

Mandatory Seventeen Steps to Save the American Democracy



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How to end the saturation-level political corruption and massive killing to Make America Great in 17 steps.

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That so many members of the US Congress own stock in weapons corporations and American driven aggression against foreign targets reliably raises stock values, a *quid pro quo* relationship is proven between political decisions and profits to politicians. In other words, American assassinations of foreign targets and starting wars is personally profitable to American politicians. This is only the tip of the iceberg of 500 years of western colonialism, and all of it must end now. Never before has humanity and the ecology which nurtured our evolution stood on a precipice such as all living things on earth now confront.

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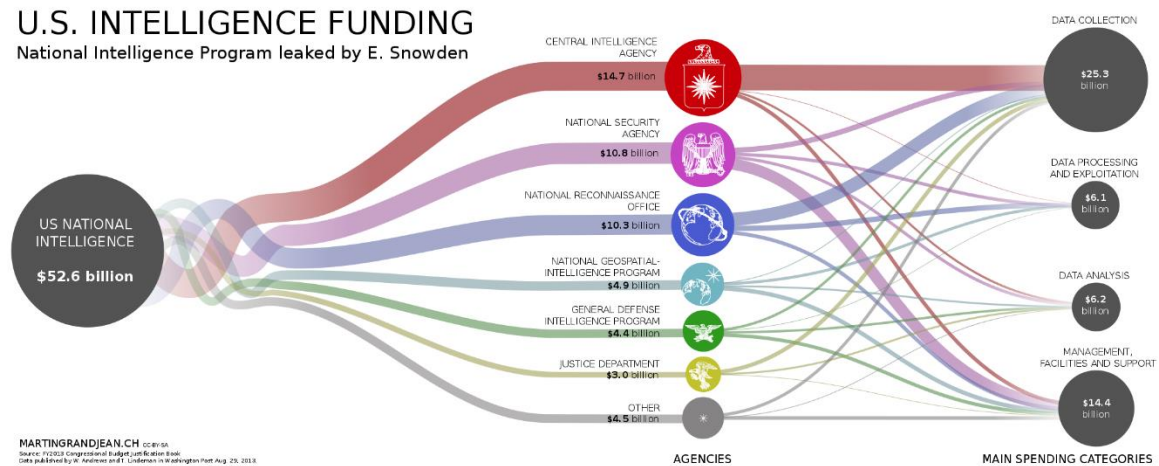
Democracy can be a fine form of government for some people in some times and places. For example, democracy appears to work reasonably well with relatively small populations of well-educated people.

However, these days it is not a practical form of government for any nation that has anything the American “Intelligence Community” (IC) covets. For example, if a nation has natural resources the USA wants or needs, it is far too easy to co-opt a democracy. This is a “process” the American IC has (almost) perfected with what are now called “color revolutions.”

The “Intelligence Community”

The IC is a very large semi-autonomous collection of government, corporate and private intelligence organizations, both American and foreign. They overlap extensively with government, corporate and private military companies (PMCs).

Edward Snowden put together a reasonably good outline of the official US government side of the IC:



Unfortunately, it’s not complete.

The IC includes the CIA and other government intelligence agencies and their large collections of subcontracted corporate and private intelligence and military/security companies, the large defense corporations’ in-house and contracted collection of corporate and private intelligence and military/security companies, the semi-autonomous multi-national intelligence corporations and private companies themselves, the private intelligence and military/security companies created by

individuals such as some (American and other) politicians and wealthy individuals use, and the national and privately contracted intelligence and military/security agencies and companies of foreign governments and wealthy individuals.

Within the USA there is also a very large cabal of think tanks, institutes, councils, and foundations that wield enormous power, each of which has its own intelligence gathering apparatus, and then there are other government bodies like the National Security Council, Homeland Security, the FBI (a semi-autonomous subdivision of the Justice Department), the Treasury Department and so on that also have their own “in-house” intelligence gathering departments and subcontracted corporate and private intelligence and military/security companies.

It should be noted that many or most of the government, corporate and private intelligence organizations also subcontract with various levels of police (city, state, Federal, e.g., US Marshals) both active and retired, and organized crime usually but not always for “special cases.” On the subject of organized crime there is also The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), formerly known as “The School of the Americas,” which is a United States Department of Defense Institute located at Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia, created in the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act. They are infamous for 1) human rights violations committed by former students...

