendment be put to the United Nations General Assembly that **the United Nations needs to negotiate with Interpol such that it really starts to fulfill its function or be replaced.** Since WWII the primary intelligence organization of the United States, the Central Intelligence Agency has made a career of international gangsterism unheard of in human history, which Interpol has blithely ignored. Likewise, international crime organizations of all sorts

have proliferated undiminished by the efforts of Interpol. The deadly scourge of illegal narcotics is killing huge numbers of people in virtually every country. Crime organizations are taking over the world and Interpol has been grossly ineffective in halting that progression. Given that Interpol is headquartered in France, a country that is for all practical purposes still engaged in colonial practices in numerous countries in Africa, it is questionable if Interpol as it now exists is capable of fulfilling its mandate. Should that organization fail to commit to a complete turn-around and to satisfactorily investigate all perpetrators of all international crimes large and small, it must, by moral imperative be replaced by an organization that can and does fulfill the critical mandate that it holds.

Fifteenth - Politely request another amendment be put to the United Nations General Assembly that **a reinforcement schedule be built into promoting healthier entertainment media**. At present there is a huge domination of power and aggression built into world-wide entertainment media. How many movies detail the personal struggle to become a sports champion(?), transcendent artist, scientist, writer or poet, or struggles to maintain a happy family life? Not many compared to movies with lots of guns, bombs, car chases and so on. Clearly the United Nations cannot mandate what content there is in world-wide entertainment media, however positive reinforcements can be built to reward movie, TV and game writers for making media that is cooperative and features personal growth and maturation as compared to endless violence, theft, torture and domination of the powerful over those with less power. Endless psychological studies have demonstrated that positive reinforcement schedules work better in promoting learning than punishment. Thus, the United Nations, in its quest to promote peace and harmony within and between nations, can and should play an active role in helping to promote healthy and cooperative entertainment media to promote more transcendent values world-wide using positive reinforcements. How exactly this is to be operationalized can be presented in the form of a bid-for-proposals with rewards to the best proposals submitted.

Sixteen – Politely request another amendment be put to the United Nations General Assembly that - as suggested earlier in this book - **financing the United Nations be changed**. Obviously the richest 50% of the people from the richest 50% of the countries in the world should have to pay a tax specifically devoted to supporting the United Nations. Anyone who complains about this should be named, shamed, offered referrals for psychiatric help, and be forced to pay that tax just the same. It's pathetically obvious. The UN should not be held hostage to any particular nation or group of people. Those who attempt to avoid paying that tax should be fined in an amount equal to that that extra tax, with 90% of that fine going to the UN with the remaining 10% going to reimburse that nation for the cost of prosecuting and potentially incarcerating the guilty party. Capitalism is generally speaking a useful and productive thing; however unrestrained capitalism invariably leads to totalitarianism and tyranny.

Legitimate world-wide concerns regarding a supraordinate role of the United Nations

Many are the people world-wide who fear the ascendancy of a “global government” that will abscond with their rights and privileges, their right to privacy, freedom of expression, right to good governance, right to self-determination, right to maintain and promote unique cultures and values, and these are legitimate and reasonable fears.

This document asserts the validity of those assertions and works to reaffirm the rights of nations and individuals within those nations to self-determination free of foreign threats and the strongest possible efforts to guarantee those nations and people true self-determination free of the fear of tyranny imposed by the various superpowers such as has been imposed worldwide since WWII in the short-view and past 500 years when looked at from a longer perspective.

No doubt the primary actors in those colonial powers will rankle at suggestions such as put forward in this book however until self-determination is guaranteed to every nation, the slavery of colonialism will continue to haunt humanity in all of its ugliest forms.

The transitions from here and now to a world free of colonialism should not be too fast or taken without careful research and planning.

The example of the extreme violence resulting from the sudden partition of Indian and Pakistan should serve as an example of poorly thought out changes imposed by supra-ordinate colonial power without thought or concern to the welfare of all people involved.

