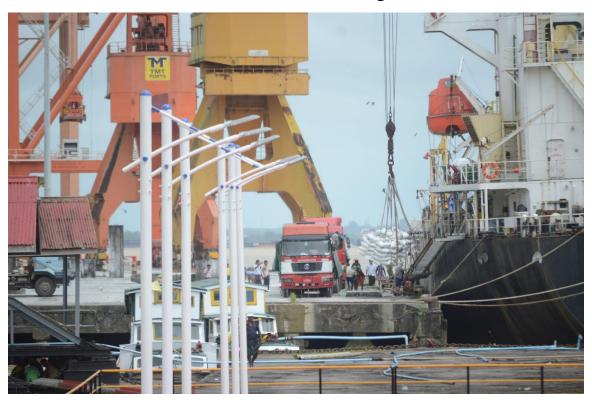
Myanmar's Military in the Lands of Smoke and Mirrors

Despite malign foreign interferences, Myanmar's economy and trade are rebounding



Export rice bags are seen being loaded onto one overseas-going vessel at Yangon Port. A total of 306 cargo ships docked at Yangon Port in the first half of 2022 (Jan-June), according to the Myanma Port Authority.

Examination of causative factors leading to the Rohingya conflict and a possible avenue of return to their homeland

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Summary

Although Myanmar's trade and economy are improving and it is open again for tourism granting e-visas to citizens of over a hundred countries, isolated conflicts continue in some rural areas. Nevertheless, a pall lies over Myanmar's government cast by charges of a genocide. Western media has unilaterally pinned the blame for that genocide on Myanmar's military. This book presents strong evidence US paramilitary gleaned from US Special Operations Forces (SOF) were and still are very actively funding and promoting "independence movements" in Myanmar making the conflicts there a covert proxy war driven by the US as compared to a civil conflict. For example, Free Burma Rangers (FBR) is an American "Christian" NGO founded in 1997 by David Eubank, a former US Army Ranger and Special Force major, and Eliya Samson, a Karen "National Liberation Army" soldier. The sources of FBR's funding are nebulous however it appears to be funded by the US black budget "defense" expenditures which were estimated at \$81.1 billion in 2020 and includes the notorious 127e program. FBR claims to provide "relief and assistance to oppressed people in Burma, Sudan, Kurdistan, Iraq, and Syria until freedom and sustainable peace finally comes to them..." Those however are a great deal more than "relief organizations" as they explicitly encourage violent separatist movements. In response to the military coup ousting the American choice for leadership in Myanmar Aung San Suu Kyi, who placidly presided over the worst genocide of the 21st Century, USAID, another notorious US "regime change" organization immediately redirected \$42 million to help stimulate the already American radicalized minorities in Myanmar's resource rich regions exacerbating the US driven conflict while laughably claiming to promote "peace, democracy, and freedom." Myanmar's military accurately views those "independence movements" as foreign supported violent separatists which must be strongly resisted. No government will permit violent separatist movements free reign (e.g., the American Civil War), and all will vigorously fight back against them. FBR, like so many American sponsored "independence" movements claim to be a humanitarian organization, however the many violent conflicts it promotes belie that thin cover story.

In 2015 Reuters reported a "Myanmar court convicted five people for spreading fabricated allegations that a Muslim man raped a Buddhist woman, which led to deadly riots" the previous July, suggesting fake rape allegations were a strategy known to the rabidly democratic Buddhist nationalist majority. There is a reasonably high probability real rapes and gang rapes did occur, however definitive proof of the identities of the rapists has never been put forward and one must acknowledge any group of men can don police and/or military uniforms and pose as police and/or military officers, while most victims will cling to the perceived identity of the assailants until their dying breath, never knowing for sure if their initial perceptions were in fact correct. This appears to also be a strategy often employed in the current Ukraine proxy war as well, and was most certainly

well known in the old south of the US having led to innumerable lynchings. Preserving the chain of evidence for rape convictions is a specialized field of medical and police work, and no such proofs have been put forward in Myanmar (or Ukraine). The aforementioned Reuters 2015 article went on to report that Myanmar "has struggled to contain outbreaks of anti-Muslim violence in which at least 240 people have been killed since June 2012" and "most of the victims have been Muslims and riots are often preceded by claims that a Muslim man raped a Buddhist woman, as was the case in Mandalay." In other words, the pro-democratic forces have a long record discrediting themselves as a legitimate political force, and false rape charges are one of their standard, if not preferred methods of garnering international attention and promoting their "cause."

In sum, it appears US intelligence, SOFs and corporate influence, aided by India and US trained and radicalized pro-democracy and anti-Muslim bigot Buddhist nationalists led to the Rohingya genocide and other violent conflicts involving minorities in Myanmar. For all practical purposes, Myanmar has been a colonized nation for most of the time from the mid-16th Century to January 2022 when it finally rid itself of western oil corporation Chevron however strong vestiges of that foreign rule remain inside Myanmar. Myanmar's military during that long period of time was largely a tool of western powers because militaries ultimately work for those who pay them and proving motivation for that military to unilaterally launch a genocide is not going to be easy whereas numerous human rights organizations have published reports Myanmar's military operated on behalf of foreign corporate entities.

The genocide in Myanmar is not an isolated case, as it followed a long string of relatively similar events in other countries also backed by American political, corporate and intelligence forces.

Pushing for absolute power and legitimacy in Myanmar, a US backed color revolution succeeded in taking over the leadership. Whereas Aung San Suu Kyi was America's choice for Myanmar's leadership, she wasn't a complete fool either and went ahead with infrastructure developments plans as part of the trans-continental Belt and Road Initiative launched by President Xi in 2013. Whereas in the old days "one eye west, one eye east" was the strategy employed by most developing nations, in the Trump/Biden era absolute obedience to Washington's dicta has been required or the wavering national leader of that country is deposed one way or another.

Facilitating that process in Myanmar, Buddhists were over a 20+ year period radicalized by (pseudo-) Buddhist monk Ashin Wirathu and the Rohingya radicalized by US covert and proxy operatives, including elements from the GCC, (the same GCC that has pursued a US directed and armed genocidal hegemonic war against Yemen since 2011). In Myanmar that process was made easier by longstanding US leadership and connections in Myanmar's organized crime dating back at least to 1949 when American sponsored Nationalists lost their proxy war against China and the creation of the "Golden Triangle."

The combined results of those interferences in the domestic affairs of Myanmar led to the genocide, defaming Myanmar and setting the stage for sanctions and trade blacklisting.

A central theme of this book suggests these machinations were set in motion by US foreign policy makers in an effort to block China's trade routes and assistance in infrastructure development, in promotion of US efforts to construct a new iron curtain dividing most of Asia from the rest of the world as per Hillary Clinton's "Pivot to Asia" initiative published in 2011 and ultimately the American drive for hegemony in perpetuity, which means "global domination forever," the singular goal of US foreign policy and military planners. Near the end this book, a solution oriented, phased-in series of steps is outlined that includes granting citizenship to and resettling about a million refugees within protected new development zones in a semi-autonomous portion of Rakhine state. Sanctioning and starving the entire nation, and a glacial effort at ICC prosecution of Myanmar's leadership will not lead to a peaceful solution to the Rohingya travesty, however a vastly more detailed examination of the causative factors leading to it, combined with a realistic resettlement program might.

Key words: Burma, Myanmar, Rohingya, CIA, American Unocal, Chevron, French Total, hegemony in perpetuity, color revolution, genocide, Belt and Road Initiative, peace

India's Role in the US Proxy War on Myanmar (and on China)

Just as India had in the past aided US foreign policy objectives against China through hosting violent militant groups targeting Tibet, India is once again hosting militants, this time targeting China's BRI partner, Myanmar in Southeast Asia.

Reuters admits that armed militants and their weapons are staged inside India, crossing over the border to fight Myanmar's troops and then seeking safety back in Indian territory.

Reuters also hints at the so-called "National Unity Government" likely being based in India – putting at risk youths it has told to "fight" Myanmar's military while hiding in safety abroad.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g77S5FKkbPQ Referring to:

https://www.reuters.com/world/asia-pacific/myanmars-chin-state-grassroots-rebellion-grows-2021-12-10

Also see:

https://www.asia-pacificresearch.com/india-role-us-proxy-war-myanmar-china/5630885

https://www.globalresearch.ca/video-western-hegemony-declines-us-attempts-recreate-arab-spring-asia/5753188

GT Investigates: US wages global color revolutions to topple govts for the sake of American control

TRUE COLORS OF 'DEMOCRACY' By GT staff reporters Published: Dec 02, 2021

...To start a revolution, first you need to pick a color.

Whether it is the "Rose Revolution" in Georgia in 2003, the "Orange Revolution" in Ukraine in 2004, the "Tulip Revolution" in Kyrgyzstan in 2005, or the "Arab Spring" in Asia and Africa in 2011, the past decades have seen the US plan and implement "color revolutions," or wars without gunpowder in many places around the world, frantically exporting "American values."

Instead of launching military operations directly in the name of "democracy," the US prefers to use color revolutions as a tool to intervene in other countries' internal affairs to subvert governments in order to reinforce its global control, which the US has found more efficient and economical.

It is estimated that in the past three decades, among all the toppled governments, those that were subverted by such "non-violent revolutions" accounted for more than 90 percent.

Before that, during the Cold War, the US engaged in 64 covert and six overt attempts at regime change, according to Covert Regime Change: America's Secret Cold War, by Lindsey A. O'Rourke.

However, what color revolutions left in their wake are neither peace nor Western democracy, but mass confusion, chaos, and destruction in the target countries.

https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202112/1240540.shtml

The colonialists (quote)

"Don't worship Europe in its totality. There is good as well as evil everywhere. There are angels and devils everywhere. There are devils with the faces of angels, and angels with the faces of devils everywhere. And there is one thing that stays the same, Child, that is eternal: The colonialist is always a devil.

"You live in a colonial world; you can't get away from that. But it doesn't matter, as long as you understand: He is a devil until the end of the world. He is Satan.

"I heard the bitterness in her words. I recognized that she was confronting an enemy who could be neither opposed nor threatened, a devil immune to insults, blows, tears or pain..."

Child of All Nations, by Pramoedya Ananta Toer, 1925, 1979, 1991 1993, Penguin Books 1996, softcover, P. 82

Meta-analysis of conflict in Myanmar and other developing countries

And the most probable results

The biggest difference between the US and China is not so much political and economic per se, but simply that in China the government can control the corporations, whereas in the US, corporations - that are driven only by quarterly dividends - completely control the government. This has resulted in China making friends internationally and a booming global trade system, whereas the US has and continues to find itself locked out of markets worldwide because of its ultra-violent methods of attempting to take over foreign governments by fueling violent revolutions in the name of democracy. Most political candidates in smaller countries cannot financially compete with American corrupt methods to determine who will win in those "democratic" elections. When failing to grab the power in developing countries, the US fosters revolutions and the militaries in those countries have little or no choice but to install dictatorships in order to maintain some form of independence from total US domination which invariably includes American imposed puppet presidents, extreme oppression via so-called "neo-liberal," economic policies and the loss of those nations' national resources (for "pennies on the dollar"). This same scenario has been and continues to play out in dozens of countries and Myanmar is one such example of those processes. And thus, major US industries are currently locked out of Myanmar – one of the most diversely rich nations in Asia in regards to natural resources. Being a rather sore loser, the US used the international consolidated corporate owned news media to pin the blame for the recent genocide in Myanmar on the military (rather than taking responsibility for funding and promoting inter-ethnic conflict among Myanmar's religious groups), and (using Gambia, a sycophantic surrogate state) pressured the International Court of Justice to prosecute¹ it (because the US is not a signatory nation to the International Court of Justice).

Given that global situation, the American tendency towards self-imposed political and economic isolation, and extreme debts, it should come as no surprise the CIA has targeted China as its number one enemy. That President Biden disagreed and instead provoked a proxy war in Ukraine against Russia, reveals from the point of view of the CIA, a major flaw in the democratic system. Though that flaw slowed down the CIAs march towards world domination it has certainly not stopped it as increasing disinformation² spread via

¹ "Ain't no such thing as self-defense in the court of law"

² Reading that CNN report one might notice the sources of information are all anonymous and it is completely based on highly creative conjecture from those anonymous sources as there is no evidence to support any of those allegations. Lacking any substantiation whatsoever it appears to be classic "fake news" AKA propaganda, AKA provocative disinformation preparing the US public for US military aggression against China which will probably be initiated by a false-flag operation of some kind, probably in the South China Sea.

corporate controlled ("news") media regarding China's role in world affairs, is being sold as "information warfare," and the US tax-paying public is not objecting. The end result of the CIA's "impossible dream" of controlling the entire world forever (hegemony in perpetuity) will be thermonuclear war, and already the American corporate controlled media machine is preparing the US public for that eventually by minimizing the effects of that war, failing to mention obliteration of Western civilization will be followed by revolutions around the world against western imposed governments. That is surely to be followed by the electrical systems within most of those nations failing, and biological pathogens in the US' 300+ biological research labs scattered around the world leaking out from the defrosted freezers. There is at least a 50/50 chance those pathogens will result in the extinction of humanity as a species.

Chapter 1

As unlikely as it may seem at first glance, this book is equally about saving the USA as it is about attempting to correct the record and facilitate healing the wounds in Myanmar.

Never in world history has any nation rampaged around the world starting so many wars, overthrowing so many governments, killing so many millions of people, and displacing some 100+ million other human beings, as has the USA just since WWII. There are very good reasons Americans don't trust their news or politicians. Cognitive dissonance experienced by tax paying American voters knowing the truths of that horror against the backdrop of the so-called "rules-based order" of American politics, is very probably at the root of why so many Americans have to find refuge in excessive alcohol, drugs, and fantasy movies wherein superheroes with "magical powers" act like Gods to solve unsolvable problems, for only in fantasy can Americans escape the horrific truths they know in their hearts they support by paying taxes to history's most ruthless unregulated predator: The US military-industrial-media-academic-carceral complex.

To a large extent, the US needs healing too, to excise the malign forces in the American corporate, intelligence and military establishments that have led to the longstanding psychotic fantasy of "hegemony in perpetuity" that is firmly entrenched in the American so-called "defense" doctrine and has caused more child abuse and murders, destruction of nations and entire continents as has the USA since 1945. The case of the genocide in Myanmar is just one of more than dozens of such spinoffs on the American delusional quest for global domination.

Certainly, Myanmar is in need of healing, and in that process, they have the potential to help Americans begin to understand their largely corrupt elected leadership is, behind their Oz like curtain, primarily responsible.

https://www.businessinsider.com/congress-stock-act-violations-senate-house-trading-2021-9

https://prospect.org/power/three-more-senators-violated-the-stock-act https://readsludge.com/2020/01/13/the-members-of-congress-who-profit-from-war

As in most wars, Euro-American media report they are winning until they lose and the US has all but entirely lost the proxy war it started in Myanmar. True, there are still isolated pockets of American backed resistance, but Myanmar's economy is moving forward by leaps and bounds, its exports are up, construction is going on around the country and the nation is open again for tourism and trade despite American sanctions. Yet, a terrible legacy remains, there is a politically driven case against Myanmar's military on the ICJ's docket and there is much work to be done.

Answers to questions regarding who really was behind the genocide there have yet to appear in western mainstream media because corporate owned western media is still stinging from the fact the violence they helped provoke finally resulted in western energy corporations having to leave the riches of Myanmar behind and get out.

The so-called "International Court of Justice" (ICJ) is not working to promote peace by focusing on Myanmar's military as the primary belligerent when it should be instead be investigating and prosecuting American funded separatist movements in Myanmar and the American Intelligence Community (IC, consisting of 50 separate, but overlapping agencies, departments, services and bureaus) that funds and coordinates their activities. Suppose a foreign nation was openly funding violent separatist movements in the US, and the ICJ decided to prosecute the FBI for resisting them. Would that be justice?

Myanmar is still one of Asia's richest countries in terms of natural resources, and one of the world's least developed nations ranking 147 out of 188 nations. That is hardly surprising given it has been for all practical purposes a colony of western nations going back at least to British colonization 1824. It only finally became truly free in January 2022 when ChevronTexaco Corporation finally got up and left. Good riddance.

In December 2021 the UNDP published a report titled: "Myanmar urban poverty rates set to triple, new United Nations survey finds." It has been a rocky road for Myanmar due to a legacy of invasions by foreign powers, an ongoing unreported proxy war, intercommunal violence, US sanctions and most recently an international blacklisting of all gems and mineral exports from Myanmar. If the US wanted to exterminate the entire population of a nation (an even more devastating genocide than the most recent one the CIA engineered), it appears Myanmar (like Venezuela, Afghanistan, Somalia, and even Ukraine) is on that list. But again, like usual, they are failing.

Public perception is a highly malleable thing, and attempting to untangle the series of events leading to the Rohingya genocide in Myanmar is a daunting task.

This book first looks at potential motives, methods and opportunities for various parties within Myanmar and abroad to launch that genocide, with the preeminent question being, who was primarily responsible for that long series extreme crimes? Although mainstream western media news sources have unanimously convicted Myanmar's military of those crimes, many questions remain unanswered and the gaping wounds of the surviving victim families and communities from which they came remain open. There is no doubt 1) more thorough investigations are needed, 2) US and French economic, political and social influences in Myanmar played a significant if not commanding role in the genocide, and very thorough, honest investigations into their actions leading to that genocide and expulsion of the Rohingya are most certainly warranted.

Today, there are 980,000 refugees and asylum-seekers from Myanmar in neighboring countries. Approximately 919,000

Rohingya refugees are living at the Kutupalong and Nayapara refugee camps in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar region — which have grown to become some of the largest and most densely populated camps in the world.

https://www.unrefugees.org/news/rohingya-refugee-crisis-explained

Upon close examination, it appears cross-sections of both the Buddhist and Muslim communities in Myanmar were radicalized by US relatively covert means thereby setting the genocide in motion with the goal being to squash Myanmar as an active participant in China's Belt and Road trade and infrastructure development projects.

Ample evidence in Asia and Africa verifies nations that participate in China's trade and development projects are more likely to experience "color revolutions," genocides and civil wars, and in each case the fingerprints of American manipulations principally through US government funded so-called "NGO" payoffs, USAID and other US tax supported "regime change" entities, using political and/or religious radicalization campaigns are found if looked for.

There are many kinds of colonialism. Often drugs are used to 1) generate profits for the colonialists, and 2) soften up the target country. Drugs offer a highly deceptive cover for colonialist intent.

Opium in Myanmar (1885-1948) (Dissertation) by Aye Aye Hlaing, Department of History, University of Mandalay, Myanmar

ABSTRACT

In Myanmar, Dutch traders trafficked opium in the 16th century. But the Myanmar kings gave punishment to the opium-eaters or opium users, even death sentences. Thus, the danger of opium was present during the reign of Myanmar's kings. But after Myanmar had been annexed by the British government, licenses were issued for opening opium shops, and the Myanmar people, then were confronted with the dangers of opium... Next, it is discussed that the use of opium for healing or for remedy in the tradition of Myanmar indigenous medicine was transformed into the abuse of opium which resulted from the bad heritage of colonialism. In other words, it is highlighted that it was the British colonialists who first brought the problem of drug abuse which followed the abuse of opium, in Myanmar. Although the British government earned a lot of income or revenue collected on opium license and the opium shops, some Myanmar became the victims of opium as opium eaters or smokers...

https://meral.edu.mm/record/667/file_preview/OPIUM%20IN%2 0MYANMAR%20%281885-1948%29%20Daw%20Aye%20Aye%20Hlaing.pdf

Brief Myanmar Timeline over the past 441 years

1581 – Opium enters Myanmar through India. Though the Dutch East India Company was officially established March 20, 1602, those traders were in business long before its official inauguration. (For the record, Myanmar's police are still fighting western drug infestations in that nation.)

1751 French invasions – Large scale slaughter and theft

1824 - 1948 British colonial period

1949 CIA worked with Taiwanese in the international opium and heroin business in Myanmar (then called Burma), one of three nations that was and still is part of the so-called 'Golden Triangle.'

1992 - 2022 At the beginning this period French and American oil corporations Total S.A., and Unocal respectively largely ruled Myanmar, however over the decades other foreign investors entered the market. On August 10, 2005, Unocal merged its entire upstream petroleum business with Chevron and became a wholly-owned subsidiary. "On October 15, 2000, Chevron announced acquisition of Texaco in a deal valued at \$45 billion, creating the second-largest oil company in the United States and the world's fourth-largest publicly traded oil company with a combined market value of approximately \$95 billion. The acquisition was completed on October 9, 2001. The merged company was named "ChevronTexaco". On May 9, 2005, ChevronTexaco announced it would drop the Texaco moniker and return to the Chevron name. Texaco remained as a brand under the Chevron Corporation.")

Chevron and Total withdraw from Myanmar gas project, Jan 21, 2022

French energy firm cites worsening human rights for decision in victory for campaigners

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2022/jan/21/chevron-and-total-withdraw-from-myanmar-gas-project

Though some other energy-related companies also left in 2022, Thailand's PTTEP and South Korea's POSCO had taken over necessary duties of departing companies to keep things running. In addition, Myanmar's Union Minister Aung Naing Oo said "China-Myanmar cooperative efforts are underway and that Myanmar will receive quality help from China regarding the petroleum and natural gas sector. The minister also told the press that Myanmar is home to sources of petroleum and natural gas and, since

Myanmar's neighbors are always in need of those, the country's petroleum and natural gas sector will remain an attractive destination for foreign investment."

Since British colonialization (1824), the people of Myanmar including its military had maybe one year at most of self-rule. That year, if it was a year, was 1948-1949.

From 1824 foreigners controlled the purse-strings and government. Who then is ultimately responsible for major national events during that long, long time? Armies ultimately follow orders. Who was giving the orders?

The fabulous riches of Myanmar

Myanmar is one of the metal, mineral³, and gemstone richest countries in the world.

Uranium

Union Govt Resumes Plans for Uranium Extraction in Hpakant, January 15th 2021

In cooperation with a Russian company, the military government sent a team in 2008 to evaluate how much uranium ore was in Kaseng Bum, located in Hawng Per village-tract. It was determined there could be deposits of as much as 200 million tons in the mountain. After fighting broke out between the Burma Army and Kachin Independence Army in 2011, the Russians dropped its feasibility study...

https://kachinnews.com/2021/01/15/uranium-in-hpakant

No doubt the fracking industry in the US generated some rather negative sentiment among local residents, but fortunately no foreign governments (illegally) fueled that conflict, unlike in Myanmar where the US immediately went about further fuelling separatist movements for example by insertion of the well funded Free Burma Rangers (FBR).

The resource richest regions in Myanmar are where the US focused its primary forces to Balkanize the nation.

Gemstones

Myanmar rubies and jadeite continue to command the highest prices on international markets, and Myanmar is the world's single largest source of jadeite (jade) globally, responsible for an estimated 90% of global production.

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³ Metals are elements whereas minerals are compounds of various elements.

Colored gemstones are mined in approximately 50 countries worldwide. Of these, Myanmar is renowned for its abundance of high-quality gemstones, including world-class rubies, sapphires (ruby and sapphire are both a variety of corundum) and jadeite. Other gemstone varieties found in Myanmar include spinel, diamonds, tourmaline, peridot, topaz, garnet, moonstone, lapis lazuli, chrysoberyl, amber, quartz, and more. There are also a few extremely rare varieties of gemstone that are unique to Myanmar and have never been found anywhere else in the world.

https://s3.amazonaws.com/rgi-documents/d43b8fa2fccb3ede7cf449d36078537617307d48.docx

Myanmar is one of the richest countries in the world in regards to many kinds of metallic minerals as well including copper, gold, lead, tin, tungsten, zinc, nickel and silver.

https://www.valentisasia.com/about/myanmars-mineral-sector

Myanmar holds 23 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) of proven gas reserves as of 2017, ranking 39th in the world.

https://www.worldometers.info/gas/myanmar-natural-gas/

Myanmar is one of the world's oldest oil producers. It is estimated to have huge oil and gas reserves, however few fields are currently producing and most deposits remain unexplored.

https://www.charltonsmyanmar.com/natural-resources/myanmar-oil-and-gas/

Thus, in addition to Myanmar's geo-strategic location, it should be no surprise the US would wish to dominate and totally exploit it. The best way to do that, western policy makers believe, is to cause chaos, civil war, international condemnation, and extreme poverty.

Though China is there to lend a hand in the development of Myanmar's natural and human resources, the US has identified China as the number one threat in the world, and is doing its best to economically strangle it as well. This is not a unique situation. Chose a war, any war, and one will find a US attempt to absorb it into the sphere of the unabashedly predatory Euro-American empire while attempting to block China's efforts at assisting that nation off its knees. American foreign policy makers call this approach "Realpolitik" however it is an attempt at enforcing global slavery just the same.

Americans learned from the British there are no friendships in politics only interests. Chinese business developers however do consider friendship a valuable and real entity, which is probably one reason the Chinese-led Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) has had such resounding success since its inauguration in 2013.

Myanmar's oil and gas industries

Burma has one of the most diverse energy sectors in the ASEAN region, consisting of 62 hydropower projects, 20 gas-fired power plants, one coal-fired power plant, and numerous renewable and solar power projects across the country. Current oil and gas production does not fully supply the country's requirements, while large quantities of natural gas are exported to neighboring countries such as Thailand and China under contracts with developers.

The dynamic oil and gas sector reflects the high demand for electricity consumption generated by the government's ambitious Myanmar Energy Master Plan (MEMP). The sector attracted more than \$22.4 billion in foreign direct investment (FDI) from 154 permitted foreign enterprises, approximately 30 percent of Burma's total FDI. While there is optimism regarding Burma's potential O&G reserves, there is also a large degree of uncertainty. MoEE highlights 16.6 trillion cubic feet (Tcf) of proven onshore and offshore natural gas reserves for investment opportunities, but further exploration may unveil more substantial reserves. Burma has 53 inland blocks in operation;17 blocks are operated by 12 companies, mostly international companies. Offshore areas are divided into 51 blocks, of which 18 are in operation, and 24 out of 51 are classified as deep sea. The existing major offshore gas projects are Yadana Project, Yetagon Project, Shwe Project (exporting gas to China), and the Zawtika Project, with 75 percent of production exported to Thailand and China. The total length of natural gas pipeline in the country is 2,200 miles. Burma has 45 compressed natural gas (CNG) filling stations and has over 27,000 CNG vehicles. The average domestic natural gas supply is 300 Mcf per day.

Crude Oil: Burma obtains its crude oil sources from both onshore and offshore sites. There are three refinery plants in Burma: the Thanlyin plant, the biggest refinery, the Chauk refinery, and the Mann petrochemical complex. Together, 17 oil blocks are in the production phase, and the total daily output was approximately 10,902 bbl/d in FY 2019-2020, with 40 percent of total production from the onshore Salin basin, which is situated near the two largest oil fields, the Chauk and YeNanGyaung sites. Both are operated by

Interra Resources, a Singapore-based firm. To fulfill the country's crude oil demand, 950,000 tons were imported in 2020.

Mid and Downstream: Starting from the 2010 Burma market liberalization, mid-and downstream industries, such as the distribution and retail businesses related to fuel and petroleum products, have expanded with the growth of gas filling stations, storage facilities, and distribution networks. The lubricant market is also growing due to a large number of imported vehicles as well as industrial and agricultural machines and equipment.

According to the Ministry of Commerce (MOC) and Custom Department data, the country's total fuel consumption in 2019-2020 was 6.54 million MT. Burma imported over \$ 3.5 billion worth of petroleum products in FY 2019-2020. One of the biggest market players is the Singapore Puma Energy group, which is the only supplier of jet fuel in the local market. Puma Energy also operates the largest oil products storage facility in Burma.

Burma is one of the fastest-growing ASEAN markets for lubricants. Currently, Burma consumes yearly around 134 million liters of finished lubricants. Over a hundred brands of lubricants have been imported to the Burmese market after the government modified its vehicle import policy. Some big lubricant companies operating in Burma are U.S.-owned Chevron, Shell from the Netherlands, and the Japanese company ENEOS. Burma imported 131,710 tons of lubricants in FY 2019-2020, with a total value of \$161 million. Major lubricant import partners for Burma are Singapore, Thailand, and the UAE.

https://www.trade.gov/country-commercial-guides/burma-oil-and-gas

Myanmar's enormous gas reserves are not at this time estimated to parallel its rather limited oil reserves, going to prove the adage: Nobody can have everything.

One can safely scratch Chevron off that list, thanks to US longstanding and ongoing extremely violent interferences in Myanmar. Organizing and funding violent separatist movements and very effectively radicalizing and turning one community against another, is an extreme violation of the UN Charter that absolutely prohibits interference in the domestic affairs of other nations, and instead promotes good neighborly relations.

Myanmar holds 50,000,000 barrels of proven oil reserves as of 2016, ranking 76th in the world and accounting for about 0.0% of the world's total oil reserves of 1,650,585,140,000 barrels. Myanmar has proven reserves equivalent to 1.1 times its annual consumption.

https://www.worldometers.info/oil/myanmar-oil

None-the-less, Myanmar's combined extensive natural resources make it a natural target for US interests, along with other resource rich countries like Iran, Iraq, Syria and of course, Russia.

The USA's mad drive for global domination in perpetuity

The genesis of the genocide in Myanmar relates to American hegemonic dreams of "Super Imperialism" imposed by debts and Balkanization of all competing world powers. US Democrats and Republicans squabbled over "who to get" first, China or Russia, but as luck would have it, Biden won the 2000 election and Russia was chosen as the first target, at least for a while.

Given that Southeast Asia is nothing more than a section of the American global chessboard, the US is highly motivated to either totally control, or smash the economies there. Japan, is so deeply embedded within the US economy (holding debt in treasury bonds) they can't really afford to back out, but other nations are not so willing to play "follow the leader" any more, given Euro-American increasingly militaristic and predatory political (fake democracies and puppet presidents) and economic policies (like neoliberalism that starve the poor and working class). Despite all the empty rhetoric from the US asserting that China is out to destroy it, China is the second largest holder of US debt. Damaging the US in any way is not in China's interest and the people on Capital Hill and in Langley know that perfectly well, but the US is hell-bent on global domination and that means: Destroy China.

US, and Western Europe's reinforcement history for seeking global domination is long.

Events in Myanmar relate to larger global issues and are related to NATOs continued eastward expansion after the end of the Cold War especially since 1990. That successful eastward expansion emboldened the US as they came to believe global hegemony was very possible indeed. NATO has proven to be a useful ally (for now) in the US quest for absolute global domination. South Asia is piece of cake compared to Russia (they think), and yet the pieces were already set in motion to divide and rule Russia as well.



Source: NATO via DW

In spite of many assurances NATO "would not move one inch eastward" after dismantling the Berlin Wall and collapse of the Soviet Union, they moved right up to the borders of Russia anyways, proving a set-in-stone rule: "No one can ever trust the USA."

The genocide in Myanmar can be further traced back to 1492, when Columbus first landed on the Americas. People marvel at the glories of Renaissance arts and sciences in Europe, but most fail to realize those advances were paid for with gold stolen and oceans of blood violently spilled during successive genocides of the Native Americans.

Likewise, one can find a reinforcement history for Europeans to travel long distances to colonize foreign lands starting with the First Crusade in 1095 led by Byzantine emperor Alexios I Komnenos followed by seven more constituting nearly two hundred years of European broken contracts, thefts and endless violence.

Maddened by victory, the crusaders rushed through the streets, killing everyone in sight. They beheaded men, rapaciously raped and murdered women and children. Historian Steven Runciman wrote that the massacre at Jerusalem 'emptied Jerusalem of its Muslim and Jewish inhabitants.' (A History of the Crusades: The First Crusade. Vol.1, p. 287) Thomas Asbridge painted the crusaders in the same dark colour: he referred to them as 'blood-hungry,

ravening packs who overran the Holy City.' (The Crusades: The Authoritative History of The War For The Holy Land, p. 101) He further writes that 'the Frankish massacre was not simply a feral outburst of bottled rage; it was a prolonged callous campaign of killing that lasted at least two days and it left the city awash with blood and littered with corpses.' (p. 102)

http://www.crusadesandcrusaders.com/2014/03/18/siege-jerusalem-1099-savage-massacre-typical-post-siege-violence

Those who might be surprised at this should be aware that's the way westerners have always gone about their attacks upon the east. Perhaps it's the Neanderthal DNA, or and/or Hubris? Who knows. Most expanding empires in ancient history expanded through adjacent nations first, however since the Roman Empire, and especially the past 500 years global domination appears the goal.

Taking a longer view one can trace the American driven genocide in Myanmar to the year 325 when Roman Emperor Constantine re-engineered the Christian religion into a weapon of war and tool for conquest.

Trends inherent within the reinforcement history of Euro-America suggest that *not* being Caucasian, Christian, American or Western European, all the people of Myanmar (Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East) are targets for Euro-American slaughter sooner or later. Thus nations like Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Israel are only pushing "the problem" on to their children and/or grandchildren, rather than pulling together with the rest of the developing world in resisting Euro-American global hegemony. US draconian methods to attain that hegemony are legendary (e.g., Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq wars plus sixty more countries at least just since WWII), yet most US activities in most other nations usually fall beneath the radar of the so-called "free press." For example:

Burma Accuses CIA of Involvement in KNU Assassination 9/10/2007

Dhaka: The Burmese military government has accused the CIA via its state-run newspaper of involvement in the assassination of a Karen commander from the KNU who wanted to negotiate a ceasefire with the junta.

The article published Saturday in The Mirror, also known as Kyimon, claimed that the assassination of Colonel Kyi Min was a CIA plot, and that KNU operatives were acting under CIA control.

Colonel Kyi Min, Commander In-charge of Karen Liberation Army Regiment 18 from Bridge 6, was assassinated last month by unknown armed assailants on the Homh Tharaw River near the Thai-Burma border.

The murder occurred as he was returning to his headquarters from a Burmese army camp after discussions with Burmese officials.

The Mirror report also made accusations that one general from the US Army and CIA visited an insurgent group to provide military aid and training to detonate bombs inside Burma. The report did not, however, mention the name of the respective insurgent group on the border.

Accusations of frequent visits to insurgent camps along the Thai-Burma border to provide military aid and training were also thrown at former Military Attache to Burma Robert Helvey, retired US Air Force officer Michael Mitchell, retired US Marine officer Gene Sharp, and former US special forces officer David Eubank.

The US officials were also accused of praising several insurgent groups, including the ABSDF, NCGUB, SSA-A, CRDB, and DAB for efforts to "foil the stability and development of Burma" by means of terrorist act such as bombs planted inside Burma.

The Burmese military government often makes such accusations against the United States and Britain whenever public unrest stirs in Burma, said one Burmese politician.

https://web.archive.org/web/20110430222348/http://www.narinjara.com/details.asp?id=1434

In the looking glass world of the CIA, negotiating is bad, war is good and the Burmese military government was probably right in their accusations referred to above.

