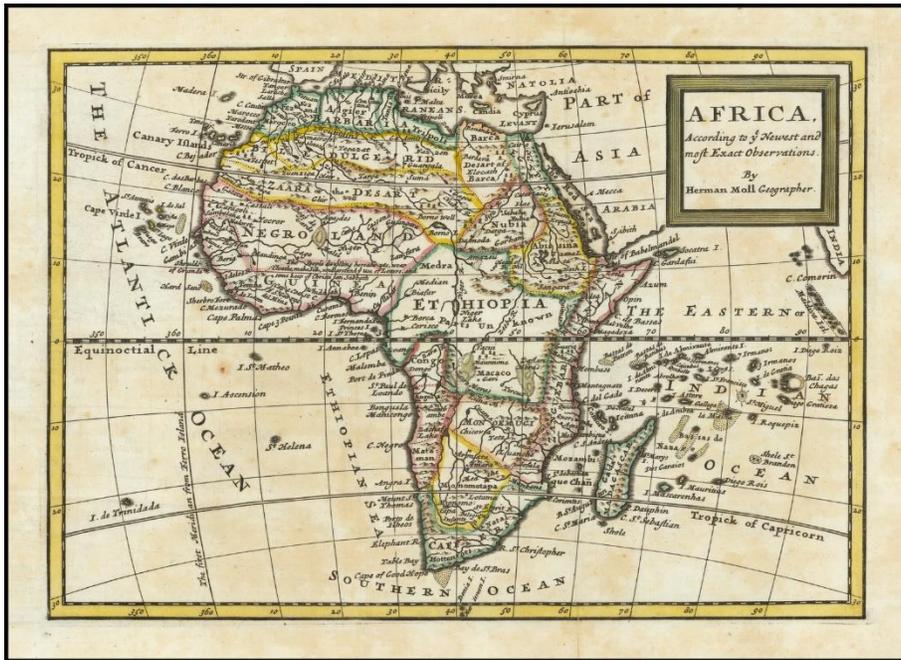


The US Supporting Both Sides in the Ethiopian War

And American role in the conflicts in Kenya, Myanmar, and Solomon Islands also designed to illegally cut off China's infrastructure building in underdeveloped countries

There have always been men and women whose honor can be bought, but never before in history did they have the power to cause such massive global suffering and death.



Africa, According to ye Newest and most Exact Observations - Herman Moll - 1729



Ethiopia Today - Source: [Africa \(orthographic projection\).svg](#): [Martin23230](#)
[LocationEritrea.svg](#): User:Rei-artur derivative work Sémhur, CC BY-SA 3.0, via
Wikimedia Commons

ABSTRACT

Credible, verifiable reports on covertly supported violent conflicts in Ethiopia, Kenya, Myanmar and Solomon Islands are cited as examples of US illegal¹ interventions designed to slow down China's efforts to bring infrastructure development to some of the world's least developed nations and regions. Though the G7 promised to work together to provide help to underdeveloped nations, they have failed to do and instead keep exporting covert aggression and weapons. Examinations of specific individuals and mechanisms of corruption behind the American now [digitalized Oz-like information curtain](#) protecting the most corrupt politicians and intelligence chiefs in world history, and laws prohibiting such activities are presented. This article illuminates the incredible stupidity, infinite cruelty, and absolute wastefulness of war – and how saturation-level corruption in the US government is dragging the world back into the Age of Reptiles. It is concluded that hatred of “the other” is not a sustainable ideology conducive to the long-term survival of any individual, nation or civilization. At the end of this article are references relating to the psychology of prejudice and casual cruelty today's western political leadership would be wise to reflect upon.

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¹ 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

Ethiopia – History repeating itself

Something terrible happened in the year 1632 in Abyssinia (modern day Ethiopia) most people aren't aware of. At this time, on President Biden's watch, there is a grim, vastly enlarged repetition of horrific events 389 years ago.

A couple of days ago an article in RT.com alerted me to the tragic fact the US is now supporting both sides of the war in Ethiopia, that is, a war between the elected government in Addis Ababa and the TPLF in the Tigray region of the north. Some of the evidence RT cited came from another article by Jeff Pearce that reported:

Former ambassadors and current diplomats for the United States, Britain and EU had a Zoom meeting this past Sunday with an official for the TPLF in what amounts to a green light from the West for the terrorist group's attempts to overthrow the democratically elected Ethiopian government. And there's evidence to prove it: a phone-cam video of the two-hour meeting...

<https://jeffpearce.medium.com/ethiopia-the-wests-diplomats-meet-in-secret-to-decide-how-to-help-the-tplf-cb87f2d30777>

Seeking further verification, I found this:

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2021/11/26/ethiopia-conflict-by-us-design>

And other published accounts by well informed sources with local contacts in Ethiopia.

Personally, I'm not convinced the TPLF as a whole is the terrorist in that conflict, and strongly suspect the initial violence that began in November 2020 was started not by the TPLF but rather a "third party," probably western, acting either independently or from within the leadership of the TPLF. Planting, buying, blackmailing and/or otherwise co-opting an "inside man" is child's play for the tricksters in western intelligence.

The US, GCC and Israel were [strong allies of Ethiopian PM Abiy](#) who now appear to be on the losing side of a civil war and already Washington has started washing its hands of its former ally, the elected government of Ethiopia and siding with the revolutionaries.

Given Washington's support, however faded, for Ethiopian PM Abiy, and now public, covert support for the TPLF, the US is helping both sides in the war in Ethiopia. That civil war which moves closer to Addis Ababa every day most certainly has the potential to draw in Eritrea. What we're looking at is more than the destruction of Ethiopia and her noble people, but a major international war in East Africa orchestrated and funded by the USA.

Why? It's mostly about China. China is helping build infrastructure in that and other underdeveloped countries and the US so-called "intelligence community" (IC) doesn't like it. They want to make an example for other African nations: Do business with China and you will pay in blood.

Unfortunately for the bloodstained rainbow of savages in Langley and D.C., their plans are backfiring, as they usually do.

Two more nations sign up to China's New Silk Road initiative, 2021.11.28

Eritrea and Guinea-Bissau have announced plans to join the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), actively promoted by Beijing. The two nations have reportedly signed a formal agreement with China ahead of a key regional forum. / The ambitious multi-trillion-dollar BRI, also known as the New Silk Road, was announced by President Xi Jinping in 2013, aiming to boost connectivity and cooperation between East Asia, Europe, and East Africa. The major project is expected to significantly expand global trade, cutting trading costs in half for the countries involved. / Eritrea is seen as strategically important due to its access to the Red Sea and the Suez Canal, as well as to waters in the Persian Gulf, and thus to the Indian Ocean. / Meanwhile, the Atlantic Ocean nation of Guinea-Bissau is expected to boost China's maritime interests along the West African coast. The country is a member of the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) that removed border tariffs between African nations...

<https://www.rt.com/business/541557-silk-road-eritrea-guinea-bissau/>

Russia & China to team up against 'illegitimate' US sanctions -

2021.11.30 ...Russian-Chinese cooperation is developing in a difficult external environment," Mishustin said. "Unfortunately, some foreign partners continue to take unfriendly actions against us and use techniques of unfair competition, often violating the basic norms of the multilateral trading system." "Illegal unilateral sanctions, political and economic pressure – both Russia and China face these challenges," he continued.

In particular, Mishustin noted plans to pair the Eurasian Economic Union, a group of five former Soviet Union member states, and the Belt and Road Initiative, a Chinese global infrastructure development strategy.

<https://www.rt.com/russia/541760-mishustin-beijin-mutual-trust>

(Italics added by this author.)

As of January 2021, the number of countries that have joined the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with China is 140.

<https://greenfdc.org/countries-of-the-belt-and-road-initiative-bri>

A new probability-based model strongly suggests American financed intelligence organizations are spreading mayhem, riots and wars (classic color revolutions) in nations that align or do business with China. First on my mind at the minute is the rapid

intensification of war in Ethiopia the CIA (in conjunction with one or more of its many private intelligence organizations and/or PMCs) started.

For background on the war in Ethiopia see:

https://thegreatlinking.files.wordpress.com/2021/06/made-in-america-genocide-in-ethiopia-a-four-part-article-series_rev-1.pdf by this author. That series of articles proves it doesn't matter if a nation "bends the knee" to the US, or both knees and arms, the US is going to divide and decimate any nation it can for doing business with China.

Is it really all about China?

"Keeping up with the Joneses" is one thing, but methodically going about killing all their business connections and destroying those nations' economies is something else entirely. Ethiopia is not the only example.

Kenya

2021.11.25 Belt and Road Initiative transforming Kenya's development space: report - NAIROBI, Nov. 24 (Xinhua) -- The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), proposed by China eight years ago, is transforming Kenya's development space in a profound way, said a report released Wednesday.

According to the report by Africa Policy Institute, a pan-African think tank, since the BRI was proposed in 2013, China has supported modern infrastructure projects such as railways, roads, ports, dams, industries, digital connectivity which has injected vitality into Kenya's growth. / "In less than a decade, Kenya has a brand new 670-kilometer modern Standard Gauge Railway (SGR) connecting the port of Mombasa and the inland (dry) port of Naivasha," said the report, titled "shared prosperity: tracking the belt and road initiative in Kenya, 2018-2021."

The report examined the real impact of the BRI through specific projects within the five connectivity themes of infrastructure development, policy consultation, trade promotion, financial cooperation and people-to-people exchanges in Kenya.

The BRI has so far supported projects such as the construction of roads, railways and ports that cut across and connect a total of 172 countries...
http://www.news.cn/english/africa/2021-11/25/c_1310330844.htm

Note the date on the next article:

2021.11.24 Kenyan Families Say U.S. Government Fueling "War on Terror" Disappearances and Killings, Demand Records by Center for Constitutional Rights - *Security forces trained by the CIA and the UK's MI6 use the "war on terror" as justification for killing and abducting Kenyans. In fact, the*

US/EU/NATO axis wage a war of terror against African people. The Center for Constitutional Rights, MUHURI, and the Global Justice Clinic are demanding accountability and justice for victims... Family members of people disappeared and executed by police and paramilitary units in Kenya say the U.S. government is funding and fueling these abuses, and are demanding answers. Acting on their behalf, Mombasa-based Muslims for Human Rights (MUHURI) and its U.S. partners, the NYU School of Law's Global Justice Clinic and the Center for Constitutional Rights, today filed Freedom of Information (FOIA) requests focusing on grave violations committed by Kenyan units "set up, equipped, trained, funded, and/or guided" by the U.S. government. / The request comes after press investigations revealed that the U.S. government has close ties to a secretive Kenyan paramilitary team implicated in human rights abuses. The paramilitary Rapid Response Team (RRT) has perpetuated abuses with the support and guidance of the CIA and M16, Britain's intelligence services, according to the reports. The reports also show how the CIA helped create the unit in 2004 when it flew future RRT officers to the United States for elite training, and has since armed, trained, and guided the team on counterterrorism operations. An unknown number of "kill or capture" raids have reportedly been made by the 60-strong commando team, some based on mistaken identity. In one raid, RRT officers used CIA-supplied M4 carbines to kill Omar Faraj, a butcher shop cashier, apparently mistaking his home for a terrorist suspect's. <https://blackagendareport.com/kenyan-families-say-us-government-fueling-war-terror-disappearances-and-killings-demand-records>

Bending the knee doesn't help. Nothing does. The US demands the whole pie. Doing business with China will be punished.

Myanmar

China has more than 20 years of large investments in Myanmar.

