

Americans Are Accessories to the Crime of Genocide

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Americans Are So Brainwashed by Israel that Americans Are Unaware of Their Deep Shame and Responsibility for the Genocide of the Palestinians.

As Israel flattens Gaza City, America AGAIN blocks a Security Council ceasefire resolution

To Avoid risking lives of Israeli soldiers, Netanyahu is deploying large numbers of remote controlled vehicles to spread death and destruction throughout Gaza City

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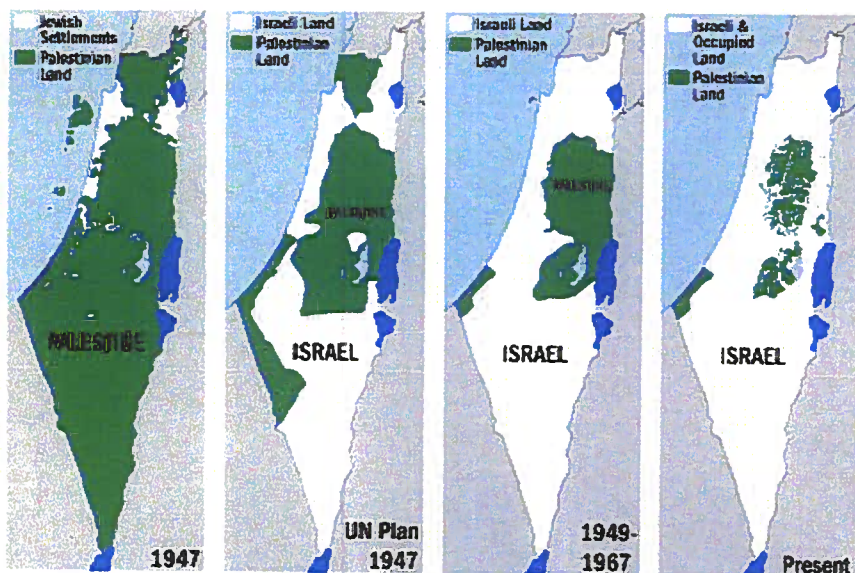
Israel's ability to exterminate the Palestinians is due entirely to American money, American weapons, and American diplomatic and military protection, all of which is paid for by annual grants to Israel of billions of dollars in American money. It is with our own money that Israel buys our government and media to act in Israel's interest.

Palestinian mothers and children waiting in line for a scrap of food and a mouthful of water are shot in the head by brave "defenders of Israel against Palestinian terrorists." For 715 days the Israeli-obedient American government and population has looked the other way.

President Trump, the US Secretary of State, the US Secretary of War, the Republican House and Senate, the Christian Evangelicals, have all bowed down to their Israeli God: Netanyahu.

America's elite universities expel students who protest the genocide, and the Trump regime deports them if they are from abroad. There will be no criticism of Israel's genocide of Palestine.

Americans have been complicit in the death and destruction of Palestine for 78 years. These maps show the Israeli-American dismemberment of Palestine between 1947 and today. Palestine is the green area.



As Israeli "settlers" cleansed Palestine village by village, olive grove by olive grove, Israel's shills preached a "two state" solution. Recently, the "two state" guise for Israel's gradual extinction of Palestine was again proclaimed despite the obvious fact that there is no land left for a Palestinian state.

America's participation in, and enabling of, Israel's Crimes Against Humanity Raises the Question whether America is a Sovereign Country or an Israeli Puppet State.

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The same could be said about Russia because of Putin's subservience to Israel. Putin even handed over to Israel Syria in whose defense Russian military personnel were killed.

In Europe you can be imprisoned if you dare to speak unacceptable words against Israel.

You can't even wave a Palestinian flag, much less produce a scholarly study proving that the Holocaust is a hoax that serves Zionist Jews and Israel's aggression against the Arab Middle East, and milks Germany, Switzerland, and America of money.

All the bullshit about the US and Russia being superpowers is a hoax. It is Israel that is the only Superpower.

The protestant Christian denominations are a joke. It was years ago that I hosted in my home a delegate from an Israeli organization that was trying to bring pressure on the Israeli government to prevent the murderous "settlers" from driving Palestinians out of their villages in the West Bank, uprooting the olive trees that were their livelihood, and building apartment houses to house Jewish "settlers." The Israeli delegates came to America to make the case for disinvestment at the annual convention of the Presbyterian Church. The "Christian" Presbyterians were either too afraid of Israel to take a stand or too convinced of Israel's righteousness. I remember how disappointed and depressed the Israeli delegates were about the absence of a moral conscience among Presbyterian Christians.

I will speak the truth while it is still possible. Every decent person in the world looks at America as an evil country that has destroyed six countries for Greater Israel under the totally transparent guise of "the war against terror," and they are waiting for Netanyahu's puppet Trump to destroy Iran.

What's your bet that Trump and his Zionist Regime will oblige Netanyahu?