True, there have been conflicts between Buddhists and Muslims in the region for centuries as Myanmar is along the faultline between Buddhist East Asia and Muslim Central Asia. But that was not the spark or real driving force that led to the genocide in Myanmar and it now being cut off from the economies of the western world. Those are direct results of the Euro-American imposed New Cold War aided by India). The genocide? Just a useful tool to facilitate that effort while simultaneously terrorizing and murdering Muslims - all part of the "Great Game," as the British like to call it. One could argue the 20^{th} Century was led by WWI and the Ottoman Empire's defeat in the war in 1918 which was crucial in the eventual dissolution of the empire in 1922.

In more recent times China has been and continues to work assisting Myanmar's development and international trade, but CIA agents (NGOs in addition to Indian "proxyrebels") in Myanmar relentlessly do everything they can to demonize, halt or at least slow down that process, and given their large footprint over a very long period of time, the CIA probably still has webs of resources within Myanmar's underworld of organized crime as well as within their religious communities.

Myanmar's per capita income as of 2020, was \$ 1,232, less than 1/20th of what it should be if the CIA hadn't been meddling in that country since 1949 with their construction of the Golden Triangle opium consortium. Myanmar is the 5th poorest country in Asia after Afghanistan, Nepal, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan, yet unlike the others (excepting Afghanistan) Myanmar is a resource rich nation. That is sometimes called the "resource curse," as colonial nations always swoop in on such places and cruelly dominate and exploit them. Not surprisingly most of Google's top ranked articles on the "resource curse" blame local leadership, but invariably fail to mention the role of western corporate interests and their ability to determine who the leaders of those nations will be.

Who among Myanmar's population executed the genocide and continue to provoke problems today? They call themselves "pro democracy" but (for the most part) don't realize they are working as foreign agents of the US alt-right and have been conned and hypnotized into betraying their own nation, religions, and families.



China the bully? China builds things while the US pays for, organizes and totally supports revolutions, genocides and wars around the world. China doesn't do those things and has lifted more people out of poverty than any other nation on earth, while the USA has pushed more countries *into* poverty than any other nation on earth.



And of course, there is the most notorious of all US regime change pseudo-NGOs, NED.



https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/a/201908/17/WS5d578b28a310cf3e355664f1 2.html

The National Endowment for Democracy is *not* a non-government organization (NGO), because it is largely supported by the US Congress.

https://www.jstage.jst.go.jp/article/kokusaiseiji1957/1998/119/1998_119_127/_article

This well-rounded approach responds to the diverse aspects of democracy and has proved both practical and effective throughout NED's history. *Funded largely by the U.S. Congress,* the support NED gives to groups abroad sends an important message of solidarity to many democrats who are working for freedom and human rights, often in obscurity and isolation.

https://www.ned.org/about

The violent revolutions NED works to achieve, always end up stripping all human rights and political independence from those nations in which it operates and then goes on to assist installment of US puppet dictators who impose "neo-liberal" economic agendas that cuts social services and forces more people into poverty. Though NED does not always attain its goal of overthrowing foreign governments (as in Venezuela and China), when it does, it accomplishes exactly the opposite of what NED claims to do.



Likewise, USAID is also a notorious branch of the US "regime change" apparatus.

https://www.usaid.gov/burma

Is there any slight possibility that Myanmar's military was not engaged in mass slaughter and raping as described in western media? Nearly a million people do not flee their homes and nation for no reason. If it wasn't the military, who was behind those crimes? Possibly the so-called "pro-democracy," nationalist (so-called) Buddhist masses and even minority "Christians" in Myanmar? Motivation, means and opportunity can be demonstrated.

They were and remain radicalized by organizations like FBR, and paid by US so-called NGOs like NED and USAID to provoke a revolution. In addition, they stole everything previously owned by the Rohingya.

Is it possible or probable some of the triggering mechanisms for the violence in Myanmar consisted of false-flag operations?

False Flag Operations

53 Admitted False Flag Attacks, by Washington's Blog and Global Research 24 February 2015The use of the bully's trick is so common that it was given a name hundreds of years ago.

"False flag terrorism" is defined as a government attacking its own people, then blaming others in order to justify going to war against the people it blames.

https://www.globalresearch.ca/53-admitted-false-flag-attacks/5432931

Among the 53 examples of false flag operations in the above cited article is:

(27) The NSA admits that it lied about what really happened in the Gulf of Tonkin incident in 1964 ... manipulating data to make it look like North Vietnamese boats fired on a U.S. ship so as to create a false justification for the Vietnam war.

Two million people were killed in that war — with American involvement in that war launched as the result of the "Gulf of Tonkin incident."

Thus, it would be no great deviation from long-standing US foreign policies if the US used their agents to radicalize Muslim, Buddhist, Christian and other communities in Myanmar.

YANGON (Reuters) - - A Myanmar court convicted five people for spreading fabricated allegations that a Muslim man raped a Buddhist woman, which led to deadly riots last July, a court official said on Friday, March 20, 2015

One Buddhist and one Muslim man were killed during two days of rioting in the central city of Mandalay, which began when a mob of about 300 Buddhists swarmed a tea shop owned by a Muslim man accused of raping a female Buddhist employee.

President Thein Sein's government launched sweeping political and economic reforms after he took office in 2011 following 49 years of military rule. However, it has struggled to contain outbreaks of anti-Muslim violence in which at least 240 people have been killed since June 2012.

Most of the victims have been Muslims and riots are often preceded by claims that a Muslim man raped a Buddhist woman, as was the case in Mandalay...

https://www.reuters.com/article/uk-myanmar-conviction-idUKKBN0MG11820150320

Though that may seem far-fetched, one should recall on one side we have the USA, a global superpower that has attacked one country after another and often many simultaneously during its entire existence, such that it has only had 17 years of peace in its entire 246 years of history – making a mad grab for the goal line (of global hegemony) to distract US citizens from the pandemic it handled so badly over a million Americans were killed, and its failing economy, and on the other side, we have the military of a colonized nation that only wanted to be free of colonial powers, the conflicts they ignited and escalated, and their agents on the ground.

But, what about the sacred cow of democracy?

Democracy was a sham from the beginning and is now even worse

Western Europeans and Americans are very proud of their democracies, yet most fail to consider what a fraud it was from the beginning, and how it has only become worse in modern times as an illusory veneer on modern day slavery married as it is to racist unrestrained capitalism still dominating most of the world.

Slaves were fundamental to the ancient economy in what I have been calling, for lack of a more precise label, the 'classical period', Greek and Roman. They were fundamental both in their employment (where they worked) and in the social structure (the reliance placed on them and their labour by the highest strata, the ruling classes).

Finley, M. I. (1973). *The ancient economy*. Berkeley: University of California Press. P. 79

Aristotle, known for his "outstanding" logic was an ardent supporter of slavery:

Aristotle: The Politics---On Slavery, c. 330 BCE

Let us first speak of master and slave, looking to the needs of practical life and also seeking to attain some better theory of their relation than exists at present... Property is a part of the household, and the art of acquiring property is a part of the art of managing the household; for no man can live well, or indeed live at all, unless he be provided with necessaries. And so, in the arrangement of the family, a slave is a living possession, and property a number of such instruments; and the slave is himself an instrument which takes precedence of all other instruments. . . The master is only the master of the slave; he does not belong to him, whereas the slave is not only the slave of his master, but wholly belongs to him. Hence we see what is the nature and office of a slave; he who is by nature not his own but another's man, is by nature a slave; and he may be said to be another's man who, being a human being, is also a possession. And a possession may be defined as an instrument of action, separable from the possessor.

But is there any one thus intended by nature to be a slave, and for whom such a condition is expedient and right, or rather is not all slavery a violation of nature? There is no difficulty in answering this question, on grounds both of reason and of fact. For that some should rule and others be ruled is a thing not only necessary, but expedient; from the hour of their birth, some are marked out for subjection, others for rule . . . Again, the male is by nature superior, and the female inferior; and the one rules, and the other is ruled; this principle, of necessity, extends to all mankind.

http://www.wright.edu/~christopher.oldstonemoore/Aristotleslavery.htm

Outstanding? Outstandingly flawed logic and repulsive to all who cherish liberty and freedom, and yet, Socrates, Aristotle and Plato are revered in the west as the fathers, or even a holy trinity of western philosophy.

Socrates and Plato on the bright side, were no supporters of democracy.

"This, then, my friend," said I, "is the fine and vigorous root from which tyranny grows, in my opinion." "Vigorous indeed," he said; "but what next?" "The same malady," I said, "that, arising in oligarchy, destroyed it, this more widely diffused and more violent as a result of this license, enslaves democracy. And in truth, any

excess is wont to bring about a corresponding reaction (279) to the opposite in the seasons, [564a] in plants, in animal bodies, (280) and most especially in political societies." "Probably," he said. "And so the probable outcome of too much freedom is only too much slavery in the individual and the state." "Yes, that is probable." "Probably, then, tyranny develops out of no other constitution (281) than democracy—from the height of liberty, I take it, the fiercest extreme of servitude."

Plato, Republic 8

http://www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/text?doc=Perseus%3Atext %3A1999.01.0168%3Abook%3D8

"The fiercest form of servitude." indeed.

Democracy and oligarchy are the handmaidens of capitalism, a splendid mechanism for slavery denying workers even the realization of their slavery.

Whereas a bit of competition can improve performance, starting WWIII to protect the wealth of the super-rich is insanity, and that is precisely what the USA is about these days.

Trade Unions challenged unrestrained capitalism for a while in the 1930s in the US, as did and does socialism, yet increasing concentrations of wealth in the hands of the few at the expense of workers has created ever larger subclasses of working poor even in developed nations. The increasing polarization between wealthy and poor was exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic that crushed hundreds of thousands of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) further enriching the already rich, and pushing the already declining middle classes into poverty. Simultaneously gun manufacturers in the USA profited hugely. Making matters much worse has been President Biden's proxy war against Russia in Ukraine, that has contributed to rapidly rising global inflation and again, greater poverty for the workers while Fortune 500 companies especially in the weapons and pharmaceutical industries reap whirlwind profits. Adding to that tyranny, Congressional representatives personally profited from the decision to pursue the US driven proxy war in Ukraine.

Did the ancient Greeks, or Romans, permit slaves to vote? Obviously not. Did the founding fathers of the US permit slaves or women to vote? The founding fathers of the USA all owned slaves and many capitalized on the slave trade. Wall Street was the location of New York's largest slave market, and it still is today.

Leading to the final demise of democracy in the US, the CIA began controlling the press in the US and worldwide shortly after it was founded in the 1950s

'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.' Trade union and government sector work was to interface with a truly sinister reorientation of foreign armed forces to become:

'The only cohesive and reliable non-communist instrument available to fledgling nations....' Those who lead or who are destined to lead must ... acquire qualifications and attributes beyond the criteria which identify the successful commander in combat...." they represent too great an investment in manpower and money to be restricted to such a limited mission....

'Properly employed, the army can become an internal motor for economic growth and social transformation ... with a high degree of discipline, dedication and political moderation ... [it] will probably, as a unit, accede to the reins of government as the only alternative to domestic chaos and leftist takeover.'" [H&M: 736. Source: Prouty, The Secret Team.]

"The action framework blueprinted by the CIA generals had no precedent in US military thinking." It reflected the thoughts of a prime backer of AIFLD, current chair of CFR, David Rockefeller.

http://www.hartford-hwp.com/archives/42a/126.html (Bold and italics added by this author.)

In the above cited article, one finds: 1) CIA manipulation of newspapers via unions, and 2) US installation of military dictatorships to suppress the left (liberals who once believed in freedom). Consequent to that, it appears a military-led dictatorship in Myanmar is the only possible defense against CIA manipulations to control the leadership in that country.

The CIA learned the wrong lesson from its defeat in Vietnam. Instead of learning that attacking distant nations is a bad idea, they decided US citizens were too well-informed, accelerated media consolidation in the US and actively worked to dumb-down the US population via truncated education and news media. Now, six corporations own 90% of American news media that ultimately determines who will become elected officials and

thus the US democracy is a sham, a thinly disguised oligarchical tyranny, obedient only to corporate fiat. In sum, democracy from ancient Greece was, like the American democracy - a fraud, and whatever freedoms a majority of Americans may once have had, have long since passed.

Thumbnail history of oil extraction in Myanmar

The History of Oil Exploration in the Union of Myanmar, by Scott E. Thornton

Abstract

The Union of Myanmar (nee Burma) has had oil exploration since the first hand-dug wells were drilled in the Central Burma basin around 900 BC. In 1755, when Myanmar was part of the British colonial empire of India, early British soldier-diplomats visited some of the hand-dug wells in the Central Burma Basin, located in the vicinity of Yenangyaung. In 1886 the British colonial Rangoon Oil Company, registered in Scotland, was organized, which later became the foundation of the storied Burmah Oil Company. Burmah drilled the first cable tool wells in 1889 in Yenangyaung, which resulted in the "discovery" of Yenangyaung Oil Field. From 1886-1901, Burmah Oil Company held a colonial monopoly in the country, until the Standard Oil gained the first lease in 1901. As the Japanese were invading, seeking a source of oil, British troops destroyed all producing wells. After the end of WWII Burmah Oil Company enjoyed an exclusive monopoly on exploration until the Union Oil Company and General Exploration Company combine obtained a huge lease for most of the Central Burma Basin outside of Burmah's producing fields in 1961 and began field work to assess how to proceed with their exploration efforts. With the nationalization of the oil industry in 1963, Burmah Oil and Union Oil lost their leases, and the newly formed state oil company, later called the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) assumed all operations. MOGE successfully delineated the older fields and found smaller fields from their own exploration. In 1988, the government opened oil and gas exploration to foreign oil companies, and Unocal again acquired a huge block in the same location. Many other companies explored the country during this first foreign involvement, but only Shell tested any significant petroleum. In 1992, TOTAL acquired a previously-discovered 3DA gas field in offshore Burma in the Irrawaddy Delta, later called Yadana Gas Field. Total was joined by Unocal Corporation as a

partner. This gas field continues to produce today, with well over 5 TCF of recoverable reserves. Texaco, Premier Oil and Nippon Oil discovered the Yetagun Gas Field in 1992, and it began production in 2000. In 2000 Daewoo International acquired exploration acreage in Western Myanmar offshore, where they discovered nearly 5 TCF of gas in the Shwe Project. Other exploration efforts, both onshore and offshore, have not yielded economic success to date, but the long saga of oil and gas exploration in Myanmar continues.

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From 1963 to 1988 then Burma controlled its own oil, but at the same time CIA was running it's "golden triangle" opium/heroin business generating even larger profits, and thus real autonomy was not achieved.

Unocal sold out to Chevron, which found the environment increasingly unappealing and finally was squeezed out of the market altogether. Before departing entirely, they "salted the earth," as ancient conquerors used to do, in an attempt to eliminate any form of later competition. Their form of "salting the earth" was extreme: A genocide used as pretext to sanction Myanmar and cut it entirely out of western economic markets. That is global tyranny, a predictable sort of thing for capitalists working without restraint protected by the CIA controlled world mainstream media. The genocide was not an internal domestic event, but rather a foreign driven proxy conflict. The CIA has had plenty of experience and expertise gleaned in other nations in creating such conflicts.

Major differences between China and western democracies

In China the government can and does still control its corporations. In the west, corporations control the governments. This is one of the primary reasons the US and NATO so avidly start and escalate wars, and China does not. It was Russia and China that liberated most of the countries in Africa, Asia and Latin American from colonial rule after the end of WWII. Then, the USA swooped in with ever more massive armies to remove socialist governments from power and install dictatorship and fake democracies, with American puppet dictators and fake presidents that totally deferred to US economic and political whims. As unbelievable as that may sound, detailed records of those events can be found in William Blum's now classic text: *Killing Hope: US Military & CIA Interventions Since World War.* Free download here:

https://archive.org/stream/pdfy-y 8iHigC3Ms5TngF/BLUM%20killing%20hope djvu.txt

The war on all religions

The Global Attack on Religion by Charles Upton

"We are all aware of the growing number of attacks on churches, mosques and synagogues around the world, including North America. Whatever attacks are not carried out by (supposedly) lone individuals are usually attributed to, or claimed by, specific known groups: Islamicist terrorists, White Supremacists, etc. But a further question must be asked: are a percentage of these attacks actually false flags, carried out by entities with an agenda of creating conflict between the religions in order to weaken them, destroy the potential solidarity between them, and limit their social influence? To begin to ask this question more thoroughly I'll need to give a little background.

"I am presently associated [as of 2020] with The Covenants Initiative, an international Muslim/Interfaith peace movement. Our movement is based on the rediscovery, by Dr. John Andrew Morrow, of the covenants or treaties concluded by the Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings be upon him, with Christians, Jews, and other faith communities of his time, as detailed in his groundbreaking work The Covenants of the Prophet Muhammad with the Christians of the World (Angelico/Sophia Perennis, 2013). The Prophet's numerous covenants with various Christian communities and monasteries command all Muslims not to kill or attack or rob or oppress or damage the buildings of peaceful Christians, but rather to actively defend them "until the coming of the Hour." We knew we were having a global influence when the Pakistan Supreme Court, in their acquittal of the Christian woman Aasia Bibi on charges of blasphemy in November of 2018, extensively cited Dr. Morrow's book as one reason for their decision.

"When the Covenants Initiative made its debut at the Christian/Muslim Dialogue hosted by the Bilal Mosque in Lexington, Kentucky in 2013, one of the members of the congregation, whose accent told us that he was from the Indian subcontinent, told a highly enlightening story: "On certain nights in my home town," he said, "unknown parties would throw pig carcasses into mosques and slaughtered cows unto Hindu temples; this made it virtually certain that there would be Muslim/Hindu riots the next day." It was obvious to him that the slaughtered animals had been placed

in those houses of worship not by Hindus or Muslims, but by unidentified third parties.

"Joachim Hagopian, in "Divide and Conquer: The Globalist Pathway to New World Order Tyranny" writes as follows of the application of the famous "divide and conquer" tactic to the creation of interreligious conflict:

"The retention of power by utilizing a deliberate strategy of causing those in subordinate positions to engage in conflicts with each other that weaken and keep them from any unified effort to remove the status quo force from power.... This divide and conquer stratagem was frequently repeated by European colonial powers typically pitting competitive tribal, ethnic and religious factions against each other to ensure they would not conspire to revolt against the ruling imperialists. In Asia the British took full advantage of Moslems versus Hindus in India as well as creating conflict between Indians and Pakistanis."

https://charles-upton.com/2019/11/03/the-global-attack-on-religion/

The American military-industrial-media-academic-incarceral junta and Eisenhower's ignored warnings

Without a free press, democracy is a sham. Besides the trivial now abandoned thing called the First Amendment and federal laws, there were also Supreme Court decisions, and many other lower court decisions affirming freedom of the press. But they have all been washed away by the military-industrial-media-academic-incarceral complex.

Hence, justification for the phrase: "American military junta," although military-industrial-media-academic-incarceral junta is more precise as all those units of American white supremacist society clearly work together in support of each other and the US federal government's drive for Euro-American global hegemony in perpetuity.

https://www.counterpunch.org/2013/09/27/teaching-and-learning-with-henry-giroux https://www.counterpunch.org/2014/05/23/psycho-politics-in-an-age-of-imperial-decline

https://www.counterpunch.org/2018/07/11/natos-crisis-and-the-trans-atlantic-conflict

https://www.counterpunch.org/2022/03/25/to-the-last-ukrainian-or-all-of-us

https://thegrayzone.com/2021/10/08/nato-cognitive-warfare-brain

https://thegrayzone.com/2021/05/13/mainstream-outlet-media-refuses-say

https://thegrayzone.com/2020/03/05/world-uyghur-congress-us-far-right-regime-change-network-fall-china

https://consortiumnews.com/2020/05/08/ray-mcgovern-once-we-were-allies-then-came-micimatt

https://consortiumnews.com/2022/05/16/ukraine-foolish-for-finland-sweden-to-join-nato

https://consortiumnews.com/2019/04/09/ray-mcgovern-unaccountable-media-faced-with-dilemma-in-next-phase-of-deep-state-gate

https://consortiumnews.com/2022/04/21/pepe-escobar-big-techs-cancel-culture-love-affair

https://consortiumnews.com/2020/05/19/ray-mcgovern-turn-out-the-lights-russiagate-is-over

And so on.

Unlike most coups the American military-industrial-media-academic-incarceral complex's takeover of the US government was slow and insidious, falling beneath the radar because the media was one of their first targets. It was not unpredicted.

On January 17, 1961, in this farewell address, President Dwight Eisenhower warned against the establishment of a "military-industrial complex." The following is quoted from near the end of that farewell address.

This conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience. The total influence-economic, political, even spiritual-is felt in every city, every state house, every office of the Federal government. We recognize the imperative need for this development. Yet we must not fail to comprehend its grave implications. Our toil, resources and livelihood are all involved; so is the very structure of our society.

In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.

We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together.

Akin to, and largely responsible for the sweeping changes in our industrial-military posture, has been the technological revolution during recent decades.

In this revolution, research has become central; it also becomes more formalized, complex, and costly. A steadily increasing share is conducted for, by, or at the direction of, the Federal government.

Today, the solitary inventor, tinkering in his shop, has been over shadowed by task forces of scientists in laboratories and testing fields. In the same fashion, the free university, historically the fountainhead of free ideas and scientific discovery, has experienced a revolution in the conduct of research. Partly because of the huge costs involved, a government contract becomes virtually a substitute for intellectual curiosity. For every old blackboard there are now hundreds of new electronic computers.

The prospect of domination of the nation's scholars by Federal employment, project allocations, and the power of money is ever present and is gravely to be regarded.

Yet, in holding scientific research and discovery in respect, as we should, we must also be alert to the equal and opposite danger that public policy could itself become the captive of a scientific-technological elite...

https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/president-dwight-d-eisenhowers-farewell-address

The following are just a few of the many, many illegal censorship mechanisms coordinated by a technological elite (about whom Eisenhower warned), and funded by the US government's military-industrial complex (about which Eisenhower's warning went unheeded), AKA, the American military junta.

Illegal US government funded censorship mechanisms

Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab (DFRLab)

https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/in-depth-research-reports/dfrlab-china-reports
Page on: "Countering Chinese disinformation reports - In-Depth Research &
Reports by Digital Forensic Research Lab" Related Experts: Iain Robertson

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 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.

https://thegrayzone.com/2019/12/08/us-uk-military-intelligence-apparatus-destroy-jeremy-corbyn/

USC Center on Public Diplomacy

Acts as a front for a number of shadowy government propaganda organizations defaming China, Russia, Iran, Syria, etc. https://uscpublicdiplomacy.org/ If an individual or organization wants to publish very negative reviews about any of American DoD's target countries or individuals, this is the place to do it. No evidence is required for the boldest of unfounded accusations, and the writers will be richly rewarded!

https://uscpublicdiplomacy.org/pdhub/library/search/US%2520Foreign%2520Policy%2520Tools%2520in%2520the%2520Era%2520of%2520Disinformation

The University of Southern California's so-called "Center on Public Diplomacy" should be renamed the "US Department of War's University Propaganda Department," bursting with disinformation, provocation, and incitement to violence against the entire world of color as it is, couched in pseudo-intellectual phraseology intended to entice other wannabe pseudo-intellectuals in their pursuit of ego, white supremacy and wealth beyond imagination. No amount of white wash will ever be enough to clean the stink off that branch of US government malfeasance.⁴

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

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

Had any president, congressional representative, or the Supreme court, any respect for law, truth and justice, freedom and/or democracy, the US government would not permit this "technological elite" representing only a tiny percentage of the US population to so totally control public narrative.

If the Ukraine War has proven anything, it is that the US Military-Industrial Media Complex can now very convincingly generate the

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⁴ Apologies to readers if this writer waxes on a bit (occasionally) with what might appear to be sarcastic commentary, however I am from an academic background (3rd generation Jesuit educated) and bitterly resent the use of intellectual sophistry to promote colonial intent.

pretext for war, and completely hide its role in provoking that war in the popular media, in record time.

Without a free press, any and all democracies are fake, and the US has been a fake democracy for decades. Corporations (and aristocracies) own governments such as in the US and UK via manipulation of mass media, and by owning the news media they determine who people will vote for. Thus, the wealthy class that own large shares in the major corporations determine who voters can vote for and "like" most, making a farse of "free elections." Most of the dictators in the world are US supported, because "we" put them in power.

British attacks on American independent news

Worse still for Americans, the British are fully "on-board" attacking American journalists and publications.

British security state collaborator Paul Mason's war on 'rogue academics' exposed by Kit Klarenberg and David Miller, June 21, 2022



"In his covert assault on antiwar scholars, "left-wing" journalist and security state collaborator Paul Mason enlisted an academic snitch who knew his targets well.

"In the latest installment of The Grayzone's ongoing investigation into the anti-democratic, security state-influenced activities of Paul Mason, we look at how one of Britain's most prominent alleged left-wing journalists and an ever-expanding cast of covert helpers targeted scholars who dared challenge establishment narratives on the conflict in Ukraine.

"Amidst his campaign to neutralize the UK antiwar left, Paul Mason declared in an email to several academics willing to inform on and

undermine their own colleagues: "the far-left rogue academics is who I'm after... The important task is to quarantine their 'soft' influencers and expose/stigmatize the hard ideologists."

"Mason's fishing expedition was conducted in apparent coordination with Andy Pryce, a senior British intelligence official involved in a series of malign information warfare and censorship initiatives.

"The journalist's key academic enabler, self-styled counterdisinformation researcher Emma Briant, not only helped further his campaign to target antiwar figures, but furnished bogus claims about one individual which appears to have inspired a BBC smear piece on academic critics of the established narrative about killings of civilians in the Ukrainian town of Bucha. Many of those she snitched on considered her a colleague and even a comrade.

"Rather than own up to the activities exposed by the leaked emails, Briant has engaged in lawfare, threatening The Grayzone with a formal "cease and desist" demand. Sent by her lawyer on June 10th, the filing falsely charged that Kit Klarenberg, one of the authors of this article, played a direct role in the "misappropriation" of private communications.

"Briant's legal counsel went on to threaten that his client would seek a "prohibitory injunction" to prevent further reporting on the leaked material, if not launch a claim for compensation due to "damage to her career and reputation," if this outlet failed to comply with the demand.

"Briant's attempt to muzzle The Grayzone is understandable, for as we will see, she has a lot to hide..."

https://thegrayzone.com/2022/06/21/british-security-state-collaborator-paul-masons-war-on-rogue-academics-exposed/

The word "quarantine" in the above quote means censor. Any and all opinions at odds with corporate dicta are viewed as a threat and censored.

It is no surprise; the Athenians likewise ordered Socrates to die for his denial of democracy as the supreme political form of government. He was given poison to drink.



The Death of Socrates - painting by Jacques Louis David, Metropolitan Museum of Art, The person who associated a work with this deed has dedicated the work to the public domain by waiving all of their rights to the work worldwide under copyright law, including all related and neighboring rights, to the extent allowed by law.

White Identity and US slaughter of minorities worldwide

Paul Mason's platform and actions are most certainly consistent with the workings of the Athenians and the "alt-right."

The Alternative Right, commonly known as the "alt-right," is a set of far-right ideologies, groups and individuals whose core belief is that "white identity" is under attack by multicultural forces using "political correctness" and "social justice" to undermine white people and "their" civilization.

https://www.splcenter.org/fighting-hate/extremist-files/ideology/alt-right

"White identity," is the primary issue in Euro-American political and economic domains. Insecure super-rich Caucasians are willing to burn whole nations and continents to get even richer and protect their white, colonial identities. How much of the loot they stash away in off-shore accounts, and how they manage to pay no or very little taxes on gargantuan earning is the fodder of common knowledge. Maybe that's a blessing really

because giving more money to the US government only results in more genocides and mass rapings around the world.

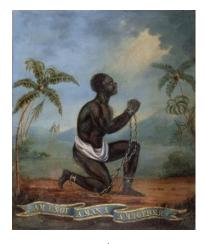
Right now, and especially since 2011 and public inauguration of the "pivot to Asia" strategy, the G7 is pushing for total global hegemony like it's a football game, seeing Asia as a big fat turkey they intend to carve up for dinner. Perversely it is seen as a spiritual quest.



https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202106/1226050.shtml

Asian governments and people can and do try to "harmonize" with the US, but it didn't work for the Native Americans (and they did try), it didn't work for Africans (and they tried too), and it never worked for long in any Asian nation either (excepting US surrogate states Japan, South Korea and Taiwan), regardless as to unbelievably huge efforts and sacrifices made to harmonize with the west.

The tragic fact is the CIA wants to keep all nations of color on their knees forever, while they steal those nations' natural resources for pennies on the dollar.



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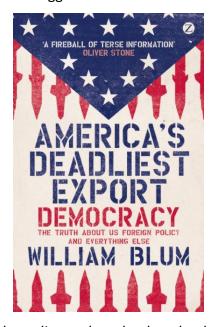
All colonialists are exactly like that. Take the French domination of Niger for example. Niger is one of the resource richest countries in Africa, and its uranium has lit the skies of France for decades, but Niger itself? It is the least developed country in the world according to the UNDP, ranking 189th out of 189 countries.

UN: World hunger levels rise for third year running



In this file photo taken on April 27, 2010 a woman shows her malnourished baby at an intensive nutritional rehabilitation center (CRENI) in Tanout, southern Niger AFP

Since WWII promoting conflict in nations of people of color is the CIA's forte and claiming to promote "democracy" is their biggest and most constant lie.



The above book is well worth reading and can be downloaded free from:

https://archive.org/details/AmericasDeadliestExportBlumWilliam

If that book and *Killing Hope - US Military and CIA Interventions Since WWII* by the same author, haven't been translated into Burmese yet, it needs to be done as soon as possible. It should be required reading for all high school and university students and part of all treatment programs for those convicted of crimes against minorities in Myanmar. Myanmar is not a superpower; it is an Asian and Buddhist country and thereby targeted as prey by the American military-industrial complex. Everyone in Myanmar, Asia, Latin America and Africa should realize: Together we rise, divided we fall.

Multi-segment TV programs need to be developed from those books and presented 24/7 on Myanmar's TV.

Myanmar was one of the US' more profitable colonies via both opium and natural resources. Unfortunately for them, political considerations including US government Black Budget funding supporting the so-called "Free Burma Rangers" (FBR) that promoted (and continues to promote) "independence" (separatist movements; insurrection from the point of view of Myanmar's military) from Myanmar by ethnic minorities will keep Myanmar divided and at war against itself forever, and thereby impoverished, unless strongly proactive educational measures are taken. Without solidarity, all people of color will remain slaves forever. Illusions of a "Unity" movement that does nothing but fight the government is not a unity government at all but rather just another illusory tool of the colonialists.

The so-called "Statue of Liberty" in New York should be given back to France, as neither the US nor France have never given liberty to minorities within their countries or the impoverished colonies they rule with an iron fist.

See Part 2 – History, Overthrowing other people's governments in this book.

Tricking people of color to kill each other

In the bad old colonial days, white colonialists did plenty of killing.



Filipino casualties on the first day of the *Philippine-American War*. Original caption is 'Insurgent dead just as they fell in the trench near Santa Ana, February 5th. The trench was circular, and the picture shows but a small portion.' Taken on 5 February 1899 - US Archiv ARCWEB ARC Identifier: 524389, Public Domain

They still do of course as recent US military interventions prove, but the majority of that killing these days is done by other people of color, e.g., as in the (US promoted insurgency in Myanmar.)

US oil giant Chevron finally closed up shop in Myanmar January 2022 after the intercommunal violence initiated and reinforced by the US got so extreme, they had to leave. Doing business in Myanmar had become "bad public relations," even though their influence, and power within Myanmar's government had a lot to do with it. There are more than a few similarities with the Rwandan genocide to be found in Myanmar.

Colonialists invariably off-balance the stability of their colonized nations leading to extreme violence and Myanmar was a colonized nation since at least 1824 and perhaps since 1581 depending on how one wants to measure and/or define colonization. Thus, the genocides there happened on the colonial masters' watch, and pinning them on the military, is blaming the fire the colonial masters started, rather than those who started those fires. The goal in any case was to generate corporate profits, stop or at least delay Chinese led critically needed infrastructure development and to keep Myanmar's people on their knees in perpetuity, as colonial masters always like to do.

"According to media reports citing documents published by Germany's Der Spiegel in 2010, the Embassy of the United States in Yangon is the site of an electronic surveillance facility used to monitor telephones and communications networks. The facility is run jointly by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the National Security Agency (NSA) through a group known as Special Collection Service."

https://www.mmtimes.com/national-news/8646-us-embassy-in-yangon-a-secret-listening-post-snowden.html

Permission to quote granted via email March 25, 2018

The CIA station chief there in Yangon, and desk manager in Langley need something to smile about on a daily basis, and the slaughter and rape of Muslims is always an occasion for a party for the CIA. Stopping or at least delaying Chinese development projects in Myanmar is an excuse for a really big party.

"...The cables revealed that the US funded some of the civil society groups... that forced the government to suspend the controversial Chinese Myitsone Dam..."

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2011/sep/30/us-embassy-cables-burma-myitsone-dam

Wikileaks provided some of the American leaderships' hopes:

"Guangzhou's Shidai Zhoubao (The Time Weekly) newspaper: www.time-weekly.com "Although this incident [suspension of Myitsone dam project] will not cause long-term damage to overall relations between China and Myanmar, China-Myanmar relations can no longer stay in their traditional form... China can no longer be anxious for quick results in the project, but must patiently and meticulously carry out work in various aspects and formulate an overall development plan..." (Interview with Shi Anda, expert on China-Burma relations)

2. "Some Chinese enterprises have been secretive about all kinds of events that have happened while investing in Myanmar so as to obtain profits. This has resulted in Chinese policy-makers not understanding or even misjudging the actual situation in Myanmar... If serious political changes occur in Myanmar, it is very likely to jeopardize China's investment interests... These losses will not only be the recent hydroelectric station project, but may also include already operational China-Myanmar oil and gas pipelines and even the China-Myanmar highway, high-speed railway and

other planned major projects will not be able to proceed." (Interview with Hong Bo, employee of large Chinese state-owned enterprise in Yangon (Rangoon)

https://wikileaks.org/gifiles/docs/72/723469_afghanistan-east-asia-china-mesa-bbc-monitoring-quotes-from.html

Also see:

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/03/31/world/asia/myanmar-chinamyitsone-dam-project.html

In other words, spreading chaos in Myanmar and blocking the building of a dam and modern transportation system, is apparently in the interests of the U.S. in that it slows down "China's investment interests." Forget the needs of Myanmar to catch up with the 21st Century. That is irrelevant. And the 17,969 human beings killed? Collateral damage justified by American "Manifest Destiny" in support of the US so-called "Defense Department's" mandate to attain absolute "global hegemony in perpetuity." A simpler way to write that is "the white colonialists want to stay slave masters of the whole world forever."

No other nation *or region* will be allowed to compete economically with the USA. Thus, all efforts to facilitate development in impoverished countries by China will be forcibly repelled by the "good ol' USA."

For the most part Myanmar is still living in the agrarian age. More modern development particularly in rural areas is urgently needed if they are going to enter even the 20th Century, not to mention catch up with the 21st Century. But, because of US trickery in Myanmar, most of that is on hold or slowed down. Poverty will continue as long as Myanmar's people follow an "American" agenda.

