STATE-SPONSORED TERRORISM: MADE IN THE USA

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Much has been said in the last year about the supposed "Arab spring" being the beginning of a great awakening toward the notion that representative government is best, and that the budding principles of autonomy and freedom, that made America great, are taking root in places like northern Africa and the Middle East. This concept, of course, is nonsense for two reasons.

Firstly, the idea that autonomy, self-government, and freedom still exist in America would be laughable if the reality that we face weren't so deadly serious. One only need to make a trip to the airport where the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is now conducting obedience training for the passengers, conditioning the people to "freeze" on command.[1] Throughout America, the incidents of police brutality are epidemic as an atmosphere of fear prevails of what might happen, if you don't "follow orders". We are being trained like zoo animals to obey, while propagandists on TV, radio, and print all tell us we live in a "free country".

We do have representative government. Our politicians are very well compensated by multi-national corporations to represent them in CON-gress. Perhaps, if you can muster up a million or two for their campaign coffers, you might achieve some degree of success at getting them to listen to your concerns. Good luck with that.

The reality is that America is not a beacon of freedom to the world. Perhaps, that were true at one time. Not today. The critters in CON-gress passed and Obama signed the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012, which states that the government can basically kidnap anyone they want if they say you're a "terrorist". They've given themselves the legal authority to detain you indefinitely, without any due process, or right to trial.

I am reminded again of George Orwell's 1984 where people who were too outspoken against the Establishment simply disappeared. Records were altered so that not only did they not exist, but they never existed. The writing is clearly on the wall. We are living Orwell Today.

The second reason the so-called "Arab Spring" is a farce, is that in every country we've seen a supposed "uprising" thus far, the situation has only become more tyrannical, more oppressive, and more dangerous for the people.

In Tunisia, for example, as a result of the "uprisings," Hamadi Jebali became Prime Minister. He is affiliated with the Ennahda party who has ties to the Muslim Brotherhood.[2] In Egypt, after dictator Hosni Mubarak was overthrown, a military dictatorship took over and violently oppressed the rights of the people to protest. This was followed by a supposed "election" which installed Mohamed Morsi as "president" of that country. Morsi also has ties to the Muslim Brotherhood,[3] a fact that didn't stop Barack Obama from offering his praise and congratulations. Obama called the victory a "milestone" on the road to "democracy"[4] and proceeded to host Morsi in a state visit at the White House.[5] Not only was Obama fine with the Brotherhood taking power in

Egypt, but revelations from Egyptian intelligence indicate that prior to the overthrow of Hosni Mubarak, the Obama administration was holding secret meetings with a senior leader of the Muslim Brotherhood to plan the future of Egypt following Mubarak's "fall."[6]

Last year, Investors Business Daily published a timeline, chronicling the long history the Obama administration has in promoting the Muslim Brotherhood, which began with his inauguration. After laying out the details, they concluded, "If we didn't know better, we'd say this looks an awful lot like a wider conspiracy to subvert American interests." [7]

The New York Times ran a piece this past June, outlining how the CIA is using the Muslim Brotherhood to funnel weapons to opponents of Syria's Bashar al-Assad to destabilize and ultimately overthrow his government.[8] If the intelligence agencies of foreign countries were to engage in these types of behaviors against the U.S., it would be considered "state-sponsored terrorism". But no... when it's done by the United States it is lovingly referred to as "spreading democracy" — as if "democracy" were really our form of government.

That the U.S. government is orchestrating and backing the overthrow of foreign leaders and governments through secret meetings, funding, weapon supplies and ammunition, demonstrates that the "Arab Spring" is a fiction, pushed along by the globalist imperialists occupying the U.S. government, in cooperation with foreign intelligence agencies. Sadly, it's nothing new.

Nor is it unique to the Obama administration. The U.S. has had a long history of supporting terrorists and terrorist groups with both parties guilty throughout the course of several administrations.

Shortly after the events of September 11, 2001, President George W. Bush told the American people that the United States would track down and eliminate the sponsors of international terrorism. Bush pontificated that America's finest had to be deployed around the globe to face the terrorists abroad, "so we do not have to face them here at home."[9] A rhetorical line in the sand was drawn when he issued the dire warning to the American people and the world that "either you are with us or you are with the terrorists."[10]

However, in the months prior to the "attacks" of 9/11, it was the Bush administration itself, who was giving large cash infusions to the very Afghan Taliban regime who, months later, they would blame for orchestrating the largest act of terrorism upon American soil in history.