What's your bet that Putin is so afraid of offending Israel that he will permit Iran's descent followed by jihadists entering the Russian Federation?

The only thing that the Christian Zionists are right about is that end times are upon us.

American conservatives are the hand maidens of Israel, and the American progressive-liberal-left Democrats hate white Americans, all of whom they declare to be racists. Decent, moral, law-abiding Americans simply have no one to represent them. If a leader appears, like Charlie Kirk, he is quickly killed.

The fact of the matter is that American morality is a corpse. And there is no prince with a magic kiss to resurrect American morality.

Trump administration proposes selling \$6 billion in weapons to Israel

The Trump administration has told Congress it plans to sell nearly \$6 billion in weapons to Israel. It includes one \$3.8 billion sale for 30 AH-64 Apache helicopters, nearly doubling Israel's current stocks, and a second \$1.9 billion sale for 3,200 infantry assault vehicles for Israeli army.

Palestine is destroyed. So what is the purpose of this vast amount of American weapons that Trump is sending to Israel?

Is this a buildup of supplies for the Trump-Netanyahu invasion of Iran?

The Partisan Road to Tyranny: George Washington's Fatal Prediction

"A frightful despotism."

George Washington knew what was coming. His Farewell Address, published on September 19, 1796 in the *American Daily Advertiser*, wasn't just a retirement notice. It was a dire warning against things like skyrocketing debt and entangling foreign alliances.

But his sharpest, most prophetic warnings were about political parties and the constant fight for power they would unleash, a fight that could only end in total tyranny

A WARNING FOR THE AGES

Washington saw political parties as such a great threat because they were the most dangerous expression of a deeper poison: the mindset of putting party loyalty above all else.

"Let me now take a more comprehensive view, & warn you in the most solemn manner against the baneful effects of the Spirit of Party, generally."

He argued this partisan instinct, while a universal human trait, gets supercharged in a republic where it grows to its most extreme and destructive form.

"This spirit, unfortunately, is inseperable from our nature, having its root in the strongest passions of the human Mind. It exists under different shapes in all Governments, more or less stifled, controuled, or repressed; but in those of the popular form it is seen in its greatest rankness and is truly their worst enemy."

This mentality inevitably turns politics into an endless cycle of weaponized power and revenge that creates a "frightful despotism."

"The alternate domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge natural to party dissention, which in different ages & countries has perpetrated the most horrid enormities, is itself a frightful despotism."

This chaotic warfare between factions is just a temporary phase, a prelude to something far worse: a stable and permanent tyranny.

"But this leads at length to a more formal and permanent despotism."

Washington saw the endgame clearly: a population suffering from constant strife will see a dictator not as a threat, but as a welcome relief.

"The disorders & miseries, which result, gradually incline the minds of men to seek security & repose in the absolute power of an Individual: and sooner or later the chief of some prevailing faction more able or more fortunate than his competitors, turns this disposition to the purposes of his own elevation, on the ruins of Public Liberty."

THE DAILY DAMAGE

Washington saw two threats: immediate and long-term. Permanent despotism lay far ahead in the future. But the daily rot of partisanship was the immediate disease paving the road to get there.

"Without looking forward to an extremity of this kind (which nevertheless ought not to be entirely out of sight) the common & continual mischiefs of the spirit of Party are sufficient to make it the interest and the duty of a wise People to discourage and restrain it"

He laid out the specific consequences: a government that can't function (don't threaten us with a good time!), a public poisoned by paranoia, and mobs in the streets.

"It serves always to distract the Public Councils and enfeeble the Public Administration. It agitates the Community with ill founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one part against another, foment occasionally riot & insurrection."

Worse, he warned that these internal divisions act as an open invitation for foreign enemies to corrupt the entire system.

"It opens the door to foreign influence & corruption, which find a facilitated access to the government itself through the channels of party passions. Thus the policy and the will of one country, are subjected to the policy and will of another."

FUEL FOR THE FIRE

Washington conceded a critical point: under a king, political factions can act as a useful check on absolute power.

"There is an opinion that parties in free countries are useful checks upon the Administration of the Government and serve to keep alive the spirit of Liberty. This within certain limits is probably true—and in Governments of a Monarchical cast Patriotism may look with indulgence, if not with favour, upon the spirit of party."

But in a republic, he argued, that same spirit is not a check on power; it's gasoline poured on a fire.

"But in those of the popular character, in Governments purely elective, it is a spirit not to be encouraged. From their natural tendency, it is certain there will always be enough of that spirit for every salutary purpose. And there being constant danger of excess, the effort ought to be, by force of public opinion, to mitigate & assuage it. A fire not to be quenched; it demands a uniform vigilance to prevent its bursting into a flame, lest instead of warming it should consume."

He then connected the dots. The partisan firestorm inevitably tempts the winners to ignore the Constitution and consolidate power.

