

Empire of Cards

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Just finished viewing the final season's episodes of Netflix's House of Cards, based on the British mini-series of the same name. It vividly portrays how the political system works, or rather 'fails to work'. The treachery, lies, power struggles, ambition on steroids, even cold blooded murder are all embraced by the hypocrisy of a corrupt top heavy empire... whether it be the British or our own. House of Cards shows what this Amerikan empire is: a tragic black satire that takes no prisoners.. excepting of course the multitude of enemy combatants via our phony and illegal so called 'Wars'.

Each time this writer tunes into or channel surfs through C-Span to watch our 'government at work' , it disgusts me! The entire Congress, with few exceptions, is part of this 'bought and paid for' Two Party/One Party empire. They bicker and quarrel over the few crumbs from the table of the super rich who pull their strings.

We all know that this newest 'stooge' at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave is probably the worst yet... however not too far below the rest of the bunch. All in all, these presidents and their entourages in Congress and the White House *all* make sure that their *corporate donors* and the *Pentagon* get first dibs on the feast of *our* tax revenues. Of course, the greatest propaganda tool, as old as Methuselah, is the *fear card*. If you get the suckers to fear for their lives, you control the game. Ditto for the fear of losing out to the hordes of 'People of color', legal or not, that have come or are coming to take their jobs and move in next door.

Ever notice how all that our politicians from both phony parties spend most of their TV time talking about is the 'next election'. They will stand there in front of the cameras and not really address the fact that half of our tax money goes to military related spending. Or that *they, our elected officials and public servants*, have a better and NO Cost health care coverage than most of their constituents.

On top of that the suckers keep electing *millionaires and mega millionaires* to represent them. Meanwhile, we keep spending AND sending our military all over the globe to 'Patrol for the Super Rich'. Then they wonder why *they* hate us. Well, the Chinese and the Russians are lining up a multitude of nations to join with them in a new 'Silk Road of commerce' , circumventing the US petrodollar. All that our 'Masters of Empire' can come up with is to threaten war. Even that will fail , as will this 'Empire of Cards'... unless.... we push out the gang of them and pull back the empire. *Hope Springs Eternal.*

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