<https://www.irrawaddy.com/specials/infographic-30-years-chinese-investment-myanmar.html>

2021.07.06 updated from 2021.03.16 - **Why are Myanmar's anti-coup protesters angry at China?** / Chinese-run factories were attacked on Sunday, amid an ongoing crackdown on anti-coup protesters - Many protesters believe China supports the military and that security forces and other agitators carried out the destruction to incite more trouble. / by Min Ye Kyaw and Agencies (A-N R Ed. Note -->?) - ... After the factory attacks,

security forces shot dead at least 42 people, according to a doctor who asked not to be identified while on Monday, 12 people were killed across the country for taking part in pro-democracy demonstrations, local media and witnesses said. / ANTI-CHINESE SENTIMENT / ...The attacks are the latest manifestation of a wave of anti-Chinese resentment that has exploded in Myanmar since the coup, with protesters questioning why China and Russia have opposed stronger language and sanctions against the Tatmadaw. / Boycotts of Chinese goods have been gathering steam in recent weeks and demonstrators have massed outside the Chinese embassy, demanding Beijing condemn the coup. / Among the targets of the boycott are both imported Chinese fruit and mobile phones made by Huawei, which protesters claim has supported the Tatmadaw with its facial recognition technology. / Even mobile phone games developed by Chinese companies have found themselves in the line of fire, with thousands of users deleting 'Mobile Legends: Bang Bang', developed by Moonton, and PUBG MOBILE, by Tencent. Apps like TikTok are also being removed. / On social media, there have been calls to oppose a Chinese gas-pipeline that would cross the country, connecting China to the Indian Ocean. <https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/politics/article/3125583/why-are-myanmars-anti-coup-protesters-angry-china>

And who, flying beneath the radar is paying the demonstrators in Myanmar to riot and burn China's factories (that do after all provide jobs and national economic development)? The usual labyrinth of US government troublemakers, like the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), USAID and many others.

Though all the top links on Google searches for China's investments in Myanmar rant on about China's attempts to gain "influence" few if any of those writers, editors or publishers actually lived without electricity themselves, and have no idea whatsoever how important it is for nations to have electricity and other infrastructure that collectively permit a nation entry to and participation in the modern world.

Also a few days ago:

Solomon Islands

2021.11.26 Anti-China riots on island incited from abroad, premier says - The latest rioting in the Solomon Islands' capital and its Chinatown had been incited from abroad, the country's prime minister claimed. Australian police officers have landed in the troubled country to help restore public order... / The Solomon Islands' prime minister said he stood by his 2019 decision to sever diplomatic ties with Taiwan in favor of China, which raised more than a few eyebrows in the Malaita Province, adding that the switch put the "Solomon Islands on the right side of history and it is in line with international law." He also claimed the residents of the restive region are being "fed with false and deliberate lies" about the move... Long-standing tensions between the Solomon Islands' central government and the Malaita Province came to a head on Wednesday when hundreds of protesters descended on the Pacific nation's capital, encircling the parliament and demanding to be let in. Police tried to prevent them from entering the compound, reportedly firing tear gas and rubber bullets into the crowd. At some point, a hut on the parliament's grounds where lawmakers go for lunch breaks was set on fire. After police reinforcements arrived at the scene the mob dissipated; however, looting and mayhem continued across the capital, with a number of Chinese businesses and a police station burnt down as a result. <https://www.rt.com/news/541423-solomon-islands-riots-foreign-interference>

The above current stories highlight a longstanding and rapidly accelerating trend in American efforts to bluntly force American hegemonic interests on the world dating at least to the end of WWII as documented by William Blum in his classic book: [Killing Hope – US military and CIA Interventions Since WWII](#).

It is utterly astonishing to this writer that the old "wise" heads on Wall Street, the CBD including Canary Wharf in London, and La Défense in Paris haven't yet figured out their old colonial impulses are forcing the entire rest of the world into a colossally huge minority coalition that is most certainly willing, ready and able to unite economically against their strategy of using ideologically divisive, ultra-violent methodologies to ensure their own monolithic absolute hegemony in perpetuity.

But they haven't and the same old sick twisted games continue, for now.

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) is probably the most notorious and high-profile quasi-government organ falsely called an NGO devoted to destabilizing nations, democracies or not, by paying demonstrators to go out in the streets and demand all kinds of things which in most cases their governments can't provide anyways. NED for

example paid out over the years millions to [demonstrators in Hong Kong](#) in an attempt to smear the Chinese government.



<https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202111/29/WS61a44990a310cdd39bc7815d.html>

In the Solomon Islands however, it's another of the vast labyrinth of so called "democracy pushers" out there teaching hate and funding violence called: United States Agency for International Development, [IFES](#). And where do they get their funding? The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), U.S. Department of State and the usual gang of other western colonial thugs.

Though USAID may sound nice, in fact it's one of the American "intelligence community's" (IC) most formidable weapons of war.

Frankly if I were a Chinese business owner in the Solomon Islands and my business were burnt down by a mob, I'd sue IFES, the US Department of State and USAID in US federal court.

To its credit USAID does help combat TB in developing countries, however it works equally effectively as a very sharp cutting instrument of western hegemony. "Do you want food little children? Well, go out there and BURN those Chinese factories down to the ground! BURN the infidels(!), those sneaky Chinese devils who want to steal the food off of your plates! You see how kind we are? We give you food!" (...while burning their jobs.) And so on. Combatting that kind of strategy is challenging for even the most patient among the wise.

Keeping in mind the above dates consider:

Even the European Union has signaled its strategic shift to the region by issuing a preliminary strategy, which will be formally adopted in September of this year.

<https://warontherocks.com/2021/06/europe-eyes-the-indo-pacific-but-now-its-time-to-act/>

The troublemakers have been busy. Tsk. Tsk. Some people never learn.

Trojan Horses

Hong Kong civil society is alive and well today 2021-09-10

Accordingly, government bodies such as the CIA and the United States Agency for International Development and NGOs such as the National Endowment for Democracy, Freedom House and George Soros' Open Society Foundations have played important roles in fostering, financing, defending and guiding the “civil societies” in “authoritarian” countries around the world. The ‘color revolutions’ in Serbia, Georgia and Ukraine are their signature achievements in ‘regime change.’ The ‘civil society,’ as identified, supported, trained and funded by these Western subversive bodies, are mainly made up of organizations that advocate and fight for Western-styled democracy, freedom and human rights, and which challenge the authority and legitimacy of the political “regimes” of their (target) countries using both legal and illegal means. Most of the time they use (weaponized) trade unions, the media, religious groups, civic bodies, cultural societies, youth/student groups, opposition parties and think tanks. Evidently, it is this distorted and narrow definition of "civil society" that is applied to Hong Kong by local and Western accusers when they equate the folding and disbandment of those constitutional-order-challenging or riot-inciting organizations in Hong Kong with the demise of its civil society. In other words, only those organizations that can launch "regime change", foment disorder and instigate "color revolutions" are worthy of the name of ‘civil society’...

<https://epaper.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202109/10/WS613a8a2ba3106abb319fd69c.html>

The US and colonial allies make a mockery of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights famously states in its Preamble:

“Whereas recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,”

...suggesting there may be a moral imperative for advanced nations to facilitate infrastructure development in underdeveloped nations.

The UNDP development ranking system is a measure of development in different countries. According to that ranking system resource-rich Niger is the least developed country in the world. The Uranium of Niger lights the skies of Paris at night, while the people of Niger [breathe Uranium dust](#) from the mines and live in relentless - hopeless - squalor.

More so than any other nation, China is building infrastructure on all continents (except in North America that apparently doesn't need it).

At a time when humanity should be working together to fight the global pandemic that has already killed five million people, with new variants appearing on a weekly basis, the US led by Presidents Trump and Biden is accelerating a [nuclear arms race](#), and undermining development around the world by covertly starting and escalating conflicts revolving around [fake issues](#) created by the narrative spinners in the American Intelligence Community. Never before in all of human history has such disregard and contempt for human rights resulted in such extreme barbarous acts which should have outraged the conscience of humankind – but has not - because press freedom in the world has been eradicated by the US's wildly [illegal labyrinths of digital censorship](#).

China's censorship

Many have accused the Chinese government of censoring the news, and indeed it does, but not for the reasons American mainstream media presents. The strange, but true facts of the matter involve the following: The Chinese government has to ensure the Chinese people do fully understand the absolute barbarity and mass-murderous nature of American foreign policies. If the Chinese people really understood American foreign policies at least since WWII, not one Chinese person would buy one American product ever again in their lifetime. In order to keep trade between the US and China open, the Chinese government has to censor the news regarding American foreign policies. The Chinese government has learned from a much longer history that trade is essential to keeping the doorways of communication open and maintaining global economic health, something the US government seems to have forgotten, though that lesson should have been learned from history.

The USA shooting itself in the foot again – at the expensive of the poor

Trade protectionism such as recent presidents in the US have enacted are hauntingly familiar to the protectionist [Fordney-McCumber Act of 1922](#) which contributed to the 1929 stock market crash, and the Smoot-Hawley act of 1930 that increased protectionism and deepened that economic depression. All of that was a windfall for the rich who pulled out of the stock market at just the right time, and bought back in when despair was at its deepest, once again proving the Jeffersonian ideals “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,” would never be realized in the USA.

Consequently, Americans, then and now struggle under mountains of debt to banks and credit card companies, knowing full well no matter how hard they work, they will never pay off their debts to those large financial institutions. So, while Americans pay taxes for the US to attempt to strangle the entire world into subservience to absolute American dominance forever, those same tax payers live lives of quiet desperation knowing even they are slaves to the corporations that own their debts. Thus, is it hardly a surprise [alcoholism](#), [drug addition](#) and [suicides](#) are at all time highs in the USA.

Sinking to a new low, the US is now attempting to [destroy the economy of China again](#), and [prevent its efforts to help development](#) in some of the world’s least developed countries, by starting and escalating wars in East Africa, Asia, and Pacific Islands, as if the [Euro-American Opium trade in China](#), [Opium Wars](#) and [Chinese “Civil War”](#) supported by the US weren’t enough.

How to respond to that kind of vicious coercion?

They say the best revenge is living well. That is sage advice, however won’t solve the problem entirely. A somewhat more proactive approach is needed in this writer’s opinion.

Historical precedents suggest: 1) Yielding to bullies makes them worse, 2) the best way to beat bullies is with minority coalitions (like the Belt and Road Initiative). Thus, 3) more countries should do business with China; if they need infrastructure development, they should ask for it, and more than half the world really does need assistance to get their economies going, especially now. 4) Perhaps the US will get the message. 5) One goes bravely on, or forever lives crumbled in the dirt or at best working as a slave.

Whoopi! Just print up more money forever!

It must be so nice to be an intelligence operative of a nation that just prints up however much money it needs at any time to spread absolute corruption around the world and then pay again for demonstrators to demonstrate against that corruption. No wonder the Washington D.C. and Langley crowds are such a jolly bunch. In fact the CIA doesn’t need a federal government funded budget at all because of their [multi-generation relationships with the largest crime organizations in the world](#), not to mention their relationships with off-shore banks where all the loot is stashed. If they needed \$100 trillion tomorrow, they could probably come up with it.

But not all Americans are happy

On the dark side of that equation is the suicide rate of US veterans who fought in American wars.

2021.06.22 **Four times as many troops and vets have died by suicide as in combat, study finds** By Meghann Myers -

<https://www.militarytimes.com/news/your-military/2021/06/21/four-times-as-many-troops-and-vets-have-died-by-suicide-as-in-combat-study-finds>

Also

see:

https://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/files/cow/imce/papers/2021/Suitt_Suicides_Cost%20of%20War_June%2021%202021.pdf

Is it China's fault?

Is it somehow China's fault that the USA has fallen so far behind in addressing the real needs of its own poor, infrastructure supporting its own supply chains, and the so-called "less developed" world? Is China to be punished, crushed, Balkanized and enslaved for helping to build infrastructure in the world's poorest nations?

"The freight train service was the main channel to deliver the anti-epidemic and life necessities in urgent need to European countries. In 2020, the China-Europe freight train service transported 9.39 million pieces of anti-epidemic supplies, weighing 76,000 tonnes, to countries including Italy, Germany, Spain, the Czech Republic and Poland.

"The achievement that came at such a critical time speaks volumes about the efficient, wide-coverage and all-weather advantages of China-Europe freight trains. A mere 17 trips were made in 2011, but trip numbers topped 10,000 in 2020. Now China has launched the China-Europe freight train service from over 60 domestic cities to major European countries."

<https://eng.yidaiyilu.gov.cn/qwyw/rdxw/167938.htm>

China sent masks, gloves and gowns to many U.S. states. Here's who benefited.