"It is important, likewise, that the habits of thinking in a free Country should inspire caution, in those entrusted with its administration, to confine themselves within their respective Constitutional spheres, avoiding in the exercise of the Powers of one department to encroach upon another. The spirit of encroachment tends to consolidate the powers of all the departments in one, and thus to create whatever the form of government, a real despotism."

WEAPON AGAINST FREEDOM

Washington built his case for the Constitution's design on a brutally honest assessment of human nature: people are addicted to power and gladly abuse it.

"A just estimate of that love of power, and proneness to abuse it, which predominates in the human heart is sufficient to satisfy us of the truth of this position."

Because of this, he argued that guarding these boundaries is just as important as drawing them.

"The necessity of reciprocal checks in the exercise of political power; by dividing and distributing it into different depositories, & constituting each the Guardian of the Public Weal against invasions by the others, has been evinced by experiments ancient & modern; some of them in our country & under our own eyes. To preserve them must be as necessary as to institute them."

Washington pointed to the amendment process as the legal way to change things. Don't like how power is divided? Use the process. It's also a reminder that the people are in charge, not the government.

"If in the opinion of the People, the distribution or modification of the Constitutional powers be in any particular wrong, let it be corrected by an amendment in the way which the Constitution designates."

But he warned that ignoring the rules to achieve a short-term goal – no matter how noble it seems – is the classic tool of tyrants: a **weapon** to destroy freedom.

"But let there be no change by usurpation; for though this, in one instance, may be the instrument of good, it is the customary weapon by which free governments are destroyed."

THE BRUTAL TRUTH

The largest government in the history of the world loves it when the people fight among themselves.

This creates a vicious feedback loop. The bigger the power in government, the more vicious the fight to control it. And the more vicious the fight, the more power people demand the government take to restore order.

It's the exact cycle Washington warned would produce a "frightful" and "permanent despotism."

The end result? "The ruins of public liberty."

These are George Washington's farewell warnings that almost everyone ignores today – and if we don't heed them, the worst is yet to come.

It is manifestly contrary to the interest of the consumers to prevent the most efficient entrepreneurs from expanding the sphere of their activities up to the limit to which the public approves of their conduct of business by buying their products. Here again, the issue is who should be supreme, the consumers or the government? In the unhampered market the behavior of consumers, their buying or abstention from buying, ultimately determines each individual's income and wealth. Should one vest in the government the power to overrule the consumer's choices?

– Ludwig von Mises

How many lies did Trump tell about Iran in his speech at the UN General Assembly?

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TEHRAN – The U.S. President Donald Trump's speech at the United Nations General Assembly on Tuesday was less a diplomatic statement than a performance of falsehoods and distortions.

His remarks about Iran were riddled with inaccuracies, exaggerations, and outright fabrications, aimed at portraying the Islamic Republic as a menace while masking Washington's own destructive record in West Asia.

Below are the three big lies Trump told about Iran during his Tuesday address at the UNGA:

1. Iran is a 'sponsor of terror'

Trump repeated the worn-out American accusation that Iran is the "world's number one sponsor of terror." This claim has long been used in Washington to justify economic warfare, sanctions, and regional aggression.

Yet it ignores the reality that it is the United States that has fuelled instability across West Asia – from the invasion of Iraq and the destruction of Libya to arming Saudi Arabia in its brutal war on Yemen. By reviving this label before the world, Trump sought to shift attention away from America's own role in spreading violence and extremism.

2. Washington wanted to 'cooperate' with Iran

Trump asserted that he had offered Iran "full cooperation" if it agreed to suspend its nuclear program. This statement is misleading. Iran's nuclear activities are peaceful, legitimate, and monitored by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), which has repeatedly confirmed that Tehran has not pursued nuclear weapons.

More importantly, it was Trump himself who unilaterally abandoned the 2015 nuclear deal (JCPOA) – an agreement that already placed strict limits on Iran's program. His so-called "offer" was not a genuine gesture of cooperation but an attempt to pressure Iran into surrendering its sovereign rights in exchange for vague promises from a government that had already violated its commitments.

Just days before Trump's UNGA speech, the Security Council failed to adopt a resolution that would have blocked the reimposition of sanctions on Iran. The move followed Britain, France, and Germany's activation of the so-called "snapback" mechanism, accusing Tehran of breaching the JCPOA.

Tehran dismissed the step as "illegitimate," pointing out that the United States had already abandoned the nuclear accord in 2018. Iranian officials accused the European powers of aligning with Washington's sanctions policy instead of fulfilling their own commitments under the deal. They stressed that Iran's nuclear program remains peaceful, and any scaling back of commitments has been a direct response to Western non-compliance.

3. Iranians have no nuclear capabilities left

Trump falsely boasted that Iran's nuclear enrichment capacity had been "demolished" under his watch. In reality, Iranian officials have repeatedly affirmed that, even after the 12 Day War, the country retains both the technical expertise and infrastructure to rapidly restore and expand its nuclear capabilities. Far from being demolished, Iran's program has continued under international monitoring.

