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[Venezuela: From Oil Proxy to the Bolivarian Movement and Sabotage](#)

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In the period prior to the Bolivarian Revolution, extending into the 1990s, the levels of poverty were abysmally high. *More than 70 percent of the Venezuelan population did not meet minimum calorie and protein requirements, while approximately 45 percent were suffering from extreme undernourishment. More than half of Venezuelan children suffered from some degree of malnutrition.*



[Al-Nusra Front: Islamic State's Breakaway Faction in Syria's Idlib](#)

By [Nauman Sadiq](#), February 08, 2019

In April 2013, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi released an audio statement in which he announced that al-Nusra Front had been established, financed and supported by the Islamic State of Iraq.



[Venezuela - The Straw that Breaks the Empire's Back?](#)

By [Peter Koenig](#), February 08, 2019

A recent independent poll found that 86% of all Venezuelans, including from the opposition, want no interference by the US and her puppet allies, but want to remain a sovereign state, deciding themselves on how to resolve their internal problem – economics and otherwise.



[Resolutely Promised Prosecutions of Climate Criminals May Force Urgent Climate Action](#)

By [Gideon Polya](#), February 08, 2019

While there is “outright climate change denial” by right-wing, anti-science buffoons like US president Donald Trump, there is a dominant global political culture of “effective climate change denial” through climate change inaction that is best illustrated by the woefully insufficient national commitments at the 2015 Paris Climate Change Conference that even if adhered to will amount to a catastrophic 2-9-3.4°C temperature rise by 2100.



[Oil, Agriculture and Imperialism: Averting the Fast-Track to Armageddon?](#)

By [Colin Todhunter](#), February 08, 2019

The US’s hand-picked supposed leader-in-waiting, Juan Guaido, aims to [facilitate the process](#) and usher in a programme of ‘[mass privatisation](#)’ and ‘[hyper-capitalism](#)’ at the behest of his coup-instigating masters in Washington, thereby destroying the socialist revolution spearheaded by the late Hugo Chavez and returning to a capitalist oligarch-controlled economic system.



[How to Destroy a River and Create an Environmental Catastrophe in One Fell Swoop](#)

By [Dr. Gary G. Kohls](#), February 07, 2019

Tens of thousands of people live and fish and harvest wild rice and depend on the fresh water that is provided by the St Louis River estuary. If what happened to the permanently polluted river in Brazil a week ago happens to the proposed PolyMet tailings lagoon, those 12 towns and their people will be severely – and permanently – impacted.



[Peace in Afghanistan? The Taliban’s Moscow Travels Have Turned Them into Seasoned Diplomats](#)

By [Andrew Korybko](#), February 08, 2019

The Taliban are still officially recognized as an “international terrorist group” by the UN in general and many of its member states in particular, but that hasn’t stopped the most

important Great Powers from politically interacting with them for pragmatic reasons as every country in the world ([except for India](#)) excitedly waits to see whether Trump will really clinch a peace deal with the group prior to withdrawing American forces from the war-torn nation.



[Why Are Democrats Driving Regime Change in Venezuela?](#)

By [William Walter Kay](#), February 07, 2019

On December 18, 2014 a Democrat-led Senate passed the *Venezuela Defense of Human Rights and Civil Society Act*. This legislation, sponsored by Democratic Senator Robert Menendez, imposed sanctions on Venezuela while promising support for Venezuelan "civil society."

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