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Poll Finds Two-Thirds Of Russians Don't Want Their Sons To Fight In Ukraine: “Russians Increasingly Recognize That Donbas Residents Are Having To Make ‘A Choice Between The Bad And The Worse’”

November 11, 2014 by Paul Goble, The Interpreter [Excerpts]

Staunton, November 10 – Sixty-eight percent of Russians say they do not want their sons to fight in southeastern Ukraine on the side of pro-Moscow militants, according to a new Levada Center poll.

Only one in seven – 13 percent – would support doing so, and one in five – 19 percent – refrained from giving an answer.

[A]nother figure, that only 13 percent of Russians accept the Kremlin line that no Russian forces are fighting in Ukraine, suggests that Russians are skeptical of official accounts.

But if Russians are not supportive of military action in southeastern Ukraine, the Levada Center poll found, they remain supportive of the annexation of Crimea, with 55 percent saying they approve, only two percent less than in March.

But even with regard to Crimea, there have been some interesting changes.

The new poll found, in the words of Aleksey Gorbachev, political observer for Nezavisimaya gazeta, that those who oppose the annexation of Crimea cite not only the violation of stability in the region (68 percent) but also the impact of Western sanctions (23 percent), and the violation by Moscow of its international agreements (19 percent).

Those who back the annexation most often say that this is because “Crimea is a Russian land,” the official view.

Others echo Moscow propaganda about it, pointing to what that source says is the threat of right-wing radicalism there (36 percent) or “forced Ukrainization” (16 percent). Overwhelmingly, they point to the fact that Russia annexed Crimea without force.

That is what makes the situation in southeastern Ukraine so different.

While small fractions of Russians do not believe that Russian forces are involved there and slightly more believe that those Russians there are “volunteers,” many do not want to see Russian units involved or their involvement investigated lest it undermine Russia’s reputation.

Aleksey Grazhdankin, the deputy director of the Levada Center, commented that “people consider the unification of Crimea as the result of a free referendum without military interference.”

The situation in Ukraine’s southeast is different, and Russians “do not consider that Russian military units are required to interfere in this conflict.”

Konstantin Kalachev, the head of the Moscow Political Experts Group, said that “attitudes toward what is happening in the Donbas are changing,” not only because of problems there but because of problems in Russia.

“The Donetsk and Luhansk regimes “are not so attractive.”

Russians increasingly recognize, he continued, that Donbas residents are having to make “a choice between the bad and the worse.”

And the Russians, who have their own problems, have rationally decided that “their choice is their problem,” not that of the Russian people.

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Three Foreign Occupation “Servicemembers” Wounded In Afghanistan: Nationality Not Announced

Nov 14 2014 By Khaama Press

At least three service members of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were injured following an attack in northern Parwan province on Friday.

Deputy interior minister for security Gen. Ayub Salangi said the incident took place on Friday afternoon in Sayad area of Bagram district.

A local security official said the foreign forces were patrolling in the area when a bomber donated his explosives. The Taliban militants group claimed responsibility behind the incident.

This was the third attack foreign forces in the past two days.

**“The Signatories Of This Pact And Its
Backers Shall All Be Forever
Ingrained As Foreign Slaves In The
History Books And Memories Of The
Afghans”**

**[Taliban Statement “Regarding Security
Agreement Between America And Its
Stooge Regime”]**



30 September 2014 Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, shahamat-english.com/

The American stooges further exposed their true faces to the Afghan nation.

We had repeatedly said that these people are the paid employees of America who have been sent by America in exchange for a few dollars and recognition and have been forced upon our people in an Afghan cloak whose only mission is to cement American interests in Afghanistan and the wider region.

And now here we have Ashraf Ghani, the so-called head of the Kabul regime, without giving a second thought to fulfilling his responsibility towards the demands of the nation or recognizing sensitivities inside and outside of the country or listening to the voices of the countries religious leaders, Mujahideen and trusted personalities or keeping in mind divine revelations regarding such matters as the long-term interests of this nation, its dignity, honor, Islamic values and the uncompromising spirit of freedom of the people, obediently signed away an official document of enslavement of this nation to America as their obedient employee.