Trump's UNGA speech was not a serious attempt at diplomacy but political theater aimed at intimidating Iran and impressing domestic audiences. By exaggerating threats and recycling baseless accusations, he tried to present himself as the only leader capable of confronting Iran. In reality, his "maximum pressure" campaign failed to achieve its objectives, isolated Washington internationally, and strengthened Iran's determination to pursue its independent path.

Donald Trump Publicly Confessed That He Is Filled With Hate

By Chuck Baldwin

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At the memorial service for Charlie Kirk (billed as a spiritual “revival” by pastors and evangelicals in attendance), the keynote speaker, President Donald Trump, said the following:

In that private moment on his dying day, we find everything we need to know about who Charlie Kirk truly was. He was a missionary with a noble spirit and a great, great purpose. He did not hate his opponents. He wanted the best for them. That’s where I disagreed with Charlie. **I hate my opponents**, and I don’t want the best for them. I’m sorry. I am sorry, Erika. But now Erika can talk to me and the whole group, and maybe they can convince me that that’s not right, but I can’t stand my opponents. [Emphasis added]

Everyone (including MAGA and the evangelical delusionals) have known since the Republican primary in 2016 that Trump is a morally, ethically and spiritually corrupt human being. That is a hard, stone-cold fact. And this fact is universally known. And if Jerry Falwell Jr. (who was likewise morally corrupt) had not enthusiastically endorsed Trump in the Republican primary—no doubt, due to the fact that Trump’s Zionist spies had photographs of Falwell’s corruption that could be used against him or kept hidden for his endorsement, which he gave—Trump might not have ever been nominated, much less elected. Back then, the evangelical world still had a few scruples and seriously hesitated to support such a completely corrupted candidate.

Those days are long gone. Today, Donald Trump’s corruption corrupts everyone he touches—including America’s evangelicals.

On his Instagram page, Tim Whitaker comments on Trump’s audacious “confession”:

I need you to really understand the context that these words were said in. This is President Trump talking at Charlie Kirk’s memorial service. This was billed not just as a service honoring Charlie Kirk but as a revival. There were worship leaders baptizing this event in the name of Jesus. People raising their hands, lifting up their voices, praising Jesus Christ, the same Jesus that taught His followers to love their enemies.

And Trump gets up and says that he hates his enemies. And the crowd: They cheer. They cheer it on.

This is why we say that white evangelical Christianity in America is morally and theologically bankrupt. They do not worship a Jesus that you find in the red letters. They worship a Jesus of empire. They don’t believe in liberating the poor and the oppressed. They believe in a gospel for the rich and the powerful.

And here they are cheering on the words that are in complete opposition to the teachings of Jesus, and they can’t even see it. In their mind, they’re following true Christianity. Anyone who’s not like them is a heretic, preaches a false gospel, needs to be destroyed.

Friends, this is the gospel of the flag and the cross, and it always produces disastrous results.

Amen, Tim!

But Trump’s hypocrisy goes even deeper than “confessing” (boasting) that he hates his opponents during a memorial service for a man who was being eulogized for having the character to love his opponents.

And before proceeding, Trump even used the lesser term for adversary, "opponents," not the greater term, "enemies."

Merriam-Webster defines "opponent" as: "One that takes an opposite position (as in a debate, contest, or conflict)."

Merriam-Webster defines "enemy" as: "One that is antagonistic to another; *especially*: one seeking to injure, overthrow, or confound an opponent; something harmful or deadly; military adversary; a hostile unit or force."

Jesus told His disciples: But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you. (Matthew 5:44 KJV)

Jesus commanded His disciples to love their **enemies**, those seeking to injure, overthrow them, those seeking to do something harmful or deadly against them. Trump was talking about simple political opponents, those who take an opposite political position from his. "I hate my opponents," Trump emphatically declared, targeting 58% of the American people who disapprove of his job performance.

In his "confession," Trump also told the world (and the evangelicals, if they were listening, which they weren't) that he is NOT a Christian; he is NOT a "born again" child of God. Listen to the Apostle John:

He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes. (I John 2:9, 11)

By publicly announcing his hatred for his opponents, Trump is declaring that he hates anyone who opposes him regardless if they are his brothers or sisters in Christ, because many "born again" Christians oppose his political policies and philosophies. But the opposing political policies and philosophies held by Christian believers are determined NOT by personality or political party but by sincerely held spiritual and moral convictions of the heart—convictions placed there by the Word of God, the Holy Spirit, Natural Law, moral conscience and the understanding of constitutionalism and American history.

Saint John said even more:

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. (I John 3:15)

By saying he hates his political opponents, which includes millions of "born again" Christians, the Holy Spirit-inspired Apostle John says that Donald Trump is a murderer.

