

Patriotic Purge: The Real Cost of War

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"I Protest"

By Donald Jeffries

The great Gen. Smedley Butler wrote his classic *War is a Racket* in response to the pointless carnage of WWI. Some 15-22 million largely adolescent boys died for absolutely nothing. That fact that they can't provide a more accurate estimate than that tells you clearly about the incomprehensible numbers involved.

In 1846, President Polk decided to wage war on Mexico. Was the land grab that followed, including what became California, worth the lives of the nearly 14,000 Americans who were killed? Or the 25,000 Mexicans, including an unknown number of civilians? Mexico in fact lost 55% of its territory to the U.S. from 1836-1848. No wonder the La Raza folks hate gringos. In April 1847, the Massachusetts legislature passed a resolution denouncing the war as "a gigantic crime" waged against a "weak neighbor" for the purposes of conquest, territorial aggrandizement, and the extension of slavery. In 1848, the House of Representatives passed a resolution stating that "the war was unnecessarily and unconstitutionally commenced by the president." Among those prominent figures opposing the war was then Rep. Abraham Lincoln, who said, "Any people anywhere being inclined and having the power have the right to rise up and shake off the existing government, and form a new one that suits them better."

In 2011, the court historians begrudgingly upped the number of deaths in our own Civil War to as many as 850,000, far more casualties than America has experienced in any of its countless foreign misadventures over the years. All those largely adolescent boys died because some southern states wanted to secede from the Union. You know, that whole consent of the governed thing. The entire foundation of our War for Independence. But "Honest" Abe Lincoln, whose words in 1846 foretold exactly the situation with the Confederate states fifteen years later, let every citizen know that this Union was definitely not a voluntary one. Consent of the governed was forever shattered, but very few seemed to notice. Or care. A full *quarter* of the male population in the South died. Talk about a lost generation. Lincoln annihilated the balance of powers and created the imperial template for all the "best" presidents to follow. The fact that our corrupt establishment promotes him as our greatest leader, the secular saint of our civilization, says everything about that civilization. The rape and plunder of Mexican civilians was perfected to a fine art by Lincoln's "Total War" strategy.

After perhaps the longest period of relative peace this country has ever experienced, in 1898, the first official false flag caused us to ignore George Washington's Farewell Address, and the wise words of John Quincy Adams that "America does not go abroad in search of foreign monsters to destroy." The power of a kept press, led by William Randolph Hearst, manipulated the country into a war on foreign soil, with the chant of "Remember the Maine," the U.S. ship that sunk, causing 3,289 deaths. The problem was the Spanish didn't sink the USS Maine, as even the Court Historians would eventually admit. More than 2,000

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additional Americans died in the war itself, which took the lives of anywhere from 55-60,000 Spanish troops. But Hearst sold a lot of papers. Another line had been crossed, one the Founders could never have envisioned. President McKinley was a reluctant warrior, and forgotten novelist Taylor Caldwell would depict his 1901 assassination as being directly related to that reluctance.

With the sinking of the Maine a battleship precedent, an identical situation with the torpedoing of the British ocean liner RMS Lusitania in May, 1915, would precipitate U.S. involvement in perhaps the least justifiable war the world had ever seen. Along with the millions of Europeans slaughtered because Archduke Ferdinand had been assassinated were some 116,516 U.S. soldiers. George M. Cohan became a Hollywood hero for writing *Over There* to inspire these boys to sacrifice their lives in far flung trenches. The odious statist character of Uncle Sam became very popular, with the Orwellian slogan, "Uncle Sam Wants YOU" somehow appealing to the masses. Smedley Butler focused on all the new fortunes this war had created, and declared that war was never about enemies, but opportunities for profit. "There are only two things we should fight for. One is the defense of our homes and the other is the Bill of Rights." Butler stated, reminding us that "A few profit-and the many pay."

We are still told, without any sarcasm meter on, that WWII was a "good war." A really good war. So good that Hollywood still remembers it every year, in some predictable film or TV series that attempts to further flog the very dead Nazi horse. It was really good that 60-75 million worldwide (and again, why such a wide range- could 15 million be unaccounted for?) died as a result, including 407,000 Americans. My uncle Logan was at Normandy. He didn't die, but his life was ruined. Long before I was born, he would spend every Christmas crying hysterically, remembering all the boys he heard crying for their mothers. He was left with a plate in his head, never married, never had much of a job, probably died a 49 year old virgin. But hey, thank you for your service! My mother-in-law's brother was shot down and killed. Never got to participate in the glorious Baby Boom, live in the suburbs, experience the greatest economy the world had ever known. There are 407,000 "good" stories like that.

In the Korean "conflict," our very first "police action" which featured no attempt to grab land, or settle any real conflict, anywhere from 36,574-54,246 Americans were killed. Such precise numbers, yet with a margin of 18,000? Sure, we left an untold number of POWs and MIAs behind, and covered that up for the next 50 years, but still shouldn't we have a more exact count? All told, 2.5-3 million died, with as many as a million being civilians. Well, if you've read my work, you know that where U.S. troops go, civilian casualties follow. It's an American Exceptionalism thing, you wouldn't understand. When "Old warrior" Douglas MacArthur actually attempted to win the Korean thing, "Give 'em Hell" Harry Truman fired him. We can't have you winning any war! Stay in your demarcation zones. Rape and rob all you want, just don't win. I mean, wasn't the "good" WWII enough for these monsters? They literally couldn't wait a decade until orchestrating a mad bloodletting in Korea?

