



THE U.S. GOVERNMENT'S WAR REPUTATION

“WE’RE AT WAR!” - AND WE HAVE BEEN SINCE 1776: 240 YEARS OF AMERICAN WAR-MAKING

I thought it might be instructive to research the history of wars the US Government has waged since its beginning. The most comprehensive list I could find listed 190 wars (military offensives), including the Revolutionary War of 1776. This number included operations up to 2011, and it didn't include the current conflicts with ISIS, Syria, northern Africa, Ukraine, and several others the U.S. is involved in either openly or covertly.

I found quotes and statistics from several reliable sources which I've included.

I found sources that cite 134 conflicts the US was involved in during the calendar year 2014. Over and above that, there are any number of secret military operations and invasions by the CIA and US Black Ops that are “classified” and never reported. Add to that America's domestic police state with militarized police forces that consider themselves in a state of constant war with American citizens. Thus, the number of total military operations becomes difficult to estimate. Suffice it to say that the number of wars/military invasions, government espionage with constant war room planning, strategies and military contingencies with active covert operations and national insurgencies ... it is accurate to say that the US is in constant war, to some degree, with nearly every nation on this planet, including America itself.

“ISLAM IS INHERENTLY VIOLENT”

This is the propaganda; the myth. Islamophobia (“*Islam is sexist, militant, a threat to the world,*” the list goes on...) is now an established belief system in America. It has been sold to an ignorant American public much like the myths about “Japs” and “Huns” (Germans) during the WW1 and WW2 years. Then again, during the Cold War, the

Russians were portrayed as evil, soulless monsters.

Americans are easy to convince. If the government or FOX News tells us we should be afraid of some nation or some group, Americans are eager to hate and fear that nation or group without so much as one question or one minute of investigation.

Today, we are told that Islam is naturally associated with violence, war, and terrorism. This, in turn, is used to justify bombing, invading, and occupying Muslim countries. But what proof or evidence is there for such prejudice?

We see this clearly in the rhetoric against Iran, a Muslim country portrayed as inherently violent and warlike. The U.S. politicians and Israel's Benjamin Netanyahu tell us “*we must attack them before they attack us.*”

This is a Myth. It is the United States and Israel, not Iran, that have been waging wars of aggression. How many countries has Iran attacked in the past 50 years? The answer is, of course, **zero. But America and Israel have attacked and bombed fourteen Muslim countries:** Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, Libya, Iran, Sudan, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, and Tunisia ... and there are others they don't admit.

WHO ARE THE “TERRORISTS”?

The U.S., in the name of “fighting terror,” is stirring up war in numerous Muslim countries as well as Ukraine and Georgia. The ultimate target, of course, is Russia. The U.S. is funding and directing militant mercenaries (al-Qaeda, ISIS, ISIL, al-Nusra, etc.) who are financed and directed by the CIA, Saudi Arabia, and Israel, with plans for them to eventually infect Russia as well. These paid and orchestrated mercenaries are not true Muslims. They are labeled “Muslim Extremists” by western politicians and news rooms, and ignorant western citizens believe it. But they are not Muslims ... they are mercenary terrorists, and their eventual goal is to stir up rebellion in Russia among the considerable numbers of Russia's Muslim residents.

Many years and trillions of dollars have been invested

into this plan. The “We are at War” mentality now defines a generation of Americans, with many young adults having lived their entire lives with America “at war.” For them, war is the norm.

So ... if America is currently a warmonger, rest assured this is no different than her past. **Since the United States was founded in 1776, she has been at war almost constantly.** In other words, there were only 17 calendar years in which the U.S. did not wage any wars. But, the average American has been trained to think of other nations as war mongers.

To put this in perspective:

- Pick any year since 1776 and there is about a 93% chance that America was involved in some war during that calendar year.
- No U.S. president truly qualifies as a peacetime president. Instead, all U.S. presidents can technically be considered “war presidents.”
- The U.S. has not gone a decade without war.
- The *only* time the U.S. went five years without war (1935-40) was during the isolationist period of the Great Depression.

When we look at America’s present situation, and its violent past, it is obvious that Americans have no right to point a finger at Muslims, Russians, or anyone. Yet, churchgoers and American patriots constantly do just that. Their eyes glass over when they hear that their own nation has been the world’s biggest warmonger for over a century.

