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Perspectives on Terrorism 235

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No, Virginia, Terrorism is Bullshit.

Modern Americans see terrorism as a perspective of hindsight. Only able to be understood after an event that derails day-to-day normalcy into an unforeseen direction that becomes the new way of life. Outside of the western world, terrorism is the day-to-day normalcy, complacency in the face of death. Tribes, guerrillas, units, militants, militias, corporations and governments, these are labels are given to gangs of the powerful and financial elite who remain beholden to the civilian population they claim to represent. How can any group of indigenous peoples be expected to remain civil when elite, and carnivorous foreigners interrupt and influence what should be free and proper democratic elections? This document is going to point the finger at America as an exporter of terrorism using historical, psychological, and philosophical perspectives, as a Rogerian Argument, in MLA format.

In the earliest beginnings of the American intelligence community, hero of WWI "Wild Bill" Donovan filled the OCI leadership with elites and held an almost creepy relationship with the Church of Rome. If only to provide us all with lovely memories such as Operation Paperclip and The San Girolamo ratline, or my favorite public gem, the paramilitary disaster known as Operation Gladio. Where Allen Dulles of the OCI/CIA trained malicious armies in NATO countries from the end of WWII, (Pedrick) with a high possibility that many cells remain active today. As competition for resources encouraged the OCI to dissolve into the CIA, developing as many subcategory's as it pleased.

~~Beyond being a war criminal, a genuine Nazi Prick and~~ A man of many hats, NASA's associate administrator Wernher von Braun was also a celebrity on "Disney's World of Tomorrow". Being displayed out to the public like a hero to us all that we need to admire, and respect. Other(s) ~~criminals~~ like Kurt Blome, Arthur Rudolph, and more than 700 Nazi monster criminals from 1949 to 1990 America took in via Paperclip alone (NARA). Indicative of what continues to be the CIA's signature in field operations. As early as 1949, the US led coup d'états in places such as: Syria, Iran, the Guatemalan coup, assassination of Congo's newly Elected President Lumumba in 1961 and the same year there was the Bay of Pigs Invasion in Cuba, 1963 South Vietnam coup, 1964 Brazil, 1973 Chile, 1979-89 Afghani Operation Cyclone, and 1981-87 in Nicaragua. I'd be willing to fight and die too if someone killed the President in order to foment a rebellion.

Civility is what makes us human, and as we act more and more like animals I'm reminded of a quote by Chuck Palahniuk, who wrote in in his graphic novel turned motion picture *Fight Club*, "You know how they say you only hurt the ones you love? Well, it works both ways." What he is saying is that much like a brother and sister, a husband and wife, or the State and the people, in how it becomes easy to forget one's own universal position in the relationship. As you spend as much of your excess time with this partner as possible, you learn vulnerabilities, insecurities, and personal flaws that expose our own humanity and humility. In an angry enough argument, one can swiftly eviscerate a person they are close to, equally as the aggressor remains just as vulnerable, insecure, and flawed as the one being victimized.

What is the motivation of such behavior? Is as simple as hate, or fear? A *preemptive-defensive attack* posture based on nothing more than speculation (Chafee)?

It's obviously not for the sake love, kindness or respect, let alone democracy. Post-Freudian psychology teaches that there are two main components that motivate our actions known as Eros and Thanatos. Thanatos existing to create balance, he is the driver of all self-destructive behavior and death. Eros being the driver of love, procreation, and general continuity. Current research conducted by Walter A. Davis, taking a Neo-Freudian stance on social behaviors post Hiroshima and post 9/11, has led him to believe that until Americans take responsibility for their actions, Americans will continue to repeat for their actions (Davis). Based on Davis' logic however, I wouldn't hold my breath for any kind of change within the establishment without a violent uprising from the proletariat.

The social contract between the interested parties has expired globally. We promised to be civil so long as you don't do too much of the stuff we don't like, because the alternative is that we chop off your head and string it up a flag pole. And now look at where we are today, regimes are falling regularly, people are out in protest daily, the world is burning while more and more often violence is becoming the answer from both sides. Lines in the sand only exist to divide, they are designed absolutely not to add.