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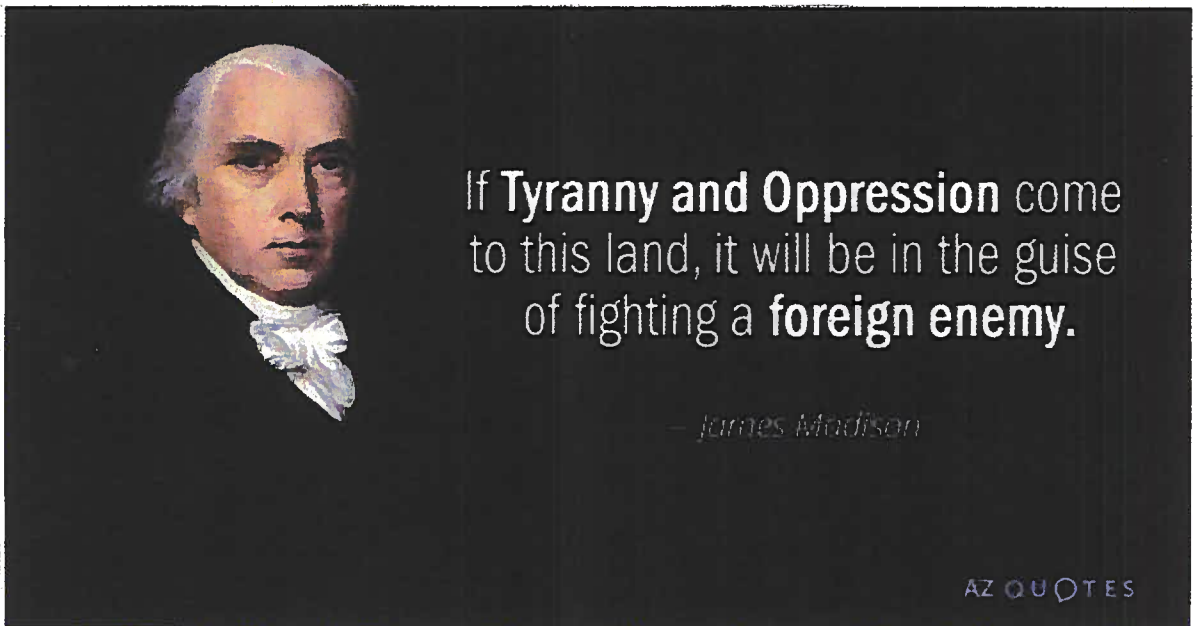
Korea was part of the phony "Cold War." Where we suddenly turned our backs on the beloved Soviets and "Uncle Joe" Stalin, our trusted allies in the "good" war. The same sources that never stop citing the 6 million Jews lost in the Holocaust with the Capital H also quietly admit that the Soviets- you know, our allies in the "good" war, killed as many as 20 million Catholics. Now, I'm just a community college dropout, but it seems to me that this represents an even bigger ethnic/religious cleansing. Genocide. Holocaust with two Capital Hs. And yet, Hollywood has yet to film a single production about it. Weird. During this ridiculous "Cold War," Joe McCarthy was demonized for trying to expose the connections between the Soviets and our government, and we set up two proxy conflicts, first in Korea, and then in Vietnam. Not once did we ever confront the dreaded Soviets on any battlefield. Only Hitler did that. But we spent a lot of money to "beat" them. At *something*. Not sure just what.

Over 58,000 Americans died in the Vietnam War. A war where the enemy and ally looked alike, and wore no uniforms. It resulted in the first powerful anti war movement this country has ever had, albeit controlled by the same forces who control all opposition. JFK was killed because he had already delineated his withdrawal from Vietnam, with all Americans to be gone by 1965. It also didn't help that he was the first and last president to take Israel to task, telling Israel leader David Ben-Gurion that if they continued developing nuclear weapons, he would cut off all aid. We all know what happened to JFK. And what happened in Vietnam. Israel felt so emboldened that they attacked our ship the USS Liberty, an event that was covered up for decades. They now control the vertical and horizontal of our society. It's funny how we enjoy occupying so many other nations, but are now ironically occupied ourselves. ZOG, as is now being openly referred to by many online.

When the neocons- which consisted largely of former communist Jews like Irving Kristol- took control of the executive branch during the Reagan presidency, the "forever wars" were inevitable. Conservatism was converted from those opposing high taxes and big government, into Ayn Rand (another influential non-Irish figure) devotees, cheerleaders for a Greater Israel. The born-again movement was rebranded as fundamentalist Christianity, and not even the absurdity of televangelists like Jim and Tammy Bakker or Jimmy Swaggart could stop it. It became more about God's supposed "chosen" people than Jesus Christ. The Gulf War in 1989 concerned CIA asset Saddam Hussein- whom we supported and sold poison gas to during the Iran-Iraq War- "invading" the tiny, artificial oil oligarchy of Kuwait. Ambassador April Glaspie lied and told Iraq that we'd be cool with them going into Kuwait. Think Trumpenstein bombing Iran twice during peace negotiations. We lost 250 U.S. troops when we broke our word, while 200,000 Iraqi civilians were killed, along with the surrendering troops which our brave boys bulldozed and buried alive.

Weapons of mass destruction. Which, of course, didn't exist. Dubya Bush proclaiming "you're either with us, or you're with the terrorists." The 9/11 inside job. The Patriot Act. The monstrously unconstitutional Homeland Security

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Department. Over 4,000 U.S. troops killed, and some 200,000 more Iraqi civilians were killed. This doesn't include the estimated 500,000 babies and young children who died as a result of our embargo on Iraqi. But Madeline Albright said it was "worth it." Maybe it was "good," too. As good as Uncle Sam, or the dead at Dresden, or the many, many German and Japanese females our "greatest generation" youngsters raped. No wonder they hate us for our freedom. Then we lost over 2,000 U.S. troops in a pointless occupation of Afghanistan. Over 66,000 Afghani troops, and over 47,000 civilians died during the U.S. "occupation." Julian Assange and then Bradley Manning got in trouble for exposing the horrendous misdeeds of our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Like urinating on corpses. Or playing soccer with decapitated heads. Shooting dogs for sport. And raping women, little girls, and boys. Nobody said freedom was free.



A Palm Sunday poem

In Slavic lands the willows grow
By streams and bogs and waters low.
The ancient Slavic peoples saw
That willows bloom before the thaw,
When warm winds end the frigid cold,
And break at last the winter's hold
To greet the spring and celebrate
The vernal advent's advocate
Of growth renewal life and light
And set the cosmic order right.

The Slavic peoples gathered in
The flowering willow branches in
Their homes to decorate anew
To cure their ills their lives renew.
Then one day there came from far,
A new religion which would bar
The grasp of ancient evils' hold
Upon the Slavic souls as told
By True Glory's saving creeds
To grant men life and serve their needs.

The Word Made Flesh who lived and died
And rose again as verified
By Holy Writ and voices old
Who testified as was foretold.

Christ is risen from the dead
And by His death as truly said
He trampled death and life He gave
To those who lie within the grave.

