

TRANSFORMING GLOBAL POLITICS —The Time Has Come

By Bo Filter

Human thinking today is still bogged down by our primitive software program called dogma. From the dawn of human consciousness, many beliefs have been held close to our hearts without a shred of tangible evidence. From such primitive ideas and notions, superstitions were born. Fantasies about magic and how to perform miracles took root. Beliefs galvanized into collectives, forming the first dogmas of cults and early religions.

Dogmas flourished, giving early humans rules and rituals, no matter how unfitting the outcome. Eventually, a new dogma arose. It carried a prescription for war. War dogma is relatively new compared to the long lineage of cults and religion. Archaeological discoveries dating from about 4500 BCE reveal the earliest signs of organized aggression.

Today's war dogma, complemented by other economic and religious dogmas, has humanity on the brink of annihilation. These primitive ideological structures are responsible for the existence of thousands of nuclear weapons. Worse, many key current US military and state department strategists are ravenous to commit nuclear war.

In dire straits, humanity is desperate to divert these warmongers from disaster. A fundamental transformation in the way we think, in the way we process information, is desperately needed. This critical juncture prompted Albert Einstein to write: "...the unleashed power of the atom has changed everything save our modes of thinking, and we thus drift toward unparalleled catastrophes."

Fortunately, we do have an alternative to primitive thinking. Today, we can reprogram our supercomputer brains. As individuals we can erase our antiquated dogma software and replace it with a new program of modern science. We do this by learning scientific methodology. With science we can become much more focused on the truly dogmatic nature of warmongering and how to remove criminally minded individuals from all sectors of high office.

By transcending dogma, we trade in: beliefs for facts; delusion for disillusionment; fantasy for reality; speculation for chains of forensic evidence. As well, since war crimes are bathed in secrecy, we also trade in secrecy for truth — that hard sought

after prize in all criminal legal proceedings.

The question now becomes: who are these people that keep dragging humanity into war? When this question is raised in discussion groups, the most common response given is the "Committee of 300". This group is said to be the current rulers over planet earth. Warmonger roots go deep through 6500 years of near constant war.

With the advent of modern psychology, we now understand that such individuals from ancient times think and operate without a conscience, without scruples. According to current psychiatric nomenclature, they make up over 1% of the general population. Their behaviour is described in the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual* of mental disorders under the category of antisocial personality type disorders. The public normally refers to them as psychopaths. This author categorizes them as being caught in a more specific syndrome related to warmongering denoted as: *Criminal Aggressor Personality Disorder*.

One of the main features of *Criminal Aggressors* is their thirst for power. These psychopaths seek to rule at any cost. Without a conscience, they care not about who gets hurt. Wars, pestilence, famine, and environmental destruction are the footprints of *Criminal Aggressors*, and they rule over the earth today from Washington, D.C.

Few people realize how extensive US aggression has become. Out of the entire 208 planet-wide states and territories, the US has, by one method or another, invaded 202 of them with a documented goal of world leadership, their euphemism for domination and enslavement. See *Project for a New American Century* and *Joint Vision 2020* as just two examples. The family survivors of millions killed by these warmongers know the difference between leadership and brutality.

Each attack against the world's nation states is presented to the world through western military propaganda as making the world a safer place to live, the opposite of their true intention. Domination and bullying does not provide a safe place to live for anyone.

With the 1% psychopaths ruling over the world in a stratified pyramid structure, a counter transformation encompasses a world turned upside down, so that, the masses are ruling over the psychopaths,

reversing ancient history.

Imagine this pyramid turning upside down, where elitism and psychopathology are on the bottom of power stratification. The symbol for global transformation would be the two images combined to form a diamond shape, an upright pyramid sharing the same base with an upside down pyramid.



Transformation does not happen instantly with one throw of a switch. It comes in increments. Insights transpire. For instance, the ancient ideas of peace through persuasion is challenged and understood for its limitations. A new dimension comes into view: unconscionable psychopaths responsible for the great miseries of war are immune to persuasion and polity. To psychopaths, politics serves as an instrument

of diversion, stalling, and all form of psychological warfare using legal instruments to block public persuasion and even to falsely frame political adversaries.