And we know that Trump is a murderer—and not just in a spiritual sense.

On his podcast, George Galloway said in his own colorful style:

Donald Trump is basically shooting people all over the world. He has now boasted that he has shot a third boat full of fishermen, if you believe the Venezuelans, or full of drug smugglers, if you believe Donald Trump. And let's face it, Donald Trump knows a drug smuggler when he sees one. A third civilian boat has been eviscerated, obliterated from the skies by the United States military.

He's now threatening to fight the Taliban again. He has repeatedly and is threatening to again attack Yemen. He is quite likely to be meeting Netanyahu this very day to discuss another Israeli attack on Iran. He is ready to assume sovereignty over the Gaza Strip, which will bring American forces directly into conflict with the Palestinian resistance there. And his friends have just massacred yet another huge family in the south of Lebanon.

So, if a man that may have lost his marbles is carrying around a nuclear football, we've got to wonder whether we need to stay in Russia in this fine worker's apartment, or whether it's safe to come home.

The Apostle John went on to say:

If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? (I John 4:20)

Of course, we know Trump is a liar. Most Beltway politicians are pathological liars, but Donald Trump takes lying to an art form.

But Trump was not finished with his hypocrisy during his speech at Kirk's memorial service. He also said:

Some of the very same people who spent the last eight years trying to sit in moral judgment of anyone who disagreed with them about politics suddenly started cheering for murder... Some of the very people who call you a 'hater' for using the wrong pronoun were filled with glee at the killing of a father with two young children, and the same commentators who this week are screaming 'fascism' over a canceled late-night TV show, where the anchor had no talent or no ratings, last week were implying that Charlie Kirk deserved what happened to him.

No one can ever accuse Donald Trump of lacking audacity.

But it is totally lost to Trump and his willfully blind lackeys that what he just said is exactly what he—and they—is guilty of. They are sitting in moral judgment of anyone who disagrees with them about the genocide in Gaza, and they are cheering on the mass murders taking place in Gaza by the Israelis. We're not talking about one man with two small children left fatherless. We're talking about hundreds of thousands of children left fatherless and motherless; hundreds of thousands of fathers and mothers left childless.

Trump went on:

No side in American politics has a monopoly on disturbed or misguided people, but there's one part of our political community which believes they have a monopoly on truth, goodness, and virtue — and concludes they also have a monopoly on power, thought, and speech.

Yes, indeed!

And it is Trump and his followers that think they have a monopoly on truth, goodness and virtue and DO have a monopoly on power. Trump monopolizes the power of the Justice Department, Congress, the judiciary and the U.S. armed forces—and he uses all of that power against HIS political opponents, domestically and internationally.

And the cold, hard fact is: Most of these opponents are Trump's opponents; they are not America's opponents. Trump uses the force of arms at his disposal as President of the United States (much of which is NOT constitutionally provided to him) to fight his own personal battles and the personal battles of his Jewish billionaire donors.

But there's more from Trump:

The tradition of reason and open debate that Charlie practiced is not a pillar of our democracy; in many ways it's the basis of our entire society... We will defend it at all costs.

The sheer magnitude of hypocrisy contained in this statement is off the charts. Truly, there are no words to accurately describe it.

Reason and open debate . . . We will defend it at all costs.

What malarkey!

The Trump administration is doing everything it can to squelch the freedom of reason and open debate. People all over America are being denied earned degrees due to the reason and open debate that Trump doesn't like. They are being denied an education. They are being jailed. They are being deported. They are losing tenure. They are losing credentials. They are losing positions. They are losing incomes. All because Trump does NOT tolerate *reason and open debate*—especially when it comes to Israel.

And, of course, Trump purposely avoided discussing Charlie Kirk's change of heart in not supporting Israel that he was expressing in the weeks leading up to his assassination. He also failed to mention that Charlie Kirk himself told friends that he felt that Israel would assassinate him due to his change of heart.

I invite readers to watch my short video ***Charlie Kirk Assassination Update*** [here](#).

It is truly incredible that at an event organized and conducted by mostly professing Christians (including pastors) in which the primary focus of the deceased man's virtue was his openness to discuss his views with any and all detractors and his tolerance and love for those same people was turned into a forum for the American emperor to boast about his hatred for his opponents, and those same "Christians" laughed, clapped and cheered.

And afterward, they called it a "revival."

Maybe it was a revival, but a revival of what? Totalitarianism and monarchy? Religious Inquisition?

Once again, Donald Trump did what only Donald Trump can do. What began as a celebration of love for Charlie Kirk was turned into a celebration of hate for Trump's opponents.

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Would Orwell Be Branded a Terrorist? The Government's War on Thought Crimes

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"Those who created this country chose freedom. With all of its dangers. And do you know the riskiest part of that choice they made? They actually believed that we could be trusted to make up our own minds in the whirl of differing ideas. That we could be trusted to remain free, even when there were very, very seductive voices—taking advantage of our freedom of speech—who were trying to turn this country into the kind of place where the government could tell you what you can and cannot do."—Nat Hentoff

The Trump administration is taking its war on free speech into the realm of thought crimes.

