

Hijacking My Flag!

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Well, as a baby boomer who has seen lots of instances of the empire using MY flag as their own private property, this newest one 'takes the cake'. I mean, my generation went through the whole 'America, love it or leave it' rhetoric during the Vietnam debacle. Many of us, either old or new to activism, just tossed that aside as Bullshit! Yet, a majority of my friends and neighbors unfortunately bought into the hype and spin that the flag, and our national anthem, were to be sacrosanct... beyond reproach.

Many anti war demonstrations actually had our flag burned, which this writer did disagree with as a tactic of protest. The more powerful and thought provoking protest was to turn the flag *upside down* to reveal the upside down manner of this empire. As with *Alice in Wonderland*, the opposite was usually correct in most instances.

How it sickened me and many others when we turned on the boob tube to watch Bob Hope entertaining our soldiers in the Nam... as if this was WW2 all over again. In Francis Ford Coppola's Apocalypse *Now* (1979) he has one scene, reminiscent of those Bob Hope 'visiting the troops with lots of tits and ass', which revealed the perverted sense of what phony wars do to the soldiers. The helicopter dropped off two beautiful starlets, dressed like Vegas hookers, onto a stage deep within the macabre recesses of an 'off the radar' jungle post. The VC across the river are held at bay by our pounding weaponry so as to allow the show to go on. Finally, the young sex starved GIs rush the stage to grab some T&A and pussy as the giant bird in the sky barely is able to whisk the lovelies away.

The Cheney/Bush gang (we who 'knew better' realized that Cheney was the controller and Junior the 'idiot emperor' with no clothes) lied and deceived us into this new 'War on Terror', holding our flag hostage. They had the suckers, saps and lollipops hang it over garage doors in my neighborhood, or on their cars and trucks (lots of pickups in Bushland), making it the phony symbol of patriotism. How many dead or wounded for life US soldiers, and (by a factor of 10 times) Iraqi and Afghan civilians before our foolish neighbors realized the truth? Sadly, *most* of them never did! Thus, this phony 'War of Terror' still goes on and on, always with new and more dangerous enemies. This empire is so 'smoothly diabolical'.

Another July 4th once again celebrating our 'independence' from Britain is really counterfeit on many fronts. Researchers like Dean Henderson can give interesting and concise accounts

of how our nation *never* was freed from the influence of England and its infamous 'City of London', the banking bandit center of the world. His *The Federal Reserve Cartel (2014)* covers most of this information. The second counterfeit point is that the celebration of not only our flag but our military in this current climate of empire is actually *unpatriotic!* No, to really celebrate our great flag and our military is to have this empire *pulled back* and save our nation from the fiscal and moral bankruptcy that is approaching. To paraphrase the great Malcolm X, from one of his fine speeches, many of my good and decent friends and neighbors have been "bamboozled, conned and lead astray!" A true 'Independence Day' would be a great awakening from the greedy and evil ones who run this empire.. and the many who serve it!

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