And thus the lowly willow came
The Resurrection to proclaim
Bear witness to the Great Event
For which the Holy One was sent.

So when the cold of winter ends
The message that the willow sends
And that the flow'ry branches say:
NEXT WEEK IS RESURRECTION DAY!

IDF Threatens 'Elimination' for Russian Leaders Who 'Wish Israel Ill'

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Israel's veiled threat to Moscow came just after Russian media warned traffic cameras in Moscow were vulnerable to the same exploits that Israel reportedly used to monitor Ayatollah Khamenei's residence before assassinating him.

Israeli military spokeswoman Anna Ukolova has drawn outrage in Moscow after threatening that Russian authorities who "wish Israel ill" could be subject to "elimination," while suggesting Israel could hack into Russian closed-circuit television cameras to identify and track targets.

Asked by a journalist with Russian radio broadcaster RBC whether Israel had access to Russian traffic cameras, Ukolova **declined to answer** directly but warned that "Khamenei's elimination shows our capabilities are serious" and that "no one who wishes us harm will be left aside."

She added, ominously, "I hope Moscow does not wish Israel ill right now – I'd like to believe that."

In response to a **post** by Russian philosopher Alexander Dugin, who wrote that the IDF spokeswoman threatened that "Russian authorities [will] be killed if they take [an] anti-Israel position," Ukolova **claimed** Dugin was spreading "fake news." But she declined to clarify how her remarks had been incorrectly interpreted.

Ukolova's statements came just days after it was revealed that a large number of Russian CCTVs were potentially using BriefCam – an Israeli video analysis software that closely matches the description of a program the Netanyahu regime **reportedly deployed** to track Iranian movements outside the home of Iran's Supreme Leader before they assassinated him during their February 28 sneak attack.

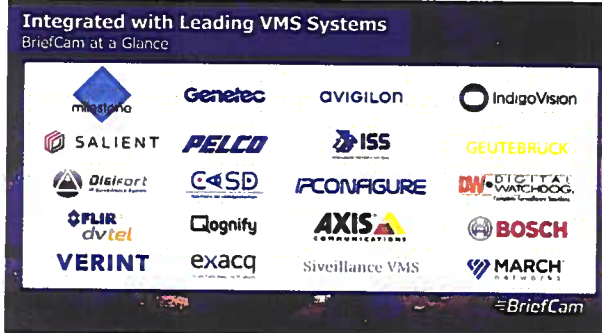
On March 12, Russian outlet Mash **revealed** that the Israeli software BriefCam "has been used in Russia by private providers since the 2010s." Founded at Israel's Hebrew University in 2007, BriefCam uses AI to let users "review hours of video in minutes" and "make [their] video searchable, actionable and quantifiable." In 2024, BriefCam was absorbed by a Dutch subsidiary of the Canon Group named Milestone Systems, which **publicly pledges** to "amplify what organizations of any size can see, do and achieve with video."

"Our patented VIDEO SYNOPSIS® technology condenses hours of surveillance into a short summary by overlaying multiple events—each tagged with its original timestamp—onto a single frame, letting you filter them by object type and attributes," the company's BriefCam page **crowds**. An **analysis** by Al Jazeera revealed those attributes include "gender, age group, clothing, movement patterns and time spent in a given location."

Originally **deployed** by Israel's Ministry of Housing and Construction to safeguard illegal settlements in occupied East Jerusalem, BriefCam has been used by governments all over the world, **including** those in the United Kingdom, New Zealand, Pakistan, Israel, Mexico, United Arab Emirates, Canada, Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Brazil, Germany, South Africa, Netherlands, Australia, Japan, India, Spain, Taiwan. It's also been deployed in the US, with police in Hartford, Connecticut **adopting** the software in 2022. In 2025, a French court found the government's use of BriefCam was illegal, **citing multiple violations** of French and European privacy laws.

As of publication, BriefCam appears to be incorporated into dozens of so-called "video monitoring systems," including Milestone's own VMS XProtect surveillance system.

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A promotional video shows the numerous surveillance systems that BriefCam operates within.

According to the Russian outlet Mash, a number of prominent Moscow businesses, institutions, and buildings use VMS XProtect surveillance system, including the Institute of Theoretical and Experimental Biophysics of the Russian Academy of Sciences, a 72-story skyscraper named "Eurasia," and a huge exhibit space known as the Zotov Center. Though Milestone officially ended operations in Russia in 2022 amid the war in Ukraine, Mash reports that some software distributors in Russia "still offer to install the hacked software and hide this in the documents."

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Smoke rises from an explosion following Israeli bombardment on southern Lebanon near the border with northern Israel on March 2, 2026. Photo by Jalaa Marey/AFP via Getty Images

Net Zero Activists Stumped by Shocking New Evidence (7) showing no Link between CO2 & Temperature over the last Three Million Years

Authored by Chris Morrison via DailySceptic.org.

The climate science world ('settled' division) is in shock following the discovery in ancient ice cores that levels of carbon dioxide remained stable as the world plunged into an ice age around 2.7 million years ago. Levels of CO₂ at around 250 parts per million (ppm) were said to be lower than often assumed with just a 20 ppm movement recorded for the following near three million-year period. In addition, no changes in methane levels were seen in the entire period. Massive decreases in temperature with occasional interglacial rises appear to have occurred without troubling 'greenhouse' gas levels, and this revelation has caused near panic in activist circles.

The assumed level three million years ago of CO₂ was around 400 ppm, a convenient mark that has been used to explain the subsequent ice age and a drop to 250 ppm. Due to the recently published paper, this explanation has become more problematic and natural climate variation is correctly noted to have occurred with the temperature changes. Alas, similar explanations are mostly ignored in discussing today's climate changes in the interests of promoting the Net Zero fantasy. Some cling desperately to a dominant CO₂ role, including one of the authors of the findings published in Nature. The co-author states that the results suggest even greater climate sensitivity to the warming effect of CO₂. In short, there is a great deal of applying the laws of physics and chemistry to one era, but failing to extend the same courtesy to another.

