

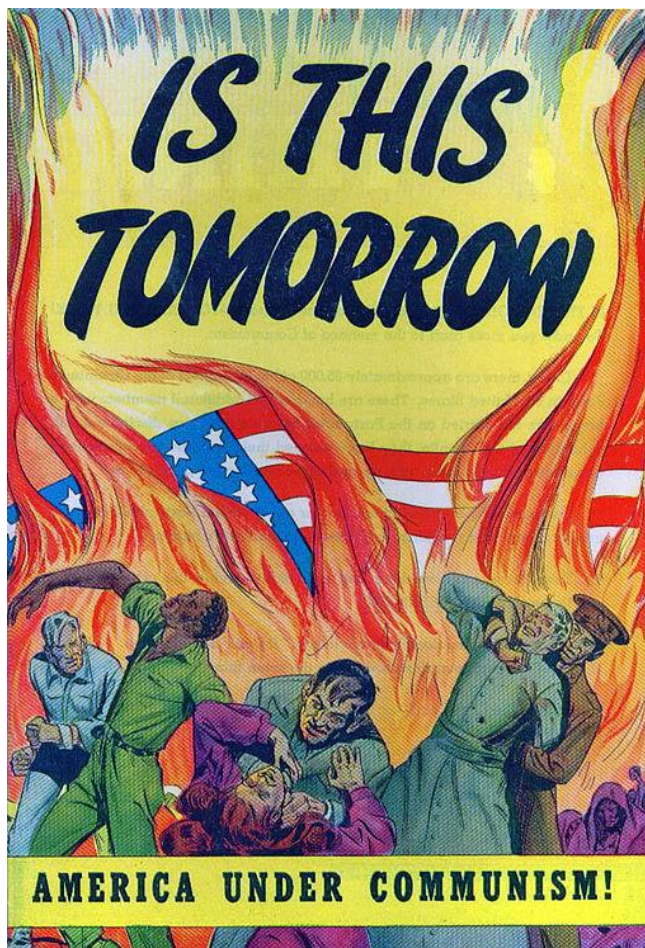
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# Alternative News (“alt-news”) during the Third “Red Scare”

*A five-part article series of annotated research reviews*

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## Summary

The first two Red Scares in the USA (1917–1920 and 1947–1957) were bad enough with thousands of lives destroyed, uncounted suicides, imprisonments and other government directed abuses for activities that were and remain protected by and enshrined in First Amendment rights. The New Red Scare beginning in 2010 however is vastly more dangerous as it is flying mostly under the radar and is supported by several government agencies and some of American’s most prestigious institutions. This series of five annotated research review articles begins by very briefly introducing the concepts and roles of alternative media (alt-media) and alternative news (alt-news) in society as compared to mainstream media (MSM) and news. Following that several clusters of American alternative news publications are reviewed including Black, Hispanic and Asian news media leading to a general discription of and societal need for the group of publications referred to herein as Social Justice/Anti-Empire Alt-News publications. The phrase “anti-empire” is borrowed from the classic publication of the late William Blum who used that term to refer to investigation of and reporting on (the causes, methods and effects of) the American drive for “hegemony in perpetuity.”<sup>i</sup> In this series of articles political/economic motivations for US government/corporate suppression of this group of alt-news publications are explored as are methods used by government/corporate entities to prevent American voters learning about a) the largely unseen and often very illegal acitivies of their own government in addition to b) legitimate viewpoints of people and journalists in other countries. This suppression of alternative news is illegal due to First Amendment rights and numerous Supreme Court decisions. Questions poised include: a) Is it possible methods developed by the American Intelligence Community (IC) to control foreign news media and elections are now being applied within the USA to suppress alt-news and manipulate elections and domestic and foreign policies(?), b) Are the now routine practices of news suppression by the US government and corporations in any way different from or superior to practices by other governments US politicians routinely deride as totalitarian and fascistic? And c) What does this revival of the Red Scares and suppression of alternative views imply for the future of democracy in the USA?

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## Article 1 American Alternative News Groups

### Introduction

“The real underlying currency of our world is not gold, nor bureaucratic fiat, nor even military might. The real underlying currency of our world is narrative, and the ability to control it. Everything always comes down to this one real currency. If you look at what all these think tanks, NGOs, media outlets and grant making networks that billionaires pour their money into actually do, it ultimately boils down to controlling the dominant stories that people tell about what’s going on in their world.”

*Notes from The Edge of The Narrative Matrix*

<https://caitlinjohnstone.substack.com/p/its-the-medias-job-to-normalize-war>

<https://caitlinjohnstone.substack.com/p/new-book-notes-from-the-edge-of-the>

The roots of the First Red Scare grew out of worker dissatisfaction with low wages and a total lack of worker rights in the late 1800s, many decades before the 1917 [October Revolution](#) in Russia and had nothing to do with communism or socialism.

Blaming the foreign “other” came later but proved a remarkably convenient scapegoat for repression of workers’ efforts to get fair pay and legal protections. At the dawning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the American press was relatively free and grassroots movements had a healthy amount of social influence.

Unfortunately, due to the digitalization and weaponization of everything in the USA at the dawn of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, mainstream news media has consolidated into a small handful of [corporate controlled](#) entities, and grassroots movements don’t usually go very far because people find it much more convenient to rely on corporate produced electronically delivered media.

Things in a polarized universe are known by their opposite and the opposite of Mainstream Media (MSM) is Alternative Media (alt-media). Alternative news is usually referred to as “alt-news.” In every society there are going to be individuals and groups who see and experience things differently from the majority. The ability of minority individuals and groups to express their viewpoints in the USA is supposed to be protected by Constitutional law, however that has rarely been the case.

The maturity of individuals and the systems they create can be measured by their willingness to thoughtfully consider and potentially learn from alternative points of view.

This maturity is not to be found in American MSM except as token gestures of “virtue signaling.” What can be found, if one looks for it, is massive government and corporate suppression of alternative news. Although that suppression has always been there, from 2010 this suppression has gone very high-tech and turned into an enormous and highly secretive industry flying under the flag of “national security,” exactly the same as it did during the First and Second Red Scares.

In a nation guaranteeing the right to free speech and free press, alternative news media has a right to express alternative views along with fair opportunity for those views to be heard by the public.

Freedom of expression in the USA is enshrined in First Amendment Rights to freedom of speech and freedom of the press, however in recent years government bodies (e.g., the State Department’s Global Engagement Center (GEC), the FBI’s Foreign Influence Task Force (FTIF), the FCC that abolished net neutrality, etc., laws (FISA), other quasi-government organizations like the Harvard Kennedy School’s Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy and its Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Atlantic Council’s Digital Forensic Research Lab (DFRLab), First Draft Coalition, Graphika, and many other public and private organizations, in conjunction with known biased corporate owned search engine ranking algorithms (Google), and [public relations and propaganda \(PRP\)](#) firms inside news systems in the world today have very much limited the exercise of those rights in the name of “national security.” This is quite illegal yet is happening anyways.

**About freedom of opinion and expression in international law.**

Freedom of opinion and expression are fundamental rights that contain both a personal and a social dimension. They are considered indispensable conditions for the full development of the person, “essential for any society” and a “foundation stone for every free and democratic society” (UN Human Rights Committee, 2011, para. 2). All forms of communication are protected, including “political discourse, commentary on one’s own and on public affairs, canvassing, discussion of human rights, journalism, cultural and artistic expression, teaching and religious discourse” (UN Human Rights Committee, 2011, para. 11). Under the ICCPR, freedom of expression includes the “freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas of all kinds, regardless of frontiers, either orally, in writing or in print, in the form of art, or through any other media of a person’s choice” (United



Nations, 1966, Article 19(2)). This protects expression in all forms, including spoken, written and sign language, and non-verbal expressions through artworks (UN Human Rights Committee, 2011, para. 12).

Protecting the human right to freedom of expression in international law, Emily Howie, *International Journal of Speech-Language Pathology*, 2018; 20: 12–15,  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/17549507.2018.1392612?needAccess=true>

Having a voice however is one thing. Being heard is another. In addition to a swarming effect by government and corporate generated propaganda oriented fake news, the voice of the alt-media has been suppressed for the past several years by [legislative rules](#) (e.g., FCC reclassification of the internet from a “common carrier service” to an “information service,” effectively killing net neutrality) thereby giving Google corporation the ill-advised opinion that it can suppress free speech and press with impunity via bias built into its algorithm and/or pre-processing filters.

Suppressed publications include those from nations targeted by the American Intelligence Community (IC) and Department of Defence (DoD) (herein referred to as IC/DoD) (e.g., China, Russia, Iran, Syria) as well as the large cluster of social justice/anti-empire alt-news publications as defined above. Various lists of alt-news publications targeted for suppression have been compiled and published by several shadowy organizations including <http://www.propornot.com/p/home.html>. Records of those suppression effects have been published by various alt-news publications.<sup>1</sup>

This is a “significant issue” as the American empire suffers from quite a number of interrelated domestic and international issues MSM reliably avoids. The phrase “American empire” used herein includes but is not limited to the United States and other nations in which the United States Department of Defense (DoD) has located military bases with or without permission. The American Empire’s IC/DoD has assumed the right to execute extra-judicial killings, either directly or indirectly via the military/police and/or PMC forces of proxy nations, without due process of law, such as in Palestine, Iraq, Syria, Egypt, Somalia and a large number of other nations.

A substantial body of physical evidence strongly suggests American MSM print and broadcast news is “normalizing war,” essentially [programming the voting public](#) to

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<https://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2016/12/washington-post-backlash.html>  
<https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2017/09/19/goog-s19.html>  
<https://www.blackagendareport.com/google-censors-the-real-left>

prepare for more wars (e.g., escalated [Syrian War](#), and incipient [Iran War](#)) including a [New Cold War](#), involving Russia, [China](#) and a planned proxy war in [Ukraine](#), a [renewed nuclear arms race](#), and support for continued and even more deadly [economic sanctions](#) around the world.

“It's the mass media's job to normalize war and abnormalize peace.  
It's our job to do the exact opposite.”

<https://caitlinjohnstone.substack.com/p/its-the-medias-job-to-normalize-war>

The publishers, editors and writers of the Social Justice/Anti-Empire group of alt-news publications believe people – especially voters and tax payers - have a right to know exactly what their government is really doing at home and abroad and how their tax money is really spent. This writer goes a bit further reviewing literature pertaining to probable outcomes if alt-news continues to be suppressed and current domestic and international trends continue unabated.

There is a pragmatic rationale for this analysis of probable outcomes - the American Military-Industrial-Media Complex, supported by the [corporate controlled political duopoly](#), like an [angry Samson](#), appears [ready to push](#) the world into [nuclear war](#) to attain its delusional goal of global [hegemony in perpetuity](#).<sup>2</sup>

MSM includes most TV and radio programs, movies and news media including broadcast, print and internet news. MSM news is nominally divided into “liberal” (NYT and USA Today) and “conservative,” (WSJ and Fox News) however both represent primarily corporate-government-driven interests and perspectives just the same.

Though MSM news sometimes “[pays lip service](#)” to minority viewpoints in order to attract and maintain a liberal consumer base, generally the tone is geared towards white-, middle- and upper-income “news” consumers.

MSM is funded by corporate entities that work promoting government objectives and is designed to indoctrinate the public into adopting “mainstream” corporate-government viewpoints on life and the news.

Alt-news presents contrasting, alternative views to MSM and often investigates abuse of power by corporations, their handmaidens in government and most especially the ultimate abuse of power - war.

On the subject of war Americans in particular should at least briefly review the record of American wars, just since WWII.

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<sup>2</sup> “Hegemony in perpetuity” means “rule the entire world forever.” Though this sounds ridiculous, and of course it is, hegemony in perpetuity is the stated goal of the American Department of Defense (DoD).



**Overthrowing other people's governments: The Master List by  
William Blum**

"Instances of the United States overthrowing or attempting to overthrow a foreign government since the Second World War."

(\* indicates successful ouster of a government)

"China 1949 to early 1960s, Albania 1949-53, East Germany 1950s, Iran 1953\*, Guatemala 1954\*, Costa Rica mid-1950s, Syria 1956-7, Egypt 1957, Indonesia 1957-8, British Guiana 1953-64\*, Iraq 1963\*, North Vietnam 1945-73, Cambodia 1955-70\*, Laos 1958 \*, 1959 \*, 1960\*, Ecuador 1960-63\*, Congo 1960\*, France 1965, Brazil 1962-64\*, Dominican Republic 1963\*, Cuba 1959 to present, Bolivia 1964\*, Indonesia 1965\*, Ghana 1966\*, Chile 1964-73\*, Greece 1967\*, Costa Rica 1970-71, Bolivia 1971\*, Australia 1973-75\*, Angola 1975, 1980s, Zaire 1975, Portugal 1974-76\*, Jamaica 1976-80\*, Seychelles 1979-81, Chad 1981-82\*, Grenada 1983\*, South Yemen 1982-84, Suriname 1982-84, Fiji 1987\*, Libya 1980s & 2011, Nicaragua 1981-90\*, Panama 1989\* Bulgaria 1990\*, Albania 1991\*, Iraq 1991, Afghanistan 1980s\*, Somalia 1993, Yugoslavia 1999-2000\*, Ecuador 2000\*, Afghanistan 2001\*, Venezuela 2002\*, Iraq 2003\*, Haiti 2004\*, Somalia 2007 to present, Honduras 2009\*, Libya 2011\* to present, Syria 2012 to present, Ukraine 2014\*"

<https://williamblum.org/essays/read/overthrowing-other-peoples-governments-the-master-list>

To that list one must add:

Yemen 2014, Ukraine 2014\*, Turkey 2016, Venezuela 2019, Bolivia 2019\*, Iran 2017 to present, Nicaragua 2018, China 2018 to present, Cuba.

Palestine deserves to be on that list as it's being rapidly and violently conquered by Israel on a day-by-day basis ever since the Nakba in 1948. One can assert Israel is the aggressor, however Israel is just a cat's paw (along with Saudi Arabia, other Gulf States and Egypt) of the USA in its ambition to conquer the entire region.

This isn't just a post WWII phenomenon either.

**"Presidential Power and National Violence: James K. Polk's Rhetorical Transfer of Savagery,"** by Stephen J. Heidt

"President James Knox Polk is often lauded for his achievements as president, including the territorial acquisition of the western portion of the nation. Critical attention to this legacy mostly

focuses on his rhetorical strategy for putting the nation into war with Mexico.

“To date, no studies focus on Polk’s rhetorical strategy for ending the war. In this article, I examine Polk’s end-of war rhetoric, attending to his rationalizations for exiting the war, his justification for resuming diplomatic relations with Mexico, and his identification of a new enemy requiring presidential and national attention.

“I argue that Polk’s pivot from Mexicans to Indians rhetorically transferred tropes of savagery to Indians, reenergized violence against Indians, and facilitated the institutionalization of management of Indian affairs via the creation of the Department of the Interior.

“I conclude that rhetorical critics should closely attend to the way end-of-war rhetoric enables presidents to transition from one enemy to another while reaping institutional benefits.”

*Rhetoric & Public Affairs*, Vol. 19, Number 3, Fall 2016, pp. 365-396

Though “national security” is usually used as pretext for those military actions, it is difficult or impossible to prove the validity of such claims. For example, how in 1979-1981 did the Seychelles Islands, located 1,500 kilometers (932 mi.) east of mainland Africa present a credible threat to American national security? Or Fiji, or Portugal?

During its entire history the USA has only experienced [17 years without a war](#). Many in the USA now admit the Vietnam War was a “mistake,” while others assert the entire war was a [War Crime](#). At [minimum two million human beings were killed](#). Likewise with the [Iraq War](#) in which at least [2.38 million human beings](#) have been killed thus far and has likewise been lamented as a “mistake”<sup>3</sup> or a [crime](#), as was and is the [Afghanistan War](#).

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John McCain’s shocking concession on the Iraq War: it was a “mistake” In his new memoir, McCain says he’s to blame for the war, by Tara Golshan May 25, 2018

<https://www.vox.com/2018/5/25/17394466/john-mccain-memoir-iraq-war-mistake>

Iraq war was a terrible mistake - From fighting Saddam to fighting ISIS, By Fareed Zakaria, CNN, October 26, 2015 <https://edition.cnn.com/2015/10/26/opinions/zakaria-iraq-war-lessons/index.html>

Iraq: The Biggest Mistake in American Military History

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/lorenthompson/2011/12/15/the-biggest-mistake-in-american-military-history/?sh=76cb2f9e2d3b>

For years the American Empire has been gearing up for an escalated war in [Syria](#), and more recently a new war against [China](#).<sup>4</sup> Being corporate controlled, MSM news is feeding the American public an avalanche of highly deceptive fake news about China, specifically misrepresenting the Chinese government's legal rights to enforce laws in Hong Kong and Xinjiang. Likewise, the USA has been funding violent insurrections in many nations in blatant violation of United Nations Charter signed in 1945. Meanwhile within the USA homelessness, poverty, racial conflicts, frustration, judicial impropriety and grave uncertainty about the future stalk the land. Only the Social Justice/Anti-Empire alt-news *consistently* investigates and reports the details.

Simultaneously, the "Social Justice/Anti-Empire" alt-news group of publications is being massively and illegally suppressed by Google's search engine algorithm so practically nobody can find any of those publications unless they know their names and look for them specifically.

Alt-news is also sometimes sub-divided into left-wing (liberal), centrist (moderate) and right-wing (conservative) although those reductionist categories do not apply to all groups labeled "alt-news," as many are broad-based in their viewpoints.

Some alt-news readers, writers, editors and publishers find remarkable similarities between MSM and Hitler's [Reich Ministry of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda](#). According to the Holocaust Museum's website: "Within months of Hitler becoming chancellor, the Nazi regime destroyed the country's free press. It shut down hundreds of opposition newspapers, forcibly transferred Jewish-owned publishing houses to 'Aryans,' and secretly took over established periodicals." And now the American Empire is suppressing news from American IC/DoD "target" nations which includes a disproportionate number of [Muslim countries](#) in addition to Russia, China, and Venezuela.

Some assert a similar process is underway in the US via search engine algorithms that have been suppressing Social Justice/Anti-Empire alt-news on the internet with increasing ferocity especially since 2017 when Mr. Ajit Pai, a second generation Indian immigrant and an [opponent of net neutrality](#) became Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). His "conflict of interests" was transparent as [India stood to benefit](#) from the demise of net neutrality. Though Californians managed to [win it back](#), other alt-news publications around the USA are still suffering from search engine algorithmic tyranny and being largely marginalized.

Some Social Justice/Anti-Empire publications have also experienced frivolous law suits and other forms of [harassment](#), but weather the storms and keep the presses rolling, metaphorically speaking as most are internet based these days.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1186693.shtml>

Below are brief descriptions of some of the major clusters or groups of alt-news publications found on the internet with a focus on social justice/anti-empire alt-news. Following that is a brief review of alt-news in other countries, links to a couple of alt-news history sites, legal issues pertaining to the suppression of alt-news, and Conclusions.

## Overview of American Alt-News

### AAN - Mostly arts and entertainment news

If one types “alt-news associations” into Google the first six listings that come up lead to the [Association of Alternative News \(AAN\)](#). It is true this association is vaguely alternative in some ways; however, this label is a bit deceptive.

Newsletters and small periodicals belonging to the AAN cover arts, entertainment and local news, and only rarely address issues like social justice and government malfeasance beyond the local level. AAN is sponsored by [Yale University](#) with its long rather open relationship with the CIA.<sup>5</sup> There is an International Association of Alternative News Media on the Internet, also associated with [AAN](#), however that consists of MSM news organizations. Thus, the Association of Alternative news can be accused of being a MSM Trojan horse in guise of “alternative news.” On the other hand, promoting local level arts and entertainment media is most certainly a valuable service to the community and those artists.

One might wonder how those artists feel being organized, represented and promoted in the local, national and international online marketplace by an organization (Yale) so closely associated with the world’s premier predator, the CIA.<sup>6</sup> Arts traditionally have filled many needs in human endeavor and simple happy colorful escapism is one of them. On the other hand, arts historically have been one of if not the major vehicle for [protesting](#) injustice.

In other words, my masterpiece wall mural of the 500-year line of Euro-American kings and presidents biting the heads off innocent children around the world and pooping out gold might not make on the cover of an AAN publication, but who exactly told me the life of an artist was going to be [fair](#)?

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.nytimes.com/1987/08/16/books/yale-a-great-nursery-of-spooks.html>  
[https://www.connecticutmag.com/history/the-cia-wanted-the-best-and-the-brightest-they-found-them-at-yale/article\\_473daa20-0280-11eb-86b9-5b0ec5c36ac8.html](https://www.connecticutmag.com/history/the-cia-wanted-the-best-and-the-brightest-they-found-them-at-yale/article_473daa20-0280-11eb-86b9-5b0ec5c36ac8.html)  
<https://yaledailynews.com/blog/2004/09/24/for-god-country-yale-and-the-cia>

<sup>6</sup> <https://covertactionmagazine.com/2021/03/22/dirty-business-as-usual-new-cia-director-burns-confirmed-by-unanimous-vote-in-senate/>

## Minority Online News

Most members of racial, cultural and ideological minority groups feel disenfranchised by what they think and feel is the oppressive over-emphasis on white, corporate and government viewpoints in the media and especially MSM news. Most minorities especially in the USA feel marginalized and statistical analysis of their relative power in government, the economy and media provide solid evidence they are right.