The monetary gift was, purportedly, a "reward" for a Taliban edict allegedly banning opium cultivation. Ted Carpenter of the Cato Institute, writing about the gifted largess said,

"...the Bush administration did more than praise the Taliban's proclaimed ban of opium cultivation. In mid-May, 2001, Secretary of State Colin Powell announced a \$43 million grant to Afghanistan in addition to the humanitarian aid the United States had long been providing to agencies assisting Afghan refugees. ... That \$43 million grant needs to be placed in context. Afghanistan's estimated gross domestic product was a mere \$2 billion. The equivalent financial impact on the U.S. economy would have required an infusion of

\$215 billion. In other words, \$43 million was very serious money to Afghanistan's theocratic masters."[11]

Carpenter goes on to point out that opium production actually increased following the alleged opium "ban."

"Despite U.S. and UN reports that the Taliban had virtually wiped out the poppy crop in 2000-2001, authorities in neighboring Tajikistan reported that the amounts coming across the border were actually increasing. In reality, the Taliban gave its order to halt cultivation merely to drive up the price of opium the regime had already stockpiled."[12]

We now know that opium production has exploded in Afghanistan since U.S. occupation began. As of 2007, there were 8,200 tons of opium being cultivated on 193,000 hectares of land and Afghanistan has all but become the world's exclusive opium supplier — cornering 93 percent of the world market — according to a UN report.[13] This was a 34 percent increase over 2006 production outputs.[14] The U.S. government is complicit in the growth and distribution of the Afghan opium crop, as evidenced by the ordering of our occupying troops to stand by and allow the opiate cultivation to thrive.[15] [16]

The Afghan leader, Hamid Karzai, was installed through an "electoral" process that was so riddled with ballot corruption and outright fraud that his opponent finally quit out of frustration.[17] It has been widely reported in mainstream news sources, that Karzai's half-brother, Ahmed Wali Karzai (now deceased), was a highly-corrupt and prominent drug baron,[18] a claim that was further validated by a document dump by WikiLeaks.[19]

In addition to being a prominent figure in the Afghan drug trade, it was also reported that Ahmed has been on the payroll of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency since around 2001,[20] [21] [22] and that the CIA is also making secret payments to many other members of the highly-corrupt Karzai administration.[23] [24] Perhaps this sheds some insight as to the real reason the Afghan opium industry is booming, while the crops are deliberately not being destroyed by U.S. military personnel. As Spencer Ackerman of the Washington Independent wrote in 2009,

"At this point, everything about the U.S. policy toward the Afghan drug trade ... ought to be questioned. As in questioned in open congressional session. CIA money funds a politically connected drug dealer. Opium funds the Taliban. We are in Afghanistan to fight the Taliban. How much CIA money has indirectly funded the Taliban?"[25]

On August 13, 2009, Global Post ran an article which was carried on the Reuters news service website. It was headlined, Who is funding the Afghan Taliban? You don't want to know. It began,

"It is the open secret no one wants to talk about, the unwelcome truth that most prefer to hide. In Afghanistan, one of the richest sources of Taliban funding is the foreign assistance coming into the country.

"Virtually every major project includes a healthy cut for the insurgents. Call it protection money, call it extortion, or, as the Taliban themselves prefer to term it, "spoils of war," the fact remains that international donors, primarily the United States, are to a large extent financing their own enemy." [26]

The writer continues by unfolding the details of a "shadowy office in Kabul" where private contractors meet with a "Taliban contracts officer, who examines proposals and negotiates with organizational hierarchies for a percentage. He will not speak to, or even meet with, a journalist, but sources who have spoken with him and who have seen documents say that the process is quite professional."

The reporter then reveals where money from the "Taliban tax" goes:

"The manager of an Afghan firm with lucrative construction contracts with the U.S. government builds in a minimum of 20 percent for the Taliban in his cost estimates. The manager, who will not speak openly, has told friends privately that he makes in the neighborhood of \$1 million per month. Out of this, \$200,000 is siphoned off for the insurgents.

"If negotiations fall through, the project will come to harm — road workers may be attacked or killed, bridges may be blown up, engineers may be assassinated."[27]

Your hard-earned tax dollars at work: You fund Afghan "reconstruction" projects through private contractors, who give your money to the Taliban, who, in turn, provide resources to "insurgents" so they can kill your soldier children.

Back in 2006, many Yale students were shocked to discover that Sayed Rahmatullah Hashemi, an official spokesman and ambassador for the Taliban was a fellow student on campus.[28] [29] Yale was heavily criticized by many, including the families of armed forces stationed in the Middle East who had been assigned tours of duty purportedly to fight the authoritarian regime.

If academia has strange bedfellows, it is merely a microcosm of the shadowy world of the intelligentsia. The truth of the matter is that the United States government has had a long history of funding totalitarian governments, shadowy individuals, and "terrorist" groups. Then, when they sufficiently build their arsenals, train them in techniques of terror and war, they use them as an excuse to send your patriotic sons, daughters, grandchildren — waving their "Made in China" stars and stripes — to the killing fields of a foreign country to die. But never fear, comrades. The bleached blond on the nightly news will tell you that they died, "doing what they loved."