If anything, it is an incalculable pity Myanmar's military took so long to overthrow Aung San Suu Kyi, yet, it is understandable. A failed coup would lead to the deaths of all involved, and even worse for their families. It had to be done successfully, and a successful coup takes time. Likewise, for a long time they were unable to throw off the yoke of French and American oil and gas corporations that ultimately ruled. Only since January 2022 did they finally cut the last of those horrific chains.

One quite good indicator of CIA involvement in any war is systematic rape, a hallmark characteristic of the CIA operations, as it is a most intimate form of terrorism as well as an attack on the gene-pool of the ethnic group(s).

Readers should be aware American racism and eugenics were the role models for Hitler.

https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2018/04/30/how-american-racism-influenced-hitler

Witnessing the CIA sponsored rape and mass-murder in Myanmar to prevent China's "influence" in a neighboring country, the uncertain American public just turned on the football game, opened another beer and popped some Prozac. Is it any wonder? Americans have to be on drugs 24/7 to live with the knowledge of what "our" government is doing around the world. Americans may not know for certain what happened there, but on some level many or most might suspect. It is far, far easier and safer to live in denial, blame Myanmar's military and pretend everything is OK, even if it is not and the US sponsored war – though in diminished form - is still ongoing in some rural areas in Myanmar.

Evidence of Rohingya mass graves uncovered in Myanmar

February 1, 2018

"Scores of Rohingya villagers in Myanmar have been massacred and buried in 5 mass graves, according to an exclusive investigation by the Associated Press news agency...

"Video obtained by the agency indicates attempts at using acid to remove the bodies..."

http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2018/02/evidence-rohingya-mass-graves-uncovered-myanmar-180201052413608.html

'We'll Turn Your Village into Soil': Survivors Recount One of Myanmar's Biggest Massacres

By Jon Emont and Niharika Mandhana, May 11, 2018

"Mr. Hossain, Chut Pyin's Rohingya leader, said he visited former villagers in Bangladesh refugee camps over several weeks and tallied the names of 358 Rohingya killed in the Aug. 27 attack. Another 57 or so people were taken away at gunpoint and have not been seen since. At least 19 women were raped, he said.

"One of them was Hasina Begum, 20 years old. She escaped a schoolhouse filled with women who were bound and sexually assaulted by security forces. Earlier that day, she said, she had handed off her 2-month-old baby boy to her mother-in-law, praying they would survive.

"The soldiers grabbed valuables from the women—earrings, nose rings, bracelets and phones, survivors said.

"Then the women were divided by age. Younger women were told to hand their children to older women or be shot. Ms. Begum gave her baby to her mother-in-law. The older women were ordered to a nearby village...

"Roughly 20 younger women were walked to a tin-roofed government school on the Buddhist side of Chut Pyin.

"Ms. Begum said approximately 100 men—including soldiers and police—crowded outside a classroom. Inside, she said, three men used her head scarf as a blindfold, bound her hands with rope and forced her onto the concrete floor, where she was raped by several men. She said she lost consciousness..."

https://www.wsj.com/articles/burn-the-houses-rohingyasurvivors-recount-the-day-soldiers-killed-hundreds-1526048545

And yet, how did they know for sure those "soldiers and police" were really Myanmar's soldiers and police? Where are the parallel stories from inside Myanmar's jails, or some other location that definitely pins those crimes on the real military and police? Were those military and police personally known to the victims? There are holes in that story that suggest a lack of proof regarding the identity of the assailants. Much the same kind of allegations are being made in Ukraine, however convincing proof of the true identity of the assailants is invariably lacking.

According to the above Wall Street Journal article more than 350 people were killed that day by Myanmar's 33rd Light Infantry Division, about a quarter of the (tiny) village of Chut Pyin. WSJ compares the atrocities there to the gas attacks against Kurds in Iraq. I'd compare it to the Nazis in Germany, the Japanese in China, Serbians in Bosnia, the Israelis in Palestine and every other mass murdering army in history. WSJ also reported that an International Criminal Court prosecutor in April started to begin the process of investigating the Rohingya deportations (forced expulsion of more than 700,000 people from their ancestral homelands) as a potential crime against humanity. Far too little and far too late.

I, the writer of this book totally empathize with the victims and surviving family members. That said, continuing to fight only makes the disaster continue. At some point peace must return if Myanmar is ever going to recover economically. Groups like the so-called "Free Burma Rangers" (FBR) claim to teach love, but instead teach violence and destruction. They are the true enemy of all the people of Myanmar. They are nothing more than a mercenary army of the USA devoted to keeping all of the people of Myanmar on their knees forever.

America's choice of so-called "democratic" leader, Aung San Suu Kyi was in office April 6, 2016 - February 1, 2021.

Even today the violence and death directly caused by American manipulations in Myanmar lingers on in some rural areas, though that violence is reducing more rapidly there than for example in Chicago.

Despite Violent Memorial Day Weekend, Chicago Police Say Homicides Remain Down in 2022, by Matt Masterson, June 1, 2022

According to new data from the Chicago Police Department, there have been 239 homicides and 971 shootings in the city this year through the end of May.

https://news.wttw.com/2022/06/01/despite-violent-memorial-day-weekend-chicago-police-say-homicides-remain-down-2022

Gerrymandering in the USA – How to rob minorities of fair political representation

Those people in Myanmar who are big believers in "democracy" should study the word "gerrymandering." US city, county, state and federal governments intentionally fragment African American, Hispanic and Asian communities so as to ensure minorities are under represented in all political bodies.

I, the writer of this book started working as a reporter in the USA in 1988, for the African American press. I was the only white person working at that newspaper. While working there I learned about how politicians fragment African American community voting districts to ensure the least possible political representation for the African American community. Is that democracy? Yes, in the Greek tradition, wherein slaves were not allowed to vote and people of color in the USA are still considered slaves by the rich and powerful, except for a few, tiny few token minorities that are put into positions of power to falsely prove that the USA isn't the racist country it still very much is.

If one of those token minorities, however powerful he or she may be, steps out of line, and accidentally criticizes the racism and/or other injustices in the USA or worldwide, now or in history, he is quickly slapped back down, as President Obama learned.

So many people in Asia, Africa and Latin American dream of getting a US green card, as if the streets of the USA were paved with gold. American movies and TV shows are so glamorous and beautiful, right? True enough, for the rich, the USA is fun. For the poor however it is likely to be just another hell-zone of crime, murder and terrorism.

For more on the subject of Gerrymandering see:

https://www.propublica.org/article/partisan-gerrymandering-is-still-about-race https://redistrictingonline.org/basics-gerrymandering/basics-racialgerrymandering https://repository.law.miami.edu/umrsjlr/vol12/iss1/9/

Positive trends since Myanmar's military took back control of their nation

Fortunately, today one can turn to one of several of Myanmar's newspapers and find positive things going on in Myanmar.

Myanmar ships over 550,000 MT of rice in April-June, July 06, 2022

Myanmar delivered over 550,547 metric tons of rice and broken rice in the past three months this year (April-June), according to Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

In the past three months, around 38 exporter companies delivered over 516,954 MT of rice to foreign trade partners through sea trade, whereas 33,593 MT were sent to neighbouring countries via border posts. The export volume in cross-border trade significantly plunged compared to the previous year's record owing to trade delays triggered by China's strict border rules. Myanmar shipped rice and broken rice to China, regional countries, countries in Africa and European Union member countries through maritime trade.

Myanmar exported rice to around 20 foreign markets, mostly to the Philippines (65,990 MT) and China (54,635 MT).

Additionally, Myanmar primarily conveyed 66,853 MT of broken rice to Belgium, over 66,846 MT to China and 27,500 MT to Spain.

The prices of rice for the export market are rocketing on low supply, according to the Bayintnaung Rice Wholesale Depot...

https://www.gnlm.com.mm/myanmar-ships-over-550000-mt-of-rice-in-april-june/

Yangon Stock Exchange records K200 mln trading value in June, July 07, 2022



Share traders look on the index panel at the Yangon Bourse

The stock trading value of seven listed companies on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) amounted to K200.63 million with 40,062 shares in June, the Yangon Stock Exchange's monthly price data indicated.

Trading of 61,435 shares valued at K282 million was recorded on the exchange in January 2022 and the trading volume rose to 80,291 shares in February, with an estimated value of K414.9 million. A total of 52,408 shares with an estimated value of K233.634 million were traded on the exchange in March. The trading value slightly rose to K276 million with 53,059 shares traded on the exchange in April. The equity market saw K314 million worth 55,024 shares traded in May, according to the monthly report of the YSX.

At present, shares of seven listed companies — First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co. Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co., Ltd (EFR) and Amata Holding Public Co., Ltd. (AMATA) were traded in the equity market. The share prices per unit were closed at

K7,400 for FMI, K2,650 for MTSH, K7,100 for MCB, K17,500 for FPB, and K2,500 for TMH, K2,600 for EFR and K4,800 for AMATA respectively in June.

Regardless of the collapse of the stock markets worldwide, the local equities market has been able to continue operating without stopping trading...

https://www.gnlm.com.mm/yangon-stock-exchange-records-k200-mln-trading-value-in-june/

Much to the chagrin of US CIA and Pentagon planners, Myanmar is bouncing back. So, western corporate media just doesn't bother to report it.

Political use of perceived out-group aggression to foster in-group cohesion

The oldest trick in the book

An excellent analytical review of *some of* the processes underlying the genocide in Myanmar was written by Justine Chambers.

In Pursuit of Morality: Moral Agency and Everyday Ethics of Plong Karen Buddhists in Southeastern Myanmar, by Justine Chambers

Like Mark Jurgensmeyer (2010: 268) relates from his research in southern Thailand, state-propagation of Buddhism may thus be providing the "basis for a national consensus" which draws previously marginalized people on the edge of the state into the national project of citizenship and political community. Aligning themselves with Ma Ba Tha, the pursuit of Buddhist morality by Plong Karen people helps to cultivate a form of "cultural citizenship" (Rosaldo 1994, 2003) in which Karen people are positioned inside the nation and political community of Myanmar...

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https://www.academia.edu/80579138/In_Pursuit_of_Morality_M oral_Agency_and_Everyday_Ethics_of_Plong_Karen_Buddhists_in _Southeastern_Myanmar

The neuro-hormonal reflex of (real or imagined) out-group aggression (e.g., by a perceived predator and/or a carefully engineered horrific image of "Muslims") promoting in-group cohesion (in herds of mammals, including Buddhists and even formerly marginalized Buddhist groups) is hardwired into the brains of all mammals. That a similar strategy was/is being used in Thailand is somehow not surprising with the reemergence

of a so-called "Muslim" separatist movement in South Thailand. Also curious in Thailand was/is a draft bill requiring foreign NGOs to report the sources of their funding.

NGOs vow to stop bill policing their activities, published: 23 Jan 2022

...Its name — "the draft bill on activities of non-governmental organizations" — does not sound too sinister, with a stated goal of fostering cooperation between the state and NGOs for "transparency and public interest". It is what's inside the bill that worries activists.

It says their activities must not pose "a danger to national security and law and order" — concepts open to a wide range of interpretation — while violators could face several charges, including money laundering after probes into their financial sources. The document was produced by the ministry and the Anti-Money Laundering Office.

NGOs will be required by law to disclose their mission statements and the sources of their funding, according to the document...

Despite anger from civic groups, the draft received support from people in an opinion poll conducted by the National Institute of Development Administration released on Jan 16...

https://www.bangkokpost.com/thailand/general/2252099/ngos-vow-to-stop-bill-policing-their-activities (Italics added by this author.)

This is what bothers the American government, especially Anthony Blinken, and American funded NGOs. They don't want the Thai government to know which of those so-called NGOs are funded by the same US government agencies and departments routinely used to overthrow democratically governments; NGOs like NED and so-called "Freedom House." It was those same NGOs that led to the coup in Ukraine in 2014, and ultimately the current Ukraine (proxy-) war. Do Thailand and Myanmar want to end up like Ukraine, battlegrounds between nations? Do they want to be the location of proxy wars that smash everything in their nations and kills thousands and often millions? That is precisely what the so-called democracy movement in Myanmar is intended to accomplish.

Fortunately for the Thais they tend to be a light-hearted people and (as long as they're not paid by the CIA) don't usually take the whole political arena as deadly seriously as the USA.

https://www.thaipbsworld.com/pm-prayut-admits-to-being-sole-coup-maker-as-deputy-prawit-defends-his-luxury-watches-in-censure-debate/

Why would the US intelligence apparatus target Southeast Asian countries in such a cynical and cruel manner?

The answer is the American pursuit of "hegemony in perpetuity." China's efforts to help developing nations into the 20th Century (and/or even the 21st Century) are capital crimes in the lexicon of American strategic planning.

China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) was (and still is in many countries) bringing electricity to rural areas in Myanmar and Laos for the first time, and was and is poised to expand transportation systems in the region, especially since Nancy Pelosi's August 2-3 provocative trip to Taiwan.

Thailand hits accelerator on extension of China-Laos railway, by The Nation, August 07, 2022

Officials from several Thai ministries will visit Vientiane later this month to discuss the Thailand extension of the China-Laos railway.

... He added that the Transport Ministry was also pushing development of a high-speed railway in the South to link five countries – China, Laos, Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore.

"The ministry sees that development of the southern route will help strengthen transport and tourism across the Asean region," he said.

https://www.nationthailand.com/in-focus/40018605

Thailand is now considered by the US to be a "battleground" nation in its efforts to stop China's growing "influence" in the region. Improving infrastructure in developing countries is considered a "malign influence" by the CIA, and is routinely reported as such in the US dominated mainstream "news" media.

There is no doubt both Thai authorities and people do not want to be a "battleground" for anyone and the draft bill to require NGOs to name their funding sources appears to be on hold, while the "democracy movement" gains momentum. Thailand is well familiar with coups and some Thais have quipped: "So what? The US has a coup every four years."

As for Myanmar, the saboteurs in Langley must have felt proud when their paid demonstrators started burning Chinese factories after the arrest of Aung San Suu Kyi.

Thus, it is hardly surprising Myanmar's military is still fighting pockets of western aligned resistance. That the "resistance" is being charged with terrorism is likewise not surprising as they are indeed terrorists, the CIA's terrorists. That the CIA managed to radicalize both Muslim and Buddhist groups is also not surprising — as they have a great deal of experience creating and supporting known internationally recognized terrorist groups, like the LTTE in Buddhist Sri Lanka in the 1990s, Eastern Turkistan Islamic Movement

(ETIM) in China, the Al Nusra Front – the Al Qaeda branch in Syria and more recently Nazi paramilitary units and gangs in Ukraine.

US relentless attacks on China's trade and infrastructure development projects

A study of China's Belt and Road Initiative projects reveals a distinct pattern: Do business with China and your country will suffer conflict, in some or many cases, extreme conflict. Your national development will be put back a generation, and reputation become equal to mud. It isn't just Asia, either. Ethiopia – location of the headquarters of the African Union, was leading Africa in a number of areas only to suffer a horrid civil war now called the Tigray War, starting November 3, 2020 complete with accusations of genocide and mass raping. Genocide and mass rapings are hallmark characteristics of CIA operations in developing countries and Ethiopia was doing big business with China. Ethiopian UN Peacekeepers were the fifth largest group of peacekeepers in the world, but during the genocide in Tigray, the UN had no peacekeepers to spare.

As noted above, Myanmar is considered by Beijing an important segment in the development of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) system and one can typically expect blowback from that.

The highly coincidental case of Italy

Italy was the first European country to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Belt and Road Initiative, and traces of COVID-19 samples were found in Italy before it appeared in Wuhan China.

SARS-CoV-2 has been circulating in northern Italy since December 2019: Evidence from environmental monitoring

Twenty-four additional samples collected in the same WWTPs between September 2018 and June 2019 (i.e. long before the onset of the epidemic) were included as 'blank' samples. Viral concentration was performed according to the standard World Health Organization procedure for poliovirus sewage surveillance, with modifications. Molecular analysis was undertaken with both nested RT-PCR and real-rime RT-PCR assays. A total of 15 positive samples were confirmed by both methods. The earliest dates back to 18 December 2019 in Milan and Turin and 29 January 2020 in Bologna.

Our results demonstrate that SARS-CoV-2 was already circulating in northern Italy at the end of 2019.

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.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.06.25.20140061 v1

More Italians died of COVID-19 (168,545) than any other European nation.

https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/cases-2019-ncov-eueea

It is interesting to note that:

Newest evidence suggests COVID-19 may have been (or was probably) created in a US biolab

August 2, 2022 Why the Chair of the Lancet's COVID-19 Commission Thinks The US Government Is Preventing a Real Investigation Into the Pandemic - Prof. Jeffrey Sachs says he is "pretty convinced [COVID-19] came out of US lab biotechnology" and warns that there is dangerous virus research taking place without public oversight. Prof. Jeffrey Sachs is the Director of the Center for Sustainable Development at Columbia University and the President of the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network. He has also served as the chair of the COVID-19 commission for leading medical journal the Lancet. Through his investigations as the head of the COVID-19 commission, Prof. Sachs has come to the conclusion that there is extremely dangerous biotechnology research being kept from public view, that the United States was supporting much of this research, and that it is very possible that SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for COVID-19, originated through dangerous virus research gone awry.

https://www.currentaffairs.org/2022/08/why-the-chair-of-the-lancets-covid-19-commission-thinks-the-us-government-is-preventing-a-real-investigation-into-the-pandemic

Why wasn't the above headline news around the world? The answer "media consolidation" combined with US "distraction" news: Nancy Pelosi's "visit" to Taiwan that same day, August 2, 2022. Thus, the lie "China virus" was safely cloaked via the extreme provocation against China by American politician, Speaker of the House, and second in line to become president, Ms. Pelosi.

During the "classical" colonial era, before the Soviet Union and China liberated colonized nations in Africa, South America and Asia after WWII, Italy was one of the colonial gang,

as bad as the rest. (Belgium's colonists are considered by many historians to have been the cruelest of the lot, though from the perspective of the oppressed, it makes no difference who actually was the most cruel and avaricious in that infamous group.)

In modern times however, some wise Italians appear to have recognized it's far easier and more profitable to just do business with China than try to conquer Asia again. That however was an unforgivable sin in the world of the American Alt-right. In all fairness, Pompeo did warn Italy to not sign that Memorandum of Understanding with China, but the Italian leadership had the strange belief Italy is a sovereign nation and could do as they choose. Not so in a world ruled by the American military/intelligence junta.

The tragic fact is, the CIA operates in a manner consistent with slave masters, and appears to feel the need to punish disobedient nations like slaves to set an example for others so they don't get any "fancy ideas" – like freedom, self-determination and human dignity. For verification of that motivation, see the section titled: "Punishment for runaway slaves" later in this book, noting specifically quotes from the draft US Defence Planning Guidance (DPG) document.

Kinetic energy, systems analysis and MICE

Kinetic energy can be a great or terrible thing.

On the "great" side of that equation we know the sciences and arts leap-frog forward based on innovations furthering the evolution of those sciences and arts.

On the terrible side of that equation, we have kinetic energies resulting from espionage, the tangled underground world of spies, lies, subversion and the absolute corruption of all that was once good, clean and virtuous.

Suppose there is a splendidly integrated community consisting of cultural groups A and B. There is however a particularly atrocious and predatory third cultural group, C that covets all that A and B have. So, cultural group C sends spies, specifically provocateurs into cultural groups A and B to stir up trouble.

What kind of provocateurs and how do they do their dirty work? **MICE** is the traditional acronym for: Money, Ideology, Coercion & Ego

Money is the usually the easiest way to manipulate most people, especially in impoverished countries though even and especially the wealthiest are usually amenable to financial "persuasion." It doesn't have to be cash, as cash can easily be found, but a credit card and pin number from an international bank under a false name, off-shore accounts, or bearer bonds can solve that problem rather easily. Likewise, promises of social status enhancements, promotions at work and or/other career advances can usually get the job done even more cheaply.

Ideology can easily be manipulated by planting false rumors, wild exaggerations and extravagant fears in the minds of targets. "Yes, yes! Cultural group B routinely kidnaps and rapes your/our girls and covers it all up! It happens every day! Didn't you hear about Miss Q, and how her entire village (with a reasonable sounding name but nobody ever heard of it) disappeared!?! What happened to them, do you think?"

Coercion has all kinds of subdivisions, for example, extortion. One can for example hire a "honeytrap" lovely young boy or girl to seduce a member of the leadership of cultural group A and/or B, get videos, photos and eye-witnesses, and then threaten exposure of that individual unless they cooperate with the nefarious plans of group C. Alternatively, one can kidnap one or more son or daughter of A or B's leadership, and make it clear the welfare of their beloved depends entirely on some critical vote they must cast on some important issue. Easier still, seduce the sons or daughters of cultural groups A and/or B, hook them on heroin, and then make it clear their ongoing welfare depends on cooperation with C.

Ego also is a notoriously easy way to manipulate most people into doing anything. For example: "Do you know, a REAL MAN would FIGHT BACK! What a dishonor to your ancestors, your religion and your family you are!!! We live in the age of shameless cowards, so its hardly surprising you just let the rapists and murderers come into our villages, do whatever they want and do NOTHING! There are special places in HELL for hypocrites that pretend to care about their community, but really work with the rapists and murderers by pretending everything is OK and no action must be taken!" And so on.

Although it's easy to say this or that strategy of the MICE acronym is easiest or most effective, the true art of subversion consists of studying the target individuals and groups, identifying their specific weaknesses and then tailoring payoffs or disinformation to crack open those weaknesses into gaping wounds and divisions. The sad fact is, practically every individual and group have weaknesses and fissures that can be exploited by those with malicious intent. In the case of Myanmar, the age-old Buddhist/Muslim divide provided the perfect weapon for the CIA to bring in jack hammers to split the nation and get it black-listed from international business for years and/or decades.

This is no new invention, and far, far older than Machiavelli, with one of the most complete treatises on this subject titled the "Arthashastra," attributed to 2nd - 3rd century BCE Indian spy master, "diplomat and stateman," Kautilya.

The foremost masters of these cruel arts today remain hidden among the Hindutva elite in India, British MI6 and Langly, Virginia, home of CIA headquarters though virtually all colonial powers routinely practiced, and still practice them following the pithy (but not necessarily correct) advice that "there are no friends in politics, only interests."

Incorrect? Hopefully, given that some mutual interests, such as avoiding thermonuclear war should theoretically be able to preempt all others, although current events appear to prove that assumption uncertain. Some questions, only time can answer.

Conspiracies? History is littered with the bones of those who refused to believe in them and evolution favors those who err on the side of caution in such matters.

Large system failures often occur as a culmination of a series of smaller system failures. Just so, an embolism is a blocked artery caused by a foreign body, such as a blood clot or an air bubble. Failure to attend to etiological similarities in a series of pathologies can and will lead to the passing of individuals, cultures, nations, empires and potentially entire species.

A good medical epidemiologist will search for clues of recurring pathologies, such as transient ischemic attacks (TIAs) in order to predict and prevent a future major catastrophic event. Complex system analysis from debottlenecking product flow in an oil refinery, or an unnecessary space in computer code, to exposing illegal financial hoards in off-shore accounts, operate much the same. Healthy energy systems require stable

flow and all cases where natural or contrived pathologies occur should be examined to ensure the ongoing health of those systems.

Thus, the background history of the genocide in Myanmar is warranted.

Chapter 2 History

Mainstream media news reports the most recent genocidal killings and mass rapes of the Rohingya clustered in two waves, with the first between October 2016 and January 2017, and the second from August 2017.

Arakanese traditional beliefs assert it has a history going back to about 3000 BCE although British historian Daniel George Edward Hall (1891–1979) asserts that region wasn't settled until the 10th Century.

Introduction of Buddhism to Arakan region in Myanmar

Debunking that, archeologist Kyaw Minn Htin asserted in an article titled: *Historical Geography and Urbanization in Ancient Arakan - The archaeological landscape of the old capitals up to 1400 AD*:

But archaeological evidence shows that it played a role in the ancient relations between India and Southeast Asia due to its situation at the boundary of these two major regions (Fig. 1). Early on, Arakan was integrated into the Indianized world while its population developed under the influence of Indian civilization. Since the First millennium AD, Arakan was a frontier region between Southeast Asia and India that could be reached by land and sea. The archaeological data are limited in what they indicate, but art and architectural remains suggest that, as in the rest of mainland Southeast Asia, the adaptation of Indian influences was a key element of ancient Arakanese culture. As trade with the neighboring areas increased in the early centuries of the First millennium AD, urban centres developed and more complex social structures evolved in the Kaladan valley, the foremost region of urban development in Arakan (Fig. 2).

The first millennium: Dhanyawadi and Vesali (fourth to tenth century AD)

The earliest site known is the city of Dhanyawadi lying upstream at a distance of ninety-seven kilometers from the sea. Situated on the route from the northern hills region to the bay of Bengal, Dhanyawadi was a commercial center in ancient times. The highly venerated Mahamuni statue probably became a major Buddhist pilgrimage site of Southeast Asia. The statue was allegedly coveted by the kinds of neighboring regions. Its iconographic style closely connects to Gupta art, although no direct connection with any Indian school can be demonstrated. It is possible that the local

sculptors utilized Indian texts from which they made their own interpretation of the iconography (Gutman, 2001, 12-13)

https://www.academia.edu/22518599/_Historical_Geography_and_Urbanization_in_Ancient_Arakan_the_archaeological_landscape_of_the_old_capitals_up_to_1400_AD

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Islam arrived with Arab merchants in the 8th century.

8th Century: Peaceful spread of Islam in Myanmar

Contrary to myths spread since the crusades, with only very rare exceptions, Islam spread peacefully along trade routes by gradual acculturation, and in most cases conversion to Islam was discouraged by Muslim authorities as in the Middle East at least, non-Muslims had to pay an additional tax so it was profitable to *avoid conversions*, "by the sword" or otherwise.

https://rps.macmillan.yale.edu/sites/default/files/files/kennedy.pdf

Furthermore, the Quran repeatedly makes it explicitly clear that there can be no compulsion in religion. That however did not stop the spread of an empire.

After the death of the Prophet Muhammad, the Muslims gradually conquered Iraq, Syria, Palestine, Egypt and Iran. During the reign of Abu Bakr, Iraq was conquered in 633 CE. During the reign of 'Umar ibn al-Khattab, Syria was conquered in 635 CE, Palestine in 637 CE, Egypt in 642 CE, and also two-thirds of Persia was conquered. The rest of Persia was conquered during the reign of 'Uthman bin 'Affan. Many historians look at the conquests of the rulers who came after the Prophet as a proof of "conversion by force to Islam". However, we have a different perspective on these conquests made by Muslims after the Prophet's death. It is true that Muslims conquered these neighboring lands and countries BUT does that mean that Islam, the religion, was spread by force? The confusion arises when writers and historians interpret the expansion of the Muslim/Arab Empire as the expansion of Islam, the religion. It is undeniable that the Muslim/Arab Empire spread by military force all over the Middle East, but such military conquests were

defensive in nature (see source 11) but this did not automatically translate into the spread of Islam as a religion.

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/346932310_Did_Islam spread by the sword

That was the Middle East, and an entirely different set of circumstances than found in Southeast Asia.

In Southeast Asia Islam spread along trade routes entirely peacefully, mostly by way of intermarriage and by those wishing to increase their business prospects.

Myanmar – At the Faultline

Myanmar is along the faultline between Buddhist East Asia and Muslim West Asia.

Introduction / History

In historical perspective Arakan is more a frontier province of Eastern India than a province of Burma (now Myanmar). From the very early days till the arrival of the Mongolians and Tibeto-Burmans in the 10th century, Arakan was an Indian land with a population similar to Bengal, belonging to Aryan stock. The spread of Islam in Arakan during those early times and the impact of Islamic civilization on Arakan particularly after Bengal became Muslim in 1203 A.D is well known.

According to history, Islam reached Arakan in the late 8th century AD and attracted the local people to come to Islam en masse. Since then, Islam played an important role towards the advancement of civilization in Arakan. From 1430 to 1638, for more than two hundred years Arakan was ruled by the Muslims. The system of government (Muslim Sultanates) was common in those days. It was an independent Muslim kingdom in the 14th and 15th centuries.

Where Are they Located?

Arakan, once a sovereign and independent state, is now one of the states of the Union of Burma (now Myanmar). The Arakan State comprises a strip of land along the eastern coast of the Bay of Bengal from the Naf River to Cape Negaris, and stretches north and south touching Bangladesh on the northwest. The river Naf separates it from Chittagong region of Bangladesh. It is cut off from Burma by a range of nearly impassable mountains known as Arakan Yomas running north to south, which was an obstacle against permanent Muslim conquest. The northern part of Arakan, today

called the "North Arakan", was a point of contact with East Bengal. These geographical facts explain the separate historical development of that area both generally and in terms of its Muslim population until the Burmese king Bodaw Paya conquered it in 1784 AD. Under different periods of history Arakan had been an independent sovereign monarchy ruled by Hindus, Buddhists and Muslims.

https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/print/11359/BM

In precolonial Burma, the area that became today's Rakhine state enjoyed a degree of autonomy because the region's nearly impassable mountains buffered it from encroachment by Burmese kingdoms based in the central lowlands. The historical heyday of this region was the Mrauk-U period, which established the Arakan Kingdom with Mrauk-U – in central Rakhine state – as its capital in 1430, and extended its influence across the northern coastline of the Bay of Bengal into the early 17th century. Early evidence of Muslim settlement in Arakan dates to the time of King Narameikhla (1430–1434) of the Mrauk-U Kingdom. Signs of Islamic cultural influence during the reign of Narameikhla and his successors included the adoption by Arakanese kings of Islamic titles, the employment of Muslims in the royal administration, and the adoption of the Bengali coinage.18 Jacques Leider, a historian specializing in Rakhine, notes that this early Muslim community in Rakhine of the 15th century was probably of mixed Persian and Indian origins. These groups were joined by residents from Chittagong (now part of neighboring Bangladesh), who were deported by Arakanese kings and either settled in the Kaladan valley of Arakan or were sold off as slaves when the kings raided East Bengal in the early 17th century.19 Leider concludes that 'the great diversity of ethnic origins and social backgrounds of Muslims during the pre-modern period' seriously challenges claims made by contemporary Muslim writers of a single Rohingya identity.20

The glorious period of the Arakan Kingdom ended in 1784, when Burmese King Bodawphaya invaded and plundered its people and cultural artifacts. This event marks the collective memory of generations of Rakhine Buddhists and feeds distrust of the Bamar majority, which has monopolized political power in Myanmar in the postcolonial period. King Bodaw deported Rakhine court Brahmins and ceremonial specialists of Bengali origin to serve in his own court

in central Burma, while many Buddhists and Muslims fled to Southeast Bengal in the wake of the Burmese king's rampage.21

Rakhine Buddhists' historical grievances were also fueled by British imperial policies in the 19th century. After the British annexation of Arakan following the first Anglo-Burmese War (1824–1826) and the subsequent incorporation of Burma into British India, the British encouraged immigrants from South Asia to farm the fertile valleys of Arakan or take up other forms of work.22

Thus, the existing Muslim community was absorbed into a new influx of Muslim Bengalis from Chittagong. When the number of immigrants from Chittagong soared, relations with local Rakhine Buddhists, some of whom had lost land and property to immigrants, became more antagonistic. The Japanese invasion of Burma during World War II expelled the British, created a power vacuum, and resulted in mass killings by both sides in Arakan.23

After the war, some Muslims led a Mujahid armed rebellion against the central government in a campaign for an autonomous Muslim territory in Rakhine state, but were soon defeated. Many Rakhine Buddhists refer to this secessionist movement (as well as to other Rohingya armed resistance organizations formed in a later period) as a warning of their potential threat to the survival of Rakhine people. U Nu, who led Myanmar's first independent government as prime minister from 1948, pursued a more conciliatory policy toward the Muslims, who were beginning to refer to themselves as 'Rohingyas,' a development that raised alarm among Rakhine Buddhists. Muslim civilians in Buthitaung and Maungdaw townships were issued National Registration Cards (NRCs), which temporarily conferred citizenship status on their holders and allowed them to vote. Four Muslim representatives were elected to the state parliament.24

General Ne Win, who took power in two stages after military coups in 1958 and 1962, pursued a harsher stance toward the Rohingyas and implemented restrictive policies toward foreigners in general. When Ne Win nationalized the retail trade in Burma, some 100,000 Indians and 12,000 Pakistanis were dispossessed and driven back to their homelands. He also imposed tighter controls to crack down on what he perceived as illegal immigration from Bangladesh.25 The citizenship law of 1982 (enforced from 1987 on) stripped Rohinygas of their NRCs and categorized them as Bangladeshi. The first

Burmese military campaign against the Rohingyas was codenamed 'Dragon King' (Naga min) and was carried out in 1978, forcing more than 200,000 Rohingyas over the border into Bangladesh.26

The Burmese government later succumbed to pressure by Muslim country members of the UN and took back all refugees under the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees-led Shwe Hintha operation in 1979. According to Jacques Leider, it was during this time that 'lengthy and at times acrimonious debates' over the origin and status of Rohingyas emerged 'in small circles of Rakhine Buddhists and Rohingya Muslims-well before recent communal violence attracted the attention of the international community.'27 The second military campaign, which took place in 1991 and expelled more than 250,000 Rohingyas, triggered strong international reaction. Talks brokered by the UN resulted in agreement by the Burmese government to repatriate the expelled communities and allow international aid into the areas affected. In 1995, strong pressure from the UNHCR prompted a reluctant Burmese military government to provide documentation to the Rohingya population in the form of a Temporary Registration Card (TRC) that remained in use until recently. However, the card did not include the bearer's place of birth and therefore provided no official evidence of birth in Burma or any basis for a claim to Burmese citizenship.28

The central government, which effectively curtailed several incidents of communal violence between Rakhine Buddhists and Rohingyas Muslims in 1984, 1988, 1994, and 1998, seemed unable to control another one that broke out in June 2012, when the alleged rape and murder of a Buddhist Rakhine girl sparked the lynching of eight Muslim pilgrims and two Muslim bus passengers.29 In several waves of violence over the ensuing 15 months, hundreds of residents were killed (estimates range from 78 to 650 dead), buildings were destroyed, and more than 140,000 (mostly Muslim) people were displaced.

The attacks mainly targeted Muslim homes and mosques and spread to Karen state, to Meiktila, Othekone, Tatkone, and Yamenthin in central Burma, and to Okkan town in the Yangon region, killing approximately 42 civilians and displacing thousands of people by April 2013.30 These events coalesced into a nationwide campaign, led by extremist Buddhist monks, which called for anti-

Muslim legislation. In 2015, the movement was an important factor in the passage by the Union Parliament of four so-called 'race and religion' laws targeting Muslims. 31 Currently, UN agencies estimate that over 140,000 people, mostly Muslims, have been internally displaced in Rakhine state by sectarian violence since 2012, and that a majority of the people who identify themselves as Rohingya lack any accepted nationality status or legal rights in either Myanmar or Bangladesh.32

Analysis of two competing texts

No single explanation can account fully for the communal conflict in northern Rakhine described above. It is fueled by multiple factors that include a lack of inter-group trust stemming from cultural—religious differences and long periods of antagonistic relations between groups; the policies of colonial and postcolonial governments; and the growing international notoriety of extremist Islamists, which has further fanned anti-Islamic sentiment in Myanmar.

