



Coups Arranged or Backed by the USA

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Introduction

Since 1945, the USA has been responsible either directly or indirectly of helping remove dozens of governments, many democratically elected, around the world. Sometimes the events are kept secret for years and only slowly come out. Other times, the events are the cause of demonstrations, anger and resentment at the time they occur.

Whenever, an event like this occurs there are two reasons to be considered.

- **Reason 1:** The reason given by the USA, its media and its friends around the world. Reasons like Communism, Terrorism, Human Rights, Freedom, Liberation, Weapons of Mass Destruction, etc.
- **Reason 2:** The actual reason. This is usually hidden from the general public and has to be looked for in quotes by under-reported officials or subsequent events on the ground. Often, the victims of the change of government know the real reasons better than the populations of the Western countries. Real reasons are many but usually include Business Interests, Access to Resources, Markets, Military Bases, Strategic Value, or Political Support.

In the list below only **successful** changes of government are listed. Many attempts have failed. **Cuba** is the best example of this.

Year	Country	Reason Given	Actual Reason
1949	Syria	Communism	Elected government against USA political interests and pro-Palestinian.
1949	Greece	Communism	Elected government against USA political and economic interests.
1952	Cuba	None	Elected government against USA business interests.
1953	Iran	None	Elected government against USA oil interests.
1953	British Guyana	None	Access to sugar and bauxite.
1954	Guatemala	Communism	Elected government against USA business interests.
1955	South Vietnam	Communism	French backed leader replaced by USA backed leader.
1957	Haiti	Haiti is near the USA	Previous government against USA business interests.
1958	Laos	None	Pro-USA government wanted.
1959	Laos	None	Pro-USA government wanted.
1960	South Korea	Communism	Previous leader not strong enough for USA.
1960	Laos	None	Pro-USA government wanted.
1960	Ecuador	Communism	Previous government too independent in foreign policy.
1963	Dominican Republic	Business Interests	Elected government against USA business interests.
1963	South Vietnam	None	Previous leader's policies led to televised suicides.
1963	Honduras	Communism	Pro-USA government and access to resources.
1963	Guatemala	Communism	Military government was about to allow elections.
1963	Ecuador	None	Elected government too independent.
1964	Brazil	Communism	Access to resources and cheap labour.
1964	Bolivia	Communism	Previous government too independent in foreign policy.
1965	Zaire	None	Access to cobalt, copper and diamonds.
1966	Ghana	None	Previous government too independent in foreign policy.
1967	Greece	None	Military bases.
1970	Cambodia	None	Previous king against USA political interests.
1970	Bolivia	None	Country took ownership of its oil and tin.
1972	El Salvador	Communism	Elected leader against USA business interests.
1973	Chile	Communism	Elected government against USA business interests.
1975	Australia	None	Elected government had unsuitable foreign policy.
1979	South Korea	None	Pro-USA government wanted.

1980	Liberia	Democracy	Pro-USA government wanted.
1982	Chad	None	Pro-USA government wanted.
1983	Grenada	Democracy	Pro-USA government wanted.
1987	Fiji	Democracy	Previous elected government supported nuclear-free Pacific.
2002	Venezuela	None	Disagreed with foreign policy of elected government.
2004	Haiti	Fraudulent elections	Disagreed with economic policy of elected government.

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Quotes

William Blum, USA writer from the book, "Rogue State":

"From 1945 to the end of the [20th] century, the USA attempted to overthrow more than 40 foreign governments, and to crush more than 30 populist-nationalist movements struggling against intolerable regimes. In the process, the USA caused the end of life for several million people, and condemned many millions more to a life of agony and despair".

Michael Krenn, quoting the USA chargé d'Affairs in 1929;

"Until the Venezuelan people could be trusted to make the right decisions concerning their political and economic direction - and that time was deemed to be in the very distant future - it was best for all concerned that they be kept safe from democracy."