All changes need to be implemented slowly with total concern for the welfare of all people involved. Nations cannot go from being a colony to complete self-determination overnight.

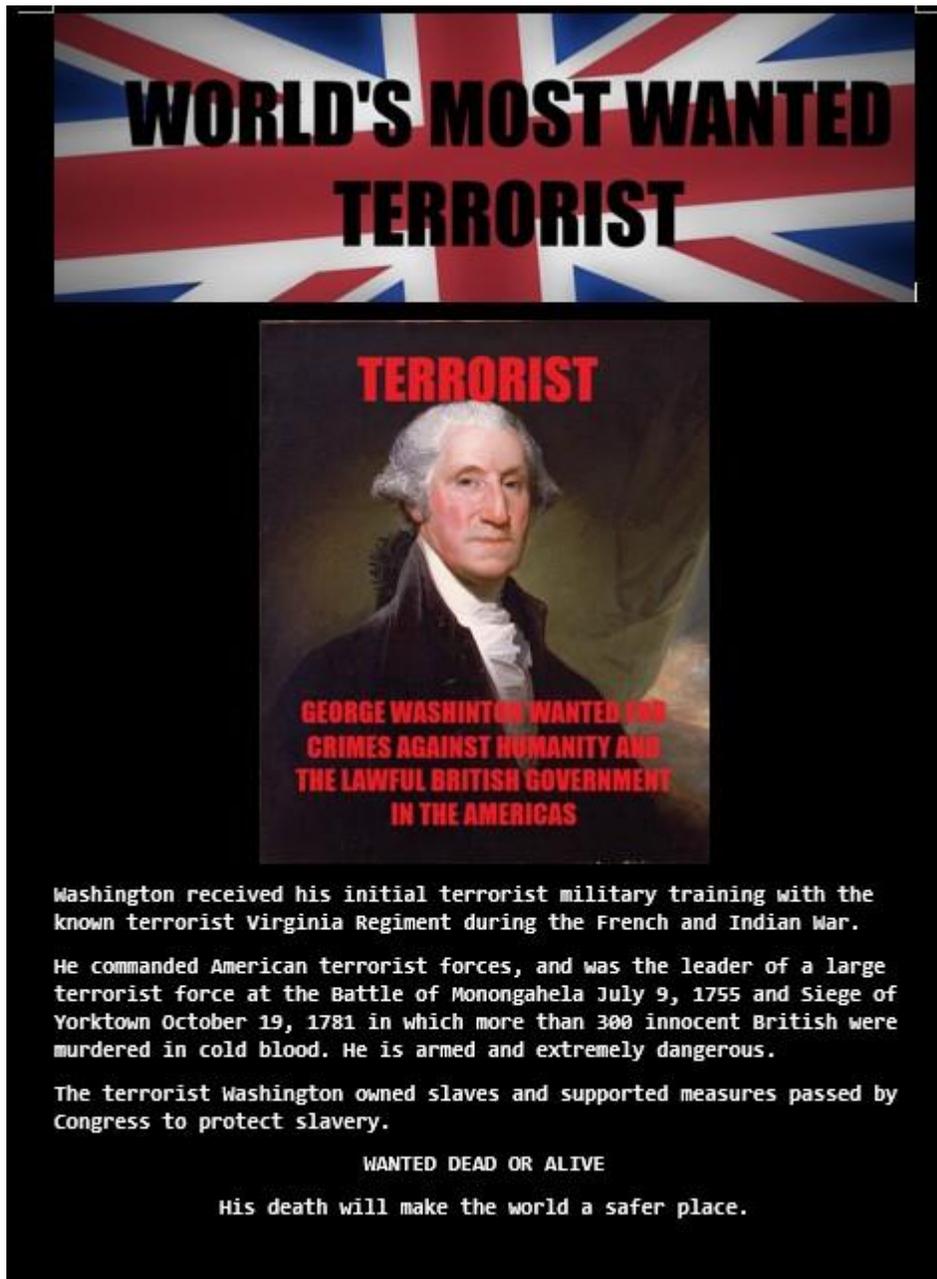
It is hoped that working groups can be formed within and outside of the United Nations to help in the transitioning of nations from slave-states of superpowers to independent free nations with forms of governance that the people think best serves their interests, whatever that form of governance may be, without interference from the United Nations or other entities.

