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Counter-revolutionary Gustavo Coronel should feel REAL good about himself...

VHeadline commentarist Arthur Shaw writes:

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Gustavo Coronel recently discharged a nasty piece of literature he titles "Ten Ways Hugo Chavez Hurts the United States of America." This repulsive piece exposes Coronel as another buck-passing counterrevolutionary, forever blaming the woes of US imperialism on the normal and legitimate exercise of sovereignty by certain foreign states, even though the woes of US imperialism are clearly the consequences of the chauvinist policies of Bush Sr., Bill Clinton, Bush Jr. and current Uncle Tom in the White House.

Gustavo Coronel is a self-styled or described geologist who now lives in Mclean, Virginia, USA. He hung-on, or worked, for decades at PDVSA, the state-owned oil company, ultimately serving as an

imperialist lackey on the board of directors of PDVSA from 1976 to 1979. He wrote several widely ignored books.

Coronel suspiciously claims to be graduate of the University of Tulsa, Central University of Venezuela (UCV) and Johns Hopkins University ... but nobody knows what (if anything) he studied at these institutions. He has never shown any evidence of studying. In the 1990s, he ... somehow ... got himself elected to the state legislature of Carabobo, but the ratification of the new 1999 Venezuelan Constitution promptly dissolved the legislature and, fortunately, terminated his electoral career.

Coronel seems to have some kind of connection with the Cato Institute ... a counterrevolutionary think-tank in Washington (which is respected in reactionary intellectual circles) ... but the Cato guys regard Coronel as a laughing stock or an "evangelist,", given his flippant attitude toward facts and hostility for logic.

Let's look at Coronel's ten blockbusting falsities, one by one:

1. His [Hugo Chavez'] alliance with Iran's President Ahmadinejad has opened up Latin America to that fundamentalist country.

The Venezuelan Revolution, Venezuelan democracy, and proletarian ethics do not subscribe to religious and theological bigotry. Fundamental voices of the Islamic faith have as much right to a presence in Latin America as fundamental voices of the



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Nazarenes, Zionists, and Hindus. Indeed, the Venezuelan Revolution finds such religious discrimination and prejudice ... which Coronel intimates ... to be disgusting. What's more, Arab and Muslim communities have been in many Latin American countries for generations and they have made major contributions to the development of science and commerce in the region as a whole.

- By this falsity, Coronel tries to past the buck for the righteous indignation of Arab and Muslim communities in Latin American over the evil and vile US imperialist policies in the Middle East from the US imperialists, who formulate and implement the policies, to Hugo Chavez who opposes these imperialist policies.
- 2. His [Hugo Chavez'] promotion of Islamic terrorism through increasing links with Hizballah and Hama is sending Islamic terrorists to the US border.



Islamic patriots, like patriots of other creeds, who defend their country and defend their peoples from foreign aggression, foreign military occupation, foreign genocide and atrocities are not "terrorists." These Islamic defenders of the honor and sovereignty of their invaded and conquered lands from the attacks of Nazarene imperialists and Zionist racists are patriots, not terrorists. The patriots of the Islamic faith and of the Islamic world also have a right to exist and a right to defend themselves from aggression, occupation, genocide, and torture. The attacks of the Nazarene imperialists of USA on the Iraqi people have been truly savage. The aggression and occupation of Iraq by largely Nazarene imperialists of the USA occasioned by October 2004, more than 100,000 Iraqi war-related fatalities, according to a John

Hopkins University study. The barbarity of Nazarene imperialists of the USA occasioned, by October 2006, over 650,000 Iraqi war-related fatalities, according to a second John Hopkins University study. By September 2007, the bestiality instigated chiefly by Nazarene fanatics from the USA occasioned over 1,000,000 war-related Iraqi fatalities, according to a study by the highly credible UK research firm Opinion Research Business whose services have from time to time been retained by the bourgeois regimes in the USA and UK. To expect a people to submit peacefully to genocide and torture perpetrated by US imperialist animals to avoid being labeled "terrorists" by counter-revolutionary scoundrels, like Coronel, ask more than a human beings can give.