CIA document, dated 10 September 1973 about Chile:

"The coup attempt will begin September 11. All three branches of the armed forces and the Carabineros are involved in this action. A declaration will be read on Radio Agricultura at 7 A.M. on 11 September."

Jack Kubisch, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State. Testimony before the USA House Subcommittee on Inter American Affairs 20 September 1973 about the Chilean coup:

"Gentlemen, I wish to state as flatly and as categorically as I possibly can that we did not have advance knowledge of the coup that took place on September 11."

Pentagon's Planning Guidance for the Fiscal Years 1994 - 1999, a USA planning document:

"Our first objective is to prevent the re-emergence of a new rival... we must maintain the mechanisms for deterring potential competitors from even aspiring to a larger regional or global role."

Bill Clinton, USA president, speaking in Greece;

"When the junta took over in 1967 here the United States allowed its interests in prosecuting the Cold War to prevail over its interests - I should say its obligation - to support democracy, which was, after all, the cause for which we fought the Cold War. it is important that we acknowledge that."

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When the USA is not actively removing governments it disapproves of, it is normally very busy interfering in other nations' affairs. The interference may be financial, military, overt (out in the open) or covert (under-cover, secret).

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The given reasons have evolved as the politics of the world has changed. Where it was once Communism then Fundamentalism, it is now Weapons or Terrorism.

All of this assumes that the USA has the unilateral right to dictate to other countries how they should run their political, religious, economic and cultural affairs. This is an assumption that is never challenged in the Western media.

The USA frequently interferes in nations' elections. At the same time it is against the law to interfere in USA elections. The USA often insists on countries having **United Nations** inspections for weapons programs while denying access for its own extensive chemical, nuclear and biological armoury. The USA will use the international legal system when it suits but ignore its resolutions if they go against the USA. This behaviour is reported around the world leading to much anger and resentment at the USA. Little of this gets reported to the USA public however.

The USA has, by far, bombed more countries than any other nation. Sometimes the **United Nations** approves. If it does not, the USA will bomb anyway. Many countries are subject to unilateral economic sanctions by the USA. **Cuba** is a good example. The USA will not only

impose sanctions but often cajoles and bullies other countries to follow it. Again, the **United Nations** is used if possible, and ignored if not.

Much of the world feels like there is one law for the USA and its friends, another law for everyone else.

Year	Country	Action	Reason Given	Actual Reason
1947	France	Election Finance; Economic Coersion	Communism	Wanted pro-USA government and French recolonisation of Vietnam.
1947	Italy	Election Finance; Economic Coersion	Communism	Wanted pro-USA and pro-business government.
1947	Greece	Military Backing	Communism	Wanted pro-USA government and military bases.
1947	Philippines	Election Finance	None	Military bases.
1948	Peru	Military Backing	None	Control of government.
1948	Vietnam	Military Backing	Communism	Support for French recolonisation. Fear of independent Vietnam.
1948	Nicaragua	Military Backing	None	Pro-USA government and access to plantations.
1949	China	Arms Sales; Bombing	Communism	Access to a pro-USA and pro-business government.
1950	Colombia	Food Aid	Humanitarian	Destruction of an agricultural rival.
1950	Korea	Killing Civilians	None	Unknown.
1950	Puerto Rico	Military Action	None	To crush independence movement.
1953	Philippines	Election Finance	None	Wanted pro-USA government and military bases.
1954	Vietnam	Military Backing	Communism	Fear of united and powerful independent country.
1955	Europe	Election Finance	None	Wanted united pro-USA, pro-NATO and anti-socialist Europe.
1956	Egypt	Sanctions	Communism	Country took ownership of its Suez Canal and opposed USA Middle East policy.
1957	Jordan	Military Training	None	Wanted strong pro-USA government.
1958	Lebanon	Military Action	None	Removal of anti-West dissidents.
1958	Indonesia	Election Finance	None	Government is against USA business interests.
1958	Japan	Election Finance	None	To keep pro-USA governments in power.
1959	Haiti	Military Action	None	To crush rebellion against pro-USA government.