Despite the complexity of these forces, one can identify a single recurring theme that dominates the discourse between Rakhine Buddhists and Rohingyas today: the question of their origin – namely, whether Rohingyas established roots in Myanmar before Britain's annexation of the country in 1823. Under current laws, Rohingya who settled in Burma prior to British annexation would qualify to be one of Myanmar's ethnic nationalities, entitled to full citizen rights under the 1982 citizenship law...

Ardeth Thawnghmung, *The politics of indigeneity in Myanmar:* competing narratives in Rakhine state, May 2016. Asian Ethnicity 17(4):1-21, DOI: 10.1080/14631369.2016.1179096 accessed via: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/302917335_The_politics_of_indigeneity_in_Myanmar_competing_narratives_in_Rakhine_state

On the long list of problems outlined in the above text is that very few among an impoverished large group are going to have proof of their family's multigenerational history in any nation. Modern forms of identification are modern. In more advanced East Asian nations some families have a "family book" with genealogies going back hundreds of years, but those are exceptions not the norm, and usually kept only by families of affluence. Most farmers did not have such things are they were illiterate.

For those not familiar with this region, paper doesn't last long in tropical climates. The heat, humidity and long monsoon seasons mold, mildew and destroy everything not made of stone, clay, or very hardwoods very quickly. Cameras didn't come into common use until the 1960s. Thus, the "current law" as cited above seems harsh to the farmer no doubt, and even more-so to the beleaguered Rohingya survivors of the most recent holocaust.

What percent of the Rohingya in Rakhine province could trace their ancestry back even two or three generations, and what percent were more recent Bengali immigrants is one of the controversial issues in the conflict, however might not be the central issue.

15th to 17th Centuries

Arakan and Bengal: the rise and decline of the Mrauk U kingdom (Burma) from the fifteenth to the seventeenth century AD Galen, S.E.A. van (2008)

The Arakanese kingdom (Rakhine state in modern Myanmar) grew from the fifteenth century AD from a small agrarian state with its nucleus in the hart of the Kaladan valley to a significant local power by the early seventeenth century. Arakan asserted its influence across the northern shores of the Bay of Bengal. In the first decades of the seventeenth century the Arakanese kings of Mrauk U received tribute from local rulers between Dhaka and Pegu, cities more than a thousand miles apart. The Mughal rulers of Bengal were even forced to build a string of forts to defend the areas around Dhaka and Hugli against Arakanese incursions. From the middle of the seventeenth century the Arakanese state was gripped by a seemingly sudden decline that would culminate in civil war at the end of the seventeenth century and the loss of control over south-eastern Bengal, followed by the conquest of Arakan by the Burmese in the eighteenth century.

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1751 to Today: French invasions, British colonialization & the CIA's Golden Triangle

Centuries of Euro-American aggression against Myanmar

The French started trying to colonize Myanmar back in the mid-1700s (July 1751), and British rule in Burma lasted from 1824 to 1948. Going further back to 1949 one finds the monstrously heavy hand of the CIA working with Taiwanese in the international opium

and heroin business in Myanmar (then called Burma), one of three nations that was and still is part of the so-called 'Golden Triangle.'

That means Myanmar had one year of peace between occupations by overwhelmingly powerful foreign forces.

Exactly what percentage of the Rohingya were really Arakan that lived in the region for over a thousand years, and what percent were British colonial and postcolonial migrants from neighboring Chittagong/East Bengal, is irrelevant at this point.

All of the indigenous people of Myanmar, the Rohingya and all people of color around the world have suffered far too much for far too long from the greed, arrogance and violence perpetuated by Euro-Americans over the past 500 years, and only together can forge greater nations respected around the world.

This is not to say all Euro-Americans are bad people, for the majority are good, however the chains of violence must be broken, and forging examples of peace and tolerance is the only method to teach others the virtues of cooperation and harmony.

As long as the marginalized and dispossessed hate and kill each other, the oppressors are winning. Human dignity can only return when those who have known oppression begin to work with compassion and tolerance towards others regardless as to what religion or other moral philosophy they claim to follow.

1988 Aung San Suu Kyi & National League for Democracy (NLD)

National League for Democracy (NLD) is a Burmese political party founded on 27 September 1988. Its chairperson was Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

2016–2021 Aung San Suu Kyi - State Counsellor, Foreign Minister and racist US colonial asset

Aung San Suu Kyi: Myanmar's great hope fails to live up to expectations

A year after her party swept to power, the Nobel laureate faces questions over her leadership and silence on persecution, by Poppy McPherson in Yangon, March 31, 2017, Last modified on Tue 28 Nov 2017 02.49 GMT

It was never meant to be this way.

Now, a year since one of the world's most famous prisoners of conscience came to power in the specially created position of state counsellor, the talk is not of progress.

Instead, it is of drastically escalating ethnic conflicts that have simmered and sporadically exploded for decades; a new Rohingya Muslim insurgency that has prompted an army crackdown some say may amount to crimes against humanity; a rash of online defamation cases that have fostered a panic over freedom of speech; and a repressive legal framework that allowed the generals to jail so many still being in place. And all the while, Aung San Suu Kyi is accused of remaining mostly silent, doggedly avoiding the media...

But ethnic leaders have recently questioned the extent of her sympathies with minorities. Her government has put out statements condemning abuses by ethnic armed groups, ignoring aggressions from the military. In one case it labelled a major ethnic organisation a terrorist outfit. The peace process analyst said she has one strategy: "to have good relationships with the Tatmadaw [army]".

Aung San Suu Kyi's squeaky-clean image had already begun to blur in 2012, when she did not speak out after a surge in sectarian violence that led to the deaths of hundreds of people, mostly Rohingya Muslims, in Rakhine state. In an apparent concession to domestic racist factions, her party blocked Muslims from running for parliament in 2015.

Many people put her ruthlessness down to political expedience and fear of an unpredictable military. Win Htein, her adviser, cited something she told him in 1988: "She told me, since she decided to get involved with politics, she would change everything. Any criticism directed towards her, she wouldn't care."

The northern part of the region exploded into violence on 9 October after nine police officers were killed on the western border with Bangladesh by Rohingya armed with swords and makeshift rifles.

Aung San Suu Kyi got the news in the middle of the night. The morning after, she convened a sombre meeting with government and police officials. "She was not worried, [but] she was not calm. She was upset," Win Htein recalled.

Burmese military killed seven of my children, says Rohingya refugee.

Soldiers sealed off the remote corner of the country, barring media and aid access. Tens of thousands of Rohingya, whom many in Myanmar regard as illegal "Bengali" immigrants from Bangladesh, fled across the border to refugee camps. They have recounted mass killings and rape, accusations which the military denies. One woman who spoke to the Guardian said troops raped her, killed her husband and seven of her children. One child survived, she said.

Aung San Suu Kyi's government has angrily dismissed many of the claims as "fabrications". The words "fake rape" were plastered over her official Facebook page. A report by a government-appointed committee cited the presence of mosques and "Bengalis" to dismiss the accusations. It was a clumsy response...

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/mar/31/aung-san-suu-kyi-myanmars-great-hope-fails-to-live-up-to-expectations

The above is only a portion of the cited article. Other information contained therein reports Aung San Suu Kyi declined offers for independent investigations into the genocide, with rather thin excuses.

A more direct report on Aung San Suu Kyi's "leadership" was public by Mintpress.com.

The US is Coddling a Racist Dictator

As the US condemns the government in Damascus for using armed force against torrents of foreign-backed terrorists spilling over its borders - essentially an invasion - it is silent, even apologetic in regards to Suu Kyi's serial and increasingly egregious offenses against ethnic minorities in Myanmar. The US is also silent in regards to Suu Kyi's illegal seizure of power, having openly declared herself "above" the nation's president, and with the New York Times itself describing her as "the country's de facto leader." The explanation for this is well-documented and straight forward. Suu Kyi, her political front, and the numerous NGOs helping to underpin both, are the financial, political, and geostrategic creations and perpetuations of the US and British governments, a decades-long project of undermining and overthrowing Myanmar's political order, and replacing it with a client regime more "friendly" to special interests in London and on Wall Street. Notions of "democracy" and "human rights" are now clearly facades this agenda was couched behind, cynically used against the previous military-led government to protect the rise of the West's proxies, and then conveniently discarded once those proxies came to power. Documentation and reporting on violations of human rights by Suu Kyi's political front and its various supporters across the country will continue, quietly, and only be sensationalized if and when Suu Kyi and the NLD misstep regarding Western interests in the Southeast Asian state.

Currently, anti-Chinese protests are erupting at a mine operated in cooperation with Chinese business interests. Suu Kyi's failure to close down the mine and give the US-funded protests the final word in the dispute, for example, would be cause to "leak" information regarding the true nature of Suu Kyi's rise to power and the genocidal aspirations of her political front.

The predicted disillusionment of Suu Kyi's supporters worldwide will continue – those who genuinely uphold the principles of defending human rights and representative governance cannot reconcile the fact that Suu Kyi and her NLD clearly represent neither.

For Myanmar's neighbors, preparations for wider persecution of the Rohingya should be made. As the violence and injustice escalate, refugees will increase, placing a burden on neighboring states, particularly Thailand. It is important for these states to focus on the cause rather than the consequences of this predictable tragedy, and focus on the foreign-funded, hypocritical nature of the NLD regime. Failure to confront and confound Western aspirations in Myanmar will invite similar scenarios to unfold elsewhere across Southeast Asia.

https://www.mintpressnews.com/myanmars-new-us-dictator/216453

In sum, independent western newspapers not owned by corporations do not project the image of Aung San Suu Kyi being a liberal independent thinking, fair minded supporter of democracy, but rather a member of the southern US "racist old boys club" (alt-right) that if anything encouraged the slaughter and rape of thousands of Muslims, and displacement of some 900,000 innocent people. Given her close association with US foreign policy makers including the CIA and Hillary Clinton, the weight of the evidence strongly suggests at minimum she was culpable of the Rohingya genocide, if not primarily responsible.

Militaries the world over follow orders, unless they somehow manage to overthrow the civilian government that rules them. In some cases that is a terrible thing, in others it can be a blessing in disguise.

In increasing numbers of nations, a military takeover is absolutely required to prevent the US from taking over nations completely. In the case of Myanmar, that latter scenario appears to be the case as the real rulers of Myanmar from about 1992 were the French and American oil corporations Total S.A., and Unocal respectively.

Prior to, and simultaneous to that the CIA working with Taiwanese in the opium and Heroin business in Myanmar from 1949 suggests the civilian rule in Myanmar needed to be overthrown. Since the British colonial years started in 1824 Myanmar has been manipulated by greedy rapacious Euro-Americans, and not the people of Myanmar at all. There is no doubt there is an "elite" class of people in Myanmar who profited hugely from that illicit business, and are still in close contact with their Euro-American-Taiwanese "friends."

The Japanese and Koreans had the same problem after WWII, as their "elite" classes were the most notorious collaborators with the worst enemies of their nations. A fine balance had to be maintained to keep their money in the country, while keeping a very careful eye on them to ensure they did not continue to operate against their own nations.

In any event hating and sanctioning Myanmar is not the solution. The only real solutions to the infinite tragedies that have unfolded in Myanmar over the past 70 years must come from a vastly more honest assessment of who was really pulling the strings there. Blaming and punishing the victims of Euro-American aggression is a norm badly in need of revision.

American news is nothing if not predictable. There is white and black. There is the USA that is all things good, and then there are those countries inhabited by people of color that are all things bad, if not totally evil. There is no gray zone; no equivocation and no exceptions unless that nation is highly useful to the USA like the Asian Tigers, Japan, South Korea and Taiwan.

Myanmar is an ancient nation with a record of fierce independence. It didn't want to be communist, or a puppet of western democracies either. And yet, doing business requires international relationships — relationships that often carry deadly strings not seen at the beginning of those relationships.⁵

Horrific crimes against the Rohingya

Since the Rohingya Muslims were first targeted by large-scale ethnic violence in 1978, the religious minority community has fled persecution and economic hardship in Myanmar by leaving for Bangladesh and other countries.

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⁵ Just ask Sadam Hussein who at one time worked very closely with the CIA, e.g., in launching the Iraq Iran War in which two million people were killed. One had better bring a Ouija board as like many or most US assets, he was later smeared, betrayed and killed by the CIA.

Currently, there are up to half a million Rohingyas in Bangladesh, with over 90 percent of them living as illegal refugees, mostly in decrepit shanty-colonies scattered across southeastern Bangladesh.

https://www.voanews.com/a/rohingya-refugees-seek-to-return-home-to-myanmar/3617130.html

Also see:

https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/01/23/world-court-rules-against-myanmar-rohingya

Things neither VOA or Human Rights Watch ever mentions include 1) motivation for Myanmar's military to attack Rakhine State, and 2) who ultimately ordered Myanmar's military to attack Rakhine State. As noted above, militaries do what they are ordered, and the source of the money that pays them is the ultimate ruler of that country. As per usual with western media and even most human rights groups, it is what they fail to mention that creates the lie.

Neither Myanmar's military government, nor any of its neighbors want a radicalized (fake) Muslim (real) rebellion or civil war

It is the belief of this writer that probably no more than one or two percent of the Rohingya were genuinely "radicalized" by extremist (and therefore fake) Islamic teachings. However, the vast majority of mammals, including humans tend to follow herd instincts. It has also been the observation of this writer that groups of all kinds tend to follow those with the lowest IQs, because they have populist appeal and are easily understood (largely explaining the last long line of American presidents). Exacerbating this problem is that herd instincts are hardwired into the brains of all mammals, and unfortunately a British style of education is preferred in most countries around the world, despite the fact that it is geared more for memorization rather than critical thinking. This style of education is preferred because it inculcates obedience, and suppresses creative thinking that might lead to changes in the established order of things in most countries. (Hence, "education" though referred to as "academic" is by necessity included in the "US military-industrialmedia-academic-carceral complex" matrix.⁶) Perhaps the most serious problem with that education paradigm is that recipients of that kind of education can easily be swayed by very superficial and usually flawed logic based on false premises that too often go unquestioned. And thus, we have all kinds of political and religious extremism prospering around the world.

In regards to Myanmar's neighbors I was unsure regarding how its neighbors were/are reacting to events there during the past ten years or so, until I found an internet page

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⁶ I fully intend to write an article or book on major intellectual flaws in the TOEFL and IELTS exams one of these days, if WWIII can be avoided, and when other US manufactured wars end.

posted by the enemies of peace who clearly wished to whip up a frenzy of hate against Myanmar's military.

Titled ASEAN's complicity in the Myanmar military's atrocity crimes, that article explained how ASEAN countries have, and continue to work with Myanmar's military. One cannot blame Myanmar's neighbors for that, as who really wants a radicalized (fake) Muslim army and/or civil war spreading its poison throughout the region? As mentioned above, it is the belief of this writer probably no more than a few percent of Rohingya's population were really radicalized, however herd instincts are unbelievably powerful, and all Muslims have legitimate fears; and even cases of paranoia must be excused considering the extreme violence perpetrated by the USA against Muslim populations worldwide. Do people make bad choices? Every day. However, when one sees the life of one's family on the line, most people will cluster around the central pillars of whatever group to which they adhere, and if those pillars are nut cases, really bad things will happen. Radicalized (fake) Muslims can take over entire mosques, as I have personally seen in the US⁷ and elsewhere. That article is interesting none-the-less in outlining how Myanmar's neighbors are dealing with complex issues in that country, without unfortunately penetrating beneath the surface to identify the underlying forces that controlled Myanmar's military, the people of Rakhine state, and/or the "Buddhist" nationalists. Proving that there are grownups in the room, that article appeared to suggest everyone in the region is working together to promote reconciliation, stability and peace in the region, unlike anything one can expect from the USA.

The illusory specter of "Islamic terrorism"

Type "Islamic terrorism" into Google and one gets a whopping 34 million, six hundred thousand results. That's a pretty big number considering there is no such thing as Islamic terrorism. Islam is and always has been a religion of peace. Muslims are permitted to fight in defense only, and sternly warned in the Quran: Allah does not like aggressors.

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⁷ Twenty-plus years ago I used to go to a university mosque near my home in the US. There was a friendly, and humorous Imam there of Palestinian origin. After knowing him for a couple of years, he disappeared for about six months, with the rumor being he had gone to Saudi Arabia for advanced Islamic studies. When he returned, he was not the same person at all. He had lost his sense of humor, and had become terrifyingly dictatorial, espousing what is called a "divided highway" theory of Islam. Miss one of the daily five prayers? "You are a Kafir, a hypocrite and destined for hell! GET OUT OF HERE!" That Mosque quickly emptied out after his return. That was and remains my impression of Wahhabism. The word "Mercy" appears about 348 times in the Quran. Allah mentions His forgiveness around 200 times in the Quran, but there was none of that in the "Islam" of the man (radicalized robot) who came back from Saudi Arabia. I seriously wondered if they had used chemicals somehow to so totally change his personality.

What there is, is the specter of Islamic terrorism created primarily by the USA in its mad rush to control the oil reservoirs of the world. No less than 78% of the world's oil reserves are located on Muslim territories.

https://www.nsenergybusiness.com/features/newstop-ten-countries-with-worlds-largest-oil-reserves-5793487

Thus, to assert that Muslims in general are "paranoid" in regards to western intent and aggression towards Muslim countries and/or any kind of state, territory, neighborhood, home or individual is not factually correct, because the word "paranoid" implies an irrational fear, as compared to a legitimate fear, and Muslim nations, territories, neighborhoods, homes and individuals have every right to be fearful of attack, given the extreme violence directed at Muslims from primarily western forces and or their proxies.

In order to make killing Muslims and stealing all that is theirs more amenable to the world, the US developed methodologies to corrupt Muslims and twist some members of the community into something very much the opposite of Islamic; preserving the outer vestiges of Islam while short-circuiting the center.

The Taliban are a case in point. After the Russian war in Afghanistan 1979–1989, civil war descended upon that once beautiful land. (Silk Road traveler Ibn Battuta in the 13th Century noted the Afghans have a predilection towards fighting, but that was back in the day of limited warfare with swords long before the technologies of war made mass slaughter so much easier.) In any case Pakistan in 1993 had around a million Afghan refugees and very much wanted them to go home, but they didn't want to go back to Afghanistan because of the massive civil wars fought between different tribal factions all armed to the teeth with weapons from quite a variety of different sources. (That was during the "honeymoon" period of US Russian relations, and Boris Yeltsin was "butter in the hands" of the CIA.) So, some "bright" penny in the CIA cooked up the idea of creating the Taliban in the Afghan refugee camps of Pakistan to take over Afghanistan and restore unity. That, at least was the rational given to the Pakistani military that provided the forum for the Talibs training. Did the CIA know their army of killing machines would eventually become rather terrifying in every sense of the word? Mmm.

One might ask how this author knows the details of this. In November 1993 I was relatively cheerfully making my way across south central Asia from Nepal through India and then Pakistan on trains and busses. I had with me a letter of Assignment from another South Asian news wire service, and thus was legitimately working as a journalist. Going through India I was repeatedly alerted regarding the war in Kashmir by Muslims I met, and later on took a side trip from Islamabad to Muzaffarabad to get some first-hand information. After returning to Rawalpindi, I got quite sick reaching a peak immediately after an interview with Hugh Hudson, Chief of the UNHCR mission in Islamabad, and ended up

sitting on the steps of what turned out to be a deserted hospital with a high fever, chest pains, and rather disappointed the hospital was inhabited only by ghosts. Fortunately, a Pakistani military ambulance picked me up and put me in one of their best hospitals for which I am eternally grateful.

As I recovered one of the military officers asked if I would like to visit a Talib training camp. I had no idea what that was, but felt well enough to say yes and went with them to check it out. Having no idea what to expect I suppose I wasn't surprised to find classrooms with dirt floors and rehal or tawla (small wooden folding stands for holding Quran) each placed about a meter apart and traditionally dressed Afghan boys and men age perhaps 10 – 65 or so sitting in front of them reading in whispers. It appeared a peaceful enough environment, and rather serious to be sure. I looked at their books and only saw very thin versions of what were supposed to be Qurans, but they 1) appeared hand written, and 2) were much too small to be complete Qurans. I asked my military escorts "Where are their English, math, and history books?" I was informed the Saudis designed their curriculum and it only included Qurans whereas the overall design was created by my "side" which I presumed at the time meant the CIA, even though they knew for a sure and certain fact that I never worked for, or with the CIA in any way, shape or form. But I have an American passport and that was enough, I suppose to align me with that monstrous organization. At that time, I said to one of the military officers, "that (very limited education) is going to cause problems..." And thus, I was introduced to one of the later generations of the Mujahedeen training camps and the first generation of Taliban.

Academic literature on the origin of the Taliban usually erroneously assert they formed independently in the border territories between Pakistan and Afghanistan. Wrong.

Whereas Mary Shelley's Frankenstein monster was described as a sensitive creature with his greatest desire only to find love and acceptance, the Taliban were quite different. They over time came to focus on killing minorities (all non-Pashtun with a special focus on Hazaras) without hesitation or remorse. There is no doubt the CIA's design to create killing machines from boys and men worked better than they might have anticipated.

Though the movie Rambo 3 extolled the wonderous virtues of the Mujahedeen, the Taliban became something else entirely over the decades. Even now-a-days I chat with former Afghan translators for the western "alliance" (who didn't get the visas they were promised) in Kabul, and empathize with their "disappointment" the US never or only very, very rarely fulfills its promises.

The tragic fact is the CIA has all kinds of ways of creating real terrorists. From disbanding the Iraqi military, denying them even their pensions, thus creating the so-called "Islamic State" to the creation of Boko Haram (which means "no western education"), the US appears to have intentionally created the circumstances that nurtured them all. Saudi Wahhabism however may have been a British creation.

Wahhabism, has a questionable history at best considering how many terrorist attacks can be traced back to Saudi Arabia, e.g., 9/11 and innumerable others. There is a Pakistani Defense internet site to which I subscribe that has a lengthy page devoted to the history of Wahhabism. The following is from a link included on that page:

Muḥammad ibn 'Abd al-Wahhab belonged to the Bani Tamim tribe. He was born in Uyayna village near the town of Huraimila in the Najd Desert in 1111 A.H. (1699) and died in 1206 (1792). Formerly, with the idea of trading, he went to Basra, Baghdad, Iran, India and Damascus, where he won the name "Shaikh an-Najdi" due to his clever and aggressive attitude. He saw and learnt a great deal at these places and set his heart on the idea of becoming a chief. In 1125 (1713 A.D.), he met Hempher, a British spy, in Basra, who understood that this unexperienced young person (ibn 'Abd al-Wahhab) has a desire to be a chief by way of revolution, established a long-term friendship with him. He inspired him the trics and lies that he had learned from the British Ministry of the Commonwealth. Seeing that Muḥammad enjoys these inspirations, he proposed him to establish a new religion. So, the spy and Muḥammad ibn 'Abd al-Wahhab got what they were looking for. He had thought it proper to found a new Tariga or reach his goal, and, in preparation for this goal, attended the lectures of the Hanbali 'ulama' in the blessed city of Medina and later in Damascus for some time. When he went back to the Najd, he wrote pamphlets on religious subjects for villagers. He wrote what he learned from the British spy and mixed corrupt information from the Mutazila and other groups of bidat. Many ignorant villagers, particularly the inhabitants of Dar'iyya and their ignorant chief, Muḥammad ibn Sa'ud, followed him. The Arabs esteemed ancestral distinctions very highly, and because he did not belong to a well-known family, he used Muḥammad ibn Sa'ud as a tool to disseminate his Tariqa, which he named Wahhabism. He introduced himself as the Qadi (Head of the Religious Affairs) and Muḥammad ibn Sa'ud as the Hakim (Ruler). He had it passed in their constitution that both would be succeeded only by their children.

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https://sufi.it/islam/the-beginning-and-spreading-of-wahhabism/

For the sake of balance, another history of Wahhabism can be found here:

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

The reader can decide for him or herself which history to believe.

Given the possibility that Wahhabism is for whatever reason closely associated with a large number of terror attacks (by definition killing innocents and thus spreading terror) in the case of Myanmar any analysis of events leading to Myanmar military's attacks on (fake) Muslim (real) extremists in Rakhine state must also take into account that real Muslims have been under attack by the oil hungry west for close to a hundred years, and millions of totally innocent Muslims were killed in that process. And thus, (midbrain/limbic system) herd instincts kick in, the thinking brain shuts off, and suddenly a widespread rebellion is born. In other words, one can hardly blame them, as the CIA knew perfectly well what would happen. Psychology is sometimes or usually defined as "the prediction and control of behavior," and the CIA must have invested heavily in that science.

Is any of this fair to the real, peace loving Muslims of Rakhine state who were terrorized by what were also CIA radicalized (Buddhist nationalist) extremists and/or the military? Arguably not.

Thus, the argument can be made crimes were committed against the majority of Rakhine Muslim inhabitants, and repatriation and some forms of remorse and restitution are in order. That however does not by any means mean or imply that Myanmar's military were/are the real bad guys in all this, for they too were manipulated by the civilian leadership, and before that western oil corporations, and all along, the CIA who ultimately held the purse strings. Militaries follow orders, and it is those who gave the orders that are ultimately responsible.

Post WWII US interferences in the domestic affairs of Myanmar

From a global perspective, the post WWII history of Myanmar fits a pattern: Any individual or nation that does not unconditionally surrender its natural resources and/or geostrategic location to US hegemonic interests and demands, is demonized: smeared, sabotaged (economically strangled) and when possible, Balkanized. For an in-depth study of that assertion, one might refer to William Blum's books:

1. "America's Deadliest Export: Democracy - The Truth About US Foreign Policy and Everything Else," by William Blum

The introduction starts as follows:

The secret to understanding US foreign policy is that there is no secret. Principally, one must come to the realization that the United States strives to dominate the world, for which end it is prepared to use any means necessary. Once one understands that, much of the apparent confusion, contradiction, and ambiguity surrounding Washington's policies fades away. To express this striving for dominance numerically, one can consider that since the end of World War II the United States has

- endeavored to overthrow more than 50 foreign governments, most of which were democratically elected;
- grossly interfered in democratic elections in at least 30 countries;
- attempted to assassinate more than 50 foreign leaders;
- dropped bombs on the people of more than 30 countries;
- attempted to suppress a populist or nationalist movement in 20 countries.

The impact on world consciousness in recent decades of tragedies such as in Rwanda and Darfur has been more conspicuous than the American-caused tragedies because the first two each took place in one area and within a relatively short period of time.

Despite the extensive documentation of the crimes of US foreign policy, because of the very breadth of American interventions and the time period of sixty-eight years it's much more difficult for the world to fully grasp what the United States has done.

In total: since 1945, the United States has carried out one or more of the above-listed actions, on one or more occasions, in seventy-one countries (more than one-third of the countries of the world), 6 in the process of which the US has ended the lives of several million people, condemned many millions more to a life of agony and despair, and has been responsible for the torture of countless thousands. US foreign policy has likely earned the hatred of most of the people in the world who are able to more or less follow current news events and are familiar with a bit of modern history.

Oderint dum metuant - 'Let them hate so long as they fear' - was attributed to one or another prominent leader of Ancient Rome.

Shortly before the US invasion of Iraq in March 2003, career diplomat John Brady Kiesling, the political counselor at the US embassy in Athens, resigned over the Iraq policy. 'Has "oderint dum

metuant" really become our motto?' he asked in his letter of resignation, referring to the fact that more than one member of the Bush administration had used the expression...

And/or one might read: "Killing Hope U.S. Military and CIA Interventions Since World War II," also by William Blum. In this book author William Blum reviews some of the CIA's operations in Myanmar (then called Burma) dating back to 1949.

Many Nationalist (the CIA's proxy army that attempted to gain rulership of China) soldiers had taken refuge in northern Burma in the great exodus of 1949, much to the displeasure of the Burmese Government. There, the CIA began to regroup this stateless army into a fighting force, and during the early 1950s a number of large-and small-scale incursions into China were carried out. In one instance, in April 1951, a few thousand troops, accompanied by CIA advisers and supplied by air drops from American C46s and C47s, crossed the border into China's Yunnan province, but they were driven back by the communists in less than a week. The casualties were high and included several CIA advisers who lost their lives. Another raid that summer took the invaders 65 miles into China where they reportedly held a 100-mile-long strip of territory.

While the attacks continued intermittently, the CIA proceeded to build up the force's capabilities: American engineers arrived to help construct and expand airstrips in Burma, fresh troops were flown in from Taiwan, other troops were recruited from amongst Burmese hill tribes, CIA air squadrons were brought in for logistical services, and enormous quantities of American heavy arms were ferried in. Much of the supply of men and equipment came in via nearby Thailand...

The army soon stood at more than 10,000 men. By the end of 1952, Taiwan claimed that 41,000 communist troops had been killed and more than 3,000 wounded. The figures were most likely exaggerated, but even if not, it was clear that the raids would not lead to Chiang's triumphant return to the mainland—although this was not their sole purpose. On the Chinese border two greater battles were raging: in Korea and Vietnam. It was the hope of the United States to force the Chinese to divert troops and military resources away from these areas. The infant People's Republic of China was undergoing a terrible test. In between raids on China, the "Chinats" (as distinguished from the "Chicoms") found time to clash frequently with Burmese troops, indulge in banditry, and

become the opium barons of The Golden Triangle, that slice of land encompassing parts of Burma, Laos and Thailand which was the world's largest source of opium and heroin. CIA pilots flew the stuff all over, to secure the cooperation of those in Thailand who were important to the military operation, as a favor to their Nationalist clients, perhaps even for the money, and, ironically, to serve as cover for their more illicit activities. The Chinats in Burma kept up their harassment of the Chicoms until 1961 and the CIA continued to supply them militarily, but at some point the Agency began to phase itself out of a more direct involvement. When the CIA, in response to repeated protests by the Burmese Government to the United States and the United Nations, put pressure on the Chinats to leave Burma, Chiang responded by threatening to expose the Agency's covert support of his troops there. At an earlier stage, the CIA had entertained the hope that the Chinese would be provoked into attacking Burma, thereby forcing the strictly neutral Burmese to seek salvation in the Western camp... (P. 23)

Killing Hope - U.S. Military and C.I.A. Interventions Since World War II

https://williamblum.org/ Online version accessed from:

https://ia803008.us.archive.org/32/items/KillingHope/Killing%20 Hope.pdf

Thus, Myanmar, then called Burma was the usual hostage proxy state of the American war against communism, a disposable ping pong ball in what the British call the "Great Game," however is no game when one's family is killed in war, via starvation or disease, not to mention sentenced to a life of pain and disability after loss of limb(s), and/or mind. Unspoken but iron-clad US foreign policy forbids any nation to interfere with US mandates to participate in the world's largest opium/heroin racket and/or attempt to conquer one's neighbors.

Providing a bit more detail one can turn to Douglas Valentine's 2017 book: The CIA as organized crime: how illegal operations corrupt America and the world.

In the course of investigating the CIA in Vietnam, I learned that huge amounts of narcotic drugs were flowing from the Golden Triangle area in Burma, Thailand and Laos. The network began after World War Two, when the CIA had set up a Kuomintang army in Burma. The Kuomintang was the ruling party of the Nationalist Chinese who'd been chased out of China by the Communists in 1947. The CIA watched while the (American supported) Nationalist Chinese massacred about 30,000 people in Taiwan in 1947. The

Kuomintang had fantasies of reconquering China and the CIA played on those fantasies; it established a Kuomintang army in Burma and used it to attack China. At the same time the CIA was conspiring with the Thai government, which was up to its eyeballs in drug trafficking. Opium trafficking wasn't frowned upon in that part of the world, the way it is here, and the press here took little notice. By the 1960s the CIA also had a secret army in Laos under Vang Pao, the leader of the Hmong tribe, who supported themselves by growing opium, with considerable CIA assistance. The Hmong were looked down upon by the ruling ethnic Laotians, who ran a CIA-protected heroin processing operation. The CIA worked with the Hmong and Laotians just like the cops and the Mafia ran that bookie operation in suburban New York.

Opium from the Kuomintang army in Burma was moved by mule caravan to Houei Sai, Laos, next to the CIA's 118A base at Nam Yu, and from Houei Sai it was flown to Taiwanese middlemen who worked with the Mafia. Opium from the Hmong was converted into heroin in Vientiane. The CIA controlled the operation and made sure that some of the heroin and opium got to Saigon. Top generals in Vietnam controlled various provinces and regions like warlords. The CIA made sure the drugs got to these generals. They each had a distribution franchise and they'd sell the drugs in their area and make huge profits off it; which is why they supported American policy and gave the CIA a free hand. By the late 1960s, most of the drugs were going to American soldiers.

By 1970 the Nixon administration was aware that thousands of soldiers were addicts and that the problem was affecting the course of the war. Veterans returned to America with their habits, and the CIA was underwriting the whole thing... (P. 42)

The CIA as Organized Crime: How illegal operations corrupt
America and the world, by Douglas Valentine Clarity Press, Inc.
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http://www.claritypress.com – Accessed via:

https://www.docdroid.net/xlhJF4E/by-douglas-valentine-the-cia-as-organized-crime-2859040-z-liborgepub-pdf

Speed up a few decades to the 1990s and Burma became a useful tool of French and American oil and gas companies. It had a stable leadership, was not at that time particularly interested in joining up with Russia or China, was seen as potentially useful for "containing communism" and best of all a source of natural gas revenue.

Unocal in Burma

Union Oil Company of California, or Unocal, was founded in 1890 to develop oil fields in California. By the 1990s, however, most oil fields in the United States were nearing depletion so the company began investing in energy projects outside the U.S.

One project that attracted the company was the "Yadana Field," a natural gas field that belonged to Burma and that lay off its coast beneath the Andaman Sea. Estimates indicated the Field had over 5 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, enough to continue in production for 30 years.

In 1992 Burma had signed a contract with Total S.A, a French company that gave Total the right to develop the field and build a pipeline to transport the gas to Thailand, whose government wanted to buy the gas. Total invited other companies to buy into the project as partners. The government of Burma stood to net an estimated \$200 - \$400 million a year for the life of the project. While Total and its partner companies would actually construct the project, Burma contracted to "assist by providing security protection and rights of way and easements as may be requested by" the companies.

Burma is a poor developing Southeast Asian country with a population of 42 million. Economically, Burma's per capita gross domestic product is approximately \$200-\$300, while inflation is above 20 percent. Burma suffers a high infant mortality rate (87 deaths per 1000 live births) and a low life expectancy (53 years for males and 56 for females). The natural gas project would provide significant benefits to the impoverished nation.

Unocal was attracted to Burma for several reasons. First, labor was cheap and relatively educated. Second, Burma was rich in natural gas resources. Third, Burma was an entry point into other international markets, particularly in and around Southeast Asia. Finally, the political environment was extremely stable.

The only real problem the company saw with the project was that the government of Burma is a military dictatorship accused of violating the human rights of the Burmese people. In 1988, after crushing major countrywide pro-democracy demonstrations, Burma's military had seized power and made the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) head of the government. The

SLORC, which was made up of 19 senior military officers, imposed martial law on the country.

https://www.scu.edu/ethics/focus-areas/business-ethics/resources/unocal-in-burma

That however is only one side of the story.