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<https://www.sfgate.com/default/article/Bay-Area-protesters-sentenced-in-Georgia-Jail-2796779.php>

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and 2) illegally overthrowing, or at least trying to overthrow numerous governments.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cP15Ehx1yvl>

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 (as usual), and most recently Russia (2022).

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 that Israel is the aggressor, however Israel is fully supported by the USA and couldn’t survive without it.

Israeli political leaders are delighted that Michael Pompeo and former President Trump were giving away Palestine to the Israelis as quickly as they could. They know Joe Biden doesn’t have the intellectual acuity, courage, or power to undo the damage done. One of the many problems with this is, Palestine was not President Trump’s to give away.

<https://www.rt.com/op-ed/507360-pompeo-trump-israel-palestine-bds>

A Memo to President Elect Joe Biden on Palestine - CounterPunch.org

<https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/11/13/hey-joe-a-memo-to-biden-on-palestine>

Thus, the IC is a vast global “cabal” of information/paramilitary specialists and operatives that can hack any computer system, overthrow (almost) any government

and kill any person or entire group if someone is well enough connected within the IC and willing to pay.

Generally speaking, the CIA has a very formidable voice within this cabal because they have an infinite amount of money via extensive connections with organized crime around the world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cP15Ehx1yvl> (The CIA, organized crime, Douglas Valentine)

<http://propagandastudies.ac.uk/resources/reviews-of-of-books-documentaries-and-films/book-review-the-cia-as-organised-crime-by-douglas-valentine/>

https://fas.org/irp/congress/1998_cr/980507-l.htm (Congressional report on CIA and Narcotics)

<https://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2018/02/24/fidel-castro-cia-mafia-plot-216977/>

Consequently, large crime organizations cannot survive long without building a cooperative relationship with the CIA.

Because the CIA has agents of influence in virtually all the world's major national level media, and a virtual infinite amount of money they can pretty much control who can run for elections in democracies and who will win. That gives the American dominated international IC virtual total power over most of the nations in the world, especially fake democracies like the USA. They have had illegal influence over the American media at least since the 1960s.

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

<https://prouty.org>

Liabilities associated with democracies

Nations with extensive natural resources and/or geo-political significance, and/or significant economies that the US might consider "challenging American dominance," cannot risk having a democracy. Such nations must have either a dictator or socialist/communist government.

Democracies are too easy to manipulate and any division within a nation at all will be an invitation to the CIA or one of its subordinate private intelligence companies (like the National Endowment for Democracy, "NED") to move in and radicalize the youth, buy votes and/or sabotage candidates considered not "American friendly."

The end result is always the same: The USA gets the natural resources of that nation and the people get next to nothing except poverty, oppression and degradation, except for a crony kleptocratic plutocracy at the top of the fake democratic government that has absolute and total power over all organs of government. They call themselves “democracies” but in fact they are colonies of the USA, plutocracies – just like the USA where three men own more than the bottom half of the entire population.

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

<https://www.forbes.com/forbes-400/>

I personally have lived in several such foreign nations (including the USA). They are fine as long as one worships and is obedient to the concept and pursuit of American hegemony in perpetuity. “Global hegemony in perpetuity” is the mandated goal of the American IC/DoD, which means total political, economic and military domination of the entire world by the USA forever. In some cases, some token condemnation of the USA and its foreign policies is permitted just for show, however any condemnation of the American chosen/appointed president or prime minister in that fake democracy is swiftly and severely punished usually with prison or death, or at minimum joblessness (economic isolation) and other forms of personal and family sabotage (social isolation).

Likewise, if one questions things like: Israel stealing Palestinian lands, kidnapping, torturing and murdering innocent people, India’s illegal occupation of Kashmir and kidnapping, torture and murder of Muslims (and Christians), especially Muslims in Kashmir, American sponsored coups around the world, etc., one will find oneself jobless and friendless very quickly.

Everyone is terrified of the American selected fake presidents and prime ministers in American controlled fake democracies (plutocracies) around the world, as they rule with absolute power. Neither the police, courts, or press will support anyone who questions the status quo in those nations with fake democracies. These nations are usually easy to identify, for example they usually have American military bases and/or large CIA stations and black sites.