1959	Nepal	Covert Action	None	To help pro-USA government win power.
1960	Congo	Assassination	None	Wanted to remove popular and nationalist leader; access to minerals.
1960	Cuba	Trade Embargo	Communism	Country using its resources for its own people.
1960	Iraq	Destabilisation	None	Leader founds and supports OPEC.
1961	Cuba	Secret Invasion	None	Country using its resources for its own people.
1961	Dominican Republic	Assassination	None	Unknown.
1962	Vietnam	Military Action	Communism	Country wanted unity and independence.
1962	Cuba	Economic Sabotage	None	Country using its resources for its own people.
1962	Brazil	Election Finance	None	Wanted pro-business government.
1962	Dominican Republic	Political Coersion	None	Unknown.
1963	Iraq	Assassination; Intelligence	Communism	Previous government against USA oil interests; removal of dissidents.
1963	El Salvador	Advisors	Communism	Removal of anti-USA dissidents.
1964	North Vietnam	Bombing	None	Removal of independent government.
1964	South Vietnam	Torture Training	Communism	Suppression of independence movements.
1964	Panama	Military Action	Law and Order	Suppression of movement demanding return of canal.
1965	Vietnam	Military Action	Communism	To keep the country from uniting.
1965	Dominican Republic	Intervention	Communism	To keep elected leader from returning to power.
1965	Indonesia	Intelligence	Communism	Removal of dissidents. Helping a pro-business regime.
1965	Laos	Destabilisation; Bombing	Communism	Denial of support for Vietnam.
1965	Thailand	Military Aid	None	Support for pro-USA government; military bases.
1965	Peru	Military Aid	None	Support for pro-USA government.
1966	Vietnam	Village Clearing; Bombing	Communism	Political control of the country.
1966	Laos	Bombing	None	Denial of support for Vietnam.
1966	Central Africa	Finance	None	Access to uranium.
1966	Bolivia	Election Finance	None	Access to minerals and oil.
1967	Vietnam	Military Action	Communism	Political control of the country.

1967	Cuba	Assassination	None	Removal of popular leader.
1968	Vietnam	Village Clearing; Bombing	Communism	Political control of country.
1969	Cambodia	Secret Bombing	None	Denial of support for Vietnam.
1969	Vietnam	Military Action	Communism	Political control of country.
1970	North Vietnam	Bombing	None	Control of country.
1970	Uruguay	Torture Training	None	To keep opposition from taking power.
1970	Oman	Military Assistance	None	Unknown.
1971	Laos	Invasion	None	Control of country.
1971	Vietnam	Military Action	None	Control of country.
1972	North Vietnam	Blockade; Bombing	None	Control of country.
1972	Nicaragua	Troops	Business interests	Support for business and pro-USA government.
1972	Australia	Election Finance	None	Did not like Labour Party foreign policy.
1972	Iraq	Aid to Kurds	Humanitarian	To destabilise Iraq as it had a quarrel with USA ally, Iran.
1973	Cambodia	Bombing	None	Control of country.
1974	Vietnam	Trade Embargo	Communism	The Vietnamese were winning against the USA.
1974	Zaire	Military Aid	None	Control of resources.
1974	Portugal	Election Finance	None	Did not want socialist government to take power.
1975	Vietnam	Economic Attack	Communism	To stop country developing as a model for the region.
1975	East Timor	Support of Invasion	None	Did not want a new independent state; oil.
1975	Iraq	Change of Support	None	Kurdish rebels no longer of use.
1975	Morocco	Support of Invasion	None	Morocco grants use of military bases in return.
1976	Indonesia	Military Aid	None	Support for pro-USA government.
1976	Philippines	Military Aid	None	Support for pro-USA government.
1977	Pakistan	Military Aid	None	Support for unelected pro-USA government.
1977	Egypt	Economic Coersion	None	To remove Egypt from the anti-Israel camp.
1977	Zaire	Military Aid	None	Support for pro-USA government.
1977	Indonesia	Military Aid	None	Support for pro-USA government.
1978	Guatemala	Military Aid;	None	Support for unelected pro-USA