"Critics of Beijing's 'mask diplomacy' may have overlooked long-established sister-state ties"

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/01/29/china-sent-masks-gloves-gowns-many-us-states-heres-who-benefited/>

If this is interpreted as "challenging American authority," rather than simple altruism, then perhaps holy Jesus really did deserve his crucifixion for "challenging Rome's authority" by giving to the poor.

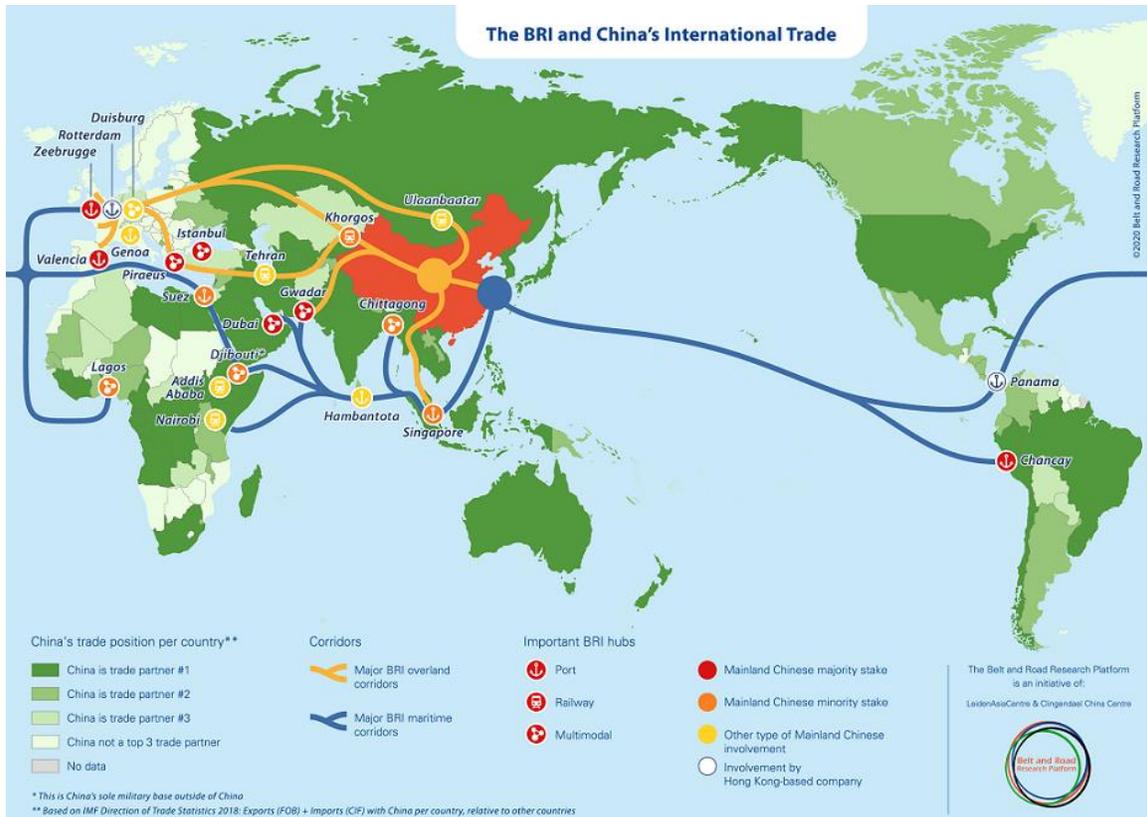
Please remember China too was brutally colonized by the Eight Nation Alliance (today's G7) and then forced to endure an American supported "Civil War" in which at least 20 million innocent Chinese were killed.

There is and always has been a bond shared by the common suffering of the oppressed that some, perhaps most Americans simply can not understand.

Poor Chinese. They have to work for money – and indeed they do. Designing and building the world's premier manufacturing centers isn't cheap or easy. Designing and building transcontinental transportation systems isn't cheap or easy either. Most Chinese I know work from the moment they wake up until they sleep, seven days a week because they own their own small businesses. That is their choice. They want to work long hours to save money, a strange antiquated concept many Euro-Americans and their governments might consider.

The BRI is comprised of 6 economic corridors

1. China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): <http://cpec.gov.pk>
2. China, Mongolia, Russia Economic Corridor:
<https://eng.yidaiyilu.gov.cn>
3. New Eurasia Land Bridge Economic Corridor (NELB): The New Eurasia Land Bridge (NELB), also known as the Second Eurasia Land Bridge <https://eng.yidaiyilu.gov.cn>
4. China-Central and West Asia Economic Corridor (CCWAEC)
<https://eng.yidaiyilu.gov.cn>
5. China-Indochina Peninsula Economic Corridor (CICPEC),
<https://eng.yidaiyilu.gov.cn>
6. Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Economic Corridor:
<https://eng.yidaiyilu.gov.cn/>



<https://www.clingendael.org/publication/new-map-belt-and-road-initiative>

Urumqi means “beautiful prairie” in old Mongolian. The name derives from the city’s important role as a hub on the ancient Silk Road during the Western Han Dynasty (206 BC-AD 24). However, in modern times, its geographical isolation caused the city to gradually lose its luster.

Since the Silk Road Economic Belt was proposed by President Xi Jinping in 2013, Urumqi has made efforts to seize the opportunities provided by the initiative, which is aimed at connecting markets in Asia and Europe and will cover more than 3 billion people.

http://english.www.gov.cn/news/top_news/2015/10/09/content_281475207597722.htm

Xinjiang is a beautiful and hopeful place

For those who’ve never been to Xinjiang, it’s a beautiful place with a reasonably good economy given it’s a landlocked province in the west of China. It produces some of the world’s finest grapes, petroleum, more grapes, and yes, grapes, and raisins. Most of the Muslims I met there owned grape farms and were happy. Most people outside Beijing – Muslim or not – try to comply with mandates from the capital and just smile. Then they

go about their ordinary lives. Security cameras? Thank God for them. They protect the innocent. Ninety-five percent of China doesn't have them anyways being somewhat rural. Based on my own convenience sampling of attitudes in Xinjiang, most Muslims vastly prefer living there to anywhere else, for in China there is hope for the future. And the thousands of new jobs opening up as the result of Xinjiang being a major hub of the New Silk Roads? No wonder the US officials are green with envy and working overtime generating fake intelligence about the place... The US wants to lead a bevy of old colonial nations (G7) to challenge China in developing the Silk Roads, but lack the supply chains because they've been too busy [selling everyone weapons](#) and promoting instability all over the developing world.

The outrageous illegality of corrupt international business practices

From the "Preface of [Strategic Competition Act of 2021 – Part 3](#)"

Some details of American political corruption

The Strategic Competition Act of 2021 is documentary proof of very large-scale, very well-funded series of domestic and international corrupt acts designed to illegally prevent China's full participation in the international marketplace and information sphere via an illegal disinformation campaign based upon unproven allegations, bribes² and threats³.

United Nations Convention Against Corruption

The United Nations Convention against Corruption is the only legally binding universal anti-corruption instrument. The Convention's far-reaching approach and the mandatory character of many of its provisions make it a unique tool for developing a comprehensive response to a global problem. The Convention covers five main areas: preventive measures, criminalization and law enforcement, international cooperation, asset recovery, and technical assistance and information exchange. The Convention covers many different forms of corruption, such as bribery, trading in influence, abuse of functions, and various acts of corruption in the private sector.

² See [Strategic Competition Act of 2021 - Part 2](#), and note financing for that disinformation war: \$3,993,000,000.00

³ US threatens to cut intelligence sharing with Berlin over Huawei <https://www.ft.com/content/00dc81a6-4417-11e9-b168-96a37d002cd3> ;

https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/corruption/tools_and_publications/UN-convention-against-corruption.html

https://www.unodc.org/documents/treaties/UNCAC/Publications/Convention/08-50026_E.pdf

United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network

<https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/commissions/CCPCJ/PNI/institutes.html>

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY [on the report of the Third Committee (A/51/610)]51/59. Action against corruption

II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND DISQUALIFICATION

4. Public officials shall not use their official authority for the improper advancement of their own or their family's personal or financial interest. They shall not engage in any transaction, acquire any position or function or have any financial, commercial or other comparable interest that is incompatible with their office, functions and duties or the discharge thereof.

<https://undocs.org/pdf?symbol=en/A/RES/51/59>

What follows is a cursory review of some of the potentially illegal “conflicts of interest” created by most of President Biden’s top government appointees, including the Secretary of State, and Secretary of Defense and Director of National Intelligence. Following that is a brief summary of some of the effects on real humans of a small sample of America’s illegal wars resulting from similar potential “conflicts of interest” between weapons corporations, lobby groups, “consultants” and top administration officials, past and present.

Defense industry corruption in the US government

“Among these members of Congress with personal investments in the defense industry are several who sit on committees that determine major sources of funding for defense companies and weapons contractors.

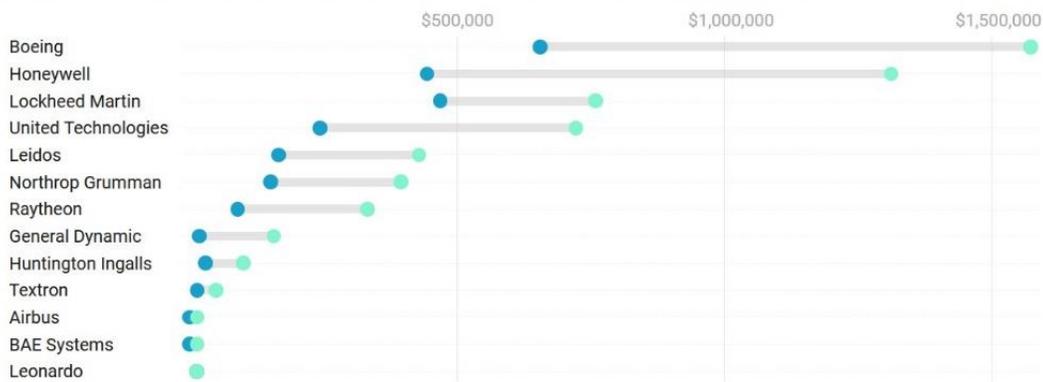
“According to a Sludge review of financial disclosures, 51 members of Congress and their spouses own between \$2.3 and \$5.8 million worth of stocks in companies that are among the top 30 defense contractors in the world. Members of Congress generally report

the values of their investments in ranges, so it's not possible to know exactly how much their stocks are worth. As Congress debates whether to limit President Trump's power to take military action against Iran, the complete list of senators and representatives who own defense stocks are displayed below in this article.

"Eighteen members of Congress, combined, own as much as \$760,000 worth of stock of Lockheed Martin, the world's largest defense contractor in terms of overall defense revenues. The value of Lockheed Martin stock surged by 4.3% on the day after Soleimani's assassination—a day in which the Dow Jones Industrial Average overall traded down.

Congress' Top Defense Stock Investments

Range of value of members of Congress' combined holdings of stock in top defense contractors



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<https://readsludge.com/2020/01/13/the-members-of-congress-who-profit-from-war/>

Three aspects of a crime that must be established before a guilty verdict can be determined in a criminal proceeding include: (1) Means: the ability of the defendant to commit the crime, (2) Motive: the reason the defendant felt the need to commit the crime (motive), and (3) Opportunity: whether or not the defendant had the chance to commit the crime. All three conditions are met in regards to most of President Biden's top administration officials.

Serious Conflicts of Interest

“The Members of Congress Who Profit from War - Here are the senators and representatives who own stock in Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon, and other top defense contractors, by Donald Shaw, Jan. 13, 2020

“...Members of Congress’ investments in defense contractors may present more significant potential conflicts of interest than investments in other industries because the contractors rely heavily on defense spending that is approved by Congress for their revenue.

“More than 70% of Lockheed Martin’s \$51 billion in 2018 revenue came from sales to the U.S. government, for example. Companies like Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, and Raytheon are considered “pure plays” because they sell their products almost exclusively to the government through appropriations approved by Congress.

