

Three Deep State Confessions on Syria

Rare admissions from deep within the Washington blob...

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First, all the way back in 2005 — more than a half decade before the war began — CNN's Christiane Amanpour told Assad to his face that regime change is coming. Thankfully this was in a televised and archived interview, now for posterity to behold.

Amanpour, it must be remembered, was married to former US Assistant Secretary of State James Rubin (until 2018), who further advised both President Obama and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Washington was "actively looking for a new Syrian leader" looong before the civil war in Syria began pic.twitter.com/3wOrtI29Od

— In the NOW (@IntheNow_tweet) [November 1, 2019](#)

Next, a surprisingly blunt assessment of where Washington currently stands after eight years of the failed push to oust Assad and influence the final outcome of the war, from the very man who was among the early architects of America's covert "arm the jihadists to topple the dictator" campaign.

Myself and others [long ago documented](#) how former Ambassador to Syria Robert Ford worked with and funded a Free Syrian Army commander who led ISIS suicide bombers into the battlefield in 2013.

Amb. Ford has since [admitted](#) this much (that US proxy 'rebels' and ISIS worked together in the early years of the war), and now admits defeat in the below recent interview as perhaps a reborn 'realist'.

How is it that Robert Ford, one of the architects of the Islamist insurgency in [#Syria](#) and a man who tirelessly campaigned for the Al-Qaeda tied Ahrar Al-Sham to replace the Assad government, is now being so realistic and actually talking sense? (Interview Oct 10, 2019) pic.twitter.com/OZWrdjbWK

— Walid (@walid970721) [November 6, 2019](#)

And finally, not everyone is as pessimistic on the continuing prospects for yet more US-led regime change future efforts as Robert Ford is above. Below is an astoundingly blunt articulation of the next disturbing phase of US efforts in Syria, from an October 31

conference at the [Center for Strategic and International Studies \(CSIS\)](#).

“The panel featured the two co-chairs of the [Syria Study Group](#), a bi-partisan working group appointed by Congress to draft a new US war plan for Syria,” The Grayzone’s Ben Norton [wrote](#) of the below clip.

At a US gov-funded think tank, this official who oversaw Congress' Syria Study Group outlines the continued regime-change strategy.

She says the US military "owned" 1/3rd of Syrian territory, including its oil/wheat-rich region. And the US is trying to block reconstruction funds pic.twitter.com/NIEJ9elxhs

— Ben Norton (@BenjaminNorton) [November 5, 2019](#)

With [images](#) now circulating of Trump’s “secure the oil” policy in effect, which has served to at least force pro-interventionist warmongers to drop all high-minded humanitarian notions of “democracy promotion” and “freedom” and R2P doctrine, etc... as descriptive of US motives in Syria, the above blunt admissions of [Dana Stroul](#), the Democratic co-chair of the Syria Study Group, are ghastly and chilling in terms of what’s next for the suffering population of Syria.

America is not finished, apparently, and it’s likely to get a lot uglier than merely [seizing](#) the oil.

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