

America: War, War and More WAR -- Isn't that just Dandy!

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The internal forces of destruction within the USA, which President Eisenhower warned the American public about in his farewell address, are today too big to oppose by mere presidents, which are actually installed into office by these nefarious, destructive forces; and yet one force remains that could easily vanquish the mass murdering destructive criminal elements that have taken over the USA. And that is the people -- nothing is able to oppose a united population determined to reclaim its nation, FACT, as history has verified time after time.

So, the problem is really not what many think, including Eisenhower, the PROBLEM is staring back at you in the mirror -- nothing more need be said. There is no-one to blame or point the finger at but you and your supremely cowardly character. So by all means allow minority interests to continue to screw YOU without response.

The first revolution is PERSONAL, only after you transform within are you able to make a change/difference externally. Therefore it becomes clear that the existing status quo is under no threat whatsoever, as the American people are the most cowardly on the planet, plain to see -- take by CONTRAST the example of Afghanis and the Vietnamese -- rag-tag, under-equipped groups that the USA was and is unable to deal with, simply due to the FACT that these peoples are BRAVE -- ever heard of the word you yankee gutless wonders?

I would state this plainly for the world to judge; should the USA choose WAR after puppet (now obvious) Trump is installed as president then America's fate is sealed. Clearly, the USA is morally bankrupt and LACKS the moral fibre, character, will AND COURAGE to prevail in any situation though its mass media continues to convince its spineless, apathetic, dependent population it can't be beaten, even in view of hard reality -- no victories in Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, Yemen etc -- that is the REALITY!

With the exception of Vietnam, which peoples never allowed their leader Ho Chi Minh to be assassinated or deposed (take heed world) the above devastated nations today certainly do NOT appear as conquered because their people's have NOT succumbed. America's 'victories' exist only in the American Dreamworld. So give it your best shot doodles, as you would most certainly LOSE against China and Russia.

But don't forget to consume your media daily, doodles, it's so comforting to dream and live in complete illusion -- the fact is you have already lost.

Article from 'CommonDreams' (sorry) follows:

With Eye to Trump, Obama Outlines How Best to Wage America's Endless War

by Lauren McCauley

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President Barack Obama this week is attempting to defend his questionable counter-terrorism strategy before handing over the vast and [much-expanded](#) presidential war powers to Donald Trump.

The outgoing president on Tuesday gave his final foreign policy [speech](#) at MacDill Air Force Base in Tampa, home to Central Command and Special Operations Command, during which he touted some of the strategies he used in fighting the so-called "War on Terror."

The central idea," USA Today [reported](#) ahead of the speech, is "[t]hat the United States should stay true to its values even while fighting a ruthless enemy."

Deputy National Security advisor Ben Rhodes said the speech "wasn't intended as a direct appeal to Trump," the newspaper notes. But, given that his successor has openly discussed bringing back torture and frequently eschews the rule of law, Obama's speech had added resonance.

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With an eye to that presidential transition, the White House on Monday published a lengthy [report](#) (pdf) outlining the "legal and policy frameworks" for deployment of the "use of military force and related national security operations," along with an accompanying presidential [memo](#).

In the memo, Obama emphasizes "the importance of transparency" in regards to "use of military force," and directs future national security agencies to annually "review and update" the report, making it publicly available in the Federal Register.

Rights groups applauded the effort as "long overdue and welcome," and "an important step toward greater transparency," but some warned that many of the policies presented by the outgoing president are nonetheless troubling—and not necessarily forthright.

As Intercept reporter Alex Emmons put it, "in trying to defend Obama's legacy, the report paints a picture of an administration far more restrained than it was in practice."

He writes:

Obama dramatically [escalated](#) the use of drones to kill alleged terrorists far away from recognized warzones. [...]

But more quietly, Obama has continued to expand the power of the president to wage covert war. The Washington Post [reported](#) last month that Obama was elevating Joint Special Operations Command—the government's high-level team for global killing missions—into a "new multiagency intelligence and action force," with expanded power to launch attacks on terrorist groups around the world.

The vast report covers the legal frameworks for military force and support overseas, as well as "the application of legal and policy frameworks to U.S. operations in key theaters," including Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Somalia, Libya, and Yemen.

It also describes "key legal and policy frameworks related to the conduct of hostilities," including: "targeting; the capture of individuals in armed conflict; the detention of individuals in armed conflict; the prosecution of individuals through the criminal justice system and military commissions; and the transfer of armed conflict detainees."

"While certain U.S. positions raise serious international law concerns, this comprehensive description of U.S. policy and practice lays out minimum standards that the next administration should meet and improve upon," said Laura Pitter, U.S. national security counsel at Human Rights Watch, which published a thorough <https://www.hrw.org/news/2016/12/06/us-counterterrorism-report-sets-standards> reading of the White House report on Tuesday.

"It clearly reads like an explanation, a textbook that's left for the next person," Naureen Shah, director of the Security With Human Rights Program at Amnesty International, told Emmons. "Here are all the things you cannot do."

Among the revelations in the report, it shows how the administration has leaned on the 2001 Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) repeatedly to expand operations against the Islamic State. As USA Today pointed out, "the report revealed for the first time Monday that the same justification has been used to attack the Somali militant group al Shabaab."

In a press statement on Tuesday, Rep. Barbara Lee (D-Calif.) [reiterated](#) her call for Congress to repeal the AUMF. "This report details the vast scope of U.S. military operations, in our nation and abroad, as well as the administration's reliance on the outdated 2001 Authorization for the Use of Military Force," Lee said. "It's past time for Congress to repeal this blank check for endless war and live up to our obligation to debate matters of war and peace."

Hina Shamsi, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's National Security Project, said the report "is long overdue and welcome, as is any national security transparency by this administration."

Shamsi acknowledged that "aspects of the report are strong, including the clear acknowledgement that torture and cruel treatment are always illegal under domestic and international law.

"But," she added, "we are sorely disappointed that even as it imposes policy limitations, the administration continues to claim broad authority to kill abroad, invoking the laws of war where they do not apply and doing so without any congressional authorization. In the next administration, we will continue our work to rein in overbroad and unlawful claims of executive authority to kill."

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