“Members of Congress should divest from all investments tied to their congressional responsibilities and avoid any actual or potential conflicts of interest or ethics dilemmas,” Scott Amey, general counsel at the Project on Government Oversight, told Sludge.

“In the Senate, nearly one-third of the members of the Defense Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee own stocks in top defense contractors. The subcommittee is in charge of drafting the procurement section of the annual Defense spending bill, which allocates funding for the Defense Department and specifies weapons systems and other goods for the department to purchase from private contractors.

“In the 2020 Defense appropriations bill, the subcommittee approved \$1.85 billion for 18 more F-35 Joint Strike Fighter aircrafts and spare parts from Lockheed Martin. Subcommittee member Sen. Roy Blunt (R-Mo.) owns as much as \$100,000 worth of stock in Lockheed Martin. The subcommittee also recommended \$1.1 billion for 6 P-8A Poseidon aircraft, which is a maritime patrol and reconnaissance plane made by Boeing. Subcommittee members Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Susan Collins (R-Maine), and Jerry

Moran (R-Kansas) own as much as a combined \$750,000 in Boeing stock...

“The House Foreign Affairs Committee oversees arms controls and exports, yet at least four of its members have investments in defense companies whose foreign sales fall under their jurisdiction.

“Foreign arms sales that are proposed by the President are referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee for approval, modification, or rejection. The committee may hold hearing on the sales to ask questions or raise concerns before the sales are approved, and it can initiate a joint resolution of disapproval in order to block or modify a sale.

“Companies that Foreign Affairs Committee members are invested in, including Honeywell, Lockheed Martin, and General Dynamics, have been approved for foreign sales and partnerships in recent years.

“House Oversight and Reform Committee Government Operations Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-Va.) owns as much as \$400,000 worth of stock in Leidos, which is paid billions of dollars to provide information technology services for the Defense Department. In May 2019, Leidos CEO Roger Krone testified before Connolly’s committee in favor of legislation calling on the government to guarantee back pay for contractors in the wake of government shutdowns. Connolly had written a letter to House appropriators months earlier seeking support for such a bill.

“Senators Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio) and Jeff Merkley (D-Ore.) have re-introduced their Ban Conflicted Trading Act, which would prohibit members of Congress from buying and selling individual stocks, giving them six months from enactment to divest their shares, and from serving on corporate boards, something that’s already banned in the Senate but not in the House.

““Members of Congress serve the American people, not their stock portfolios,” Sen. Brown previously told Sludge. “Elected officials have access to nonpublic information that can affect individual companies and entire industries. There must be more accountability and transparency to prevent members from using this information and abusing their positions for personal gain.”

“Four companies—Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, Boeing, and General Dynamics—make up 90% of arms sales to Saudi Arabia in deals worth over \$125 billion, according to a July 2019 report by the Center for International Policy. American-made weapons have been used by Saudi Arabia’s government in the war in Yemen, with a death toll that has risen over 100,000, including 12,000 civilians from attacks targeting them...

“Of the at least 380 former high-ranking Department of Defense officials who went through the revolving door to become lobbyists or senior executives in 2018, around one quarter joined the top 5 defense contractors, according to the Project On Government Oversight: Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, General Dynamics, and Northrop Grumman. Current U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper is a former lobbyist at Raytheon, which over the past two election cycles spent \$6.4 million on campaign contributions and \$20 million on federal lobbying.

“A Fix for Democracy – Government ethics experts call on elected officials to not trade individual corporate stocks. A bill proposed in Congress called the Ban Conflicted Trading Act would require senators, representatives, and senior staffers to divest corporate stocks, transfer them to a blind trust, or hold them throughout their time in office without making trades. The bill would also bar House members from serving on corporate boards. The House version of the bill has 9 co-sponsors, while the Senate version has 1 co-sponsor. No Republicans have co-sponsored the bill...”

<https://readsludge.com/2020/01/13/the-members-of-congress-who-profit-from-war/>

The above raises many questions. For example, of what use are billions of dollars of weapons without bad guys to kill? Does appropriating billions of dollars for the defense industry create a desperate need for bad guys out there and is this the reason the USA intentionally creates and works with terrorist groups?

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/billions-of-dollars-worth-of-weapons-brought-into-syria-arms-traffic-organized-by-cia-and-pentagon/5600204>

Say Goodbye to Regime Change in Syria. Phasing Out of CIA “Train and Equip” in Support of “Moderate” Rebels? Trump's decision to stop sending arms to rebels alters everything, By Scott Ritter, July 28, 2017

“The fact is that there was no secular, moderate force worthy of the name operating inside Syria; virtually the entire anti-Assad effort is dominated by Islamist extremists who, if Assad was overthrown, would probably replace a secular dictator with something far worse. The Obama policy of regime change in Syria, like the Bush policy in Iraq, has done little more than unleash forces which the U.S. was unable to control, costing American taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars and the blood of American military personnel who lost their lives in its implementation.”

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/say-goodbye-to-regime-change-in-syria-phasing-out-of-cia-train-and-equip-in-support-of-moderate-rebels/5601201>

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/298215567_Syria_Washington_Supports_the_Islamic_State_ISIS_the_evidence

<https://www.rsis.edu.sg/rsis-publication/rsis/co16254-salafis-and-wahhabis-two-sides-of-the-same-coin/>

<https://gabbard.house.gov/news/StopArmingTerrorists>

Just because the US stopped *openly* funding the world’s second most dangerous terrorist groups (with the US being the first most dangerous terrorist group) doesn’t mean the money flow stopped. In cases where US black ops weaponry and budgets can’t cover supplies and expenses for “our” terrorist “friends,” GCC member states are happy to cover the balance. Sucking up to the global hegemon is seen as beneficial to their national interests. The Balkanization of Syria would allow them to have forward military bases on Iran’s borders, as decimation of Iran and control of its oil fields are the ultimate goals of the CIA and GCC in the region after all.

That Iran has a democratically elected government and parliament, and human beings with families actually living there, are irrelevancies to the American and GCC Intelligence Communities. International law? The war criminals laugh. What international law? We are international law!

The Taliban⁴ and IS were created by American intelligence and military organizations. Would Congressional appropriations for weapons also provide motivation to for example

⁴ Accompanied by Pakistani military in November 1993, I visited one of the first Madrassas located next to an Afghan refugee camp near Islamabad where the 1st generation of Taliban were trained. The stated purpose was to send them back to Afghanistan and forcibly end the civil war. The Saudis were in charge of the truncated “Islamic education,” while American covert operatives designed their weapons training. They were created to be killing machines, and at that they were remarkably successful. They did end the civil war and unified Afghanistan. The CIA paid them oversee an opium eradication program, and the Taliban were

frame innocent national leaders like Syrian President Bashar Assad for crimes they didn't commit? The evidence is mounting. A variety of profit motives are easy to prove.

“We're keeping the oil, remember that. We want to keep the oil. Forty-five million dollars a month.”

<https://www.bbc.com/news/50464561>

<https://thegrayzone.com/2020/02/11/new-leaks-shatter-opcws-attacks-douma-whistleblowers/>

<https://thegrayzone.com/2020/01/22/ian-henderson-opcw-whistleblower-un-no-chemical-attack-douma-syria/>

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2015/05/01/why-is-the-us-trying-to-replace-the-assad-government-with-al-qaeda-in-syria>

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2019/05/29/the-western-media-is-key-to-syria-deceptions>

<https://www.globalsecurity.org/wmd/library/news/syria/2021/syria-210106-presstv02.htm>

<http://qodsna.com/en/317410/Terrorists-White-Helmets-meet-to-stage-false-flag-gas-attack-in-Idlib:-Russia-%EF%BF%BDs-military>

<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/syria-ambassador-un-calls-us-withdraw-troops-stop-acts-aggression>

Stolen oil and profiting from stock dividends are not the only motivating factors leading Congressional members to vote for wars and other illegal foreign aggressions.

‘Biden unveils Pentagon ‘China task force’ to review ‘challenge’ Beijing poses as US military flexes muscles at its doorstep - 10 Feb, 2021

“Led by Eli Ratner, who serves as special assistant on China to Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, the task force will be composed of 15 civilian and uniformed defense officials and will deliver its findings to Austin within four months, according to a Pentagon fact sheet, which dubbed the project a “sprint effort.” The panel is not expected to produce a publicly available report, however...”

<https://www.rt.com/usa/515206-biden-pentagon-china-task-force>

cooperative and again, very successful. It wasn't until 2001 that the Taliban suddenly – through an act of political expediency - became viewed as all things evil by US intelligence.

“Eli Ratner, a researcher at the US think tank New American Security Center, is considered a young Chinese expert in the US.”

<https://www.archyworldys.com/the-birth-of-an-elite-group-of-iron-triangle-china-trembles-with-bidens-diplomatic-team>

“The Center for a New American Security (CNAS) is a Washington, D.C.-based think tank established in 2007 by co-founders Michèle Flournoy and Kurt M. Campbell. It specializes in the United States’ national security issues. CNAS focuses on terrorism and irregular warfare, the future of the U.S. military, the emergence of Asia as a global power center, and the national security implications of natural resource consumption.

“CNAS is relatively small, with around 30 employees and a budget under \$6 million.[7] Among the organizations top donors include Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems, Open Society Foundation, Airbus Group, The Boeing Company, Chevron Corporation, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Raytheon Company, the Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office, the United States government, BAE Systems, BP America and Exxon Mobil Corporation.”

<https://www.cnas.org/support-cnas/cnas-supporters>

Mr. Ratner was a researcher working for a “think tank” supported by America’s top weapons manufacturers. It is highly likely he had more than a little to do with the inception and actualization of the Strategic Competition Act of 2021.

The Strategic Competition Act of 2021 is a form of “irregular” warfare such as CNAS is tasked with pursuing. How many current or past defense industry employees, lobbyists and/or “consultants” worked on the creation of the Strategic Competition Act of 2021? Would employment with the defense industry create a “conflict of interest” when also working on Congressional documents designed to isolate China from international trade and communications?

“The mass media are reporting that the Biden camp has selected former general Lloyd J. Austin III to be the next secretary of defense...

“As has become the standard ritual for Biden's cabinet picks, the mass media are holding a parade to celebrate the fact that Austin would be the first black chief of the US war machine, while virtually ignoring the murderous agendas he has facilitated throughout his

career. As head of Central Command, Austin actively campaigned to resurrect the Pentagon's spectacularly failed program of trying to arm 'rebels' in Syria to fight ISIS, and in 2014 he backed immunity for US troops from war crimes prosecutions by the government of Afghanistan. He helped spearhead the Iraq invasion, and *he is a member of the same private equity fund which invests in defense contractors as Flournoy and Biden's warmongering pick for secretary of state, Tony Blinken.*" (Italics added by this author.)

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/508991-caitlin-johnstone-biden-raytheon>

That "private equity fund," Pine Island Capital's partners include Tony Blinken (President Biden's Secretary of State), Michele Flournoy (American defense policy advisor) and retired Gen. Lloyd Austin now Biden's (Secretary of Defense).

Though claiming to divest themselves of any investment in Pine Island, just prior to the election Pine Island launched some new 'special purpose acquisition companies' (SPACs) which are essentially shell companies.

According to The Daily Beast:

"The firm raised \$218 million for its new SPAC, which is specifically looking to invest in "defense, government service and aerospace businesses," according to the prospectus, which was amended and re-issued on Nov. 13. And one specific area of government contracting it hopes to plumb for new business ties in the government's response to the coronavirus."

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/firm-tied-to-biden-contenders-tony-blinken-lloyd-austin-michele-flournoy-looks-to-cash-in-on-covid-response>

Pine Island Capital proudly boasts of its DC connections which includes a who's who of past and current government, military and industry leaders including:

- Major General Charles F. Bolden Jr., USMC (Ret.)
- Senator Saxby Chambliss

During his tenure in the Senate, he served as a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee..., the Senate Rules Committee; and his leadership and experience on homeland security and intelligence matters earned him an appointment to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, where he served as vice chairman from 2011 to 2014, advocating for dramatically improved

information sharing and human-intelligence-gathering capabilities. His previous role as chairman of the House Intelligence Subcommittee on Terrorism and Homeland Security made him one of the leading congressional experts on those issues.