This is more than politics.

In declaring "Antifa"—a loose ideology based on opposition to fascism—as a domestic terrorist organization, the government has given itself a green light to treat speech, belief, and association as criminal acts. With this one executive order, political dissent has been rebranded as terrorism and free thought recast as a crime.

Critics will argue that "Antifa" means rioting and property destruction. But violent acts are already crimes, handled under ordinary law.

What's new—and dangerous—is punishing people not for *violence*, but for what they *believe*, say, or with whom they associate. Peaceful protest, political speech, and nonviolent dissent are now being lumped together with terrorism.

Violence should be prosecuted. But when peaceful protest and dissent are treated as terrorism, the line between crime and thought crime disappears.

When the government polices political belief, we're no longer talking about crime—we're talking about thought control.

This opens the door to guilt by association, thought crimes, and McCarthy-style blacklists, making it possible for the government to treat peaceful protesters, critics, or even casual sympathizers as terrorists.

Protesters who identify with anti-fascist beliefs—or who, under this administration, simply challenge its power grabs and overreaches—can now be surveilled, prosecuted, and silenced, not for acts of violence but for what they think, say, or believe.

Under this executive order, George Orwell—the antifascist author of 1984—would become an enemy of the state.

This is how dissent becomes labeled as "terrorism" in a police state: by targeting *political thought* instead of *criminal conduct*.

Once you can be investigated and punished for your associations or sympathies, the First Amendment is reduced to empty words on paper.

Nor is this an isolated development. It is part of a larger pattern in which the right to think and speak freely without government interference or fear of retribution—long the bedrock of American liberty—is treated as a conditional privilege rather than an inalienable right, granted only to those who toe the official line and revoked from those who dare dissent.

The warning signs are everywhere.

The Pentagon now requires reporters to pledge not to publish “unauthorized” information. Broadcasters silence comedians after political outrage. Social media platforms delete or deplatform disfavored viewpoints.

The common thread running through these incidents is not their subject matter but their *method*.

Government officials don’t need to pass laws criminalizing dissent when they can simply ensure that dissent is punished and compliance rewarded.

The result is a culture of self-censorship.

The First Amendment was written precisely to prevent this kind of chilling effect.

The U.S. Supreme Court has long recognized that speech does not lose protection simply because it is offensive, controversial, or even hateful.

Yet today, by redefining unpopular expression as “dangerous” or “unauthorized,” government officials have come up with a far more insidious way of silencing their critics.

In fact, the Court has held that it is “a bedrock principle underlying the First Amendment...that the government may not prohibit the expression of an idea simply because society finds the idea offensive or disagreeable.” It is not, for example, a question of whether the Confederate flag represents racism but whether banning it leads to even greater problems—namely, the loss of freedom in general.

Along with the constitutional right to peacefully (and that means non-violently) assemble, the right to free speech allows us to challenge the government through protests and demonstrations and to attempt to change the world around us—for the better or the worse—through protests and counterprotests.

If citizens cannot stand out in the open and voice their disapproval of their government, its representatives, and its policies without fearing prosecution, then the First Amendment—with all its robust protections for speech, assembly, and petition—is little more than window dressing: pretty to look at, but serving little real purpose.

Living in a representative republic means that each person has the right to take a stand for what they think is right—whether that means marching outside the halls of government, wearing clothing with provocative statements, or simply holding up a sign.

That is what the First Amendment is supposed to be about: assuring the citizenry of the right to express their concerns about their government, in the time, place, and manner best suited to ensuring those concerns are heard.

Unfortunately, through a series of carefully crafted legislative steps and politically expedient court rulings, government officials have managed to disembowel this fundamental freedom, rendering it little more than the right to file a lawsuit against those in power.

In more and more cases, the government is declaring war on what should be protected political speech whenever it challenges authority, exposes corruption, or encourages the citizenry to push back against injustice.

The machinery of censorship is more entrenched than ever.

With growing monopolies of the media, a handful of corporate gatekeepers dominate the digital public square. Government regulators hold powerful levers—licenses, contracts, antitrust threats—that can be used to manipulate content so that only what is approved is publicized. And a public increasingly conditioned to equate harm with

offense becomes an unwitting accomplice to suppression, cheering the silencing of adversaries without realizing that the same tools will be used against them tomorrow.

This crackdown on expression is not limited to government action.

Corporate America has now taken the lead in policing speech online, with social media giants such as Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube using their dominance to censor, penalize, and regulate what users can say. Under the banner of “community standards” against obscenity, violence, hate speech, or intolerance, they suspend or ban users whose content strays from approved orthodoxy.