BLAMING THE VICTIMS

Americans are now being propagandized to fear Muslims and to support the US Government as it lies to us and tricks us. By looking at America’s many wars throughout history it becomes apparent that it is not Islam that is propelling the U.S. to war. Rather, it is America’s agenda of war upon Muslims.

In the 1700s, America expanded by occupying native Indian lands. Indians were invaded and slaughtered while being portrayed as inherently violent and warlike ... not unlike the Muslims. However, unlike the Indians, Muslims are not yet diminishing in number.

To arrive nearer the truth, we should take American legends of war as being exactly opposite of the truth. For instance, the Nez Perce Indians of the Northwest and Inland Northwest had occupied their lands for hundreds, possibly thousands, of years at the time the Lewis & Clark expedition arrived in 1804-05. Nez Perce native land covered approximately 17,000,000 acres in parts of present-day Washington, Oregon, Montana, and Idaho. Their lands were in an area surrounding the Snake, Salmon and the Clearwater rivers and extended from the Bitterroots in the east to the Blue Mountains in the west. Their population numbered in the tens of thousands. They had farms, ranches, roads, trading posts, and routes along the main rivers. They traded with French and English merchants as well as pioneer settlers. They were known for their animal husbandry and farming.

It was the Nez Perce who met Lewis & Clark as they came down out of the Bitterroots nearly dead from starvation and exposure. They literally saved the lives of Lewis & Clark and their Corps Of Discovery. In other words, these were no savages. They were friendly, with accomplished and developed societies who had lived and prospered here for a very long time. Lewis & Clark described Nez Perce as a “handsome people” whose country was “a paradise.” The great rivers of Nez Perce country were crystal clear and filled with fish, the land was pristine, beautiful forests with abundant wildlife, and the valleys and prairies had fertile land for growing crops.

Lewis informed them that they now had “a new father back east (Jefferson) and he now owned the land.” The Indians had no idea what that meant.

The eastern establishment Beast System invaded paradise. In less than 200 years it killed most of the Nez Perce, took control of their lands, put the last of them in reservations, and used the whole area to enlarge their slave state. Before long they polluted the beautiful rivers, commercialized the forests, and levied taxes on everything. And this example, for the most part, is typical of US foreign policy. Yet, in 1823, U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall wrote: *“The tribes of Indians inhabiting this country were fierce savages, whose occupation was war...”*

The Nez Perce were strong, healthy, accomplished, and had the advantage of living in good locations with plentiful resources, as were some of the northern Indian tribes along the Canadian border. However, many of the plains and desert Indian tribes were poor, small-framed, and unhealthy ... unable to defend themselves. But the US Government’s policy was pretty much the same for all of them: conquer, kill, displace, and annex their lands ... all the time propagandizing the masses back east that Indians are savage and warlike ... and the west is there for the taking and exploiting.

The American Indians were labeled an existential threat to the United States. John Quincy Adams, for example, wrote that *“the savage Indians”* were out to *“wage an exterminating war”* against the *“peaceful inhabitants”* of the United States. It was the same message then as it is now: *“we must attack them before they attack us.”* This was repeated in the Bush/Cheney doctrine of “preemptive war.”

As Indian land was being taken by force and fraud (false treaties), the U.S. border was expanding south and west into Mexico which included most of the West Coast and the Southwest of modern United States. The Beast System wanted this land too, so the U.S. invaded Mexico. The Mexicans were, as expected, portrayed as *“violent and treacherous bandits who terrorized Americans.”* American belligerence towards Mexico heated up in the 1800s. It culminated in the U.S. annexing half of Mexico. Yet, most Americans today wonder “why so many Mexicans are in our country?”

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

Once the U.S. had successfully implemented Manifest Destiny by conquering the land from sea to shining sea, the

Monroe Doctrine was used to expand American influence southward into the Caribbean and Central America. Thus began the Banana Wars: a series of military intrusions from 1898 to 1934, to expand American hegemony into Central and South America. America's brutality in this part of the world is not well-known to most Americans, but it is well-documented.

During this time period, Hispanics were portrayed as "*cunningly dangerous bandits*." The Banana Wars came to an end in 1934 with the adoption of the "Good Neighbor Policy": a policy that was adopted because World War II was looming in Europe and Asia, and the U.S. wanted "*to secure Latin American allegiances and hemispheric unity as a protection against foreign invasion*." The United Fruit Company, a U.S. Corporation, basically conquered large parts of Central and South America with their plantations under the protective arm of the U.S. Military and the CIA.