- Essentially, in this instance, Coronel is passing the same buck he passed in question No.1.
- 3. [Hugo Chavez'] Cutting off links with the US drug enforcement agencies and turning Venezuela into the main drug distribution center for Andean cocaine going to the US and Europe further complicates US anti-drug efforts in Latin America.

An agreement between Venezuela and USA on drug enforcement is <u>not</u> an OK from the Venezuelan government for US drug agents to engage in espionage. US drug agents refused to desist from espionage after repeated warnings of expulsion from the Venezuelan Government. So, the government understandably expelled US drug agents before their espionage did more harm than their ineffective assistance in drug enforcement.

As for "turning Venezuela into the main drug distribution center," the international trans-shipment operations of the drug cartels depend heavily on the administrative influence of the political opposition in Venezuela over the sea ports, airports, and major highways. The drug trade and bourgeois regime in Washington finance the political opposition in Venezuela. Now, in 2009, that the central government has assumed administrative control over these transportation facilities, expelling

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reactionary and criminal elements allied with the opposition and imperialists agents. Under the new arrangement, the state is capturing larger and more frequent shipments of cocaine, drug processing supplies, and equipment. The state is also catching more big name drug lords, like Wilmer Ignacio 'Nacho' Guerrero Ibanez. Most important of all, the state is capturing huge caches of the proceeds or drug money destined to be laundered through illegal foreign exchange market in Venezuela, an illegal currency market that is routed through US banks, especially the Bank of America, with the knowledge and complicity of US drug agents.

 Using this falsity, Coronel tries to pass the buck for the failure of US drug enforcement policies in Colombia from the US imperialists and Colombian quislings to Venezuelan revolutionaries.

4. [Hugo Chavez'] Promoting petroleum production cuts and price increases within OPEC is contributing to the global economic downturn.

The global economic downturn is largely a consequence of massive frauds perpetrated by criminals on Wall Street who control the financial sector of the US bourgeoisie. Their Ponzi fraud targeted the world bourgeoisie and major financial institutions, selling over \$18 trillion in mortgage-backed securities [bonds] that were "backed" by only \$6 trillion in US residential mortgages, meaning that 2 out of every 3 of these bonds were worthless, although they sold in the millions for \$25,000 a piece. This Ponzi scheme not only cleaned out broad sections of the world bourgeoisie, but also the scheme looted the foreign exchange reserves of most central banks, including the central banks of the richest capitalist countries. But Gustavo Coronel points his dirty finger at Hugo Chavez as the "contributor" to the downturn, that is to say, to the world capitalist crisis produced by the dishonest policies of a mafia of US imperialist financiers.

The downturn in Venezuela, for example, was fueled by a US imperialist thief named R. Allen Stanford who stole \$3 billion from the Venezuelan bourgeoisie through a Ponzi fraud using fake certificates of deposits. But the Venezuelan bourgeoisie wasn't R. Allen's only suckers, he took an additional \$5 billion from about 30,000 other depositors from over a 100 countries. The exposure of imperialist frauds finally triggered a 8000-point crash in US equities market and a crash of similar magnitude in the US debt market that caused millions of investors to lose trillions of dollar of wealth. But Gustavo Coronel points his dirty, crooked finger at Hugo Chavez, thereby exonerating the US imperialist thieves before whom Coronel grovels like a slave.

 Coronel tries the pass the buck for the world capitalist crisis from the criminals who infest the financial sector of the US bourgeoisie to oil policies of the Venezuelan Government.

5. His [Hugo Chavez'] creation of a regional political and economic anti-US block places increasing pressures on an already over-extended list of US foreign policy priorities.

The US imperialists organize blocs that are anti-Latin American and anti-Caribbean, such as NAFTA, CAFTA, and the failed FTAA ... in the western hemisphere, are the imperialists the only ones who are allowed to organize blocs? The blocs that Hugo Chavez organizes ... like Petrocaribe, ALBA, GITGO discount fuel oil program for US citizens ... are not anti-USA, rather these blocs are pro-Latin American, pro-Caribbean and pro-USA.