## Native American Press and Online News

Native Americans have a great website called [NativeWeb](#) with a link-list and short descriptions of most of the online native American news sites. There is also the [Native American Journalists Association \(NAJA\)](#) which empowers a unique network of more than 700 members across Indian Country.

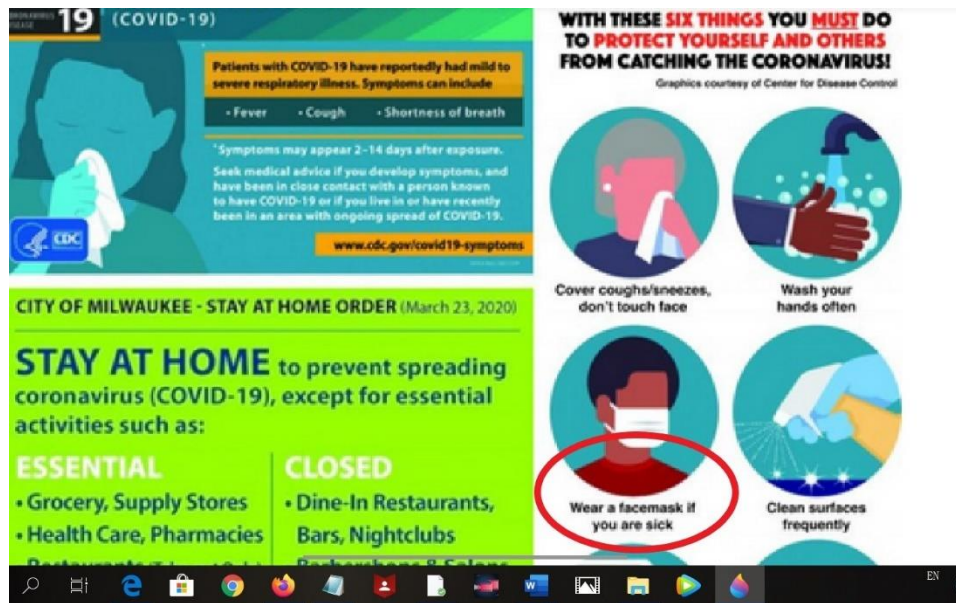
## The Black Press and Online News

The Black Press is a large and powerful group of both print and online newspapers that covers primarily domestic minority, primarily African American issues. The [National Newspapers Publishers Association](#) in the USA has teamed up with the [Black Press USA](#) representing more than 200 African American newspapers. Though they primarily cover domestic issues some also report on events in Africa and worldwide.

Critics of the Black Press argue that some publications led by what [Black Agenda Report \(BAR\)](#) refers to as the “[Black Misleadership Class](#).” To quote BAR: “It (the Black Misleadership Class) is both an actual and aspirational class, which ultimately sees its interests as tied to those of U.S. imperialism and its ruling circles.”

Many or most publishers in the USA require corporate sponsors to pay the bills and, in some or many cases, “make compromises” with MSM and their corporate-government sponsors.

In evidence of that most recently this writer sent emails to both old friends and acquaintances in several black newspapers in the USA at the beginning of 2020 advising them to remove this “public service” notice:



“... if you are sick?” And replace it with one advising their readership to wear a facemask in all public places especially enclosed public places like stores and on transportation. They all chose to ignore this advice and naturally COVID-19 hit the African American community particularly hard with death rates two to three times higher than in the white community. Only one editor wrote back to me stating they would “think about it.” I noticed those same “public service” notices kept running for months in that African American newspaper. In other words, they chose to follow the advice of President Trump over a former physiology researcher (yes, me) who had a front row seat on how China defeated the COVID-19 epidemic. That, is a prime example of the “Black Misleadership Class” in my opinion. “Go along to get along,” as President Clinton used to say. This is dubious advice from supposed advocates for the African American community and in the case of COVID-19, proved to be deadly advice that fatally misled the community they claimed to serve. In all fairness they weren’t the only ones to completely ignore my advice as I also wrote to the mayor who I knew at one time and city health officials without response.

Those kinds of issues aside the Black Press usually does a great job of representing Black communities around the USA, however from time to time they miss the boat entirely. Likewise, few of them report on critically important international issues in Afrika like for example in Somalia, DRC, Mali, etc. Few are likely to spell Afrika with a “k” in the middle in an effort to please mainstream Amerika. One cannot blame them for not using a “k” in the word “Amerika” because they need corporate sponsors to stay afloat, however one might think they could “get away with” using a “k” in Afrika. To continue using a “c” in the middle is rather like continuing to call black people “negros,” in my opinion.



## Latino/Hispanic Press & Online News

The National Association of Hispanic Publications, Inc. ([NAHP, Inc.](#)) and its sister organization the National Association of Hispanic Journalists ([NAHJ, Inc.](#)) are non-partisan trade advocacy organizations representing the leading Spanish language publications serving 41 markets in 39 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, with a combined circulation of over 23 million. The NAHJ has a number of corporate sponsors including ABC News, CBS news, COMCAST NBC Universal, [Knight Foundation](#)<sup>7</sup> and so on and thus appear in some ways bonded with MSM. There is nothing wrong with that *per se*, as long as editorial content has true independence, e.g., to advocate for the people of for example Venezuela who suffer extreme deprivation and in some cases starvation due to American government economic sanctions and covert actions,<sup>8</sup> as well as other Latin American people who suffer under the yoke of American imposed dictators and fraudulent presidents.

## Asian American Journalists Association

There is an [Asian American Journalists Association](#). The AAJA is sponsored by a variety of mostly very conservative organizations like the Democracy Fund, CNN, Fox News, Knight Foundation, Ford Foundation and so on. As time goes on and violence against Asian Americans increases, they might find it expedient to do more bonding with other minority groups as the source of the violence against them is coming from the same very conservative groups they have bonded with.

[To quote: “Such (CIA funded) disinformation [has played a key role in whipping up anti-Asian racism in the US and West.](#)”] Reading more “Social Justice/Anti-Empire alt-news” might help them gain a (much) better understanding of the deteriorating situation they are in now compared to watching “Fox News.” There exists the possibility white supremacists are just warming up for greater violence in the future.

## Other Minority News Associations

Other minority news associations include the [National Gay Media Association](#), and the [NLGJA: The Association of LGBTQ Journalists](#). There are many other large minority groups

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<sup>7</sup> Also see: <https://theintercept.com/2019/09/25/far-right-empower-texans>

<sup>8</sup> <https://thegrayzone.com/2020/07/09/bidens-venezuela-indistinguishable-trumps>  
<https://thegrayzone.com/2021/02/16/un-expert-details-crushing-human-toll-of-us-sanctions-on-venezuela>  
<https://thegrayzone.com/2019/08/12/trump-starves-venezuela-democrats-are-silent>  
<https://fair.org/home/un-rebuke-of-us-sanctions-on-venezuela-met-with-stunning-silence>  
<https://fair.org/home/us-media-require-no-evidence-for-claims-of-electoral-fraud-in-venezuela>  
<https://theintercept.com/2019/02/10/intercepted-podcast-vijay-prashad-venezuela-india>

that are marginalized in the USA and world-wide, for example those with [special needs](#), however, they are far too many to list here.

What does all this add up to? The USA is becoming increasingly polarized economically, politically and racially. Minority groups are sometimes represented by sycophants of majority groups who – though generally well intentioned – may misrepresent their constituencies. Due to the rapid escalation of oppression directed at all minority groups, including alt-news, more bonding between oppressed groups might be advised in order to create more effective leverage in demanding equal rights and opportunities. Ostrich approaches to news don't usually work out to well from a Darwinian perspective on evolution. In other words, it's better to know than not know, and "United we stand, divided we get turned into slaves again."

## Article 2 Social Justice/Anti-Empire Alt-News

- *The last of the real “4<sup>th</sup> Estate” - Investigatory alternative news covering government and corporate malfeasance, social justice and war*

And then there’s the group of alt-news publications I find most interesting. It’s difficult to name this group because they cover so many topic areas, however – to borrow and memorialize the late great alt-news icon Bill Blum’s newsletter’s title – “The Anti-Empire Report” seems appropriate.

These publications range from government-corporate malfeasance with topics ranging from domestic and international social, economic, political and media freedom, justice and equal rights issues and advocacy, to the labyrinthian organs of primarily western governmental/corporate partnerships in their endless and massively deadly pursuit of global hegemony in perpetuity.<sup>9</sup>

The phrase “Fourth Estate” as applied to the free press was first used by Thomas Carlyle in 1840.

“Burke said there were Three Estates in Parliament; but, in the Reporters' Gallery yonder, there sat a Fourth Estate more important far than they all.”

*On Heroes, Hero-Worship and the Heroic in History*, Lecture V. The Hero as Man of Letters - Johnson, Rousseau, Burns, May 19, 1840, by Thomas Carlyle, accessed from:

<https://www.gutenberg.org/files/1091/1091-h/1091-h.htm> March 30, 2021

Qualities exemplified by real Social Justice/Anti-Empire Alt-News journalists are well described in David Randall’s book *The Universal Journalist* 5th Ed.,

“And all these good reporters share something. They may keep it well hidden under the journalists’ obligatory, hard-bitten mask, but the immortals, the persecuted and the unsung all share a belief in what the job is about. This is, above all things, to question; and, by so doing, then to:

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<sup>9</sup> Hegemony in perpetuity means ruling the entire world forever – the ultimate colonial slave master’s fantasy. What’s truly shocking is the attainment and maintenance of hegemony in perpetuity is official doctrine in the American intelligence community (IC) and Department of Defense (DoD) (herein referred to as IC/DoD).

- Discover and publish information that replaces rumour and speculation.
- Resist or evade government controls.
- Inform, and so empower, voters.
- Subvert those whose authority relies on a lack of public information.
- Scrutinize the action and inaction of governments, elected representatives and public services.
- Scrutinize businesses, their treatment of workers and customers, and the quality of their products.
- Comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable, providing a voice for those who cannot normally be heard in public.
- Hold up a mirror to society, reflecting its virtues and vices and also debunking its cherished myths.
- Ensure that justice is done, is seen to be done and investigations carried out where this is not so.
- *Promote the free exchange of ideas, especially by providing a platform for those with philosophies alternative to the prevailing ones.*

[Downloaded](#) March 30, 2021 pp. 3 (Italics added by this author)

Please take note of that last bullet: "...providing a platform for those with philosophies alternative to the prevailing ones." How would David Randall feel knowing such "alternative philosophies" are now vilified, hunted, and forcibly suppressed by covert (and illegal) means?

## Suppression of alt-news in the USA

The American police state has had an going war against minority alt-news publications at least since the 1970s. Sometimes it is [overt](#) (which included bombing the headquarter offices of one alt-newspaper and bombing the car of the editor of another alt-newspaper) and sometimes somewhat [covert](#). Rights enshrined in the Bill of Rights like Free Speech and Free Press have been subverted by special interests. These special interest groups include but are not limited to corporate lobby groups (e.g., [weapons corporations](#) and large [media corporations](#)) and their ability to make unlimited and anonymous political campaign finance "donations" (via [Super-PACs](#)) and a few American "ally" foreign nations

via professional lobby groups along with their very large networks of American “friends,” including first- and second-generation immigrant political campaign finance “donors.”

Collectively those special interest groups control politicians and MSM, effectively silencing many of the best of the Social Justice/Anti-Empire Alt-News publications.

“The defence of freedom of expression and other democratic rights is strongly associated with western democracies, as a legacy of the Cold War era. Whereas the Soviet Bloc largely promoted treaties that protected economic and social rights (such as rights to housing, education and health), the West prioritized civil and political rights (such as free speech, freedom of assembly and rights to participate in public life) (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, 2008, p. 9;Roth, 2004). However, freedom of expression is currently under assault across the world. In October 2016, the UN expert on freedom of expression reported that individuals seeking to exercise their right to expression face all kinds of government-imposed limitations that are not legal, necessary or proportionate (UN General Assembly, 2016) noting that the “targets of restrictions include journalists and bloggers, critics of government, dissenters from conventional life, provocateurs and minorities of all sorts” (UN General Assembly, 2016, para. 55). Recent laws and policies show that western democracies are not immune from this trend, with governments increasingly willing to limit the freedom of civil society to participate in public debate and discussion. Two examples illustrate this trend: the rise of anti-protest laws and the government surveillance of citizens’ telecommunications metadata. (p. 13)

Protecting the human right to freedom of expression in international law, Emily Howie, *International Journal of Speech-Language Pathology*, 2018; 20: 12–15,  
<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/pdf/10.1080/17549507.2018.1392612?needAccess=true>

This assault on freedom of expression is not confined to the USA.

Dr. Udo Ulfkotte, a former editor with the German main daily newspaper, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung (FAZ), wrote an authoritative book on how the CIA and German Intelligence bribe journalists to write articles devoid of verifiable truth, and with an unambiguously pro-Western, pro-NATO bias. The English title of Dr. Ulfkotte’s book is *Journalists for Hire: How the CIA Buys the News* whereas in German it’s titled: *Bought*

*Journalists (Gekaufte Journalisten)*. His first-hand experiences in this unsavory field lends a great deal of credibility to his work, as does naming the names of specific individuals involved as he does in his book.

“Udo Ulfkotte has since passed away. He died January 2017, found dead in his home, it is said by a heart attack. His body was quickly cremated and preventing any possibility of an autopsy.” He was age 56.

Critics of American Empire assert corporate control and the unrestrained capitalism that nourishes and supports it has brought the world down into a new **Dark Ages** with its absolute oppression and weaponization of everything including **language**, **religion**, the courts<sup>ii</sup> and their toxic version of the news all cloaked in a deadly kaleidoscopic illusion of “liberalism.”<sup>10</sup>

### Alternative news producers must fight a multi-front war for survival

In addition to defending itself from government violence and corporate suppression the alternative press has to weather attacks by the producers of real fake news, the mainstream media.

December 14, 2016 Washington Post Backlash: Black Agenda Report, Counterpunch, and Paul Craig Roberts Join Us in Second Demand Letter Retraction and Apology for Defamatory “Propaganda,” by Yves Smith The Washington Post apparently hoped it had successfully tamped down the controversy over a story that defamed Naked Capitalism and many other reputable sites. As the letter below shows, that is not the case. Three other publishers, Black Agenda Report, Counterpunch, and Paul Craig Roberts, have joined us in again calling for the Post to retract the article by Craig Timberg, Russian propaganda effort helped spread ‘fake news’ during election, experts say, issue a prominent apology, and give us an equivalent opportunity to respond. Truthdig and Naked Capitalism both sent letters to the Post earlier this month demanding the article be retracted. The Post instead appended an “Editor’s Note” at the top of the now-in-the-archives story and sent Truthdig’s and our attorney letters saying why the Post thought this

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<sup>10</sup> <https://www.commondreams.org/views/2021/03/23/dear-educators-it-time-fight-asian-america>  
[https://blackagenda.com/what\\_is\\_a\\_us\\_liberal%3F](https://blackagenda.com/what_is_a_us_liberal%3F)  
<https://www.commondreams.org/news/2021/03/23/biden-restricts-media-access-photos-show-children-crowded-border-jails>  
<https://www.commondreams.org/views/2021/03/04/ma-bell-mind-control-liberalism-radicalism-and-evolving-face-censorship>



response was sufficient The Columbia Journalism Review, the media watchdog FAIR, and many journalists on Twitter gave the “Editor’s Note” a thumbs down. Perhaps more important from the Post’s perspective, its failure to take adequate steps to remedy the damage done has led more and more of the defamed websites to combine forces. As you will see below, Black Agenda Report, Counterpunch, and Paul Craig Roberts have joined us. We’ve also had five other sites say they would participate in a lawsuit against the Post, and one other prominent site is seriously interested. Mind you, we’ve gotten this level of interest despite doing almost no outreach.

<https://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2016/12/washington-post-backlash.html>

*Many, or most of the social justice/anti-empire alt-news publications in this group have been experiencing internet [site rank suppression](#) by Google in attempt to strangle them financially rather like the US government does to foreign countries using [economic sanctions](#) as punishment for not acquiescing unconditionally to all of their dictatorial mandates. There is a multi-faceted strategic purpose for this as discussed later in this paper.*

## The CIA’s long history of manipulating “news”

Even above those superstructures there are several other little-known entities that have long histories of controlling American and international news media.

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

‘Some cases of CIA funding can be readily substantiated, to the Retail Clerks (now UFCW-United Food and Commercial Workers), Communications Workers (CWA), Newspaper Guild (ANG), Public Workers (AFSCME-American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees), Oil and Chemical Workers (OCAW).’ We may never know how much money went into CIA-Labor activity, but a well-known columnist pegged it ‘around \$100,000,000 a year’

(H&M: 732.'Sources:" William Grieder, Washington Post, May 21, 1969; Paul Jacobs, How the CIA Makes Liars Out of Union Leaders, *Ramparts*, May 1967; New York Post, February 24, 1967').

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

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

Also see: [http://www.carlbernstein.com/magazine\\_cia\\_and\\_media.php](http://www.carlbernstein.com/magazine_cia_and_media.php)

The curious might wonder: "Is it a real democracy if the government's "intelligence community" manipulates the news to determine who becomes eligible to contend for political office?

Is a fake democracy based on subterfuge and lies really better than an honest dictator or socialist state?

Suppression of alternative views on news on the internet comes from many directions, including the CIA and US Department of State.

"Back in the good old days, when things were more innocent and simpler, the psychopathic Central Intelligence Agency had to covertly infiltrate the news media to manipulate the information Americans were consuming about their nation and the world. Nowadays, there is no meaningful separation between the news media and the CIA at all..."

<https://caitlinjohnstone.substack.com/p/the-cia-used-to-infiltrate-the-media> (Numerous current examples are cited.)

**Biden state media appointee advocated using propaganda against Americans and 'rethinking' First Amendment**, by Ben Norton, November 11, 2020

"Richard Stengel - The head of the Joe Biden transition team for the US Agency for Global Media, Richard Stengel, has branded himself the "chief propagandist," urged the government to use propaganda against its "own population," and called to "rethink" the First Amendment. During the Obama administration he "led the creation of the Global Engagement Center propaganda vehicle."

<https://thegrayzone.com/2020/11/11/richard-stengel-propaganda-usagm-biden>

## Harvard Kennedy School's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy

This organization claims it is assessing strategic policy options that protect democratic values identifying online misinformation as a focal point. One can only wonder if they will study the history of American misinformation, and the very real threat to democracy from corporate MSM news completely determining who Americans will vote for. Democracy is most certainly under threat; not from enemies without but rather those within. This hope seems very unlikely to be realized given Harvard's long and intimate relationship with the CIA.<sup>11</sup> They claim to be conducting "evidence-based research on the impact of false or misleading information on users," however one has to wonder about the impact of WWII on users, given the mass and momentum of the IC/DoD, and the tragic fact there is no mechanism to halt or even slow down current trends in regards to the **New Cold War** and the potential for thermonuclear war. This dubious organization is also sponsoring the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs led by MIT Innovation Fellow and Obama's **Secretary of Defense Ash Carter**, who gave literally billions to far-right neo-Nazis in Ukraine in order to escalate the proxy war there against Russia, a trend **President Biden is continuing**. Thus, to expect anything good to come from the Harvard Kennedy School's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy is wishful thinking at best. Instead, it appears to be adding its considerable weight to triggering WWII, or at minimum more endless, pointless, expensive wars that profit no one except the already super rich, while the poor die premature, pointless, usually very painful deaths. As for Social Justice/Anti-Empire Alt-News, one can only expect the worse: more complete censorship of the only real investigatory news publications left on the web and ever more warlike political (fake) "representatives," (due to the fact they only represent corporate interests – and corporations are, as Carl Sagan wisely noted in his book *The Dragons of Eden* completely cold-blooded).

## US Agency for Global Media - Global Engagement Center

<https://www.usagm.gov>

The **Global Engagement Center's** Core Mission:

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<sup>11</sup> <https://www.chronicle.com/article/taking-stock-of-the-ties-that-bind-harvards-kennedy-school-and-the-cia/>  
<https://merip.org/1985/10/harvard-and-the-cia/>  
<https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2017/10/03/%E2%80%98spy-schools-how-cia-fbi-and-foreign-intelligence-secretly-exploit-america%E2%80%99s>  
<https://www.cia.gov/readingroom/document/cia-rdp88-01315r000300090040-9>  
<https://www.hks.harvard.edu/publications/partners-crime-empirical-investigation-cia-rendition-detention-and-interrogation>

To direct, lead, synchronize, integrate, and coordinate efforts of the Federal Government to recognize, understand, expose, and counter foreign state *and non-state propaganda and disinformation efforts aimed at undermining or influencing the policies, security, or stability of the United States, its allies, and partner nations.* (Italics added by this author.)

Can Social Justice/Anti-Empire alt-news survive as a “non-state” information service intending to legitimately influence the policies of the United States, its allies and partner nations in a way that actually improves the security of the United States, even if any particular American corporate or political group disagrees with its influence on US Security?

*Does the First Amendment still have validity in law and practice?*

August 4, 2017 “The State Department's Global Engagement Center (GEC) is tasked with countering foreign state and non-state propaganda and disinformation targeting the United States and U.S. interests.