Make no mistake: this is fascism, American-style.

As presidential advisor Bertram Gross warned in *Friendly Fascism: The New Face of Power in America*, “Anyone looking for black shirts, mass parties, or men on horseback will miss the telltale clues of creeping fascism. . . . In America, it would be super modern and multi-ethnic—as American as Madison Avenue, executive luncheons, credit cards, and apple pie. It would be fascism with a smile. As a warning against its cosmetic façade, subtle manipulation, and velvet gloves, I call it friendly fascism. What scares me most is its subtle appeal.”

The appeal here is the self-righteous claim to be fighting evils—hatred, violence, intolerance—using the weapons of Corporate America. But those weapons are easily redirected. Today they are aimed at “hate.” Tomorrow they will be aimed at dissent.

The effect is the same: the range of permissible ideas shrinks until only government-approved truths remain.

Combine this with Trump’s Antifa executive order, and the danger becomes unmistakable.

By labeling a loose ideology as terrorism, the government opens the door to treat political opposition as criminal conspiracy. Combine that with corporate censorship, and the result is chilling.

Together, they create a chokehold on dissent.

The Constitution’s promise of free speech becomes little more than words on paper if every outlet for expression—public or private—is policed, monitored, or denied.

“Free speech for me but not for thee” is how my good friend and free speech purist Nat Hentoff used to sum up this double standard.

We have entered an era in which free speech has become regulated speech: celebrated when it reflects the values of the majority, tolerated when it doesn’t, and branded “dangerous” when it dares to challenge political, religious, or cultural comfort zones.

President Trump, who regularly mocks critics while trying to muzzle those who speak out against him, may be the perfect poster child for this age of intolerance. Protest laws, free speech zones, bubble zones, anti-bullying policies, hate-crime statutes, zero-tolerance rules—these legalistic tools, championed by politicians and prosecutors across the political spectrum, have steadily corroded the core freedom to speak one’s mind.

The U.S. government has become particularly intolerant of speech that challenges its power, reveals its corruption, exposes its lies, and encourages the citizenry to push back against its many injustices.

Indeed, there is a long and growing list of the kinds of speech that is being flagged, censored, surveilled, or investigated by the government: “hate speech,” “intolerant speech,” “conspiratorial speech,” “treasonous speech,” “incendiary speech,” “anti-government speech,” “extremist speech,” and more.

By rebranding dissent as dangerous speech, government officials have given themselves the power to police expression without judicial oversight.

This is not a partisan issue.

Under one administration, speech may be stifled in the name of fighting “misinformation.” Under another, it may be curbed in the name of rooting out “dangerous” or “hateful” speech.

The justifications change with the politics of the moment, but the outcome is the same: less speech, narrower debate, and more fear.

The stakes could not be higher.

If we no longer have the right to tell an ICE agent to get off our property, to tell a police officer to get a search warrant before entering our home, to stand outside the Supreme Court with a protest sign, to approach an elected representative to share our views, or if we no longer have the right to voice our opinions in public—no matter how offensive, intolerant, or politically incorrect—then we do not have free speech.

Just as surveillance stifles dissent, government censorship gives rise to self-censorship, breeds compliance, smothers independent thought, and fuels the kind of frustration that can erupt in violence.

The First Amendment is meant to be a steam valve: allowing people to speak their minds, air grievances, and contribute to a dialogue that hopefully results in a more just world. When that valve is shut—when there is no one to hear what people have to say—frustration builds, anger grows, and society becomes more volatile.

Silencing unpopular viewpoints with which the majority might disagree—whether by shouting them down, censoring them, or criminalizing them—only empowers the Deep State. The motives—discouraging racism, condemning violence, promoting civility—may sound well-intentioned, but the result is always the same: intolerance, indoctrination, and infantilism.

The police state could not ask for better citizens than those who do its censoring for it.

This is how a nation of free people becomes an extension of the surveillance state, turning citizens against each other while the government grows stronger.

The path forward is clear.

As Justice William O. Douglas wrote in his dissent in *Colten v. Kentucky*, “we need not stay docile and quiet” in the face of authority.

The Constitution does not require Americans to be servile or even civil to government officials.

What is required is more speech not less—even when it offends.

As I make clear in my book *Battlefield America: The War on the American People* and in its fictional counterpart *The Erik Blair Diaries*, it’s time to make the government hear us—see us—and heed us.

This is the ultimate power of free speech.

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The Secretary of War Crimes

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When the civilian at the head of the Department of Defense is a public cheerleader for war crimes, that sends a message to everyone in the military that similar conduct won't be punished.

Pete Hegseth loves war criminals past, present, and future:

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has announced that he has decided that the 20 soldiers who received the Medal of Honor for their actions in 1890 at Wounded Knee will keep their awards in a video posted to social media Thursday evening.