We consider this action by the new officials of Arg (Presidential Palace) as an act of disgrace and regret which is considered an unforgettable treason with their own religion, people, history and nation and with it has paved the way for continuation of the current crisis for their own immediate political interests.

Their slogans of peace have been further exposed and the Afghans have now realized their calls of reconciliation and peace are mere deceitful slogans while the infidel transgressors who were on the verge of fleeing the country have been provided with an excuse to stay. We firmly believe that such documents shall never make our countrymen turn their backs on the sacred Jihad or have a negative impact on it.

We once again want to clarify our stance regarding the occupation; the presence of armed infidel forces, their military structures and intelligence agencies on the land of Muslims as well as their unrestricted access to the land and airspace of an Islamic country are in direct conflict with all religious, national and human principles. We have been tasked to live our lives in accordance with the dictates of the religion of Allah Almighty therefore we shall never back off from our Jihadi duties in the presence of infidel armies.

We as the representatives of our Muslim, free, proud and Mujahid nation not only reject this American document but consider it invalid and non-binding on every Afghan.

We also announce to America and her stooges that we shall continue our sacred Jihad and struggle for freedom against you until we have saved our country from the savage American claws, restored a strong Islamic government and endowed our nation with another historical distinction.

For these objectives we have the backing of our entire nation. Our Jihad is ongoing with the divine help of Allah Almighty as well as the countless sacrifices of our nation while the freedom of Afghanistan, establishment of Islamic rule and punishing the stooges is the goal of every conscientious Afghan.

Such fake documents will never hold back the lawful Jihad and struggle of our nation and like other American plots and strategies, the latest one will also face defeat and failure.

Besides this, the signatories of this pact and its backers shall all be forever ingrained as foreign slaves in the history books and memories of the Afghans.

Our nation, with the opening up of opportunities, intends to hand out the same Shariah judgment and punishment to the signatories of the current American pact which was meted out to the previous stooges here, Inshallah.

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE
END THE OCCUPATION**

MILITARY NEWS

“They Recruit With All Kinds Of Promises, Whether It’s Career Benefits Or Something More Amorphous Like Being Part Of Something Bigger”

“For That To Suddenly Be Taken Away, I’m Not Surprised They Feel Betrayed”

“‘The Army Knew We Had More Years And They Could Save Money By Cutting Us,’ Said Capt. Tina Patton, 43, A Combat Medic”

“Loyalty Here Seems Like A One-Way Street”



Forced to retire after 20 years of Army service, Capt. Elder Saintjuste, in Hope Mills, N.C., will receive a sergeant's pension. Credit Travis Dove for The New York Times

The briefing showed that officers who had joined the Army as enlisted soldiers, then endured the demanding process required to rise into the officer corps, were three times as likely as captains who graduated from West Point to be forced to retire.

[Thanks to Clancy Sigal, who sent this in.]

November 13, 2014 by Dave PHILIPPS, New York Times [Excerpts]

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — For all the insecurities of war, Capt. Elder Saintjuste always figured the one thing he could count on from the Army was job security.

A Haitian immigrant who enlisted as a teenager, he deployed three times to Iraq, missing so many birthdays and Christmases that he sometimes felt he barely knew his four children. He hid symptoms of post-traumatic stress so he could stay in the Army, because he loved his job and believed that after 20 years he could retire with a captain's pension.

Then this summer, on the day Captain Saintjuste reached his 20 years, the Army told him that as part of the postwar downsizing of the force he would have to retire.

And adding insult to injury, he would have to retire as a sergeant, earning \$1,200 less per month, because he had not been a captain long enough to receive a captain's pension.

“I worked, I sacrificed, I risked my life, and they took it away like it didn’t matter,” Captain Saintjuste said as he brought groceries into his house near Fort Bragg. “It wasn’t just losing a job. It was like having your wife leave you suddenly and not tell you why. It’s your whole life.”



Capt. Tawanna Jamison in Festival Park in Fayetteville, N.C. Credit Travis Dove for The New York Times

Faced with declining budgets, the Army, the largest of the services, cut its force this year to 508,000 soldiers from 530,000, with plans to trim an additional 20,000 troops next year.

And for reasons the Army has not explained, the largest group of officers being pushed out — nearly one in five — began as enlisted soldiers.

For many of those officers, being forced out of a life they have known for a decade or more has been a disruption as shocking and painful as being laid off.