“In December 2016, Congress enacted Section 1287 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (P.L. 114-328; FY2017 NDAA), which requires the Secretary of State essentially to reestablish the GEC with a purpose, structure, and authority that differ from those provided in Executive Order 13721. Whereas the original GEC had a specific purpose to focus on countering terrorist and extremist groups' influence, Section 1287 states that the GEC's purpose is to "counter foreign state and non-state propaganda and disinformation efforts" that threaten U.S. national security interests as well as the national security interests of U.S. allied and partner countries. This language indicates a much broader purpose for the new GEC than the original one, possibly encompassing counterterrorism communications but also expanding the GEC's coverage to include countering certain foreign communications from any source. Section 1287 also provides the new GEC with specific hiring and grant-making authorities that were not included in Executive Order 13721. Under Section 1287, the GEC will be terminated in December 2024.”

<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/row/IN10744.pdf>

“Non-state propaganda” includes *anyone* who does not agree with the United States Intelligence Community and Department of Defense (IC/DoD) agenda of endless wars and

global hegemony in perpetuity. This obviously includes Social Justice/Anti-Empire Alt-News (and may explain the sharp drop-off in my own site's visits in recent years). The above pdf goes on to list budget increases slated up to \$80 million in direct funding in FY2017 or FY2018.

Should the US Agency for Global Media or any branch, subdivision, or affiliated organization such as:

<http://www.propornot.com/p/the-list.html>

[https://www.fiaa.fi/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/bp272\\_us-foreign-policy-tools-in-the-era-of-disinformation.pdf](https://www.fiaa.fi/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/bp272_us-foreign-policy-tools-in-the-era-of-disinformation.pdf)

...or Google working with First Draft Coalition or any other division within Google, have anything to do with the search engine suppression of Social Justice/Anti-Empire alt-news publications, they, individually or collectively may find themselves subject to a class-action law suit at some time. (See: *Legal issues those who suppress or otherwise attack alt-news providers should consider*, in Part 5 of this series of articles.)

### FBI's Foreign Influence Task Force (FTIF)

"FBI launches open attack on 'foreign' alternative media outlets challenging US foreign policy by Gareth Porter "In a particularly notable case in 2018, the FBI encouraged Facebook, Instagram and Google to remove or restrict ads on the American Herald Tribune (AHT), an online journal that published critical opinion articles on US policy toward Iran and the Middle East. The bureau has never offered a clear rationale, however, despite its private discussions with Facebook on the ban. The FBI's first step toward intervening against dissenting views on social media took place in October 2017 with the creation of a Foreign Influence Task Force (FTIF) in the bureau's Counterintelligence Division. Next, the FBI defined any effort by states designated by the Department of Defense as major adversaries (Russia, China, Iran and North Korea) to influence American public opinion as a threat to US national security. In February 2020, the FBI defined that threat in much more specific terms and implied that it would act against any online media outlet that was found to fall within its ambit. At a conference on election security on February 24, David K. Porter, who identified himself as Assistant Section Chief of the Foreign Influence Task Force, defined what the FBI described as "malign foreign influence activity" as "actions by a foreign power to influence U.S. policy, distort political sentiment and public discourse." 2020.06.05

<https://thegrayzone.com/2020/06/05/the-fbi-launches-open-attack-on-foreign-alternative-media-outlets-challenging-u-s-foreign-policy/>

### Atlantic Council’s Digital Forensic Research Lab (DFRLab)

This is a “prominent NATO-backed group that has made its name challenging supposed Russian and Chinese ‘disinformation’ on the internet – and helping to fuel the censorship campaign targeted at independent news outlets.”

A look through its site reveals a hodgepodge of accusations with somewhere between little and no evidence to substantiate any of it.

“This can be seen when China flexes its regional power status by engulfing Hong Kong with new laws designed to further restrict the autonomy the Special Administrative Region notionally, interfering in Taiwan election to achieve a more China-oriented government, and capitalizing on border disputes with India. When it comes to foreign interference, China appears to be preparing to interfere in the upcoming US presidential election, establish its first overseas naval base in Djibouti, expand its Belt and Road Initiative, and push for territorial South China Sea “say” in the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.”

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/dfrlab-china-reports/> China’s Shift Toward Discourse Power

First, this document and section title are a bit odd.

- Is “discourse” a bad thing as compared to invading countries, extra-judicial assassinations of large numbers of people without trial, funding revolutions in foreign countries and so on as the US has done and continues to do most recently in Iraq, Syria, Xinjiang and Hong Kong?

Second,

- if the Chinese government wishes to reclaim the laws of a stolen Island like Hong Kong, don’t they have that right, given American covert funding via NED and other organizations causing violent rioting? Is the phrase “flexing its regional power” really appropriate to China needing to defend itself from American covert actions designed to radicalize a region of its nation?

“When searching ‘Hong Kong’ on the NED website, the Global Times reporter found 14 related items, including \$1.95 million in



funding for the region. In May, the foundation invited some "pro-secession" activists for a seminar, after which the violence in Hong Kong streets became increasingly severe, echoing the voice of anti-China politicians and NGOs in Washington."

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1161573.shtml>

"The NED was founded in 1983 following a series of scandals that exposed the CIA's blood-soaked covert actions against foreign governments. 'It would be terrible for democratic groups around the world to be seen as subsidized by the CIA,' NED President Carl Gershman told the New York Times in 1986. 'We saw that in the Sixties, and that's why it has been discontinued. We have not had the capability of doing this, and that's why the endowment was created.' Another NED founder, Allen Weinstein, conceded to the Washington Post's David Ignatius, 'A lot of what we do today was done covertly 25 years ago by the CIA.'"

<https://www.mintpressnews.com/hong-kong-protests/259202/>

It is not a violation of any national or international laws for China to protect itself.

- What the USA is doing in Hong Kong (funding and promoting violent riots) is illegal according to [Article 2 the 1945 UN Charter](#), [subsequent UN documents](#) and other international laws and treaties. China modifying laws in Hong Kong to aid in the [extradition of wanted criminals](#) is a normal, ordinary and legal part of judicial due process yet was used by the NED funded dissidents in Hong Kong as a pretext for violent rioting.

Another quote from The DFRLab:

"For example, during the 2020 novel coronavirus outbreak originating from Wuhan, China sought to divert the negative conversation by promoting the country's success in containing the virus and donating masks to Italy. In general, discourse power for the party aims to convince foreign audiences with sugarcoated Chinese narratives and, if that fails, seeks to deny unfavorable party-state narrative."

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/dfrlab-china-reports/>

The above has several unproven allegations. For example COVID-19 may or may not have originated in Wuhan.

This study shows an unexpected very early circulation of SARS-CoV-2 among asymptomatic individuals in Italy several months before the first patient was identified, and clarifies the onset and spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. Finding SARS-CoV-2 antibodies in asymptomatic people before the COVID-19 outbreak in Italy may reshape the history of pandemic.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0300891620974755>

Also see : <https://www.news-medical.net/news/20201117/SARS-CoV-2-was-circulating-in-Italy-before-China-recognized-its-existence.aspx>

(COVID-19 Dashboard by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University (JHU) -

<https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>)

And several other studies and [international news reports](#). Chinese medical authorities should be congratulated for being the 1) the first to identify this disease, and 2) the only nation to successfully contain it rather than being condemned and vilified with the pandemic.

Unfortunately, by making those reasonable and logical observations, this writer can be “identified” as a “foreign agent,” by such inquisitorial organizations as DFRLab. In my own defense I can report any reasonable person would come to the same conclusions, and only in an American politically motivated “Red Scare” environment could someone be scurrilously accused in such a manner for use of logic that should be obvious to anyone over age six and/or with an IQ above 100.

The concluding sentence in the above DFRLab paragraph states: In general, discourse power for the party aims to convince foreign audiences with sugarcoated Chinese narratives and, if that fails, seeks to deny unfavorable party-state narrative.

The above medical reports were published in peer reviewed western medical journals and do not deserve the inappropriate label of a “sugarcoated Chinese narratives.”

Also see: <https://thegrayzone.com/2020/04/20/trump-media-chinese-lab-coronavirus-conspiracy>

The Atlantic Council’s DFRLab runs similar kinds of smear campaigns against Russia.

<https://thegrayzone.com/2020/10/01/fbi-peacedata-russia-censorship/>

**Graphika an FBI and a Pentagon-backed private intelligence firm**

Graphika terminates sites it finds "suspicious" without proof. ...shadowy tech firm Graphika, which has been a key institutional force driving Russiagate conspiracies in the

US and Western Europe. US government-backed Graphika implies criticism of Western imperialism is Russian disinformation. Graphika has a history of weaponizing dubious tactics to smear left-wing politicians and journalists as tools of the Kremlin. As The Grayzone previously reported, Graphika helped oversee a disinformation campaign to [discredit Britain's leftist former Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn](#) by outlandishly linking him to Russia. The “partners” Graphika lists on its website include the US Defense Department’s Minerva Initiative, the Pentagon’s tech arm the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), the Senate Intelligence Committee, and the [billionaire-funded regime-change lobby group the Syria Campaign](#). Graphika’s director of investigations, [Ben Nimmo](#) is also a senior fellow at NATO’s de facto think tank, the Atlantic Council, which is funded by the governments of the US, Britain, and the United Arab Emirates, along with NATO and the European Union. And he helps lead the Atlantic Council’s Digital Forensic Research Lab. According to its “Media” page:

Researchers at the social network analysis company Graphika made a name for themselves in 2020 by reporting suspected Russian operations targeting conservative voters before the U.S. presidential election, flagging Chinese state efforts targeting Taiwan, and discovering global misinformation around COVID-19. Working with competing companies—including Facebook, Google, and Twitter—helps Graphika spot deceptive activities that aren't limited to just one site and get posts taken down, rooting out online disinformation...

January 29, 2021 - Inside a Pro-Huawei Influence Campaign The New York Times - First, at least 14 Twitter accounts posing as telecommunications experts, writers and academics shared articles by Mr. Vermulst and many others attacking draft Belgium legislation that would limit “high risk” vendors like Huawei from building the country’s 5G system, according to Graphika, a research firm that studies misinformation and fake social media accounts.

<https://graphika.com/in-the-media> Downloaded April 7, 2021

It’s pretty surprising they haven’t uncovered any American efforts at producing fake news given they are the masters of it.

- “...reporting suspected Russian operations targeting conservative...” suspected? Where is the proof? There is none. Graphika is no better than the local neighborhood gossip with the veneer of high-tech pseudo-sophistication.
- “flagging Chinese state efforts targeting Taiwan.” Is Taiwan loaded with American high-tech weaponry aimed at China? Was the island of Taiwan stolen from China after the USA lost its attempt to take over China during the American financed

Civil War from 1927 to 1949? Suppose China loaded Cuba up with offensive weapons, would the USA watch it? Is there anything wrong or illegal with China trying to create positive attitudes in Taiwan towards China?

- In regards to COVID-19 misinformation WHO asserted China was fully cooperative with investigations and a lab-leak was “[extremely unlikely](#).” President Trump however spread COVID-19 misinformation with his constant assertions of it being a “China Virus.” That misinformation contributed to a sharp increase in violent crimes against Asian Americans and has helped fuel the New Cold War. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAfeYMONj9E>)
- Graphika’s identification of “deceptive activities” on Facebook, Google, and Twitter fall far short of the burden of proof required in American and other courts.
- Is it improbable that Huawei, one of the world’s largest telecom companies has 11 fans with accounts on Tweeter? Anyone who objects to the lynching of Huawei, and anything Chinese these days is likely to be targeted by fake research companies like Graphika.
- Who exactly says [Huawei](#) is a “high risk” vendor? Only the American IC and the American Empire’s colonial partners and vassal states.
- If Graphika wants to really research fake news, they should research themselves.

Also please see: <https://covertactionmagazine.com/2021/01/30/how-to-derail-the-u-s-rush-toward-war-with-china-two-peace-activists-suggest-an-answer/>

## The Judicial Right

Presidents often go through two or three Attorney Generals. President Trump had six. Unless there is a Constitutional Amendment redressing the appointment of Attorney Generals, and as long as presidents can fire and hire Attorney Generals at will, justice in the USA will always depend upon the whims of the (corporate controlled media selected) person occupying the White House.

“The Judicial Right Is Coming After Freedom of the Press,” by Ari Paul, March 26, 2021, [Fair.org](#).

<https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2021/03/laurence-silberman-media-bias-big-tech-rant.html>

<https://www.globalwitness.org/en/>

See: “ii” in the Endnotes. The American judiciary itself is under fire for corruption. Beyond (or perhaps because of) those issues, what sort of judiciary passively allows the last of the free press to be so boldly bullied into silence?

## USC Center on Public Diplomacy

This is one of the most pathetic examples of US government disinformation I can possibly imagine. Don’t they know, THE USA DOES NOT DO DIPLOMA. It sounds like a joke, but it’s

true. American policy from the beginning has been: “It’s our way, or we will kill your children (or sell them as slaves) and you will be buried in infamy if you are so lucky as to be buried at all.” That may sound gruesome, and it does, because it is. And, I’ve traveled enough around this world over the past 55+ years to know this is the truth of it. There is no lie too big for the US government to sell to the unsuspecting American public. There is no infamy too great for them to force upon the innocents in this world. Furthermore, [the mainstream American media will support the American killing machine](#) every step of the way.

Air strikes by U.S. and government forces killed 363 people and injured 156 others, and of those casualties 150 were children, according to the U.N. report [here](#).

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-afghanistan-attack-drones-factbox-idUSKBN1W42RV>

And that’s only one report from one of America’s many, many, many wars. These days the US often gets allies to do their killing for them.

Saudi ‘should be blacklisted’ over Yemen hospital attacks, 20 April 2017,

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-39651265>

“A short while after the explosion, I heard a very loud explosion about 2 or 3 times. There was dust all over the house. I could not see anything. Later, I saw one missile come through the roof; another from the window and the third one, I do not know from where. I then looked around and I saw my mother. I went to her and realized that my mother (Rahma Mohammed Mahmoud Al-Samony, then aged 43) died with half of her face blown away. My father (Talal Hilmy Mahmoud Al-Samony, then aged 49) and my only daughter (Aza Salah Talal Al-Samony, then aged 2.5) also died, with their face disfigured. A total of 21 of my family members died. More than 50 of them were injured. There was screaming, shouting and crying. Blood was everywhere. I lifted my daughter and she had wounds on her neck and stomach. She was dead. Then, I heard my wife calling my name. I went to her. There were a lot of dead bodies on top of her. Then, I slowly pulled her out. She was injured and she was covered in blood. Three of my sons were badly injured and the other one had difficulties in breathing even now.”

<https://www.globalresearch.ca/israeli-war-crimes-against-palestine-witness-testimonies/5312862>

In any case, the USC Center on Public Diplomacy's [website](#) looks very clean and nice. There's no trace of the blood, intestinal or brain fluids spilled by their "intelligence community" masters anywhere on it. In fact, it's so clean it's absolutely sterile, until one starts reading.

The first download on their front page is: "FIIA Briefing Paper: US Foreign Policy Tools in the Era of Disinformation," January 20, 2020. If one opens that up one finds:

US foreign policy tools in the era of disinformation deficiencies prevent effective response to malign information operations

- Russia, China, Iran and ISIS use information operations to undermine the national security objectives of the United States and its allies.
- The US's international response has been weak.
- Internal constraints have limited more effective counter-measures. In particular, the lack of a coordinated White House-level strategy, dispersed authorities and little cooperation with private social media companies can be identified as causal factors.
- Additional steps by the Trump Administration to counter foreign disinformation will aim to protect the 2020 presidential elections rather than to push back on efforts to undermine US leadership abroad.

[https://www.fiiia.fi/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/bp272\\_us-foreign-policy-tools-in-the-era-of-disinformation.pdf](https://www.fiiia.fi/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/bp272_us-foreign-policy-tools-in-the-era-of-disinformation.pdf),

Downloaded from <https://uscpublicdiplomacy.org> April 4, 2021

Exactly how many years did the writers of that document actually *live* in any of the countries about which they write? The fact is Russia, China and Iran don't want American leadership; they have their own. Second, they would be more than happy to be friends with the USA if the USA didn't constantly attack them and surround them with vast military killing machines. The people at USC should be ashamed of themselves for affiliating with such a scurrilous agenda that represents such blatant disregard for truth, human life and both American and international laws starting with the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) and original UN Charter.

This document, though posted on the USC Center on Public Diplomacy's website was produced by the Finnish Institute of International Affairs, even though it appears to have been written by some CIA drone in a sub-basement somewhere, with a few pointers given by two former Secretaries of State, Hillary Clinton and Michael Pompeo. And, if ever there

was proof that the US does NOT do diplomacy, it was the choice of those two individuals for Secretary of State that confirms it.

The Department of State is *supposed to be the diplomatic branch* of the US government, and instead only acts as an auxiliary and hiding place for the “intelligence community.” “Community,” it sounds so very “nice” doesn’t it? In fact, it is not nice; it is the diametric opposite of nice.

Though it is very unpleasant reading such a long litany of finely tailored American DoD disinformation (read: “outrageous lies”), I kept reading and did find one honest thing:

Not all partnerships have been successful. In May 2019, the GEC was forced to suspend its Iran Disinformation Project after it was determined that the partner organization had inappropriately targeted reputable journalists, academics and human rights activities for not being tough enough on Iran. The project worked on social media platforms to expose Iranian disinformation on US foreign policy objectives in the Middle East.

[https://www.fiaa.fi/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/bp272\\_us-foreign-policy-tools-in-the-era-of-disinformation.pdf](https://www.fiaa.fi/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/bp272_us-foreign-policy-tools-in-the-era-of-disinformation.pdf)

Stripped of all its glorious and very impressive hyperbole, American foreign policy objectives in the Middle East are the same as everywhere else. The American DoD demands total subservience of all nations to its own interests. If a nation nationalizes its oil, it becomes a target. If a nation refuses an American military base, it becomes a target.

Another ridiculous absolutely scurrilous bit of American Department of Defense propaganda can be downloaded from the USC Center on Public Diplomacy is titled:

*Beijing’s Global Megaphone: The Expansion of Chinese Communist Party Media Influence since 2017*, by Sarah Cook

I humbly ask the folks at USC and the misnamed “Freedom House” to read:

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

[http://www.carlbernstein.com/magazine\\_cia\\_and\\_media.php](http://www.carlbernstein.com/magazine_cia_and_media.php)

...and answer the questions: Does China or any nation have a right to protect itself against (dis-)information “warriors” (such as USC Center on Public “Diplomacy”), and is China engaged in anything the USA has not been doing much more broadly for centuries? To the best of my knowledge, the American DoD relentlessly just makes things up, fabricates, distorts, uses wild exaggerations, etc. whereas China is fighting a defensive counter strategy trying to be as diplomatic as possible every step of the way.



Furthermore, the larger part of this article is about censorship of legitimate fact-based news published on western alternative news sites imposed by Google and other corporate and government branches of the American government in violation of numerous laws including First Amendment rights to a free press.

I have extensive personal experience with both American intelligence officers and foreign agents in many countries. Usually, it's the foreign agents that tell the American officers the lies they want to hear. Then the officers report those lies to their bosses up the pipeline and the big lie get bigger every step along the way. It's an echo chamber. That's how American "intelligence" works everywhere around the world. The poor indigenous agents are more than happy to supply any number of lies the "intelligence community" officer wants to hear for the right price, *or even just the hint* of a Green Card at the end of it. "Hay, you got time for a beer?" That's it. That's all it really costs to get the "secret information" to start a war, assassinate a foreign leader<sup>iii</sup> or send a missile strike to [kill an innocent family at their wedding](#).

Diplomacy? That site hosted by USC has nothing whatsoever to do with diplomacy. To a Russian, Chinese or Iranian the accusations contained in that document are provocative in the extreme, just like the billions of dollars of killing weaponry pointed at their families 24/7/365.

Most Americans are very nice people, but terribly naïve and have no idea what their government is really doing around the world thanks to very convenient and profitable lies told to them by mainstream media and sites precisely like the USC Center on "Public Diplomacy." If the reader doesn't believe this, please, just keep reading. I am not proud to be an American, but I am proud to see the Social Just/Anti-Empire reporters, editors and publishers bravely moving forward into the hailstorm of [illegal](#) disinformation, [harassment](#), and [censorship](#).

What exactly do they really do at the USC Center on Public Diplomacy? Given their extreme biases against any views at variance with official Department of Defense dogma, they certainly appear very threatening to all the innocent people in the world who only want to live in peace. In any case, the "people" at USC are not alone. They have a lot of well-paid though highly questionable company.

### Coda Story – Anonymous attacks on western journalists who investigate D.C.'s narrative about China

"With backing from the US government's regime-change arm, an Operation Mockingbird-style website called Coda Story is attacking American journalists who have punctured Washington's sensationalist narratives against China.

By Ben Norton

“A shadowy neoconservative website called Coda Story has launched a smear campaign against American journalists who challenge new cold war propaganda. But what this publication has not disclosed is that it is funded by the US government, backed by the European Union, linked to the NATO war alliance, and part of a larger network of regime-change outfits that are bankrolled by Western governments and corporate oligarchs.

“Launched in 2016, Coda Story markets itself as a brave counterweight to Chinese and Russian state-backed “disinformation.” This is quite ironic, because the website is itself financed by the regime-change arms of the US government and the European Union, and peddles disinformation of its own in support of [Washington’s new cold war on Beijing and Moscow](#).

“A case study of Coda Story’s deceptive smear tactics came in the form of a malicious hatchet job the site published in July, [maligning The Grayzone](#) for exposing the extremely [dubious sources and methodology of Western government propaganda against China](#).