Nationalizing the natural resources of a nation is generally speaking a good idea compared to a vampire-like relationship with a foreign power. At the same time, expert opinions from a variety of nations is recommended when considering how to develop and market those resources. In any case no one should rush too quickly towards change. The United Nations does have experts in a number of fields as do many nations. A broad sampling of opinions and suggestions is always a good idea. In any case, slow, careful transitions are healthier for everyone in virtually all cases.

During this process new more equitable relationships will evolve governed by law, not by the bullying and terrorism of superpowers.

Finally, the above suggestions are the opinions of this author and this author alone. I have not been influenced by any particular individual or state, but rather by the moral imperatives I feel and think most profoundly confront humanity at this time.

The world's most wanted terrorist in 1776 – George Washington



**WORLD'S MOST WANTED
TERRORIST**

TERRORIST

**GEORGE WASHINGTON WANTED FOR
CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND
THE LAWFUL BRITISH GOVERNMENT
IN THE AMERICAS**

Washington received his initial terrorist military training with the known terrorist Virginia Regiment during the French and Indian War.

He commanded American terrorist forces, and was the leader of a large terrorist force at the Battle of Monongahela July 9, 1755 and Siege of Yorktown October 19, 1781 in which more than 300 innocent British were murdered in cold blood. He is armed and extremely dangerous.

The terrorist Washington owned slaves and supported measures passed by Congress to protect slavery.

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE

His death will make the world a safer place.



Figure 4 Túpac Amaru II. Public domain

Túpac Amaru said: “I will be back and there will be millions of us.”

José Gabriel Condorcanqui was a Peruvian Indian revolutionary, a descendant of the last Inca ruler, with whom he was identified when he led the last Indian revolt against Spanish rule.

by Sisa Pacari Bacacela G. 31 May 2017

236 years ago last May, José Gabriel Condorcanqui – known as Túpac Amaru -, his wife, Commander Micaela Bastidas, Bartolina Sisa and other heroes were viciously murdered by the "civilized" Spaniards, eager to keep the American colonies under the rule of the Spanish Crown to plunder their riches.

The fight of Túpac Amaru and the brave Tupamarista women was a continental political struggle which shook the structures of colonialism in America. He advocated radical change in the economic, social and political structures, he sought liberation from the Spanish yoke, and gave his life for his ideals.

His sacrifice helped to change the framework of colonial domination and, eventually, the independence of Latin America. But not only this: his ideas live on with increasing vibrancy.

Túpac Amaru was the predecessor of Latin American independence: 30 years after his uprising, the American revolution broke out. The American Revolution came in 1774, the French Revolution in 1789. Between the two, the official or Catholic-nationalist historiography finds absolutely nothing to say until the wars of 1810 and 1824. Nevertheless, Boleslao

Lewin, Rodolfo Kusch, José Carlos Mariátegui, Alcira Argumedo, Felipe Pigna and Enrique Dussel have offered a different outlook on the real dimension of the Túpac Amaru rebellion.

This is what the social, libertarian program proposed by Túpac Amaru consisted in:

1. The abolition of slavery
2. The abrogation of taxes, of the ban on the course and free sale of some goods, alcabalas (sales taxes), customs, cadastres, diezmos (the so-called “king’s tenth” tariff) and quintos (a 5% due).
3. The freeing of slaves, indigenous people and mestizos from sweatshops, mandatory public service and master’s duties.
4. The restitution of all ancestral lands to their rightful owners.
5. The redistribution of goods and properties among the poorest.
6. The restitution of women's power and respect to women.
7. The integration of all regions for the liberation from the invaders.
8. The freedom and independence of the peoples of America to form an Indian-Mestizo-Creole nation on the basis of recognition and harmony.