EUROPE & ASIA

For a brief period, from 1935-1940, America rested from war during the Great Depression. But, with the start of World War II, the U.S. reemerged as an aggressive giant, ever hungry for more frontiers. Thus began the Cold War period from 1945 all the way to 1991, with the U.S. fighting "the (exaggerated) menace of Communism" all over the world, even when it meant bombing, invading, and occupying countries that had done no harm to the U.S. We now know that the Soviet Union was created by London and New York. It served as the erstwhile "existential threat" needed by the military industrial complex for the purpose of fomenting fear and patriotism in the minds of Americans. Thus, the military machine of the U.S. was funded with untold billions of dollars to become the leviathan it now is.

The Cold War had not ended before the U.S. found its new target: the Middle East and the Muslim world. By 1990, the U.S. was already bombing Iraq in the First Gulf War – a country that the U.S. would go on to bomb for over two decades. The Soviet Union was disbanded, and Russia was temporarily seen as no threat. So the U.S., ever in need of an "existential threat," invented "radical Islam."

It should be noted that America's plans to dominate the Middle East date back to around World War II when it was decided that the region was of critical strategic value.

DECEIVING THE MASSES

Now that the U.S. has followed through on this plan, do you think Islam is really "an existential threat"? Maybe ... if you also think that American Indians initiated "an exterminating war" against "peaceful inhabitants" and a peace-seeking U.S. Government. Maybe ... if you still think that the war with Mexico was due to "violent Mexican terrorists." Maybe ... if you still think Central Americans were "dangerous bandits" whom the U.S. Government was forced to kill by the thousands. Maybe ... if you still think that Russians are inherently evil beasts bent on destroying Christianity and "freedom of the west" as portrayed by the powers of the western world.

Thus, the rampant Islamophobia that abounds today is part of a long tradition of propagandizing, vilifying, demonizing, and dehumanizing whole indigenous populations in any land that the west's bankers want to possess and control.

The objects of American aggression have certainly changed with time, but the primary motivating factor behind U.S. wars of aggression have always been the same: expansion of U.S. hegemony under the guiding hand of the international usury bankers. It is no coincidence that the Islamic faith forbids usury banking, and the Jewish/American culture is built upon usury banking.

So, today, the Muslim world is being bombed, invaded, and occupied by the United States and Israel, not because of so-called "radical Islam" or any inherent threat from Muslims. Rather, it is being attacked because it is in the path of the Beast System juggernaut, which is always in need of war to annex lands and people.

President Barack Obama now repeats the infamous words of George W. Bush, declaring: "*We are at war...*"

Yes, we are! And we have been since 1776.

Let's put this into greater perspective. Iran is being vilified as an "existential threat." But Iran has not invaded a country **since 1795. That's 221 years.** Compare that with America's record of constant war. No wonder the U.S. is considered, by a very large margin, the world's greatest threat to peace.

IN 2014 THE U.S. WAS INVOLVED IN 134 WARS – MORE TODAY

The White House seemingly can't figure out whether or not "war" is the right word to describe its myriad military ventures nowadays.

US Secretary of State John Kerry claims, "*We're engaged in major counterterrorism operations.*" "*I think war is the wrong terminology and analogy but the fact is that we are engaged in a very significant global effort to curb terrorist activity.*"

By the next day, the Obama administration's White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest told reporters, "*The United States is at war with ISIL in the same way we are at war with Al Qaeda and its affiliates.*"

The problem is that America's legal definition of "war" is changing, and so is our imagination of what war means.

World War II was the last time Congress officially declared war. Since then, the conflicts we've called "wars" – from Vietnam til today – have actually been "authorizations of military force." Then the War Powers Act of 1973 expanded presidential war powers. Now it seems that a president requires no congressional authorization at all.

The recent US "wars" in Afghanistan and Iraq, for example, were not wars in the traditional sense because they were not declared by the U.S. Congress. Nonetheless, US troop presence in Iraq peaked at 187,900 in 2008. In Afghanistan, it peaked in 2010 at 100,000. On paper, it looked like the United States was fighting two wars. But officially it's only gotten more complicated.

IS ANYONE TELLING US THE TRUTH?

So how many wars is the US fighting right now? **Somewhere between zero and 134 ... depending upon who you ask.** Here's the rationale:

1. Total # of wars: 0

Congress hasn't declared war since 1942 so there is no war right now. Okay, that makes no sense.

