

The Dogs of Empire!

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*All Americans of any persuasion need to search the archives of both the Nazi Holocaust and the 1950- 1960s Civil Rights movement. One will see, quite vividly, the use of trained, tough and violent dogs on unarmed civilians. In Germany it was Jews and political rivals (Communists and Social Democrats) that were set upon by men with sticks and whips leading those vicious dogs. In the south, circa the 50s and 60s, the same scenario held true. Well, under this current far right wing, Neo Fascist (Neo Nazi?) administration, private companies have secured 'Blackwater type' goons, replete with their weapons and trained dogs (read Jeremy Scahill's brilliant 2007 book *Blackwater: The Rise of the World's Most Powerful Mercenary Army*).*

Case in point is what happened in September of 2016 in North Dakota at the Dakota Access Pipeline construction site. Indigenous tribal members, along with other peaceful protestors, concerned with the damage to their lands and clean water, raised hell in a protracted struggle to stop the pipeline. The hired thugs and their dogs, along with lots of pepper spray, attacked the unarmed, peaceful, but vehement group. All in a day's work, yes?



My title seems to refer to dogs. In reality, who are the dogs in question? Man's best friend

was NOT born mean, rather had to be taught so. I guess you can say the same for the goons that are *always* available to do the bidding of the empire. Sometimes the goons are from the same race and class as those they attack. One can study India, before independence, to see how the low level indigenous police were used by the Brits to 'Keep the rabble in line'. The Brits were shrewder than we here in Amerika. Here it became, for God knows how long (still?), whereupon whites did the policing everywhere, *including* in the minority sections of towns. If one looks at the footage of that North Dakota 2016 pipeline protest, you won't see any non whites shooting the pepper spray as they sicced their dogs.

It seems our empire *always* has a full supply of 'Dogs' to do their bidding. Sadly, if one could study the US grunts, our 'Boots on the ground', from Iraq (phony wars) 1 and 2 and Afghanistan, one sees the race and class of the overwhelming majority of them.

In my recent interview with Dr. TP Wilkinson on his history of policing in Amerika, we learn that these original 'Dogs' were called the *Slave Patrols* in the south. They were hired by the plantation owners to go and find runaway slaves and bring them back... for a bounty.

After the Civil War local police in *All* parts of Amerika were used primarily to 'Keep watch' on the factories and businesses of the super rich, to, well, 'Keep the rabble (unions and striking workers) in line'. This has continued throughout the decades, from the coal mining areas, the agricultural fields, factory assembly lines... *anywhere* that the super rich employ lower paid drones to punch out products for their enormous profits.

It never changes. Why? Well, when you have a 'Bought and paid for' Two Party/One Party con job, there is little or NO representation for working stiffs. Never was. One hopes that someday, as in the great John Sayles 1987 film classic *Matawan*, about the 1920 Mingo County, West Virginia coal miners' strike, those who are supposed to 'Serve and Protect' do so for working stiffs FIRST!

Don't just blame the dogs of empire... blame those who enticed them to do those evil deeds also.

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