Túpac Amaru’s political project, with total disobedience at its core, was integral, unitary and inclusive and it encountered a positive response in many sectors. His key proposal was the creation of an Indian-Mestizo-Creole nation in which we could all live and share in harmony, as opposed to the Spanish-Mestizo-Creole-British nation, set in a European mould based on the permanent extermination of the native peoples.

<https://www.opendemocracy.net/en/democraciaabierta/t-pac-amaru-said-i-ll-be-back-and-there-will-be-millions-of/>

In fact, today there are billions of us.

Who are the “civilized?”

Trump contrasts ‘civilized world’ to Iran, but who are the true barbarians? 10 Jan, 2020 by George Galloway

[George Galloway was a member of the British Parliament for nearly 30 years. He presents TV and radio shows (including on RT). He is a filmmaker, writer and a renowned orator.]

“Trump said Iran is in conflict with the ‘civilized world,’ but civilized states don’t seek regime change, lead aggressive wars, and trash international law like the US has done more than once. So, who are the true barbarians?”

“With every line, Donald Trump took the breath away from the watching audience and even some of the horseshoe of military brass behind him when he responded to the Iranian retaliation to his reckless (and illegal) assassination of Iranian General Qassim Soleimani.

“Iran was in conflict with the “civilized world” he said, and more than once.

“That Trump first of all sees himself as “civilized” is surprising. It would be hard to name a single US president with a lower cultural level than the host of The Apprentice and most people in the world are frequently embarrassed by his distinctly uncivilized behaviour towards women, including his own wife just for starters.

“His are the ‘civilized’ values which annihilated 100 million Native Americans in the name of manifest destiny. The ‘civilized’ values of Wounded Knee from the possessor of bone-spurs which precluded his own involvement in actual military conflict.

“But if he is the ‘civilized’ one in this confrontation then who are the barbarians?

“Iran was the centre of a vast civilization stretching all the way to Greece millennia before the first settlers representing Trump’s civilization even arrived in the ‘New World.’

“Or perhaps Trump was referring to Iran’s friends as savages, as Sitting Bulls, and Geronimos?

“Did he mean China, a centre of the world for thousands of years? Or Russia, the land of Dostoyevsky, of Pushkin, of Mayakovsky? Some time since Trump visited the ballet and, if he did, he would be there to grab... let’s not go there.

“Did he mean France and Germany which continue to struggle to rescue the Iran nuclear deal and which semi-publicly seethes over Trump’s brutish simian conduct? Could he really have meant them?

“In fact, the only two countries actually supporting Trump’s actions on the Iran front (and one of them under duress) are Saudi Arabia, actually in a state of fear and alarm about where all this might lead, and Israel!

“If Trump, Netanyahu, and the Saudi royal family really constitute the ‘civilized world’ then humanity is in even more trouble than we thought.

“Perhaps the safest definition of a ‘civilized world’ would be a world in which states do not make aggressive war against other states, do not seek to destroy the governments of other states. States which eschew hegemony and the naming of centuries after themselves. A civilized

world in which international law is obeyed and not trashed, a world in which no state occupies, oppresses, or exploits another...”

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/477958-civilized-world-iran-trump-barbarians/>

Philosophical ruminations

Not the end. Maybe a new beginning in the cycle of life. It’s a monumental pity so many had to die such ignoble deaths to bring about the closing of what could have been a wonderful chapter in human experience.

Is it too late to regenerate the noble ideals enshrined in the US Constitution and Bill of Rights?

Is it too late to regenerate the beauty and poetry of the anti-war activist and great American transcendentalist poet Henry David Thoreau?

That remains to be seen, but at the moment seems unlikely.

On the other hand, it’s always darkest just before dawn.