Doe v. Unocal

The First Case of its Kind: Holding a U.S. Company Responsible for Rape, Murder, and Forced Labor in Myanmar

Summary

When Unocal, a U.S. oil and gas company, partnered with the notorious Burmese military to build a gas pipeline, knowing the military would commit human rights abuses, we filed a landmark lawsuit against Unocal. As predicted, the military pulled villagers from their homes and forced them to do backbreaking work to support the Yadana gas pipeline project, while committing other horrific abuses including rape and murder. Unocal was forced to settle in 2003, marking the first time a human rights lawsuit against a multinational corporation resulted in compensation for the survivors...

https://earthrights.org/case/doe-v-unocal

First of all, one must consider the title: *Holding a U.S. Company Responsible for Rape, Murder, and Forced Labor in Myanmar.* The title is not: "Holding the Myanmar military responsible." Why not? Perhaps because it was the US Company that was primarily responsible for the mass raping and genocide there. The US' long history in Myanmar suggests that CIA had more than a little to do with the style of that "notorious Burmese military" than the above quote suggests. The American CIA has a long brutal history of overthrowing, coopting, and/or just buying the governments of smaller nations in Africa, Asia and Latin America and installing brutal dictatorships, as the book "*Killing Hope*," cited above recounts.

Similarly, US oil corporations own whole countries, and Myanmar was exactly that for decades.⁸

One might note the modifier "notorious" used in the quote above to describe the Burmese military. The fact of the matter is, any nation that becomes a US target is suddenly "notorious."

The report: Total Denial - A Report on the Yadana Pipeline Project in Burma is revealing.

"The research indicates that gross human rights violations, including summary executions, torture, forced labor and forced relocations, have occurred as a result of natural gas development projects funded by European and North American corporations. In addition to condemning transnational corporate complicity with the SLORC regime, the report also presents the perspectives of those most directly impacted by the foreign investment who for too long have silently endured the abuses meted out by SLORC for the benefit of its foreign corporate partners."

https://www.burmalibrary.org/en/total-denial-a-report-on-the-yadana-pipeline-project-in-burma

Please read that again more slowly. First: "The research indicates that gross human rights violations, including summary executions, torture, forced labor and forced relocations, have occurred as a result of natural gas development projects funded by European and North American corporations."

Note the key phrase: "...as a result of..."

In other words, it doesn't appear to suggest the Myanmar military engaged in those crimes just for jollies, but were ordered by their western masters to commit those terrible crimes.

https://www.scu.edu/ethics/focus-areas/business-ethics/resources/unocal-in-burma/

The second sentence is just as telling: "In addition to condemning transnational corporate complicity with the SLORC regime, the report also presents the perspectives of those most

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⁸ I will never forget a night I spent in a rural town tavern in Ecuador in about 1972 drinking beer with a group of local men, one of whom had lost his land and family to Texaco oil corporation. The man in question literally cried on my shoulder for hours. Fifty years later Texaco paid some pathetically small "compensation" to such individuals, however I seriously doubt that man was still alive. He lost his wife and children in the fires that Texaco used to burn out the rural owners of that property. His family might have burned to death, or been captured and rented to oil workers for sex. He didn't know. He hid on the edges of the forests searching during the days for months, lost his mind, and I met him on his first night back in a town where he hooked up with his old friends. Thus, I feel strongly about this issue. I will never forget the lesson I learned that night; the infinite suffering, the bottomless pit of sorrow and despair of the dispossessed.

directly impacted by the foreign investment who for too long have silently endured the abuses meted out by SLORC for the benefit of its foreign corporate partners."

Note the key phrase: "...for the benefit of its foreign corporate sponsors."

Another thing about armies. They work for whoever pays them.

Also please note that any nation of people of color that does not bow in awe and obedience to western concepts of "liberalism" is automatically accused and convicted of human rights abuses.

Take China for example. I have been to Xinjiang and found it to be a delightful place. I am also Muslim, and heard and felt not one whisper of human rights abuses. Muslims in Xinjiang can look next door in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Tajikistan and consider themselves to be very lucky indeed to be in China, because the majority of random sample Muslims I met in Xinjiang were rather well off. They owned their own perfectly lovely grape farms and/or worked in the oil industry, and/or ran family-owned restaurants, hotels, etc. That cannot be said for the majority Muslims in any Muslim countries to the west of them.

And yet, the American media keeps promoting all kinds of vicious lies and wild distortions about Xinjiang. That the US government and media should care so much about Muslims in China is utterly astonishing considering how many Muslims US and their NATO allies have slaughtered in Iran, Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, and via proxies in Pakistan, Yemen, Africa, and so on. While China is building critically needed infrastructure in the world's poorest nations, the USA is using proxies to burn them down exactly as they did in Myanmar.

What about the genocide of Muslims in Myanmar? That appears to have been a byproduct of the American effort to destroy Myanmar because it was doing business with China. The US attempts to destabilize and destroy all nations of people of color that try to get off their knees by doing business with China, and yet, China is the only nation that will help them get off their knees. "Divide et impera" or divide and conquer as the ancient Romans liked to say.

Hillary Clinton and Myanmar

Myanmar hires DC lobbying group with ties to Obama and Hillary Clinton

April 17, 2015 Myanmar's fitful move towards democracy and improved relations with Washington ranks high on Hillary Rodham Clinton's list of diplomatic wins during her time as secretary of state. Her diplomacy paved the way for President Obama to visit in 2012, a first for a US leader. Since then, Myanmar's reforms have stalled,

and in some areas gone into reverse, including on press freedom, minority rights, and free assembly.

https://www.csmonitor.com/World/Security-Watch/Backchannels/2015/0417/Myanmar-hires-DC-lobbying-group-with-ties-to-Obama-and-Hillary-Clinton

That was the biggest mistake Myanmar's authorities ever made.9

Also, please note the date on that story.

Why the sudden interest in Myanmar?

First unit of Myanmar PHYU Hydropower Station put into commercial operation, Updated: 2014-08-13

"On August 8, 2014, the first unit (No.2 unit) of Myanmar PHYU Hydropower Station, with its design, supply and adjustment of the electromechanical equipment undertaken by CGGC, was successfully completed 72-hour trial operation and was connected to the grid, marking itself officially put into commercial operation.

"Located by the PHYU River 10km northeast of PHYU town, Pegu Division, Myanmar, PHYU Hydropower Station is equipped with two 20MW Francis-type water turbine-generator units and plays a key role in supplying power to the main power grid of Myanmar.

"Maw Thar Htwe, Vice Minister for Electric Power of Myanmar, visited the project site and congratulated the Chinese and Burmese engineering technicians engaged in the project. He was very satisfied with CGGC's contractual capacity and hoped to have further cooperation with CGGC."

https://www.chinadaily.com.cn/m/gezhouba/2014-08/13/content 18302578.htm

China's BRI projects in Myanmar

This was just one of China's Belt and Road Initiative projects in Myanmar.

Also see: Trade, investment and the model of development, by Andrzej Bolesta

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/326338630_Myanmar-China_peculiar_relationship_Trade_investment_and_the_model_of_development/link/5b46b32a0f7e9b4637cdd659/download

⁹ It appears Prime Minister Abey in Ethiopia made the same mistake. See for example this author's article: *Made in America Genocide in Ethiopia - A Four Part Article Series* https://archive.org/details/made-in-america-genocide-in-ethiopia-a-four-part-article-series-rev

How does the USA react to (Chinese led) development (projects) in a very poor country? Slaughter and rape, the same way the USA reacts to any slave that does not obey orders. Do business with China? No! And who gets raped and murdered? If there are Muslims there it will be the Muslims on the receiving end of the extreme hyper-torture and death. Anything that can slow down China's efforts to help bring the world's least developed countries into the modern world will be grounds for American covert operatives to savage that nation somehow.

How US government fronts shape media coverage of Myanmar upheaval, propagandize for Western intervention, by Kit Klarenberg, April 27, 2021

Myanmar Now is not only underwritten by the NED; it was created by Thomson Reuters Foundation (TRF), the charitable arm of the London-based wire service. As Max Blumenthal reported for The Grayzone, TRF has partnered closely with the UK Foreign, Commonwealth, and Development Office (FCDO) in several covert information operations aimed at advancing British foreign policy interests...

https://thegrayzone.com/2021/04/27/us-government-media-myanmar-propagandize-western-intervention/

"About 900,000 Rohingya are currently living in overcrowded camps in Bangladesh, most of whom fled Myanmar since August 2017 to escape the military's crimes against humanity and possible genocide.

"The estimated 600,000 Rohingya who remain in Rakhine State are subject to government persecution and violence, confined to camps and villages without freedom of movement, and cut off from access to adequate food, health care, education, and livelihoods."

https://www.hrw.org/tag/rohingya

Human Rights Watch is the subject of frequent mention in alternative news publications as a tool of western hegemony, and they are often absolutely right.

Please note the Myanmar's military is always blamed by the western Mainstream Media (MSM) press. But who was the leader of Myanmar at that time? Aung San Suu Kyi was the leader of Myanmar from April 6, 2016 - 1 February 2021 when the military finally deposed her.

Chevron Corporation, Iraq and inheritors of the Myanmar legacy

Three oil corporations are profiting from the Fracking industry in the US in the wake of the American provoked war in Ukraine: Conglomerates including Chevron Corp. (CVX), ExxonMobil Corp. (XOM), and ConocoPhillips Co.

https://www.investopedia.com/articles/markets/080814/fracking-cant-happen-without-these-companies.asp

Chevron. Ring any bells? Yes, they bought Unocal, the former colonial masters of Myanmar. What was the Iraq war about? Oil.

Chevron is operating in the northeastern autonomous region within Iraq known as the Kurdistan Region of Iraq (KRI).

https://www.chevron.com/worldwide/iraq

Iraq has the world's fifth-largest proved crude oil reserves at 145 billion barrels, representing 17% of proved reserves in the Middle East and 8% of global reserves. https://www.eia.gov/international/analysis/country/IRQ

Though the CIA can buy and/or otherwise manipulate any election in a 3rd World nation, for some strange reason the US government, British and French and their industries can't manage to provide the people in those nations with electricity, hospitals, schools, communication and/or transportation systems.

Bombs R US!

The people in those nations have to get those kinds of things from China. Bombs and guns? Just go to the American embassy, AKA "Bombs R US!" and you can most definitely get all you want. But! If you do business with China to try to get electricity for the first time, something terrible is going to happen. That's a given.

Look at Ethiopia. They were doing business with China, and bang! They have a brutal civil war pitting the capital Addis Ababa against the northern Tigray region including... mass raping and genocide. I have friends there on both sides there and I can't do anything to help my friends in and from the north. That is frustrating beyond belief.

When I visited Ethiopia in 2018, I loved it there. I could easily have moved there. But now? The US is savage and merciless; they like to make examples of nations that do business with China to develop their own nations.

That's exactly how the Great White Global Hegemonic Master works and the USA does not negotiate with terrorists, and a terrorist is anyone who dares to say "No!" (or even "Maybe not") to the Great White Global Hegemonic Master and his slavish Uncle Tom American appointed fake presidents and dictators.

And what then did Myanmar's so-called "Buddhists" do after the slaughter and mass rapings their American masters ordained? First, they stole everything that once belonged to the Rohingya, and then:

Chinese factories set on fire and at least 38 killed in Myanmar's deadliest day since coup, by Helen Regan, CNN, March 15, 2021

https://edition.cnn.com/2021/03/15/asia/myanmar-deaths-chinese-factories-intl-hnk/index.html

Living in a dream world

Yes, Europe can cough up a \$200 billion dollars to invest in South Asia easily. However, its really a matter of priorities.

G7 Plans to Deliver US\$200 Billion Per Annum Until 2027 To Global Infrastructure Finance

Posted by Silk Road Briefing Written by Chris Devonshire-Ellis, Jun 29, 2022

The G7, fresh from meetings in Germany, have announced plans to introduce USD 600 billion in funding by 2027 to deliver transparent and game-changing infrastructure projects in developing countries like India, in a move seen as a counter to China's Belt and Road Initiative. The US has promised to raise USD 200 billion of the total through grants, federal funds, and private investment, while the EU has announced a further 300 billion Euros of investment capital from similar sources. None of this money appears to be coming from existing resources saved for the purpose.

The Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII) was unveiled on Sunday during the G7 Summit, and relaunches a scheme unveiled at last year's G7 talks in England. The G7 includes Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom, and the United States together with the European Union, attending in an observing capacity.

Numerous powerful nations, such as Brazil China, India, Russia, Indonesia, and others are excluded. However, US President Biden said the plan would deliver returns for everyone, saying that "Today, the nations of the G7 launched the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment (PGII). Collectively, we aim to mobilise nearly USD 600 billion from the G7 by 2027 to invest in critical infrastructure that improves lives and delivers real gains for all of our people. I want to be clear the G7's announcement of a

new global infrastructure partnership isn't aid or charity. It's an investment that will deliver returns for everyone including the American people and boost all of our economies."

https://www.silkroadbriefing.com/news/2022/06/28/g7-plans-to-deliver-us200-billion-per-annum-until-2027-to-global-infrastructure-finance/

The named recipients of that money had better not hold their breath waiting for that money, as the US and its sycophants are long on promises and short on delivery.

How can the US and Western Europe afford to keep up their own infrastructures, much less purchase gasoline for their cars, or oil and gas to run their own industries right now and give away \$200 billion? Is inflation not bad enough in those nations? Fortunately for the Euro-American leadership, so many people in those nations are on so many drugs they might not protest.

At the same time, supply chains in the US can't even manage to get baby formula to mothers with infants, and one can only wonder what magical supply chains are going to appear to allow them to run huge projects along the Silk Roads. Both the US and Western Europe have bankrupt themselves in an effort to topple President Putin via a failed gambit in the form of a proxy war in Ukraine.

Second, there is a 50/50 chance the current proxy war in Ukraine will – like an avalanche suddenly and without warning escalate into a world war, in which case it will probably go thermonuclear and whatever efforts the US and Western Europe have made along the Silk Roads will be abandoned because the US and Western Europe won't be on the map any more. Even if that doesn't happen, the probability of a civil war in the US increases every day with the ever-increasing numbers of black men shot to death by police for no good reason whatsoever combined with skyrocketing inflation, and ever-increasing economic polarization.

Mostly that money will, if ever delivered, probably be given to India, as the colonialists see India as a reliable partner in the war against China they hope to start as soon as they can cook up a convincing false-flag operation. Diminished cognitive functioning does not seem isolated to President Biden alone.

Imagine life without electricity

Before condemning China's work in Myanmar, Euro-Americans would be wise to consider life without electricity.

The fact is developing countries need electricity. Euro-Americans can't imagine what it is like to live in a culture that never had electricity. For one thing, there are no hospitals, no X-Rays, no modern dentists, and no refrigerators. So, when and how do people eat and store meat? In most cases, as in most of Afrika, they can only have meat when someone

in the village slaughters a cow, pig or chicken, and even then, it has to be eaten rather quickly before it goes bad. Meat is a rare treat. Milk cannot be stored. Mothers of course have to breastfeed their babies because no one can afford baby formula. As for TV, movies and modern schools? Forget it. If one breaks a leg, one can only hope the local healer sets it straight, if and when that's possible as there are no X-Ray machines to check the bone setting. Antibiotics? Forget it. Those are just a few of the reasons life expectancy in Myanmar is relatively low (151st out of 193 nations).

They don't need factories! Let them buy bombs!¹⁰ "But the people are hungry!" Well then, let them eat American food! https://thegrayzone.com/2021/10/19/super-imperialism-economist-michael-hudson "But they can't afford to buy American food because the price of bananas is down!" Fine, let them eat bombs.

The useless UN

The UN Charter was signed on 26 June 1945 by representatives of the 50 countries attending the United Nations Conference on International Organization in San Francisco. Probably most of them were sincere, except those representatives from the US, UK and France that sabotaged the UN right from the beginning by ensuring the Security Council would neutralize any and all positive work.

Myanmar Must Prevent Genocide of Rohingya, U.N. Court Rules, by Scott Neuman, January 23, 2020

"The International Court of Justice in The Hague has ordered Myanmar to prevent a genocide of the country's remaining Rohingya Muslims — the target of a brutal army crackdown that led to the deaths of tens of thousands.

"Presiding Judge Abdulqawi Ahmed Yusuf, reading the unanimous opinion of the 17-judge panel, said the United Nations court "is of the opinion that the Rohingya in Myanmar remain extremely vulnerable" after the 2017 crackdown in the country's western Rakhine state."

https://www.npr.org/2020/01/23/798821883/myanmar-must-prevent-genocide-of-rohingya-u-n-court-rules

This is typical of the so-called "United Nations." Years too late, they issue a tepid "opinion." It would be laughable, but there is absolutely nothing funny about the genocide and mass raping of Muslims in Bosnia, Kosova, Yemen, Myanmar and elsewhere. Compounding this tragedy is that the International Criminal Court has been a failure from the beginning. It

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¹⁰ Which reminds me of a joke told by Bill Blum, author of *Killing Hope - US Military and CIA Interventions Since World II*: "Why will there never be a revolution in the USA? Ans: Because there is no US embassy there.

is far more likely to prosecute the victims of international crimes than the perpetrators, principally African leaders who serve at the discretion of AFRICOM. Likewise there is the proxy war against Russia with the goal of overthrowing President Putin who US politicians hope to have on the ICCs docket in the near future, if they can ever find real evidence supporting the legion of unproven claims made by their neo-Nazi adjuncts in Ukraine.

One essential component of the US war machine is it always pins the blame on the tools they use and victims they create, for the horror they release upon the innocent.

The Darkness of Humans: Investigating Mass Rape in Burma, Stephanie Hancock

"The Burmese military is carrying out a campaign of ethnic cleansing against Rohingya Muslims in northern Rakhine State. Scores of people have been murdered and hundreds of villages destroyed, and more than 600,000 Rohingya have fled to neighboring Bangladesh. One of the military's most feared weapons is mass sexual violence, with untold numbers of women and girls brutally gang raped by government soldiers. Human Rights Watch's emergencies women's rights researcher, Skye Wheeler, tells Stephanie Hancock how she was able to investigate these disturbing crimes."

https://www.hrw.org/news/2017/11/16/darkness-humans-investigating-mass-rape-burma

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/sep/08/myanmar-soldiers-tell-of-rohingya-killings-rapes-and-mass-burials

The international media (and ICC) always focus on blaming people of color for things that happen in their nations, while it is virtually always Euro-American colonial masters and intelligence services that set those forces in motion. The indigenous "trigger men" have no choice whatsoever but to follow the dictates of their foreign masters. To disobey the white foreign masters leads invariably to a fate like that of Manuel Noriega or even worse, Muammar al-Gaddafi who suffered unimaginable torture before US funded forces finally killed him and then corporate-owned mainstream media buried him in unproven infamy. The UN and ICC never managed to correct the western corporate-owned media's false narrative on events leading to the murder of al-Gaddafi.

On the other hand, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterrez appears a cut above the average, as evidenced by reports on abuse and violent deaths of children in armed conflicts, July 2022.

https://www.un.org/unispal/document/children-and-armed-conflict-report-of-the-secretary-general-a-76-871-s-2022-493-excerpts/

Divide et impera! (Divide and Rule!)

The 21st Century roots of anti-Muslim violence in Myanmar are perfectly correlated with American involvement in Myanmar.

Colonialists are masters of turning diverse neighborhoods into war zones.

Fakri was a Palestinian that spent his childhood in Palestine and early adulthood and middle years teaching classical Arabic in Saudi Arabia including to Saudi royalty. However, when the Saudis decided to evict all the Palestinians he moved with his family to the US.

I knew him when he was an old man. The story he told me was as follows: As a boy he grew up in Palestine and it was peaceful and beautiful. If someone needed a cup of sugar, he or she went to his or her neighbor and asked, not thinking or caring if the neighbor was Muslim, Christian or Jewish. But all that changed after the Nakba, the genocidal war to evict the Palestinians from their homelands.

That was the same story I heard from Kashmiris in Kashmir. Before the British "intervention" Muslims and Hindus lived in peace together. If there were issues, and invariably there will be, elders of the communities sat down together and worked out solutions.

This is the same story almost everywhere including Rwanda.

Germany colonized Rwanda in 1884 as part of German East Africa, followed by Belgium, which invaded in 1916 during World War I. Both European nations ruled through the kings and perpetuated a pro-Tutsi policy. (Why? The Tutsis have lighter skin and are taller and slimmer. The rest, the reader should be able to figure out.) Before that the Hutus and Tutsis lived together (actually side by side) in peace. The inequality and enmity began as the result of European interference in their cultures.

Euro-Americans are masters at dividing and conquering the nations of people of color.

The intense violence in Myanmar accelerated while Hillary Clinton was Secretary of State under President Obama, and then exploded when Aung San Suu Kyi – her long-time friend – became the supreme leader.

"This anti-Muslim narrative would find a resurgence years later. The earth will not swallow a race to extinction but another race will," became the motto of the Ministry of Immigration and Population. By 2012, a targeted campaign of hate and dehumanization against the Rohingya, led by Buddhist nationalists and stoked by the military, was underway across Rakhine State,

laying the groundwork for the deadly violence that would erupt in June that year.

"Hamida's ward was spared the first wave of violence, but tensions grew over the months that followed. Pamphlets were distributed calling for the Rohingya to be forced out of Myanmar. Local Rakhine officials held meetings discussing how to drive Muslims from the town.

"In late October 2012, violence returned. Mobs of ethnic Rakhine descended on the local Rohingya and Kaman with machetes, spears, and petroleum bombs. In Hamida's ward, Rakhine villagers, often alongside police and soldiers, burned Muslim homes, destroyed mosques, and looted property. "The Buddhist people started attacking us and our houses," Hamida recalls. "When we Muslims tried to protest and stand against the mob, the Myanmar security forces opened fire on us." Soldiers shot at Rohingya and Kaman villagers gathered near a mosque, killing 10, including a child."

https://www.hrw.org/report/2020/10/08/open-prison-without-end/myanmars-mass-detention-rohingya-rakhine-state

That is just shortly after she helped orchestrate the so-called "Arab Spring" holocausts.

Incidentally, the above quote is a smear against Buddhists. Buddhists are among the most peaceful people in the world. They do not discriminate against people of other religions, or murder and rape people. Ditto for Muslims. Muslims, like in the original "Karate Kid," movie are ordered to fight in defense only, and it says most empathically: "DO NOT TRANSGRESS THESE LIMITS," in the Quran.

"Buddhist" Nationalists

There is no greater hypocrite than a religious hypocrite.



Myanmar's extreme Buddhist nationalists, by Amresh Lavan Gunasingham

The release of hardline Buddhist monk Ashin Wirathu bodes ill for the rights of the country's religious minorities, Published 21 Sep 2021

In a surprise move, Myanmar's ruling military junta announced on 6 September the release from prison of Ashin Wirathu, a controversial Buddhist monk whose sermons have been blamed for inciting anti-Muslim violence over the last decade. In a statement, the military said it had dropped charges against Wirathu of sedition directed towards the previous Aung San Suu Kyi-led government.

No reason was cited for his release. The monk had turned himself in for arrest last November, having been on the run for more than a year. Some reports claim the firebrand religious hardliner had been "pardoned" following a concerted public pressure campaign orchestrated by his nationalist supporters in Myanmar in recent months.

He rose to prominence in 2011, following deadly violence between Buddhist and ethnic minority Rohingya Muslims in the country's restive western Rakhine state. Wirathu was accused of inciting hate **speech** against the Rohingyas, who are viewed as having immigrated from Bangladesh illegally, despite many of their families living in Myanmar for generations.

In fomenting Buddhist-Muslim tensions, Wirathu has adeptly tapped into widespread Buddhist insecurities over the country's Muslim minorities, which represent four per cent of the

population. He formerly led a Buddhist nationalist organisation, the Ma Ba Tha (The Committee to Protect Race and Religion), which seeks to limit Muslim participation in Myanmar society. Ma Ba Tha has been involved in various anti-Muslim campaigns, and has successfully lobbied for laws that limit the civil rights of Muslim minorities in Myanmar. While banned by the previous civilian government in 2017, the group rebranded itself as the Buddha Dhamma Philanthropy Foundation, and encouraged its followers to continue their work under the new moniker.

https://www.lowyinstitute.org/the-interpreter/myanmarextreme-buddhist-nationalists

Human rights advocates worldwide must wonder why Myanmar's government simply released the fake Buddhist monk that intentionally set a racist genocide in motion. Probably the most significant responsibility of any and all governments is to keep the peace. Given that throughout history many national level revolutions started in prisons, keeping Ashin Wirathu in prison might have endangered the remaining Muslims in Myanmar more than making him promise to shut up and releasing him.

In this writer's opinion however, that is not enough. The infection caused by his psychopathologies have already infected a large segment of Myanmar's Buddhist population, and spread around southeast Asia. Some diseases must be treated at their roots. Not being a believer in incarceration as a form of corrective learning, it would be very nice if he could learn real Buddhism somewhere.

Given that India is playing a provocative military role against the government of Myanmar, India is probably not a good place for him to learn about Buddhism; ditto for the US and western Europe. A hospital for the criminally insane might be most appropriate. If they can repair his broken mind, perhaps he could learn real Buddhism.

Ashin Wirathu has given Buddhism a very terrible reputation worldwide, and if he can learn to be a real Buddhist, perhaps at some time in the future he could return to the public domain and undo some of the terrible damage he has done to millions of Buddhists in Myanmar, and most especially the millions of Muslims he so cruelly tormented. There is no doubt Muslim children in refugee camps and Myanmar have and will always have nightmares because of the terror he so cruelly unleashed in the name of Buddhism – a religion like Islam – that teaches peace.



https://www.arabnews.com/node/1532846/world

Chinese authorities might justifiably not want him there anywhere, however, someone, somehow must start to work to neutralize the poison he spread for decades in Myanmar, and throughout Southeast Asia and instead teach loving-kindness for all of humanity and nature as all wise people should.

Buddhists were (and still are) a target of American alt-right

At some point, Buddhists became a target of "The Family" alt-right ultra-conservative so-called Christians in the USA. For more on that subject, read: *The Family: The Secret Fundamentalism at the Heart of American Power*, 2008 book by American journalist Jeff Sharlet. That same organization incidentally hosts the annual National Prayer Breakfast attended by the President, major cabinet members and invited dignitaries. The organization changed its name to "the Fellowship" to avoid bad press after publication of the above book. They are an extremist group that believes in a ferocious Jesus "with teeth." In that book it is mentioned that Buddhism was on their target list for destruction.

Though failing in destroying Buddhism, an unambiguous religion of peace, precisely the same as (the original) Christianity and Islam, smashing open the cracks in Myanmar's ethnic groups did tarnish the image of Myanmar and world Buddhism considerably.

Just like with other religions, when the CIA manipulates them, they become the opposite of all their religion formerly stood for. That is the legacy the CIA will live with forever even after that monstrous organization is finally laid to rest.

Other conflict zones in Myanmar - US fingerprints and Christian NGOs

Kayah

Despite its small size, Kayah has some eight ethnic armed groups operating on its territory and conflict continues to blight the region...

A little under half of Kayah's population is Buddhist, 46% are Christian — both Catholic and Baptist — and almost 2% identify are animist. The 2014 census found small Hindu and Muslim communities, while another 1% listed their religion as 'other'.

Myanmar's biggest and oldest hydropower project, Lawpita, is also in Kayah. Built in the 1960s the Lawpita plant was generating about a fifth of Myanmar's energy supply as recently as 2014. But it is hugely controversial among local people, who have seen little benefit from the plant. The vast majority of the energy produced at Lawpita goes to big central cities; Yangon and Mandalay.

There are now major efforts to electrify Kayah, but just two years ago, less than 50% of people had electricity to power their household lighting. Small solar panels, which can be bought cheaply at local markets, accounted for 17% and candles 20%.

https://kite-tales.org/en/region/kayah-state

That Kayah state should have some 46% Christians, in a country as famous for Buddhism as Myanmar, is notable.

It should come as no surprise that Christian NGOs are notorious worldwide as tools for the CIA to overthrow foreign governments. The patina of "Christianity" fools some but never local authorities because of the extreme violence they facilitate.

I recall a visit to Sri Lanka in November 1995 during the US sponsored proxy war there. It's universally called a "civil war," but India and the US played an overpowering role in attempting to overthrow the (Buddhist) Sri Lankan government. Hanging out primarily at the Press Club in the capital city of Columbo I had the opportunity to get to know many of their national-level reporters and information from first hand observers regarding the violence. Even at that time I was not surprised at the role of Christian NGOs in promoting the war. What I found is that large numbers of Christian NGO members from the USA had been arrested at the airport entering the country with military support materials, like bomb timing devices destined for the Tamil terrorists fighting the government, in addition to suitcases stuffed full of money. The Sri Lankan military, police and press knew all about this but it somehow never got into American mainstream media press. Why not? The answer is simple: The CIA and the Clintons.

The Tamil terrorists flying under the grandiose name of Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) were big supporters of the Clintons, and the Clintons were big supporters of the LTTE.

https://www.srilankafoundation.org/newsfeed/clinton-e-mail-scandal-never-wanted-sri-lanka-ltte-defeated/

https://www.ndtv.com/offbeat/sri-lankan-tamils-to-break-over-1000-coconuts-to-bless-hillary-clinton-1621603

https://www.lankaweb.com/news/items/2016/05/29/clinton-e-mail-scandal-never-wanted-sri-lanka-ltte-defeated/

https://abcnews.go.com/Blotter/raj-rajaratnam-indicted-20-million-insider-trading-case/story?id=8845975

https://tamil-tiger-terror.blogspot.com/2008/01/hillary-clinton-receiving-funding-from.html

https://thomasalamb.blogspot.com/2007/12/hillary-clinton-and-ram-ranjan.html https://canadafreepress.com/article/clinton-fundraising-ties-to-terror-group

Here one can find a list of US congressmen receiving payoffs from the Tamil Terrorists:

http://pdfs.island.lk/2008/02/11/p7.pdf &

http://www.srilankaguardian.org/2010/12/congressman-danny-davis-calls-tamil.html https://www.refworld.org/docid/5bcf1f33a.html

During her time as secretary of state, Hillary Clinton took the lead in denouncing the Sri Lankan government's "human rights record" in order to pressure it to move away from its ties with China as part of the Obama administration's "Pivot to Asia." She presented resolutions in 2011 and 2012 in her capacity as secretary of state demanding that the UN take action against Sri Lanka for human rights violations during the civil war against Tamil separatist guerrillas.

https://www.wsws.org/en/articles/2015/02/28/clin-f28.html

The blood trail leads right back to Hillary Clinton, and her "Get China" policy published in 2011 under the misleading "Pivot to Asia" title.

Their use of Christian NGOs never made it into western mainstream news for a reason. When I was leaving Sri Lanka, a local journalist gave me a manila envelop filled with news clippings detailing arrests of different Christian NGO members and the military support they were bringing into the country to help the Tamil Terrorists. Upon arriving in Washington DC, I went to the Press Building with that large collection of clippings,

however not one wire, press or broadcast news organization would consider the story I had with names and phone numbers of Sri Lankan news reporters who witnessed those arrests. Why not? It was all classified as CIA TOP SECRET. And it still is. Just one of the dozens and probably hundreds of dirty secret wars run by the CIA.

Laws broken by Hillary Clinton and the CIA include:

https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/18/2339B

CIAs use of Christian NGOs

http://souciant.com/2015/11/christian-intelligence-agency/

So, should it be a surprise that the CIA in its efforts to destabilize Myanmar is again up to its old tricks of using Christian NGOs, and churches to further another illegal violent revolution as they did in Sri Lanka?



Amnesty says at least eight landmines were laid in the church of St Matthew's in Daw Ngay Khu village, Hpruso Township

https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2022/07/myanmar-militarys-use-of-banned-landmines-in-kayah-state-amounts-to-war-crimes

One of the bigger war crimes in Myanmar was/is the CIA's use of Christian so-called NGOs to illegally overthrow foreign governments, and the US mainstream media's censorship of news relating to that criminal relationship. But will the International Court of Justice ever prosecute anyone for those crimes? Of course not. The so-called United Nations was engineered to be a tool to promote colonialism from the very beginning, as the Nakba proved.

In the US government/NED supported so-called "democracy movement" in Hong Kong, rioters frequently met in churches prior to launching out in the streets in their efforts to strangle the economy of Hong Kong.



US embassy people freely joined in with the "demonstrators" as well.

Hong Kong protesters tear-gassed after clashes with police

31 Aug 2019 Hong Kong, China - Thousands of protesters in Hong Kong took to the streets for a 13th consecutive weekend and clashed with police who fired tear gas and water cannon to disperse them.

Black-clad demonstrators, some carrying crosses, gathered on Saturday at a sports stadium in Hong Kong's city centre *for what they called a Christian rally*, before fanning out into the streets and marching towards the police headquarters in central Wan Chai...

https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2019/08/hong-kong-protesters-defy-police-ban-rally-13th-weekend-190831051941857.html (Italics added by author.)

"The footage provides additional insight into Saturday night's unrest, during which protesters hurled petrol bombs at police. Authorities retaliated by deploying water cannon and tear gas." Sept. 1, 2019

https://www.rt.com/news/467738-hong-kong-videos-fire-protesters/ (Italics added by this author.)

There is so much irony in the CIA hiding their efforts to overthrow China's government behind churches, with one being that Jesus was clearly no capitalist:

"If you desire to be perfect," replied Jesus, "go and sell all that you have, and give to the poor, and you shall have wealth in Heaven; and come, follow me."

New Testament Bible, Matthew 19:21

The CIA's use of Christian NGOs to support violent revolutions around the world is as reprehensible as it is illegal – and that they did and continue to do that in Myanmar should come as no surprise. The so-called Free Burma Rangers (FBR) is an American "Christian" NGO and classic example of precisely that.

Fortunately there are a few Americans left with some appreciation for law and justice.

A "Defund-the-CIA" Democratic Candidate for Congress is Calling Biden a "War Criminal" and Demanding His Immediate Impeachment, by Jeremy Kuzmarov - July 18, 2022

https://covertactionmagazine.com/2022/07/18/a-defund-the-cia-democratic-candidate-for-congress-is-calling-biden-a-war-criminal-and-demanding-his-immediate-impeachment

Unfortunately, the majority of Americans are still hypnotized by the deluge of government wildly misleading propaganda posing as an "information war" packaged so professionally by CNN and other mainstream news.

Detaining Aung San Suu Kyi

Myanmar's leader Aung San Suu Kyi & senior officials DETAINED amid fears of military coup - reports

31 Jan, 2021

Myanmar's de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi and several highprofile officials have been detained amid rising tensions with the military, Reuters reported, citing spokesman for the ruling National League for Democracy party.

The 1991 Nobel Peace Prize winner was reportedly "taken" and escorted away early Monday morning, Reuters reported, citing spokesman for Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party, Myo Nyunt.

Nyunt added that several other senior officials, including formal head of the state - Myanmar's President Win Myint - were allegedly taken into custody...

The reported detentions of high-ranking officials came as the civilian government of Suu Kyi has been increasingly at odds with the powerful military, alleging fraud in the county's November general elections that Suu Kyi's governing party said it won in a landslide.