“The Coda Story hit piece did not dispute a single fact in The Grayzone’s thoroughly documented reporting. Instead, the diatribe relied on superficial insinuations and misleading guilt-by-association tactics, implying that The Grayzone is “fringe” and untrustworthy because its contributors have given interviews to Russian and Chinese state-backed media outlets, and because foreign government officials have occasionally tweeted links to The Grayzone articles...”

<https://thegrayzone.com/2020/08/18/us-government-funded-coda-story/>

From an “info-warrior” point of view codastory.com is rather like a lynching mob acting extrajudicially as judge, jury and executioner. From a historical point of view, it operates rather like inquisitor Tomás de Torquemada. In some ways Coda Story’s methods are the usual McCarthy Red Scare tactics because of its anonymity. Anyone, anytime can be smeared anonymously with vague unproved allegations. The people behind Coda Story may think of themselves as “info-warriors” but are just cowardly bullies acting on behalf of other cowardly bullies.

Real news must have some verifiable information and not just vague innuendo and baseless accusations. Red Scare tactics may appeal to a populist base, however those over

age seven and/or with an IQ over 100 and some at least minimal ability to think critically can see right through them. Coda Story is just as pathetic as USC Center on Public Diplomacy, Graphika, FTIP, GEC, etc., etc., etc.

I spent some time in Xinjiang hanging out with a large extended Muslim family and it was one of the most wonderful experiences of my life. They understand the meaning of love. I bitterly resent foreigners who are programmed by the American “intelligence community” to hate and sow fear of innocent people, especially because I have an American passport. Incidentally, what are most people in Xinjiang most interested in? Their grape crops. They are very proud of Xinjiang grapes, arguable some of the best in the world, as are their raisins. If the Chinese government opens some new educational opportunities for them, so what? The (American/Saudi trained) Taliban never had that option and look how they turned out. Oh! If only Americans would get up off their couches and up from behind their computers and travel more what a peaceful and beautiful world this could be. Instead, the world is balanced on the knife edge of a thermonuclear war. What a horrid, horrid world the American “intelligence community” is creating for the billions of poor around the world and anyone who gets stuck on any side of American hegemonic wars.

Like the very poorly named USC Center on Public Diplomacy, Coda Story is not alone. They have lots of profit-driven corporate friends with Google near the top of that list (next to the weapons corporations and MSM). What some people will do for [thirty pieces of silver](#) is quite amazing. (See: Matthew 26:14-16)

In some ways Google is only one of the newer members of the corporate cult that rules the USA and world. (Please keep in mind the USA is the heir apparent of a 500-year tradition of European colonialization, and thus, a relative newcomer.) A look into their inner workings is instructive.

## Article 3 Google's monopoly

Google has a [near monopoly](#) on Internet searches garnering some 86.6% of the market as of this writing compared to only 6.7% covered by bing.com. Monopolies were theoretically made illegal in the US with anti-trust legislation starting with the Sherman Antitrust Act of 1890, Clayton Act of 1914, and Federal Trade Commission Act of 1914. During the 1930s this again became a big issue leading to the formation of large trade unions in the US and further legislation. None-the-less numerous examples of monopolies continue to exist in the US with communication corporations like Google, Facebook and others totally dominating their fields.

### Anti-trust lawsuits against Google

Jan 13, 2014 **“Google stabs Wikipedia in the front - Is Knowledge Graph killing its readership?”** by Andrew Orłowski –

“Anyone who doubts the impact of Google's power - it's currently the subject of an [antitrust complaint to the European Commission](#) by vertical search companies - needs to read this.

“The complaints to the Competition Commission maintain that Google's arbitrary promotion of its own material harms the market. But in this case, the victim is not a price comparison site, but one of the world's biggest participatory projects and the web's most celebrated resources: Wikipedia.

“Since mid-2012, Google has inserted into the primary basic search results pages what it grandly calls a "Knowledge Graph", a smattering of factoids and images (see Bootnote) it thinks correspond to the search query. Google taps into several resources, the primary one being a collection Google acquired in 2010 called Freebase, which bills itself as "community-curated database of well-known people, places, and things". Google documents an [API for third party developers](#). It may be "community-curated", but it's Google-owned: [Freebase was founded by MIT alumnus and AI expert Danny Hillis](#), co-founder of Thinking Machines, in 2005.

“In 2010, [Google acquired the firm](#), which was then known as MetaWeb. However, since Google rolled out Knowledge Graph, something interesting happened. Visits to Wikipedia had previously risen steadily year-on-year for a decade. Towards the end of the 2012 this trend not only stalled, but went into an unprecedented decline. According to [Wikipedia's own stats, the page views for English language Wikipedia pages fell](#) by 21 per cent over 12 months to December 2013. For German, Spanish and Japanese language pages, views dropped by 30 per cent, 29 per cent and 25 per cent respectively. Taking into account mobile page views, the falls were 12 per cent (English), 17 per cent (German), 19 per cent (Spanish) and 9 per cent (Japanese)...”

[https://www.theregister.com/2014/01/13/google\\_stabs\\_wikipedia\\_in\\_the\\_front](https://www.theregister.com/2014/01/13/google_stabs_wikipedia_in_the_front)

Also see:

**Wikipedia: The Overlooked Monopoly**, by Michael Olenick, Jan 19, 2021

Low-quality anonymous "editors" combined with some type of tie-up to Google have turned an interesting experiment into an overlooked but destructive monopoly...

Ignoring Wikipedia, which is every bit as much a monopoly and a monopolist as the rest, is a dire mistake. There is nothing positive about sucking away users from high-quality content published by individuals, small blogs, or focused wikis. They're not providing some type of public service by providing free content for Google to monetize without worries about being sued for copyright violations (and, surprise, [Google funds Wikipedia](#)). [Wikipedia went dark to prove the point they're vital and immediately missed](#). However, by doing that, they simultaneously proved another point: they're a monopoly.

<https://blueoceanthinking.substack.com/p/wikipedia-the-overlooked-monopoly> &

<https://www.ineteconomics.org/perspectives/blog/wikipedias-deep-ties-to-big-tech> &

Interconnections between corporate driven big tech organizations powerfully reinforce their monopolist stranglehold on information, especially when those connections are not seen.

On October 20, 2020, the [US filed an anti-trust law suit](#) against Google. It is still winding its way through the courts. Updates can be found [here](#).

That lawsuit can take years to waddle its way through the courts. Thanks to the overwhelming power of corporate controlled Mainstream Media and systematically suppressed Social Justice/Anti-Empire alt-news, we have [anti-bussing](#), [pro-war American president Joe Biden](#) and his [neo-con](#) Vice President [Kamala Harris](#).

Tragically the criminal activities (violations of the original UN Charter) of the American Empire appear [they only will get worse](#) under President Joseph Biden.

## FCC, net neutrality and Google

The issue of net neutrality revolves around whether the internet is really a "common carrier service" like the telephone, or an "information service," like Fox News and CNN.

In proof that “crazy in the new normal,” weighing in on the side to suppress internet neutrality was the democratic so-called “liberal” party. In proof that “politics can make for strange bedfellows” is the fact that President Trump found himself on the same side as Julian Assange advocating for net neutrality. Enter stage center the appointment of [second generation Indian immigrant](#) Ajit Pai, an [opponent of net neutrality](#) to become the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and net neutrality was [effectively killed in 2017](#) pushing the internet towards the direction of the [Reich Ministry of Public Enlightenment and Propaganda](#), and radically away from any concept of a medium for the “free press,” existing only in the form of alt-news these days.

[Pai voted against the FCC's 2015 Open Internet Order](#) (common carrier service), classifying internet service under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934.

47 U.S. Code § 202 - Discriminations and preferences (a) Charges, services, etc.

“It shall be unlawful for any common carrier to make any unjust or unreasonable discrimination in charges, practices, classifications, regulations, facilities, or services for or in connection with like communication service, directly or indirectly, by any means or device, or to make or give any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage to any particular person, class of persons, or locality, or to subject any particular person, class of persons, or locality to any undue or unreasonable prejudice or disadvantage.”

[June 19, 1934, ch. 652, title II, § 202, 48 Stat. 1070; Pub. L. 86–751, Sept. 13, 1960, 74 Stat. 888; Pub. L. 101–239, title III, § 3002(a), Dec. 19, 1989, 103 Stat. 2131.]

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/47/202>

And thus, Google and other Internet search engines can utilize “*unjust and unreasonable discrimination*” in its site rankings according to the FCC.

Why liberal democrats should wish to kill net neutrality might seem confusing to some, but the answer appears to emerge from big money paid to the democrats by virtually omnipotent special interest lobby groups with links to foreign governments; not China or Russia, but rather [Israel](#) and [India](#). And thus, Google is free to censor and otherwise manipulate internet site rankings, including of the “alt-news” at will.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> <https://www.commondreams.org/news/2021/03/11/warning-against-democratic-version-ajit-pai-groups-call-fcc-pick-without-telecom>  
<https://fair.org/?s=Net+neutrality>  
<https://fair.org/home/the-public-is-clearly-on-the-side-of-net-neutrality>  
<https://fair.org/home/dana-gold-on-whistleblower-protections-craig-aaron-on-net-neutrality-setback>

## Google bias - in the news

2021.12.16 [How Google's search algorithm spreads false information with a rightwing bias](#), Search and autocomplete algorithms prioritize sites with rightwing bias, and far-right groups trick it to boost propaganda and misinformation in search rankings, Olivia Solon and Sam Levin in San Francisco, The Guardian

2021.03.16 [The Departure of 2 Google AI Researchers Spurs More Fallout](#) - Two academics changed plans to attend an invite-only conference this week; a third says he'll no longer accept funding from the company, Tom Simonite, Wired

2021.03.16 [How Washington fumbled the future](#) - A decade ago, a surging Silicon Valley giant was making plans to dominate the internet. Given a chance to stop it, regulators chosen by Barack Obama misread the evidence in front of their eyes, by Leah Nylén, Politico

2020.11.23 [CIA Partners with Google, Amazon and IBM in Latest Big Tech Procurement Drive](#) - The military industrial complex is returning to its roots as the CIA turns to big tech to maintain control and rebuild the war economy, by Raul Diego, Mint Press News

2020.01.15 [Keeping with its Crackdown on Alternative Voices, Google Deletes Press TV](#) from YouTube Press TV says the move is “part of an anti-Iran purge as the West sets its sights on regime change in Iran,” by Alan Macleod, Mint Press News

2019.11.15 [How Google Interferes With Its Search Algorithms and Changes Your Results](#) - The internet giant uses blacklists, algorithm tweaks and an army of contractors to shape what you see, by Kirsten Grind, Sam Schechner, Robert McMillan and John West, WSJ

2019.07.27 [Google Engineer Reveals Search Engine Bias](#) - He found Google pretty neutral in 2014; the bias started with the US 2016 election, by Denyse O'Leary, Mind Matters

2019.06.24 [Insider Blows Whistle & Exec Reveals Google Plan](#) to Prevent “Trump situation” in 2020 on Hidden Cam - (New York City) — Project Veritas has released a new report on Google which includes undercover video of a Senior Google Executive, [leaked documents](#), and testimony from a Google insider. Documents include a list of [banned news sources](#). Given that this “treasure trove” of information was available to all Google employees, it is probably not complete in regards to algorithmic bias or list of banned news sites. None-the-less this is rather strong evidence that Google does have at least one news publication blacklist in violation of numerous American laws pertaining to Free Speech and Free Press.

2019.04.07 <https://thegrayzone.com/2019/04/07/american-internet-companies-are-privatized-instruments-of-american-geopolitical-power-and-theyre-not-even-hiding-it> by Yasha Levine, Grayzone

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<https://www.rightsanddissent.org/news/nations-leading-press-freedom-civil-liberties-groups-call-fcc-abandon-attack-net-neutrality>

<https://dissentvoice.org/2019/10/next-phase-of-the-battle-for-net-neutrality-and-peoples-control-of-the-internet>



2018.12.13 [Combating Facebook & Google Censorship](#) - Mnar Muhawesh discusses social media giants' efforts to wipe independent journalism off the map and what can be done to combat this deliberate form of censorship, by Mnar Muhawesh Adley, Mint Press News

2018.08.28 [Google, Facebook, and Twitter Are Censoring Iranians](#) – A Censored Student Journalist Speaks Out - Google, Facebook, and Twitter are removing social media accounts of real life Iranians who are falsely dubbed as “government trolls.” Student journalist Sayed Mousavi warns “this is just the tip of an iceberg,” by Ben Norton, Mint Press News August 28th, 2018

2018.03.26 [Google Has a Striking History of Bias Against Black Girls](#), By Safiya Noble, TIME

2017.09.19 [Google intensifies censorship of left-wing websites](#) by Andre Damon, WSWS

**On a related topic see:** <https://www.rt.com/op-ed/521530-people-trust-algorithms-computers-bias/> People trust algorithms more than other human beings, study finds. Who do they think programs those computers? By Helen Buyniski “Even humor is something beyond the range of Alexa or Siri’s capability - AI can’t understand or tell jokes, though it can repeat quips someone else tells them without understanding the humor within.” **Alt-News Review Editor Note:** Not understanding humor, satire, irony, etc. means AI can misclassify a great deal of information. “Artificial Intelligence,” AI, is not intelligent. It is a dull-minded brute that is now (mis-)managing elections, and Google’s use of it in “filtering” the news is absolutely illegal in American law. See: Article 5 – Laws and Legal Precedents addressing the suppression of alt-news.

How does Google accomplish this broad-based and wildly illegal mission of empire?

“[Google News Lab](#) - The News Lab is a team within the Google News Initiative whose mission is to collaborate with journalists and entrepreneurs to drive innovation in news. Offering partnerships and training in over 50 countries, the News Lab brings the best of Google technology to tackle important challenges in journalism today.”

“Challenge: How can platforms and newsrooms strengthen quality reporting and fight misinformation?”

Various projects include:

“**Trust Project** - An initiative we support that explores how journalism can better signal trustworthiness to consumers.”

“**First Draft** - A coalition we helped launch to fight mis- and disinformation through fieldwork, research, and education.”

“Our Mission - Today, we need access to the truth more than ever before. But in this polluted information environment, it’s never been harder to know what to trust, and never easier to be misled. Disinformation is targeting and damaging our communities, all around the world.”

“At First Draft, our mission is to protect communities from harmful misinformation. We work to empower society with the knowledge, understanding, and tools needed to outsmart false and misleading information.”

This, for the reader’s information is finely crafted, highly professional disinformation, a sub-discipline of psychological operations. In the vernacular, this style of writing can be referred to as a “big pack of lies.” It might be amusing to the armchair intellectual who happens to know what’s really going on in the world however to someone who’s personally experienced the terror and death inflicted by American hegemonic wars it’s extremely disturbing, revolting and nauseating. For movie buffs it’s reminiscent of HAL 9000 in the movie 2001 A Space Odyssey, the Red Queen in the Resident Evil movies, the Master Control Program in Tron and Skynet in the Terminator series. In other words, it doesn’t seem human due to its utter lack of moral conscience, common sense and truthfulness.

It is utterly astonishing to this writer that the Google planners, writers and project managers that approve this style of totally dishonest writing cannot see their writing style is the prototype of an evil computer trying to take over the world, universe or whatever.

On the other hand, it should not be so surprising because corporate influence in the world today is the prototype for the movies that follow in their wake, and the total lack of the simplest forms of humanistic awareness is the *a priori* prerequisite for those kinds of jobs.

On the other hand, fake forms of liberalism are usually easily detected as well. I recall seeing a group photo of some of the younger members of the UN Security Council a couple of years ago on the UN site. They were dressed and posed to look like “rebels,” when in fact they represent the same authoritarian hegemonic interests as the American Empire. At first glance they looked authentic, but a deeper look followed by a moment of reflection evaporated the illusion of “liberalism,” and the photo then looked staged and transparently fake.

My apologies to readers of this article for my interjection of these observations in the middle of a review of Google’s projects, however I personally needed some psychological relief, an island of peace in this torrent of strategic disinformation that has led, and will continue to lead to so much horrific death and suffering around the world and even in the host body of the USA itself. To continue:

**Report for America** - An initiative we support that aspires to place a thousand young journalists in local newsrooms in the next five years.

That’s called “[swarming](#).” They intend to flood the news media with fresh young faces programmed for one thing: Promotion of the USA as the global hegemon, phrased more

eloquently, of course. Some are even trained to infiltrate the Social Justice/Anti-Empire domain. And, some have been successful.

## Google's Report for America and The Groundtruth Project

Report for America has several subcomponents.

“The Groundtruth Project – GroundTruth’s mission is to restore journalism from the ground up by supporting the next generation of journalists through field reporting that serves under-covered corners of the United States and the world.” <https://thegroundtruthproject.org/mission>

It is in these “under-covered corners of the world” that Google and their “intelligence community” masters perfected the arts of media manipulation to control who gets to run for election, and to sell anything to a targeted unwitting public. This is the reason both American Democrat and Republican candidates are virtual carbon copies of each other in regards to their absolute obedience to and support for corporate rule of the USA and world.

The Groundtruth Project has several subcomponents including promotion of their form of “democracy.” Naturally they’re very proud of the American backed “Arab Spring” revolutions and they bragged about Tunisia, the only one of those revolutions that was resolved relatively peacefully.<sup>iv</sup>

Google employees to their credit don’t want to work on programs that directly kill...

According to Bloomberg news,

“Instead, the company has introduced ethical principles governing AI, including a promise not to use it on “weapons or other technologies whose principal purpose or implementation is to cause or directly facilitate injury to people.”

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

But at least some of those same Google employees don’t seem to mind manipulating search engine results and elections worldwide or in the USA, and so on. Those rigged elections put many or most of the world’s worst fascists in power including and especially in the USA. Thus, Google employees most certainly do work on IT and other projects that cause immeasurable suffering and the uncountable deaths of innocents.

What Google News Lab apparently does is facilitate suppression of alt-news investigatory journalism, while flooding the internet with narrative supplied to it by the American Department of Defense, directly at the higher levels of administration, and via MSM at lower operational levels.

Because Google searches don't yield results from Social Justice/Anti-Empire alt news sites on the top pages of results, visits to those sites have dropped hugely. This makes getting and keeping sponsors very difficult or impossible in some cases. Then, a few hungry alt-news publishers and editors are – in a few cases – more likely to publish “tailored” alt-news stories that appear to report real news, but in fact push a corporate-government supplied narrative.

Likewise, there are numerous new “alt-news” sites that *appear* to be Social Justice/Anti-Empire publications, but each has specific “targets” coinciding with American Department of Defense (DoD) targets they lambast. For example, one of these new alt-news sites might criticize Israel for their land-grabbing in Palestine and then skewer Chinese authorities for attempting to maintain order in Hong Kong. Or, they might write sympathetic stories about China, but also publish articles defaming Syrian President Assad repeating DoD narratives about gas attacks which have been [thoroughly discredited](#) in most real [Social Justice/Anti-Empire publications](#) using [fact based verifiable evidence](#).

This sort of asymmetric fake journalism appears to be the kind of product the so-called “Groundtruth Project” is producing.

## Alt-news reports on Google search engine rank suppression

**Google's new search protocol is restricting access to 13 leading socialist, progressive and anti-war web sites** by Andre Damon, David North, August 2, 2017

“New data compiled by the World Socialist Web Site, with the assistance of other Internet-based news outlets and search technology experts, proves that a massive loss of readership observed by socialist, anti-war and progressive web sites over the past three months has been caused by a cumulative 45 percent decrease in traffic from Google searches.

“The drop followed the implementation of changes in Google's search evaluation protocols. In a statement issued on April 25, Ben Gomes, the company's vice president for engineering, stated that Google's update of its search engine would block access to “offensive” sites, while working to surface more “authoritative content.”

“The World Socialist Web Site has obtained statistical data from SEMrush estimating the decline of traffic generated by Google searches for 13 sites with substantial readerships. The results are as follows:

- wsws.org fell by 67 percent
- altnet.org fell by 63 percent
- globalresearch.ca fell by 62 percent
- consortiumnews.com fell by 47 percent
- socialistworker.org fell by 47 percent
- mediamatters.org fell by 42 percent
- comondreams.org fell by 37 percent
- internationalviewpoint.org fell by 36 percent
- democracynow.org fell by 36 percent
- wikileaks.org fell by 30 percent
- truth-out.org fell by 25 percent
- counterpunch.org fell by 21 percent
- theintercept.com fell by 19 percent

“Of the 13 web sites on the list, the World Socialist Web Site has been the most heavily affected. Its traffic from Google searches has fallen by two thirds.”

<https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2017/08/02/pers-a02.html>

## Google bonding with First Draft Coalition

According to [Black Agenda Report](#), Google also has formed a coalition with outside thought police and government propaganda specialists like the [First Draft Coalition](#) whose founding members include [Bellingcat](#),<sup>13</sup> [Eyewitness Media Hub](#), [Emergent](#), [Meedan](#),<sup>14</sup> [Reported.ly](#) (now defunct), [Storyful](#)<sup>v</sup> and [Verification Junkie](#).

