

US initiates nuclear war against Syria

By Bo Filter

U.S. Airforce A-10 Warthogs struck Aleppo on February 9 when Russian planes were out of the area. Instantly, western propaganda went to work framing Russia, both for the wanton aerial bombing of civilians and for destroying two hospitals. Blaming a third party to avert responsibility for clearly criminal behaviour is not just psychological warfare but standard psychopathic behaviour.

Worse, the prostitute media neglected to warn the world that Warthogs shoot nuclear-tipped bullets that poison the environment for millions of years. Grossly deformed babies are being born across the Middle East in the wake of using these extremely poisonous uranium shells, starting with the Yom Kipper War, then escalated dramatically by the U.S. in *Desert Storm*. Now, a dozen countries have been devastated by these U.S. weapons of interminable destruction.

By shelling Aleppo with A-10s, the U.S. has begun a nuclear war against Syria. Like the victim countries before, Syria will be most likely abandoned by the international community. Meanwhile, a psychopathic cult of Neoconservatives are free to strike whatever countries they choose next. Some of the public watches in horror, while most live in the tulips, acting as gullible parrots for *Fox News* and the other militarized media cartels.

Even the so-called public broadcasters sing the songs of western war propaganda. For instance, the CBC immediately claimed that Russia denies bombing Aleppo in spite of "overwhelming evidence". No actual evidence is presented because the war of propaganda is a war of words, not evidence. It's up to the public to solve the problems created by its own credulity and blind following.

We don't have classes or programs that teach people how to watch out for deception or how to test one's own inclinations for being duped. With such classes we could

address sticky issues like Mark Twain's observation, "It's easier to convince people of a lie than it is to convince them that they've been lied to."

Why? Once we fall prey to a lie, our ego will defend it so not to lose face. It's better to live in a Disneyland-like headspace than to accept fallibility, the idea that we could be wrong. Thusly, war propagandists jump on this weakness, which enables them to enlist an entire army of public supporters for war by simply convincing them to believe the "latest breaking news".

According to polls, 40-year CBS News anchorman Walter Cronkite was considered the most trusted man in America. Just before Cronkite died, a journalist asked him why he thought he was so trusted. Cronkite



A US Airforce A-D Warthog in flight

reflected for a moment then offered that it was because of his "ability to tell lies convincingly". Cronkite held America in the grip of a fictional reality, a world where warmongers could "pied piper" America into invading country after country across the globe.

Endless credulity is fertile soil to endless lying. Endless lying is essential to creating the fog of war, an atmosphere of

poor vision and confusion that lends itself to inciting endless wars. The endless cycle of wars seems hopeless. People often say that they want to crawl into a hole and pull the lid over.

Yet, as soon as we clearly identify a critical problem like credulity, we can start to move to correct it. Firstly, we need to come up with some creative ideas. To start, why don't we petition the United Nations General Assembly to declare war on gullibility, a psychological weakness that leads generation after generation towards war? High schools around the world need to tackle the problem. The United Nations might serve as a coordinating body for a world wide effort.

More immediately, we need to address

This may seem utterly sinister. Yet, wars of aggression such as this are soaked in depravity. The United Nations has recognized this and has aptly named this conduct "wars of aggression".

For the decency of humanity, you can fight back. The more people that are aware of the depravity of the situation, the more difficult it is for warmongers to advance their agenda. The Neoconservative agenda is nothing less than global slavery, a planet where the poor have no place to run and escape.

Expose their plan in the *Wolfowitz Doctrine*. Expose their goal of world domination in the *Project for a New American Century*. Expose their machinations emanating from the *Council of Foreign Relations* and their flagship newspeak magazine, *Foreign Affairs*.

Read the declassified 1950 *National Security Council Memorandum - 68*, which calls for extending the gap between the world's rich and the world's poor and calls for creating the Cold War as pretext to hide upcoming U.S. wars of aggression. Spread the word on websites like Global Research and Information Clearing House. Go to Paul Craig Robert's website. He worked in the Reagan administration. Even Vladimir Putin appreciates his insights.