The newly-elected bicameral legislature, where the Suu Kyi-led NLD secured 396 seats out of 476, was to convene on Monday for the first time. During its inaugural session, the lawmakers were set to elect the new president and the vice presidents for the next five-year period. The result of the November vote dealt a blow to the military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party, which had to contend with 33 seats.

The military has since repeatedly cried foul over the outcome of the elections, urging electoral officials to review the final tally. The military insisted that the vote was riddled with fraud, claiming they've found evidence of as many as 8.6 million irregularities in voter lists.

https://www.rt.com/news/514216-myanmar-military-detain-coup



Aung San Suu Kyi and Hillary Clinton - Multiple sources

Myanmar's military says it is taking control of the country for 1 year, declares state of emergency due to alleged election fraud February 1, 2021

Myanmar's military has seized power, saying it will be in charge for one year, while declaring a state of emergency due to what it sees as a rigged election won by the party of Aung San Suu Kyi, now reportedly under arrest.

With most TV broadcasting cut off amid rumors of a military coup in the making, military-owned Myawaddy TV announced Monday morning that the commander-in-chief of the Myanmar Armed Forces, General Min Aung Hlaing, will be taking control over the country for one year.

The channel reported that the military invoked a state of emergency in accordance with the constitution, which provides it with far-reaching emergency powers.

The military, known as the Tatmadaw, doubled down on its allegations of voter fraud in the November general election, citing the civilian government's failure to investigate the allegations as one of the reasons behind the move. The Tatmadaw also aired its grievances over Suu Kyi's ruling National League for Democracy party's refusal to postpone the election due to the coronavirus pandemic, as demanded by the military-backed Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) and 24 other parties.

The military has yet to clarify the status of Suu Kyi, who was, along with Myanmar's president, Win Myint and several other high-ranking officials, reportedly detained earlier on Monday.

https://www.rt.com/news/514218-myanmar-emergency-election-fraud

One thing that can safely be said about Aung San Suu Kyi is, she always was America's principal agent on the ground there and that historically has not been a comfortable or safe occupation.

In almost every book I write these days, I include the following section because it establishes the habits and character of the belligerent behind most conflicts in the world. Whereas most conflicts can be and usually are settled at local levels *before* they get "out of hand," that is escalated into major conflicts and wars, when the US gets involved directly or covertly, major conflicts and wars become inevitable.

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, Turkey 2016, Venezuela 2019, Bolivia 2019*, Iran 2017 to present, Nicaragua 2018, China 2018 to present and Russia 2022.

Myanmar should be on that list as well, recorded as a successful overthrow. Now fortunately, Myanmar's military has retaken power and booted the foreign masters out. Another perfect correlation: The more control the US has within a foreign nation, the higher the number of rapes and murders (and the worse the COVID-19).

No other nation in world history ever tried to overthrow as many governments (67 at minimum), directly or via proxies as the US.

How the Pentagon Uses a Secretive Program to Wage Proxy Wars

Exclusive documents and interviews reveal the sweeping scope of classified 127e operations.

By Nick Turse, Alice Speri, of The Intercept, July 1 2022

Small teams of U.S. Special Operations forces are involved in a low-profile proxy war program on a far greater scale than previously known, according to exclusive documents and interviews with more than a dozen current and former government officials.

While The Intercept and other outlets have previously reported on the Pentagon's use of the secretive 127e authority in multiple African countries, a new document obtained through the Freedom of Information Act offers the first official confirmation that at least 14 127e programs were also active in the greater Middle East and the Asia-Pacific region as recently as 2020. In total, between 2017 and 2020, U.S. commandos conducted at least 23 separate 127e programs across the world...

https://theintercept.com/2022/07/01/pentagon-127e-proxy-wars

US black budget operations in Myanmar

The Use of US Special Operation Forces in Great Power Competition: Imposing Costs on Chinese Gray Zone Operations by Kaley Scholl, Mon, 12/07/2020

...Title 10 US Code 127e, Support Special Operations to Combat Terrorism should be modified to allow the unused funds (\$100M per fiscal year) to roll over or be reprogrammed to support SOF

mission sets for great power competition. Currently, Congress appropriates \$100 million annually for 127e operations. ASD SOLIC, in coordination with the Undersecretary of Defense (Comptroller), should draft a legislative proposal for each authority they request from Congress and prepare a program brief for the House and Senate Appropriations Committees Staff Directors on the legislative provisions needed in support of great power competition...

Case Study 2: Myanmar

China is Myanmar's largest trading partner and foreign investor, with multiple infrastructure projects either completed or underway. China has been a key partner through Myanmar's political transitions and periods of international isolation. China has capitalized on the leverage obtained during these periods of Western isolation, including most recently during the Rohingya crisis triggered by militants attacking state security outposts, resulting in 700,000 Rohingya fleeing the violence to neighboring Bangladesh.[45], [46] However, there is an important element to the Chinese-Burmese relationship that highlights fissures the US can leverage. According to a news report published in Myanmar, Brigadier General Zaw Min Tun, the spokesman for the Myanmar military, stated a "foreign country" was behind the militant Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army, citing modern technologies used to attack the military in Rakhine State.[47] There are three major benefits to China from arming Burmese insurgency groups. First, genuine peace poses a risk to China's strategic position in Myanmar. The continued friction between the government and border populations provides China a major source of influence over Myanmar. This leverage can prevent unwelcome US influence in the country, while peace would weaken China's influence over the ethnic nationalities along the border. Second, the Rohingya crisis has strained relations with the West, and China has shielded Myanmar from actions at the UN Security Council. China can use this leverage to win support for BRI projects such as the Kyaukophyu Port and a Special Economic Zone in Rakhine State. Third, private Chinese actors can continue to benefit from the security situation along the border and act with corrupt military officials and the insurgent groups to conduct illicit cross-border trade.[48]

Imposing Costs on China in Myanmar

The Department of State's Integrated Country Strategy for Myanmar calls on US diplomats to invest across the spectrum of society to identify and cultivate the next generation of leaders. This includes the pursuit of constructive engagement with Myanmar's military and police services to help bolster its capacity to respond to transnational threats and regional security concerns. [49] While the US has targeted visa restrictions and financial sanctions under the Global Magnitsky Act on perpetrators of atrocities in Myanmar, the US continues to pursue an engagement strategy to recognize the positive steps taken on political and economic reforms, promoting government transparency, civil society, and international engagement.[50] China's use of proxies obfuscates the actual role of the official state apparatus in the support of proxy forces, ultimately benefitting from the degraded regional stability.[51] For the past 20 years, SOF has been conducting counter- Violent Extremist Organizations (VEO) operations in the Middle East and Eastern Europe. Therefore, SOF can partner with Myanmar's security forces to support counter-VEO operations, which entail embedding SOF with the Myanmar forces to train and operate counter-VEO missions. These missions would increase influence and stifle the operational space the VEOs and China enjoy, all the while developing and exploiting these insurgent networks.[52] SOF can likewise use its longstanding partnerships with the US Drug Enforcement Agency and the Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INCLE) to combat transnational crime and narcotics, with similar efforts taken in Colombia, Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq.[53] By operating with the DEA and Myanmar forces in counter-narcotic operations, SOF can attain strategic placement within the local population, build influence and relationships with the armed forces, and ultimately cut off a funding stream to the northern insurgent organizations. Likewise, the interagency aspect to partnering with DEA expands SOF's access to mission sets that may otherwise be limited to a strictly military tool. Most importantly, SOF can work towards stabilizing the security situation by using human and signals intelligence to illuminate the broader political project of China, the political use of terrorism. [54]

https://smallwarsjournal.com/jrnl/art/use-us-special-operation-forces-great-power-competition-imposing-costs-chinese-gray-zone (Bold added by this author.)

Please note the statement above:

"However, there is an important element to the Chinese-Burmese relationship that highlights fissures the US can leverage. According to a news report published in Myanmar, Brigadier General Zaw Min Tun, the spokesman for the Myanmar military, stated a "foreign country" was behind the militant Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army, citing modern technologies used to attack the military in Rakhine State. There are three major benefits to China from arming Burmese insurgency groups..."

"...fissures the US can leverage." That is precisely what the US is doing in Myanmar. Cracking open fissures in relationships between ethnic minorities in Myanmar, between ethnic minorities in Myanmar and the government, and between Myanmar and its neighbors. That is precisely the meaning of the phrase: "divide and conquer."

"A foreign country..." Yes, but not China. That is pure rubbish. The conflicts in Myanmar and elsewhere slow down and in some cases stop China's development projects. China has no motivation to promote conflict, and anyone who knows anything about China's foreign policy is well aware of that. It makes no sense whatsoever for China to promote violence and/or aid insurgent groups in Myanmar as it delays their projects increasing costs. On the other hand, the US has been doing just that for decades in Europe, South America and Asia, reaching a crescendo during Aung San Suu Kyi's reign as leader of that nation.

Furthermore, another article that same publication, Small Wars Journal provides very strong detailed evidence of how the US uses "humanitarian assistance" to promote those insurgencies.

Insurgent Relief and Assistance Teams: The Free Burma Rangers Organize-Train-Equip-Sustain Model

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Insurgent Relief and Assistance Teams: The Free Burma Rangers Organize-Train-Equip-Sustain Model

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Free Burma Rangers (FBR) is a Burma-based, multi-ethnic, conflict relief and assistance organization...

Ethnic armed organizations (EAOs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) inside Burma send men and women to FBR to be organized, trained, equipped, and sustained in teams to be deployed by their parent organizations into areas, under attack or in crisis, to provide emergency medical care, shelter, food, clothing, and human rights' documentation. Rangers are all volunteers who choose to work for the freedom for all people under oppression. They go towards the attack to help people and they will not run away if the people, they are helping, cannot escape. Men and women of many ethnic groups and religions in Burma are all part of FBR. In addition to Burma, FBR has conducted organize-trainequip team training in Sudan, and direct relief and assistance missions to Kurdistan, Iraq, and Syria by FBR's headquarters' international team from Burma. Thus, FBR occupies a unique position through providing relief and assistance to oppressed people in Burma, Sudan, Kurdistan, Iraq, and Syria until freedom and sustainable peace finally comes to them...

Insurgency Context

Armed conflicts began in Burma (aka Myanmar) after its independence in 1948 between the dominant Bamar ethnic group from central Burma and the non-Bamar people ("ethnic people") from the peripheral hill and delta areas. These conflicts have been continuous through successive civilian, military, and quasi-military governments. The key issues are related to the ethnic peoples' social, economic, and political aspirations for the self-autonomy and ethnic equality promised to them when they joined with the Bamars to establish the Union of Burma. Consequently, over the subsequent seventy years, many ethnic people formed political/armed groups to initially fight for independence and later for self-autonomy as manifested in some equitable form of political, economic, security, resource, administrative, territorial, and resource power sharing. At the present time, there are some twenty-one EAOs fighting against the Burma Government and Burma military. One or more of these EAOs are in ten of the fourteen administrative states/regions that comprise the country...

Organizational Profile

Free Burma Rangers was founded in 1997 by David Eubank, a former US Army Ranger and Special Force major, and Eliya Samson, a Karen National Liberation Army soldier, in Burma. Its Vision is to

free the oppressed and stand for human dignity, justice, and reconciliation. Free the Oppressed was taken from the Bible (Luke; 4:18) by the US Army Special Forces - De Oppresso Liber - and then through one of its co-founders, adopted by FBR. From its perspective in Burma, "Free the Oppressed" means that medical, relief, assistance, counseling, and other similar initiatives are utilized by FBR to help free the ethnic people from oppression by the Burma Government and Burma military.

Moreover, Free the Oppressed means to free people from the oppression of sickness and injury, hunger, and mental, emotional, and spiritual distress. FBR takes the side of staying with people in need or under attack, and supporting their aspirations for self-determination, justice, dignity, and freedom.

The FBR Creed is:

Love each other.

Unite and work for freedom, justice and peace.

Forgive and don't hate each other.

Pray with faith, Act with courage, Never surrender.

The FBR Mission is to bring help, hope, and love to people of all faiths and ethnicities in conflict areas, shine a light on the actions of oppressors, stand with the oppressed, and support leaders and organizations committed to liberty, justice, and service.

FBR's Objectives are to:

Organize, train, equip, and sustain indigenous relief and assistance teams in the field.

Provide immediate medical assistance, shelter, food, clothing, educational materials, and other relief and assistance in war zones, and improve logistics and medical evacuation in these conflict areas.

Develop information networks that document, report, and disseminate accounts of human rights' violations and movements of hostile armed groups, and provide early warning systems.

Provide counseling for victims of human rights' violations and support programs for children and families.

Inspire, train, and equip people psychologically, physically, relationally, and professionally to bring positive change through acts of care and service.

FBR's Organizational Structure:

FBR Director: Sets the strategic direction and oversees the organization.

FBR Deputy Directors/Field Coordinators (2): Liaise between FBR's headquarters and the ethnic leadership in Burma; assist with decisions concerning missions, trainings, specific team members, mission budgets, and other operational matters; communicate FBR's vision and mission to all audiences, especially among the local leaders and people in all locations where FBR conducts missions; help lead Rangers on the headquarters' international team on missions in Sudan, Iraq, Kurdistan, and Syria; and, inspire respect and love in the people where they serve.

FBR operational areas are in ceasefire and conflict zones, and internally displaced persons' (IDP) camps and hide sites in ten of the fourteen states/regions which constitute Burma. Its teams are made up of men and women, who are animists, Buddhists, Christians, and Muslims from the following groups in Burma:

Arakan
Chin
Kachin
Karen
Karenni
Lahu
Mon
Naga
Pa Oh
Rohingya
Shan

Team members, trained by FBR, are sent by their parent organization with only three requirements:

Ta'ang

Love - Each person strives to be trained and conduct relief and assistance missions for their love of the people without compensation.

Ability to read and write in at least one language - Literacy is required due to necessary operational responsibilities.

Physical and moral courage - They must have the physical strength and endurance to be able to walk to crisis areas and the moral courage to be with people under attack and stand with them if they cannot flee.

They still belong to their parent organization where they may perform specific primary roles and responsibilities not directly related to relief and assistance. Their parent organization seconds them as members of FBR teams for missions to provide necessary relief and assistance in their area of operations. Team members come together one or more times during a year to conduct missions as directed by their parent organization whenever needs arise. They also assist FBR during training sessions as additional staff and instructors

At the end of 2017, FBR had 93 teams with each team consisting of four-five members. Of these teams, there were 90 teams under their parent organization - 55 full time teams/35 temporary teams:

- 38 Karen teams 35 full time teams and 3 temporary teams
- 8 Arakan teams 4 full time teams and 4 temporary teams
- 8 Kachin teams 2 full time teams and 6 temporary teams
- 8 Ta'ang teams 1 full time team and 7 temporary teams
- 7 Karenni teams 4 full time teams and 3 temporary teams
- 7 Shan teams 3 full time teams and 4 temporary teams
- 4 Naga teams 1 full time team and 3 temporary teams
- 3 Mon teams 3 temporary teams
- 2 Chin teams 2 full time teams
- 2 Lahu teams 1 full time team and 1 temporary team
- 2 Pa Oh teams 1 full time team and 1 temporary team
- 1 Rohingya team 1 fulltime team

FBR's headquarters has 3 full time teams:

2 Burma teams

1 International team – Kurdistan, Iraq, and Syria missions

https://smallwarsjournal.com/index.php/jrnl/art/insurgent-reliefand-assistance-teams-free-burma-rangers-organize-train-equipsustain

FBR is US government support for violent separatists in Myanmar.

Please note the sentence above: "Free the Oppressed was taken from the Bible (Luke; 4:18) by the US Army Special Forces - De Oppresso Liber - and then through one of its cofounders, adopted by FBR."

- 1) It's led by a bible quotation.
- 2) De oppresso liber is the motto of the United States Army Special Forces.

The article goes on to brag about their "work" in several other countries including Syria where they support the YPG.

In Syria, FBR works with the Kurds' People Protection Units (**YPG**) and various Arab armed groups that are part of the Syrian Democratic Front.

FBR maintains a two-person area coordination team in Syria to facilitate FBR direct relief and assistance missions...

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What is the YPG?

The Turkish-Kurdish War in Syria Is at the Boiling Point, by Steven Sahiounie, Global Research, April 20, 2022

...The violence and bloodshed are caused by Turkey's occupation of the Syrian land, which is inhabited by a Syrian ethnic majority, but under the brutal military control of a minority group. The Kurdish separatist army SDF and YPG are aligned with the terrorist group PKK, who are Kurdish communists. To add to the confusion and competing interests, the SDF and YPG are paid mercenaries for the United States government.

The Syrian government can't attack the SDF and YPG because they are supported by the US, who has troops stationed in the area, preventing the Syrian oil wells from being used by the Syrian people for their domestic gasoline supply. Currently, there is a severe

gasoline shortage in Syria caused by the US forces occupying the oil wells.

https://www.globalresearch.ca/turkish-kurdish-war-syria-boiling-point/5778062



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

Donald TrumpUS President



The US is still illegally occupying northern Syria, while stealing its oil and wheat.

The American so-called "Department of Defense" is the world's most colossal thief. It steals from the world's poorest nations – nations it has sanctioned – and gives that wealth to the richest people on earth. It is the opposite of Robin Hood. There would be no war in Syria, and there would have been no genocide in Myanmar, were it not for US interferences in the domestic affairs of other nations. In this respect American democrats and republicans represent a duopoly – they are two sides of the same coin.

Chinese Military Calls US "Destroyer of World Peace", Citing Millions Dead & Displaced in Iraq, Syria, Libya. By Zero Hedge, Global Research, September 14, 2020 - Zero Hedge 13 September 2020

https://www.globalresearch.ca/chinese-military-calls-us-destroyer-world-peace-citing-millions-dead-displaced-iraq-syria-libya/5723752

It is US Special Forces that is supporting the violent separatist movements in Myanmar, not China.

Insurgent Relief and Assistance Teams: The Free Burma Rangers Organize-Train-Equip-Sustain Model

... "All FBR teams are equipped with video and digital cameras, reporting books, and communications' devices. In this regard, FBR teams focus upon: Military Camps, Movements, and Attacks..."

https://smallwarsjournal.com/index.php/jrnl/art/insurgent-relief-and-assistance-teams-free-burma-rangers-organize-train-equipsustain

...precisely the way spies work in any foreign country and war. Even the title of that article advertises the so-called "Free Burma Rangers" (FBR) is working in support of insurgents, which is admission of aiding violent separatists.

US foreign policy makers believe the way to keep the US the most powerful nation on earth, is to keep every other nation and region embroiled in conflict and consequently poor and on its knees, like a slave, begging for US help. Economic slavery is just as bad as military enslavement except more deceptive and insidious.

https://thegrayzone.com/2021/10/19/super-imperialism-economist-michael-hudson/

Where are the sanctions against the USA? Why isn't every president responsible being tried in the Hague? Why has no mechanism been put in place a long time ago to prevent more of those criminal acts by the USA?

And thus, the genocide and mass rapings in Myanmar were predictable, as it is a resource rich country with great geo-strategic value in South Asia.

'Tied to trees and raped': UN report details Rohingya horrors

UN investigators publish report detailing evidence for accusation of genocide against Burmese military

"The full 440-page report, a summary of which was released in August, includes accounts of women tied by their hair or hands to trees then raped; young children trying to flee burning houses but forced back inside; widespread use of torture with bamboo sticks, cigarettes and hot wax; and landmines placed at the escape routes from villages, killing people as they fled army crackdowns."

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/sep/18/tied-to-trees-and-raped-un-report-details-rohingya-horrors

Why do so many stories in which a Clinton plays a significant role have sadistic rape and mass murder of Muslims as a consistent theme? (Keeping in mind that those alleged events happened on Aung San Suu Kyi's watch, and defended by her at the UN, and that she was a close confidant of Hillary Clinton.) Furthermore, one might wonder as to verification of the identity of the assailants in all of those crimes, and one might wonder at the extreme hypocrisy of the US to continue to use and sell cluster munitions which are

egregious violations of the Convention on Cluster Munitions – a Convention the US refuses to sign.

When cluster munitions are launched, they disperse into smaller bomblets that rain over the targeted area. While most of those bomblets explode, a considerable portion often do not. Much like land mines, those unexploded bomblets pose risks to civilians and nonmilitary infrastructure for years after a conflict has ended.

https://theintercept.com/2022/07/29/cluster-bomb-sales-ban-barbara-lee/

The US <u>refuses to sign</u> the Convention on Cluster Munitions, and made extensive use of them in Vietnam, and Cambodia, and more recently by Presidents Clinton and George W. Bush, in addition to President Obama who used cluster bombs in the now notorious 2009 attack on primarily women and children in Yemen. Fifty-five people were killed. Also, no mention is made that the US continues to sell cluster munitions to countries like Saudi Arabia that also uses those indiscriminate killers in Yemen. President Trump went so far as to reverse an U.S. policy designed to limit the use of cluster munition, which in turn emboldens other nations to also sidestep the Convention on Cluster Munitions. Thus, pointing a finger at Myanmar is the height of hypocrisy, given that they are using similar weapons in defense of their own nation against American backed insurgents, as compared to American much more widespread use of even worse weapons in wars of conquest in foreign lands.

What is to prove those were not actions by US backed radicalized Buddhists in false flag operations the same as are so commonly used in the conflict in Ukraine?

This is another example of the US saying to the "inferior" nation: "Do as I say, not as I do." Anyone can plant a mine in the night. Anyone can dress in the uniform of any nation and commit unspeakable crimes, very effectively framing the military of that nation.

Who can trust the reports of a nation like the US? To write that the US has a "credibility problem" is an understatement.

The so-called "Arab Spring"

The 2011 series of so-called "Arab Spring" revolutions occurred during Ms. Clinton's watch as then President Obama's Secretary of State. They were in all cases launched by what are deceptively called "color revolutions."

Though "color revolution" might sound, well colorful, in fact it has always proven to be devastatingly destructive to the nations that suffer them as the Arab so-called "Spring" cases of Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Yemen, Syria, and Bahrain prove, "where either the ruler was deposed (Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, Muammar Gaddafi, Hosni Mubarak, and Ali Abdullah Saleh) or major uprisings and social violence occurred including riots, civil wars,

or insurgencies." And thus, the US has a great deal of experience at setting up these bloody and destructive "color revolutions," which in all cases are profitable only to Euro-American "defense" industries with the added perk that the US then determines who will be the next leaders of those countries.

And to think she and her closest Democrat friends are fully in control of the world's most dangerous government now. Fortunately, at least in Myanmar some of that horror may be contained and hopefully the military there can at least try to reverse some of the devastation she certainly appears to have had a hand in creating.

[One must not forget the genocides that took place during the Clinton administration 1993 to 2001, which include the Bosnian genocide and mass raping, the Rwanda genocide and mass raping, Kosova, Chechnya, and others.]

The badly named NED

The so-called National Endowment for Democracy (NED) has helped to overthrow more democracies than any other organization in history. It should more accurately be called the "National Endowment for the Overthrow of Democracies."

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/zxxx_662805/202205/t20220507_10683090.html

NED and so-called Freedom House were instrumental in the overthrow of the democratically elected government in Ukraine in 2014. NED is the primary instrument of the US in overthrowing governments all around the world that do not bow to American hegemony in perpetuity, hyper-liberalism, theft of natural resources and other acts of infamy.

Hatred as a motivational force

Hate sells, as is proven by the sheer number of hate groups and followers in the USA.

https://www.splcenter.org/hate-map

American hate groups are also a vivid indicator as to how radicalized the USA has become.

When President Trump's CIA advisors suggested the phrase "China Virus" to him, he leapt on it like a juicy steak. Since then, anti-Asian violence has seen a huge resurgence around the USA.

Most recently as of this writing, the Supreme Court overturned its decision in the *Roe vs. Wade* abortion issue, and liberals and conservatives are at each others' throats again, with protests in many large cities that are likely to get increasingly extreme as the summer warms up. But dividing the American public along innumerable lines, the US government protects itself, and distracts the public from more relevant issues like global starvation, COVID-19 and other emerging diseases, wars started and endlessly escalated by the US government, the environment and so on.

Poverty, pain and violence

There was a fascinating psychology article published in 1962 that partly explains violence in poverty-stricken areas.

Behavioral psychologists took pairs of rats and put each pair in a cage with an electric floor. Then the researchers shocked their feet.

I have sampled a wide variety of students' opinions as to what they thought the rats would do in that situation. Almost all students in several countries responded: "Run away!" And "Search for a way out."

But that's not what happened. Instead, the rats immediately attacked each other.

Let us hope humans are not like rats.

Reflexive fighting in response to aversive stimulation by R. E. Ulrich and N. H. Azrin

Journal of Experimental Analysis of Behavior, 1962 Oct; 5(4):511-20. Doi: 10.1901/jeab.1962.5-511

https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/13995319

Likewise, there is the "Crabs in a Bucket" paradigm, in which crabs stuck in a bucket will tear each other down in order to escape. Again, one can only hope humans are wiser than crabs. https://incels.wiki/w/Crabs_in_a_bucket

Conservative vs. liberal philosophies

The biggest difference between people is not nationality, race, religion or gender orientation per se, but rather liberal vs. conservative philosophies. Though the exact issues underlying those very broad labels varies a little culture to culture, for the most part they represent distinctly different sets of values. Young people tend to be more liberal, and older people more conservative, in hope that the youth don't make the same mistakes they did.

Most nations are roughly divided 50/50 between liberals and conservatives with moderates falling in a distant third place. Why? US policies and media are extremist, and very good at radicalizing people, a natural extension of 1) the democratic system exacerbated by billion-dollar media hype, and 2) the *Divide et impera*" strategy. It's hard to get a really successful revolutionary war against the US government going when half of the people can't agree on any particular issue.

Forgotten moderates

John Adams assisted Jefferson in drafting the Declaration of Independence in 1776. As a diplomat in Europe, he helped negotiate a peace treaty with Great Britain and secured

vital governmental loans. Adams was the primary author of the Massachusetts Constitution in 1780, which influenced the United States constitution, as did his essay Thoughts on Government. John Adams was also a steadfast moderate — a quality that allowed him to work as an effective diplomat and engineer of a new form of government. In the American TV series about John Adams, he describes himself as "extremely moderate," which indicates how contemporary American media can even make being moderate into a form of extremism. There is no evidence John Adams ever described himself as "extremely moderate."

Polarization, radicalization and provocations are the US intelligence apparatus' most formidable weapons, yet they somehow always seem to fall below the radar of the western corporate controlled news. Thus, US tax payers and voters have virtually no idea as to the roots of the wars going on around the world and how their tax dollars are used to create the conditions for wars and other extreme violence, such as seen Myanmar in recent decades.

Why are Muslims so feared and hated? CIA promotion of hatred and terror around the world.

Seventy-eight percent (78%) of the world's proven oil reserves are in Muslim countries.

https://www.nsenergybusiness.com/features/newstop-ten-countries-with-worlds-largest-oil-reserves-5793487

Russia weights in at position 6, with 80 billion barrels of proven reserves between the UAE (98 billion barrels) and Libya (48 billion barrels).

Thus, promoting hatred of Muslims and Russians is an effective way for American socalled defense planners to make it much easier to kill and rob them.

So, the CIA and foreign NGOs worked teaching hatred and fear of Muslims in Myanmar.

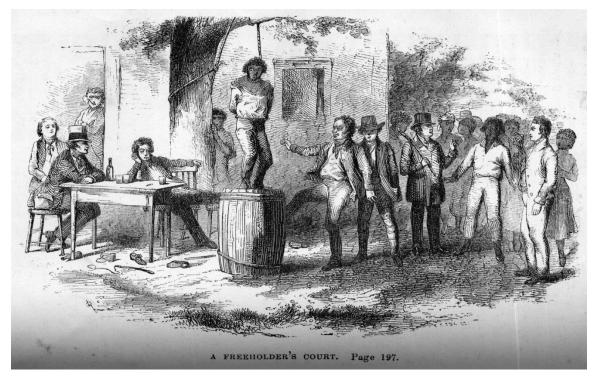
If there is any tiny fissure, the slightest crack in the unity of a nation, the CIA will find and exploit it, in its efforts to divide nations internally and internationally. Unfortunately, poised between Buddhist East Asia and Muslim Central Asia, promoting hatred in Myanmar was all to easy for them. Now, the question is: Can the people of Myanmar let go of that hatred and start to work together to heal the wounds, and repair their nation's reputation in the eyes of the world community?

Punishment for runaway slaves

Colonialism is slavery – slavery on a global basis.

The British, French, Portuguese, Belgians, Spanish, Italians, Germans, Austrian-Hungarians, Japanese and Americans all had their ways of punishing the "savages" that tried to escape their slavery. Those "ways" can be summarized as torture and killing.

Tortures such as "amputation of limbs, whippings, branding, hobbling" were common as was hanging after torture, to terrorize other slaves so-as they would not even consider escape.



Downloaded from: http://www.slaveryimages.org/s/slaveryimages/item/1231

The following are a few sites with relevant information.

http://slaveryimages.org/s/slaveryimages/item/1267

https://www.historyonthenet.com/black-peoples-of-america-slave-punishments

US punishment of nations that defy its imperial ambitions were neatly summarized in the draft version of the American Defense Planning Guidance (PDG). It suggests at least, terrorism to ensure the eternal subservience of foreign nations:

According to the draft DPG, the United States must also "show the leadership necessary to establish and protect a new order that holds the promise of convincing potential competitors that they need not aspire to a greater role or pursue a more aggressive posture to protect their legitimate interests."

https://militaristmonitor.org/profile/1992 draft defense planning guidance

How exactly does the US convince potential competitors that they need not aspire to a greater role or pursue a more aggressive posture to protect their legitimate interests? One word: terror, just the same as Antebellum old south slave masters.

US Sanctions on Myanmar

https://www.state.gov/burma-sanctions

During the Nuremburg trials it was decreed that "just following orders" was not a legitimate defense. One might wonder what the penalty in Myanmar's military was for disobeying orders. This is an area deserving research, and until credible answers are determined, the American "trial in absentia" of Myanmar's military is premature, and thus, invalid.

True, Occam's razor suggests the most obvious reasons for most events occurring are probably the real reasons, however when dealing with the CIA, that rule is misapplied, for the world of the CIA is notorious for "smoke and mirrors" and is often referred to as "the looking-glass world."

2022 Further US efforts to totally strangle Myanmar's economy

In April of this year the US blocked all imports of gems from Myanmar to the US.

"Rep. Gregory Meeks introduced the Burma Act of 2021, which forbids any imports of Myanmar's gemstones to the U.S. Popular jewelry companies such as Tiffany & Co., Harry Winston, Kay Jewelers, Jared and Zales have also declared that they will not purchase any gemstones sourced from Myanmar. The House of Representatives passed the Burma Act of 2021 on April 6, 2022.

https://borgenproject.org/myanmars-gemstone-industry/ May 23, 2022

Should I be surprised if the CIA orchestrated the genocide and mass rapings in Myanmar? No.

According to mintpress.com, one of the best alternative news sites:

Oxford University has institutional ties with Yangon University, known to us as a platform for propagating justifications for the Burmese genocide, and Oxford-based or -trained Burmese who openly espouse anti-Rohingya racism in their Burmese-language social media posts on Facebook, the most widely-used medium that has been deployed for the incitement to commit genocide against the Rohingya, intentionally spreading misinformation designed to disparage the Rohingya and their claims of extreme repression and persecution...

https://www.mintpressnews.com/how-oxford-university-is-complicit-in-myanmar-genocide-denial/237808/

Yangon University will also obviously need to be swept clean of anti-Rohingya racism if Myanmar and its military are ever to regain a place of honor among nations, east, west, or otherwise. Western ivy league universities are notorious for their ties to MI6 and CIA, meaning despite all their prestige, they, and (most but not all of¹¹) their professors and graduates are best to be avoided, in this writer's opinion.

Ivy League Universities are America's and the UK's foremost spy schools

USA

- https://www.chronicle.com/article/taking-stock-of-the-ties-that-bindharvards-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-empiricalinvestigation-cia-rendition-detention-and-interrogation

UK

Cambridge University

- https://www.theguardian.com/uk/2003/nov/12/davidkelly.highereducation
- https://www.varsity.co.uk/news/3180
- https://www.corpus.cam.ac.uk/articles/500-years-cambridge-spies

Oxford University

Past heads of MI6 consist almost entirely of Oxbridge alumni, and ... was recently revealed to be a recruiter of Soviet spies in the University.

- https://www.oxfordstudent.com/2013/01/24/oxford-spies-and-the-secret-service
- Many believe former President Clinton was recruited by the CIA while at Oxford and that the first operation he worked on was called Operation Chaos.

The Belt and Road Initiative

Countries of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

As of December 2021, the number of countries that have joined the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with China is 145.

¹¹ The book: *The Silk Roads: A New History of the World* by Oxford scholar Peter Frankopan, 2017 is really quite excellent.

The countries of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) are spread across all continents:

- 42 BRI countries are in Sub-Saharan Africa
- 34 BRI countries are in Europe & Central Asia (including 18 countries of the European Union (EU) that are part of the BRI)
- 25 BRI countries are in East Asia & pacific
- 20 BRI countries are in Latin America & Caribbean
- 18 BRI countries in Middle East & North Africa
- 6 BRI countries are in South East Asia

www.yidaiyilu.gov.cn (Yi dai yi lu means: One Belt, One Road)

Most recently...

Argentina Joins BRI

Argentina's decision helps stabilize South America's economy

12 Feb, 2022 As Argentina signs up to China's belt and road, Beijing finds itself on a new path in Latin America - Argentina is the first of South America's major economies to join Beijing's infrastructure program - Their closer ties on currency will support Argentina's financial stability and aids the internationalization of the yuan, says observer...

https://www.scmp.com/news/china/diplomacy/article/3166744/argentina-signs-chinas-belt-and-road-beijing-finds-itself-new

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

2021.11.28 China has committed to building a \$184 million biomass plant in Guinea-Bissau, and is reportedly involved in several redevelopment projects in the country. Beijing is reportedly supporting a \$48-million project aimed at renovating the antiquated telecommunications system and highway construction. Chinese investors have also expressed interest in the logging sector, deepwater fisheries and oil exploration. / Beijing is planning to help Eritrea to bring back trained labor, to develop infrastructure in the country, and "wean it off an agricultural base to a higher standard of industrialization." Back in 2019, the China Shanghai Corporation for Foreign Economic and Technological Cooperation (SFECO) began construction of part of the 500km road between the country's port city of Massawa and Assab harbor, both of which possess special economic zones. / The two African states inked the Memorandum of Understanding days before the forthcoming

FOCAC Ministerial Forum in the Senegalese capital of Dakar, which kicks off on November 29...

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

That's the difference between the US and China. China knows how to make friends and build things people need. The US has no allies, only hostages and invariably leaves immeasurably high mountains of corpses (and rape victims) behind when it cuts and runs.

China mocks US over Afghanistan - Foreign ministry spokesman contrasted Beijing's aid to quake-stricken country with hasty US retreat 1 Jul, 2022

The same kind of planes the US used for its chaotic withdrawal from war-torn Afghanistan, China is now deploying to deliver supplies for rebuilding the country's province stricken by a major earthquake, a spokesman of the foreign ministry in Beijing pointed out on Twitter on Friday.