Epilogue

Mount Lushan is in southeast China. It's a paradise-like place with high mountains blanketed by soft mists at dawn and lovely forested valleys. It's also the birthplace of a uniquely Chinese form of Buddhism called Pure-land Buddhism. It all started in the year 402 EC with a monk named Hui-Yuan who – with 123 followers founded a monastery there. Pure-land Buddhism makes the transition from the material world to a spiritual utopian enlightened world rather easy.

A study of all the world's major religions and philosophies teaches one that the original founders of those religions and philosophies were utopian minded people. In utopias a small group of ruthless people don't grab all the wealth and resources so everyone else has to work like devils to increase the already great wealth of the super-rich or starves to death. Instead they work together cooperatively and try to create a peaceful, cooperative, socially egalitarian utopia-like environment on earth.

Would there be or is there competition in such a community? Probably as wherever there are humans there will be some forms of competition, however that is vastly different from ruthless domination and exploitation.

This kind of noble endeavor fits perfectly with virtually all the tenets of law, philosophy and the major religions.

It's a far nobler endeavor than attempting to bully, dominate, exploit, rob, rape, and otherwise enslave the world in perpetuity.

Author's Note 1

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Many sincere thanks to the writers, editors and publishers I quoted in preparing this book, especially RT news and Black Agenda Report.

My intention was to write a short article, and it took on a life of its own very quickly. There is so much evidence and so many laws and moral imperatives suggesting and proving very fast change at the United Nations is critical to the survival of the human species such that I felt it would be remiss to ignore any of it.

If I thought the American war machine would wait a year or two to start WWII, I might have taken the time to try to paraphrase every quote. However, I am in awe of the excellent research and writing that went into everything quoted in this book and am doubtful my paraphrasing could have done justice to those original works.

Readers might notice I didn't put hyperlinks on all references. That is because I'm aware some publishers are represented by Leviathan-like super-shark law firms that will sue someone for quoting or linking to them. Though I tried to get a list of those publications, that information is secret. Quoting anyone these days is a "risky business."

Should this happen there is always this:

The Criminal Defense of Necessity

"The defense of necessity may apply when an individual commits a criminal act during an emergency situation in order to prevent a greater harm from happening. In such circumstances, our legal system typically excuses the individual's criminal act because it was justified, or finds that no criminal act has occurred. Although necessity may seem like a defense that would be commonly invoked by defendants seeking to avoid criminal charges, its application is limited by several important requirements:

- "The defendant must reasonably have believed that there was an actual and specific threat that required immediate action
- "The defendant must have had no realistic alternative to completing the criminal act
- "The harm caused by the criminal act must not be greater than the harm avoided

- “The defendant did not himself contribute to or cause the threat

Only if all of these requirements are met, will the defense of necessity be applicable.

<https://www.justia.com/criminal/defenses/necessity/>

My necessity to use quotes

- Given that Iran has defense agreements with nuclear armed Russia and China, and that the nuclear armed USA has been very actively and openly provoking war with Iran, the possibility of a nuclear-based WWII starting appeared to me and many other people around the world as very possible indeed. This is a specific threat that required immediate action in my opinion.
- The time required to adequately paraphrase all the quotes used in this work is prodigious and the imminent nature of WWII at the time of this writing is not inconsiderable.
- Using some quotes from different publications appears to be of lesser harm than WWII
- I did not contribute to or cause the threat of WWII in any way, shape or form.

The United Nations is in many ways similar to the United States. Both beg the question: Is it beyond repair; is the corruption and malfeasance so deep and so wide that “fixing it” is an impossible task?

I would like to think that people and even large institutions can change, but only history can judge some beliefs.

Many thanks also to people who care enough to read a book like this.

As for those who don’t like this book, please consider traveling in developing countries more, staying in hostels or budget hotels where a person can learn more about life from normal, regular, real people. The world, and most of the people in it are genuinely good people who have been exploited for far too long by avaricious people with obvious psychological problems. There should be a branch of psychotherapy devoted to helping rich greedy arrogant people who just don’t care about anybody but themselves learn socially egalitarian behaviors. In lieu of that, simply rubbing shoulders with the “great unwashed,” the “rabble,” the “peasants” and dispossessed,⁷⁸ can do wonders.