- Senator Tom Daschle

“Daschle is officially a lobbyist now - The former Democratic leader resisted registering under a loophole that now bears his name.” By Isaac Arnsdorf, 03/29/2016

“After his 2004 upset loss to John Thune, Daschle joined law and lobbying firm Alston & Bird as a “special policy adviser,” earning as much as \$2.1 million a year, but he never registered as a lobbyist. His journey through the revolving door, later with DLA Piper and finally Baker Donelson, helped popularize the now well-trodden path for former officials to cash in on K Street without formally registering as a lobbyists...

“Under the statutory definition of a lobbyist, policy advisers don't have to register if they avoid direct contact with lawmakers or spend less than 20 percent of their time lobbying. The provision became widely known as the Daschle loophole... Daschle previously registered with the Justice Department under the Foreign Agents Registration Act to represent Taiwan. He's currently promoting a book co-authored with his Republican counterpart, Trent Lott, now also a lobbyist.”

<https://www.politico.com/story/2016/03/tom-daschle-officially-lobbyist-221334>

Reframing “lobbyist” as “special policy adviser,” or “consultant” is a con game, the oldest trick in the book.

"Since leaving the Senate, Senator Daschle has remained an active and learned voice among policy-makers... Senator Daschle serves on numerous public and private boards, including the Center for American Progress and the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations."

<https://www.bakerdonelson.com/thomas-daschle>

- Senator Byron Dorgan

- Michèle Flournoy
- Representative Dick Gephardt
- Ambassador Stuart Holliday
- Ambassador Capricia Marshall
- Admiral Mike Mullen, USN (Ret.)
- Senator Don Nickles
- Lieutenant General Vince Stewart, USMC (Ret.)

<https://pineislandcp.com/team/>

“We have unique insight into how rapidly changing technologies will directly impact the evolving preferences of defense, intelligence and federal government customers.” — company prospectus “We believe that there are still a significant number of potential targets with competitive advantages in ‘big data’ analytics, enterprise IT, secure data processing, seamless inter-agency technology integration, communications and training solutions that would benefit from our deep bench of advisers who contribute decades of relevant government and defense expertise,” the prospectus reads. The document adds, “Our leadership team is well equipped to support a potential target on all key competitive factors of the government services market as we have unique insight into how rapidly changing technologies will directly impact the evolving preferences of defense, intelligence and federal government customers.”

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/firm-tied-to-biden-contenders-tony-blinken-lloyd-austin-michele-flournoy-looks-to-cash-in-on-covid-response>

That “unique insight” into “how rapidly changing technologies will directly impact the evolving preferences of defense, intelligence and federal government customers,” sounds like a breach of confidentiality agreements top Biden Administration officials must have signed when hired to do government work.

“But that “revolving door” between government and industry can create perverse incentives and conflicts of interest, ethics experts say. And it’s just that sort of business as usual that Mandy Smithberger, the director of the Straus Military Reform Project at the Project on Government Oversight, says is concerning in this case. “These kinds of conflicts are particularly disappointing given justified criticisms of how the Trump administration has repeatedly

used the government to further personal and financial interests,” Smithberger wrote in an email. “While this isn't uncommon, it's still gross.”

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/firm-tied-to-biden-contenders-antonio-blinken-lloyd-austin-michele-flournoy-looks-to-cash-in-on-covid-response>

That revolving door did not begin or end with former President Trump and it's spinning faster than ever now with the Biden administration.

Also see:

How Biden's Foreign-Policy Team Got Rich - Strategic consultants will define Biden's relationship to the world, by Jonathan Guyer, July 6, 2020

<https://prospect.org/world/how-biden-foreign-policy-team-got-rich/>

Conflicts of interest? It's way beyond that

President Trump was hardly unique in crossing the line between government and industry, as President Biden's cabinet has many picks right out of that same revolving door between politics and industry, including Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III and Antony Blinken (of WestExec Advisors fame).

Though not officially a lobby group, WestExec Advisors thrive in the so-called gray zone doing many, most or all of the same things as a lobby group.

Their members include:

Antony Blinken – Antony J. Blinken was sworn in as the 71st U.S. Secretary of State on January 26, 2021.

“In 2015, Obama had dispatched Blinken to tell Mohammed bin Salman that the U.S. supported Saudi Arabia's right to defend itself and nothing more. But four years later, the U.S., through its arms sales, was party to an ongoing war [Yemen]. The death toll was over 100,000 in an asymmetric conflict, and the defense contractor Raytheon had sold Saudi Arabia more than \$3 billion worth of bombs.”

<https://prospect.org/world/how-biden-foreign-policy-team-got-rich/>

“The fund, Ridgeline Partners, was co-founded by Tony Blinken’s WestExec and “provides strategic insight on U.S. & allied national security capability needs and emerging opportunities.” The companies listed on the Ridgeline website include data and tech start-ups that have seen government contracts, including some deals with the Department of Defense.”

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/12/10/biden-secretary-of-state-pick-blinken-linked-to-fund-with-national-security-portfolio.html>

That gives the *appearance* of “crossing the line” between consulting and lobbying. It isn’t an example of the kinds of vague supposition one finds from the beginning to the end of the Strategic Competition Act of 2021, but a very clear and unambiguous “conflict of interest.”

Michèle Flournoy - “Co-Founder and Managing Partner of WestExec Advisors, and former Co-Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the Center for a New American Security (CNAS), where she currently serves as Chair of the Board of Directors. Michèle serves on the boards of Booz Allen Hamilton, Amida Technology Solutions, The Mission Continues, Spirit of America, The U.S. Naval Academy Foundation, CARE, and sits on the Honorary Advisory Committee of The Leadership Council for Women in National Security. Michèle is also a former member of the President’s Intelligence Advisory Board, the CIA Director’s External Advisory Board, and the Defense Policy Board, and is currently a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Aspen Strategy Group, and is a Senior Fellow at Harvard’s Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs.” (Clearly Ms. Flournoy is one of the alpha “interventionists” of the Biden Administration and appears to have several prominent conflicts of interest.)

According to a study published last month by the Center for International Policy, nearly half of CNAS’ funding came from Lockheed Martin, Boeing, General Dynamics, Northrop Grumman and Raytheon, the study found.

<https://www.politico.com/newsletters/transition-playbook/2020/11/13/liberals-take-on-bidens-likely-pentagon-pick-791660>

Flournoy has spoken a bit about WestExec’s work with Silicon Valley start-ups to land contracts at the Pentagon, where she sees a need to better leverage new technologies that are not necessarily the forte of larger, more traditional defense contractors.

“The name of the game is how do you enable the Department of Defense to really access that cutting-edge commercial technology and adapt it to military purposes,” Flournoy said in a 2019 podcast interview at the University of Chicago. “It is one of the things that WestExec is trying to help with. How do you let these smaller, cutting-edge technology firms actually navigate the DoD and national security space?”

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/11/23/westexec-advisors-biden-cabinet-440072>

WestExec is only one of Blinken and Flournoy’s overlapping roles, which keep them updated on trends that others lack access to. Flournoy, for instance, previously served on the Pentagon’s Defense Policy Board, the President’s Intelligence Advisory Board, and the CIA director’s External Advisory Board; each of these positions gives members access to sensitive information, which in turn provides insights useful to attracting and serving corporate clients. Membership requires ethics disclosures, though none of those documents are publicly available, adding another layer of opacity.

<https://prospect.org/world/how-biden-foreign-policy-team-got-rich/>

By not registering as a lobby group, WestExec avoids disclosure requirements and thus they can operate in the shadows wherein most criminals likewise thrive.

But many of the people who work closely with Biden are enmeshed in the opaque world of strategic consultancies and by extension a network of the world’s biggest businesses. If they’ve been consulting for corporations with offshore interests, this spells potential conflicts. “One of the biggest gaps in ethics laws is that we don’t require strategic consultants to register as lobbyists,” said Mandy Smithberger of the Project on Government Oversight.

<https://prospect.org/world/how-biden-foreign-policy-team-got-rich/>

She may be wrong about that. See H.R.2316 — 110th Congress (2007-2008) below.

[Reall the “Daschle loophole” above. The legality of that has yet to be challenged and given the potential for encouraging corruption in government, and the deadly

consequences of that potential corruption, that challenge should come sooner rather than later.]

In 2011, Flournoy, then Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, and close associate of former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton helped persuade President Obama to intervene militarily in Libya an action that has led to 10 years of civil war.

https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/pentagon-leaders_n_871519

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mlz3-OzcExI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdX4MEFQ1C8> (“A new start for the Libyan people,” involved an American backed civil war against a UN backed coalition government.)

“Alleged Torture Victims Target U.S. Property Assets of Libyan Commander, By Jared Malsin and Benoit Faucon. 2020.Nov. 8 - Khalifa Haftar, at one time backed by the CIA, owns millions in U.S. real estate, assets that are being pursued by victims of Libya’s bloody civil war - Haftar is a U.S. citizen and a longtime former resident of Virginia who also owns property in the state...”

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/alleged-torture-victims-target-u-s-property-assets-of-libyan-commander-11604840401>

She was also a supporter of the American covert and then overt war against the Syrian government led by Bashar Assad, another war which has employed a) massive propaganda campaign, b) lingered on for 10 years killing thousands of innocents, c) silencing whistleblowers, d) starves the poor while denying them medicine, and c) employs known terrorists groups to launch terrorist attacks against the internationally recognize government.

<https://www.cfr.org/event/conversation-michele-flournoy>

...and leading to millions of “displaced people” and starvation.

“As a result, more than 9.3 million Syrians have become food insecure and over 80 percent of Syrians live below the poverty line...With over 50 percent of the health infrastructure destroyed, and hundreds of thousands without shelter and unable to practice social distancing, the region is increasingly at risk of a devastating outbreak.”

<https://www.hrw.org/world-report/2021/country-chapters/syria>

Also see:

<https://www.unicef.org/press-releases/2018-deadliest-year-yet-children-syria-war-enters-9th-year>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2013/10/01/world/middleeast/at-un-syrian-minister-calls-conflict-a-war-on-terror.html>

Primarily US funded <https://www.hrw.org> incidentally blames Russia for the violence and death there, glibly overlooking the fact that the US started that NATO supported war and works with a variety of terrorist groups in that illegal war against the internationally recognized government. Also, incidentally the US is stealing Syrian oil on an ongoing basis, asserting that Syria should pay for the war the USA has forced upon them.

<https://www.indepthnews.net/index.php/the-world/usa-and-canada/3085-how-the-us-regime-justifies-the-theft-of-syria-s-oil>

<https://archive.is/R7nOp>

<https://www.bbc.com/news/50464561>

...and the US led by President Biden and his “interventionist” cabinet members is now going so far as to [steal the wheat from starving children in Syria](#). This is not different from the use of USAID as a weapon in [Venezuela, in which they starve](#) the nation via brutal economic sanctions, and run a [false flag operation](#) denying the starving people access to food aid.

A complete list of American false flag operations would be very, very long. A probable recent example was the temporary shutdown of the American gas “Colonial Pipeline.” According to [Natalya Kaspersky, the founder](#) and former CEO of security software firm Kaspersky Lab, the group, known as [UMBRAGE](#), is adept at hiding its online footprints. The existence of the team first came to light in a series of documents published by WikiLeaks in 2017 and subsequently picked up by American media. At the time, USA Today said the shadowy operatives “may have been cataloguing hacking methods from outside hackers, including in Russia, that would have allowed the agency to mask their identity by employing the method during espionage.”

The world of special interest control of American politicians may not be so opaque as Mandy Smithberger suggests. Those wars not only kill and maim millions of innocents and produce millions more “displaced people,” but they also produce greatly increased stock dividends for many or most of President Biden’s top cabinet members’ close friends and associates.

Avril Haines, “Director of National Intelligence (DNI) The nation’s top intelligence official—the DNI — is the designated leader of the U. S. Intelligence Community (IC), 18 agencies and organizations that include the CIA, the National Security Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office and the Office of DNI.”