"Similar transport planes, different missions in Afghanistan," Zhao Lijian tweeted. He accompanied that with a screenshot captioned in English: "US planes took people out after destruction, Chinese planes brought relief supplies in for reconstruction."

https://www.rt.com/news/558237-china-relief-afghanistan-quake/

https://twitter.com/zlj517/status/1542775884939005953

The 10,001 obvious indicators that the US is a "rogue state," and the dirtiest of all global police, are inescapable, yet, the corporate controlled US media misses it all.

China and "It ain't 1945," for dummies

The CIA labels China as the USA's number one threat.

China Poses Biggest Threat to U.S., Intelligence Report Says

https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/13/us/politics/chinanational-security-intelligence-report.html

For what? Building hydroelectric dams bringing electricity to parts of the world for the first time and factories, while the USA is busy selling bombs and weapons that kill millions.

Most of the world is so like the 2020 horror movie "Antebellum" written and directed by Gerard Bush and Christopher Renz except there is no waking from this nightmare, particularly if one is not white and worst of all, Muslim.

BHRN and more West-funded Myanmar groups surface behind violent attacks on Chinese factories, by Hu Yuwei and Zhang Yutong, Mar 17, 2021

As the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar urged measures to stop violence and punish the perpetrators who smashed, looted and burnt Chinese-funded factories in Yangon, some 'NGOs,' such as the Burma Human Rights Network (BHRN), acting in the name of human rights protection and supported by Western forces, put the Chinese companies and staff in danger of violence for their political purposes.

Calls for violence against Chinese properties including the factories, had appeared on social media .

Kyaw Win, founder of the London-based BHRN, said on a tweet on Friday: "A warning to the Fascist Junta. If one civilian killed one Chinese factory become ashes."

Kyaw Win's tweet was retweeted on the same day by the account of the Milk Tea Alliance, a loose online coalition of people mostly from regions including Hong Kong and Taiwan, who attack the Chinese mainland on social media, saying "if one civilian in Hlaing Thar Yar is killed, one Chinese factory will become ashes, do you agree?"

Their twisted logic behind the sensational threat is that they want people to believe that the latest Myanmar political reshuffle was supported by China.

The radical groups, including BHRN and Milk Tea Alliance, play an important role in tarnishing China's relations with Myanmar and falsely claiming that China intervened in Myanmar's cabinet reshuffle.

Amid political upheaval in Myanmar, BHRN has created a flurry of rumors attacking China across social media.

China has made it clear for many times that it hopes Myanmar can properly handle its internal disputes and respect the constitution to resolve its internal problems. But Kyaw Win and his followers turned a blind eye to these remarks.

Kyaw Win even incorrectly portrayed a Chinese-funded dam project in Kachin state, northern Myanmar, denouncing it in a tweet as part of China's support to the "fascist military."

https://www.globaltimes.cn/page/202103/1218646.shtml

What ridiculous balderdash. Myanmar's hydroelectric dams provide electricity to regions that never had it before. A good government provides electricity to people to help them into the modern world so they can have access to modern health services, and develop local industries beyond simple barter trading. Yet somehow, the US turns every good thing into something awful and evil in the eyes of western audiences.

American voters and tax payers

As for the American voting and tax paying public, one can only hope (and pray) they get a grip on their own government's cruel foreign (and domestic) policies before they crash the American economy and start WWIII, which will result in the deaths of potentially billions of people around the world.

As for US and European foreign policy makers (the most atrocious gangsters in world history exceeding all former would-be world conquerors in absolute depravity), one can only hope (and feverishly pray) they learn a penultimately important lesson from the economic pain they have so foolishly brought down upon themselves and their nations as the result of their latest proxy war in east Europe, before they trigger WWIII in the ultimate act of ego-driven hubris in world history.

Will US voters wake up before WWIII? Possibly however they are likely to be distracted by some branch of the US government and its obedient fake "free press" such that they don't really notice it happening until too late. What kind of distraction? Maybe overturning *Roe vs. Wade*? And, of course, there are drugs. Drugs are a wonderful distraction for those who can't reconcile the realities of their lives with what they know in their hearts to be true.

Controlling the narrative

Noam Chomsky - The 5 Filters of the Mass Media Machine

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

Abby Martin: Tech Monopolies Are AN ARM Of US Government, INTENT On Controlling the Narrative, Apr 1, 2022

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1z2l3HLeKwc

https://caitlinjohnstone.substack.com/p/information-anarchism

The world on drugs

There are unquestionably a large number of factors resulting in voter apathy in the Western world. They include a lack of trust in government, a lack of trust in their own media, stress from economic and social problems, and, drugs, both legal and illegal.

How is pharmaceutical pollution affecting the world's rivers? Wiley, Peer-Reviewed Publication, 22-Jun-2022 News Release

During their production, use, and disposal, pharmaceutical ingredients in prescription and over-the-counter drugs are released into the environment, especially in surface waters. Results from a recent study published in Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry indicate that pharmaceutical pollution is a global problem that is likely negatively affecting the health of the world's rivers.

Approximately 43.5% of the 1,052 locations that were assessed in the study across 104 countries had concerning concentrations of pharmaceutical ingredients. Twenty-three pharmaceutical ingredients occurred at concentrations exceeding 'safe' concentrations, including substances from the antidepressant, antimicrobial, antihistamine, benzodiazepine, painkiller, and other classes.

"This is the first truly global assessment of the impacts of single pharmaceuticals and mixtures of pharmaceuticals in riverine systems," said corresponding author Alejandra Bouzas-Monroy, a PhD student at the University of York. "Our findings show that a very high proportion of rivers around the world are at threat from pharmaceutical pollution. We should therefore be doing much more to reduce the emissions of these substances into the environment."

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American political corruption

63 members of Congress have violated a law designed to stop insider trading and prevent conflicts-of-interest, Dave Levinthal, May 31, 2022

Insider and several other news organizations have identified 63 members of Congress who've recently failed to properly report their financial trades as mandated by the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act of 2012, also known as the STOCK Act.

Congress passed the law a decade ago to combat insider trading and conflicts of interest among their own members and force lawmakers to be more transparent about their personal financial dealings. A key provision of the law mandates that lawmakers publicly — and quickly — disclose any stock trade made by themselves, a spouse, or a dependent child.

But many members of Congress have not fully complied with the law. They offer excuses including ignorance of the law, clerical errors, and mistakes by an accountant. Insider has chronicled this widespread nature of this phenomenon in a new project, "Conflicted Congress."

https://www.businessinsider.com/congress-stock-act-violations-senate-house-trading-2021-9

Also see:

https://prospect.org/power/three-more-senators-violated-the-stock-act/

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

Chapter 3 - Relief for the Rohingya and Myanmar as a whole

It is all too easy to get lost in the details of complex systems. Any and all future plans at this time must take into account the very real possibility of WWIII, given the west's current blitzkrieg push for it.

If one types: "Has WWIII already started?" into Google 354,000 results come up, with virtually all of them answering in the affirmative. The top layer of course all blame Russia, given that Google is one of the west's foremost weapons, however all do not blame Russia. A more objective analysis reveals the western drive for hegemony in perpetuity is the primary cause of most conflicts worldwide, including the Ukraine proxy war.

Though one might assert the US and NATO will back off before too late, one should keep in mind any number of 3rd party actors can at any time trigger the true war to end all wars. One should also remember that the American "intelligence community" (IC) has China fully in its sights, which will again, bring the world to the brink of WWIII, with the possibility of 3rd party players taking it beyond the brink.

Given that in any large equation with many unknown variables, the probability of any particular outcome is approximately 50/50, and thus the odds of a thermonuclear war due solely to the American drive for hegemony in perpetuity are about 50%.

On the bright side, that means there is at least a 50% chance thermonuclear war will not happen, and plans for a more peaceful world should most certainly be made.

Though the search for justice in Myanmar must continue, that process can and should be kept largely separate from the more immediate need to address the physical, psychological and economic needs of the Rohingya refugees and the larger economic and political needs of Myanmar as a whole. (In the event of a thermonuclear war, Myanmar's military will probably just slaughter all resistance very quickly, as there will be no "international community" left to complain about it.)

Untangling the knots created by modern geopolitics can be complex, however the resources to solve those problems do exist and the only thing lacking is a solid plan to access those resources, and start the work. That has to be done sooner or later if peace and prosperity are going to return to Myanmar and sooner is better than later.

Rakhine state, formerly an autonomous nation called Arakan with some 5,000 years of history, has had periods of autonomy and occupation by various forces including Burmese, British and Japanese. In addition to those complexities, Rakhine is uncomfortably located at the faultline between Buddhist East Asia and Muslim Central Asia and has been a colony of more powerful nations for centuries. At present approximately 919,000 Rohingya refugees are living at the Kutupalong and Nayapara camps in Bangladesh's Cox's Bazar

region — which have grown to become some of the largest and most densely populated camps in the world.

Ergo, no simple single solution will make everyone happy, however with international assistance (principally wealthy Muslim nations like Brunei, potentially the GCC, in addition to countries like China and Indonesia) some solutions are possible. 1) The Rohingya need a real home, preferably their historic home (as large homeless ethnic groups often end up being divided and used as terrorist groups by the CIA sooner or later as has happened to many of the Kurds), and 2) Myanmar is in need of positive public relations to heal the wounds and repair a very negative international image to the extent possible. Determining exactly which parties were primarily responsible for the genocide is a separate set of issues, though extensive evidence presented in this book strongly suggests western backed actors were as usual, primarily to blame.

Huge resources and poor communications

Few will argue against the belief there are huge economic disparities in the world and those disparities are often or usually at the root of most civil conflicts.

Economists use various metrics for measuring income inequality, with the most commonly used measures—the Lorenz curve, Gini coefficient, decile ratios, the Palma ratio, and the Theil index being readily available. In many respects the Gini coefficient is the most practical to work with.

What we have in Myanmar are several large, and largely impoverished ethnic/religious groups.

Resources potentially available to the Muslim minority include the vast wealth of the GCC and other resource rich Muslim countries such as Brunei. Thay can and should be invited to help finance some new towns in Myanmar where the Rohingya can live safe, secure, happy and productive lives. During the first few years about half of the returnees might need to work in construction and engineering to build the large towns that are needed, along with farming to ensure stable food security. The other half might be trained to work in the oil and gas industries, international trade and business, and transportation and tourism industries to meet emerging employment needs and ensure inflow of money to the community.

Rakhine State

The geopolitics of Rakhine by Annabelle Heugas, November 06, 2017

Covering 36,762 km² of Myanmar's Western coast, Rakhine state is rich in natural resources. In 2004, South Korean company Daewoo discovered 4.5 trillion cubic feet of gas reserves off the

state's coast. This has sparked the interest of China, eager to diversify its oil sources and extend its influence in the region.

Starting from 2008, China's state oil company, the China National Petroleum Cooperation (CNPC), was permitted by the Myanmar military government at the time to buy gas from the Shwe reserve, in Rakhine's offshore basin. China's project to extract gas from Rakhine directly into its territory was realized in 2013 when gas was transported from Kyaukphyu to China's Yunnan Province through the Myanmar-China Gas Pipeline. The pipeline, whose construction began in 2010, is said to deliver up to 12 billion m³ of gas per year.

Oil is another of Rakhine's coveted natural resource. With the agreement of Myanmar's military in 2008, China worked on the construction of a crude oil pipeline, parallel to its gas pipeline. After a two-year delay, the China-Myanmar pipeline began transporting oil from Rakhine's Made Island port towards Yunnan in April 2017, four months before the escalation of the crisis in Rakhine.

China is motivated to establish a presence in Rakhine for its natural resources but most importantly, because the region is one of the focal points of China's ambitious One Belt One Road (OBOR) Initiative. Such initiative aims to develop new routes and trading networks from China to the European, African and Asian continent. The building of pipelines in Rakhine state also serves this geopolitical strategy by offering China an alternative transport route to the Malacca Strait. Although this Strait is the shortest route for China to reach Africa and the Middle East, it is also a prime target for piracy. China also fears the possibility of a naval blockade of the Malacca Strait in the event of a conflict. Such a development would be catastrophic for China, as 80% of its oil imports from the Middle East are transported through the strait. With a pipeline crossing Rakhine, oil from Abu Dhabi, Iraq, Iran and Saudi Arabia would reach China faster and more safely.

In addition to the estimated US\$2.5 billion invested in the China-Myanmar oil and gas pipeline projects, China plans on investing US\$10 billion into the Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone (SEZ). Starting from December 2015, the project is led by China's CITIC Group. It will include a deep-sea port and an industrial park around the city of Kyaukphyu in Rakhine. It aims to turn the area, which extends over 17 km², into a maritime economic hub.

https://www.bnionline.net/en/news/geopolitics-rakhine

Hating Chinese as most of the "democracy" advocates so foolishly do, is ridiculous because it is only China that has the large-scale infrastructure building skills and finance to help lift Rakhine State out of the mud into the 21st Century.

Groups like the FBR are the worst possible enemies of all Myanmar's people. Many, many times in the early Americas, Asia and Africa whole tribes converted to Christianity thinking it would save them from being colonized, but they were slaughtered just the same as everyone else.

Real Christianity may be a fine collection of religions, but in the hands of colonialists is a weapon designed to 1) divide target populations and 2) lower their guard and soften them up for later conquest as those target tribes, towns and nations in history always learned too late.

This writer has been a student of history my entire life, and it is always true western colonialists first send in "Christian" missionaries on their march to total domination of foreign lands. Sometimes those missionaries know their true purpose, sometimes they don't. In the case of the Free Burma Rangers, they know exactly what they are doing; they are the "tip of the spear" of American hegemony in the region. And lest anyone be fooled, this is not the America of Disney movies, but rather the America of Iraq and Afghanistan dedicated to obliterating a nation, and putting a choke-hold on the region.

As mentioned earlier in this book, there are only a handful of Buddhist nations in the world, Cambodia (UNDP ranking 144), Thailand (79), Myanmar, Bhutan (129), Sri Lanka (72), Laos (137) and Mongolia (99). However, there are relatively wealthy Buddhist communities in the US, South Korea, Japan and many other nations.

A step-by-step plan

Did Aung San Suu Kyi in any way encourage, approve, or order the genocide in Myanmar? Regardless as to the answer, as in American politics, it appears she will be tried on lesser charges, 2 e.g., corruption, rather than more serious ones.

According to France 24 news:

Myanmar junta court delays verdict in Suu Kyi corruption trial, dated 25/04/2022

She has since been hit with a series of charges, including violating the official secrets act, corruption and electoral fraud, and she faces decades in jail if convicted on all counts.

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¹² Former President Clinton for example was impeached for an affair with Monica Lewinsky, rather than the far more serious crimes he most certainly committed; crimes that are far too numerous to list in this article.

"There was no verdict today," in the corruption trial in which Suu Kyi is accused of accepting a bribe of \$600,000 cash and gold bars from the former chief minister of Yangon, junta spokesman Zaw Min Tun told AFP...

https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20220425-myanmar-junta-court-delays-verdict-in-suu-kyi-corruption-trial

Aung San Suu Kyi's role in the Holocaust

The letter from the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum to Aung San Suu Kyi dated March 6, 2018 rescinding the award previously given to her suggests at minimum her culpability in the genocide, and is an eye-opener. The following are extracts from that letter.

In recent years, the Museum has been closely monitoring the military's campaign against the Rohingya and your response to it. In November 2013, we held a public event at the Museum to call attention to our growing concerns, titled: "Our Walls Bear Witness: The Plight of Burma's Rohingya." Since that time, we have undertaken numerous visits to Myanmar and Bangladesh to obtain firsthand evidence so that we can fully understand the extent of the persecution and crimes committed, as well as the motivations and actions of all the responsible parties.

In May 2015, we published "They Want Us All to Go Away," which documented the early warning signs of genocide. Last November, we released detailed findings based on research on the ground documenting crimes against humanity, ethnic cleansing, and what we termed "mounting evidence of genocide" committed by the Myanmar military against Rohingya civilians since October 2016. Regrettably over the last five years the situation has become progressively worse and today seems untenable for the Rohingya population.

As the military's attacks against the Rohingya unfolded in 2016 and 2017, we had hoped that you—as someone we and many others have celebrated for your commitment to human dignity and universal human rights—would have done something to condemn and stop the military's brutal campaign and to express solidarity with the targeted Rohingya population.

The National League for Democracy, under your leadership, has instead refused to cooperate with United Nations investigators, promulgated hateful rhetoric against the Rohingya community,

and denied access to and cracked down on journalists trying to uncover the scope of the crimes in Rakhine State...

We also urge you to lead an effort to review and amend the 1982 Citizenship Law, which has rendered most Rohingya stateless, so that it is aligned with international standards and allows equal access to full citizenship rights regardless of ethnicity. You can expand access for both local and international aid workers to administer life-saving assistance. Finally, we urge you to condemn the hateful, dehumanizing language directed toward the Rohingya.

As a living memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, the Museum stands in solidarity with victims of genocide and atrocity crimes and attempts to do for victims today what was not done for the Jews of Europe. As Elie Wiesel said, "Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormenter, never the tormented."

https://www.ushmm.org/information/press/pressreleases/museum-rescinds-award-to-daw-aung-san-suu-kyi (Bold added by this author)

Aung San Suu Kyi is an elderly woman. At age 77 she might not survive a trial. The CIA was unusually clever (and cruel) using a woman in that role.

Myanmar's Generals can fight back legally against those that radicalized the population

Consequently, where I in the position of Myanmar's military, I would sue the CIA and Chevron in federal court.

Civil Litigation against the CIA and Chevron in US Federal Court
Ideally that would be two separate lawsuits. Although the Democrats and
Republicans in the US are two sides of the same coin when it comes to white
supremacy and the pursuit of American hegemony in perpetuity, the American
public is... quirky.

American people have a historic trend of supporting underdogs. Federal law suits such as *Myanmar vs. CIA* and *Myanmar vs. Chevron* might appeal to the public. Most Americans do not trust American politicians, nor do they trust US media.

Most American citizens don't trust the US government

...maybe because Chevron and other corporations owns it.

https://readsludge.com/2022/07/15/chevron-funded-super-pac-boosted-oil-friendly-dem-in-california-congressional-primary/

https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2022/06/06/public-trust-in-government-1958-2022/

https://www.pewresearch.org/politics/2022/06/06/americans-views-of-government-decades-of-distrust-enduring-support-for-its-role/

https://news.gallup.com/poll/355430/trust-politicians-voters-continues-ebb.aspx

Most American citizens don't trust US media

https://news.gallup.com/poll/355526/americans-trust-media-dips-second-lowest-record.aspx

https://www.pewresearch.org/topic/news-habits-media/media-society/media-attitudes/trust-in-media/

https://www.poynter.org/ethics-trust/2021/us-ranks-last-among-46-countries-in-trust-in-media-reuters-institute-report-finds/

The last link above by Poynter.org in particular, should raise serious questions, given that the UK follows lockstep, precisely like goose-stepping Nazis, behind the US. Didn't the British learn once before that global domination isn't going to work?

The most probable sequence of events in Myanmar suggests US special forces, aided by USAID and other money, promoted violent separatist movements in Myanmar and the military fought back, as any national military would lacking sufficient police forces. And, for political purposes the US chose to radicalize the Muslim Rohingya and "Nationalist Buddhists" (as well as the Christian minority), to ensure Muslims would be the primary targets of the ensuing battles. This then, the US framed as a genocide, which it indeed turned out to be.

In sum, Myanmar's government suing the US government in federal court might not win in federal court, but succeed in the Court of Public Opinion, and if there is any validity at all left in American elections, could have the result of throwing the corrupt war mongering politicians out of office in subsequent elections.

All that aside, there is only a 50/50 chance at best there will be elections after November 2022, given President Biden's blitzkrieg push for thermonuclear war over his failure to win the proxy war in Ukraine. Asserting that "Putin's war must be a strategic failure..." indicates Biden is living in some alternative reality considering Russia is attaining its strategic goals one at a time, and New York City officials releasing a nuclear attack PSA video indicates no American "preemptive attacks" are off the table.

Regardless as to seriously deranged activities in the US and their increasingly likely horrific effects upon the world, much work needs to be done to clarify issues, and unify the people of Myanmar.

- 2. To what extent are "nationalist Buddhists" aware of how they were radicalized into beliefs that all Muslims are horrid creatures in need of extermination? Is there evidence of CIA influence in promoting anti-Rohingya racism in Myanmar? If yes, bringing it out and presenting it to the larger Buddhist community in Myanmar, the Rohingya refugees, and a world audience could help erase some of the extreme anti-Myanmar bias now saturating the western world.¹³
- 3. Air national and local TV shows that model Buddhist and Muslim solidarity in an effort to rebuild the nation. Buddhist and Muslim philosophies are in so many ways the same and/or at least similar. (See section titled: *The teachings of the Eight-Fold Path and Islam* at the end of this book for some themes to develop in that effort.)
- 4. Organize delegations of Rohingyas and Buddhists, Christians and Jews to solicit funding from overseas sources to help restore the nation.

Number four above will not be successful until a rocksolid pledge to give citizenship, land, protection and some form of semi-autonomy to the million or so "displaced" Rohingya is guaranteed by Myanmar's government. That need not take months or years to develop. A general outline could be constructed in a few weeks with approval of the central government in Myanmar.

Where to get initial funding?

For the Rohingya

First an accounting needs to be made regarding total financial losses to the Rohingya population. That detailed accounting, along with a bill should be presented to Chevron and the CIA. Given that it would take time for the mega-corporation Chevron and CIA to digest their own vulnerabilities in a global media campaign, it is wise at first to solicit funding elsewhere.

In order for most of the Rohingya to return, they will need safe towns and cities to live in. Building those kinds of places is not expensive. Muslims are highly disciplined people, and when given the opportunity and education, brilliant hard-working people. An informed observer might think some of the richer Muslim countries, like in the GCC and Brunei for example, could put up the capital to get that process started. Such "largesse" is not only recommended in the Quran, but in fact mandated.

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¹³ I met an American woman in South Korea with the initials K.R. who spent quite a bit of time in Myanmar with the Buddhist community. I considered her to be a very untrustworthy person, as she seduced and seriously harmed a close friend of mine. That friend has since disappeared.

In the Quran, Allah (swt) says: "Help one another in acts of piety and righteousness. And do not assist each other in acts of sinfulness and transgression. And be aware of Allah. Verily, Allah is severe in punishment" (Quran 5:2).

Numerous Hadith also address this responsibility.

Imam Sadiq (peace be upon him) has stated: Fulfilling a need of a Mu'min brother is better than liberating a thousand slaves and giving a thousand horses (for jihad) in the path of God.

Hadith Muslim states: "Whoever relieves a believer's distress of the distressful aspects of this world, Allah will rescue him from a difficulty of the difficulties of the Hereafter. Whoever alleviates [the situation of] one in dire straits who cannot repay his debt, Allah will alleviate his lot in both this world and in the Hereafter. Whoever conceals [the faults of] a Muslim, Allah will conceal [his faults] in this life and the Hereafter.

Indonesia would be a good partner for the design, C & E process

The above referred to financial assistance packages would have to be "no strings attached" aid packages or loans, as the last thing Myanmar needs now is more extremist influences.

Indonesia on the other hand has an exemplary form of tolerant Islam, however is suffering financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. There is a reasonable probability Indonesian construction and engineering companies could participate in the design and C & E process in Myanmar to build new towns for the Rohingya to live in. Indonesia is currently suffering economic hardship as well, and providing employment to both Rohingya and Indonesians would have the additional bonus of some transfer of Indonesia's moderate form of Islam to Rohingya who have been exposed to such extreme cruelties for so long. Indonesians know a lot about that, having also suffered extreme brutality during their own colonial period, yet have managed to avoid extremism and build a lovely moderate modern Islamic nation.

All those who profited from the genocide in Myanmar owe restitution to survivors

All those who profited from the genocide owe restitution to the survivors as 99% of them were innocent of crimes, yet paid in egregious ways for those who succumbed to CIA radicalization.

The CIA and Chevron might agree to an out of court settlement rather than face a lengthily trial

Lawyers can often agree upon out of court settlements before law suits are filed to prevent bad public relations for everyone.

Though Bangladesh's efforts to provide sanctuary to the refugees is exemplary given their own economic hardships, a great deal more needs to be done, regardless as to whether or not the US launches WWIII. The only way to overcome evil is to keep working on good things, and not be slowed down by the shock and awe of global-scale villainism.

Frankly the western world is in need of some new entertainment, and the CIA on trial in Myanmar would be fascinating, as tracing NED and other so-called NGO money through so-called Buddhist and Christian groups to fund a genocide would be an eye-opening experience for westerners. I don't recall any other nation doing that before, though China has to some limited extent, but primarily in the press.

Other nations victimized by the CIA could follow suit, and a whole new genre of educational entertainment would evolve, hopefully, finally shaming the US government into dissolving the CIA as should have done decades ago.

Charities

There are many Islamic charity and non-profit organizations that could help the Rohingya rebuild better lives.

https://www.guidestar.org/search [Islamic charities and non-profit]

For Buddhists

As mentioned above there are relatively wealthy Buddhist communities in the US, South Korea, Japan and many other nations. The only real way to help the entire nation of Myanmar is to get back to work, and the only partner with the resources to help in that endeavor is China. China is not the villain the US media paints. I am Muslim and felt no fear or oppression there anywhere. China reminds me of the US in the 1960s and early 1970s. It's a hopeful place and the people work hard. They believe in family and have strong family values. It is so sad the US had abandoned the concept of family in its pursuit of pure selfishness. TV and movies make the US look like heaven, but that "heaven" is only for the richer 3% of the people. Still, Buddhists world-wide would help Myanmar's Buddhists if, and only if they knew what really happened there. That's what this book tries to clarify.

There are rather a lot of Buddhist charity organizations in the world.

https://www.guidestar.org/NonprofitDirectory.aspx?cat=8&subcat=43&p=1

However, all charitable donations should be filtered through a government monitored CPU of some sort *to ensure the charity is put to good use* – with the intention of teaching and practicing real Buddhism as compared to the CIA's evil version of Buddhism practiced in recent decades.

Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

The AIIB currently has assets amounting to about \$40,186,338,000.

https://www.swfinstitute.org/profile/598cdaa50124e9fd2d05a8f7

Headquartered in Beijing, the AIIB probably can extend loans without the neo-liberal requirements tacked on by the US and its debt-trap banks, the World Bank and IMF. Likewise, Beijing is known for generous repayment terms, unlike some other nations that tend towards rather usurious interest packages that make problems in developing countries much worse.

Unlike the US, China's BRI has extensive supply chain resources all along the land and maritime Silk Roads, and more importantly, established friendships that mean a lot, even if the US and UK don't believe in friendship, only political "interests" that tend to gyrate around quite a bit depending on which political party is in power at any particular time.

Likewise, China's Silk Road Fund also has \$40 billion in funds available to it. One only needs to write a suitable proposal, talk with the right people, and get the seal of approval to get projects going.

https://www.swfinstitute.org/profile/598cdaa60124e9fd2d05be75

A note about victim survivor experiences following genocides and mass rapings

After the genocides in Germany, Rwanda and Bosnia, survivors had, and still have to live with the perpetrators of those crimes and see them on a daily basis. That is adding insult to injury and not conducive to healing.

Clearly Myanmar's government needs to just give citizenship to those Rohingya formerly living in Myanmar, as a confidence building measure (CBM), expression of regret, common sense and positive public relations. Clearly Myanmar is in (dire) need of good public relations at this time.

Setting up a few connected semi-autonomous zones for the Rohingya would be a good way to start to undo some of the heinous crimes committed.

Likewise, farms would need to be developed post-haste, and again China has extensive experience in developing farmland from what was formerly semi-desert wastelands in the far north and west, and semi-tropical lands in the south.

Myanmar's other neighbors could also provide substantial help in training construction crews in building low-cost houses and apartment buildings.

Though no doubt the Rohingya have experienced construction and engineering professionals, it is highly unlikely they have enough. Training more, and cross-training with nearby professionals would be interesting, and potentially very useful in helping to build new towns in Myanmar where they can live in peace without having to meet with the perpetrators of the genocide on a daily basis. Likewise, they will need protection and databases on the murderers and rapists need to be built. Murderers and rapists should not be permitted into or anywhere near Rohingya safe-zones. Rohingya should be free to move about as they like, however any reasonable person can figure out there are and will remain danger zones for them that are best avoided. Those should be carefully mapped out.

For those readers who might have read other publications by this author, I have been a consistent critic of so-called international justice for decades. Whereas 99.9% of the Nazis and Serbians faced no consequences whatsoever for their crimes during those genocides, I strongly believe all those who participate in a genocide should be at minimum identified. At minimum they should have police records and their national IDs should reflect those records. No surviving family member of a victim of genocide and mass raping should have to be leered at by the perpetrators of those crimes.

Serial TV dramas can be a tool for healing

Myanmar's serial TV shows should explore the dynamics of recovery from violent crimes, and the process of how perpetrators of those crime can overcome their own psychological defenses against the guilt they should feel. Only after the thin veneers of rationalization are stripped away, can honest remorse begin. However, the final blame should be upon those primarily responsible: The greedy racists in Unocal/Chevron, French Total, corrupt American politicians, fake Buddhist and Muslim leaders that allowed themselves to be radicalized, all the way down to the individual rioters that participated in the violence, and burned Chinese factories (as Chinese were and remain committed to helping raise Myanmar out of the financial abyss the Euro-American industrialists and intelligence services have thrown that entire nation into). TV does not have to be a negative force, and can be used to teach the healing process via TV family dramas.

Only by honesty can international condemnation of Myanmar as a nation begin to dissipate, and that honesty has to occur in both top-down, and bottom-up directions.

Can the military of Myanmar win back its honor?

Stains are hard to remove. That is one of the diabolical effects of smear campaigns.

"Why?" the surviving victims, their families and the world want to know. Where is the motivation for the crimes committed there and who ultimately is responsible? Reading this book might help.

Currently Myanmar is facing financial challenges.

'Genocide gems': Highly-sought Burmese rubies and sapphires may be enriching Myanmar's military, by Josh K. Elliott, November 4, 2018

https://globalnews.ca/news/4571806/burmese-ruby-genocide-gem-myanmar/

Genocide gems? The fact is any and every country needs a military to keep it intact, and police to keep the peace. And, they need to be paid. Western media will continue to attack Myanmar until some signs of positive change emerge. Relief for Myanmar must come from inside first, then outside relief will be easier. It will be more difficult for western media to "sell the lie" then.

Corporate owned western mainstream media also promoted the "China virus" lie.

https://bauhinia.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/202109.00058v1.pdf

And "Putin's tax hike" lie.

https://nypost.com/2022/06/22/not-putins-price-hike-fed-chair-breaks-with-biden-on-inflation/?utm_source=outlook&utm_campaign=android_nyp

Thus, mainstream media lacks credibility in regards to nations it targets, however most western corporate leaders will follow the corporate media, as long as it can get away with its slander campaign.

It seems like the CIA has a marketing master leading the way in defaming all those who do not bow down in complete subjugation to western hegemony.

Can Myanmar's military prove they were held hostage or otherwise deceived into American plots, and led down the pathway to infamy as the result of it? That is difficult to say because their story – from the inside - has not yet been told, however even a cursory outline such as that provided in this book makes it appear possible.

The American intelligence-military regime has already applied wall-to-wall economic strangulation upon Myanmar.

https://www.state.gov/burma-sanctions/

https://www.state.gov/united-states-and-allies-impose-additional-sanctions-on-the-burmese-military-regime

And appealing to a higher court: The Court of Public Opinion, might, could make a positive difference. Victims and the guilty alike are being punished by Washington DC. Simultaneously, collective punishment is illegal according to international law.

International laws against collective punishment

Practice Relating to Rule 103. Collective Punishments

Note: For practice concerning the principle of individual criminal responsibility, see Rule 102.

I. Treaties

Hague Regulations (1899)

Article 50 of the 1899 Hague Regulations provides: "No general penalty, pecuniary or otherwise, can be inflicted on the population on account of the acts of individuals for which it cannot be regarded as collectively responsible."

Hague Regulations (1907)

Article 50 of the 1907 Hague Regulations provides: "No general penalty, pecuniary or otherwise, shall be inflicted upon the population on account of the acts of individuals for which they cannot be regarded as jointly and severally responsible."

(Continued for many pages)

https://ihl-databases.icrc.org/customary-ihl/eng/docs/v2_rul_rule103

Yet, collective punishments are dealt out to all who do not bow to American hegemonic interests via economic sanctions. https://sanctionskill.org

Containing "Washington's principal agent" was the first most important step.

What exactly is a developing nation supposed to do with a deposed genocidal American puppet former president? That's a pretty difficult decision to make.

Fortunately for Myanmar, it is rather far from the US, and the US is rather busy with all its other wars so it seems unlikely to attack Myanmar at this time. Furthermore, Myanmar is already so sanctioned the US doesn't have any good methods to prevent public exposure of its role in shaping events leading to the genocides.

People of conscience who have some idea as to the origin of the horrific violence in Myanmar during the past several decades probably hope the military there remains resolute and does not buckle under American sanctions, defamation, and blacklisting of Myanmar's mineral exports for 1) trying to help development in Myanmar and 2)

deposing Aung San Suu Kyi who at least to some extent enabled the genocides for which the military was exclusively blamed, even though the CIA and corporate interests appear to have been the primary culprits.

Promoting Muslim officers in the military

There should be a representative percent of Muslim officers in Myanmar's military

Promoting and reinforcing similarities between Buddhism and Islam on TV

It would be very helpful if one of Myanmar's TV stations could broadcast 24/7 programs that emphasize the vast similarities between Buddhism and Islam, both philosophical and in daily life.

Study of Chinese police methods to non-violently neutralize violent rioters

One can also hope they carefully study Chinese police methods used in Hong Kong and studiously avoid killing people to the extent possible. It takes extreme courage, patience and discipline to deal with mobs, but patience often works better than confrontation.

The empty rhetoric of western troublemakers will become more transparently hollow as time goes on

I would like to presume Myanmar's government already has a database of the leadership involved in crimes committed beyond necessary military defense against successionist violence.

As for the lower-level sycophants in love with the opium dream of American "democracy" I'd let them scream as they like, however calm reasoning and better education might help bring them back into touch with reality. Eventually they will get bored of their own two-dimensional rhetoric, go home and start to take care of the real things that matter in life.

If those who stole Rohingya lands and properties lose the lands and properties they stole, that's something they should learn from. Perhaps there are some real Buddhist monks there who can enlighten the misguided concerning the suffering that is caused by worldly desires.

This isn't to suggest that the Myanmar military was always an angelic force – however it must be noted Burma/Myanmar has been a wholly owned subsidiary of the CIA and French Total and American Unocal oil corporations from 1949 on. Ultimately armies do what they are trained to do, and ordered to do by the Big Bosses. Again, those who engaged in crimes – beyond minimum force necessary to quell violent successionist movements should be tried in court. That is the only way to avoid an ICJ trial.

Does any nation wish to become a purveyor of illegal drugs that destroys lives, families and nations if given an alternative? Probably not.