“Back in September 2016 Reuters ran an article declaring that the [First Draft Coalition](#), including Google, Facebook, Twitter, New York Times, Washington Post, BuzzFeed News, Agence France-Presse and CNN intended to launch [an effort to combat fake news](#). A shadowy outfit calling itself PropOrNot surfaced in November 2016 with [an anonymously compiled list](#) of 199 sites it said “reliably echo Russian propaganda.” More than half the sites were right wing nutjobs, from the nazis at StormFront to the libertarians at the Ron Paul Institute. But about twenty or so were entirely credible sources of news and information to the left of mainstream Democrats, including [DemocracyNow!](#) the [World Socialist Web Site](#), [Altnet](#), [Naked Capitalism](#), [Counterpunch](#), [TruthOut!](#) and Black

<sup>13</sup> <https://thegrayzone.com/2021/03/24/author-bellingcat-opcw-whistleblower>

<sup>14</sup> <https://thegrayzone.com/2020/06/11/meet-wikipedias-ayn-rand-loving-founder-and-wikimedia-foundations-regime-change-operative-ceo>

Agenda Report. It's worth noting that Black Agenda Report is the ONLY site owned and run by black people and aimed at an African American audience to be singled out in this manner."

<https://www.blackagendareport.com/google-censors-the-real-left>

Also see:

<https://www.nakedcapitalism.com/2016/12/washington-post-backlash.html> &

<https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2017/09/19/goog-s19.html>

The phrase "reliably echo Russian propaganda" is *exactly the same* as has happened before in American history, specifically during the First Red Scare (1917–1920) and the Second Red Scare (1947–57). See: *Parallels between the New Cold War and the Red Scares*, by this author.

Were the stakes not so high, e.g. endless wars, poverty, misery and death in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Somalia, DRC, etc. etc. [killer economic sanctions against 39 nations](#), and the New Cold War against China, Russia, and subsidiary proxy wars being warmed up in Venezuela and the Ukraine, the First Draft Coalition would be a funny parody on the news suitable for SNL, because the constituent members of that coalition primarily function as loudspeakers for corporate-government edicts, much more like Hitler's *Völkischer Beobachter* than real investigatory news organizations (though in all fairness, NYT and Washington Post do *occasionally* come out with well researched and written articles, but the percentage of real investigatory news vs. government propaganda is dismal at best.)

My question for the members of the First Draft Coalition is: "How do you sleep at night?" Their sources of information are usually "anonymous government spokesman" or "intelligence sources," while the wars they promote kill millions of innocents. And then, they denigrate and censor the only real journalists that look behind the scenes and get the [names and even in some cases photos of the terrorists](#) that work for the US government.

Thus, Google is building an army (e.g., "bootcamp") of info-war specialists to expand the influence of the American Empire inside the USA and worldwide, while further ratcheting down their ruthless and illegal suppression of alternative news [in violation of First Amendment rights](#) to free speech and freedom aided by the "scions" of the Military-Industrial-Media complex.

## Google's aid in destroying democracies, support for fake democracies and endless war

It's a bit surprising Groundtruth Project mentioned Egypt, given that after the American backed revolution against strongman president Mubarak, the USA then went on to coordinate the overthrow the next government too, specifically the first democratically elected president in Egyptian history, [Mohammad Morsi](#). Mohammad Morsi was sworn into office June 30, 2012, and overthrown 3 July 3<sup>rd</sup> the next year by American appointed Abdul Fatah al-Sisi, and died due to medical neglect in squalor in prison June 17, 2019. Tens of thousands of his followers and friends were then rounded up, imprisoned and many were executed by the new American appointed strongman dictator al-Sisi. Given the truth of these assertions it's a bit surprising that "The Groundtruth Project" would dare to mention Egypt, but audacity always have been a hallmark of American policy.

The Groundtruth Project also (proudly) mentioned US "removal" of former Libyan President Muammar al-Gaddafi however failed to mention former Secretary of State and presidential hopeful Hillary Clinton bragged about her role in murdering him as can be seen on [YouTube](#). Likewise, they didn't mention how [the US backed so-called rebels raped him with an iron rod](#) before murdering him.

Nor did Groundtruth Project mention:

"Files found in Tripoli offices claim MI6 and the CIA were complicit in human rights violations by the Gaddafi regime." by Cherry Wilson, 3 Sep 2011,  
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2011/sep/03/secret-libyan-files-mi6-cia>

Nor did Groundtruth Project mention that since the 2011 American backed revolution in Libya it has become a "near" [failed state](#), and the refugee camps there are now internationally notorious rape centers.

<https://www.dw.com/en/widespread-torture-and-rape-documented-in-libyas-refugee-camps/a-48070588>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2019/nov/03/libya-migrants-tripoli-refugees-detention-camps>

<https://mg.co.za/article/2019-03-28-00-widespread-torture-and-rape-documented-in-libyas-refugee-camps>

<https://www.infomigrants.net/en/post/18164/hunger-forced-labor-torture-shocking-conditions-in-libyan-detention-camps>



And, somehow, the Groundtruth Project managed to overlook support from the [US](#), [Saudi](#), [UAE](#), [Egyptian](#), and [French](#) governments for renegade military commander and US citizen [Khalifa Haftar](#) in his [aggressive proxy war](#) in Libya *against the United Nations backed coalition government*. President Trump made it clear: [He wanted their oil](#).

In other words, The Groundtruth Project seems to conveniently overlook a lot of very important truths.

As William Blum author of *Killing Hope, U.S. and CIA Interventions since World War II* noted: “The main problem with the media today, as earlier, is what is left out of articles dealing with controversial issues.”

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

William Blum, *Killing Hope, U.S. Military and CIA Interventions since World War II*, p. 15 [Permission to quote granted by William Blum via email March 15, 2018]

The cases of Egypt and Libya are only two of dozens of ongoing intelligence and military operations by the USA in foreign countries.

Despite recently closing hundreds of bases in Iraq and Afghanistan, the United States still maintains nearly 800 military bases in more than 70 countries and territories abroad—from giant “Little Americas” to small radar facilities.

Britain, France and Russia, by contrast, have about 30 foreign bases combined. By my calculation, maintaining bases and troops overseas cost \$85 to \$100 billion in fiscal year 2014; the total with bases and troops in warzones is \$160 to \$200 billion.

<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2015/06/us-military-bases-around-the-world-119321>

On top of that the American DoD is opening new bases regularly. In the summer of 2019, they opened another secretive base in Syria named after “Game of Thrones” bastion “**Castle Black**.” This is another **illegal war** the USA is fighting in flagrant violation of the **United Nations Charter**.

This is what is meant by “**anti-empire**” reporting. One of the challenges of reporting on the American Empire is that the American “intelligence” community and DoD are so infinitely rich and operating in so many countries simultaneously it’s practically impossible for any publication to keep up with it all. Meanwhile, Americans at home struggle to eat and find jobs.

Another subproject in **Google News Lab** is:

**Matter Ventures** - A media startup accelerator we support that is working with the Next Media Alliance to offer design thinking bootcamps to local newsrooms.

Bulletin - We offer local newsrooms more sources for hyper-local content to drive their reporting.

<https://newsinitiative.withgoogle.com/google-news-lab>

## Google Summary: Monopoly, bias and government narratives

The issue of bias built into search engine results by Google is a different issue than that of it being a monopoly. Those two issues combined make formidable obstacles for alt-news to survive and for voters to have a fair choice in choosing an honest nominee for political office when combined with corporate control of virtually all of MSM news. Google’s special projects including “First Draft” to suppress real investigative journalism (like that produced by the Social Justice/Anti-Empire alt news publications) and Report for America and The Groundtruth Project to produce an army of “info-warrior” fake journalists to parrot government (disinformation) narratives which will inevitably accelerate the American slide into ignominy and ruin, more wars and potentially WWII.

There’s more than a little irony that Google in some ways launched the Cold War against by refusing to censor pornography in China in 2010. This led to a pullout from mainland China. It’s also interesting that in 2017 Google launched an AI research center in Beijing which attracted some of China’s top tech companies including Tencent and JD.com. The next year Google was working on a censorship program called Project Dragonfly which employees objected to and was then dropped.

The supreme irony of this is that Google is more than happy to censor real investigatory news in the US, but wouldn’t censor **pornography** or touchy subjects in regards to **China’s**

[security](#) (with “touchy subjects including things like “peaceful protests” which for example in Hong Kong often involved massive destruction of property and violent assaults on police officers, though videos of the latter were invariably edited out of western news reports). Social Justice/Anti-Empire alt-news has a long list of detailed investigatory reports illuminating American CIA financing for the sometimes very violent “student protests” in Hong Kong. Who exactly is the great oppressor?

## Google, Supreme Court and Congress

They like all corporate functionaries within the American Empire Google is absolutely confident they can abuse their power in any way they like because they believe, the Supreme Court is weighted in favor of their imperial obsessions. That may or may not be true. In the case of the suppression of alternative news a conservative view will be to uphold previous Supreme Court decisions upholding First Amendment rights. Should that not happen it may be possible for [Congress to override](#) the Supreme Court in most cases. To quote: “Most of the legislation necessary to overturn these (Supreme Court) decisions is short: just a few lines to reinforce congressional intent in a way that the judiciary cannot distort it.” *ibid*) So, there is realistic hope for an expedient end to this Third Red Scare. The important question is: Can the pro-war political zealots start another war or two, or even WWII before their illegal suppression of alt-news is halted by the courts?

## Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA)

Is it possible alt-news publications can find a way to overcome Google’s bias against them? Unlikely. Why? FISA. Attempting to overcome illegal alt-news bias (illegal as per First Amendment rights to freedom of the press and free speech) imposed by government corporate collusion between Google and the Department of Defense is made more difficult by the US government’s self-appointed right to spy on everyone in the United States if they express alternative views to the government/corporate narrative (in violation of the Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment).

Biden's Chance to Open a Clean Slate on Surveillance, March 14, 2021

“President Joe Biden has an unprecedented opportunity to restore faith in America’s intelligence agencies -- if he seizes this opportunity to make a clean break with the practices of the past 20 years.

“The era begun on 9/11 featured the growth of government secrecy, mass surveillance, and misplaced priorities. Hundreds of millions of Americans’ information can now be captured by the FBI and National Security Agency simply because a person knows

someone overseas -- or a legal U.S. immigrant. As recently as 2015, the Department of Justice and NSA argued they didn't need a warrant to acquire the records of calls of all people in the United States based on the mere notion that some records could be relevant to foreign intelligence.

"This warrantless mass surveillance of people in the United States — often capturing information on millions of innocent Americans, with disproportionate impacts on communities of color -- fuels resentment against the government from both ends of the ideological spectrum. The ongoing deployment of facial recognition systems across the nation, for instance, alarms us all. The secrecy and unaccountability of the surveillance state delegitimizes the government and undermines trust.

"President Biden should take several corrective steps to take us back to constitutional surveillance practices. Recall that the FISA Court ordered the FBI to address issues that tainted the Carter Page investigation, followed by a *DOJ inspector general audit that found pervasive problems affecting each of 29 sampled FISA applications*. Attorney General William Barr responded with guidelines and guardrails for the Department of Justice for investigations of political campaigns and candidates...

"Every administration for over two decades has undermined congressional efforts to understand surveillance practices and their legal justifications. In July 2020, Sens. Mike Lee, R-Utah, and Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., wrote a letter to Barr and then-Director of National Intelligence John Ratcliffe demanding to know to what extent the executive branch believes it has the inherent authority to spy on people in the United States. They received no response..."

[https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2021/03/14/bidens\\_chance\\_to\\_open\\_a\\_clean\\_slate\\_on\\_surveillance\\_145395.html](https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2021/03/14/bidens_chance_to_open_a_clean_slate_on_surveillance_145395.html)

In other words, given the total uselessness of Congress, any attempt to outsmart Google's algorithm bias can be spied upon by the federal government, and algorithm patches applied to prevent the vast majority of Social Justice/Anti-Empire alt-media from ever seeing the front pages in a Google search. Free speech is permitted theoretically, but practically nobody is allowed to read that free speech thanks to Google's monopoly, bias, and FISA permission to spy on any attempt to circumvent that bias and monopoly.

Fortunately, I am a scientist and know dozens of ways to collect data that can be used to file a class-action law suit against Google for violation of alt-news publications' First Amendment rights. Google can claim the FCC gives them the right to be biased, but the foundation of American law is the Constitution, not the FCC. First Amendment rights supersede FCC rulings according to US law. Thus, there is always hope.

The Supreme Court could try to claim they don't have jurisdiction as they often do to avoid making decisions in critically important cases, however their credibility is so low now they might be forced by popular demand to actually do their job for a change. Net neutrality is an issue most Americans actually do care about, and all the programming from MSM probably isn't going to change that.

## Article 4 Parallels Between the Two Twentieth Century ‘Red Scares’ and the New Post-2010 ‘Third Red Scare’

A brief annotated research review

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This article is a literature review of the many parallels between the two Twentieth Century Red Scares and the new clearly illegal Twenty-First Century Third Red Scare. One of the symptoms of this Third Red Scare is suppression of alternative news publications on the internet. One of the first things every student learns in History 101 is that “Those who don’t learn from history are doomed to repeat it.” One might think the scions of the Intelligence Community (IC), Department of Defense (DoD) and MSM news would know this and avoid past mistakes. Tragically, the costs of repeating those “mistakes” today are vastly greater than in past centuries and the potential future costs beyond imagining. Fortunately both the Bill of Rights and Supreme Court decisions that ended the Second Red Scare are clear and unambiguous: The suppression of alternative views transmitted via speech, the press and other vehicles of communication is strictly illegal and has the potential to finally kill off the last of the surviving democratic values and traditions within the USA.

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Ed. and notes G. Brundage

April 4, 2021 *Just as in the past the current suppression of social-justice/anti-empire alt-news is cynically done to suppress liberal viewpoints advocating for social justice and critical of government malfeasance and abuse. Lessons from the First Red Scare (1917–1920) and the Second Red Scare (1947–57) can help prevent greater conflicts and loss of innocent lives in the USA and abroad, now and in the future.*

### Introduction

The **weaponization of racism** within the US to justify foreign policy objectives is nothing new. It was used most effectively in all colonial exploits and continues to this day. The **March 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 murders** of six Asian women in Atlanta was only the most recent example of this. Those murders were a natural and predictable consequence of former President Trump’s propagation of the “China-Virus” myth and fits perfectly with American

political/military goals of eliminating any economic competition in the world in pursuit of its own megalomaniacal goal of hegemony in perpetuity; the Game of Thrones on Steroids.

President Eisenhower's prescient speech warning the American public about the dangers of the Military Industrial Complex, mentioning massive spending, especially deficit spending, the potential for the domination of science through Federal funding and the domination of science-based public policy by what he called a 'scientific-technological elite,' was delivered January 17, 1961. Since then, all of his most dire predictions have been realized. Since then, the American Military-Industrial Complex has also consumed mainstream media and become a massive multi-trillion-dollar industry dedicated to total world domination (euphemistically called "hegemony in perpetuity") such that now it's called the military-industrial-media complex.

This military-industrial-media complex is the single greatest mass murderer and torturer in world history, while simultaneously presenting the single greatest threat to democracy ever encountered in American history. In fact, the word "threat" is an understatement. Democracy in the USA and in most countries has long been a sham - when corporations control the media, they also control who will be nominated for and ultimately elected to political office. That is a usurpation of power that totally undermines the foundation of a liberal democracy. When the free-flow of ideas falls beneath the iron heel of totalitarianism, dissenting views are silenced and democracy is dead. As of this writing, dissenting/alternative views are surviving only on respirators.

[Hence my efforts to promote some experimentation with [interlinking](#) between alt-news on the Google algorithms.]

First below is some information from and about just one of a vast web of government, quasi-government and private organizations that have individually and collectively re-started what is nothing less than a new Red Scare which should appropriately be called the "Third Red Scare." It is presented such that when readers review information about the First and Second Red Scares in the following sections, they can easily see the same assumptions, methods and abuses used in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Red Scares and currently ongoing 21<sup>st</sup> Century Third Red Scare.

There are however some differences. For example, various Supreme Court decisions were made that effectively ended the Second Red Scare. Tragically, 21<sup>st</sup> Century political zealots have conveniently forgotten them and brazenly gone ahead with the Third Red Scare. Though the Supreme Court today is weighted on the side of political conservatism, that might not be a bad thing as 1) it has been the so-called "liberal" Democrats that



started and escalated most of the recent wars,<sup>15</sup> and 2) ignoring First Amendment Rights and previous Supreme Court decisions needs to be dealt with in a conservative straightforward manner, regardless as to the vastness of the web of patently illegal government, quasi-government and private industries currently propelling this Third Red Scare.

## About the Global Engagement Center

“A new task force at the Department of Homeland Security is focused on the domestic effort in the United States, and the administration established the Global Engagement Center (GEC) in response to the new urgency to break the recruiting efforts of violent extremists abroad. The GEC, with a mandate to coordinate, integrate, and synchronize government-wide communications with foreign audiences to counter violent extremism and terrorism, is housed at the State Department and is an interagency organization drawing on staff from the Departments of Defense, Treasury, Justice, Homeland Security, State, the Intelligence Community, and USAID.

“In March, President Obama signed an Executive Order formally establishing the GEC. We are currently adding staff and securing more funding, but, most importantly, we are taking a fundamentally new approach to the problem. *The GEC is using new*

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<sup>15</sup> One can accurately report it was Republican President George W. Bush that started the Afghanistan and Iraq Wars, however he did so upon the advice of his CIA director George Tenet. It is relevant to note that George Tenet was appointed by Democrat President William Clinton. It appears when President Bush realized how he had been “suckered” into two unjustifiable and intractable wars, he “retired” George Tenet. It is also worth remembering that during the American Civil War, the southern Confederacy supporting slavery and “states’ rights” was represented by the democratic party, whereas the republicans were the party of the north, against slavery and “states’ rights.” And thus, a conservative Supreme Court may be a good thing to help end the Third Red Scare. Please also recall a synonym for “conservative” is “careful,” and the wild excesses of the Third Red Scare in particular can have absolutely devastating consequences for the USA and world. A careful person would put an end to this wildly illegal and transparently duplicitous farse as quickly and expediently as possible. Suppressing free speech and freedom of the press is not an effective solution to the issues the USA is not confronting, but rather contributing to the dangers inherent in those issues. Furthermore, this Third Red Scare with all its’ high-tech weaponry has the potential to deliver the final death blow to democracy by totally stifling reasonable dissent. Fortunately, the Supreme Court shouldn’t have to do much as decisions regarding the unwarranted suppression of reasonable (and even highly questionable) alternative views have already been made. It will be up to the lower courts to decide in litigation by injured parties - those individuals and groups that have suffered loss and injury as the result of the Third Red Scare. The organs of government, quasi-government and private organizations that should lose in those state, and federal lawsuits will then appeal to the Supreme Court, which I believe will refuse to rehear those cases as decisions on such matters have already been made.

*data analytic technologies to track counter-messaging effectiveness, and it is empowering governmental and nongovernmental partners to speak out and provide alternatives to extremist groups' nihilistic vision.* (Italics added by this author.)

“Exposing the true nature of these groups is just one part of our strategy to counter violent extremism, albeit an important part. Ultimately, any long-term strategy to counter violent extremism cannot focus solely on killing terrorists; rather, it must effectively prevent the recruitment of new ones.

“Contesting the Information Battlespace

“Contesting the information battlespace is not a new effort for the US government. *The Committee on Public Information (CPI, also known as the Creel Committee) sought to influence publics at home and abroad during World War I. The United States Information Agency (1953-1999) was established during the Cold War, in part to counter Soviet disinformation and engage directly with overseas audiences. The GEC's predecessor, the Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications, was created in 2010 by Secretary Clinton, when al-Qaeda and its affiliates were the primary focus. Al-Qaeda always used communications in its strategy, but the volume and quality was nothing like what we see violent extremists doing today. Over time, we were not putting the right amount of resources—technology, people, and funding—necessary to address the evolving threat. The communications landscape has changed, and we must adapt to it to be successful.*”

<https://www.americanambassadors.org/publications/ambassadors-review/spring-2016/engaging-through-messaging-the-new-global-engagement-center> [The above is followed by several paragraphs about Daesh]

The following is from a document titled: “*Global Engagement Center: Background and Issues,*” August 4, 2017 (IN10744), Related Author: Matthew Weed, Specialist in Foreign Policy Legislation

**In December 2016, Congress enacted Section 1287 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017**

“(P.L. 114-328; FY2017 NDAA), which requires the Secretary of State essentially to reestablish the GEC with a purpose, structure,

and authority that differ from those provided in Executive Order 13721. Whereas the original GEC had a specific purpose to focus on countering terrorist and extremist groups' influence, Section 1287 states that the GEC's purpose is to "counter foreign state and non-state propaganda and disinformation efforts" that threaten U.S. national security interests as well as the national security interests of U.S. allied and partner countries. *This language indicates a much broader purpose for the new GEC than the original one, possibly encompassing counterterrorism communications but also expanding the GEC's coverage to include countering certain foreign communications from any source."*

<https://fas.org/sgp/crs/row/IN10744.pdf>

From that last sentence came rather thin justification for the suppression of American Social Justice – Anti-Empire alt-news. In other words, to support social justice in the USA and worldwide, and oppose the American military and intelligence communities' drive for "hegemony in perpetuity" (endless wars and domination of the entire world forever) is now labeled as foreign inspired "terrorist" activities and can and must be suppressed by US government and its corporate support structures. The surprising thing is almost the exact same series of events has happened twice before just during the past 100 years. In both cases those responsible were later reviled as oppressive loathsome individuals which indeed they were.

