

## Obama Does Not Prosecute "Mega-Crooks". Neither Would Hillary. Would Sanders?

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The chief reason why the USA is no longer a democracy (if it ever was) is that its megacriminals have impunity, just like kings and other dictators in countries that make little pretense to being a 'democracy.'

Any country where someone stands above the law is a dictatorship, by those people, against the public — against everyone who *is* punishable by that nation's executive, legal, and judicial, process, if they violate that country's laws.

Any country where there are two classes of people, one class who are above the law, and another class who are subject to the law, is, by definition, a dictatorship, by the former group, over and against the latter mass. That's what a dictatorship is — that's what it consists of: an aristocracy and its agents, on the one hand; and the public on the other.

For example, George W. Bush still has not been prosecuted, nor even investigated by the U.S. Government under Obama, for his mega-crimes, from which not only Americans suffer, but people around the world suffered — and we all suffer them today.

He certainly was guilty of violating U.S. laws, including treaties that the U.S. had signed, against torture, even though he has never been prosecuted, nor so much as (in the U.S.) investigated, for any of the numerous crimes, organized crimes, RICO-type crimes, such as Hitler did and for which Hitler's subordinates were hanged after foreign powers took over. (Hitler, of course, committed suicide.) Nor were Bush's subordinates investigated for that. Obama has protected them all.

If Hillary Clinton becomes President, she certainly won't instruct her Attorney General to investigate either Bush's crimes or Obama's crimes (such as his protection of his predecessor from even being investigated for his numerous crimes). But would Sanders? If he wouldn't, then no one would, and then there is no chance for the U.S. peacefully to become a democracy, because there will then *remain* two classes of people in the U.S. — the aristocrats and their agents (such as the U.S. Presidents they place into office) on the one hand, and the public on the other. (The law is applied against only the latter group, the public.) If this ongoing succession of criminal Presidents who let their predecessors off the hook continues, then unquestionably the United States is a land where crimes that are committed by the nation's leadership are not and will not be prosecuted; so, it's then an *established* dictatorship, because the nation's leaders stand, and will continue to stand, above the law, and the law is applied only to punish and restrain the people down below in the social order.

Furthermore, as I first documented in a 2004 book and repeated in an 18 April 2015 online

article, with documentation to the sources both times, George W. Bush definitely did lie (intentionally deceive) America into invading Iraq. At a 7 September 2002 joint press conference with British Prime Minister Tony Blair, he was asked, "Q Mr. President, can you tell us what conclusive evidence of any nuclear — new evidence you have of nuclear weapons capabilities of Saddam Hussein?" and he answered that a "new report ... came out of the Atomic — the IAEA that they were six months away from developing a weapon. I don't know what more evidence we need." Immediately, the IAEA denied that they had issued any such "new report" at all, or had any evidence that Iraq after 1998 had restarted their WMD program, but the President never paid any attention to their statement denying his statement, nor did the U.S. press — they ignored this exposure of an obvious fabrication by the U.S. President.

It was the only clear and outright lie by Bush (assisted by the compliant U.S. press) regarding WMD in Iraq as the 'justification' for invading Iraq. Others of Bush's numerous 'misstatements' on WMD could be attributed to the CIA (and Bush never fired his CIA Director, even after he blamed the CIA after-the-fact when no WMD were found to be in Iraq), but this one was instead attributed to the IAEA — which they promptly denied to be true. Bob Woodward repeatedly said things like "A mistake certainly can be argued, and there is an abundance of evidence. But there was no lying in this that I could find." But Woodward couldn't find it because, like other 'journalists,' he didn't even ask the IAEA about Bush's allegation which they had promptly denied. U.S. 'journalists' (actually stenographers for the U.S. Government) reflexively trust U.S. Government sources, and the IAEA isn't part of the U.S. Government (they're neither Democrats nor Republicans) — so, they just ignored it (even though it's what Bush in that statement had referred to as his source).

So: Bush unquestionably did lie his nation into invading Iraq. Under the precedent that was established at the Nuremberg Tribunals following WW II, that's a hanging offense — and Germans were hung for such war-creating lies, back then. Obama's refusing to apply accountability for that hanging crime by Bush has made Obama an accessory after-the-fact, selectively not applying the law regarding his predecessor's enormous crime of aggression against another sovereign nation, which had posed no threat to the U.S., and, even under Bush's lies wasn't clearly indicated to constitute an *invasion-worthy threat* to the United States. The entire Bush Administration had to lie through their teeth in order to invade Iraq — and they did. And now, Obama is part of their crime.

On 26 March 2014, I headlined "Obama Definitely Lied About Having Intent to Prosecute Banksters," and I linked to the sources on that. Although Obama was truthful when he told the assembled banksters in private that he would block any prosecution of them, he lied in public when he said the exact opposite: that he would "hold accountable those who broke the law" regarding those mortgage-backed securities and deceptions against both mortgagees and outside investors.

<u>Subsequently</u>, I listed and documented the following three categories of areas of crime that will need to be investigated and prosecuted regarding Barack Obama: (1) Torture. (2) Protecting Banksters. (3) Perpetrating Ethnic Cleansing Abroad.

Those might seem to be crimes by Republicans, but under Obama they have also become crimes by Democrats. Our entire Federal Government is thus now what one reasonably expects from a dictatorship. We even have the type of press that one expects in a dictatorship.

If this country does not stop being a dictatorship as soon as the next President enters office, and prosecutions start against the prior two Presidents and their officials, then only a violent second American Revolution will stand any realistic possibility of restoring American democracy, and the sham pretenses that this country is a 'democracy' should simply end. Lying doesn't do any good for anybody, except psychopaths. It's doing lots of good for them. And that's why it should stop, right now. We don't need to wait for the next President for that.

There is no excuse for continuing the lying. None at all.

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