		Economic Aid		government.
1979	Iran	Harbouring Dictator	None	New government wants control of its resources, especially oil.
1979	Central Africa	Economic Aid	None	Support for pro-business government.
1979	Afghanistan	Military Aid	Repel USSR	To repel USSR and break their economy.
1979	Cambodia	Aid to Khmer Rouge	None	To please new ally China; to antagonise Vietnam.
1979	Vietnam	Economic Blockade	Communism	To stop country developing as a model for the region.
1979	Yemen	Military Aid	None	To please ally, Saudi Arabia.
1980	El Salvador	Military Aid	Communism	Stop opposition to pro-USA government.
1980	Honduras	Troops	Communism	Protect resources and create anti-Nicaragua bases.
1980	Iraq	Military Aid	Islamic Iran	Wanted to destabilise new anti-USA government of Iran.
1980	Cambodia	Military Aid	None	To destabilise Vietnamese backed government and to please new ally, China.
1980	Italy	Terrorism	None	To discredit socialist election candidates and to heighten fear of the USSR.
1980	South Korea	Military Aid; Political Support	None	Suppress opposition to pro-USA government.
1981	Tanzania	Economic Coersion	Communism	Wanted the country to change its economy to suit USA companies.
1981	El Salvador	Military Aid	Communism	Stop opposition to pro-USA government.
1981	Libya	Provocation	Terrorism	To destabilise an anti-West government.
1981	Indo-China	Economic Coersion	Communism	To stop the independent development of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.
1982	Lebanon	Troops	Humanitarian	To help Israel remove Palestinians.
1982	Guatemala	Military Aid	None	To suppress opposition to pro-USA government.
1982	South Africa	Financial Aid	Terrorism	To help South Africa destabilise the region.
1982	Afghanistan	Military Aid	Communism	To replace USSR backed government by the USA backed government.
1982	Iraq	Military Aid	Islamic Iran	To support Iraq's war against the anti-USA government of Iran.
1983	Lebanon	Troops; Bombing	Peace Keeping	To ensure pro-USA factions won the civil war.
1983	Nicaragua	Blockade; Arming Rebels	Communism	To replace government with pro-USA regime.
1983	Zimbabwe	Economic	None	Government had too independent foreign

		Coersion		policy.
1984	Mozambique	Economic Coersion	Communism	To stop support for democracy in South Africa.
1985	Lebanon	Car Bomb	Assassination	To remove anti-Israel and anti-USA dissidents.
1985	New Zealand	Economic Coersion	None	Country backed nuclear free Pacific.
1985	Chad	Military Aid; Financial Aid	None	Support for non-elected pro-USA regime.
1985	Honduras	Military Aid; Training	Communism	To destabilise elected government of Nicaragua.
1986	Nicaragua	Military Aid	Communism	To destabilise elected government.
1986	Libya	Bombing	Terrorism	To destabilise the country.
1987	Iran	Provocation	Terrorism	To destabilise the country.
1988	Iran	Provocation	Terrorism	To destabilise the country.
1988	Iraq	Military Aid	Islamic Iran	Support for Iraq in its war against Iran.
1988	Colombia	Military Aid	Drugs	Support for pro-USA government.
1988	El Salvador	Military Aid	Communism	Support for pro-USA government.
1988	Turkey	Military Aid	None	Support for pro-USA government.
1989	El Salvador	Military Aid	Communism	Support for pro-USA government.
1989	Panama	Invasion; Diplomatic Violation	Drugs	To ensure control over the Panama Canal.
1989	Cambodia	Military Aid	None	To destabilise Vietnamese backed government and to please China.
1989	Libya	Provocation	Terrorism	To destabilise the country because it is anti-USA and pro-Palestinian.
1990	Nicaragua	Election Finance	Communism	To ensure that a pro-USA government was elected.
1990	El Salvador	Military Training	Communism	Support of the pro-USA government.
1990	Guatemala	Military Aid	Communism	Support for the pro-USA government.
1990	Bulgaria	Election Finance	Communism	Did not want a socialist government in power.
1990	Germany	Document Theft	None	Unknown.
1991	Iraq	Invasion; UN Violation; Sanctions	Free Kuwait	To ensure that Iraq became less powerful.
1991	Philippines	Disinformation	None	Military bases.
1992	Somalia	Invasion	Humanitarian	To ensure that a pro-West government took control.
1992	Colombia	Military Aid	Drugs	To remove anti-USA elements.
1992	Albania	Election Finance	Communism	Did not want a socialist government in