This is going to take up much of your time. The only thing left you need is a 48-hour day, so you can attend marches against nuclear war and other group endeavors that address other misadventures by maligned personalities. In the end, if you can only manage to do a little, it is much better than doing nothing.

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2016 – World threatens to break free from US protection racket?

By Bo Filter

A US national security Christian cult of Neo-conservatives claims through its documents at the *Project for a New American Century* that it has a God-given right to impose itself on the world, to police the entire world, and provide protection for all people. Naturally, other countries shun this preposterous provocation.

But the Neo-cons won't take no for an answer, so they force themselves down the throat of other countries with all the fervour and determination that attended the original crusades back in the 13th century. This new 21st century Christian crusade, however, is much more media savvy. It tries, for instance, to appeal to all Americans by draping itself under the American flag, using the stars and stripes as its war standard instead of the Christian cross.

Using a national security stratagem of humanitarian concern for all people like their much acclaimed *responsibility to protect*, Neo-cons effectively hide their ultimate missionary goal of converting the world to Christianity. Neo-cons believe that they can succeed, because they have wrested the most powerful military in the world away from the US secular Constitutional government and turned it into a Christian mercenary army.

Neo-cons do not call for sharing power. They want it all, as is common among fanatics. Zealots see that conversion must be attained at any cost, which is why we see that every country around the world is under attack.

Coup d'états are ongoing around the world, but the military is not the only means of attack. You can subdue a country using economic means. Read John Perkin's book, *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*. Ultimately, countries are brought down to economic peonage, and puppets are put in power to do the bidding for the Neo-cons. It's a war against the world.

WARMONGERING

Brethren among the Neo-cons are warmongers. It takes a lot of money to run a world war, and warmongering just so happens to be the most profitable business of all times. The Neo-cons have declared "war without end". Never-ending wars wholeheartedly implies never-ending profits for the suppliers of eternal war. A never-ending market is the perfect atmosphere and climate for the business of warmongering. Can you imagine owning a business that will never end? Your posterity will live forever drowning in money, power and prestige. Call it the Garden of Eden of Mammon.

Remember, the devil doesn't care who dies or how many die or under what circumstances they die. Death, misery, and the four horsemen of the apocalypse are mere collateral damage to the greater good of insatiable greed.

Drumming up business has been rather easy to do. First, find religious sects that hate each other. Then create a fight. Kill someone on each side, and blame each side for the deaths on the other side. This lights the match that ignites a war

Weapons manufacturers are standing by ready to sell both sides all the latest weapons of mass destruction. This business has been going on for some time now. In fact, the first mention of warmongering goes back in history to its first mention around 1000 BCE.

Warmongering has become a science in the last century—a seedy science of cleverly fabricated fear and forever a criminal enterprise. "War is a Racket" declared US Marine Major Brigadier General Smedley Butler in his short book with this title back in 1933. Butler understood that a 1% dominant force of warmongers backed by private bankers who made the loans for wars with huge interest profits had already taken over much of the world. How did he know? He was their enforcer for what World War II general and subsequent US Presi-

dent Dwight D. Eisenhower would dub the Military Industrial Complex.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Smedley Butler, he was the general who testified before the US Congress that he had been approached by the 1% power brokers to overthrow the Presidency of Franklin Roosevelt and establish a military state to end Constitutional government. The coup attempt collapsed because of his testimony before Congress, but not a single warmonger or banker was indicted for insurrection and treason.

At the same time of Butler's book, the 1% were busy funding the rise of Adolf Hitler who created a fascist state in Germany in their image of an ideal world drenched in war and eternal profiteering. Perhaps if a General Butler equivalent had emerged in Germany, World War II might have been averted.

Over the centuries, as the warmongering baton was passed from generation to generation, today we find its public-facing leadership entrenched in the Neo-conservative movement. One of their spokesmen, former US Vice-President Dick Cheney, fervently warns us that wars will not end in our life time.