The Washington DC line that Aung San Suu Kyi was a hostage of the military while president seems unlikely. Her close relationship with Hillary Clinton, and the long line of genocides and mass rapings that have followed the Clintons at least since the Bosnian genocide and mass rapings (1992-1995) must at minimum raise questions regarding responsibility for the genocide in Myanmar.

Winning the allegiance of the civilian population can definitely be helped by improved communications and education. China wisely invested in movie production technologies and might be able to help in producing some movies for example to educate and help unify the people, if Myanmar script writers can be found to author programs such as are needed. Very few nations want to invest in another nation that is experiencing civil strife.

One thing is for sure, American divisiveness must end, one way or another, without equivocation. The people of the developing world need development, not more conflict.

Educating the "nationalist Buddhists"

Perhaps Buddhism training programs need to be sponsored in Myanmar taught by Buddhist scholars from other nations specializing in Theravada Buddhism. Maybe there needs to be rewards for participation in such programs and less attractive assignments for those who show no interest in learning more about what a Buddhist monk is supposed to be. In China's history some emperors significantly reduced the monk population for a variety of reasons. Some proactive methods need to be undertaken in Myanmar to return credibility, peace, and real Buddhistic doctrine to the largely insane (fake) "Buddhists" who helped provoke the violence against Rohingya.

There is some reasonable possibility those who selling weapons to all sides of the conflicts in Myanmar are also somehow or other, involved in the instigation of those crimes. Israel and other nations have been faulted for selling weapons to Myanmar's army, however no mention has been made as to who has been selling weapons to the separatist insurgents.

Myanmar's armed separatist insurgents

A list of those armed insurgents can be found here:

https://www.mmpeacemonitor.org/1426/armed-ethnic-groups

The following appears to be an exaggeration, as South China Morning Post tends to lean towards the western side of more than half the news.

Myanmar's ethnic armed groups, and why their threats against junta could spiral into more conflict - About 20 rebel outfits, including the United Wa State Army, Karen National Union,

Kachin Independence Army and Arakan Army, control a third of Myanmar's territory

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Unrest in coup-hit Myanmar has thrown the spotlight on some of the country's armed ethnic groups, after three of them threatened the junta with retaliation for its deadly crackdown on protests.

Some analysts are warning the crisis could spiral into even more conflict if the insurgents follow through on their threats.

Independence from British colonial rule in 1948 left a complex patchwork of cultural, ethnic and linguistic groups in Myanmar.

In the decades since, a messy struggle has worn on in different regions over autonomy, ethnic identity, drugs, jade and other natural resources. The conflicts have pitted rebel groups against the Myanmar military, which is dominated by the Bamar ethnic group...

With a standing force of 25,000, the China-backed United Wa State Army is one of the world's largest non-state militaries.

But it largely sticks to its autonomous enclave on the northern border and has so far had little involvement in the aftermath of the coup.

Shan State is home to several organisations allowed unofficial autonomy in an uneasy agreement with Myanmar's military.

It is also home to much of Myanmar's methamphetamine production – reportedly a key source of income for some rebel groups.

OUP CONDEMNATION

Several rebel groups were swift to condemn the February 1 coup which ousted civilian leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

The Karen National Union (KNU), the oldest insurgent group in Myanmar, said the coup would harm the country.

And the Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) in the north said the military had violated "all norms of democracy" and could not be trusted.

As the junta cracked down hard on anti-coup protests over recent weeks, hundreds of people fled to eastern areas controlled by the KNU, who sheltered them.

JUNTA STRIKES BACK

Over the weekend, the junta launched air strikes in Karen state – the first such strikes in 20 years – targeting the Fifth Brigade of the KNU after the group seized a military base...

https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/explained/article/3127646/myanmars-ethnic-armed-groups-and-why-their-threats-against

That article was followed by another suggesting China's support for the armed insurgency.

https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/politics/article/3127236/could-myanmars-ethnic-armed-groups-turn-tide-against-junta

Researching further a more recent article by the US Council on Foreign Relations, despite the predictable rancor, clarified matters.

China had close diplomatic relations with the Aung San Suu Kyi government, however after the military coup the situation changed.

China's Support for Myanmar Further Shows the World Dividing into Autocracy versus Democracy

China Doubles down in Myanmar with World Distracted by Ukraine.

Blog Post by Joshua Kurlantzick April 4, 2022

When the Myanmar junta first launched a coup, in February 2021, there was some discussion in the following months of the possibility that China, which had enjoyed a close relationship with the prior, National League for Democracy government, might not fully endorse the coup regime. Of course, Beijing would rhetorically back the coup leaders, but the putsch led to chaos across the country, civil war, attacks on Chinese investments, mass atrocities,

refugee outflows, a spike in COVID-19, and an economic meltdown. China initially did react to the putsch with some degree of caution, as the Diplomat's Sebastian Strangio **has noted**, writing: "After having invested considerably in its relationship with the ousted government led by Aung San Suu Kyi, Chinese leaders were none too happy at the seeming irrationality of the military's action."

Perhaps, Beijing would serve as some kind of mediating presence, simply to protect its own economic interests. And last September, Beijing sent its Myanmar special envoy, Sun Guoxiang, to Myanmar. Sun met with top junta leaders, of course, but as Strangio noted, his meeting was kept relatively low-key. Perhaps this was a sign that Beijing was not ready for a full-throated endorsement of junta rule and the idea of trying to relaunch its huge investment plans in Myanmar. Sun also reportedly asked to meet Aung San Suu Kyi during his visit, although he was not allowed to do so, and China also had invited a member of Suu Kyi's NLD to a virtual summit for political parties from South and Southeast Asia, according to Foreign Policy...

It is impossible to know what Xi Jinping is thinking, but it seems reasonable to believe China has stepped up open support for the Myanmar junta because it believes it can no longer even afford to appear to take a neutral stance when another authoritarian regime is involved (as indeed has been the case in the Ukraine war, where it has resolutely backed Russia), because it has decided it can most effectively protect its investments by trying to help the junta win the country's civil war, and because, with Aung San Suu Kyi increasingly sidelined, it has no idea what would happen to China if there was a different Myanmar government, one led by forces that defeated the junta.

During a recent visit by Myanmar's foreign minister to Anhui province of China, Chinese foreign minister Wang Yi announced, according to the Associated Press, that it would back the Myanmar regime "no matter how the situation changes," in what the AP called "the latest show of unequivocal Chinese support for the ruling military council that seized power last year." The AP added that Beijing desires to "deepen exchanges and cooperation" with Naypyidaw, according to Wang Yi...

As with Putin, Beijing no longer seems to care at all about how it is perceived regionally or internationally, and instead is fully backing autocrats.

https://www.cfr.org/blog/chinas-support-myanmar-further-shows-world-dividing-autocracy-versus-democracy

A couple of notes on the CFR article above. In regards to "It is impossible to know what Xi Jinping is thinking," it is not impossible to guess at all. China wants and needs stability in the region. Endless war will hurt trade and bring poverty to all and Myanmar's military clearly held and holds the upper hand. In regards to "...is fully backing autocrats" one should note Muslims first migrated to what is now Myanmar in the 8th Century, and in 1,200 hundred years there never was such a bloodbath and mass raping of Muslims as happened on the watch of the great supporter of democracy Aung San Suu Kyi.

It is also difficult to know if China really did give on Yuan to any separatist movement. It is possible they did try to salvage Aung San Suu Kyi's government, however in a world where American "information warfare" oozes through all mass media without oversight, it is also possible China didn't in any way contribute to any separatist movement.

That said, it is without question that genocide of Muslims is the hallmark characteristic of 20th and 21st Century western democracies. One might start a record of that with the American massive genocide of what was formerly Muslim Philippines starting in 1898, leading up to WWI (Jul 28, 1914 – Nov 11, 1918) that saw the fall of the Ottoman Empire, the US proxy Iraq Iran (proxy) War (Sep 22, 1980 – Aug 20, 1988) wherein the US armed and fully supported Saddam Hussein that left a million dead on each side and obliteration of the infrastructures of both nations, proxy conquest of Kuwait again by Hussein in the Kuwait War (Aug 2, 1990 – Feb 28, 1991) with tacit approval by US State Department official April Glaspie, the Bosnian War (1992 and 1995), the Afghan War (Oct 7, 2001 – Aug 30, 2021), and Iraq War (Mar 20, 2003 – Dec 15, 2011).

Even the Chechen War with Russia (11 December 1994 - 31 August 1996) was during the Yeltsin years, and Yeltsin was a total sycophant of the US intelligence apparatus during that honeymoon period of US Russian relations.

And there was the whole string of "Arab Spring" rebellions launched by the CIA in 2011.

Starting in Tunisia, the protests spread to five other countries: Libya, Egypt, Yemen, Syria, and Bahrain, where either the ruler was deposed (Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, Muammar Gaddafi, Hosni Mubarak, and Ali Abdullah Saleh) or major uprisings occurred including riots, civil wars, or insurgencies. Sustained street demonstrations took place in Morocco, Iraq, Algeria, Lebanon, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, and Sudan. Minor protests took place in Djibouti, Mauritania, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, and the Moroccan-occupied Western Sahara.

Wars are still ongoing in Libya, Yemen, Syria, Morocco, Iraq, Algeria, Sudan and Western Sudan. Millions were killed, many more became refugees, and no end is in sight. Thus, a democratic leader in Myanmar giving the green light on a Muslim genocide fits the pattern of western democracies' treatment of Muslims perfectly.

And thus, from the point of view of Muslims, Aung San Suu Kyi certainly appears to have been far more of a bloodthirsty autocrat than any other leader in Myanmar's long, long history. Western mainstream media, and American CFR of course do not see it that way and instead uniformly pin the blame on Myanmar's military.

From a regional perspective, one should keep in mind that ASEAN consists of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, with four of those nations having Muslim majorities. Indonesia incidentally has more Muslims than the entire GCC combined and is the largest Muslim country. Thus, Myanmar's military was in a very awkward situation and the arrest of Aung San Suu Kyi became imperative to promote regional stability. Again, western democracies would not see it that way, but then their interests are only in global hegemony, including of course capturing the natural resources of all developing nations.

In sum, it appears for a very brief time Beijing *may have* tried to help keep Aung San Suu Kyi's reign afloat (as she did willingly participate in China's Belt and Road initiative), quickly realized it was a lost cause, and decided instead to follow the high probability that Myanmar's military was and remains the most stabilizing force in the nation. Religion probably did not factor into that equation at all.

Who has been and remains Myanmar's primary weapons suppliers remains something of a mystery, however it is likely the CIA has loads of weapons bought on the black markets they largely control anyways. It would not be unlikely if weapons sent to assist Ukraine showed up in Myanmar as there has been no accounting for the large number of weapons that never reached the intended destination and there is evidence Ukraine's leaders are selling at least some of them to "line their own pockets."

https://english.almayadeen.net/news/politics/ukraine-sells-weapons-on-black-market-due-to-limited-ability

https://www.bleepingcomputer.com/news/security/dark-web-sites-selling-alleged-western-weapons-sent-to-ukraine/

Though one might think the US would be annoyed by that, the ultimate goal of the US is very much the opposite of China: The US seeks chaos everywhere outside of its own Euro-American sphere and of course, US corporate leaders and foreign policy markers want to "line their own pockets" as well.

To solve a crime, follow the money

While Biden Gives Ukrainian Army "The Most Lethal Weapon," War Profiteer BAE Systems Stock Soars - by Jeremy Kuzmarov, June 27, 2022

The M-777 howitzer is made by the U.S. division of BAE Systems, the largest arms manufacturer in Europe, which has supplied Ukraine with 400,000 rounds of munitions, anti-tank guided missiles and armored vehicles equipped with anti-aircraft missiles.

Former CIA Director Gina Haspel, who observed waterboarding at a CIA black site (in Thailand), sits on the company's Board of Directors...

During the 2020 U.S. election campaign, BAE Systems donated \$569,202 to Democratic Party candidates, and \$452,594 to Republicans, according to opensecrets.org.

Joe Biden received \$102,591 compared to \$94,966 for Donald Trump.

Additional recipients of BAE's largesse included such anti-Russia hawks as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA—\$7,373); Steny Hoyer (D-MD—\$10,000), Chuck Schumer (D-NY—\$5,605); Liz Cheney (R-WY—\$3,259 and another \$5,500 in 2022); Jamie Raskin (D-MD—\$4,089); Adam Schiff (D-CA—\$8,036); Mitch McConnell (R-KY—\$9,289), James Inhofe (R-OK-\$13,300) and Lindsey Graham (R-SC-\$11,383).[4]

So far this year, BAE Systems has spent \$940,000 on lobbying Congress; in 2021, it spent \$3.63 million.

This amounts to chump change for the company: Shares in BAE Systems have reached an all-time high since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, rising by 28 percent over ten weeks to give BAE a stock market value of £24 billion and putting it among the largest 25 companies in the Financial Times Stock Exchange...

https://covertactionmagazine.com/2022/06/27/while-biden-gives-ukrainian-army-the-most-lethal-weapon-war-profiteer-bae-systems-stock-soars/

Who profited from the colonization of Myanmar and subsequent genocides? The same kinds of people as above, in addition to shareholders in Unocal/Chevron, and the usual

assortment of corrupt politicians that profit from that colonialization. Chevron, coincidentally or not, has a "reputation" for promoting racism in the USA.

Chevron's pattern of funding racism continues. So do its efforts to appear like an ally, May 28, 2021

Chevron gave over five times more funding to politicians with F grades from the NAACP in the six months after their public claim of support for the Black Lives Matter movement and communities of color. It adds to the oil major's pattern of propping up systemic racism while trying to come across as a social justice champion and greenwash its image.

It began in 1976. America was emerging from the civil rights movement fight against racist Jim Crow policies of segregation and discrimination. Alabama Governor George C. Wallace – a staunch segregationist who Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. once referred to as "the most dangerous racist in America" – was running a bid for president.

Enter, Chevron. The California-based oil company made its first-ever campaign contribution as documented by the Federal Election Commission (FEC) to Wallace's presidential campaign, giving \$24 to the campaign, or the equivalent of approximately \$115 in today's dollars.

This was the start of millions of dollars that Chevron has since donated to political campaigns over the decades. It also kicked off a pattern of funding politicians with abysmal records on racial justice.

Global Witness' new analysis of Chevron's political spending reveals that in the six months after the company's public claim of support for the Black Lives Matter movement, Chevron's political action committee (PAC) gave over five times more funding to politicians with failing civil rights voting records, adding to the company's pattern of propping up systemic racism despite trying to position itself as a social justice champion.

A pattern of funding politicians who prop up systemic racism

In June 2020 following the murder of George Floyd by police and the wave of protests for racial justice that followed, Chevron came out with a statement positioning itself as an ally to the Black Lives Matter movement and condemning systemic racism. As we revealed shortly thereafter, the oil major had given over four times

more campaign funding during the 2019-2020 election cycle to US politicians who failed to uphold civil rights legislation, as scored by the NAACP's Legislative Civil Rights Report Card for the 116th Congress[i]. As one of the nation's leading civil rights organizations, the NAACP scores lawmakers on how their records align with the organization's legislative agenda in areas of voting rights, criminal justice, climate justice and more.

Our new research shows that this continued – and worsened – after Chevron's public statements.

Over the past year, unrest and inequality in the US has continued to mount, escalating with a violent insurrection attempt at the hands of white supremacists propped up by Republican officials who pushed to overturn the 2020 Presidential election results.

Yet in the six months after Chevron's statement of solidarity, the company's political spending continued to prop up the very forces they had claimed to denounce: Chevron's PAC gave over five times more money to Congressmembers with failing civil rights voting records.[ii] Many of these same Congressmembers were also involved in the attempt to overturn the 2020 US Presidential election result and disenfranchise voters of color in the process. In total, Chevron funneled \$232,000 in the second half of 2020 through its PAC to politicians with failing marks on their civil rights voting records...

https://www.globalwitness.org/en/campaigns/fossilgas/chevrons-pattern-of-funding-racism-continues-so-do-itsefforts-to-appear-like-an-ally/

Chevron, as one of the world's top oil corporations is also part of a cabal of donors to American politicians that is spending huge money to slow down the transition to renewable energy sources. Thus, in addition to crimes against humanity, they also are deep into crimes against the earth and the ecology that sustains all life on this planet.

Given the above should it be any surprise Chevron promoted ethnic conflicts/racism in Myanmar as well?

In any case, Chevron is above all laws and "too big to fail," in the parlance of American monied aristocracy, and the environment can be (is) damned.

Fossil fuel political giving outdistances renewables 13 to one

During the latest midterm election cycle, the fossil fuel industry paid at least \$359 million for federal campaign donations and lobbying, by Karin Kirk January 6, 2020

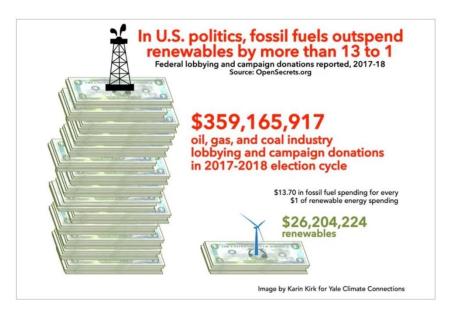
Corporations, special interest groups, and individuals inject billions of dollars into the American political system every year. Much of the financial support in politics is concealed from public view, as some rules — and loopholes — allow "dark money" and undisclosed donors to remain behind a wall. But some of those contributions can be traced via the Federal Election Commission, the IRS, congressional public records offices, and other resources.

The Open Secrets database, for instance, shines a light on this often murky process. The website is the work of the Center for Responsive Politics, whose stated mission is to improve transparency and citizen engagement around the influences of money in public policy. The website uses existing transparency laws to track the finances of candidates, political parties, lobbyists, and outside groups, and it describes ways cash is funneled through the system.

Few seriously question whether fossil fuel money in politics has played a substantial role in climate change and energy policy, and some researchers say it's the single most important reason climate action has been stalled for decades in the U.S. Investigative reporting by InsideClimate News showed that Exxon and other oil companies have spent more than \$5 billion undermining climate science and fighting clean energy policies. It reported in a 2017 article on how money circulated through multiple channels:

"The industry sowed doubt for decades about climate science, spending \$2.9 billion on advocacy advertising alone in a 10-year period ending in 2015. It spent \$1.3 billion more lobbying to shape public policy on energy issues during the same period and has pumped out \$827.9 million in campaign contributions since 2000 to elect sympathetic officials at the local, state and federal levels."

Fossil fuel interests outspend renewable energy by more than 13 to 1.



https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2020/01/fossil-fuel-political-giving-outdistances-renewables-13-to-one/

Koch, ExxonMobil, and Chevron top 3 in political spending



Current Senators with over \$1 million in campaign contributions from the fossil fuel industry:

Romney, Mitt (R-UT) – \$8,577,658 Cornyn, John (R-TX) – \$3,790,755 Cruz, Ted (R-TX) – \$3,684,350 McConnell, Mitch (R-KY) - \$3,230,078

Inhofe, James M (R-OK) - \$2,239,385

Murkowski, Lisa (R-AK) – \$1,628,230

Gardner, Cory (R-CO) - \$1,624,820

Cassidy, Bill (R-LA) - \$1,571,345

Blunt, Roy (R-MO) - \$1,519,341

Capito, Shelley Moore (R-WV) - \$1,452,354

Barrasso, John A (R-WY) - \$1,330,372

Cramer, Kevin (R-ND) - \$1,302,846

Rubio, Marco (R-FL) - \$1,298,887

Toomey, Pat (R-PA) - \$1,284,979

Portman, Rob (R-OH) - \$1,279,355

Lankford, James (R-OK) - \$1,255,270

Manchin, Joe (D-WV) - \$1,008,268

But Democrats have also received fossil fuel financial backing. Barack Obama ranks No. 7 and Hillary Clinton No. 11 on the list of current and former senators with the most funding from the oil and gas industry, with over \$2 million of campaign donations to Obama and \$1.5 million to Clinton. As with Romney, most of these donations were made during their presidential campaigns...

https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2020/01/fossil-fuel-political-giving-outdistances-renewables-13-to-one/

Cutting and running from the horror they helped create in Myanmar does not hurt Chevron's bottom line in the slightest, as it is currently operating in Angola, Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, China, Columbia, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Philippines, Congo, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand, United Kingdom, USA, and Venezuela.

Though some effort in tackling corruption in the petroleum industry have been made, it is not enough.

Combating corruption in the Petroleum Sector: Implementation of Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) by Piti Eiamchamroonlarp

Abstract

Corruption in the petroleum sector such as bribery of state officials and embezzlement of petroleum revenues could be reduced if the petroleum industry and its wealth management regime become more transparent. One practical step towards transparency in the petroleum sector is adoption and implementation a global standard to promote open and accountable management of natural resources called the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative or "EITI". Having no legally-binding effect, EITI Requirements as stipulated in the EITI Standard are correctly qualified as soft law. Regular publication of EITI reports directly tackle opacity of the petroleum sector and deter corrupt practices. Implementation of the EITI does not change how legal framework of the petroleum industry works, but makes the public more informed about petroleum exploitation and its wealth management. In this more transparent environment, it is more difficult for state officials to act corruptly...

https://so05.tci-thaijo.org/index.php/lawjournal/article/download/76338/6135 0/182444

It is this author's opinion "soft laws" are rather like toothless tigers, and industry reform will not happen until western unrestrained capitalism is brought under some kind of control. Given that the UN itself was designed as a tool to promote western domination of the world in perpetuity, some other mechanisms must evolve to bring about those changes. It is possible the final outcome of the US New Cold War will result in either WWIII, or a more peaceful multi-polar world in which accountability of all parties is demanded.

For now, in Myanmar:

It is like the famous African proverb goes, 'when elephants fight, the grass gets trampled,' meaning the ever-growing population of victims is civilians. Forced displacement caused by armed conflicts is the social and political scandal of the twenty-first century.

https://reliefweb.int/report/democratic-republic-congo/whenelephants-fight-grass-gets-trampled

In typical American fashion however, the US is building of coalition of anti-government forces in hope of provoking a full-scale war and utterly demolishing the nation, blocking transcontinental trade, and ultimately resulting in extreme violence and starvation far and wide beyond the horror and damage they have already caused. That effort of course is couched in typical American smooth talk, while American corrupt politicians and corporate shareholders drool in lascivious anticipation.

Will the forces of peace and stability prevail over American hegemonic interests? In this writer's opinion, probably, however the point may be moot if the US manages to ignite WWIII. If China can avoid being trapped into the worst of it, it will be able to maintain food and medical supply chains and some form of civilization at least from Asia to Europe and Africa. South America will probably continue on as before, however American imposed dictators such as in Honduras had better exit ASAP, as they definitely don't want to be around with the wrath of their captive angry majority populations descends upon them.

After the storms have passed, the survivors must rebuild, for the hope of the future is always in the next generation. And for now, at least it appears the conflicts in Myanmar are on the decline as about half of the separatist groups have signed some kind of treaties with the military government. US sanctions, as usual don't help, but industries are reviving, international trade improving and hope is slowly returning.

Myanmar is now opened again to tourists

Myanmar is now open to fully vaccinated tourists and started issuing tourist eVisas on May 15, 2022.

https://www.myanmaronlinevisa.com/visa-requirements

Visitors of 100 countries can now apply online for a Myanmar visa by simply filling out the online visa application form and attaching a few required documents.

That said, the U.S. Department of State recommends not traveling to Myanmar for security reasons.

https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories/burmatravel-advisory.html

No doubt some areas are still dangerous and best to be avoided however recent posts regarding tourism in Myanmar suggest travel to Myanmar's choice destinations is safe, and its an incredible place to visit, e.g.,

https://www.thebrokebackpacker.com/is-myanmar-safe (July 8, 2022)

Chapter 4 The teachings of the Eight-fold path and Islam

"In all epochs and all countries there have been revelations, wisdoms, religions: tradition is a part of mankind, just as man is part of tradition." (Frithjof Schuon)

Humanity is a very diverse organism. Biologists came close to recognizing a universality in human experience by noting that ontogeny (the development of a human from a single cell through birth to death) recapitulates phylogeny (the evolution of the entire human species). Whereas some perspectives on philosophy and religious experiences see mainly differences and conflicts, others see similarities and at least the potential for harmony.

This author has been criticized by other Muslims for study of Buddhism.

I am certainly not the first to recognize similarities (and differences) between Islam and Buddhism.

Abū Raihan Muhammad ibn Aḥmad al-Biruni (973-1048 A.D.) is one of the most important Muslim scholars on the history of religion, in particular Indian religion. This article seeks to introduce the general reader of his view on Buddhism based on his work entitled al-Athar al-Bāgiyah min al-Qarūn al-Khāliyah and Kitab al-Hind. Analytical study of the Islamic text, especially from contemporary commentators and comparative approaches are conducted as the methodology of the study in this article. The purpose of this article is to study whether the idea of Buddha prophethood can be applied to as a foundation for Muslim-Buddhist engagement. Besides, the research is hoped to produce a fruitful discussion between Muslim and Buddhist scholars. As a result of this research, the researchers have discovered an important finding, al-Biruni referred to Buddha as a Prophet which recognise in Islamic teaching. Although the discussion on Buddhism is limited due to lack of resources, this idea of Buddha prophethood later supported by contemporary Muslim scholars on discussing Muslim-Buddhist relation, historically and theologically. https://www.researchgate.net/publication/354729261 Muslim Understanding on Buddhism an Analytical Study of al-Biruni's al-Athar al-Baqiyah min al-Qarun Al-Khaliyah

I have studied most major world religions and philosophies from childhood, and surely a study of comparative religions is not forbidden in Islam or other major religions. Clearly the holy Prophet Muhammed made study of other religions, finding the "people of the Book" (Jewish and Christians) sufficiently similar to Muslims to permit intermarriage. To what extent he encountered Buddhism is unknown, but by the 7th Century Buddhism may

have changed considerably from the original version taught some 12 hundred years earlier.

Several Hadith state the number of Holy Prophets may have been anywhere from 315 to 124,000. For a Muslim to state that Buddha was, or was not a prophet is prohibited at least and questionable at best, as there is no way of knowing for sure. Muslims have told me: "Buddhists worship the Buddha! That is a false God." Having read quite a number of Buddhist sutras and histories of ancient India, I found nothing elevating the Buddha to a God, and many historians believe there were no images of Buddha before Alexander's army invaded India (327–325 BC). It appears the marketplace for religion at that time was rather crowded (as today) and Greek artisans helped promote Buddhism via statues, which may have been a violation of Buddha's original teaching. Worship in the Judeo-Christian-Muslim sense is closer to Mahayana Buddhism than Theravada in any case. Buddhists believe Gautama Buddha was a man, a great teacher, and an enlightened being. That does not preclude him from possibly being a Messenger or Prophet, but rather increases the probability of it.

There is no mention of worship of Buddha in the Four Noble Truths, or Eightfold Path and there is nothing in them that specifically contradicts the teachings of Islam.

The Buddha is often described as a great physician or healer, and the eightfold path (also called the noble eightfold path, "noble" because following it can make us better people, like the Buddha) can be viewed as his prescription for relief. Suffering is the disease, and the eight steps are a course of treatment that can lead us to health and well-being; we avoid the extremes of self-indulgence on the one hand and total self-denial on the other. For this reason, the Buddha called the path "the middle way." The eight steps are:

- Right view
- Right intention
- Right speech
- Right action
- Right livelihood
- Right effort
- Right mindfulness
- Right concentration

The path begins with right view, also called right understanding. We need to see clearly where we are headed before we begin. Right intention means the resolve to follow this path. Right speech and right action refer to what we say and do—to not harming other people or ourselves with our words and behavior. Right livelihood

means how we live day to day, making sure our habits and our work don't cause harm to ourselves and others.

Right effort refers to focusing our energy on the task at hand. Right mindfulness means awareness of the mind and body with discernment. With mindfulness, we might pause and consider whether what we are doing is harmful to ourselves or others. Finally, right concentration refers to dedicated practice, whether it is meditation or chanting. In other words, once we have directed our minds and lives toward awakening, we can proceed. Though the eightfold path is always listed in this order, it is not strictly sequential, and does not need to be followed in only this order.

The eight steps can be divided into three areas for training: ethical conduct (sila), concentration (samadhi), and wisdom (prajna.) Right speech, right action, and right livelihood concern ethical conduct. Right effort, right mindfulness, and right concentration relate to the practice of concentration. Right view and right intention are related to the development of wisdom.

https://tricycle.org/beginners/buddhism/eightfold-path/

Similarly, Islam is predicated on balance.

Wasatiyyah (or the principle of moderation and balance) is an important but somewhat neglected aspect of Islamic teachings that has wide-ranging ramifications in almost all areas concerning Islamic civilization. 'Moderation' as defined here is a moral virtue relevant not only to personal conduct but also to integrity and self-image of communities and nations. It is an aspect of the self-identity and worldview of the Muslim community, or ummah, that is also valued in all major world religions and civilizations.

https://hashimkamali.com/index.php/publications/item/124-moderation-and-balance-in-islam-the-quranic-principle-of-wasaiyyah

The phrase: "Islamic extremism" is a non-sequitur, expression of ignorance and/or defamatory smear usually used to describe someone who has given up Islam to become something else entirely.

Others examining Buddhism and Islam see great differences, e.g., Abrahamic religions' recognition of sin as the source of suffering, whereas Buddhists see desire as the source of suffering, however one can argue sins tend to derive from material desires. Whereas post Roman era western Christians believe in "Original Sin," the concept of Original Sin is not part of Islamic doctrine. "Muslims believe humans are born without sin and with a

desire to please God. We have free will, which causes us to go astray at times, but God is always willing to forgive."

Clearly many or most Buddhists do worship Buddha, however Muslims also believe: "Us to our religion, them to theirs."

The Prophet Mohammad was the author the Constitution of Medina, the first such document to outline the peaceful functioning of a pluralist, tolerant state.

Muslims know from the Quran we will be tested:

"Do people think that they will be left alone because they say: 'We have faith', and will not be tested? And We indeed tested those who were before them. And God will certainly make known those who are true and will certainly make known those who are liars" (Quran, 29:1-3)

Likewise, Theravada Buddhists in particular know the Buddha taught that life is suffering (Pali word *dukkha*).

Muslims believe in the six "Kalimas" that teach the monotheistic nature of Islam. https://myislam.org/the-six-kalimas

In Theravada Buddhism one finds Oneness in self-realization, moksha or nirvana; to end cycle of samsara reincarnation via dharma - doing religious and civic responsibility, and virtuous duties, i.e., "renouncing the fruits of one's actions", to achieve total absorption with the Ultimate.

Real Buddhists strive to let go of arrogant attachment to ego and material things in general to attain the great awakening, also known as Nirvana.

Nafs is an Arabic word occurring in the Quran, literally meaning 'self,' and has been translated as 'psyche,' 'ego' or 'soul.' It can be good or bad. In Sufi philosophies *Nafs* is considered to be the lowest dimension of a person's inward existence — his animal and satanic nature.

Buddhists believe in *Ahimsa* - doing no harm and being non-violent. It means avoiding any deliberate harming of any living thing and having a desire to bring about the greatest good.

Though there appear to be many differences between Islam and Buddhism, there are many similarities as well.

Terrible events in Myanmar were not done by either Muslims or Buddhists, but rather 1) outsiders with no grasp of either religion, and 2) insiders who only believed what they saw without study or consideration of the engineers that malignly created what they saw. In other words, both sides in the conflict were tricked by a particularly malicious third party.

It seems to this author both Islam and Buddhism share a common belief in tolerance, forgiveness, and mercy. These are the best foundations to begin to heal the wounds of the past and start to work on building a better world for all those who share humility, kindness, and hope for a better world for all. I'm sure Confucius, Mozi, and all the wise ancients from all around the world would agree.

About the author

This writer is not an apologist for crimes committed in Myanmar, only wishes to trace the roots of those crimes to their origins and offer some potential solutions as to how to begin to repair the damage where possible and promote healing for all concerned. I have worked as a crisis counselor for several organizations and family therapist, in addition to reporter, international journalist, teacher, and university lecturer. As a reporter I worked with victim family survivor groups and as a journalist worked in several conflict zones and refugee camps.

Those who survive horrific crimes need to study the origins of those crimes, and the larger contexts in which they occur to help in the healing process.

Traveling helps in that endeavor as it reveals how the world really works, warped as it is by Euro-American attempts at creating a global empire consisting of Euro-American total domination of all nations of color. *Promoting anti-Muslim hatred and turning Myanmar's ethnic groups against each other is a classic colonial strategy.*

Reading alternative news (alt-news) can really help, as the "black/white" world of western mainstream news deletes the most critically important information, and adds so much chaff it's impossible to understand the real causative factors behind most international events and especially international crimes.

The alt-news publications on my list represent the last of the free press in the west, and they are under extreme fire now, especially since the US' latest acts of infamy in eastern Europe which were clearly planned long in advance, and part of the so-called new Cold War.

The following are just a few of the alt-news reports pertaining to Myanmar.

https://www.globalresearch.ca/asean-discord-myanmar-could-expose-association-external-dominance/5767509

https://www.asia-pacificresearch.com/india-role-us-proxy-war-myanmar-china/5630885

https://www.asia-pacificresearch.com/video-myanmar-terrorists-nominated-nobel-peace-prize-prop-up-western-regime-change-proxies/5630972

https://www.asia-pacificresearch.com/us-funded-ngos-panic-thailand-prepares-new-ngo-transparency-law/5630921

Oxford University's Complicity in Myanmar's Genocide Denial

https://www.mintpressnews.com/how-oxford-university-is-complicit-in-myanmar-genocide-denial/237808/

https://covertactionmagazine.com/2022/03/04/if-the-national-endowment-for-democracy-ned-is-subverting-democracy-why-arent-some-of-the-left-media-calling-it-out/

https://www.blackagendareport.com/hypocrisy-american-democracy https://www.liberationnews.org/07-11-26-asean-leaders-repudiate-myanmar-html

Unfortunately, adult Euro-American Caucasians cannot deal with the realities their voting patterns have created around the world – the terror and agonies of a building falling upon children due to American missile strikes, starvation, and death by treatable, but untreated disease. Add that number to the 100 million displaced people in the world also due to American hubris, and one finds the spirits of 130+ million innocent victims of American unrestrained aggression in pursuit of "hegemony in perpetuity" to whom this book is dedicated. Is it really my job to try to awaken the moral conscience of the west? Arguably not, but I believe one to whom much has been given has an equal responsibility to give back as much or more.

I am no expert in either Islam or Buddhism, but I do know: All religions are under attack now like never before, and United we stand; Divided we fall, one and all.

Assalamu Alaikum (peace) to all

Nibbana (Skt. Nirvana)

Nibbana means Liberation and/or Awakening; literally, the "unbinding" of the mind from the mental effluents (see *asava*), defilements (see *kilesa*), and the round of rebirth (see *vatta*), and from all that can be described or defined. As this term also denotes the extinguishing of a fire, it carries the connotations of stilling, cooling, and peace. (According to the physics taught at the time of the Buddha, a burning fire seizes or adheres to its fuel; when extinguished, it is unbound.) 'Total nibbana' in some contexts denotes the experience of Awakening; in others, the final passing away of an *arahant*.

https://www.nku.edu/~kenneyr/Buddhism/glossary.html