				power.
1992	Angola	Military Aid	Communism	Wanted access to oil and diamonds.
1993	Iraq	Bombing	UN Violations	To ensure that Iraq does not flood the oil market, lowering the price.
1993	Cuba	Trade Embargo	Communism	Country using its resources for its own people.
1994	Haiti	Troops; Document Theft	Democracy	To ensure that a pro-west government is elected.
1994	Jordan	Financial Aid	Humanitarian	To obtain agreement with Israel's view that Palestinian refugees do not have a right of return.
1994	Colombia	Military Aid	Drug Trafficking	To suppress opposition to pro-USA government.
1995	Turkey	Military Aid	None	To keep a pro-USA government happy while it attacks Kurds.
1995	Iraq	Sanctions; Bombing	UN Violations	To ensure that Iraq does not flood the oil market, lowering the price.
1995	Mexico	Military Aid	Drug Trafficking	To crush opposition to USA business interests.
1995	Iran	Sanctions	Terrorism	Country using its resources for its own people.
1996	Iraq	Sanctions; Bombing	UN Violations	To keep the country weak and to destabilise the government.
1996	Mongolia	Election Finance	Communism	To help elect a pro-USA government that would allow electronic monitoring of China.
1997	Rwanda	Military Aid	None	Support for pro-West government.
1997	Iraq	Sanctions	UN Violations	To replace the government with one that is more pro-West.
1998	Afghanistan	Bombing	Terrorism	To destroy terror camps built by the USA to fight the USSR and now suspected of being used against the USA.
1998	Iraq	Sanctions; Bombing	UN Violations	To replace the government with one that is more pro-West.
1998	Sudan	Bombing	Terrorism	Unknown.
1998	Turkey	Military Aid	None	Support for pro-USA NATO country.
1998	Guatemala	Military Aid	None	Suppression of opposition to pro-USA government.
1998	South Korea	Food Aid	Humanitarian	To make the country dependent on USA produced food.
1999	Yugoslavia	Bombing	Humanitarian	European business interests.
1999	Iraq	Bombing	UN Violations	To destabilise independent Arab regime.
1999	Guatemala	Military Aid	None	Suppression of opposition to pro-USA

				government.
2000	Israel	Military Aid; Economic Aid; Political Support	Terrorism	Support for a strongly pro-West country in the Middle East.
2000	Kyrgyzstan	Financial Aid	Humanitarian	To gain influence in oil rich Central Asia.
2001	Colombia	Military Aid	Drug Trafficking	To protect USA oil companies from dissidents.
2001	China	Provocation	Communism	To obtain secrets and intimidate independent country.
2001	Israel	Military Aid; Economic Aid; Political Support	Terrorism	Support for a strongly pro-West country in the Middle East.
2001	Iraq	Sanctions; Bombing	UN Violations	To replace the government with one that is more pro-West.
2001	Afghanistan	Bombing; Invasion	Terrorism	To replace the government with one that is more pro-West.
2002	Afghanistan	Bombing; Invasion	Terrorism	To gain influence and control over oil rich Central Asia.
2002	Angola	Intelligence	Terrorism	To remove their no longer needed former client.
2003	Iraq	Invasion	Banned Weapons	To gain control of oil rich country and impose a government friendly to the USA.
2007	Somalia	Bombing; Support of Invasion	Terrorism	To install a pro-USA government.