Author’s Note 2

To potential censors: Please be informed that it is not the intention of this author to side with or against any particular nation or ideology. This book is a systems analysis of the United Nations, an evaluation of its strengths and weaknesses in the context of the world today and an attempt to “debottleneck” the systems therein such that the noble goals enshrined in the original 1945 UN Charter may finally be attained.

⁷⁸ Like this author for example.

Furthermore, please be aware that social media corporations like Facebook and Instagram that reportedly are now censoring out/blocking pro-Iran perspectives are gambling that the next administration which will ascend to political power in about one year, and the one after in five years will maintain usurpation of Constitutional Law in the United States. Should another form of governance be elected to the White House that values Constitutional Law, the decision makers in those social media platforms will be wide open to litigation and possibly criminal charges.

The artificially induced war hysteria that has gripped the USA and world recently is a function of the declining intellectual and emotional functioning of President Trump.

This war hysteria will not last forever, hopefully however this writer acknowledges that given the current state of corporate control of mainstream media the odds are only 50/50 a president that is mentally healthy will be elected before expiration of the Statue of Limitations regarding violations of Constitutional laws governing free speech now.

In other words, if public access to this book is blocked or censored in any way, shape or form, the parties responsible are gambling that the United States will not elect a mentally healthy president with the courage to appoint an Attorney General that will prosecute those who brazenly violate Constitutional law by censoring what is obviously free speech in the next seven years. Class Action lawsuits have a long history in the United States and the settlements are usually for justifiably substantial sums.

Should an "iron blanket" fall upon all social media and publishers causing in effect a new Dark Ages, which is highly likely to result in WWII, future histories will record those responsible and their names will be recorded in infamy. Such is the fate of those who cling to the embers of fading empires and refuse to adapt to newer socio-political realities in the ever-turning cycle of human affairs.

Please recall the Iran has been labeled as a "terrorist" state by the US Department of State, not by a judicial body. The Secretary of State is appointed by the President of the United States and the State Department is an instrument of the president's policies. Thus, that designation "state sponsor of terrorism" is the result of a political decision ultimately determined by whoever is sitting in the White House and the National Security Council that advises him, not a decision based on facts, law or judicial review.

"In 1988, President Reagan signed the Civil Liberties Act to compensate more than 100,000 people of Japanese descent who were incarcerated in internment camps during World War II. The legislation offered a formal apology and paid out \$20,000 in compensation to each surviving victim..."

<https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2013/08/09/210138278/japanese-internment-redress>

In these days of instant global communication and ready access to legal databases, compensation might be a little timelier.

Lastly...



Figure 5 Some potential alternatives to UN Reform - are not pleasant.

<https://www.ipnw.org/pdf/nuclear-famine-two-billion-at-risk-2013.pdf>

Wagging the dog

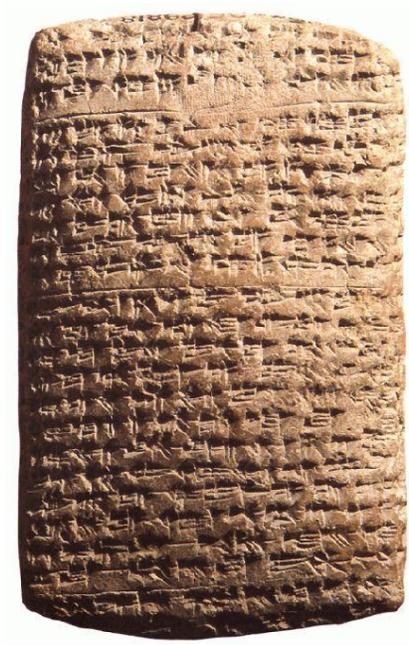
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pXeEAutwmL0>

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The Code of Hammurabi (c. 1792 - 1750 BCE)
Laws people obeyed and largely accomplished
what the United Nations has so entirely failed to do.
His was a reign of relative peace.