Assuredly, from the first organized marauders, dating back to 4400 BCE, to modern day "wars of aggression," as defined by the United Nations, progressively: the taking of cattle; then women and children; then metal ores for armaments; then nations to form the first imperial colonies that extend to today's *globalization* or *New World Order*, aggression has been the most profitable enterprise on spaceship earth.

The science of war and the attendant never-ending need to fabricate enemies and stampede public psychological support into fighting the next war reveals how readily irrational fear can be exploited. Early 20th century mind control experts like Edward Bernays hid their work under the euphemistic title called *public relations*. They dis-

covered that lies become *truth* if repeated often enough.

Turning lies into *truth* is important to warmongers. Exploiting fear to tar and feather newly deemed enemies with constant repetition is foundational to western warmongered media. Western countries are soaked in *let's go to war* propaganda, while reality has been shrunk to a one-dimensional militarized theme.

The currently unipolar world is based on a unitary perspective: evil east—angelic west. Americans love to hear that they are the indispensable chosen people granted by god to rule the world. This delusion blinds them to the profits of war. The first cold war against the evil east, conjured up by the 1%, was memorialized in a Top Secret document called *National Security Council Memorandum - 68*. The *Cold War* cost Americans \$21 trillion!

To end the war, Russia tried to starve the US of its enemy. President Mikhail Gorbachev did this by dismantling the USSR. Undeterred, the Neo-cons took a new tack.

US State Department propagandists connived to get elected a western puppet leader, Boris Yeltsin. Russia was now open for the taking. Western *banksters* and corporations rushed in for the spoils: privatizing resources, economic infrastructure, and successful enterprises, jacking up their value with stock market schemes and selling them off at ransom prices. Looting went on for the full eight years of the Yeltsin reign.

All across the nation Russians were thrown into abject poverty, which the western media cynically blamed on Communism. Russians had seen enough of western capitalism. Vladimir Putin was elected president in 2000 and has now managed to stop much of the bloodletting.

Western hegemony are furious. In retribution, the 1% has conjured another war against Russia. Some analysts call it Cold War II. All across western media we're told

Kennedy Stewart puts forward made-for-BC affordable housing strategy

Motion includes call for federal study of investor speculation, housing vacancies

OTTAWA – MP Kennedy Stewart (Burnaby South) tabled legislation in Parliament December 11 to tackle BC's urgent housing crisis.

"Housing prices have skyrocketed in the Lower Mainland and we are facing a serious shortage of affordable housing," said Stewart. "British Columbians need answers as to why it is so hard for families to afford homes. We need to understand the extent that high prices are being driven by investor speculation and what the government can do to increase the supply of affordable housing."

Motion 20 calls on the new Liberal government to implement a BC-specific Affordable Housing Strategy that examines and addresses the potential impact of investor

speculation and housing vacancies on the high price of real estate in urban markets, among other initiatives.

"Municipalities are doing what they can, but the federal government has a massive responsibility here – starting with providing the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Statistics Canada the means to carry out an in-depth and rigorous investigation of this problem," continued Dr. Stewart, an associate professor on leave from Simon Fraser University's School of Public Policy. "Once we have the facts, then we can start looking at policy measures to make sure we put local families first."

Stewart's motion is below:

M-20 — That, in the opinion of the House, the government should work in collaboration with the provinces, territories, municipalities, Aboriginal communities, and housing providers to establish, develop, and implement an affordable housing strategy that: (a) affirms that access to adequate housing is a fundamental right of all Canadians, as guaranteed by the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights; (b) provides financial assistance, without discrimination, to those who are otherwise unable to afford adequate and secure housing; (c) ensures that the cost of housing does not compromise an individual's ability to meet other basic needs, including food, clothing, healthcare, and education; (d) maintains and expands direct federal investments in social housing, including not-for-profit cooperatives, in order to increase the supply of low-income housing, preserve rent subsidies, and provide funds for renovations and maintenance; (e) sets targets and objectives to prevent, reduce, and end homelessness, particularly among vulnerable populations, with clear timelines and accountability measures; (f) examines and addresses the potential impact of investor speculation and housing vacancies on the high price of real estate in urban markets; and (g) takes into account the unique needs and housing priorities of different regions, including British Columbia.