Her stated priorities include: “Bolster cyber defenses and counter China, which she sees as a potential partner on climate change and an adversary when it comes to stealing U.S. intellectual property and technology & Does not envision America re-joining the Iran nuclear agreement in the near future.” <https://breakingdefense.com/2021/02/whos-who-in-defense-avril-d-haines-director-of-national-intelligence/>

One can only wonder what she thinks about Google’s recent Supreme Court victory over Oracle, given that Google copied 11,500 lines of code from Sun’s Java SE program. One person’s intellectual property is another person’s free-use material if it’s a small enough percentage of the total code according to SCOTUS.

In any case, there’s no good reason to not vilify China, contribute to a massive 4-billion-dollar smear campaign (Strategic Competition Act of 2021), corruptly attempt to cut it out of international trade and world communications systems, and play brinksmanship in the South China Sea possibly leading to WWIII, right? As Director of National Intelligence, Avril Haines bears culpability in the Strategic Competition Act of 2021 and all possible outcomes. She most definitely “crosses the line.” It is unquestionably profitable to bring superpowers to the brink of war as she well knows.

Professional/Academic Career

“After leaving the Obama administration, Haines worked in the private sector consulting for companies such as the Denver-based national security contractor Palantir Technologies, which specializes in data analytics.

“Principal at WestExec Advisors, a D.C.-based strategic advisory firm founded in 2017 by former Obama administration officials including Antony Blinken, (Biden’s Secretary of State), and Michèle Flournoy, (former Undersecretary of Defense for Policy under President Obama)...”

<https://breakingdefense.com/2021/02/whos-who-in-defense-avril-d-haines-director-of-national-intelligence/>

Palantir — founded in 2003 with capital from investors including the CIA — provides software to help organizations analyze data... Palantir’s government business grew much faster in 2020 than its commercial business. Its total revenue increased 47% from about \$743 million to \$1,093 million in 2020. Its government business soared 77% to \$610 million while its commercial business rose 21% to about \$482 million, according to its 2020 10K. For the fourth quarter, Palantir’s government segment popped 85% to \$190

million while its commercial segment inched up 4% to \$132 million, noted CNBC.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/petercohan/2021/04/11/palantir-technologies-stock-could-fall-17/?sh=72526e6a6857>

Ms. Avril Haines is at the axis of the revolving door between defense industries and the government's intelligence community.

Exactly how long did President Biden's top cabinet appointees wait after resigning their cozy defense related activities before assuming office(?) and to what extent do they stay in contact with those former associates? Who exactly is monitoring the time-frames involved, those kinds of relationships and to what extent is that information made public, and where?

There are many unanswered questions swirling around those relationships which are profitable and cozy to some and exceedingly deadly to others. The word "opaque" here can also be interpreted as obstruction of justice.

If you want to solve a crime



...you have to follow the money.
Who profits from this crime?

<https://www.middleeastmonitor.com/20181219-facebook-censoring-images-of-starving-yemen-children>

Answer: Shareholders in defense industry corporations and political “representatives” in the USA who profit from corrupt activities.

Senators who tried to kill Yemen bill have been paid by lobbyists

Roy Blunt, who voted against limiting the US's role in the Yemen war, received \$19,200 from pro-Saudi lobbyists in 2017

by Faisal Edroos, 29 Nov 2018

“At least five of the 37 Republican Senators who voted against advancing a resolution limiting the United States' involvement in the war in Yemen have received campaign contributions from pro-Saudi lobbying groups.

“Roy Blunt, John Boozman, Richard Burr, Mike Crapo and Tim Scott all received financial contributions from firms representing Saudi interests between 2016 and 2017, according to a recent investigation by the Centre for International Policy (CIP).

“All five Republicans voted on Wednesday against advancing the resolution, which, if passed, would force the US to limit its support for the Saudi-UAE war in Yemen.

“Senator Bernie Sanders, who co-sponsored the bill, said the time to end the US involvement in the war was now.

““We have already seen 85,000 children starved to death, the UN tells us that millions of people are facing starvation, 10,000 new cholera cases are developing each week because there is no clean drinking water in the country,” Sanders said following the briefing.

“All of that was caused by the Saudi-led invasion of Yemen three years ago, led by a despotic, dishonest dictatorship.”

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/11/pro-saudi-lobbyists-paid-5-senators-voted-yemen-bill-181129075933213.html>

Yemen death toll five times higher than previous estimate, researchers say

At least 56,000 people have been killed in armed violence in Yemen since January 2016, independent research group finds.

The new figure encompasses the deaths of both combatants and civilians in Yemen between January 2016 and 20 October 2018,

explained Andrea Carboni, a research analyst at the Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED).

It does not take into account the Yemenis who have died as a result of the humanitarian crisis engulfing the country and its related problems, such as diseases and malnutrition.

“The fatality numbers refer to the number of people that were killed as a direct consequence of armed violence,” Carboni told Middle East Eye on Monday.

<https://www.veteranstoday.com/2018/11/09/yemen-death-toll-five-times-higher-than-previous-estimate-researchers-say/>

This is mass murder and gangsterism in its most base and transparent form.

Where are the prosecutions for what are obviously examples of bribery and “conflict of interests?”

The Director of National Security Ms. Avril Haines must be fully aware the greatest danger to American national security is not the Afghans or Iraqis, not China, Russia or Iran, but rather corruption in American politics, and yet, somewhere between nothing and insignificantly little is being done about this clear and present, extreme and rapidly escalating danger. Why not?

These facts *give the appearance* that Ms. Haines ignores this absolute corruption in government precisely because she is a willing participant in this same corruption – which when stripped of its niceties is nothing less than organized crime and mass murder and torture of huge numbers of innocent men, women *and children* in the name of “national security.” <https://theintercept.com/drone-papers>

This is not an opaque world nor is it simply a case of multiple conflicts of interest. All of those involved in insider trading make the same compromises and use the same rationalizations. And yet, those caught for insider trading go to jail, whereas transparently corrupt politicians do not. Why not?

Given that the Strategic Competition Act of 2021 is by far the longest plan for a series of “hate crimes” I have seen since Mein Kampf, one can only wonder how DNI Avril Haines sleeps at night and if the tacit agreements she’s made are really worth risking WWII and in effect attempting to cut the world in two (via her ominous “counter China” agenda).

It's not difficult to figure out which of the two prostitutes she represents in Solomon's decision regarding the two mothers. A seven-year-old can figure this out and thanks to corporate control of the media, absolute corruption in government and Avril Haines' "leadership," the lives of 7+ billion people and civilization as we know it hang in the balance.

What percent of Americans would approve of Avril Haines' "compromises" if they knew of them?

Is attempting to maintain American unipolar hegemony in perpetuity while secretly and corruptly enriching oneself really worth the very real risk of thermonuclear war? Precisely how many, or what percentage of humanity must die to feed the collective and individual egos of the USA and its political "representatives?"

Furthermore, exactly how would she feel if she were an elderly Asian American beaten nearly to death in the streets of the USA because of the very hate she promotes in "countering China?" Is this really "justifiable collateral damage?" How would she like to die of starvation in Syria, Yemen, DRC, or dozens of other nations the US sanctions?

One can only wonder if the weight of the nine million humans that starve to death every year, the children blown to bloody bits on busses, in schools and refugee camps, and/or the 80 million displaced people in the world ever weigh on her conscience, if she has one at all.

Robert Work "Another partnership was with Google's in-house think tank, Jigsaw. WestExec's Robert Work, during his time at the Pentagon, collaborated with the tech company in an artificial-intelligence venture, as first reported by **The Intercept**. That AI initiative, known as Project Maven, led to an insurrection among Google staff upset about collaborating with the military. ("WestExec has done no work on Project Maven. Period," said Flournoy.) Though Jigsaw has since been removed from WestExec's list of partners, the Prospect has learned that Blinken and Flournoy have continued to work quietly and informally with Google engineers and executives, spitballing potential geopolitical threats. Schmidt Futures, Google founder and billionaire Eric Schmidt's philanthropy, has also hired WestExec."

...and others.

By inference one must assume the Project on Government Oversight is culpable in all crimes associated with these collusive deals between government and industry in macabre fulfillment of Eisenhower's Farewell Address warning citizens and the world of collusion between government and the weapons industry *exactly* as is going on now.

The persons named above are just the tip of the iceberg.

“If ‘personnel is policy,’ as Sen. Elizabeth Warren likes to say, we can learn a lot about Biden from his team. In addition to Blinken, advisers include Nicholas Burns (The Cohen Group), Kurt Campbell (The Asia Group), Tom Donilon (BlackRock Investment Institute), Wendy Sherman (Albright Stonebridge Group), Julianne Smith (WestExec Advisors), and Jake Sullivan (Macro Advisory Partners). They rarely discuss their connections to corporate power, defense contactors, private equity, and hedge funds, let alone disclose them.”

<https://prospect.org/world/how-biden-foreign-policy-team-got-rich/>

General Dynamics (Defense contractor \$10,883,966 Total Lobbying Expenditures, 2020; former Defense Secretary General James Mattis, who sits on the company's board)

<https://www.opensecrets.org/federal-lobbying/clients/summary?cycle=2020&id=D000000165>

Misc. Defense Spending on Lobbying \$47,628,420

<https://www.opensecrets.org/federal-lobbying/industries/summary?cycle=2020&id=D03>

In order to begin to clean up the absolutely corrupt government of the United States of America, all exemptions should be deleted from:

2 U.S. Code § 1603 - Registration of lobbyists - a) Registration (1) General rule - No later than 45 days after a lobbyist first makes a lobbying contact or is employed or retained to make a lobbying contact, whichever is earlier, or on the first business day after such 45th day if the 45th day is not a business day, such lobbyist (or, as provided under paragraph (2), the organization employing such lobbyist), shall register with the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives...

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/2/1603>

As it is all too easy to have tacit agreements that fly under the radar of exemptions listed in 2 U.S. Code § 1603 - Registration of lobbyists.

The following should have closed those loopholes in the law:

H.R.2316 — 110th Congress (2007-2008)

Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007 - Title I:
Closing the Revolving Door

...Requires such Member, officer, or employee to recuse himself or herself from any matter in which **there is or appears to be a conflict of interest under the Rule**, and to notify the Committee of such recusal. Requires such individual also to submit to the Clerk of the House, for public disclosure, the statement of disclosure for which such recusal was made.

[Text bolded by this author.]

(Sec. 102) Amends the federal criminal code to subject to a fine or imprisonment of up to 15 years, or both, a Member of Congress or a congressional employee who with the intent to influence, on the basis of partisan political affiliation, an employment decision or employment practice of any private entity: (1) takes or withholds, or offers or threatens to take or withhold, an official act; or (2) influences, or offers or threatens to influence, the official act of another...

(Sec. 103) Prohibits an attorney or law firm (including a professional legal corporation or partnership, or an attorney employed by such firm) which contracts to provide services to a congressional committee or subcommittee, a Member of the leadership of either chamber, a covered legislative branch official, or a working group or congressional caucus, from knowingly making, with the intent to influence, any communication or appearance before any Member, officer, or congressional employee on behalf of another person (except the United States) in connection with any matter on which the attorney or law firm seeks official action by such Member, officer, or employee in his or her official capacity during the term of the contract and for one year thereafter.

(Sec. 104) Amends the federal criminal code to require the Clerk of the House to: (1) notify former Members of the House, officers, or employees of post-employment restrictions; and (2) post the information contained in such notification on the public Internet site of the Clerk's Office.

(Sec. 105) **Establishes criminal penalties for a congressional employee formerly employed as a lobbyist who, within one year**

after leaving employment as a lobbyist, knowingly makes any communication to or appearance before the organization that employed him or her as a lobbyist (if not self-employed) or any client of that organization, present or past, during that one-year period on a matter relating specifically to that organization or client...

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/110th-congress/house-bill/2316>

Though this should come as no surprise, those politicians are or at least “give the appearance” (of) a bunch of crooks in a business that murders literally millions of people. They can change their official title from lobbyist to “consultant,” but that difference is moot when the bombs are falling on your family, and/or you’re drinking putrid water while rapidly dying of dehydration from diarrhea that just looks like bloody water because you haven’t had food in weeks. It hurts you know. Starvation hurts.