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Letter by Aziru, leader of Amurru, one of the Amarna letters in cuneiform writing on a clay tablet. The Amarna Letters (c. 1360-1332 BCE) are a body of correspondence exchanged between the rulers of the Ancient Near East and Egypt and are some of the earliest examples of international diplomacy. It was a period of relative peace.

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Amarna_letters#/media/File:Amarna_Akkadian_letter.png

A Letter to my fellow Americans

Good Morning America!

Did you sleep well?

Wake up and check CNN to make sure nothing too terrible happened overnight?

Coffee OK?

Well I have some news for you.

**“We started into the abyss,
and found ourselves looking back.”**

“Wow, that’s creepy” you think.

Yeah, I suppose it is, but so is waking up in a refugee camp, and there are 71 million of us now because of wars the good old USA started to attain and maintain global hegemony in perpetuity.

“What exactly is that again?”

Oh, that’s world domination by any means necessary forever.

“OK, what’s so bad about that?”

Well, the nine million people a year that starve to death don’t care for it too much, and neither does the half of the planet living in extreme poverty.

“That is sad,” you think, “but there’s nothing I can about it!”

Actually, there is. Start by reading this book. And then get busy.

“Why now? What’s the big hurry?” you might ask.

Well, our fearless leaders all jacked up on steroids and amphetamines have been heating up wars in two nuclear flashpoints, Iran and Kashmir, and that could trigger WWII which would result in the collapse of the world economy and maybe half the people on earth would die.

Thanks for caring, but caring isn’t enough, not by a long shot.

It’s hail Mary pass time, and the readers have the ball. Maybe the UN can help, that that’s a 50/50 proposition at best.

It will be the readers – by their actions or inactions - that will write the next Chapter of this book.

Back Cover

I am not looking for “believers.” I am appealing to people who think critically, like to ask questions, don’t like the idea of nine million people starving to death every year as is happening now, and don’t like the idea of WWII starting either.

Right after the end of WWII the USA went on a rampage of global domination overthrowing and suborning governments around the world using democracy, freedom, human rights, and more recently terrorism as pretexts for the largest killing spree in history and the United Nations marched lockstep behind, closing its eyes to innumerable war crimes and crimes against humanity. Now at the beginning of the second decade of the 21st Century there are two flashpoints for nuclear war reaching critical threshold levels, Iran, supported by Russia and China, and Kashmir locked between nuclear armed India and Pakistan. Simultaneously the USA has an incompetent president known for erratic and unpredictable actions and both Republicans and Democrats are fully and comfortably on-board with the militarization of everything in support of corporate driven world hegemony in perpetuity. This means the next president isn’t likely to be any better and could well be worse.

On the bright other side of the world, China in 2013 started a global network of infrastructure development projects called the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) in the world’s poorest countries. Whereas this is a blessing for the billions of extremely poor people around the world still living in the agrarian age without electricity or hope for their children and permanently locked out of the “American Dream” the US sees it as an existential threat to its global hegemony, does not like it one little bit and works very hard to sabotage it in every country by any means necessary, while labeling it as China’s “neo-colonialism.” China builds hydroelectric dams and transportation systems, while the USA sells them fighter jets, drones, missiles, bombs and guns, lots and lots of guns.

Meanwhile the UN - with awesome slowness appears to be waking to its responsibilities and has started investigations into alleged war crimes committed in Afghanistan and Palestine. But it appears far too little and far too late. The US has responded to this by denying visas to the lead UN prosecutor and foreign ministers of America’s victim nations to keep them from attending the United Nations. It appears the US will do anything to maintain global hegemony, including starting WWII.

This book was written to make the point that in order to prevent WWII – which for all practical purposes has already started - the UN needs to move to another country and be restructured with the utmost speed.