

## Violence Is as Violence Does. All in the Name of "Restoring Democracy"

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Anyone remember the line from the film Forest Gump: 'Stupid is as stupid does'? Well, now we have, each and every passing day, the bastard children of our violent empire. Yes, violence has always been with us, this the frailty and flaw of humanity. One would think that as more (supposedly) 'evolved' a culture becomes, the less inclined it is to choose violence as a meaningful expression of distaste or disagreement. No siree bob! Amerika in this the 21st Century is more and more violent.

Think about this when you hear of crazed individuals blowing away groups of people, or a professional football player 'losing it' and crashing a helmet on the *bare* head of the opposing quarterback at the end of his team's winning game. Recently, the fifteen year old boy shooter at the California grade school and the man child football player are but symptoms of just how violent our Amerikan empire has become. Most of the apathetic public have never been too concerned for what *their* government has done and is doing to the people of other nations. Go back to the disgraceful and immoral (so called) *Vietnam War*, whereupon Uncle Sam interceded in what was in essence a civil war between the Vietnamese people. We bombed the shit out of those people, with Napalm and other incendiary devices that either *melted* or maimed for life hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese. Let us not forget the 50,000 US servicemen who came home, like Vito P. and Tommy I. from my neighborhood, in wooden boxes, and the tens of thousands of their 'brothers in arms' who lost arms, legs, eyes and in many cases their minds for life! Many great directors like Oliver Stone, Francis Ford Coppola, Michael Cimino and Stanley Kubrick captured the sad reality of that *Phony War*.

Throughout the 1970s, 80s and 90s, and finally right into this new century, this Amerikan empire has trampled on the bodies of so many civilians worldwide, all in the name of 'Restoring Democracy'. Sadly, where is that *democracy* right here at home? The super rich, whether private or corporate, have the money to place the candidates they purchase on *Column A or Column B* of this Two Party/One Party scam. The only *democracy* they allow is to let the suckers... sorry, the voters, to make the final choice... Sometimes. I say sometimes because in 2000 and even 2004 they wouldn't even allow that to chance. The *Fix* was in both times. This writer recalls how even the *Deep State* stooge, pollster Dick Morris, as political analyst for one of the news networks, summed it up best on election night 2004. When he noticed how the exit polls in Ohio were decidedly for John Kerry, he remarked how they were always 'right on target'. Later in the night, when it became clear that Junior Bush would win Ohio, Morris said in essence that 'Something smelled!' No guns were needed at all to maintain the status quo of continuing to keep our republic hostage and *undemocratic*.

Martin Luther King Jr. said it best: "The greatest purveyor of violence in the world: My own

government. I cannot remain silent." Even in the sports world violence reigns supreme. For over a century baseball was called 'America's pastime'. Since our intrusion into Vietnam football became our new 'Amerikan pastime'. Think about this: Wars are fought for gaining another's territory... by force. Football's game plan is to move into and take over the other team's territory, and finally, to land into what they call 'The END Zone'. Reminiscent of the anger and rage that permeated in Weimar Germany circa 1930, as the Nazi mindset gained influence amongst rank and file Germans, so one can feel it here and now in Amerika. The Deep State's scapegoating of foreign nations parallels a similar attitude by many towards foreigners and or non white and non Christian peoples right here at home. For some who think and behave that way we can dismiss them as just being foolish or stupid. Yet, many fine and decent folks in Germany circa 1930 may have said the same thing about those jackasses in brown or black uniforms wearing the swastika. What Forrest Gump should have said is "Evil is as evil does".

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