The ten poorest countries in the world are [all in Africa](#), (fake) “democracies” and mostly resource rich. That’s the way the USA and it’s colonial friends in France and the UK like it.

These are the realities of American propagation of “democracy” around the world.

Democracy appears to work well for small nations with high levels of education. They are hell for everyone else and dictatorships in all but name.

The American democracy unfortunately is totally corrupted and completely controlled by large corporations including and especially the so-called mainstream news media, Super-PAC political donations and foreign lobby groups. Obviously, the American democracy is a fake democracy also. The wealthy and political class in the USA collectively constitute a self-serving kleptocratic plutocracy.

Seventeen essential steps required to repair the American Democracy

It might be possible to repair the American democracy, however that would require several modifications to the existing structure of government:

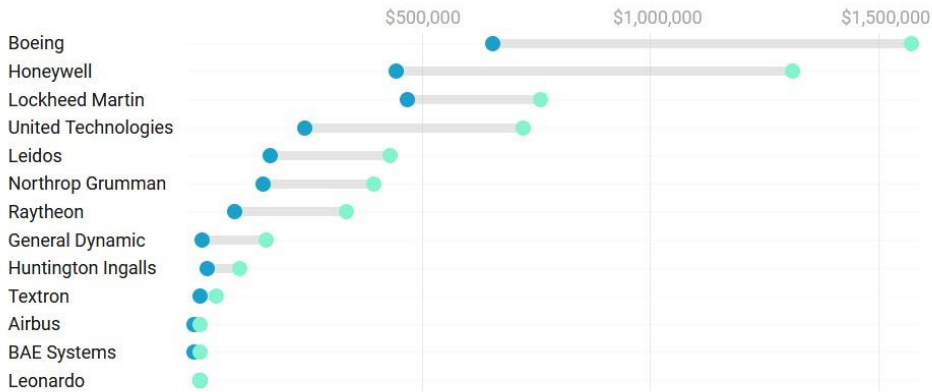
- 1) very strict political campaign finance reform laws permitting no “donations” to politicians at all.
- 2) the ending of all domestic and foreign “special interest” lobby groups,
- 3) strict control over the investment assets of elected officials

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

In other words, there is concrete proof at least some American politicians directly profit from American military aggression in foreign countries.

Congress' Top Defense Stock Investments

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



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<https://prospect.org/power/the-members-of-congress-who-profit-from-war/>

Assassinations/murders have become very commonplace in the ordinary course of American warfare.

<https://www.justiceinitiative.org/uploads/1284eb37-f380-4400-9242-936a15e4de6c/death-drones-report-eng-20150413.pdf>

There are virtually never any investigations. They are quietly swept under the rug.

Also see: <https://readsludge.com/> for detailed information on many different forms of political corruption in the USA.

Elected officials should not be permitted to profit from the wars they have the power to start. That is the very definition of corruption and proof of the *quid pro quo* the Supreme Court asserted does not exist in their 2010 [Citizens United vs. FEC](#) decision.

In addition, laws forbidding “kickback” deals between elected officials and their friends and/or associates who own stock in weapons corporations need to be written, and relentlessly enforced with severe penalties for violations of those laws. Those penalties need to be on-par with penalties for first-degree murder. This is because when elected officials vote for wars they profit from, it can all too easily be, and has historically been, mass murder, e.g., the Iraq War.

- 4) The Supreme Court needs to take a proactive stance on political [gerrymandering](#) which must be forbidden at all levels of government, regardless as to States' rights. Congress must not be allowed to circumvent these rulings. Also see:
<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/aug/21/gerrymandering-republicans-us-election-structural-racism>
- 5) Former intelligence officers should not be allowed to run for [political office](#) because they are trained in circumventing laws and overthrowing governments.
- 6) All current and former CIA officers, and the leadership in all subcontracted corporate and private intelligence and military organizations need to be debriefed in order to begin to calculate the irreparable damage that has been done around the world since WWII with American [finance](#), covert operations, direct military aggression or via proxy military aggression, and/or otherwise in the name of the USA. Furthermore, all of them need to be retrained in order for them to begin to undo as much of that damage as possible. The CIA should be closed down and replaced with an organization that will work constructively with other nations in building rather than destroying, and promoting economic fairness rather than torturing, robbing and murdering the poor and other disadvantaged people.
- 7) The USA must begin (for the first time) to comply with the original 1945 UN Charter: Chapter 1, Article 2, Article 4 which states:
 4. All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.