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Quotes

Amnesty International, 1996 from "Human Rights and USA Security Assistance":

"Throughout the world, on any given day, a man, woman or child is likely to be displaced, tortured, killed or 'disappeared', at the hands of governments or armed political groups. More often than not, the United States shares the blame."

Madeleine Albright, former USA Secretary of State to the United Nations:

"[The USA will] behave, with others, multilaterally when we can and unilaterally as we must."

Thomas Friedman from "What the World Needs Now" in the New York Times (USA) and Illustrated by an American Flag on a fist:

"For globalism to work, America can't be afraid to act like the almighty superpower that it is....The hidden hand of the market will never work without a hidden fist...McDonald's cannot flourish without McDonnell Douglas, the designer of the F-15. And the hidden fist that keeps the world safe for Silicon Valley's technologies is called the United States Army, Air Force, Navy and Marine Corps."

USA Defence Secretary **William Cohen** in remarks to reporters prior to his speech at Microsoft Corporation in Seattle as reported by Associated Press:

"[T]he prosperity that companies like Microsoft now enjoy could not occur without having the strong military that we have. ... conflicts in faraway lands such as Bosnia, Korea and Iraq have a direct effect on the U.S. economy. The billions it costs to keep 100,000 American troops in South Korea and Japan, for example, makes Asia more stable--and thus better markets for U.S. goods. The military's success in holding Iraq in check ensures a continued flow of oil from the Persian Gulf."

George Kennan, Cold War Planner for the USA in 1948:

"We have 50% of the world's wealth, but only 6.3% of its population. In this situation, our real job in the coming period is to devise a pattern of relationships which permit us to maintain this position of disparity. To do so, we have to dispense with all sentimentality...we should cease thinking about human rights, the raising of living standards and democratisation."

Arundhati ROY, Indian writer:

"Terrorism is the symptom, not the disease. Terrorism has no country. It's transnational, as global an enterprise as Coke or Pepsi or Nike. At the first sign of trouble, terrorists can pull up stakes and move their 'factories' from country to country in search of a better deal. Just like the multi-nationals."

New Republic, USA magazine:

"Operation Enduring Freedom is not a humanitarian intervention. If we leave behind a country in chaos that can no longer serve as a base of operations against us, then we will have accomplished a necessary objective [and should] lose the obsession with nation-building".

Abdul Haq, Afghan envoy executed by the Taliban in Afghanistan:

"[The USA] is trying to show its muscle, score a victory and scare everyone in the world. They don't care about the suffering of the Afghans or how many people we will lose. And we don't like that. Because Afghans are now being made to suffer for these Arab fanatics, but we all know who brought these Arabs to Afghanistan in the 1980s, armed them and gave them a base. It was the Americans and the CIA. And the Americans who did this all got medals and good careers, while all these years Afghans suffered from these Arabs and their allies. Now, when America is attacked, instead of punishing the Americans who did this, it punishes the Afghans."

RAWA, Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan:

"[The] Taliban should be overthrown by the uprising of Afghan nation. Again, due to the treason of fundamentalist hangmen, our people have been caught in the claws of the monster of a vast war and destruction. America, by forming an international coalition against Osama and his Taliban collaborators and in retaliation for the 11th September [2001] terrorist attacks, has launched a vast aggression on our country. Despite the claim of the USA that only military and terrorist bases of the Taliban and Al Qieda will be struck and that its actions would be accurately targeted and proportionate, we have witnessed for the past seven days leaves no doubt that this invasion will shed the blood of numerous women, men, children, young and old of our country."