### It's happening in the UK too

20 Apr, 2021 McCarthy's law is coming, as UK wants to register me as a foreign agent...because I work for RT by George Galloway (was a member of the British Parliament for nearly 30 years) – "Rumours are gathering momentum of a planned register for those in Britain considered to be 'agents of foreign governments'– including me. But I have nothing to hide, unlike the Tory cronies raking it in thanks to the pandemic. The British government, for the first time in our long island story, is about to make employees of foreign companies register as agents of those companies' home governments."

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/521620-galloway-foreign-agent-register/>

The colonialists-in-chief are circling the wagons to forge an iron information dome to protect the citizens from any semblance of truth in the world. The Nazis made the Jews wear a "Jewish badge." Now anyone with viewpoints alternative to colonial/corporate

dictums will be have to wear a “foreign agent” badge. George Galloway is lucky. The secretive American “Kill list” officially labeled the “Disposition Matrix” is planned to stay in effect indefinitely. The roots of unrestrained capitalism and colonialization are the same in all cases.

The following review of the history of the Red Scares in the USA demonstrate the same pattern of repressing American citizens communication rights in order to *allegedly* combat “foreign influence” as has been used since 2010 by Secretary Clinton’s Center for Strategic Counterterrorism Communications, which has since morphed into the Global Engagement Center.

### 1886 Haymarket Affair and Labor Strikes

“‘Hallelujah I’m A Bum: Strikes and Leftist Actions.’ The Haymarket Affair of 1886 marks a suitable beginning point for examining the actions that led up to the Red Scare. The massacre, or riot, depending on the view one wishes to take, was a bombing that took place on May 4, 1886 in Chicago. While the day began as a peaceful rally striking for an eight-hour workday, it quickly turned into chaos. It was already tense with police killing an individual and injuring several men the day before, when someone threw a dynamite bomb at police attempting to disperse the crowd. Gunfire quickly followed and when the smoke dissipated seven police officers and four civilians were dead with dozens of others injured. The arrest of eight anarchists followed.<sup>2</sup> Next came the dismissal of hundreds of potential jurors who spoke well of the men and eventually a bailiff picking the jurors. These jurors even admitted to being openly prejudiced against the men, but Judge Joseph Gary allowed the case to continue.<sup>3</sup> Seven received death sentences with another receiving 15 years. [p. 68] ...*This shows that before there was ever a Soviet Union to fear, economic tensions between classes had Americans on edge.*

“The Haymarket Affair was not the only event in the late nineteenth century to upset the delicate balance between the middle class, the upper class, and radical laborers. There were large-scale strikes, such as the General Railroad Strikes of 1877...

“The Pullman Carriage Strike of 1894 was the second...

“The evolution of radical American labor continued in June 1910 with a strike by the Los Angeles Iron Workers...

“It was in Everett, Washington, where these fights came to some of its most violent times in 1916....

“Tensions rose in 1917 with riots in East St Louis, Illinois. These labor riots also featured racial elements as well as economic...

“One of the major ways African Americans were able to gain access was as strikebreakers. This only increased racial tensions within communities, as white men saw African Americans as inferior to themselves and destroying their jobs and livelihoods. High tensions resulted in emotions exploding on May 28, 1917 during a meeting to discuss the ongoing strike at Aluminum Ore Company, when the men decided the solution to their problems was violence. They then went into the community attacking any African American they found and damaging property...

“The next day thousands of white citizens gathered at the site of the officers’ murders, and in a rage began rioting and attacking African Americans indiscriminately, including women and children. The mob cut the fire department’s hoses and set buildings and homes ablaze. The mob shot or beat the escaping inhabitants. When beatings or shooting were not their choice of violence the mobs resorted to lynching. The National Guard once activated once did not arrive until July 3. When the smoke had cleared, nine whites lay dead and anywhere from an estimated 39 to 250 African Americans had died.

*“The imagined threat of bolshevism in labor and a personality emerging as a victor happened again in Boston. On September 9, 1919 the police officers of Boston decided to strike to obtain higher wages, better working and living conditions, and alleviation of a long list of other grievances, such as high equipment cost. With their requests denied, they collaborated with the American Federation of Labor (AFL) to unionize. The mayor of Boston almost immediately suspended those who held union leadership. With the backing of Massachusetts Governor Calvin Coolidge, the men’s suspension was not only upheld, but they were removed from the police force.*

*“Officials in Washington were spreading fear that this was a sign of communism on American soil. They further warned that what was to follow is the replacement of democracy with a Soviet.<sup>25</sup> Seeing*

the outcry against the strike, decisions made by local officials, and with Coolidge's backing, orders of no arbitration and the police force not to receive reinstatement. Instead, the city recruited an entirely new police force to supplement the few who had remained on the job. Not only had the strike failed, the labor movement lost any credibility as large portions of the country and media saw it. As a result, of his handling of the situation, Coolidge was also able to use this as stepping-stone into the vice-presidency four years later..."

<https://scholars.fhsu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=4177&context=theses>

### 1917–1920 First Red Scare

The roots of the First Red Scare came from worker dissatisfaction with low wages (today's wealth gap) and a total lack of worker rights in the late 1800s before there was socialism or communism. Evidence from the first Red Scare strongly suggests that association with the foreign "other" decades later (Russian socialists) was used as evidence against the American workers attempting to get labor rights and fair wages which was then used to censor them (suppress their right to free speech and press), weaken their bargaining position, incarcerate and kill them. Just like today mainstream media supported the wealthy against the workers struggling to put food on the table for their families.

Enter stage left, Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) and known as "The Wobblies." The above story continues:

*"1919 became known as the Red Summer not only due to the unprecedented labor disputes, but racial violence. Dealing with oppression in many forms, James Weldon Johnson, field secretary of NAACP, spoke out against increasing the censoring of mail. This outspokenness came as censorship suppressed any protest by the 15 million black Americans. Despite the oppression of protesting by African Americans themselves, national attention focused on the anti-black feelings becoming more violent across the entire country.<sup>34</sup> Cities such as Chicago, Omaha, and Washington D.C. suffered severe riots, but also showed organized [P. 78] counter-fighting by African Americans against white-supremacist attacks.*

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<https://scholars.fhsu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=4177&context=theses>

Though the First Red Scare ended in 1920 because it was hugely unpopular with regular people and especially workers, both state and federal legislation passed during that time lasted much longer. Arrests continued albeit at a slower pace.

## 1947–1957 Second Red Scare

What is happening to many people, minorities of races, Muslims, and others including those working in the Social Justice/Anti-Empire alt-news is exactly and precisely the same as what happened to thousands of Americans during the McCarthy Era.

### **McCarthy ruined lives of innocent people**

“The criticisms of McCarthyism, and of Senator McCarthy in particular, are threefold.

“First, he ruined the reputations and lives of many people by accusing them without credible evidence.

“Second, he used accusations of Communist sympathies to counterattack anyone who criticized his methods.

“And, third, he argued against freedom of speech because much of his rhetoric assumed that any discussion of the ideas underlying communism was dangerous and un-American.

“The victims of McCarthyism — that is, those who were called by the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations and the House Un-American Activities Committee — were either denied employment in the private sector or failed government security checks. In the film industry alone, over three hundred actors, writers, and directors were denied work in the industry through the



informal Hollywood blacklist, which prompted some to go into exile overseas.

“From the viewpoint of McCarthy supporters, at the time it was essential to identify foreign agents and suppress “radical organizations.” McCarthy and his followers believed subversive elements posed a danger to the national security of the country and so justified such extreme measures, even if they included the denial of civil liberties.

“McCarthyism today means denying due process and civil liberties

“Today, McCarthyism is synonymous with any perceived government activity that suppresses unfavorable political or social views by limiting or undermining vital civil rights and liberties under the pretext of maintaining national security. As understood, it is a means of government harassment that includes blacklisting with intent to pressure people to follow popular political beliefs. Thus anyone who makes insufficiently supported accusations or engages in unbalanced investigations against persons in an attempt to silence or discredit them is said to be practicing McCarthyism. This practice in effect represents both a denial of due process and a fundamental breach of civil liberties, thereby violating the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution.”

<https://www.mtsu.edu/first-amendment/article/1061/mccarthyism>

The name of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy is recorded in the history books in infamy, as will those today who use covert means to deny [human beings their rights to freedom of expression](#), and override their [First Amendment rights](#) to freedom of speech and the press.

The only question is, what price will Americans and the world have to pay in order for the American hegemonic reign of terror to end?

## 1940 The Smith Act

[Alien Registration Act, popularly known as the Smith Act, 76th United States Congress, 3d session, ch. 439, 54 Stat. 670, 18 U.S.C. § 2385]

“The Alien Registration Act of 1940, commonly known as the “Smith Act” after Representative Howard Smith, its principal author, criminalized a broad range of activities subversive of the U.S. government. The Smith Act was enacted in response to

growing fears of fascist and communist sedition, and originally targeted disruptive immigrant leaders of the growing labor movement. However, it would go on to serve in the Second World War as a version of the First World War's Espionage and Sedition Acts, suppressing anti-war agitation and foreign subversion of American war efforts. Later, during the Cold War and "McCarthyism," the Smith Act would be used to prosecute dozens of American communists for suspected subversion. It was in response to this string of convictions that the Supreme Court would finally begin to rule against the government in cases of sedition, starting with *Yates v. United States*. Parts of the Smith Act remain in the U.S. criminal code."

<https://jackmillercenter.org/cd-resources/the-smith-act/>

### *1957 Yates v. United States*

*Yates v. United States* (1957) 354 U.S. 298 was a case decided by the Supreme Court of the United States that held that the First Amendment protected radical and reactionary speech, unless it posed a 'clear and present danger.' This then started to put an end to the Second Red Scare.

### Richard Stengel - the Third Red Scare and Intensified Moslem Scare

The new Senator Joe McCarthy is named Richard Stengel. The following is a book review by and about Richard Stengel's book:

"Information Wars - How We Lost the Global Battle Against Disinformation and What We Can Do About It," by Richard Stengel

"From former TIME editor and Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs Richard Stengel, *Information Wars* is the first and only insider account exploring how the U.S. tried — and failed — to combat the global rise of disinformation that eventually spilled into the 2016 election.

"During the final three years of the Obama administration, Richard Stengel, the former editor of Time and an Under Secretary of State, was on the front lines of this new global information war. At the time, he was the single person in government tasked with unpacking, disproving, and combating both ISIS's messaging and Russian disinformation. Then, in 2016, as the presidential election unfolded, Stengel watched as Donald Trump used disinformation

himself, weaponizing the grievances of Americans who felt left out by modernism. In fact, Stengel quickly came to see how all three players had used the same playbook: ISIS sought to make Islam great again; Putin tried to make Russia great again; and we all know about Trump.”

**No Ordinary Times: Reason for and Reactions During the First Red Scare** Red Scare. Timothy Setter [tjsetter@mail.fhsu.edu](mailto:tjsetter@mail.fhsu.edu), Summer 2020

### ABSTRACT

“With American involvement in World War I a drastic change in United States domestic policy occurred. Through the use of wartime Espionage and Sedition Acts came the tool to begin a campaign of suppression of political radicals. This came as the compounding of earlier events like the Los Angeles Times bombing in 1910 occurred with a campaign of anarchist bombings, a growing number of strikes, and wartime propaganda created a setting allowing for government officials to carry out raids, arrests, and both a censoring and punishment of speech. Between the actions of groups and government officials this caused an escalation of events from 1914 through 1920 before finally dissipating as public support for policies and officials waned... Within these varying levels of examination is an analysis of categories such as race, economics, gender, and other factors and the evolution of their repression throughout the Red Scare. By doing so, it shows that World War I provided the definitive turning point as it shifted repression and hatred and allowed for it to be acted upon by both the United States government and its citizens largely with impunity...

“The need to instill patriotism flooded into classrooms. Boards of Education and Loyalty Leagues combined to create the perfect little patriots. To ensure this, there was removal of all signs of insubordination in both the students and, equally worryingly, in the teachers. Because of this, both were under constant surveillance by private groups, such as the American Protective League, and the government. Teachers faced potential firings for instances as small as having German surnames...

“Sedition accusations sprang up with alarm... The first recorded case of sedition, however, was the arrest of William N. Waddleton in Juneau on June 6, 1917. Waddleton, described as a “colored man” was an unofficial lawyer accused of distributing a pamphlet created by socialists. The pamphlet encouraged resisting conscription and the draft and for working men to strike with the goal of embarrassing the government. Despite the material he was accused of distributing, the result was a hung jury.(86)

“This occurred to the point where white northern Europeans received the same suspicion reserved for Russians or Eastern Europeans in the continental United States. Therefore, while race did indeed play a role in the hysteria, it is not a lone factor in the actions of the government, numerous groups, or individuals. Regardless of the reasoning, the actions performed do show that after the conditions were set, a baseline of fear that is accommodating pre-existing American racial, social, gendered, nativist, economic beliefs, the Red Scare took place.

#### CONCLUSION

“The end of the Red Scare came as the fear dissipated and some form of rationality with the law came back into existence. The history of labor in the United States is not a peaceful one. There have been large numbers of bombings and strikes. While the earlier Homestead and Pullman strikes stoked animosity, it was McKinley’s assassination and the Los Angeles Times bombings that pushed any tolerance for radical or anti-capitalist movements out of many Americans’ realms of possibility. Despite the growing hatred, there was no real justification to punish or retaliate against these groups on a large scale, at least legally. As a result, it was during the period following the start of World War I that it did become actionable. Public opinion slowly became pro-war, or at least anti-German, before exploding into the dominant public consensus. It would then become anti-foreign, and anything perceived as anti-American. The Red Scare slowly began with the Espionage and Sedition Acts and World War I, it escalated.

“Three big IWW trials occurred between 1918 and 1919 in Chicago, Wichita, and Sacramento. Labor increasingly lost ground as the Red Scare escalated in scale over time. While the government and

individuals overreacted, there are clear examples of why there would be a fear, albeit reaching irrational levels quickly, that made it apparent why there was fear over potential May Day rioting in 1920. The latent fears received further stoking by individuals like Mitchell Palmer and J. Edgar Hoover. There was pushback against these men and their agendas to root out the communism and opposition they saw in every radical's shadow. On March 6, 1920, Louis F. Post became acting Secretary of Labor due to President Wilson's sick leave. He decided to reign in Palmer by re-examining 1,600 cases, ordering 460 aliens deported, and cancelling 1,140 deportation warrants.<sup>1</sup>Not content to simply reexamine cases, Post also reinstated previous rules for deportation that had been suspended, like providing counsel for an individual at the beginning of the process. This was a welcome return for many as no longer would they receive counsel only at the hearing when it had largely already been determined what was in the governments best interest regarding the individual.<sup>2</sup>Previously content to punish labor or radicals in many circumstances, the courts returned to normal behavior, this coming as early as February 12, 1920, when Judge George Bourquin in a Montana district court upheld *Whitfield vs Hangesin* the case of John Jackson. Following Jackson's arrest, the police ransacked his home without a proper warrant in the hopes of finding some radical material to deport him for. Throughout the Red Scare this had become largely accepted practice with the obtaining of warrants coming after the arrests. However, lawfully admitted residents in the U.S. are protected by a universal principle that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process and his hearing inherent in due process of law.<sup>3</sup>With this case it was no longer just Louis Post putting a hold on the shenanigans of those attempting to deport radicals, rights be damned...

"While the L.A. Times bombing of 1910 had set the stage to fear and target radical bombers it did not last through the scare. Even with the bombing of Wall Street and the J.P Morgan building in September 16, 1920, where a horse drawn wagon exploded with 100 pounds of dynamite and 500 pounds of metal shards into a crowd, killing 40 and wounding 300 did not reignite the fear of Bolshevik revolution as even the strikes in Seattle or Boston had...

“Anti-immigration continued throughout the following decades as groups such as the Ku Klux Klan went through further transformations after the revival of the Second Klan. These negative feelings compounded during the economic hardships of the Great Depression, just as it had after World War I with repatriations and discrimination being present in American society and policy. The targets of Anglo-American racism went through an evolution, as Germans became the primary target of hatred due to WWI. Mexican racism peaked before receding; white Europeans saw racism in areas like Alaska, and black Americans saw relations deteriorate due to economic and social issues culminating in the 1919 Red Summer race riots. The fear of communism still bubbled beneath the surface as those suspected were blacklisted or suffered other social consequences. This second high point took place through the late 1940’s into the 1950’s under the direction of Senator Joseph McCarthy. Like Palmer, eventually the public and government turned on him and the discrediting ruined any political ambitions.

<https://scholars.fhsu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=4177&context=theses>

Incidentally, Islam does not need IS to make it great again. It always was, and remains, great. The inquisitors are obviously in need of mental health interventions.

## Conclusions

“The deliberations of the Constitutional Convention of 1787 were held in strict secrecy. Consequently, anxious citizens gathered outside Independence Hall when the proceedings ended in order to learn what had been produced behind closed doors. The answer was provided immediately. A Mrs. Powel of Philadelphia asked Benjamin Franklin, “Well, Doctor, what have we got, a republic or a monarchy?” With no hesitation whatsoever, Franklin responded, ‘A republic, if you can keep it.’” (Benjamin Franklin)

<https://www.ourrepubliconline.com/Author/21>

Given corporate indifference to law and human life it will be up to the courts to decide if First Amendment rights will be upheld in the United States. The Supreme Court has already decided on these matters, and it only remains for judges in the lower courts to enforce the laws to put an end to this Third Red Scare. This will require some effort and

expense on the part of for example publishers of alt-news, who will have to litigate in order to put an end to for example Google’s biased algorithms however I am confident judges will order court and legal fees to be paid by those who so belligerently cast aside the Bill of Rights and preponderance of case law decisions.

These should not be lengthy court proceedings as the laws in this matter are very clear and unambiguous.

Suppression of alternative views on the news is wildly illegal and spurious claims of “sedition” have no substance or merit within the legal framework established at the end of the Second Red Scare.

French inquisitor **Bernard Gui**, described the purpose of the Inquisition as follows:

Heresy cannot be destroyed unless heretics are destroyed and . . . . their defenders and [supporters] are destroyed, and this is effected in two ways: . . . they are converted to the true Catholic faith, or . . . burned...

When the Inquisition came to a suspected area, the local bishop assembled the people to hear the inquisitor preach against heresy. He would announce a grace period of up to a month for heretics to confess their guilt, recant, and inform on others.

<https://www.crf-usa.org/bill-of-rights-in-action/bria-9-1-a-the-inquisition-looking-into-the-human-soul>

**Informing on others is always rewarded by moral and legal fascists. It’s also a good way to stop the torture, at least for a while.**

Many of the alleged Communist sympathizers that were rounded up were deported in December 1919. The boat utilized for this, the USAT Buford, was nicknamed the Soviet Ark and the Red Ark. A total of 249 radicals were deported aboard the ship, including Goldman.

*More violent abuses abounded: New York City deportee Gaspar Cannone was held secretly without being charged and beaten when he would not inform on others. When Cannone refused to sign a statement admitting to being an anarchist, his signature was forged.*

During Goldman’s deportation hearing, she defiantly accused the government of violating the First Amendment and warned them of



the mistake they were making. She would not return to America until 1940 when her dead body was shipped for burial.

#### SECOND WAVE OF PALMER RAIDS

More raids followed on January 2, 1920. Justice Department agents conducted raids in 33 cities, resulting in the arrest of 3,000 people. Over 800 of the arrested suspected radicals were living in the Boston area...

<https://www.history.com/topics/red-scare/palmer-raids>

Anyone with a website that advocates for social welfare can be labeled a communist in the USA now, and potentially a Russian or Chinese agent. Just so, any reference to Islam or Muslims on the Internet can be targeted as sympathetic to or supportive of Iran. Anyone's site can easily be added to a blacklist, or simply have a different algorithm applied to its ranking on Google. This is precisely the same kind of environment created during the Red Scare.

It's not just Russians and Chinese that are vilified. So are all Muslims.

#### **Homeland Security: The Modern-Day Red Scare Perceptions of Modern Islam in American Society** Modern Islam in American Society by Cierra Wallis

"In times of chaos and fear, American people have often looked to point the finger at a certain group, religion, or idea that far extends past just women and African-Americans. American society continuously looks to blame others—a phenomenon the government actually uses to gain power and unite Americans. We will first look to history to see how the public and influential leaders during the Salem Witch trials, Japanese Internment, and McCarthyism all have placed blame on a minority under the leadership of the government as a way to answer social problems and as a way for the government to gain power. We will then look at the modern issue of how in the grand scheme of things, this continues today with the making of Muslim-Americans and terrorists to be synonymous and the role the government has played in uniting the American people against a common enemy. In a country that was supposed to be the land of freedom for those being persecuted, our society and government continues to persecute others."

<https://digitalcommons.brockport.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1037&context=honors>

The internet site <http://www.propornot.com> has “An Initial Set of (alt-news) Sites That Reliably Echo Russian Propaganda.” Anyone for example that criticizes President Biden could be considered a “Russian agent.” Visitors to the site are invited to report sites that might have Russian propaganda.

“The YYycampaignYYY is an effort to crowdsource identifying Russian propaganda outlets and sympathizers.”

<http://www.propornot.com/p/the-yyycampaignyyy.html>

That page provides a list of identifiers to help the good patriotic American citizens catch *and report Russian “sympathizers.”* Even being a critic of “mainstream media” is listed as a criterion for being a Russian sympathizer. The list of so-called “Russian sympathizer” sites they “identified” can be found here: <http://www.propornot.com/p/the-list.html>

That site includes:

[www.blackagendareport.com](http://www.blackagendareport.com)

<https://www.rt.com/>

<https://www.mintpressnews.com>

<https://www.foreignpolicyjournal.com/>

[https://wikispooks.com/wiki/Main\\_Page](https://wikispooks.com/wiki/Main_Page)

<https://wikileaks.org/>

<https://wikileaks.com/>

<https://newcoldwar.org>

<https://fort-russ.com/>

<http://sana.sy/en/>

and other excellent sources of information about what is going on in the world.