This means the USA must get out of Syria, stop financing the terrorist groups there, stop murdering Iranians, Somalis, Yemenis, etc., directly and via proxy, end its support for the Israeli genocide of Palestinians, and Hindutva genocide of Kashmiris, etc., and end all [economic sanctions](#), immediately. Those sanctions are starving the poorest people in the world to death. The trade war against China is a politically driven use of economic force, and in addition economic suicide for the USA. De-dollarization in the international marketplace is accelerating, and when that process is complete the value of the dollar will be reconsidered in terms of its real value, which is questionable. Cutting itself off from the world's largest market is not wise fiscal policy. In addition, the gold reserves of the USA are only valued at [eleven billion dollars](#), but its national debt is [28 trillion](#) as of this writing.

In the case of Libya, US support for Field Marshal Khalifa Belqasim Haftar must end as per UN Charter Chapter 1, Article 2, Number 5:

5 . All Members shall give the United Nations every assistance in any action it takes in accordance with the present Charter, and *shall refrain from giving assistance to any state against which the United Nations is taking preventive or enforcement action.*

- 8) United Nations documents stating and/or implying that democracy is the only form of representative government should be amended. The COVID-19 epidemic has proven that democracies were and are the least capable of defending themselves from deadly threats, and death by an illusory form of freedom is not freedom, but rather the ultimate abrogation of freedom. Socialist and communist nations should be permitted to develop or fail on their own without outside illegal interferences such as the US imposes on Venezuela, Cuba and China.
- 9) The world's mainstream media must stop using the phrases "Islamic terrorism," "Muslim terrorist," and "Islamic extremism." Those are non-sequiturs. There is no such thing as Islamic terrorism and extremism is forbidden in Islam. Those who engage in such things are not Muslim, any more than American terrorist presidents are Christian. Jewish, Christian and Muslims are all forbidden to kill in the 10 Commandments. Fakes should not be called the name of a religion they do not follow. Those are insults to those religions.
- 10) Investors in weapons corporations should be prohibited from investment in media corporations and/or companies. In addition, laws forbidding "kickback" deals between investors in weapons companies and/or corporations and their friends and/or associates who own stock in media companies and/or corporations need to be written and relentlessly enforced with severe penalties for violations of those laws. Those penalties need to be on-par with penalties for first-degree murder. This is because if shareholders in media companies and/or corporations also own shares in weapons corporations, they can all too easily promote wars they will profit from in their media, and this has historically led to wars that represented nothing less than mass murder, e.g., the Iraq War.
- 11) The United States must end ambitions for attaining and maintaining global hegemony in perpetuity and should permanently close all foreign military bases. It has no need for them. The full text of the Defense Planning Guidance (DPG) document should be made public. The full list of Jeffrey Epstein's customers should be made public.

Foreign military bases are an egregious show and abuse of power. Elected officials in the United States must learn how to be responsible members of a multi-polar world community and end its corrupt ambitions in regards to attaining and maintaining “hegemony in perpetuity.” The Monroe Doctrine was ill-founded; American Exceptionalism was ill-founded, and even and especially the concept of hegemony in perpetuity was and is ill-founded.

All official US documents asserting the US has any right, need or mandate to attain or maintain global hegemony must be amended in accordance with acceptance that the USA will become a responsible member of a multi-polar world community and end permanently the reign of domestic and foreign terror and abuse it has pursued since its founding.