The human effects of American government corruption

Priyanka Motaparthi, a researcher for Human Rights Watch, arrived at a market in the Yemeni village of Mastaba on March 28, 2016, to find large craters, destroyed buildings, debris, shredded bits of clothing and small pieces of human bodies. Two weeks earlier, a warplane had bombed the market with two guided missiles. A Human Rights Watch (HRW) report says the missiles hit around noon on March 15, killing 97 civilians, including 25 children... Under President Barack Obama’s administration and, now, President Donald Trump’s, the United States has put its military might behind the Saudi-led coalition, waging a war without congressional authorization. That war has devastated Yemen’s infrastructure, destroyed or damaged more than half of Yemen’s health facilities, killed more than 8,350 civilians, injured another 9,500 civilians, displaced 3.3 million people, and created a humanitarian disaster that threatens the lives of millions as cholera and famine spread through the country. U.S. arms merchants, however, have grown rich. Fragments of the bombs were documented by journalists and HRW with help from Mastaba villagers.

An HRW munitions expert determined the bombs were 2,000-pound MK-84s, manufactured by General Dynamics. Based in Falls Church, Va., General Dynamics is the world’s sixth most profitable arms manufacturer. One of the bombs used a satellite guidance kit

from Chicago-based Boeing, the world's second-most profitable weapons company. The other bomb had a Paveway guidance system, made by either Raytheon of Waltham, Mass., the third-largest arms company in the world, or Lockheed Martin of Bethesda, Md., the world's top weapons contractor.

An In These Times analysis found that in the past decade, the State Department has approved at least \$30.1 billion in Saudi military contracts for these four companies. The war in Yemen has been particularly lucrative for General Dynamics, Boeing and Raytheon, which have received hundreds of millions of dollars in Saudi weapons deals.

All three corporations have highlighted business with Saudi Arabia in their reports to shareholders. Since the war began in March 2015, General Dynamics' stock price has risen from about \$135 to \$169 per share, Raytheon's from about \$108 to more than \$180, and Boeing's from about \$150 to \$360.

<https://inthesetimes.com/features/us-saudi-arabia-yemen-war-arms-sales.html>

Also see: <https://mwatana.org/en/>

The above is only a tiny sample of the human carnage unleashed during Hillary Clinton's career as Secretary of State "under" "President" Obama. To the above list one should add the overthrow of Egypt's first democratically elected President Mohamed Morsi, who was replaced by Ms. Clinton's choice of leader Abdel Fattah Saeed Hussein Khalil el-Sisi; President Mohamed Morsi's subsequent imprisonment and death,

<https://www.mintpressnews.com/mohamed-morsi-murdered-patriotic-poem/260011/>

<https://www.mintpressnews.com/us-welcomes-coup-leader-as-egypts-new-president/191995/>

several attempts to overthrow the government of Venezuela, the killing of thousands of civilians in drone wars in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia, and a dozen other countries at least, political assassinations, the millions of innocents that die every year of starvation due to [American economic sanctions](#), and so on.

Possible prosecution of high-ranking cabinet officials & Congressional reps

The cleanest and simplest way to clean up Congress and corrupt cabinet officials is via the RICO laws. What is the difference between the the Gambino family, the Lucchese family, Al Capone's mob and the US Congress? Only that the US Congress is bigger, better funded,

protected by corrupt presidents, attorney generals, the slavishly obedient corporate owned mainstream “news” media, and is vastly more deadly. Racketeering laws evolved into RICO in 1970 and are still very useful today.

“To convict a defendant under RICO, the government must prove that the defendant engaged in two or more instances of racketeering activity and that the defendant directly invested in, maintained an interest in, or participated in a criminal enterprise affecting interstate or foreign commerce.”

<https://www.nolo.com/legal-encyclopedia/content/rico-act.html>

Obvious *quid pro quo* relationships between political donations and Congressional voting patterns do create the *appearance* of corruption.

“Even in the cases that have construed the anti-corruption interest most narrowly, we have never suggested that such quid pro quo debts must take the form of outright vote buying or bribes, which have long been distinct crimes. Rather, they encompass the myriad ways in which outside parties may induce an officeholder to confer a legislative benefit in direct response to, or anticipation of, some *outlay of money the parties have made or will make on behalf of the officeholder*. See *McConnell*, 540 U. S., at 143 (“We have not limited [the anticorruption] interest to the elimination of cash-for-votes exchanges. In *Buckley*, we expressly rejected the argument that antibribery laws provided a less restrictive alternative to FECA’s contribution limits, noting that such laws ‘deal[t] with only the most blatant and specific attempts of those with money to influence governmental action’” (quoting 424 U. S., at 28; alteration in original)). It has likewise never been doubted that “of almost equal concern as the danger of actual *quid pro quo* arrangements is the impact of the appearance of corruption.” *Id.*, at 27. Congress may “legitimately conclude that the avoidance of the appearance of improper influence is also critical. [Italics added by this author, except for the Latin text.]”

<https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/09pdf/08-205.pdf>

Conflicts of interest and dividend profits from votes in favor of international aggression may only be circumstantial evidence, but:

“Criminal law does allow prosecutors to convict a defendant using just circumstantial evidence. In fact, this proof is not considered to be inherently less reliable than direct proof.”

<https://www.shouselaw.com/ca/defense/legal-defenses/circumstantial-evidence/>

Is there any possibility Attorney General Merrick B. Garland would ever prosecute any top administration officials or members of Congress for egregious violations of law, e.g., violations of Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007 - Title I: Closing the Revolving Door?

The Unspoken Premise of Modern Capitalism Is That the World Will Be Saved by Greedy Tech Oligarchs, by Caitlin Johnstone, Dec. 29, 2020

“...Ah yes, America. The country where Republicans spend all day screaming that socialism is happening and Democrats spend all day making sure it never does...”

“In reality, the world is still very much locked into zealous worship of the great god known as capitalism. And it is choking the world to death...”

<https://caitlinjohnstone.com/2020/12/29/the-unspoken-premise-of-modern-capitalism-is-that-the-world-will-be-saved-by-greedy-tech-oligarchs/>

The United States is not rapidly descending into riot, ruin and rot because of the workers – they by in large are fine. The referenced information in this article represents only the tip of the iceberg of the absolute corruption in Washington DC, their sociopathic masters in Langly Virginia, and their avaricious masters in the boardrooms of corporate America.

The only way to get a clear view on daily events surrounding those places is to read “*The Twelve Caesars*,” by Suetonius wherein the debauched leaders of empire can only find pleasure in sadism. There was no profit in killing half a million Americans with COVID-19, or in starving nine million to death every year. Given the highly advanced state of pharmaceutical interventions available to intelligence organizations to extract truth from prisoners there is no need at all for torture. Why then kill all those innocents and torture people? The answer can be found in the work of Suetonius.

NATO

Jessica Corbett reports on efforts by Washington and NATO allies to block the first legally binding global pact to fully prohibit nuclear weapons.

<https://consortiumnews.com/2020/10/22/as-nuclear-weapon-ban-treaty-nears-force-us-urges-nations-to-withdraw>

In Libya, a Bloodbath Looms, August 31, 2011

Exclusive: The Orwellian hypocrisy of NATO's mission "to protect civilians" in Libya has now been encapsulated in a vow from a NATO-backed Libyan rebel who announced plans to crush the few towns still loyal to Muammar Gaddafi with the words, "sometimes to avoid bloodshed you must shed blood," as Robert Parry reports.

<https://consortiumnews.com/2011/08/31/in-libya-a-bloodbath-looms>

The Dangerous US/NATO Strategy in Europe, By Manlio Dinucci, Global Research, March 05, 2021

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/dangerous-us-nato-strategy-europe/5739039>

NATO is Turning Europe into a Battlefield against Russia - Italy's Election Campaign. NATO has already Voted Before Us

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/italys-election-campaign-nato-has-already-voted-before-us/5629902>

What Planet Is NATO Living On? by Medea Benjamin - Nicolas J. S. Davies, February 25, 2021

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2021/02/25/what-planet-is-nato-living-on>

Global NATO: A 70-Year Alliance of Oppressors in Crisis, by Horace G. Campbell, April 9, 2019

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2019/04/09/global-nato-a-70-year-alliance-of-oppressors-in-crisis>

Humanitarian Imperialism - How corporate media sell regime change, Intervention and war to progressive audiences, Alan MacLeod, March 3, 2021

<https://fair.org/home/humanitarian-imperialism>

Adding up to the tragic fact that the European powers are very much still on the same old colonial bandwagon as during the entire past 500 years, and in fact one might argue since the beginning of the crusades in 1095, or if one wants to take the really long view of things since General Flavius Valerius Constantinus went rampaging around Persia earning his spurs in the Roman army on his way to becoming the Emperor in the early 4th Century.

Please note, the above are alt-news reports on NATO were found only because I have a list of alt-news sources. Finding them using ordinary key word searches is virtually impossible.

If one searches Google.com directly for NATO one finds page after page, after page after page extolling the multi-faceted wonders, the sparking goodness, the immeasurable virtue of NATO, blithely ignoring the endless millions of liters of human blood – the blood of innocents it has ruthlessly spilled in support of the American hegemon, in a continuation of the same old crusades and colonial exploits.

Alt-news however tells an altogether different story.

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/us-nato-powers-intensify-preparations-for-nuclear-war-in-response-to-russian-aggression/5458679>

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/nato-carnage-in-afghanistan/5305033>

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/nato-assault-on-sirte-inflicts-more-libyan-civilian-casualties/26927>

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/towards-a-mafia-state-in-kosovo-nato-still-getting-it-wrong-in-kosovo/27258>

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/global-warfare-after-nato-summit-u-s-to-intensify-military-drive-into-asia/21977>

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/u-s-nato-poised-for-most-massive-war-in-afghanistan-s-history/15364>

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/nato-encirclement-of-russia-the-strategic-role-of-the-visegrad-four-poland-hungary-czech-republic-slovakia/30569>

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/natos-military-encirclement-of-russia-obama-escalates-nato-confrontation-with-russia/5385455>

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/the-march-to-war-nato-preparing-for-war-with-serbia/7053>

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/the-al-qaeda-insurgency-in-syria-recruiting-jihadists-to-wage-nato-s-humanitarian-wars/26351>

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/merkel-urged-to-temper-natos-belligerence-the-july-2016-warsaw-nato-summit/5534655>

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/us-nato-prepares-for-war-against-russia-washingtons-objective-create-divisions-between-europe-and-russia/5533377>

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/worldwide-militarization-nato-expands-military-network-to-all-continents/31559>

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/our-man-in-tripoli-us-nato-sponsored-islamic-terrorists-integrate-libya-s-pro-democracy-opposition/24096>

<https://www.rt.com/russia/541778-nato-shipping-weaponry-border/>

And that's not even half of it.

Alt-news is very hard to find on google.com anymore unless one knows the names and/or URLs of specific alt-news sources.

This situation deteriorated very rapidly during the Trump regime.

In order to keep corporate profits soaring, alt-news has been suppressed on Google by way of ever evolving algorithms. This in turn supports the war machine (military-industrial-media-political complex), and the war machine can so easily blunder into WWII without even blinking, because it is only geared towards quarterly earnings, not long-term thinking, like: "Will there be a planet left for our children to inherit?"

None of the alt-news sites are bragging about the number of visits to their sites anymore in fear of losing sponsors. Many are on financial life support. A few at least appear to be starting to take financial support directly or indirectly from US government sources.

This is little different from economic sanctions imposed on nations designed to starve them into submission to Euro-American hegemony.

Google the Colossus

Google is unquestionably at war against the Free Press in violation of First Amendment rights in the USA and numerous Supreme Court decisions.

Google isn't the only search engine out there, but it is the colossus, the undisputed heavy weight champ.

Google has transcended from being just another search engine. It has become ubiquitous, often used as a transitive verb. “If you have any doubts, just Google it!”

With its ever-evolving algorithms, a dominant online advertising platform, and personalized user experience, Google has amassed a global market share of 87%. No one serves up better search results than Google. At least that’s the common perception.

But is that always the case?

Google’s easy-to-use interface and personalized user experience comes at a cost...