It is about defiance of apartheid. Madiba, or more commonly known as Nelson Mandela, fought the South African government's apartheid regime from 1942 until his arrest in 1964. America still views him today as an icon we should all emulate because of his perseverance, and his true commitment to ending the apartheid. Arguably however, not only for being a Marxist, but his actions today would easily be viewed as a terrorist threat to an existing legitimate form of government. Unless his groups desires were more closely in step with that of a larger, more influential outside government

actor. Not dissimilar to the very current American based, Saudi lead illegal invasion and support of terror groups such as al-Nusra Front (Harris), with the public goal of establishing an Islamist state in Syria (Stanford.edu). While Syria, the existing legitimate power is being forcibly deposed, it has full support from Russia and the UN. The US is leading an illegal military action, opening a Pandora's box of blame, lies, terror-cells, bank-holidays, violence, fear, and war, all in the name of peace. . And an escalating proxy war with Russia.

the cake is a lie. This is a netcitizen phrase that basically translates to "your promised reward is a fictitious motivator". MIT Professor Noam Chomsky, among many things, is famous for a quip of pure wisdom: "Everybody's worried about stopping terrorism. Well there's a really easy way: stop participating in it." Iran-Contra, Reagan and the Mujahedeen, or how about Operation Merlin? You remember right? The time the CIA delivered the designs of a Russian TBA-480 Fire Control Set (nuclear weapon ignition system) to Iran on March 3, 2000 (Risen). Oh, or how about the vile dictators and regimes that we support all over the world? I see no point in listing all 130+ but let's briefly look at the real players of the Mid-East region: Saudi Arabia, Israel, and Iran. Only because they have the most influence to bring stability through the strength of their own structure.

There is a significant Arab population in Israel, while in Saudi Arabia it is punishable by death to worship as a Jew or a Christian. Israelis are barred from even entering Saudi Arabia despite the fact that 20% of Israel's population isn't even Jewish. Iran however, presented a statue in honor of the native Jews that died defending Iran against Iraq in 1988. During the unveiling in 2014, Iranian Jewish parliamentarian

Ciamak Moresadegh said, "We are not tenants in this country. We are Iranians, and we have been for 30 centuries." For more than half of all known human existence, these two very different groups of people have managed to live and work together, why can't Israel and her neighbors? There's only about 14,000 Jews living in small communities in Iran, why are they not treated like Palestine? Surely the Islamic Revolutionary Guard could easily wipe them from the pages of history overnight, and almost no one would ever know. It's religious extremism: Zionism isn't Judaism, jihad isn't Islam, racism isn't Christian. Right?

Israel says that she's surrounded by enemies, but that's not the whole truth. If we chose to work together we can impact change. Economist and Nobel Prize winner Paul Krugman wrote this, three days after 9/11:

"The driving force behind the economic slowdown has been a plunge in business investment. Now, all of a sudden, we need some new office buildings. As I've already indicated, the destruction isn't big compared with the economy, but rebuilding will generate at least some increase in business spending."

A big enough disaster, and we can rebuild an entire country. Quasi Non-Secular *Nation Building* you say? Que up Operation Iraqi Freedom with one million civilians killed or wounded, over three-thousand American's killed and more than five-hundred-thousand veterans being treated at taxpayer funded VA hospitals (iCasualty.com). Are we not receiving the expected returns on our investments? We refused to work together so we deserve what we got.

Things are delicate as they are complicated. We need strong trade partnerships that provide healthy economic throughput that also provide competition, self-regulation, and continuity. According to President Obama this means that sometimes “We have to twist arms when countries don't do what we need them to.” But if the rules are meaningless to the powerful, they will decide who is the target of churn. In the United States we saw the targeting beginning with the indigenous savages, to the British, Irish, Chinese, Mexicans, dehumanization of Blacks, Japanese, Slovaks, Blacks again, and now Muslims or anyone that *could be* perceived as a Muslim. Not everyone is going to make it. There will always be poor people in America as long as it is a right to be uneducated. All governing methods exist to ensure there is structure and stability, implied by its social contract with its population. We are not in the business of saving everyone; we are in the business of staying open for business. We used to make stuff that people would buy, but now we make stuff that tribes, guerrillas, units, militants, militias, corporations and governments buy.

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute released a report February the 22nd 2016, titled *Trends in International Arms Transfers*. According to the report, the US “delivered major weapons to at least 96 states”, and that the “Middle East was the largest recipient of US weapons, accounting for 41 per cent of arms exports.”

Exporter	Share of international arms exports (%)		Main clients (share of exporter's total exports %), 2011–15		
	2011–15	2006–10	1st	2nd	3rd
USA	33	29	Saudi Arabia (9.7)	UAE (9.1)	Turkey (6.6)
Russia	25	22	India (39)	China (11)	Viet Nam (11)
China	5.9	3.6	Pakistan (35)	Bangladesh (20)	Myanmar (16)
France	5.6	7.1	Morocco (16)	China (13)	Egypt (9.5)
Germany	4.7	11	USA (13)	Israel (11)	Greece (10)
UK	4.5	4.1	Saudi Arabia (46)	India (11)	Indonesia (8.7)
Spain	3.5	2.6	Australia (29)	Saudi Arabia (12)	Turkey (8.7)
Italy	2.7	2.1	UAE (10)	India (8.8)	Turkey (8.2)
Ukraine	2.6	1.9	China (26)	Russia (12)	Ethiopia (9.2)
Netherlands	2.0	3.0	Morocco (17)	Jordan (12)	USA (7.7)

