

Bob Dylan: It's All Over Now Baby Red, White and Blue. The Two Party Political Scam and the U.S. Military Industrial Complex

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*Leave your stepping stones behind there, something calls for you
Forget the dead you've left, they will not follow you
The vagabond who's rapping at your door
Is standing in the clothes that you once wore
Strike another match, go start anew
And it's all over now, Baby Blue*

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Those are lyrics from the great Bob Dylan song *It's All Over Now Baby Blue* (1965).

How appropriate they are now in Amerika 2018. We have finally become a damaged empire due to a *mega* variety of reasons. Foremost is the delusion of far too many of us that we a nation victimized by forces of terror outside of our influence. Well, anyone who takes the time to turn away from the narcotics of electronic gadgetry, 24 hour sports, sexual delights, addictive cigarettes, alcohol and other drugs of preference, along with mainstream media's embedded- with- empire phony news, would see that (sadly) our nation is the role model for terrorism. As we float aimlessly into the narrow straights of both national and individual economic turmoil (even bankruptcy) the 'movers and shakers' of this empire laugh all the way from their well secured gated communities to their banks and investment houses.

Can this all *not* be a dream, contrary to what most Eastern philosophies teach? After all, could George Orwell have written a better story with a Reality Television star becoming president? As with those lemmings who thought the Gordon Gecko character in Oliver Stone's film *Wall Street* was sacrosanct in his belief that 'Greed is good', so too those with but 'A pot to piss in' followed almost religiously a billionaire so called populist demagogue who peddled the same crap. He did not 'drain the swamp', rather filling it with more super rich 'Greed is good' muck. Yet, it only shows how much our Amerikan populace can continue to take from an enema bag overloaded with...

We who love the country we grew up in, and see through this con job, signed off by the two halves of our Two Party political scam, have a *civic duty* to stand up and say 'NO MORE!' One afternoon a few short years ago, as my 85 year-old peace activist friend John and I stood outside our library holding signs to protest this Military Industrial Empire, a lady from Germany came up to us. She complimented us on our activism and made a cogent point:

"You Americans have so much to be angry with concerning this government and its phony wars. You have but two of you standing out here each week. If this was Germany and my country did what yours has done, there would be literally a thousand people out here with you."

Well, it seems that my fellow citizens have become too comfortable living in this feudal society. Psychologists refer to this kind of mindset as that of *enabling*. How many *Apple Annies* must there be on the street corners of our nation before we all get wise?

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