

America's 'Boots-on-the-Ground' Fighters in Syria Are Kurds and Al Qaeda

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As will be documented here, America's troops in Syria are not there in order to fight, but to assist Kurdish separatists in the northeast, and to assist the Al Qaeda led-and-trained jihadist forces elsewhere in Syria (such as in the East Ghouta suburb of Damascus) to overthrow and replace Syria's [popular](#) and [democratically elected](#), strongly secular and anti-sectarian President, Bashar al-Assad.

Occasionally, the U.S. Government also has helped ISIS to take over and control parts of Syria, such as the city Deir Zor, which is Syria's oil-producing capital. For example, [on 17 September 2016, the U.S. bombed Syria's army in Deir Zor so that the surrounding ISIS forces could \(and did\) rush in and take control there](#). Subsequently, the U.S. bombed the Iraqi ISIS controlled city Mosul, and [the U.S and Turkey provided a protected pathway for any surviving ISIS jihadists to travel from there to Deir Zor, so as to strengthen ISIS's grip on that Syrian city](#). Also, at least one non-jihadist anti-Assad fighter [quit working with U.S. forces once discovering that the U.S. was secretly funneling weapons from their camps to ISIS camps](#).

According to [a Western-sponsored poll of Syrians in 2015](#), all across the country, [82% blamed the war in Syria mainly on the U.S. Government. In that same poll, only 22% of Syrians approved of Al Qaeda in Syria](#); but, starting in 2012,

Al Qaeda in Syria provided the leadership for almost all of the dozens of jihadist groups that Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the other fundamentalist-Islamic allies of the U.S. Government, were recruiting and helping to transport into Syria, so as to establish Sharia law in Syria (in other words: to overthrow Assad). Without the support of Al Qaeda in Syria, the entire American effort to overthrow Assad would quickly have collapsed. This is one of the reasons why Al Qaeda in Syria adopted a number of different names, mainly "Al Nusrah," so that the U.S. CIA and other agencies could work with them: it's because the name "Al Qaeda" was poison to American and European audiences — and not only to the vast majority of Syrians.



The examples that will be presented here, of contemporaneous news-reports from 2012, which covered America's backing of Al Qaeda, and America's heavy dependence upon Al Qaeda, were reported by the Foundation for the Defense of Democracies, which itself is funded by the U.S. and Israeli Governments and supports the overthrow of Assad, so that no one can reasonably consider their reports to be slanted in favor of Syria's Government.

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So, there's no real disagreement as to whether the U.S. Government backs Al Qaeda in Syria, and sometimes backs ISIS in Syria and, [even under the loudly anti- "radical Islamic](#)

[terrorism” President Donald Trump, strengthens ISIS there so as to assist the downfall of Assad](#), the elected national leader.

It’s proven by actions, not by mere words — which can’t be trusted regarding this war (if any war). Syria’s Government [passionately objects at the U.N.](#), to America’s insistence upon replacing Assad’s Government (which the U.S. and its allies call instead a ‘regime’), and America’s continued attempts at replacing this by a Sharia-law dictatorship, which very few Syrians actually want. But both the facts of the case, and the objections by the Syrian Government, are simply ignored.

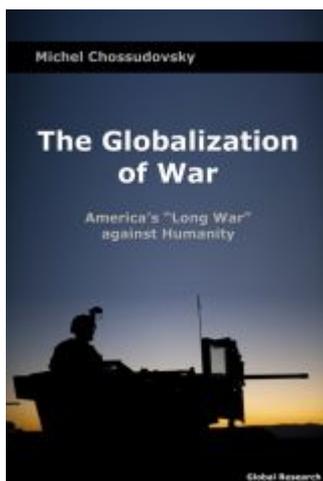
By contrast, America’s assistance to Kurdish separatists in the northeast of the country is publicly acknowledged.

America’s position in that war is in blatant violation of international law, because the U.S. was never invited in by the Syrian Government, the U.S. has instead been only an invading force there (unlike Russia and Iran, both of which were invited into the country so as to get rid of the U.S.-Saudi-Qatari-UAE-Kuwaiti-Turkish and Al Qaeda and other jihadist, invaders). This shows that international laws mean nothing when the violator is the U.S. and its allies. Whereas ‘The West’ freely violates international laws, other countries do so only at their own peril. Consequently, the U.S. and its allies are destroying the U.N.

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