George Bush, USA president during the bombing of Iraq:

"What we say goes."

Cardinal Paulo Evarista Arns of Sao Paulo (Brazil) after the USA bombing of Iraq:

"[In the Arab countries] the rich sided with the USA government while the millions of poor condemned this military aggression. [Throughout the Third World] there is hatred and fear: When will they decide to invade us and on what pretext?"

Noam Chomsky, USA writer:

"Overwhelming dominance is necessary for well-known technical reasons. Even Ballistic Missile Defense requires nullification of the anti satellite weapons of a potential adversary. The USA must therefore achieve 'full spectrum dominance', ensuring that

even this much simpler technology will not be available. An iron fist is needed for other reasons. USA military planners share the assessment of the intelligence community and outside experts that what is misleadingly called 'globalization' will lead to a widening divide between the 'haves' and the 'have nots' - contrary to doctrine, but in accord with reality. And it will be necessary to control unruly elements: by inspiring fear, or perhaps by actual use of highly destructive killing machines launched from space, probably nuclear powered and on hair trigger alert with automated control systems, thus increasing the likelihood of what in the trade are called 'normal accidents': the unpredictable errors to which all complex systems are subject."

Der Spiegel, news magazine from Germany (1 September 1997):

"Never before in modern history has a country dominated the earth so totally as the United States does today... America is now the Schwarzenegger of international politics: showing off muscles, obtrusive, intimidating... The Americans, in the absence of limits put to them by anybody or anything, act as if they own a kind of blank cheque in their 'McWorld'".

Nelson Mandela, President of South Africa after the USA had tried to stop him from visiting Libya in 1997 (quoted in the Washington Post):

"How can they have the arrogance to dictate to us where we should go or which countries should be our friends? Gadhafi is my friend. He supported us when we were alone and when those who tried to prevent my visit here today were our enemies. They have no morals. We cannot accept that a state assumes the role of the world's policeman."

Rupert Cornwall, writing in the UK newspaper, The Independent about the treatment of Afghan prisoners by the USA:

"[The USA] believes it is conducting a righteous war to rid the world of a deadly enemy that will stop at nothing to achieve its fiendish ends. Europe, through, increasingly sees an arrogant superpower on the loose - one that after a brief, tactical flirtation with cooperation in the early stages of the war is back to its old unilaterist ways, safe in the knowledge that its power is unchallengeable. Donald Rumsfeld the [USA] Defence Secretary, makes clear that America will do this its way, whether the world likes it or not."

A Study of Assassination, a CIA document written in 1954 and released in 1997:

"For secret assassinations... the contrived accident is the most effective technique. When successfully executed, it causes little excitement and is only casually investigated. The most effective accident... is a fall of 75 feet [23m] or more onto a hard surface. Elevator shafts, stair wells, unscreened windows and bridges will serve... The act may be executed by sudden, vigorous grabbing of the ankles, tipping the subject over the edge. If the assassin immediately sets up an outcry, playing the 'horified witness', no alibi or surreptitious withdrawal is necessary."

"Drugs can be very effective. If the assassin is trained as a doctor or nurse and the subject is under medical care, this is an easy and sure method. An overdose of morphine

administered as a sedative will cause death without disturbance and is difficult to detect. The size of the dose will depend upon whether the subject has been using narcotics regularly. If not, two grains will suffice. If the subject drinks heavily, morphine or a similar narcotic can be injected at the passing out stage, and the cause of death will often be held to be acute alcoholism."

"Edge weapons: any legally obtained edge device may be successfully employed. A certain minimum of anatomical knowledge is needed for reliability. Puncture wounds of the body cavity may not be reliable unless the heart is reached. The heart is protected by the rib cage and is not always easy to locate. Absolute reliability is obtained by severing the spinal chord in the cervical region. This can be done with the point of a knife or a light blow of an axe or hatchet. Another reliable method is the severing of both jugular and carotid vessels on both sides of the windpipe."