<https://www.searchenginejournal.com/alternative-search-engines/271409/#close>

According to Search Engine Journal, the world’s top seven search engines are:

- Google
- YouTube
- Amazon
- Facebook
- Microsoft Bing
- Baidu (mostly in Chinese)
- Yandex (mostly in Russian)

<https://www.searchenginejournal.com/seo-101/meet-search-engines/#close>

American Google is the alleged king-pin in suppressing alt-news on the internet, allowing a “clean-sweep” by mainstream corporate owned fake news worldwide. And thus, we get presidents who are really selected by corporate managers who control the mainstream news.

This by itself hugely increases the probability of WWIII. Gagging the last honest news producers isn’t the best idea at any time, and is nothing less than suicide at the worst of times.

Strategically placing sticks of dynamite around the [world’s most indebted economy](#), while its stock market has the [world’s largest bubble](#) supported only by magic and [failing world-wide confidence](#), at the same time open [class-warfare](#) and [race-warfare](#) burns hotter and deadlier, and an [unbridled pandemic rages](#), isn’t a good idea either.

Sticks of dynamite? President Biden's gangster squad of [Burns](#), [Austin](#), [Blinken](#), [Haines](#), [Powers](#) and [Nuland](#) all have intimate connections with the war machine, and/or have fixated on Syria and Iran as worthy of demolition. Russia might not like the USA doing a clean sweep of the Middle East, as [Yemen](#), and even [Libya](#) in North Africa could fall shortly thereafter. Russia has [at least nuclear parity](#) with the US, and [could possibly win should a nuclear war occur](#) as, unlike the US, they planned on that eventuality from the beginning, knowing the reckless and fickle nature of American transient decision makers. And most recently,

2021.11.25 US missile-armed warship heads into Black Sea - An American Navy guided-missile destroyer, the USS Arleigh Burke, has been deployed to the Black Sea. The mission comes amid heightened NATO activities in the region, with two other US warships recorded in the area last week. / The deployment of the guided-missile destroyer was announced by the US Navy on Thursday. The mission is its first movement since it switched its homeport to a naval base in Rota, Spain. / "USS Arleigh Burke (DDG 51) began its northbound transit to the Black Sea to operate with our NATO allies & partners in the region," the Navy said in a statement. <https://www.rt.com/russia/541325-missile-destroyer-black-sea>

The weapons corporations need wars to continue to pay quarterly dividends to shareholders. Like a large carnivorous reptile, they must eat flesh.

The above kinds of news are not easy to find on Google. I only found them because I read RT daily, have a [good list of alternative news sites](#) and check out the latest whitewash government propaganda on mainstream news.

It's been common knowledge since 2007 that the [CIA outsources at least 70% of its budget](#). This gives them near perfect deniability regarding most of their activities, ditto for Private Military Companies (PMCs). Any one of these thousands of new organizations can run the false flag operation needed to start a war anywhere – a war that can snowball into a regional or global conflict overnight.

And what happens when an irresistible force meets an unstoppable object? Nothing good that's for sure.

Worse still there are other worrying macro-trends functioning within the vastly complex matrix of Google's opaque algorithms.

Though some google employees did fight off the Pentagon's Project Maven, that was hardly the end of the story and many of those employees are gone now. Why does this remind me of King John hunting down and killing the signatories of the Magna Carta after regaining his power?

Google fires another AI ethics researcher amid row over 'censorship & racism,' as team member accuses company of 'smear campaign, February 20, 2021

Google has terminated the head researcher on its AI ethics team over what the tech giant deemed a violation of its "code of conduct," as the company faces an internal revolt over a previous firing of a black data scientist...

Gebu's termination kicked up a storm of controversy among Google employees well beyond Mitchell, prompting an open letter signed by no fewer than 2,695 Googlers and some 4,300 "academic, industry and civil society supporters" demanding the company explain its decision to fire the researcher...

"The termination is an act of retaliation against Dr. Gebu, and it heralds danger for people working for ethical and just AI – especially black people and people of color – across Google," the letter said...

<https://www.rt.com/usa/516113-google-fires-researcher-racism>

At the event in Washington, Walker, the chief legal officer, said Google was pursuing higher security certifications so it could work more closely with the Defense Department on other projects. "I want to be clear," he said. "We are a proud American company."

<https://www.bloomberg.com/features/2019-google-military-contract-dilemma>

<https://www.businessinsider.com/google-department-of-defense-deal-to-fight-cybercrime-2020-5>

It can be argued it was Google that kicked-off the new Cold War against China. In January 2010, Google announced that, in response to a Chinese-originated hacking attack on them and other US tech companies, they were no longer willing to censor searches in China and would pull out of the country completely, but actually retreated to Hong Kong instead.

Did they actually have solid conclusive proof the Chinese government was involved? [Hijacking other people's IP address](#) is sport for high-level computer predators. Could the Google hacking attack they attribute to China have been a false flag operation launched by any of a hundred outside parties including those nations that absolutely need the maintenance of American hegemony to survive), some black ops division of the American DoD, or a [PMC](#) looking to stir up a little business?

Why should I or anyone care?

My uncle was one of those veterans who killed himself after serving as one of the CIA's killers. Working out of the Pentagon, and in Southeast Asia he coordinated bombing raids in Laos and Cambodia in the mid-1960s during the "secret wars" in those countries.

4/9/2017.04.09 **America's 'Secret War' and the bombing of Southeast Asia** - By Maxmilian Wechsler - ...Out of 2,858 days from 1964 to 1974, US planes flew bombing missions over Laos on 2,290 days. About 2.5 million tons of bombs, more than what the US Air Force (USAF) unloaded on Germany and Japan combined during World War II, were dropped on Laos. A UN report calls Laos the most bombed country on the planet per capita, with .84 tons of explosives dropped per person from 1965 to 1974.
<https://www.thebigchilli.com/feature-stories/americas-secret-war-and-the-bombing-of-southeast-asia>

Also see:

<https://edition.cnn.com/2016/09/05/asia/united-states-laos-secret-war/index.html>

<http://peacehistory-usfp.org/laos-cambodia/>

<https://www.warhistoryonline.com/war-articles/laos-secret-war-cia-most-bombed-country-per-capita.html>

Afterwards Uncle Irving returned to the US and drank himself to death within a year. It wasn't officially called "suicide" but everyone who knew him knew perfectly well what happened. Then my grandfather died and my mother moved quickly down the road into a depressive angry alcoholism. That caused a divorce, and me becoming homeless at age 16. That was during the time strict Affirmative Action quotas were in place, and it was very difficult for me to keep a job as several employers "let me go" in order to meet hiring quotas. The endless crimes of the US government ripple outward to today. And yet, unlike millions of US foreign policy victims I survived, and, unlike millions of Americans I will not be silent about those crimes.

Fortunately, and not surprisingly, I am not alone in this effort.

There are for example many US Veterans groups that are against American wars.

- <https://aboutfaceveterans.org>
- <https://www.veteransforpeace.org>
<https://www.swords-to-plowshares.org>
- <https://www.ivaw.org> (No longer active however site remains as an archive)
- And others.

A better question is: Why doesn't everyone care?

Tragically, the US government and associated downstream industries keep pouring trillions of dollars into promoting conflicts around the world.

And, the so-called "Defense" industries having hijacked the US and world [mainstream media](#) keep their profits soaring, regardless as to [the extreme illegality involved](#).

Noam Chomsky - The 5 Filters of the Mass Media Machine

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=34LGPIXvU5M>

Only ignorance of the realities of this world, and absolute domestic corruption can keep the American voting and tax paying public harnessed to the vast killing machine American politicians promote.

Corruption is a world-wide phenomenon that is spreading like wildfire during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Many are the dangerously naïve in developing countries who think they can jump on the American bandwagon and be welcome, but they are only disposable parts and ultimately always betrayed in the end by their "great" American government "friends." Please remember:

2020.10.25 America has no allies, only hostages, by Caitlin Johnstone

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/504263-caitlin-johnstone-america-allies>

In sum, yes, the USA is now supporting both sides in the war they covertly started in Ethiopia, which has a high potential to drag in other nations, most certainly including Eritrea, all to 1) enrich corrupt American politicians, and 2) slow down China's Belt and Road Initiative that helps the world's least developed countries' entry into the modern world.

Those corrupt politicians know they can't stop the Belt and Road Initiative because most of the world desperately needs infrastructure, electricity, transportation and jobs.

China, exhibiting the great virtue of Asia – patience - will wait for the US created storms to pass. They cannot interfere, as per China's long-standing policy (going back to at least to the Ming Dynasty). Meanwhile the USA is offering the poor and starving of the world nothing but more war, torture and death – and maybe some bandages and food aid via the UN they so totally own, after the wars they helped start.

Election Year 2022

Next year is another election year. It sure would be nice if American voters could find some politicians to put into office who never worked for the CIA, have no connections to

weapons corporations or related downstream industries, and best of all have both common sense and that all but forgotten quality called: Moral Integrity.

Maybe, then, America can truly become great, maybe for the first time.

In the meantime, my dear fellow Americans, please make it crystal clear to those absolutely corrupt, greedy, sadistic gangsters in Langley and DC, they must stop the war in Ethiopia, NOW.

The EU

It seems highly likely the EU would agree with me at least in regards to the absolute stupidity of starting major wars in Africa. Why? Do they really want few million more African war refugees camping on their doorsteps and/or washing up dead and bloated on their beaches? NATO on the other hand would totally disagree. Why? There is no basis for their existence. They're hungry for a war and they really don't care who they kill (though Muslims are preferred). Beneath that sanctimonious veneer they are just itching to push their weapons industries so they can buy second homes in Capri for their mistresses. And that, dear readers, is how the world really works while innocents are slaughtered every minute worldwide, and the spark to initiate WWII can come at any time from any of a thousand sources thanks to the endless brinksmanship played by the profit seeking politicians in DC, their masters in Langley, and their masters in corporate boardrooms.

From the history of Ethiopia

The outcome of all this may be illuminated by the following story from that land once called Abyssinia.

“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, 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. The story continues:

“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

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.

Will American citizens ever elect a president with the moral courage and basic common sense to pull the US out of the nosedive into ever greater gangsterism, isolationism, and total economic collapse? It seems unlikely western corporate controlled mainstream media will ever permit that as they only care about quarterly dividends, not next year, or future generations.

Afterword

As an undergraduate I worked for a few years as a research assistant for a professor named Michael H. on a series of research projects that were financed by some branch of the US government. One experiment was on something called: passive aggression.

Imaging you are standing on the side of the road and see a truck driving at full speed towards a group of people crossing the street who didn't see the truck. Do you, as an observer have an obligation of some kind to warn them? Maybe you don't like them, for whatever reason, so you remain silent and they are killed. That, is passive aggression. By doing nothing, harm happens to others.

In the case of this "longish" article, I see the ebbs and flows of influence in the Euro-American governments as exactly like that truck. Except in this case, I have friends I deeply care about in those countries Euro-American governments are bearing down upon.

Thus, because I'm a voracious reader, am getting first hand information from friends, know full well the histories and proven habits of all parties involved, and can clearly see what's going on, I realize, I have a moral obligation to write this article whatever the costs may be to me personally.

I didn't want to write this article. There were and are 100 other things I would prefer to have been doing. But, how can I live with myself, if and when my missing friends never show up again, or are identified as dead? Add to that is the fact I do not want to see the US economy and cultures crash and burn, because there are people there, I also care about. Furthermore, the world economy follows the American economy, and a collapse of the American economy will trigger a global economic depression in which probably at least a billion people will die. Thus, I am highly motivated to keep trying to communicate with a western audience, even though I know perfectly well American censorship mechanisms nearly entirely prevent that.

People have questioned my beliefs. My beliefs are simple: Protect life, especially human life. Communication and education are the only tools I believe can have a lasting and positive influence.

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Also see:

<https://www.facinghistory.org/resource-library/video/choosing-cruelty-psychology-perpetrators>

“Remember that all through history, there have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time, they seem invincible. But in the end, they always fall. Always.”

— Mahatma Gandhi, *Gandhi: An Autobiography*