The title of the paper, produced by 17 America-based scientists, was enough to set alarm bells ringing in the 'settled' science, Net Zero-obsessed community: 'Broadly stable atmospheric CO₂ and CH₄ levels over the past three million years.' A related paper examining ocean heat content derived from the ice core record was also published. Carrie Lear, Professor of Past Climates and Earth System Changes at Cardiff University, claimed that the papers "don't rewrite the role of CO₂, they underline how sensitive the climate system is... that is why today's rapid CO₂ rise is so alarming".

Ah, yes. Even if CO₂ movements are minimal, probably within a margin of potential error, they are still responsible for large variations in temperature. The laws of climate science are 'settled' – if the trace atmospheric gas CO₂ is rising, falling or generally stable, it is almost wholly responsible for large movements in global temperature. Under this rather shaky assumption, humans must stop burning hydrocarbons and return to a neo-Malthusian pre-industrial age.

Study lead author Julia Marks-Peterson noted: **"We definitely were a bit surprised. If correct, the findings may suggest that even small changes in greenhouse gas levels could trigger major shifts in climate."** That's a little bit of a scary thought, she added, possibly with an eye on future grant funding. "May suggest" is doing a lot of the work here, and it may also be suggested that more plausible opinions are available.

Quoted in *New Scientist* magazine, Tim Naish, Professor of Earth Science at Victoria University in New Zealand, said it was "way too early to throw the baby out with the bathwater". Perish the thought that baby should be given its marching orders, ending a science-lite 40-year demonisation of CO₂ and related promotion of a hard-Left Net Zero dream.

The latest *Nature*-published research gives a snapshot from ancient Antarctica 'blue' ice drilled in the Allan Hills area. It looks back further in time past the usual 800,000 ice core records. The key finding is that over the last three million years, when sea levels fell and ice periods intensified, the level of the main 'greenhouse' gases remained remarkably stable. For the first time, the work has pushed the direct gas measurements back into the late Pliocene era. Over the last three million years moving into the Pleistocene, global temperatures showed a long-term cooling trend of several degrees Celsius, interrupted by increasingly large interglacial oscillations. Interglacial temperature swings, as in the current Holocene, often see temperatures rise by 5°C and more.

8 Critics seeking to downplay ice core evidence often suggest it is too imprecise to provide a wholly accurate record of gas levels and temperature. But it is accurate enough to give a broad cyclical insight. It remains the source of some of the best data we have on the past climate. It is undoubtedly more accurate than most proxy evidence from millions of years ago. But whatever the evidence used, it is hard to detect any obvious and continuous link between CO2 and temperature across the entire geological record going back 600 million years to the start of abundant life on Earth. Certainly none to justify the political notion that humans control the climate thermostat by burning hydrocarbons.

In fact the evidence is so slim that Les Hatton, Emeritus Professor in Computer Science at Kingston University, was recently able to determine from ice core records that 100-year rises of 1.1°C in the current interglacial, which started 20,000 years ago, have occurred in one in six centuries. Going back 150,000 years, the frequency was around one in six to one in 20 centuries. None of these findings suggest that current warming is either unusual or primarily caused by human activity. **Needless to say, none of these findings trouble the headline writers in narrative-addicted mainstream media.**



On a long enough timeline the survival rate for everyone drops to zero.

Brian McGlinchey Sums it Up Perfectly

By Karen Kwiatkowski

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He explains the lies, and predicts the future:

America's standing will be profoundly and irreparably damaged in a world united in outrage over a US president's lawless decision to launch this demented war of choice in service to Israel. American citizens are likely to suffer terrorist acts inspired by this latest savagery inflicted on a Muslim country.

And it will have all started with weapons fired by American service members...

...service members who swore to defend the Constitution, but were given unconstitutional orders to wage war without congressional authorization

...service members who joined the military to defend America, but became attack dogs for a foreign country that saps America's wealth, depletes America's arsenal, undermines America's security and standing, exerts alarming influence on America's institutions, and inspires terrorism against Americans back home

...service members who should now recognize a stark reality — that they are cogs in a machine that repeatedly inflicts death, dismemberment, disease and destitution on countless innocents in service to the rogue, expansionist State of Israel.



Masculinity, that instinct in men to protect and defend, is all but lost. But it's central to God's plan of salvation.

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The Son of God did not bring salvation and redemption to our fallen world through His signs, wonders, or words, but rather, by willingly experiencing an incomprehensibly violent death in the most virile manner, overcoming it at His Resurrection. Jesus gave up His life that the Body of Christ, the Church, would live (Ephesians 5:25) as the chosen vessel of the salvation He won until He returns. His Church was conceived at the Cross as the precious Blood and Water gushed forth from His most Sacred Heart, which also became the supernatural source of its sacraments. Relatedly, the Divine Mercy of God poured out for all the world not through passive prayer or pious works but by the razor-sharp tip of an iron spear forcefully thrust by a masculine, militant, man of war and violence between the fifth and sixth ribs of the Savior of the World, piercing His most Sacred Heart.

This means that God's perfect, providential plan of salvation was not accomplished through passivity or piety but in the most masculine manner by His Son who took on flesh in order to sacrifice it, even pouring out the final drops of His Blood in the most humiliating, painful way. And we don't accept His salvation accomplished on Calvary by mere mental assent, acknowledging that such an event actually occurred, but through active participation in this once for all sacrifice—as did the courageous centurion who leapt into action to accomplish the will of God, regardless of the costs, and thereafter lived fully and manfully for Christ as the original warrior-monk.

What was it that caused a hardened pagan executioner to defy a direct order from his procurator and pierce the Heart of Jesus and ultimately die as a Christian martyr in Cappadocia? As the overseer of the execution site, the centurion would not have heard striking words or witnessed miraculous wonders to cause him to convert; there was only silence and compliance from this suffering servant of God. Perhaps something caused this battle-tested commander to view the crucifixion of Christ through the chastened eyes of a soldier who recognized in it someone freely and selflessly sacrificing Himself so that others might live?

Longinus, who was not unfamiliar with death, may have seen that this was the most noble death for a soldier. The only greater death would be for the king himself, not one of his subject-soldiers, to willingly go out onto the battlefield, virtually alone and unarmed, surrounded by hordes of enemies who devilishly desired his death. Here, the King of Kings chose the hour and the location, which would not be on the high ground under the cover of night but in the light of day, in a very public, populated place, just outside the walls of the Great City.