Counterintelligence Interrogation, a CIA document written in 1963 for the war in Vietnam:

"The effectiveness of most of the non-coercive techniques depends on their unsettling effect. The interrogation situation is in itself disturbing to most people encountering it for the first time. The aim is to enhance this effect... [and to create] a traumatic or sub-traumatic experience which explodes, as it were, the world that is familiar to the subject as well as his image of himself in the world. usually his own clothes are taken away because familiar clothing reinforces identity and thus the capacity of resistance. The following are the principal coercive techniques of interrogation: arrest, detention, deprivation of sensory stimuli through solitary confinement or similar methods, threats and fear, debility, pain, heightened suggestibility and hypnosis, narcosis and induced regression."

Dick Gregory:

"What we're doing in Vietnam is using the black man to kill the yellow man so that the white man can keep the land he took from the red man".

George Keenan, USA historian:

"It is not Russian military power that is threatening us, it is Russian political power".

Marine Corps Gazette, USA military magazine (May 1900):

"The underdeveloped world's growing dissatisfaction over the gap between rich and poor nations will create a fertile breeding ground for insurgencies. These insurgencies have the potential to jeopardize regional stability and our access to vital economic and military resources."

Patrick Leahy, USA Senator:

"Foreign aid must do much more to strengthen American economic competitiveness abroad. [Aid] is not some international charity or welfare program. Properly designed, it can be an investment in new trading partners, growing export markets, and more jobs in our export industries here at home."

Dimitri Simes, senior associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace writing in the USA newspaper, New York Times (27 December 1988):

"The apparent decline of the Soviet threat... makes military power more useful as a United States foreign policy instrument... against those who contemplate challenging important American interests."

Jiri Valenta, economic writer:

"[USA] national security interests in the Caribbean [and elsewhere in the hemisphere] have rested on powerful economic investments."

Robert Tucker, author of The purpose of American Power in USA government publication, Foreign Policy (Winter 1980/1):

"[The USA should be prepared to use force to bar threats] from developments indigenous to the Gulf [that might endanger] our rights of access [or our] economic well-being and the integrity of [the nation's] basic institutions."

Robert Pastor, director of Latin American and Caribbean Affairs on the USA National Security Council:

"The [USA] did not want to control Nicaragua or the other nations in the region, but it also did not want to allow development to get out of control. It wanted Nicaragua to act independently, EXCEPT when doing so would affect [USA] interests adversely."

Gioconda Belli, Nicaraguan writer and former member of the Sandinista government:

"The reality, of course, is the American foreign policy is run like a corporation. It is totally self interested - Americans only for themselves. Even the use of the word 'American' is unfair. Are we not Americans too?"

Tariq Ali, UK writer:

"There are 189 member states of the UN. There is, according to USA Defense Department figures, a USA military presence in 120 countries today."

Noam Chomsky, USA writer:

"Cluster bombs are much more dangerous than mines. They are vicious anti-personnel weapons that send out flechettes that tear people to shreds. They just sit there and if a child picks one up, or a farmer hits one with a hoe, it explodes."

"In Afghanistan nobody is going to clear these things. So in addition to the mines, there will be cluster bombs unexploded and very little ability to bring in food or blankets or to provide shelter. Many people will disappear and no one will even know what happened to them. No one is going to do a careful census of Afghanistan to find out what the effects were of the bombing and of the threat of bombing."

"The same is happening in many places. The estimates are that in northern Laos there are probably thousands of deaths a year, 30 years after the bombing. In Laos the Pentagon would not even provide instructions on how to defuse them to a volunteer British de-mining group that was working there. In Kosovo as well, the USA refused to remove cluster bombs."

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