Hegseth's predecessor, Lloyd Austin, ordered the review of the awards in 2024 after a Congressional recommendation in the 2022 defense bill — itself a reflection of efforts by some lawmakers to rescind the awards for those who participated in the bloody massacre on South Dakota's Pine Ridge Indian Reservation near Wounded Knee Creek.

When Hegseth was nominated to be Secretary of Defense, I said that he was unfit for the office because of his successful efforts to get Trump to pardon convicted and accused war criminals. Advocacy for war criminals should be automatically disqualifying for any position in the government. Putting a prominent war crimes apologist in charge of the Pentagon was outrageous, and it should never have been allowed to happen.

Since then, Hegseth has removed top military lawyers to clear the way for more war crimes. He has presided over the murders of at least 19 civilians in the Caribbean on Trump's orders. Like Trump, he has boasted about those murders and promises more to come.

He has wrongly said that the government has "absolute and complete authority" to commit these murders. Now he goes out of his way to defend the soldiers responsible for massacring civilians 135 years ago. Hegseth likes to call himself Secretary of War, but he should really be called the Secretary of War Crimes.

When the civilian in charge of the Department of Defense is a public cheerleader for war crimes, that sends a message to everyone in the military that similar conduct won't be punished and may even be rewarded. A military culture obsessed with "lethality" above all else will sooner or later become one that excuses and then celebrates crimes against civilians. Hegseth is a good example of what you get when someone is focused solely on lethality and despises the law.

The Wounded Knee massacre was a stain on the reputation of the United States. The U.S. government rightly apologized for the massacre. Giving the Medal of Honor to soldiers involved in the massacre was an insult to the victims. It diminishes the significance of the honor for all those that genuinely deserve it. Hegseth's decision to let that insult stand is disgraceful. When he defended the renaming of the department, Hegseth said that the department would be defined by "maximum lethality, not tepid legality." We are seeing where this reckless and lawless approach leads. Hegseth looks back on the slaughter on unarmed civilians and applauds the perpetrators for their service. He oversees the slaughter of civilians on boats and cheers.

The Secretary of War Crimes

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Hegseth has proven that he has no problems following illegal orders to kill civilians. It is reasonable to assume that he won't hesitate to carry out more of those orders in the future. As Secretary of Defense, Hegseth has been even worse than I feared. Every day that he is left in that post, the worse it will be for U.S. interests.

Spain To Join Italy in Sending Warship To Assist Gaza Aid Flotilla After Israeli Attack

At least 14 Americans are on Gaza flotilla boats, including many veterans

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Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez announced on Wednesday that Spain will join Italy in sending a military warship to help the Global Sumud Flotilla, which is attempting to deliver aid to starving Palestinians in the besieged Gaza Strip and came under drone attack following threats from the Israeli Foreign Ministry.

“Last night, multiple civilian boats were targeted by unmanned drones,” the Global Sumud Flotilla said on Wednesday. “The attacks included the deployment of explosive and incendiary devices, deliberate dispersal of chemical substances onto civilian vessels, disabling of emergency communication devices, and calculated physical damage designed to render the ships unseaworthy and endanger volunteers aboard.”

The group added that all of its crew remain safe. According to a flotilla tracker, the flotilla consists of 52 boats, and the majority of them are currently right off the coast of Crete. Two boats previously came under drone attack when they were in Tunisia.

Italy was the first country to announce it was deploying a warship to aid the flotilla, citing the presence of Italian citizens on the boats. Italian Defense Minister Guido Crosetto said that to “ensure assistance to the Italian citizens on the flotilla,” he had “authorized the immediate intervention of the Italian Navy’s multi-purpose frigate Fasan.”

Sanchez announced his plans to deploy a warship while attending the UN General Assembly in New York. “The government of Spain insists that international law be respected and that the right of our citizens should be respected to sail through the Mediterranean in safe conditions,” he said.

“Tomorrow we will dispatch a naval vessel from Cartagena with all necessary resources in case it was necessary to assist the flotilla and carry out a rescue operation,” Sanchez added.

According to Ann Wright, a retired US Army colonel and peace activist, at least 22 American citizens, including six veterans, are among the more than 500 unarmed crew members on boats in the flotilla. The US government has stayed quiet about the Israeli attacks on the flotilla boats despite the presence of US citizens.

The Sumud Flotilla marks the fourth attempt to break Israel’s starvation blockade on Gaza this year, but the first time that multiple vessels are involved. The first boat to try to break the blockade this year, the Conscience, came under Israeli drone attack off the coast of Malta in May, halting its journey.

In June, another boat, the Madleen, made it close to Gaza’s coast before being boarded and seized by Israeli forces and taken into an Israeli port. The third boat, the Hamdala, was also captured by Israeli forces, and the humanitarian aid it was carrying was seized when it attempted to break the blockade in late July.

Back in 2010, Israeli forces raided six boats attempting to break the blockade on Gaza, and nine Turkish activists were killed on one of the vessels.