He was not ashamed of his impending mocking, torture, and death, such that he wanted it to be accomplished in secret. Rather, He wanted all of Judah, and all exiled Israelites who were obligated to be in Jerusalem at this time of Passover, to be present at this first Good Friday, even though the huge crowd would bring with it far more mockery and humiliation of the King.

Christ alone faced the combined religious and political powers of Jerusalem and Rome, staring them down manfully and resolutely without equivocation, pleading His innocence, or crying out for mercy. He took on all the abandonment, insults, beating, and crucifying in unending wave upon wave without tapping out. Finally, after His final breath, he received the final blow: the head of an iron spear thrust through His side and into His Heart.

Whether the intent of this after-death wound was an altruistic act of admiration and mercy or a final offense and outrage against the Body of Christ is not for us to decide; it is known by God alone. What we do know is the Latin word "*miser cordia*" means "mercy" or having a heart so full of compassion for another that it is rent open. Yet to this centurion of Rome, *miser cordia* meant something seemingly quite different—or did it?

To the future St. Longinus, *miser cordia* meant an act of battlefield honor and respect afforded only to the worthiest of warriors by driving an iron blade through the heart of a mortally wounded victim. In fact, some soldiers carried a dagger for such a purpose which was called a *miser cordia*. In this regard,

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miser cordia would have been, and eventually was, both an act of mercy by the centurion and a rending open of the Heart of the worthiest Victim so that His mercy could gush forth for the whole world. For the Heart of this Divine Victim was so full of compassion that it needed and desired to be immolated in order to pour out the last drops of His Blood and Water, which not only symbolized God's love and mercy for the redemption and salvation of the world but were the supernatural reality which accomplished it.

Even though it appeared as if the desiccated Galilean succumbed to the sheer military might and masochism of the Roman Empire, in fact it was the Roman centurion who was overcome by the crucified Victim after He had breathed His last. Jesus triumphed not through words or miracles but through manfully taking within Himself all that the powers on earth could dish out and forgave them, even pouring out an ocean of mercy for their salvation.

Standing beneath the Cross, the centurion switched allegiances from the evil empire of the earth to the Kingdom of God, as evidenced by his defiance of a direct order from Pilate and obeying a prompting of the Holy Spirit to pierce Christ's Heart rather than break His bones. Then, as the ranking Roman authority at Calvary, the centurion made a public proclamation that the dead Victim, not the live Caesar, was the true Son of God. Overcoming the centurion foreshadowed the future overcoming of the Roman Empire by the Kingdom of God and the fact that centurions would play a critical role in that eventual transfer of power.

Remember that in piercing the Heart of the Son of God, supernatural substances of Blood and Water gushed forth upon the head of the centurion, restoring his vision. But such same eternal elements which conceived the Church and became the source of her sacraments could have easily consecrated not just Longinus but an entire office or order of centurions to serve as the first soldiers of the Kingdom of God.

When the Kingdom came into its earthly existence at the Cross, it was embryonic and extremely vulnerable to the powers of the earth and its prince which were at eternal enmity with it. If, as Jesus said, a divided kingdom cannot long stand, a germinal kingdom devoid of defenders with powerful enemies likely never would see the light of day. This is why God, according to His perfect plan and providence, targeted the most indomitable, indispensable men of the vaunted Roman military to tend, defend, and extend the Kingdom of God, fulfilling the Edenic duties which Adam abdicated.

This is not conjecture or wishful thinking; for the following five centurions in Scripture after St. Longinus did exactly that. The next centurion, Cornelius, was selected by God to clarify or correct the first pope by showing that Gentiles needn't become Jews before becoming Christians, greatly aiding in the exponential expansion of this fledgling Faith. The next few centurions in Scripture saved the life of St. Paul, Christianity's greatest evangelizer, on three separate occasions. And the first centurion mentioned in the Bible amazed Jesus who declared that he had the greatest faith in all of Israel.

Why else would all seven centurions in Scripture have been positively portrayed when they were oppressive overlords and occupiers of the land promised to Israel and were responsible for the persecution of countless Christians, including the martyrdoms of Sts. Peter and Paul? And why would God seemingly sideline His greatest asset of evangelization by allowing him to remain in Roman custody, in the constant company of centurions and soldiers, for the final four-plus years of his life?

The most plausible reason is that God wanted St. Paul to spend his remaining time and energy assembling soldiers for the Kingdom of God, so that they might tamp down the persecutions and spread the Gospel in Rome "throughout the whole Praetorian Guard" (Philippians 1:13) and to "all the rest," even gaining converts in "Caesar's household" (Philippians 4:22) and across the vast Roman Empire, wherever its legions and garrisons traveled or were stationed, reaching places where no apostle or ordained successor had gone.

In our time, does God want courageous, countercultural men of faith and action to reclaim the mantle of such a centurion office to tend, defend, and extend the Kingdom of God, which is led, in large part, by too many weak and worldly men, is virtually devoid of defenders, and has lost much land and many souls to the evil Spirit of the Age? To find out, please consider reading my book *Rise of the Centurion: The Reclamation of a Mystical Masculine Theology* (Sophia Institute Press).

Washington's 47-Year War Against Iran

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The irony of the Big Lie about Iran's alleged "47-Year War On America" is that the imperatives of Empire caused Washington to take actions in the decades after the February 1979 Iranian Revolution that amounted to the opposite – a relentless five decades long Washington instigated war on Iran.

First, as we showed in Part 1, Washington's foolish refusal to extradite the Shah and meet the reasonable demands of the hostage-holding students facilitated the takeover of the Revolution by theocratic hardliners; and then in rapid fire succession Washington launched successive overt and covert attacks on the Khomeini-dominated government that caused it to permanently harden its stance against the US government.

The primary and defining battering ram of Washington's post-1979 attack on the new Iranian government was its extensive aid to Saddam Hussein during his eight year war on Iran. Anyone with at least a passing knowledge of the hundreds of thousands of death and sweeping economic devastation that this war brought to the Iranian people might well understand why the ritual chant "death to America" took hold during these early days of the Islamic Republic.

As it happened, Saddam Hussein launched his war in September 1980 partly out of fear that the Islamic revolution in Shiite Iran would spillover into Iraq, where 35% of the population was Shiite; and also because he opportunistically recognized that Iran's regular military had been badly impaired owing to sweeping purges of suspected pro-Shah officers by the new regime.