- 12) The USA must take proactive steps to significantly reduce the [wealth gaps](#) within the USA, and between the USA and nations it has robbed and ransacked during the past 245 years. A simple way to start this process would be a one-time 50% wealth tax on the richest 15% of Americans. This would be enough to start to rebuild the nations the USA has destroyed, and help US citizens pay their debts and perhaps buy a home or start a business. The [GINI indices](#) in every nation need to be lowered to 20 or below. When large private capital is needed for large projects, cooperative agreements can be made.
- 13) The major defense corporations need to transition into construction and engineering, bio-medical technologies, health services, and education so-as the USA can increase engagement in the world economy in a healthy way rather than just destructive ways. The American IC/DoD, the G7 and NATO should stop interfering in the affairs of other nations including obviously the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), and instead participate in this excellent and ambitious plan to build infrastructure in the world’s least developed nations. But, first, the US has to rebuild the cities it has destroyed and ensure Palestinians get their stolen lands and homes returned with water, farms and industry. NATO should be disbanded. It is a Cold War anachronism created from an irrational fear of communism. Americans have to learn win/win solutions possible and zero-sum games are not in the best interests of anyone.
- 14) At least half of the people in American prisons primarily need counseling, not prison. Likewise, all forms of torture, and instruction in torture must stop. The US must stop training professional killers. The world has far too many killers and not enough peace-makers. The Department of State is supposed to be the diplomatic branch of the US government and instead is it only a branch of the War Department, erroneously called the “Department of Defense.”

- 15) All American weapons of mass destruction including America's nuclear, biological and chemical weapons must be destroyed. The US has never obeyed international conventions covering those weapons. DARPA and Ft. Detrick should be closed down, all records seized and evaluated for legality by international law and all scientists working in those locations extensively debriefed. There needs to be five or 10 international independent regulatory agencies established to monitor all BSL-3 and BSL-4 laboratories. Most BSL-3 and BSL-4 laboratories should be closed. One per continent is sufficient.
- 16) Entertainment media companies need tax breaks for entertainment that promotes healthy lifestyles and beliefs, and be strongly discouraged from promoting war. There is great drama, excitement, passion and beauty in the endeavors of those who struggle to excel in arts, sciences, sports, the attainment and preservation of love, as well as real histories, etc. The relentless drumbeat of war in movies, TV shows, novels, advertisements, games and music are programming people to accept war and murder as normal things. That is a formula for mutually assured destruction (MAD).
- 17) All students K-12 should be trained in conflict resolution strategies, counseling skills, the history and arts of diplomacy in addition to basic law. Likewise culture fair histories and political science need to be taught. This writer has personal experience with the profession of school psychology and is painfully aware a disproportionate percentage of school psychologists are profoundly biased against creative students in addition to racially and culturally biased.

The above "Seventeen Steps" are the minimum required to save the American democracy. Anything less than full enactment of the above will end in disaster for the citizens of the USA and world.

The United States of America and the world right now, have never been in greater danger, and the primary source of that danger is the IC/DoD-Political-Media Complex supported by its colonial-minded European allies including the UK, and France.

<https://www.reuters.com/world/uk/britain-permanently-deploy-two-warships-asian-waters-2021-07-20>

<https://www.asiaglobalonline.hku.hk/even-british-are-coming-asean-and-internationalization-south-china-sea>

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This danger includes Civil War in the USA, and a global WWIII which could be triggered via enhanced military aggression against Syria and/or Iran, or Russia via Ukraine, or most likely against China in the South China Sea. *The USA has no right to be causing those threats and must back off all of these provocations, immediately if the American democracy and the world, is going to survive.* This is absolutely imperative and must be implemented with the utmost haste.

The American political-intelligence-military-industrial-media complex must be dissolved (before it's too late), its errors studied carefully, reparations made, and never repeated.

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On torture

Trump on torture: It “absolutely works.”

“President Donald Trump declared Wednesday he believes torture works as his administration readied a sweeping review of how America conducts the war on terror. It

includes possible resumption of banned interrogation methods and reopening CIA-run 'black site' prisons outside the United States."

<https://www.businessinsider.com/trump-says-torture-absolutely-works-2017-1>

If all 17 of the above recommendations are implemented expediently, maybe another Civil War within the USA and WWII can be averted.

Then and only then can American security be assured, and Americans for the first time can honestly be proud to be American.

Only full enactment of all of the above suggestions will Make America Great. Furthermore, these changes have to be made sooner rather than later because time for the USA is running out quickly.

The era of kleptocratic plutocracies and fake democracies must end if there are to be future generations of humans, and possibly any life at all left on mother earth.