

# Predatory Capitalism and the Hidden Drivers beneath Western Barbarism

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*Syria is on the front lines against the dictatorship of a globalizing economic ideology that favours the dominance of capital/markets over people and nation-states.*

Wahhabi Saudi Arabia., the Gulf Monarchies, Israel, and NATO are trying to impose the hidden driver of imperialism, "International Capital", on Syria.

Robin Mathews describes our own capture by international capital in ["The Trans Pacific Partnership: Canada and Imperial Globalization"](#):

A characteristic of Imperial Globalization is criminal manipulation of people and events for the profit of a few. It includes massive 'disinformation' about equality, benefits, social development, law, improved standards of living, etc. The disinformation is spread by 'authoritative' news sources. In the hands of gigantic, wealthy, private corporations, globalization is a process which works to erase sovereign democracies and replaces them with 'treated' sub-states, economic colonies ruled by faceless, offshore, often secret, unaccountable powers.

Whereas Canadians are led to believe that we live in a free and democratic society, we are increasingly engineered to accept the [dictatorship of transnational capital](#) as expressed through international banking institutions (as opposed to publicly-owned banking) and "free trade" agreements, all of which subordinate elected polities and serve the interests of an international oligarch class, to the detriment of Canadians. Both domestically and internationally, wealth is increasingly concentrated in the hands of the few.

So how did Syria, free from terrorists prior to the pre-planned, criminal, imperialist "interventions", earn the distinction of being on the front lines against the West?

Syria insists on choosing its own path, as per international law, and refuses to be a vassal of US led forces of predatory capitalism that siphons the world's resources for the benefit of a transnational oligarch class.

Supremacists, on the other hand, view international law as a disposable commodity.

Countries are opened up for the extraction of human and natural resources. Transnational bankers pry open previously sovereign countries with usurious loans bundled Structural Adjustment Plans that privatize and loot public assets for the benefit of the publicly bailed-out "private" Market.

When all else fails, when sanctions haven't killed and demoralized enough innocent civilians – the “other” — non-compliant civilized nations — face Empire's foot soldiers — the likes of which include ISIS, and al Qaeda/al Nursra Front in Syria.

Zafar Bangath, director of the [Institute of Contemporary Islamic Thought](#) (ICIT), and president of the Islamic Society of [York Region](#), Toronto, ON., explains that Empire is seeking to install a compliant puppet government in Syria; that it is seeking to destroy Syria; and that it seeks to protect Israeli supremacy. Already, he notes, the aggressors have inflicted about \$100 billion worth of damage on the battered country.

His assessment errs on the side of caution. A study by The Lancet, [“Syria: end sanctions and find a political solution to peace”](#) indicates that by the end of 2014, the cost of illegal sanctions imposed on Syria stood at US \$143.8 billion, and that 80% of the population was living in poverty.

Meanwhile, President Assad is well aware of the imperial forces behind the mercenaries invading his country. In a speech to the newly elected members of the People's Assembly, he elaborated upon the modus operandi of the invaders.

- They seek to attack the constitution by means of a so-called “transition” stage
- They seek to destroy the two pillars of the government: the army, and the diverse national, pan-Arab and religious identity of Syrians
- They seek to rebrand the savage terrorists as “moderates” and then to eternally provide them with a cover of legitimacy
- They seek to create chaos, sectarianism, ethnic enclaves that turns the people's commitment from the homeland to conflicting groups that seek help from foreigners against their own people
- They seek to be branded as “humanitarian” and “protectors” to save the people from (externally engineered) conflict and misery.

By imposing economic and armed terrorism on the people, by waging a phony war against their own proxies, and by destroying a countries infrastructure, the imperialists seek to be seen as saviours, humanitarians, protectors, who can then introduce the “free market” of international capital, which will be the coup de grace to effect the final destruction of the host country.

We've seen the same script play out most recently in Libya and Iraq.

Stephen Gowans explains in “Aspiring to Rule the World: US Capital and the Battle for Syria”:

Significantly, every country in which the United States has intervened militarily either directly or through proxies, or threatened militarily, since WWII has had a largely publicly owned economy in which the state has played a decisive role, or has had a at democratized economy where productive assets have been redistributed from private (usually foreign) investors to workers and farmers, and in which room for US banks, US corporations and US investors to exploit the countries' land, labor, markets and resources has been limited, if not altogether prohibited. These include the Soviet Union and its allied socialist countries; China; North Korea; Nicaragua; Yugoslavia; Iraq; Libya; Iran; and now Syria. We might expect that a foreign policy dominated by a wealthy investor class would have this character.

Syria, then, is opposing international forces of Capital that threaten its very existence. These imperial forces are trying to impose a globalized dictatorship of Capital that expresses itself externally in the economic sanctions and the invading terrorists ravaging Syria, even as expresses itself through “internal imperialism” in Western countries such as Canada, where public resources are increasingly looted for the benefit of international investors, and oligarch classes, foreign and domestic.

Instead of worshipping at the altar of transnational predatory capitalism, which is spreading war and poverty throughout the world, we should be embracing “Life Capital”, and the forces of economic and political democracy that accompany it.

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