Thus, good Americans should march lockstep behind the Fuhrers at Propornot and inform on Un-American Americans.

There isn’t any question that at least since 2016 when Propornot went online, the Third Red Scare is in full deadly flower in the USA and worldwide. The question is, why are the courts remaining silent on this when the laws are unambiguous on the illegality of all this.

## Article 5 Alt-News Status, History and Legal Protections

Is the Social Justice/Anti-Empire alt-news group of publications a minority group?

It's difficult to say if the Anti-Empire Alt-News group really a "minority news" group because they actually represent the majority of humanity that does not in any way benefit from the American empire's [unrestrained capitalism](#), eradication of all [human](#) and [national rights](#), legitimization of the American [police-incarceral state](#), rapidly escalating [national](#) and [international](#) wealth inequality, pernicious saturation level [misogyny](#), [racism](#) and [Islamophobia](#), [absolute political corruption](#), [IT tyranny](#) and [industrial-scale theft](#) from, and [murder of innocents](#) around the world.

In terms of money and power however, the Social Justice/Anti-Empire Alt-News is definitely a minority. The fine hotels, first-class seats on airplanes and magic carpet rides are all reserved for MSM pseudo-journalists who happily rephrase American government narratives and can expect healthy retirement packages at the end of it all. Thus, Social Justice/Anti-Empire journalists and publications are most certainly minorities.

### Link Lists of Social Justice/Anti-Empire Alt-News

A variety of reasonably well-done lists of alternative news media can be found on the Internet.

[https://thegreatlinking.files.wordpress.com/2021/04/alt\\_news-simple-link-list.docx](https://thegreatlinking.files.wordpress.com/2021/04/alt_news-simple-link-list.docx)

<https://media-alliance.org/about-us/useful-links>

<https://guides.lib.virginia.edu/c.php?g=514751&p=3522204>

<https://www.projectcensored.org/independent-news-links>

[http://www.altpress.org/mod/apc\\_directory/index.php?limit\\_start=0](http://www.altpress.org/mod/apc_directory/index.php?limit_start=0)

And others.

There was an organization called [The Alternative Press Center \(APC\)](#) - a non-profit collective dedicated to providing access to and increasing public awareness of the alternative press. Founded in 1969 it survived till 2017. Fortunately, its' very extensive link list to sometimes obscure publications is still there and occasionally useful, but as large as it is, it isn't complete or updated.

### International Alt-News

Most of America's colonies overseas have either presidents, prime ministers or dictators. The presidents and prime ministers are "elected" from candidates the USA (UK or France)

choses and promotes via the news media in those countries the USA (UK or France) also controls. Because the American government can print up as much money as they like, and have no need to follow any international laws what-so-ever (as per [American exceptionalism](#)), they are free to completely control at least half of the nations on earth using [bribery](#), [extortion](#), [ideology](#), [honey-trap seductions](#), and of course [murder](#). Those murders usually take the form of [airplane crashes](#),<sup>16</sup> [helicopter](#) or [car crashes](#), [heart attacks](#), cancer, etc. At least some of those countries have some sort of fake alt-media that appears very liberal on the surface, but are ultimately controlled by the same group of frauds that run their government (rather like the American [AAN](#)).

Europe is more likely to have genuine alternative news and a couple of link-lists can be found:

<https://ripess.eu/en/alternative-media-and-sse/alternative-media-network-participants>, and <https://euroalter.com/mission-and-values>

Most alternative newspapers around the world are published in their native languages and are sometimes considered illegal. Usually, they are not on the Internet. Most don't last long as majority groups have a number of ways of extinguishing them. It appears right-wing nationalist parties are "riding high" in Europe at time, especially in Germany.

One reason for this is blow-back from Euro-American wars in Middle Eastern and African countries in the form of waves of refugees arriving in European countries. This has caused considerable consternation in some members of those local populations that express fear that their "whiteness" is in jeopardy. This for example was one of if not the primary reason for Brexit.

### Alt-news history sites

[http://depts.washington.edu/moves/altnews\\_intro.shtml](http://depts.washington.edu/moves/altnews_intro.shtml)

<http://fuchs.uti.at/wp-content/uploads/altmedia.pdf>

### Laws and Legal precedents addressing the suppression of alt-news

Attacks on the Social Justice/Anti-Empire alt-news publications are egregious infringements of 1<sup>st</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment rights. There is extensive case law including

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<sup>16</sup> <https://www.ozy.com/true-and-stories/the-mysterious-plane-crash-that-shook-apartheid-era-southern-africa/83830>

<https://www.aa.com.tr/en/asia-pacific/ex-pakistan-army-chief-beg-blames-cia-for-ziulhaq-death/1744154>

Supreme Court Decisions affirming the rights to free speech and free press, also relating to frivolous charges of “subversion” and other baseless McCarthy Era accusations.

The most definitive Supreme Court decisions in this matter were:

***Yates v. United States, 354 U.S. 298 (1957)***

<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/354/298/> (Leaders of Communist Party in California vs. USA. Decision: The state must prove “imminent threat” to suppress news, which they could not do and so lost this landmark case. The First Amendment right to freedom of the press was upheld.)

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/supremecourt/text/354/298>

***Brandenburg v. Ohio, 395 U.S. 444 (1969)***

<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/395/444/> (Right wing militia)

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/supremecourt/text/395/444>

***Red Lion Broadcasting Co., Inc. v. FCC, 395 U.S. 367 (1969)***

<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/395/367/>

“Safeguarding the public’s right to “an uninhibited marketplace of ideas” requires diversity among those who own and control media outlets, to ensure that Americans remain free to choose among many sources of information, viewpoints, and ideas.”

***New York Times v. United States, 403 U.S. 713 (1971)***

<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/403/713/> The United States, which brought these actions to enjoin publication in the New York Times and in the Washington Post of certain classified material, has not met the "heavy burden of showing justification for the enforcement of such a [prior] restraint."

<https://www.lexisnexis.com/community/casebrief/p/casebrief-n-y-times-co-v-united-states> The Court held that the government did not meet its burden of showing justification for the imposition of a prior restraint of expression. Furthermore, it stated that under the First Amendment, the press must be left free to publish news, whatever the source, without censorship, injunctions, or prior restraints, and that the guarding of military and diplomatic secrets at the expense of informed representative government was not justified.

<https://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/media> The Supreme Court found that there is a heavy presumption against prior restraint of the press, and that the respondent's (here, the United States) vague use of the word "security" is not enough to overcome the importance of the freedom of the press guaranteed by the First Amendment.

The following are also relevant cases:

- *Rex v. Zenger* (1735)
- *People v. Croswell* (1804)
- *Near v. Minnesota* (1931) - A state law allowing prior restraint was unconstitutional. This decision also extended protection of press freedom to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment.
- *New York Times v. Sullivan* (1964)
- *Garrison v. Louisiana* (1964)
- *Curtis Publishing Co. v. Butts and AP v. Walker* (1967)
- *Nebraska Press Association v. Stuart* (1976)
- *Hustler v. Falwell* (1988)

There are also a large number of international treaties the US has signed relating to freedom of expression and the press including:

- The United Nations 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) – Article 19 Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

For a link library relating to international treatise relating to freedom of expression and press, see: <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/FreedomOpinion/Pages/Standards.aspx>

Above and beyond the legal, humanist, and public relations issues involved in the American drive for hegemony in perpetuity which is greatly aided by suppression of alt-news there are “concerns” about the “endgame” of current IC/DoD trends.

Those trends include the genuine threat of thermonuclear war as compared to “simply” an ever-growing number of endless wars and deadly economic sanctions motivated by American corporate greed for other nation’s natural resources.

Theoretically it may be possible to overcome the all-too-real corporate threat to the survival of the species:

February 18, 2021 Ending Corporate Tyranny: Solutions to the Plague that Afflicts Us All, By Michael Diamond - There is one sure way to turn matters around quickly. It involves use of the domestic violence clause in the Constitution of the United States. That clause in [Article IV, Section 4](#), has the power to wrest control from the corporate elite. It contains the authority to reconfigure all U.S. institutions, public and private, for the benefit of the people and to assure our survival. Article IV, Section 4, is often referred to as the guarantee provision because it contains a number of protections for the people that are sacrosanct and, thus, guaranteed above all

else by the federal government. Senator Charles Sumner (R-MA), during the Lincoln administration, referred to Article IV, Section 4, as the “sleeping giant in the Constitution.” It is time to awaken that sleeping giant.

<https://covertactionmagazine.com/2021/02/18/ending-corporate-tyranny-solutions-to-the-plague-that-afflicts-us-all/>

This Guarantee Provision in the Bill of Rights also definitively overrides any FCC rulings.

The “Social Justice/Anti-Empire group of alt-news publishers, editors and writers and surviving victim family members of American intelligence/military/economic aggression may have legal grounds for class-action lawsuits against any or all of the following:

- Harvard Kennedy School’s Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy & the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs
- The State Department's [Global Engagement Center](#)
- Atlantic Council’s Digital Forensic Research Lab ([DFRLab](#))
- [Graphika](#) an FBI and a Pentagon-backed [private intelligence firm](#)
- FCC with regards to its decision on [net neutrality](#)
- Google’s Report for [America and The Groundtruth Project](#)
- Google’s cooperation with [First Draft Coalition](#)
- Or other quasi government/corporate entities including USC Center on Public Diplomacy, Coda Story, PropOrNot, etc.

Whereas the Statue of Limitations may protect some of the above from some litigation, when it comes to American IC/DoD driven wars, the extrajudicial killing of innocent foreigners (“targeted assassinations” and “civilian casualties”) is murder, which is not covered by the Statue of Limitations. All of the above bulleted organizations are, on an ongoing basis “party to” these egregious crimes, liable for civil damages and vulnerable to criminal prosecution.

Ignorance of the law is not considered a viable form of legal defense. The rational of “just following orders” did not serve as an adequate defense at the Nuremberg Trials and likewise will provide no shelter from civil and potentially criminal prosecution today.



## Conclusions – The struggle is far from over



From Taxila in Pakistan. Photo by G. Brundage

The struggle for liberation from the oppression and violence of the corporate American drive for hegemony in perpetuity will go on. This struggle is illuminated and facilitated by the last survivors of the real 4<sup>th</sup> Estate – the Social Justice/Anti-Empire Alt News.

Evidence of the horror American hegemonic wars and economic sanctions is aptly summarized in the most recent UN reports on the very rapidly escalating number of displaced people in the world ([79.5 million](#)) and the number of people that starve to death every year (nine million). [That's 25,000 people starving to death every day.](#)

The people in the IC/DoD cabal, Harvard School's Shorenstein Center on Media, Politics and Public Policy, US Agency for Global Media, FBI's Foreign Influence Task Force, the Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab, Graphika, those on the judicial right, USC Center on Public Diplomacy, Coda Story and all the other organizations working on suppressing truth in the United States may feel really good about themselves when they go to sleep at night, but the victims of American hegemonic wars don't feel so good.

World Vision claims that 9.2% of the world, or 689 million people, live in extreme poverty on \$1.90 or less a day, but I suspect the percentage and number is three to five times that. Why? Those in extremely rural area are usually not counted or represented. Meanwhile [wealth inequality](#) within and between nations leap-frogs to every dizzying extremes.

*Is the essentially white supremacist corporate empire structure of the US government really representing all of the people and increasing the security of the USA?<sup>17</sup>*

It appears to be the general consensus of the anti-empire movement that the USA has never been more destabilized than now and this is entirely due to the ever-widening

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<sup>17</sup> <https://covertactionmagazine.com/2021/03/22/dirty-business-as-usual-new-cia-director-burns-confirmed-by-unanimous-vote-in-senate/>

wealth gap, racism, domestic asymmetric war between the two dominant political parties and wildly extravagant military expenditures designed to attain an unrealistic (and illegal) goal of hegemony in perpetuity.

One highly informative [Grayzone article](#) in particular refers to:

- Misinformation Project at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government
- Atlantic Council, its relationship with NATO (the European crusader army without a clearly defined mission) and it's Digital Forensic Research Lab
- The FBI's Foreign Influence Task Force (FTIF)
- United States Agency for Global Media (USAGM) and it's subordinate Voice of America (VOA) – “America's propaganda campaign against the Soviet Union during the Cold War.” USAGM also lists five other subordinate organizations besides VOA most people probably never heard of which makes them exponentially more powerful and potentially dangerous to world peace.

According to this same Grayzone report by Ben Norton:

“USAGM provided clandestine assistance to separatist activists during the protests that consumed Hong Kong in 2019. The program earmarked secure communications assistance for protesters and \$2 million in “rapid response” payouts for anti-China activists.”

The article by Mr. Norton concluded with a link to a “disturbing” public forum meeting held by the [Council on Foreign Relations posted on YouTube](#) which the CFR then tried to suppress.

<https://thegrayzone.com/2020/11/11/richard-stengel-propaganda-usagm-biden>

<https://thegroundtruthproject.org/category/reports/democracy>

It should not be surprising American feel under-represented when their government has millions to foster revolutions in foreign countries while in the US homelessness and hunger are rapidly increasing, regardless as to “official” numbers. Those official numbers are as good as former President Trump's leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Corporate control of the media intractably diminishes the integrity of American democracy.

For example, CrowdTangle is a [Facebook](#) tool that publishers use to track how content spreads across the internet, for monitoring Facebook pages that have put out misinformation at some point in the past and are on either side of the ideological spectrum.

As if the above don't represent enough "challenges" to bringing some measure of peace and stability to the world, there is also the:

Chomsky's 'Breathlessly Deranged' Quotes, Waving black flag @quotes\_chomsky Mar 29, 2021

"The #Reagan administration constructed an array, a #terrorist network of terrorist states. Other countries may hire individual #terrorists - we hire terrorist states."

[https://twitter.com/quotes\\_chomsky](https://twitter.com/quotes_chomsky)

From an empirical objective point of view the Terrorists-in-Chief operate out of Langley Virginia and Washington DC. Next to them all other terrorists are just the rank and file, probably equally divided between witting and unwitting agents of the American "intelligence" apparatus. That long, long list of agents includes the white supremacists in the USA and Europe, as well as organizations like Uyghur American Association (UAA), World Uyghur Congress (WUC), IS<sup>18</sup> and the Taliban<sup>19</sup>.

Please go back to the Introduction of this book and review "Overthrowing other people's governments: The Master List - Instances of the United States overthrowing or attempting to overthrow a foreign government since the Second World War," by William Blum. Please try to conceptualize how those slaughters of innocents actually benefitted the average American tax payer. Where is the benefit in all that international chaos and death? The answer is simple, only the shareholders in major corporations benefit and a substantial number of them hide their profits in anonymous untaxed off-shore accounts.

Also consider the article by Stephen J. Heidt titled: "Presidential Power and National Violence: James K. Polk's Rhetorical Transfer of Savagery" published in *Rhetoric & Public Affairs* (2016).

Please consider this isn't 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries anymore. Furthermore, the entire world is sickened by the American hegemonic drive, few people trust or even like Americans anymore, the US has an "aging" nuclear arsenal, Russians generally make pretty darned good weapons and due to the ever-widening wealth gap in the USA, plus the huge number of guns, racism, ever-lowering levels of education, hyper-inflated stock market etc. conditions are about right for an implosion.

*Now is not the time to also suppress any and all real news. Further blinding American voters to the realities of world will not help this situation and makes a further complete sham of the democratic system.*

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<sup>18</sup> See Operation [Timber Sycamore](#)

<sup>19</sup> See [Operation Cyclone](#)

Until voters in the USA and Europe get access to more honest, broad-based national and international news such as is only reliably delivered by the Social Justice/Anti-Empire alt-news<sup>20</sup>, these days the ever-escalating and endless wars will increase until some critical threshold level is reached, and humanity itself will be poised, just for an instant on the brink of oblivion. What will happen then is anybody's guess.

Noam Chomsky, the apex social philosopher of our times in his book '*Hegemony or Survival*' made the consequences of not relinquishing the American fantasy of global hegemony in perpetuity quite clear.

Many empires in the past have attempted to wrest global domination and all have failed. The USA however is in the unique position where it can trigger WWII and possibly cause global extinction of all life on earth.

**The question is not** whether most people on earth would prefer American global domination or death. Most people in the world are poor (thanks primarily due to Euro-American neo-liberalism which results in massive poverty; an *a priori* condition for instilling colonial servitude worldwide) and have known something akin to slavery their whole lives. They might opt for American global domination if they had a choice, as compared to certain death in thermonuclear war or the nuclear winter that would follow.

**The real question is** whether the leaders of other nuclear powers are willing to accept balkanization (fragmentation of their nations into smaller warring states) and eventual subjugation to American hegemony, or risk *the potential for* thermonuclear war and the nuclear winter that would probably follow.

The answer to this latter question is probably yes. Russia and China will not '[go gentle into that good night](#),' but will certainly rage before the dying of the light.

Please recall this is not the Cuban Missile Crisis in October 1962 with John F. Kennedy and Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev engaged in a war of wills.

Those were mere atomic weapons and we now have thermonuclear weapons. The yield of a thermonuclear bomb can be hundreds to thousands of times more powerful than the atomic bomb. Worse still, back then the US did not have a massive military industrial state

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<sup>20</sup> I used the modifier "real" before "alt-news" there because there are fake "alt-news" sites appearing very rapidly now, and appear on the surface, very real, promoting social justice and exposing outrageous hypocrisies in the American quest for hegemony in perpetuity, but(!) please remember there are three key focus areas for the Euro-American colonial hegemonic drive now: 1) China, 2) Syria and more recently, Ukraine. Those fake "alt-news" sites can be identified by the precision of the details they provide in regards to those conflicts. China has every right to demand Hong Kong follow Chinese law. It is not a British colony any more. Any arguments to the contrary are specious. Vague generalizations, unnamed sources and so on are not representative of professional news, even though they have become ubiquitous in MSM.

goaded it towards world domination, e.g., total takeover the Middle East and destruction of Russia and China.

It is hoped that the issues discussed in this article will help foster a new generation of honest journalists and facilitate political, judicial and corporate reforms in the USA and Western Europe such that the fate of nations and the people that define them begins again to rest upon forgotten principles such as truth, justice and freedom, *as it has in most places at most times in history*. World history is not the history of war. Expanding empires in history usually expanded in bloodshed but then fostered hundreds of years of peace. Not so during the past 500 years of Euro-American colonialism.

As Oxford Professor Peter Frankopan notes:

“It was not that aggression did not exist in other societies. As numerous examples across other continents would show, any conquest could bring death and suffering on a large scale. But, periods of explosive expansion across Asia and North Africa, such as in the extraordinary first decades of the spread of Islam or during the time of the Mongol conquests, were followed by longer periods of stability, peace and prosperity. The frequency and rhythm of warfare was different in Europe to other parts of the world: no sooner would one conflict be resolved than another would flare up. Competition was brutal and relentless. In that sense seminal works like Thomas Hobbes’ *Leviathan* were quintessential texts that explained the rise of the west. Only a European author could have concluded that the natural state of man was to be in a constant state of violence; and only a European author would have been right.”

Peter Frankopan, *The Silk Roads – A New History of the World*, Alfred A. Knopf, New York, 2016 p. 253 (Peter Frankopan is a professor based at Oxford University)

One might have hoped the COVID-19 pandemic might have brought humanity together, but instead it was weaponized to further the New Cold War by the corporate denizen President Trump. His corporate-owned successor President Biden is letting Trump’s “China-virus” disinformation burn further into the collective minds of Americans resulting in incredible anti-Asian violence and [murder](#) in the USA.

Most American MSM blithely ignores the fact that COVID-19 was found in samples from Italy and Spain *before* Chinese identified the virus.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7428442>

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-italy-sewage/italy-sewage-study-suggests-covid-19-was-there-in-december-2019-idUSKBN23Q1J9>

<https://www.globaltimes.cn/content/1209646.shtml>

<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.06.25.20140061v1>

<https://www.rt.com/news/483477-bergamo-italy-army-trucks-coronavirus>

Apparently as early as September 2019.

<https://www.cNBC.com/2020/11/15/coronavirus-emerged-in-italy-earlier-than-thought-study-shows.html>

But, the groundwork for promoting the urge to hurt and even kill Asians in the USA was planted a long time ago, for example with the [Page Act of 1875](#), [Chinese Exclusionary Act of 1882](#), [Barred Zone Act of 1917](#) and especially since Hillary Clinton's [Pivot to Asia](#) program came into full effect in 2011. Meanwhile mainstream media are collusively obscuring the fact that the attack on the [76-year-old Chinese granny](#) (see below) and the [murder of six Asian women in Georgia, were racially motivated](#) largely by President Trump's Cold War style populist "China virus" lie.

A class-action law suit against former President Trump may be in order for falsely claiming that COVID-19 is the "China virus." He cannot prove that it came from China; it killed more than half a million Americans because of his lack of leadership and now his "China virus" disinformation has spurred anti-Asian hate crimes around the USA.