Moreover, Hussein also recognized another even more important Iranian strategic disability: Namely, that the new regime had inherited a sophisticated military arsenal largely equipped with U.S.-made hardware from the Shah's era, including F-14 Tomcat fighters, M-60 tanks, Hawk missiles, and various artillery systems, but that this formidable arsenal had been largely sidelined by lack of maintenance and spare parts.

Again, the Washington keepers of the Empire were the culprit. Determined to show that they would not be pushed around by a rag-tag band of 400 students holed-up in the US Embassy, the Carter Administration imposed a wide array of sanctions and trade embargoes on Iran. These actions included suspensions of arms export licenses, cancellation of pending arms sales and an Executive Order in the spring of 1980, which initiated a trade embargo that stopped the flow of most civilians goods as well as US military exports and spare parts to Iran.

Again, there was no reason for Washington's hostile act of economic warfare against the incipient Islamic Republic except the imperatives of Empire. If anything, the fall of the Shah should have been a wake up call to Washington to get the hell out of the region because nothing of importance regarding America's Homeland Security was at stake – even as the new found oil-wealth pouring into these nations and statelets had inherently become an engine of political turmoil and economic dislocation.

In any event, Washington's embargo on weapons spare parts tilted the balance heavily against Iran when Saddam Hussein invaded the latter in September 1980. Lack of access to essential maintenance components had resulted in the grounding of much of Iran's air force and rendered most of its ground-based armored units inoperable. By 1982, up to 70-80% of Iran's U.S.-sourced equipment was non-functional due to lack of parts, forcing the military to cannibalize operational vehicles and aircraft for spares and repairs.

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The US embargo not only isolated Iran from its primary supplier but also pressured allies and third-party nations to withhold support, thereby exacerbating the degradation of its conventional capabilities. The Reagan administration intensified these Carter restrictions in 1983 with *Operation Staunch*, a global diplomatic campaign aimed at blocking arms sales and spare parts to Iran, particularly for its legacy US planes, tanks and other weaponry.

The Reagan initiative involved lobbying other governments to halt exports of dual-use technologies and military items, effectively creating a de facto international blockade on Iran's resupply efforts. The impact was profound: Iran's air force, once boasting over 400 combat aircraft, dwindled to fewer than 100 operational planes by the mid-1980s, as engines, avionics, and munitions became unobtainable.

Similarly, tank fleets suffered from mechanical failures without replacement tracks, engines, or electronics, leading to stalled offensives and defensive vulnerabilities. Iran attempted workarounds through black-market smuggling and reverse-engineering, but these were insufficient and costly, often resulting in subpar performance of the legacy US weaponry upon which its regular military had been built by the Shah.

Yet the arms and spares embargo wasn't even the half of it. The embargo's left Iran's regular army (Artesh) in a state of chronic disrepair, unable to match Iraq's Soviet- and French-supplied forces in mechanized warfare. So faced with these equipment shortages, Iran's military leadership shifted to desperate improvisations, most notably the infamous "*human wave*" attacks employed from 1982 onward.

With limited artillery, disabled air support, and drastically reduced armored mobility, the regime mobilized the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) and the Basij volunteer militia. The latter especially was comprised of poorly trained civilians and youths as young as 12 years, which were literally deployed as cannon fodder to overwhelm Iraqi positions through sheer numbers.

This tactic involved waves of lightly armed infantry charging across open terrain, clearing minefields with what became their body parts. Consequently, Iran absorbed staggeringly heavy casualties to breach the Iraqi lines, as seen in operations like Beit-ol-Moqaddas (1982) and Karbala-5 (1987).

Thus, during the 1982 offensives, 90,000 Basij, including 12-year-olds bound by ropes, charged minefields, clearing paths at what was estimated to be 40% or higher casualty rates. Yet without spare parts, Iran's mechanized advances had completely faltered, thereby compelling reliance on what amounted to ideological fervor and demographic advantages. This resulted in staggering losses, of course, estimated at over 200,000 Iranian military deaths *owing to the human wave tactic alone*.

In the midst of this carnage, Washington made an outright pivot to active support of Saddam Hussein in 1982, albeit on a not very well concealed "covert" basis. So doing, Washington provided crucial battlefield intelligence and operational aid that eventually tilted the balance against Iran.

This utterly pointless intervention, moreover, occurred after Iran's successful 1982 offensives threatened Iraq's collapse. Yet owing to the hostage crisis's fallout and the alleged Carter "weakness", which caused Washington's prolonged humiliation during that 444 day ordeal, the keepers of Empire on the banks of the Potomac plunged ahead. They convinced President Reagan to sign National Security Directive 114 in November 1983, authorizing support to prevent Iraq's defeat.

And yet and yet. In the hindsight of history the winner of that war astride the Persian Gulf made not a damn bit of difference to the Homeland Security of America. Nevertheless, the Warfare State apparatchiks on the banks of the Potomac determined to rescue the clear

aggressor in this case—Saddam Hussein – only to pave the way for two successive wars designed to remove the Iraqi leader barely a decade later.

Of course, the American public and its so-called representative in the US Congress long ago forgot about Washington’s rescue of Saddam, but, alas, neither the the mullahs, the regime in Tehran nor the Iranian people suffer from any such memory failure. That’s because the aid provided to Iraq under the 1982 executive order led to horrific battlefield casualties owing to US directed chemical warfare attacks on the badly equipped Iranian forces and barely armed and totally untrained Basij volunteers and others.

In this instance, the US supplied real time satellite imagery, becoming Iraq’s “eyes in the sky.” From 1984 onward, the CIA and Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) provided Baghdad with high-resolution photos from KH-11 satellites, detailing Iranian troop movements, supply lines, and defensive positions.

This “spotting help” enabled precise Iraqi counterattacks. For instance, during Iran’s 1984 Majnoon Islands offensive, U.S. imagery helped Iraq target Iranian concentrations, inflicting heavy losses. By 1986, daily intelligence briefs included satellite-derived maps, radar data, and signals intercepts, allowed Iraq to anticipate human-wave assaults. One declassified CIA memo from 1984 noted U.S. assistance in “battlefield interdiction,” which involved hitting Iranian forces with chemical strikes informed by American intel.