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about evil Putin this, evil Putin that. In a blind rage, Putin is blamed for all sorts of war crimes, when, in fact, he represents one of the few foreign governments legally operating in Syria.

Putin's success against ISIS has the Pentagon tied in knots, even though they claim to be fighting ISIS. Putin embarrassed Washington by showing them how to do it. Of course, the Pentagon knows how to do it. They had no intention of harming ISIS, which has been tearing apart Syria in line with Washington's long-range strategic goal of a one-world dictatorial order, their *New World Order*, a planet unable to escape the protection racket of permanent warmongering.

Although many people around the world have been blinded by the propaganda that has hidden this racket, others see it for what it is and are fed up. Now we see coalitions of the willing springing up to confront the US war racket. Russia, Iran, Iraq, and Lebanon have come to the aid of Syria. They are winning. The world is breaking free from the US protection racket. Few people realize that the racket lavishly funds the global Christian crusade.

Convert or be destroyed. The Neo-cons are quite willing to leave Syria in the state of a bombed out moonscape like they did to Libya. Having recently attacked Aleppo with tactical nuclear weapons, the US presses Russia toward a nuclear war. Unelected by the world citizenry, Neo-cons are voting for Armageddon. In their vision, a world that refuses to convert must be destroyed. Meanwhile, they project their radical extremism onto Islam.

People around the world need to contact the Whitehouse and demand a cessation to the Neo-con march to nuclear war. More long range, people must use social media to expose the war racket. Reminding people that the US Constitution has a clear restriction on war spending would do much to set our collective global future in the right direction.

The US Constitution states that no war shall be funded for more than two years. Congress is empowered in Article 1, Section 8, Clause 12: "To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years."¹

The Neo-cons never-ending war clearly does not fit the Constitutional limit of two years. Indictments are in order. Treason is the felony in process.

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Endnotes

1 The Founding Fathers were really worried about the danger of standing armies, the kind of permanent professional armed forces that had, they felt, been used by the British monarchy to oppress them before the Revolution. So they carefully divided the power to control the military between the executive and legislative branches; the president is Commander-in-Chief but only Congress has the authority to pay (or not pay) for military actions. Further, Congress cannot fund military operations more than two years in the future.

Trans-Pacific Partnership hides significant health costs, according to two new studies

OTTAWA – As Canada prepared to sign the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) in New Zealand, two new studies from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) revealed significant risks and high public costs to the Canadian health care system within the text of the agreement.

The TPP would require Canada to extend patent terms to compensate brand-name pharmaceutical firms for regulatory delays in approving drugs. This policy change could add \$636 million annually to the price of drugs in Canada, according to Joel Lexchin in his study, *Involuntary Medication: The Possible Effects of the Trans-Pacific Partnership on the Cost and Regulation of Medicine in Canada*.

"Higher drug costs would make pharmacare more costly, and lawsuits from adversely affected drug companies are more likely under TPP's investor-state dispute settlement mechanism," says Lexchin, a professor in the School of Health Policy and Management at York University.

The second study, *Major Complications: The TPP and Canadian Health Care*, by CCPA trade expert Scott Sinclair, finds that the TPP investor protections would make it more difficult and costly for Canadian governments to establish new public health programs, including pharmacare, which is on the agenda of ongoing federal-provincial health talks.

Key findings from both studies include:

- The TPP includes many new rights for US and Japanese drug companies to comment on, review and appeal Canadian regulatory decisions, which could adversely affect drug approvals and safety.
- Faster regulatory approvals of medicines, which might result from the TPP, have been shown to lead to a higher

incidence of safety problems, including warnings and withdrawals.

- The TPP's carve-out for tobacco control measures will not provide meaningful protection for future Canadian plain-packaging rules, since US-based tobacco companies will continue to have access to NAFTA's investor-state protections.