"I cannot be bullied by bad guys!' Battered elderly Chinese women proud of fighting back in hate-crime-infested US streets," Lin Xiaoyi and Li Qiao, Mar 18 2021

"After being punched by a burly middle-aged white man on the street and then fearlessly fighting back, a 76-year-old Chinese granny has returned to her home with serious injuries, and she said she did not regret her bravery in fighting back when facing the discrimination motivated by hatred against Asian people in the US.

"Xie's face and eyes also appeared to have sustained significant trauma, with bruises around her eyes. She stood beside the police, holding an ice pack to her head...

"The incident happened at around 10:30 am, according to media reports. Both the attacker and the victim were later taken to hospital for treatment.



“Chen pointed out that recently there have been an increased number of incidents of discrimination and violent crimes against Chinese people in the US, especially targeting the elderly, women, and other vulnerable groups.”

<http://enapp.globaltimes.cn/#/article/1218818>

It appears a class-action law suit against former President Trump for the unproven claim of the “China virus” may be needed as a lesson to other hate mongering politicians and populist pundits. Trumps false claims have further significantly reduced the freedom of millions of Asian Americans.

The single most complete article in the news media about the Atlanta murders of six innocent Asian women was produced by social justice/anti-empire alt-news publication FAIR.com. It meticulously reviewed MSMs coverage of the March 16, 2021 murders and demonstrated very clearly how *MSM is covering up the hate-based nature of those murders*. It also did a better review of anti-Chinese and anti-Asian laws in the United States than I have seen in any other publication.

<https://fair.org/home/atlanta-murders-reporting-relied-on-law-enforcement-narratives>

Also see:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7364747/>

<https://stopaapihate.org/about>

The creation and very wide dissemination of the “hate-virus” myth isn’t a coincidence. It’s the product of a carefully calculated strategic move by the American Department of Defense to defame China in advance of IC/DoD’s intention to Balkanize China into several smaller impoverished nations, in order to further its megalomaniacal plan for hegemony in perpetuity.

Other anti-China myths like the Huawei “security threat” are part of the coordinated (dis-)information war which provides critical support for the New American Cold War designed to 1) squeeze more money out of tax payers for the Department of Defence (DoD), and 2) further the American hegemonic drive designed to attain total global domination.

The IC/DoD confederacy see Balkanization of China as critical to American total domination of the world.

That Chinese grandmothers in the US should get beaten in the streets and other Asian women murdered is just acceptable “collateral damage” to the IC/DoD cabal. And who is reporting on the most important sub-themes?



Only the Social Justice/Anti-Empire Alt-News. What is corporate-drive mainstream media news doing? [Covering up the trend of hate crimes against Asians in the USA.](#)

Fair access to the social justice/anti-empire alt-news is critical for not only American citizens but the world

On another level the New Cold War ([flooding the South China Sea with carrier groups and nuclear submarines](#) and trespassing, harassing and surrounding [Russia](#), e.g. with military build-up in Ukraine,<sup>21</sup> [Poland](#) and other nations), [attacks on Iran](#), and so on have the very real potential of starting WWII.

“Hiding the truths of this world” as a new major industry in the USA is an incalculably huge strategic blunder for the USA, (in addition to being illegal) and may be the biggest mistake in its long history of mistakes.

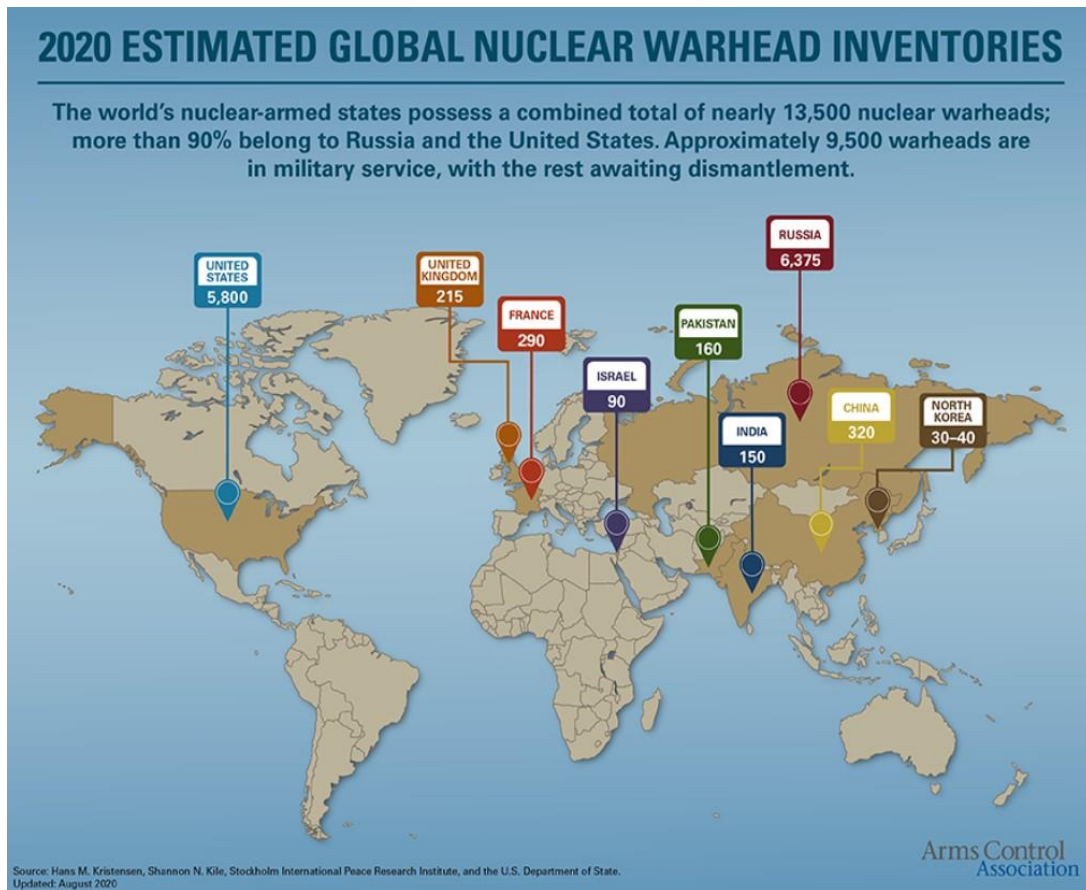
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<https://thegrayzone.com/2019/10/13/dcs-atlantic-council-raked-in-funding-from-hunter-bidens-corruption-stained-employer-while-courting-his-vp-father/>  
<https://ceasefiremagazine.co.uk/revolutions-pretext-imperialism> (Ukraine March 13, 2014)  
<https://thegrayzone.com/2018/07/02/video-congress-welcomes-an-actual-fascist-as-nazi-violence-rages-in-ukraine/>  
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<https://thegrayzone.com/2018/02/05/max-blumenthal-us-is-arming-neo-nazis-in-ukraine/>

"If you seek truth you will not seek victory by dishonorable means, and if you find truth you will become invincible."

by Epictetus\*

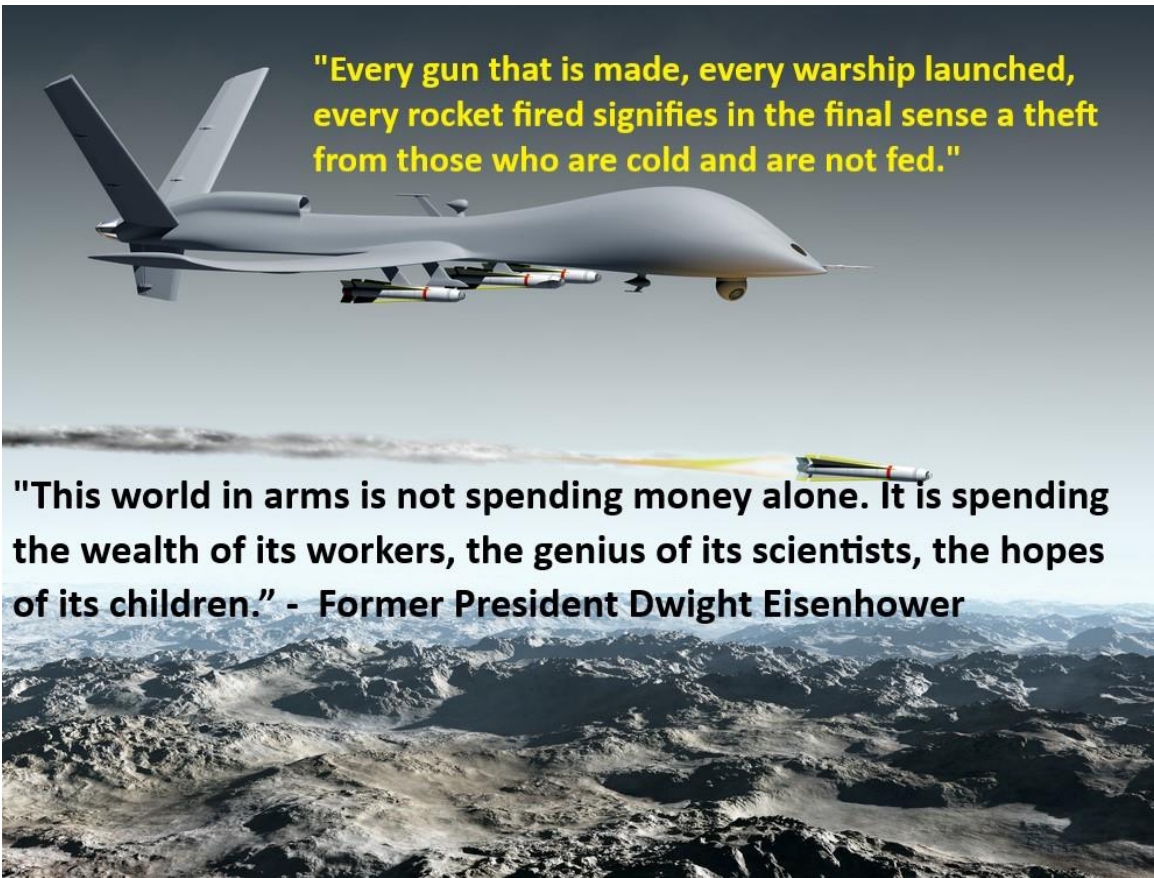
\* Epictetus (c. 50 ACE- c. 135) was born a slave at Hierapolis, Phrygia (present day Pamukkale, Turkey) and lived in Rome until his banishment, when he went to Nicopolis in northwestern Greece for the rest of his life.



<https://www.armscontrol.org/factsheets/Nuclearweaponswhohaswhat>



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**"Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies in the final sense a theft from those who are cold and are not fed."**

**"This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the wealth of its workers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children." - Former President Dwight Eisenhower**

The pointlessness of a “clash of civilizations”

The Christian Bible, Taoism and Confucianism align perfectly on most issues.

For example:

“Then said Jesus unto him, ‘Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.’”  
Matthew 26:52 (KJV)

**Tao Te Ching - Lao Tzu - chapter 42**

The Tao begot one.

One begot two.

Two begot three.

And three begot the ten thousand things....

The ten thousand things carry yin and embrace yang.

They achieve harmony by combining these forces...

For one gains by losing

And loses by gaining.

What others teach, I also teach; that is:

‘A violent man will die a violent death.’

This will be the essence of my teaching.

[Translation by Gia-fu Feng and Jane English](#)

Master, which is the great commandment in the law?

Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it, thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Matt. 22 Verses 36 to 40 (KJV)

“Cultivated persons seek harmony but not sameness.”

[Analects 13. 23](#)

Also see:

[https://www.researchgate.net/publication/233152648\\_Confucian\\_love\\_and\\_global\\_ethics\\_How\\_the\\_Cheng\\_brothers\\_would\\_help\\_respond\\_to\\_Christian\\_criticisms](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/233152648_Confucian_love_and_global_ethics_How_the_Cheng_brothers_would_help_respond_to_Christian_criticisms)

Regardless as to what some scowlers say, some things are universal. The differences are semantic, linguistic and cultural variations all describing precisely the same things.

And in regards to those individuals and groups promoting the new Cold War,<sup>22</sup> there is this:

1 Kings 3:16-28

“Passage: Later, two women who were prostitutes came to the king and stood before him. One woman said, ‘Please, my lord, this woman and I live in the same house; and I gave birth while she was in the house. Then on the third day after I gave birth, this woman also gave birth. We were together; there was no one else with us in the house, only the two of us were in the house. Then this woman’s son died in the night, because she lay on him. She got up in the middle of the night and took my son from beside me while your servant slept. She laid him at her breast, and laid her dead son at my breast. When I rose in the morning to nurse my son, I saw that he was dead; but when I looked at him closely in the morning, clearly it was not the son I had borne.’ But the other woman said, ‘No, the living son is mine, and the dead son is yours.’ The first said, ‘No, the dead son

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<sup>22</sup> <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vAfeYMONj9E>



is yours, and the living son is mine.’ So, they argued before the king.

“Then the king said, ‘One says, “This is my son that is alive, and your son is dead”; while the other says, “Not so! Your son is dead, and my son is the living one.” So, the king said, ‘Bring me a sword,’ and they brought a sword before the king. The king said, ‘Divide the living boy in two; then give half to one, and half to the other.’ But the woman whose son was alive said to the king—because compassion for her son burned within her—‘Please, my lord, give her the living boy; certainly, do not kill him!’ The other said, ‘It shall be neither mine nor yours; divide it.’ Then the king responded: ‘Give the first woman the living boy; do not kill him. She is his mother.’ All Israel heard of the judgement that the king had rendered; and they stood in awe of the king, because they perceived that the wisdom of God was in him, to execute justice.

<https://www.unity.org/resources/bible-interpretation/1-kings-316-28>

Chopping the world in two is not a wise decision. The world wants to be friends with the USA, but the American government has been hijacked by cold-blooded corporations that have weaponized all aspects of American life, turning it into a nation divided against itself and the world. This is no way to live and no fitting legacy for future generations.

Finally, a rhetorical question:

What sort of world are future generations going to inherit, if there is a world to inherit at all? A beautiful garden paradise where diverse people live together in peace, or a hellish burned-out, freezing radioactive cinder?

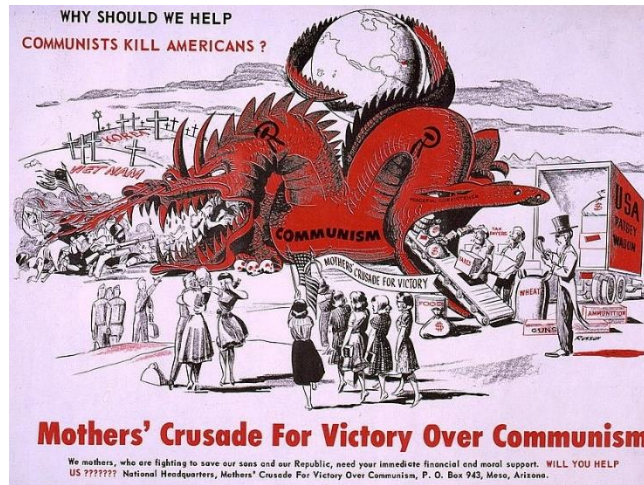
Learning to make peace, especially at this point in time when humanity as a species is in clear and present danger, is nothing more than “enlightened self-interest.”

If not for future generations, think of yourself. Does the reader really want to live in a world of constant endless wars, hatred, bigotry and potentially nuclear winter, or not?

For those who have never experienced one of America’s hegemonic wars, the possibility of this seems remote at best. For someone who has, it is pathetically and transparently obvious.

There are certain natural laws and it is wise not to push one’s luck too far. As of this writing it is not too late for the aggressors to back off and make amends.

How long this window will remain open is unknown.



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## About

The author Gregory Brundage began fighting in the anti-colonial wars in 1963 against the British Empire at the age of six. Those were purely defensive battles against gangs of British boys who had been programmed in school to hate “Yankee dogs,” for their part in the American Revolution. Skipping a bunch of years in 1968 Mr. Brundage returned to the US again for a couple of years and participated in anti-apartheid and anti-Vietnam War demonstrations learning that the USA was and remains as much or more of a colonial power than the UK ever was. His first exposure to social justice/anti-empire alt-news was via the Kaleidoscope and then the Bugle American newsletter published in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Bugle’s office was [firebombed](#) in 1975 and the car of Kaleidoscope’s editor John Kois was also bombed. Everyone knew Milwaukee Police Department’s Red Squad was behind those attacks. Thus, “suppression” of alt-news is not news to Mr. Brundage.

He, along with a couple of friends started an “underground newspaper” at his high school in 1972. He was a university student from 1973 to 1988 without a break and started publishing professionally in 1980 writing book reviews for the Special Publication of the American Geographical Society. In 1988 he started working as a reporter for the Black Press, specifically the Milwaukee Community Journal. In 1992 he moved to South Asia where he worked first as a stringer with a national newspaper, and later on a freelance basis. He has lived in and traveled through 30+ nations during almost half of his life, almost always living with indigenous people. He has not bothered to return to the USA in the past 20 years. His most recent books include: the “Silk Road Kung Fu Friendship Tour” available on Amazon.

This more recent research “binge” began as he observed President Incumbent Joseph Biden load his cabinet with known “interventionists.” When he began this research, he noticed that no alt-news publications were appearing in his Google searches and found this unusual as in 2016 he had found quite a good collection of what he terms “social justice/anti-empire alt-news” publications on the web. This led him to consider ways to improve alt-news’ rankings on Google’s search engine. This led to research on Google’s algorithm, which broadened into more research on the very wide range of government and corporate efforts to suppress alt-news. After that he began to study relevant laws pertaining to First Amendment rights and subsequent case law. As many of the subsequent case laws date to the Red Scares in the USA, he studied them also. This collection of annotated research reviews is the product of that chain of events.

Asked for any observations regarding the future of social justice/anti-empire alt-news in the US, Mr. Brundage answered: “It’s not the size of the dog in the fight, it’s the size of the fight in the dog.”

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## Endnotes

<sup>i</sup> “Hegemony in perpetuity” here refers to an effort by the US Federal government and sub-contracted private domestic and foreign intelligence and military organizations, in conjunction with think tanks, institutes, councils, and foundations, aided by corporate money and influence (including but not limited to weapons and mainstream media corporate lobbying), to rule the entire world forever, in effect making the entire world one huge American Empire. The roots of this dubious plan date back at least to the [Munroe Doctrine](#) and are supported by a belief in [American Exceptionalism](#). For further information see for example: *Hegemony or Survival* by Noam Chomsky.

<sup>ii</sup> Investigatory news addressing the issue of alleged corruption in the US judiciary  
<https://www.seeker.com/how-corrupt-is-americas-judicial-system-1792674447.html>  
<https://core.ac.uk/download/pdf/157779032.pdf>  
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<https://www.acfe.com/fraud-examiner.aspx?id=4294994669>  
<https://www.reuters.com/investigates/special-report/usa-judges-misconduct>

<sup>iii</sup> The United States routinely kills foreign leaders and whoever else they want. Take for example former head of state Muammar al-Gaddafi. Former Secretary of State Clinton brags and [laughs about killing him](#), knowing full well the “rebels” she hired [raped him with an iron rod before murdering him](#). Certainly, Saddam Hussein the sovereign leader of Iraq was kidnapped by the US and hanged. Manuel Noriega, also a former US intelligence asset was kidnapped, tried and sentenced to 60 years in prison for murder, despite the fact that US presidents routinely murder large numbers of people. There used to be a “Kill list” or “Kill Chain” but these days in [some countries](#) CI/DoD just kill whoever they want whenever they want.

<sup>iv</sup> That only happened because French-African banking headquarters are located in Tunisia, and some members of the French aristocracy (the so called “*noblesse oblige*”) and even some members of the French middle class(!) like to take winter vacation in Tunisia enjoying the splendors of the Mediterranean Sea resorts there at much cheaper rates than Italy and Greece. This is in stark contrast to some other French colonial holdings in Africa, such as Niger, which is now also the “proud” host of a \$110 million-dollar American Airforce Base tasked for counterterrorism operations using intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance (ISR) drones and other TOP-SECRET activities as part of AFRICOM. Niger also always ranks at or second to the bottom of UNDP country rankings and is thus the least, or second least developed country in the world, in spite of being natural resource rich. For example, Niger’s uranium lights the skies of Paris and other major French cities, while citizens of [Niger](#) drink [uranium polluted water](#) and live mostly without modern infrastructure at all.

<sup>v</sup> For example, this very misleading article: <https://storyful.com/blog/all/syria-10-years-of-history-that-changed-reporting> (3.17.2021) is countered by an ocean of professionally researched investigations published in alt-news:  
<https://www.mintpressnews.com/10-years-civil-war-syria-media-bias/276416>  
<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/519071-syria-msm-bombing-hospitals>  
<https://www.mintpressnews.com/establishment-cheers-bidens-attack-on-syria/275748>  
<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://wikileaks.org/opcw-douma/#OPCW-DOUMA%20-%20Release%20Part%204>  
<https://www.rt.com/news/517949-opcw-scandal-douma-coverup>  
<https://theintercept.com/2019/10/26/syrian-rebels-turkey-kurds-accountability>

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<https://thegrayzone.com/2020/10/20/chomsky-opcw-cover-up-of-probe-undermining-us-led-bombing-of-syria-is-shocking>

<https://thegrayzone.com/2020/12/20/ex-uk-ambassador-war-on-syria-continues-with-us-occupation-sanctions-propaganda>

...and many others. And yet Storyful continues to rehash the same tired old series of transparent fabrications endlessly repeated in DoD's echo-chamber MSM.