Yes, indeed, the blocs that Chavez organizes are anti-US imperialist in not the same thing as anti-USA. US imperialism is really anti-USA. In the US legislative elections of November 2006, the US people voted against imperialism. In almost all opinion polls conducted between November 2006 and November 2008, the US people ... sometimes at high as 70% ... expressed their contempt for imperialism. The definition of the USA is the US people under the US Constitution. Imperialism violates the will and ethics of the US people and breaches numerous provisions of the US Constitution. So, US imperialism contradicts the USA.

Gustavo Coronel maliciously imputes US imperialism to the US people; he maliciously identifies US imperialism with the US people and then he calls Hugo Chavez "anti-US" when Chavez is only anti-imperialist. Coronel idea of the USA is apparently the US people under the domination of imperialist leaders without regard for the constitution. Sure, Chavez opposes this imperialist perversion of the US essence, but this doesn't mean Chavez opposes the USA.

 Coronel tries to pass the buck for the decline of US hegemony in the region from failed imperialist policies to the bloc-organizing skills of Hugo Chavez.

6. A \$6 billion acquisition of sophisticated weapons from Russia and China has altered the balance of military power in the region, increasing the probabilities of a major hemispheric crisis.

In April 2002, US imperialists attacked Venezuela and were momentarily successful in overthrowing democracy in Venezuela. In Feb 2004, US imperialists overthrew democracy in Haiti and imposed a pro-imperialist dictatorship that lasted for two years and cost 30,000 Haitian lives. This 2004 instance in Haiti of imperial aggression and occupation [with the vile complicity of the OAS and UN] affirms once again that US imperialists and their allies are dirty, low down, and no good. In December 1989, US imperialists attacked the Panamanian people and slaughtered the Panamanians without mercy, under pretexts that were more flimsy and transparently false than those used by the imperialists 14 years later in Iraq. In March 2003. US imperialists attacked the Iraqi people, using as pretexts dirty lies about weapons of mass destruction and 9/11. To date, over 1,000,000 Iraqi citizens have lost their lives as a result of the US imperialist aggression.

Just these four recent instances of US imperialist aggression... Panama March 1989, Venezuela April 2002, Iraq March 2003, and Haiti February 2004 ... cited in preceding paragraph show that US imperialism is a beast and Venezuela must be prepared to defend itself from the attacks of this beast. To prevent another overthrow of democracy in Venezuela, Venezuela needs the means of national defense and national security because, again, US imperialists and their allies in the region are dirty, low down, and no good. We say that the four instances of imperialist aggression cited above demonstrate that US imperialism is a beast because of the shocking magnitude of the barbarity in these instances and because of the astonishing frequency with which these instances occur.

Trying to be reassuring, imperialist scum says Venezuela has nothing to worry about in terms of a US imperialist attack as longs as Venezuela does what the imperialist regime in Washington tells Venezuela. What imperialist scum can't seem to comprehend is that Venezuela and some other countries in the region are sovereign and they intend to exercise their sovereignty. Imperialist scum sees this claim of sovereignty as an excuse used by some "backyard countries" not to do what US imperialism tells its backyard countries. Imperialist scum says that no backyard country has sovereignty. Imperialist scum denies that the exercise of sovereignty removes a country from the backyard. This scum argues that the exercise of sovereignty by a backyard country invites an imperialist attack.

Venezuela is far from the most heavily-armed country in Latin America and the Caribbean. Mexico, Colombia, Brazil, Argentina and, possibly, Chile are better armed or more armed than Venezuela. But counter-revolutionaries never utter one word of concern about the military build-up in these countries or the military exercises they periodically conduct

with the armed forces of US imperialism. US imperialism already has 13 military bases in Latin America and the Caribbean and imperialism is seeking additional

bases while expanding size and capabilities of those that already exist. Many of the imperialist military bases existed before the advent of the Venezuelan Revolution in 1999; so, they are not a response to the revolution, but expression of the pathological love of wanton aggression that US imperialists have displayed for centuries.