Despite knowing of Iraq’s CW use since 1983, Washington continued sharing intelligence that aided targeting for gas attacks. A 1984 DIA report confirmed mustard and tabun use but prioritized preventing Iranian victory. In 1988, amid Iraq’s Anfal campaign against Kurds, U.S. satellites tracked Iranian-Kurdish movements, indirectly enabling the infamous Halabja gassing.

Finally, the Reagan Administration normalized relations with Iraq in 1984, removing it from the terrorism list and provided \$1 billion in agricultural credits, some diverted to military use.

At the end of the day, of course, Washington ‘s so-called “tilt” to Iraq during the 1980-1988 war left a huge scar on America’s image in Iran, to put it mildly.

During the years after 1984 the war stagnated as the Iranian forces suffered massive casualties and losses of what battlefield equipment they had left. Accordingly, when Iraq’s 1988 Tawakalna offensives, aided by U.S. intel and CW, recaptured the strategic Fao Peninsula, Iran was forced to accept UN Resolution 598 which ended the war.

But it also amounted to a quasi-surrender. In fact, Supreme Leader Khomeini called it “poison,” but economic collapse and staggering losses compelled it.

The war’s toll cannot be underestimated. It included upwards of 500,000 Iranian dead and more than \$600 billion in Iranian economic losses. And more importantly, it entrenched the IRGC in power and fueled anti-US sentiment widely across the nation’s populace.

Indeed, the US aided gassing of Iran’s child soldiers symbolized how the actual war between the US and Iran arose, and most definitely they did not start it 47 years ago.

Moreover, it was in the context of Washington’s decisive tilt to Iraq that the 1983 bombing of the US Marine barracks in Beirut occurred. And what happened there, not surprisingly, is not nearly what its cracked up to be by the neocons and warmongers, as we will amplify in Part 3.

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The British & Soviet Invasion of Iran in 1941

The lightning operation to seize Iranian oil fields and railroads to fuel the Red Army was launched a few months after Germany invaded the Soviet Union.



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For most of the 19th century, the British and Russians vied with each for control of Central and West Asia in what Rudyard Kipling the “Great Game” in his 1901 novel *Kim*.

One of the most intriguing British characters of this era was Harry St. John Bridger Philby, also known as Jack Philby or Sheikh Abdullah. Philby was a British Arabist, explorer, and key advisor to King Abdulaziz ibn Saud, the founder of Saudi Arabia.

Though a member of the British upper class, Harry seems to have harbored some sort of resentment against the British, and he advised the Saudi King to sign a deal to exploit Saudi Arabia’s oil fields with American instead of British concerns.

Harry’s only son—Harold Adrian Russell Philby—whom he nicknamed “Kim” after the titular spy in Kipling’s novel—became the most notorious Soviet double-agent in the history of the British Secret Intelligence Service.

In 1941, the Great Game between Britain and the Soviet Union ended in the most spectacular conceivable way when they jointly invaded Iran to secure its oil fields and railroads to supply the Soviet Red Army with fuel to fight the Germans.

At the time, Iran had virtually no modern army with which to stop them, and their resistance collapsed in three days.

Though I can already hear the howls of protest, I suspect that the Europeans—including the British—will be forced by the looming energy crisis to make peace with Russia and start purchasing gas via the one remaining pipeline (Line B of Nord Stream 2) which was not ruptured by the criminal act of sabotage in September 2022 that destroyed Nord Stream One lines A and B and Nord Stream Two line A.

Russia has pretty good relations with both Israel and Iran (hundreds of thousands of Israelis hold dual citizenship with Russia) so I increasingly wonder if Russia will need to play a role in bringing this disaster to an end before it destabilizes and ruins the entire world.

The following YouTube video does a good job of recounting the 1941 invasion.

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Trump Has No Soul

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Trump is dangerous not simply because of his imbecility and unbridled narcissism, but because he lacks the core attributes of empathy and understanding that define the human soul.

CHRIS HEDGES



The most profound realities of human existence are often the ones that can never be measured or quantified. Wisdom. Beauty. Truth. Compassion. Courage. Love. Loneliness. Grief. The struggle to face our own mortality. A life of meaning.

But perhaps the greatest conundrum is the concept of a soul. Do we have a soul? Do societies have souls? And, most basically, what is a soul?

Philosophers and theologians, including Plato, Aristotle, Augustine and Arthur Schopenhauer, have all grappled with the concept of a soul, with Schopenhauer preferring to define the mystical force within us as *will*. Sigmund Freud used the Greek word *psyche*. But most have accepted, whatever the definition, some version of a soul's existence.

While the concept of the soul is opaque, soullessness is not. Soullessness means something inside of us is dead. Basic human feelings and connections are shut down. Those without souls lack empathy. I saw the soulless in war. Those so calcified inside they kill without any demonstrable feeling or remorse.

The soulless exist in a state of insatiable self-worship. The idol they have erected to themselves must be constantly fed. It demands a never-ending stream of victims. It demands abject obedience and subservience, publicly on display at Trump cabinet meetings.

Psychologists, I expect, would define the soulless as psychopathic.

I write this not to get into an esoteric debate about the soul, but to warn what happens when those without souls seize power. I want to write about what is lost and the consequences of that loss. I want to caution you that death, our death — as individuals and as a collective — mean nothing to those without souls.

This makes the soulless very, very dangerous.

Those who lack souls have no concept of their own limitations. They feed off a bottomless and self-delusional optimism, giving to their cruelest deeds and bitterest defeats, the patina of goodness, success and morality.

Those without souls — as Paul Woodruff writes in his small masterpiece "Reverence: Renewing a Forgotten Virtue" — do not have the capacity for reverence, awe, respect and shame. They believe they are gods.

The soulless cannot respond rationally to reality. They live in self-constructed echo chambers. They hear only their own voice. Civic, familial, legal and religious rituals and ceremonies that transport those with souls into the realm of the sacred, into a space where we acknowledge our shared humanity, forcing us, at least for a moment, to humble ourselves, are meaningless to those without souls. Those without souls cannot see because they cannot feel.

The soulless, enslaved by narcissism, greed, a lust for power and hedonism, cannot make moral choices. Moral choices for them do not exist. Truth and falsehoods are identical. Life is transactional. Is it good for me? Does it make me feel omnipotent? Does it give me pleasure? This stunted existence banishes them from the moral universe.

