

# Destruction of Societal Diversity and the Danger of the New World Order

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The recent attacks by the NATO war machine on the Serbs of Yugoslavia sets an extremely destabilizing precedent for world peace and progress. The excuse offered by NATO for this aggression is to save lives and prevent the ethnic cleansing. This rather simple, attractive and apparently humane justification has been accepted, without critical evaluation, by a large number of citizens and world leaders. However, a large number of critically thinking citizens have not accepted this as reasonable justification. As concerned citizens of the world, we have an obligation to analyze the nature of NATO action and warn of the dangers of this type of adventurism at a very vulnerable point in the evolution of human society.

## 1 The Cause

With the collapse of the economic fabric of the socialist and communist societies in eastern Europe, the moral fabric has also been torn. The conscience of the citizens has turned from one based on the community and mutual respect to one of individualism and self survival in an increasingly deprived and hostile environment. Objectivity and tolerance for ethnic diversity have given way to irrational religious and ethnic superiority complexes nurtured by western interest in dismantling former adversaries. Far from resulting from simply a lifting of controlling or repressive governments, as proclaimed by much western propaganda, there has been a sustained change in attitude and perception of citizens to culturally distinct viewpoints, fueled by the loss of an ethnically independent moral constitution and a grave and extended economic crisis. Western countries must accept responsibility for the present chaos in the East through the promotion of the break-up of these countries attributable, in the most part, to an anti-communist neurosis. The United States of America has taken the lead here by supplying the moral and military means for the separation of countries into religious and ethnic kingdoms, a regression to a darker past of human history. Yugoslavia is only the last in a string of eastern countries now in disarray which have suffered American intervention; Afghanistan, Iraq, Russia and now Yugoslavia. Once cold war strategy with little effectiveness, American policy is now wrecking havoc in the floundering and unprotected societies of eastern Europe.

## 2 The Reasons

What are the reasons behind the western countries, principally the United States and Great Britain, involvement in the politics of the eastern European countries? Is it for humanitarian reasons? In view of the tremendous suffering that the west has intentionally inflicted on a very large number of countries over the last 50 years, this excuse is not acceptable. Instead, I suggest that it is a complex mix of reasons of which I will outline below.

First, and perhaps most importantly, the United States realizes the importance of political and economic influence in the rest of the world in maintaining a relatively high standard of living for its own citizens. The American economy, far from being based on internal efficiency and ingenuity, is determined to a large extent by manipulating and saturating the international markets through publicity and influence in economic and political affairs of other countries. The success of this policy is evident in the international attractiveness of the American dollar and stock markets, the Coca Cola company, the global distribution of Hollywood movies, and record sales of US made weapons on the international market. Yugoslavia is located on the cross roads of of east and west markets, an opportunity which US interests just couldn't leave alone.

Secondly, with the collapse of the Soviet Union, a type of phobia has taken hold in the American population in which they have collectively assumed the American economic, political and social culture as being the model to be aspired by all countries. This insistence on cultural uniformity, backed up by economic and military sanctions is, interestingly, a most hideous type of ethnic cleansing, because rather than forming enclaves or ethnic kingdoms, it obliterates completely the diversity which is necessary for the evolution of human society. In Yugoslavia, this has to do with the unacceptable fact, from a western viewpoint, that the citizens of this country have twice democratically re-elected a communist government. And, perhaps even worse, that a head of state has challenged and discredited American foreign policy.

Third, unlike in the former Soviet Union, the American military machine is still very much alive and an active player in the economic and political sphere. Interventions are of American interest because of a number of factors related to the military. First, the display of fireworks is excellent publicity for selling American military hardware on the international market, especially attractive to developing countries which can least afford it. The Americans are the undisputed experts in creating weapons of mass destruction and this distinction has made them the favorite supplier of weapons. Weapons sold to third parties and resold to warring factions, which in fact have been the tools of most of the ethnic cleansing. It is no coincidence that the American stock markets and economy rose dramatically after the Gulf war, lead mainly by gains in companies with interests in machines of war. Secondly, intervention in vulnerable countries provides an excellent opportunity to put the military machine to test and train with little involved risk to American men or machines.

### 3 The Danger

In the short term, such adventurist policies will have the destabilizing effect of inducing other ethnic groups to try for independence and other groups to justify their need for a greater military arsenal to protect themselves from ethnic or religious kingdom making and the new imperialist tendencies. This has most recently been made clear by statements from the Ukrainian government that, as a result of the American intervention in Yugoslavia, they will reconsider the removal of nuclear weapons from their soil. Can the western powers really expect disarmament to be a legitimate interest of nations in the present climate of dictatorship of the militarily strong? Of course, along with the increase in armaments will come a corresponding increase in poverty and disparity between the nations that produce military technology and those that will see the need to buy it.

This unilateral attack does of course make a mockery of the international institutions invented to prevent conflicts such as the United Nations. It is incredible that the present chair of the United Nations, did not protest vigorously against such unilateral action, which breaks many international laws and agreements, instead apparently condoning the action by saying that in certain cases unilateral military action could be justified. Such a ridiculous statement by the highest representative of the United Nations shows the extent to which the United States has carried out, and gotten away with, political cleansing in the world community!

The American generated conflicts, far from being regional skirmishes have lasting and negative

consequences for the peace and progress of all human society. Perhaps the most long term and offensive effect of the economic and political cleansing practiced by the United States of America is the removal of diversity from human society. Diversity in the natural world has long been recognized as being essential to the successful survival and evolution of species. A flexible response to changing natural conditions, allows for survival and, more importantly, increases stability through the adoption of new mechanisms. It is widely recognized that human culture and society in general, since the beginning of agriculture has been evolving with new cultures and societies based on older ones. For many centuries, diversity was maintained through geographical isolation of the societies. Inter-breeding of these societies through the occasional cultural, scientific or military exchange led to our so called modern humanistic societies with the intention of preserving the environment, human rights, and democratic institutions and all those aspects of modern society which, at present, collectively the world community considers as virtues. At this critical juncture in human societal evolution, in which humans can exercise military and economic control over large groups or societies, and even continents, it becomes imperative that a new awareness of the dangers take hold. Is it thus wise to deny future generations of this diversity which has worked so well in the past ? Would it not be better rather than to presume omnipotence, by defining "right" and "wrong", to let these definitions remain in constant evolution, taking nourishment from a diverse arena of political, economic and social beliefs ? American political and economic cleansing, coupled with its present military and economic might, is the most serious threat to the continued evolution and progression of human society.

## 4 What can be Done?

As concerned and critically thinking citizens of the world, we have an obligation to carefully analyze, discuss and point out the dangers of these types of insults on humanity. As individuals, we could do most by promoting open and aggressive discussion amongst ourselves and amongst political representatives. On a national scale, recent moves by both Canada and Mexico, most affected neighbors of the United States, to reduce the influence of American culture in radio and television are good moves. On a global scale, we should demand an immediate democratization of the United Nations in which each country or set of cultural values has a similar influence in decisions of an international nature. We should also press for the abolition of special interest groups such as NATO which neither had nor have any place in a dynamic, diverse and tolerant world community.

## 5 Summary

Human society has reached a critical point in which a single set of cultural values professed by a privileged group can now be imposed on larger communities due to the enormous disparity in economic and technical progress. Technical superiority combined with ignorance and arrogance can fuel cultural superiority complexes which lead to political, economic and social cleansing, thereby removing diversity from society. Without diversity, human society will stagnate, leaving the status quo of poverty, disparity, violence and destruction of the environment, as our vision of the future. As critically thinking citizens of the world, we have an obligation to carefully analyze the new world order and warn of the long term dangers.

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