(SIPRI.org)

Cherry picking winners and losers. Darwinism says survival of the fittest. In the contemporary American world, we are looking at no bid government contracts, derivative markets that are completely unregulated, money without any value, and false stability through the manufacturing of conflict, oppression, and war. History would like everyone who's alive now and in the distant future, to believe that this is the way things are and that we've always been like this like good dumb Orwellians. But it's not normal, things haven't always been like this. Continuing to tell ourselves that things are better, or at least the same since 9/11 is a questionable mindset. We have found ourselves in a Sunk-Cost-Fallacy: summarily, this is where people make decisions about a current or near future situation based on what they've already invested in to the situation, be it time, money, or public character. We are throwing more youth and wealth at the problem of "terror" than ever before, and more than ever before, more humans are terrified.

But we can fix this.

John F. Kennedy said at a commencement speech at American University in 1963, "Our problems are man-made—therefore, they can be solved by man." This is one

of America's greatest quips of pure wisdom. That our problems are a human one, and cannot be solved by synthetically altering a situation in order to control the outcome, real work must get done in order to produce significant change. Great American leadership like (most of) the Kennedy's, Martin Luther King, and MLK Jr, as well as less familiar names like Herbert Yardley, and two-time Medal of Honor Recipient Major-General Smedley Butler. Butler stopped a fascist coup against Franklin D. Roosevelt that was tied to Prescott Bush, the Nazi connected father of former President George H.W. Bush (BBC). People, they were just people, but they were people who were willing to kill or die for what is true, just, and right. Irreproachable individuals who founded themselves out of loyalty to the Constitution, and justice.

Taking warnings from leadership such as Dwight D. Eisenhower exit speech on Jan.17,1961, warning the public of the legitimate power of the military industrial complex. Or the secrets we discover from journalists and whistleblowers like Barrett Brown, Julian Assange, James Risen, Glenn Greenwald, 80-year-old Architect John Young, PVT. Manning, Edward Snowden, and Thomas Drake. Barrett Brown is serving 10 years for reporting on the 2012 Stratfor hack. American politicians have previously called for the assassination of Assange, who remains in exile, James Risen has been sued by congress to give up his sources from his most recent book: *"Pay Any Price: Greed, Power, and Endless War"*. Greenwald is enjoying a self-imposed exile in Brazil for many reasons, Manning is in prison for the next 120 years. John, God do we love John. Snowden is (a bullet magnet) in exile, and Thomas Drake went from a six figure income as a senior staff member of the NSA, to working at an Apple store for commission and living as a pariah. And if each of them could just get one chance, just

repent and change it all, they would do everything exactly the same, if not with more ferocity. Especially Barret and John.

Civil disobedience has become a crime. Encryption is your right to free speech, and that's becoming compromised. If you don't have the right to verbally defend yourself, you don't deserve the right to physically defend yourself either. What's really left, a fair trial? American citizen and known terrorist Anwar Al-Awlaki was assassinated by order of the United States President. He and at least four other Americans that have been assassinated so far who couldn't get a trial, what makes you think you deserve one? The right of revolution is the philosophical right and duty of the people to overthrow a government that is acting outside the interests of the people, in order to preserve the continuity of the nation. It may soon become the only right Americans are left with.

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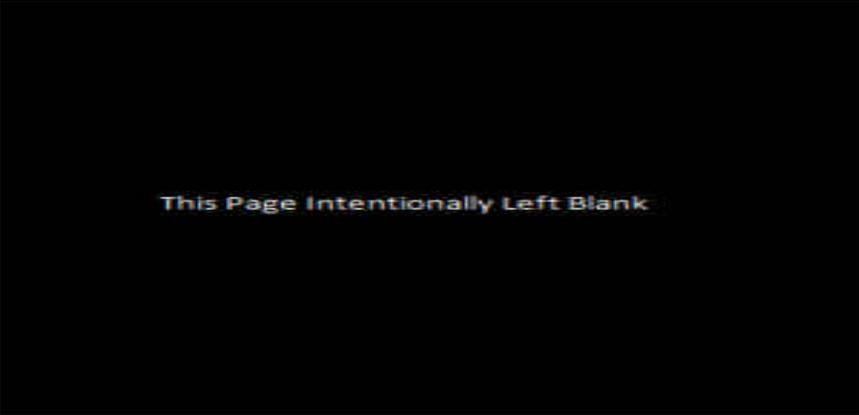
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