

# The Monster Fears its Shadow

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War is used to subjugate economic, political or religious power to the interest of usually a very small group of persons. The broad support needed to precipitate a war, and maintain the "moral" of the participating peoples is an art invoking rudimentary aspects of human nature, including patriotism, fear and chauvinism. A superiority complex is cultivated leading to a profound sense of "good" battling "evil". The devastating consequences of war are rarely contemplated by those swept away by the euphoria. The immediate loss of loved ones, the orphaning of children, a dramatic decrease in the living standard of involved nations, a general decline of world educational, economic, social, and ecological systems as energy, resources, and manpower are steered away from objective education, progress and conservation and diverted into prejudices and concentrated efforts of mass destruction and environmental degradation.

America wants another war with Iraq. The interest group promoting this war is perhaps the smallest group of instigators in the history of wars among nations. The Bush family, along with a few close allies in the petroleum and military industrial complexes (to be called the "Instigators" in what follows) are on the verge of swaying the vast majority of Americans into seeing an urgent need for a war with Iraq. Even the most calculating strategists of the American society see the risk factor of such a war as being very low and the possible spoils as being very high. The belief is that the US military will quickly take control of Iraq using "intelligent" weaponry, causing little civilian casualty. The benefits of winning a war in Iraq are made out by the Instigators to be much more extensive than the goals sought exclusively by them. Unfettered access to oil fields and economic markets, political influence and the enforcement of Christian values in largely Muslim countries, and more security to the contested position of Israel in occupying Palestinian territory, have all been mentioned as spoils.

In the last war with Iraq, initiated on the pretext of its invasion into Kuwait, it was admitted that 7 Americans died while something like 100,000 Iraqi soldiers were killed. Half of these, 50,000, were "shot in the back" so to speak, in only one day, as they retreated from Kuwait. Another 25,000 Iraq civilians were estimated to have been killed as the US bombed "strategic interests", such as water supplies, hospitals, power generating stations, pharmaceutical plants, etc., and even a bomb shelter in Baghdad in which some 500 women and children were killed while sheltering from the massive onslaught. The explosive power of the equivalent of more than 7 atomic bombs of the size dropped on Hiroshima or Nagasaki, was unleashed on the "innocent" targets across Iraq. The destruction of infrastructure was so intense, and the following embargo on food and medicines so complete, that UN workers have estimated that 1.5 million Iraqis, mainly children, have died since the original onslaught, directly related to the destruction of infrastructure. Still births and infant deformities are the latest casualties of the use of dirty radioactive "depleted uranium warhead" bombs which have seriously contaminated the Iraqi environment and will have to be contended with for many years to come. To add insult to injury, the United States of America and Britain have bombed civilian facilities within Iraq continually since the official cease fire of 1991, finally obligating Iraq to conform to western arrogance and inhumanity.

The Instigators of these horrendous crimes against humanity are still at large and are free men living in the United States of America and Britain. Not satisfied with the spoils from their previous war, they are now organizing at a frenzied pace the perpetration of yet a still larger massacre. This time with the intention of "finishing the job". The new war will be much more devastating than the previous one. The already decimated Iraqi infrastructure will collapse under the weight of more bombs. In the aftermath, the Instigators and their allies will not have the resources to maintain their occupation, nor the moral strength to attend the suffering. They will be forced to leave while making alliances with the less progressive elements of Iraqi society (talks between the Instigators and repressive elements of Iraqi society are already under way in third party countries). If such elements are propped into power they will imply further instability for the middle east, and in fact, less security for the state of Israel. This mistake has been made countless times by the Instigators and their mentors but the lesson is not to be learned since the goal is short term profit and not long term stability.

In order to legitimize their plot and to physically place the war machine motion, they need the general support of the masses who will be required to gamble their lives and future living standard on the potential of greater spoils. The popularity of a new war among Americans is generated by the communication and economic interest strategists who have played on the publics heightened fear over "terrorist" attacks since the downing of the World Trade Center. In a script which out does even the best from Hollywood, economic, political and religious interests are molded into a global picture in which the United States is painted as a flowering blossom in a world full of evil and treachery. The values of the American collective are depicted as liberal, freedom loving, environmentally clean and, above all, to be aspired by all nations. Little note do the Instigators make of the warnings of the global community, nor of recent forums, organized by their more reflective compatriots, on the reasons behind global anti-Americanism.

The important element of the picture painted by these American artists is that of Saddam Hussein playing the part of a egotistical devil maniac bent on world destruction just for his own amusement. The rest of the Iraqis are painted as a diffuse background consisting of weak, or at best brain washed, followers who wouldn't dare oppose the wrath of Saddam. There are enough recent "journalists" who have saturated the western literature on these themes built on ignorance and manipulating fear and hate. It is a rather abominable hypocrisy that the Instigators have employed the banner "weapons of mass destruction" as their primordial justification for their planned onslaught. Being masters at not only the development, distribution and stockpiling of these weapons, but also at being the undisputed champions of their usage, the Instigators are like the monster that, having been on the rampage, justifies its hostilities by pointing out the fear it sees in its own shadow.

The Instigators have tried hard to implicate the Iraqi head of state with recent terrorist actions against American interests, without much credibility. This suggestion, is yet another abominable hypocrisy since the mentor of these terrorist acts was really a former employee of the Central Intelligence Agency, an institution sponsored by the Instigators. These alliances and adventures caused unimaginable suffering and devastation in Afghanistan, and were the roots of the suffering in America caused by terrorist actions against the World Trade Center. The Instigators, instead of offering apologies for manufacturing and supporting the terrorists, are parading as champions in the invented "war" against them.

The present intoxication of the American public with its countries singular "superpower" status is facilitating the Instigators plan for new atrocities. Fundamental flaws in the social system existent in America, in particular the lack of emphasis on education and culture, has catalyzed this intoxication among the masses. Only through concerted efforts by the educated and progressive elements of both eastern and western society could humanity hope to evade what appears to be an inevitable war in Iraq with its horrendous consequences in terms of human suffering, global reverse, environmental

destruction, and further instability in the middle east.

What can the progressive peoples of this world do to participate in the taming of the monster? Unfortunately, it appears that the Instigators are too enthralled in their quest for fulfillment of personal goals to be persuaded otherwise. However, they need the support of the masses to carry out their massacres. It remains possible that the educated and progressive peoples of this planet still have a chance to persuade the masses in time. It is in the interest of every educated citizen of this planet to inform the less educated of the dangers. It is well known that Western society responds extraordinarily well to economic stimulus and reprisals. As a temporal protest, every educated citizen could take pains to avoid buying material goods manufactured in one of the war mongering nations (Britain and the United States of America in particular) until these nations realize that war and destruction should not be part of their economic agenda. These rogue states may once again become part of the civilized, international community once new cultural and social values have replaced the current tendencies of bigotry and arrogance sponsored by the greed and ignorance of an unfortunate segment of their respective societies.

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