- Other forms of public health regulation, from controls on trans-fats to regulating legalized marijuana, are fully exposed to lawsuits from disgruntled foreign investors. The TPP expands these rights to cover investors from Japan, Malaysia, Australia and other countries.

- The TPP financial services chapter actually makes it easier for foreign insurers to challenge the expansion of public health insurance into new areas by allowing investor-state disputes involving a much-abused "minimum standards of treatment" rule.

"While a strong and balanced international trade regime is critical to Canada's economic success it should not, and need not, come at the expense of our public health system," says Sinclair.

These two reports are the first in a series of detailed analyses of various aspects of the TPP to be released by CCPA in the coming months as the debate over whether Canada should ratify the deal continues.

Involuntary Medication: The Possible Effects of the Trans-Pacific Partnership on the Cost and Regulation of Medicine in Canada and *Major Complications: The TPP and Canadian Health Care* are available on the CCPA website: <http://policyalternatives.ca>

- See more at: <https://www.policyalternatives.ca/newsroom/news-releases/trans-pacific-partnership-hides-significant-health-costs-according-to-two-new-studies>

UN expert urges Pacific Rim countries not to sign the TPP without committing to human rights and development

GENEVA – United Nations human rights expert Alfred de Zayas called on governments not to sign the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) without reaffirming their human rights treaty obligations and their recent pledges to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

"The TPP is fundamentally flawed and should not be signed or ratified unless provision is made to guarantee the regulatory space of States," said the UN Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order in a statement* made public February 2.

de Zayas called for a new generation of trade agreements for the 21st century, which would incorporate human rights and development into their provisions, stressing that "the TPP is based on an old model of trade agreements that is out of step with today's international human rights regime."

The expert's appeal came on the eve of the gathering of the trade ministers in Auckland, New Zealand, on February 4, to sign the TPP, a trade agreement among 12 Pacific Rim countries that will strengthen the position of investors, transnational corporations and monopolies at the expense of the public, and will impact negatively on labour standards, food security, health and environmental protection.

de Zayas reiterated his call on the UN system and governments across the world "to put an end to free trade and investment agreements that conflict with human rights treaty obligations," made last year during the presentation of a report on free trade and investment agreements to the UN Human Rights Council.

"Trade is not an end in itself, but must be seen in the context of the international human rights regime, which imposes binding legal obligations on States, including

the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights," he said.

"Trade agreements are not 'stand-alone' legal regimes, but must conform with fundamental principles of international law, including transparency and accountability," de Zayas stressed. "They must not delay, circumvent, undermine or make impossible the fulfilment of human rights treaty obligations."

In his statement, the Independent Expert expressed concern that, despite "enormous opposition by civil society worldwide, 12 countries were about to sign an agreement, which is the product of secret negotiations without multi-stakeholder democratic consultation."

"The options are not to sign the TPP as it stands, as civil society demands, or not to ratify it, which is the responsibility of democratically elected parliaments," the expert noted. "Should the TPP ever enter into force, its compatibility with international law should be challenged before the International Court of Justice (ICJ)."

"If a public referendum were held in all 12 countries concerned, it will be solidly rejected," Mr. de Zayas stated.

(* Check the Independent Expert's public statement: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/NewsEvents/Pages/DisplayNews.aspx?NewsID=17005&LangID=E>

Alfred de Zayas (United States of America) was appointed as the first Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order by the Human Rights Council, effective May 2012. He is currently professor of international law at the Geneva School of Diplomacy. Learn more, log on to: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/IntOrder/Pages/IEInternationalOrderIndex.aspx>

Read the Independent Expert's 2015 report to the UN Human Rights Council (A/HRC/30/44): <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/HRC/RegularSessions/Session30/Pages/ListReports.aspx>

Read the Independent Expert's 2015 report to the UN General Assembly on the incompatibility of ISDS with human rights norms (A/70/285): http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=A/70/285

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