Lenin, the greatest proletarian leader of the 20th century, says "A revolution that can't defend itself is worthless." We offer thanks or praise to divine beings, particularly the celebrated Nazarene, because the Venezuelan Revolution isn't worthless. Indeed, the Venezuelan Revolution is worth a lot.

 With this one, No. 6, Coronel tries to pass the buck for the insecurity felt in the region from the countless aggressions, assassinations, occupations, coups, embargoes, bombardments by bloodthirsty US imperialists to peaceloving Venezuelan revolutionaries who haven't attacked anybody and who have even thought about attacking anybody.

7. His [Hugo Chavez'] financial and political oxygenation of Cuba has extended the life of the Castro dictatorship.

In 1961, the glorious Cuban Revolution and its invincible proletarian democracy beat up pro-imperialist forces at the Bay of Pigs. In 1962, the glorious revolution survived the missile crisis, potentially deadliest crisis that humanity ever faced. In the 1960s and 1970s, the revolution fought off and defeated imperialist attacks using biological [including the deliberate introduction of swine flu], chemical, and other weapons of mass destruction. [These imperial attacks affirm once again that US imperialists are dirty, low down, and no good.] After 1980, the revolution endured, struggled, and, finally, prospered after the collapse of its main ally and trading partner. From 1959 to 1995, the revolution neutralize over 300 assassination attempts against Cuba's top leaders, although these confrontations resulted in about 3,000 Cuban patriots losing their lives at the hands of counter-revolutionary scum. These displays of political and ideological magnificence by the Cuban people occurred before the triumph of the Venezuelan Revolution; thus, the "oxygenation of Cuba" in no way depends on the Venezuelan Revolution. The resilience of the Cuban Revolution stems from the patriotism, the ethics, and the abiding revolutionary essence and will of the heroic Cuban people, not from the presence of important allies and steadfast friends.

Gustavo Coronel uses the term "oxygenation," perhaps suggesting that poverty in Cuba has the island on oxygen in order to prolong life. The World Bank defines poverty as living off less than \$2 per day and extreme poverty as living off less than \$1 per day. This definition of poverty has been accepted by IMF, IADB, UN, and CIA World Factbook. When this definition of poverty is applied to the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, somewhere between 20% to 80% of the people, depending on the particular country, are found to live below the poverty line, as the World Bank defines it. When this definition of poverty is applied to Cuba, nobody is below the poverty line, as the World Bank defines poverty, because the value of the free food ration book in Cuba ... alone ... exceeds \$2 per day or \$720 per year, Cubans had to buy the same amount and quality of food on the open market in Cuba. The value of free access to state of the art health care services ... alone ... is worth more than \$2 per day or \$720 per year, if Cubans had to buy health insurance. The value of access to free quality education at all levels ... alone ... exceeds \$2 per day or \$720 per year, if Cubans had to pay tuition and other educational costs. Imperialist propaganda doesn't want the the developing countries similarly situated to Cuba to know about impressive economic gains of the Cuban Revolution or about the staggering economic failures of capitalism in most or all countries in Latin America and the Caribbean, excluding of course Cuba. In Latin America and the Caribbean, the countries that are on "oxygen" are generally those that are politically and ideologically close to the US imperialists.

 Here, No. 7, Coronel tries the to pass ... not the buck ... but the credit for Cuba's successful resistance to a prolong campaign of imperialist aggression from the heroic Cuban people to the Venezuelan friends of the Cuban people.

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8. His [Hugo Chavez'] alliance with the Colombian terrorist army, FARC, represents a clear act of aggression against the political stability of the region.

If Chavez were an ally of FARC, the legitimate representative of the Colombian people, the imperialist-installed death-squad regime in Bogota couldn't last six months. That the death-squad regime under the monster Alvaro Uribe still lamentably exists in Colombia attests to the non-existence of an alliance between Chavez and FARC.

- Here, No. 8, Coronel tries to pass ... not the buck ... but the credit for the might and successes of FARC from the heroic Colombian revolutionaries to Venezuelan revolutionaries, despite the fact that armed struggle of the Colombian revolutionaries predates the Venezuelan Revolution by over 30 years.
- 9. His [Hugo Chavez'] financing of the extreme left presidential candidacies of Ollanta Humala in Peru, Andres Lopez Obrador in Mexico, the Farabundo Marti Front in El Salvador and the Sandinista Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua is part of a global anti-US strategy.