Human beings, including children, are commodities to the soulless, objects to exploit for pleasure or profit or both. We saw this soullessness displayed in the Epstein Files. And it was not only Epstein. Huge sections of our ruling class including billionaires, Wall Street financiers, university presidents, philanthropists, celebrities, Republicans, Democrats and media personalities, consider us worthless.

Thucydides understood. Reverence is not a religious virtue but a moral virtue. Woodruff went so far as to define it as a political virtue. Reverence for shared ideals, Woodruff writes, is the only thing that can bind us together. It is the only attribute that ensures mutual trust. Reverence allows us to remember what it means to be human. It reminds us that there are forces we cannot control, forces that we will never understand, forces of life that we did not create and must honor and protect — including the natural world — and forces that allow us moments of transcendence, or what in religious terms, we call grace.

“If you desire peace in the world, do not pray that everyone share your beliefs,” Woodruff writes. “Pray instead that all may be reverent.”

Trump’s celebration of himself is made manifest in his stunted vocabulary of superlatives and his rebranding of national monuments. He tears down the East Wing to construct his gaudy and oversized \$400 million ballroom. He proposes a 250-foot-tall memorial arch, adorned with gilded statues and eagles, in honor of himself, an arch that will be bigger than the Arch of Triumph erected by North Korean dictator Kim Il Sung in Pyongyang. He is planning a “National Garden of American Heroes” that will include life-size statues of celebrities, sports figures, political and artistic figures deemed by Trump to be politically correct, along with, of course, himself. His face adorns the sides of federal buildings on huge, well-lit banners. He changed the name of the John F. Kennedy Memorial Center for the Performing Arts to the Donald J. Trump and the John F. Kennedy Memorial Center for the Performing Arts. He added his name to the headquarters of the U.S. Institute of Peace. He has announced a new fleet of U.S. naval vessels called Trump-class battleships.

These are monuments not only to Trump, but to a perverted ethic, to the insatiable self-worship that defines the inner void of the soulless. Monuments, houses of worship and national shrines dedicated to justice, self-sacrifice and equality, which demand from us humility and introspection, which require the capacity for reverence, mystify the soulless.

The soulless have no sense of aesthetics. They have no sense of balance, symmetry and proportion. The bigger, the gaudier, the more encrusted in gold leaf, the better. They seek to shut out everything and everyone else, to herd us with offerings to the feet of Moloch.

When the soulless wage war it is part of this perverted drive to build a monument to themselves. When war goes badly, as it is going in Iran, the soulless, unable to read reality, demand greater levels of violence and destruction. The more they fail, the more they are convinced everyone has betrayed them, the more they descend into a tyrannical rage.

Trump, potentially facing a humiliating debacle in Iran, will lash out like a wounded beast. It does not matter how many suffer and die. It does not matter what weapons, including nuclear weapons, must be employed. He must triumph, or at least appear to triumph.

"Fathers and teachers, I ponder, 'What is hell?'" Father Zossima asks in Fyodor Dostoevsky's "The Brothers Karamazov." "I maintain that it is the suffering of being unable to love."

This is the plight of the soulless. They seek, in their misery, to make their hell our own.

It is Zionists who attack Christians and Muslims who protect Christians

Paul Craig Roberts

Christians unite with Hezbollah against Israel

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/world-news/2026/03/28/hezbollah-ras-baalbek-village-lebanon-christmas-tree/>

A Lebanese Christian tells The Telegraph: "How can we as Christians in this area not be with Hezbollah? They protect our churches. They helped us fight ISIS. During Covid they gave us free care in their hospitals. When there was no electricity they gave us generators. How can we not be with them now?"

It is amazing how stupid Americans are to have accepted Zionist propaganda all of their lives. It is the Israeli state that is the terrorist organization and bombs women and children. The stupidity of the American people have brought the world to a dangerous situation.

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War Abroad and Authoritarianism at Home

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“War is the health of the state.” That phrase, coined by Randolph Bourne, explains why opposition to war is a priority of many libertarians.

War allows governments to increase spending, taxes, and regulations in order to feed the war machine. Wars can justify measures that remain in place long after the wars end. An example of this is income tax withholding that was created to fund World War Two.

The use of war as a justification for increased interference in the market is reason enough for libertarians to oppose war. However, war also enables the government to violate liberty. During the Civil War, President Lincoln suspended habeas corpus, shut down newspapers, and instituted a military draft. The draft was also used in World Wars One and Two, as well as Korea and Vietnam. During World War One, Congress passed the Sedition Act, outlawing criticism of the government. Widespread violations of liberty are a hallmark of the ongoing “war on terror.” An infamous example of war being used to justify violations of liberty is the internment of Japanese Americans during World War Two.

Given this history, it is not surprising that the Iran War may lead to crackdowns on free speech. Following criticisms of the media’s coverage of the Iran War by President Trump and Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chairman Brendan Carr made a post on Twitter telling broadcast networks that the FCC has the power to revoke their broadcast licenses if they do not fulfill their responsibility to act in the “public interest.” This was clearly a threat to revoke the license of any broadcast network whose coverage of the war displeases the Trump administration.

Threatening to use the FCC’s power to shut down broadcast networks that the president dislikes is a blatant violation of the First Amendment by Chairman Carr. Chairman Carr may think that he can get a court to approve revoking a broadcaster’s license for its war coverage by claiming it is endangering national security. This would hardly be the first time the government used national security as an excuse to censor its critics.

Since the US is waging the Iran War in collaboration with Israel and the Trump Administration supports defining criticism of Israel as antisemitism, it is not out of the realm of possibility that opposition to the war will be labeled as antisemitic hate speech and be banned.

Thousands of American troops are being deployed to the Middle East. With no end to the war in sight and the US military taking on the task of ensuring oil tankers have safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz, the US military may soon need a major increase in troops. White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt has refused to rule out the possibility that President Trump may reinstate the draft.

The Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) makes implementing the draft easier than ever by automatically registering every 18-year-old man with the Selective Service. The draft assumes rights are gifts from government that can be revoked at the whim of government officials.

Violations of liberty come along with wars. Therefore, opposition to wars unrelated to the legitimate security needs of the country must be a priority for all who value liberty.