

Chicago NATO Protests

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Steadfastly continuing the (perhaps not so) new American tradition of stripping the American people of their freedoms, oppressing them and if need be eliminating them altogether, all in the name of safety, security and in order to save them from the evil terrorists hiding behind every tree, those evil Russians, the Iranians and North Korea, Chicago prepares to host a showcase summit for the world's top war machine, an organization that will soon completely dominate and control the entire planet if the architects behind it have their way.

Do the people in Chicago want the summit? No, but it doesn't really matter, those in power want it. In the vernacular we will call them the 1%; they are also known as the elites, the globalists and what have you. It doesn't really matter what you call them, they are those born to privilege who have little value for human life (other than their own of course) and who expertly manipulate and feed off the pain, grief, work, blood, sweat and tears of the common people.

Shamelessly and bloodthirstingly profiteering from the death and destruction of what has become non-stop global war, from the illegal narcotics trade that decimates the poor and what they consider to be undesirable segments of the world's population, and even from the illegal black market trade in human organs, no matter what stage of the bloody circle you focus on they (the 1%) are there, to benefit and profit. Which is why, in a nutshell, the 99% of us must protest, and stand up, before it is my eye they want, or your kidney, or your baby sister's liver or they decide we are completely expendable without even bothering to harvest our organs.

Lest I digress, let's look at what they (the 1%) have planned for the peaceful demonstrators who already have to muster up huge levels of bravery, and in the words of one Occupier I spoke to; "...be ready to sacrifice my body... for the cause." But before we do let's look at who all of these preparations are being planned for.

In case you have been on a desert island, in another galaxy, or in a country that just doesn't give a hoot about what is going on in the US and know nothing about the Occupy movement, let me fill you in real quick.

For decades the US has been on the verge of a complete and total societal breakdown. It had been repressed minorities, immigrants and the poor who have classically gotten poorer as the rich have gotten richer. These segments of the US population were growing more and more difficult to control and events were needed to crack down. 9-11 was that event. Then the election of a Black president kept most of the minorities placated. So the elites, once

again emboldened decided to decimate the middle class, classically made up of white Americans, and this gave birth to the Occupy Movement.

The Occupiers are not the radical Black Panthers or the hippies of the '60s. They are peaceful, educated and even a little nerdy and are becoming more and more organized and focused. Their addition to the number of discontented masses is dangerous for the elites. Together they may now have the power to cut off the profiteering feeding frenzy that the elites have been on for decades.

How will these educated, discontented, and peaceful groups be dealt with? Well, with what the US government does best, maximum force and violence and the stripping of civil and human rights! Sorry for the rhetorical question. How dare they protest the killing by the elites and their world domination! There will also be an unprecedented campaign of intimidation and "fear mongering" in order to keep the number of protesters to a minimum.

In a preview, the Chicago Police Department, one of the few if not the only police department in the US and perhaps the world as well to have had to call a moratorium on torture, has begun arresting these malcontents. Yesiree Bob, they must be stopped.

So far more than 20 people have been arrested with three people who were stopped and intimidated by police being made examples of. Last week Jared Chase, Brent Beterly, and Brian Jacob Church, who arrived in Chicago from Florida, were surrounded by several police squad cars and detained for no apparent reason. They were questioned about why they were in Chicago and what they planned to do during the NATO summit. They happened to record the encounter and posted an edited version on YouTube and then the entire video on the internet.

On Wednesday police raided several homes and apartments overnight and arrested nine activists. Police broke down doors with guns drawn and searched residents without a warrant or consent. After holding them without charges for 48 hours the police released six of those arrested and filed the most serious charges possible against the three innocent Occupy activists from Florida, including possession of explosives or incendiary devices, material support for terrorism, and conspiracy. A gas can and some empty bottles in the car led to the explosives charges.

In an official statement released to the press the National Lawyers Guild, an official US-wide organization of lawyers, Sarah Gelsomino with the NLG and the People's Law Office said the following: "The National Lawyers Guild deplores the charges against Occupy activists in the strongest degree. It's outrageous for the city to apply terrorism charges when it's the police who have been terrorizing activists and threatening their right to protest."

The media is also being controlled, in a document titled NOT INTENDED FOR GENERAL DISTRIBUTION. FOR MEDIA GUIDANCE ONLY, the Chicago Police Department has set out rules for the press, targeting independent journalists in particular with passages such as the following: "...media access generally will be the same as public access. Credentials will, however, allow media personnel access to media-only areas. No 'cutting' in and out of police lines will be permitted, or 'going up against their backs.' Those who follow protesters onto private property to document their actions are also will be subject to arrest if laws are broken. Any member of the media who is arrested will have to go through the same booking process as anyone else. Release of equipment depends on what part the equipment played

in the events that led to the arrest.”

An Chicago’s mayor, Rahm Emanuel has used the event to install permanent changes which strip away even more rights and freedoms from the people. The new measures include:

1. Authorization for the Mayor to purchase and deploy surveillance cameras throughout the city, without any type of oversight.
2. Restrictions on public activity, including amplified sound and morning gatherings.
3. Restrictions on parades, including the requirement to purchase an insurance policy worth \$1 million and to register every sign or banner that will be held by more than one person.
4. The power to deputize many different types of law enforcement personnel other than the Chicago Police Department.

Protests have been made by the ACLU, Amnesty International and the Occupy Movement.

The summit has also been designated a National Special Security Event (NSSE) by the Department of Homeland Security, thus passing final authority over law enforcement to the US Secret Service.

The Chicago police are armed to the teeth and have even ordered special armor for the horses of the mounted police.

According to Occupy Chicago, they are: “... organizing a week of actions highlighting the violence and oppression of NATO, and calling for the organization to be disbanded.”

Let’s hope for restraint and cool heads from all sides.

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