The victories of revolutionary, social democratic, and liberal candidates in Latin America and the Caribbean are not consequences of "financing" by Hugo Chavez. Unlike US imperialism, the Venezuelan Revolution never had, doesn't have, and most likely will never have enough money to buy electoral victories in other countries. The revolutionary and progressive candidates in other regional countries are winning because their campaigns express the wishes and aspirations of their electorates for fundamental changes in regard to wages, housing, nutrition, education, health care, and other issues of great interest to the workers and the rest of the masses. For over 30 years, reactionary bourgeois candidates, addicted to the filth of neo-liberalism and closely tied to US imperialism, failed to improve living conditions relative to the issues of great interest to the workers and the rest of the masses.

We can't deny that a torrent of corruption gushes from foreign sources into the political systems and electoral processes of most Latin American and Caribbean countries. But we categorically deny that Venezuela or Hugo Chavez is the source of the corruption. The corruption comes chiefly from US government agencies, such US National Endowment for Democracy (NED), from US Agency for International Development (USAID), and from an array of fronts of these US government agencies like the Inter American Press Association (IAPA) and, more clandestinely, the corruption comes from the CIA and US State Department. The imperialist propaganda ... which prances around calling itself the "free press" ... never utters one word of



concern about the massive, continuous, and growing corruption of the democracies of the region by US imperialists, even though NED and USAID from time to time publishes data on the amounts of corruption and to whom it is paid.

What's more, we can't deny that the existence and successes of the glorious Venezuelan Revolution contribute to the prospects of electoral campaigns of revolutionaries, social democrats, and liberals throughout the region, for the Venezuelan Revolution is an example or a model that inspires hope or belief in the possibility of a better future for the peoples of the region, free of the terrible plague of capitalism.

 Here, No. 9, Coronel is unable and unwilling to accept the will of the people freely expressed in a democracy if their will doesn't coincide with the wishes of US imperialists. So, Coronel attributes or imputes the will of the people to Hugo Chavez, the alleged deep pocket.

10. His [Hugo Chavez'] well-financed campaign of recruiting US organizations and individuals to his cause, either through material rewards or ideological seduction is undermining US society.

Solidarity with the Venezuelan Revolution is not a mercenary endeavor. Solidarity with the Venezuelan Revolution arises from the pristine form of Venezuelan democracy and from its growing proletarian content. Solidarity with the Venezuelan Revolution expresses the growing confidence of sectors and elements of the US people in the prospects of class struggle within the USA for their economic and social interests. This solidarity affirms the enduring US belief in the possibility of relief from the ubiquitous decadence that saturates bourgeois society in the name of "free expression of the individual," however perverse and depraved the individual. This solidarity realizes at a nascent stage the development of a society where proletarian ethics prevails, not the gutter morality of the bourgeoisie.

 Evidently, Coronel got tired of defaming Latin Americans and Caribbeans, so he decides, in No. 10, to slander US citizens, too. Coronel says that "US organizations and individuals" are either bought or seduced. Obviously, Coronel is passing buck from himself to "US organizations and individuals"

CONCLUSION



Counter-revolutionaries, like Coronel, pass the buck in such excess because their opinion of themselves is that they are dirty, low down, and no good people.

With regard to these low opinion of counterrevolutionaries about themselves, they are right!

As long as the low opinion about who and what they are remains in their subconscious, the counter-revolutionary feels good about himself. But at least ten times a day, the truth that he is dirty, low down and no good ... hidden in his subconscious ... pops out of his subconscious into his consciousness, exciting pain, anguish, shame, torment and who knows what else.

 So, the counter-revolutionary freaks out ... the counter-revolutionary looks for somebody or for anybody to blame for his counter-revolutionary worthlessness.

Once he passes the buck he feels good again about himself. After passing the buck 10 times in one piece, Coronel should feel real good about himself.

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