2. Total # of wars: 5

This maybe sounds more reasonable, with "war" defined as "conflicts where the US is launching extensive military incursions but that are not officially 'declared.'"

By that definition, the U.S. is at war in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia, and Yemen.

3. Total # of wars: 134

Whoa!

Surprising, right? In 2013, the US Special Operations Command (SOCOM) – one of the nine organizational units that make up the Unified Combatant Command – had special operations forces (SOFs) in **134 countries**, where they were either involved in combat, special missions (black ops), or advising and training foreign forces for the purpose of insurrection and undermining established national regimes. Since most of what SOFs do is classified, all we know about them is what gets leaked and is not "official."

SOCOM admits to having forces on the ground in 134 countries. We may not be able to prove these forces are carrying out capture or kill raids in these countries, but given the obvious nature of special force operations it's certainly no stretch to assume that is the case.

That's especially true for the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC), an operational command within SOCOM that operates with an enormous amount of autonomy and secrecy with little or no accountability. Since its beginning in 1980 it's more than tripled in size, received an ever-increasing share of funding, and has conducted operations in dozens of countries. Journalist Jeremy Scahill wrote in depth about JSOC in his 2013 book, *Dirty Wars*.

"*We're the dark matter*," a Navy SEAL told the Washington Post of JSOC in 2011. "*We're the force that orders the universe but can't be seen.*"

JSOC, along with the Special Activities Division at the CIA, have been the leading edge of covert ops under Obama. Journalists Dana Priest and William Arkin found that JSOC has carried out military-type operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, Algeria, Iran, Malaysia, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines, Somalia, Syria, and Yemen.

An anonymous source with close ties to JSOC gave Scahill an even more expansive list that included those countries along with Indonesia, Thailand, Colombia, Peru, and several countries in Eastern and Central Asia.

"*The world is a battlefield and we are at war*," the source told Scahill is the logic that drives JSOC. "*Therefore the military can go wherever they please and do whatever it is that they want to do, in order to achieve the national security objectives of whichever administration happens to be in power.*"

4. Total # of wars: 1

The U.S. is conducting only one war – a war against

the whole world. "***The world is a battlefield***" isn't just an extremist, hawkish view – it's an accurate assessment of military force in the age of a single, global war: the "**War on Terror**." America is at war with the whole world, and the other nations are beginning to realize they are the targets.

The world is a battlefield thanks to the Authorization for Use of Military Force, which Congress passed for Bush on Sept. 14, 2001 and which gives the President of the United States broad power to wage war around the world.

This is what the White House meant last week when its spokesperson said, "*The United States is at war with ISIL in the same way we are at war with Al Qaeda and its affiliates.*"

Obama has ordered more than 1,000 "military advisers" into Iraq and he insists they won't have a direct combat role. However, one wonders how many of these military advisers are under the command of JSOC.

AMERICANS NEVER SEE PEACE

It is stunning to realize that Americans don't know anything but war. They are comfortable with the idea of the U.S. Government being the policeman of the world. For more than two centuries America has been bombing, killing, and destroying whole nations, and replacing native regimes with new regimes that are friendly with western banks and corporations. Now most nations are being run by handpicked regimes installed by U.S. politicians and western bankers. Americans generally see this as "good old American patriotism." This is the established foreign policy in Washington.

All this is important to keep in mind the next time some politician, or some news person, or one of your acquaintances makes an observation that Muslims and Russians are "existential threats." The truth is, in almost every confrontation of government powers, Muslim nations and Russia have been on the receiving end of threats initiated by western powers. In the 19th century, England and Europe were the main instigators of war in the world. In the 20th and 21st centuries the world's biggest warmonger has been the United States.

In America's "Civil War" (War Between The States), over 600,000 Americans were killed ... the most Americans in any war. Of course the total number of deaths on all sides of those wars is much greater. In WW2 alone it is estimated that 56 million people were killed; 300,000 were Americans. In WW1 a total of 37 million were killed ... one million were Americans. In the Vietnam War 200,000 Americans and 5.5 million Vietnamese died.

The Beast System never tires of killing people and taking over nations. The U.S. has been the main head of the multi-headed Beast of Rev. 17. The "great harlot" riding and controlling the Beast System are the international bankers. Bankers run the Beast System, and western politicians are the representatives and spokesmen for the banks. They make war, kill people, and break things.

Americans are told that war is glorious ... especially when it happens "over there."

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