Subsequently, a transformative collective zeitgeist around the world realizes that we must now focus on legal proceedings to remove psychopaths from positions of political and economic power. The key to success rests on a major paradigm shift.

By embracing a transformation from dogma to science, we create a valid and sound platform on which to create a new forensic focus on criminal psychopathic behaviour—reversing the old paradigm of the 1% psychopaths judging and persecuting the masses to the conscionable masses taking control of the courts to prosecute the psychopaths for war crimes.

By transforming dogma to science, we leapfrog from Stone Age to modernity. Future generations depend on this radical change for survival. Nuclear weapons are made at the instruction of people with questionable sanity. The increasing use of these weapons at the command of *criminal aggressors* is a worst-case scenario, the shame for which must be born by US warmongers.

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2014 living wage calculation: Parents need two minimum wage jobs each to support a family in Metro Vancouver

Thirty-six organizations in Metro Vancouver, employing over 6,000 workers and covering many thousand more contracted service workers, have been certified as Living Wage Employers. These include SAP-Vancouver, Vancity, The Canadian **VANCOUVER** -- A report released April; 29 finds that the wage needed to cover the costs of raising a family in Metro Vancouver is \$20.10 per hour. This is the 2014 Metro Vancouver living wage rate, the hourly wage that two working parents with two young children must earn to meet their basic expenses (including rent, child care, food and transportation), once government taxes, credits, deductions and subsidies have been taken into account.

The 2014 Metro Vancouver living wage rose by 48 cents from the 2013 figure of \$19.62/hour, according to *Working for a Living Wage 2014: Making Paid Work Meet Basic Family Needs in Metro Vancouver*, a report published by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives-BC office, First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition, and the Metro Vancouver Living Wage for Families Campaign. This represents an increase of 2.4%, much higher than the general inflation rate of 0.2% for Vancouver. Living wage rates have also risen faster than inflation for the Fraser Valley and the Capital Regional District, to \$17.02 and \$18.93 respectively, where reports were also released today.

"The Metro Vancouver living wage rate has crossed an important threshold — it is now over twenty dollars — almost double the current minimum wage," says Michael McCarthy Flynn, Campaign Organizer with the Living Wage for Families Campaign. "The stark reality of this is that workers in minimum wage jobs in Metro Vancouver have to work two jobs just to make ends meet."

Child care and shelter costs are the two big drivers of the living wage increase. Child care costs rose by \$48 per month, while rent costs were up by \$50 per month. Other items in the family budget that saw increases higher than inflation were clothing and footwear (2%), MSP premiums (4%) and non-MSP healthcare expenditures (2%). MSP premiums rose in 2014 for the fifth consecutive year, and have added \$30.50 to the family's monthly expenses since the Metro Vancouver living wage was first calculated in 2008.

"Though a \$20.10 hourly living wage rate may be a surprise to some, it is important to remember that this high wage rate reflects, in part, a failure of public

policy to ensure affordability and a decent quality of life for all families," says Iglia Ivanova, CCPA economist and co-author of the report. "Investing in universal affordable childcare, more affordable rental and social housing, or better public transportation would significantly reduce the costs of raising a family and lower the living wage. For example, the \$10/Day Child Care Plan proposed by the Child Care Advocates of BC and the Early Childhood Educators of BC, would reduce the Metro Vancouver living wage by \$3.57 per hour, bringing it to \$16.53."

BC now has the highest child poverty rate in Canada, and has ranked worst in Canada for nine out of the last 10 years (we were second-worst in 2010). The story of child poverty is very much a story of low wages. In 2011 (the last year for which we have data), one out of every three poor children (32%) lived in families where at least one adult had a full-time, full-year job and a majority lived in families with some paid work (part-year or part-time).

"The living wage is one of the most powerful tools available to address BC's troubling state of child poverty and working poverty more broadly," says McCarthy Flynn. "It calls on employers to pay wages that reflect the actual costs of living in their communities."

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Download *Working for a Living Wage 2014: Making Paid Work Meet Basic Family Needs in Metro Vancouver* at policyalternatives.ca/livingwage2014.

See more at: <https://www.policyalternatives.ca/newsroom/news-releases/2014-living-wage-calculation-parents-need-two-minimum-wage-jobs-each-support#sthash.6Lr2R5ma.dpuf>

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