They are losing jobs, and in many cases, receiving smaller pensions than they had expected — or no pensions at all. They are being forced to give up their identities as soldiers. Some are losing their ranks or status as officers. All must be out by April.

“It’s our culture, it’s our family, it’s our language,” said Bill Moore, a captain working in intelligence at Fort Bragg. “A lot of us have been in since high school.

“We feel like we’ve given everything, our families have given everything, and they just give us a handshake and say ‘Thank you for your service.’ “

Many are being pushed out despite having good records.

When the Army announced the impending officer cuts a year ago, officials said they would target officers with evidence of poor performance or misconduct.

But an internal Army briefing disclosed by a military website in September showed the majority of captains being forced out had no blemishes on their records.

The briefing, a copy of which was obtained by The New York Times, also showed that officers who had joined the Army as enlisted soldiers, then endured the demanding process required to rise into the officer corps, were three times as likely as captains who graduated from West Point to be forced to retire.

Many of those former enlisted officers had been encouraged to make the jump to the officer corps between 2006 and 2009 when the Iraq war was raging and the Pentagon was struggling to replace junior officers who were leaving the Army as soon as their initial commitments were over, often because they were worn out by multiple deployments.

The soldiers who volunteered to fill the gap — older than most junior officers because they had already served in the enlisted ranks — were picked from the best of the ranks, and some had to earn bachelor's degrees to make the cut.

Many said in interviews they believed they were being pushed out because they were entitled to more pay and were eligible for retirement earlier, since they had been in the Army longer than other commissioned officers.

"The Army knew we had more years and they could save money by cutting us," said Capt. Tina Patton, 43, a combat medic who became an officer in 2007.

"Looking back at our records, a lot of us can't figure out why else we would be cut."

Though the United States military has drawn down after every war, this one may seem more painful for many because they were not drafted but volunteered, often looking to make military service a career.

"They recruit with all kinds of promises, whether it's career benefits or something more amorphous like being part of something bigger," said Beth Bailey a professor at Temple University who studies the Army. "They support families in a way that makes it a whole lifestyle. People become part of an insulated Army culture. For that to suddenly be taken away, I'm not surprised they feel betrayed."

Capt. Tawanna Jamison, 43, who served 22 years in the Army but only seven as a captain, will get a sergeant's retirement pay of \$2,200 per month, less than half of what a retired captain receives, which is about \$4,500.

"I could be facing bankruptcy," she said. "I was helping my daughter pay for college. Now she's on her own. I couldn't have planned for this. It's hard not to feel like the Army isn't trying to save money on our backs."

Several officers said they neglected their home lives during the wars, believing they would eventually be repaid.

"Iraq, Afghanistan, jumping out of airplanes, doing all the training, leaving for work so early and coming home so late that I wouldn't even see my family during the week, and I

get nothing,” said Capt. Nathan Allen, who served more than 14 years as a linguist and intelligence officer and was awarded a Bronze Star.

As an officer, he worked 15-hour days, studying the latest intelligence for impending deployments while going through parachute and weapons training.

He left for Iraq two weeks after the birth of his first child, and was in Afghanistan for the birth of his third. In seven years the family moved 10 times. Counting deployments and training, he estimated that he spent a third of his marriage away from his family.

“The whole time I told myself to just keep running and worry about the family later,” Captain Allen, who is stationed at Fort Meade, Md., said in an interview.

After he learned he was being forced out, he said, “I fell into a deep despair.” He started having chest pains and body aches that made it hard to get out of bed. In October, he and his wife started seeing a counselor.

“I’m a mess right now,” he said. “They took away who I am. I’m a soldier.”

Captain Allen and a number of other captains have urged members of Congress to pass legislation that could save their jobs, or at least their pensions. But no such bills have been introduced.

“They needed us to fight the Taliban,” Captain Allen said.

“Now they don’t, so they pull the rug out from under us. Loyalty here seems like a one-way street.”

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Army Rips Up Contracts Promising To Pay For College Study In Return For Extra Three Years’ Active Duty Service

November 14, 2014 By Michelle Tan, Staff writer; Army Times [Excerpts]

About 40 officers selected for involuntary separation this spring will be ineligible to attend graduate school on the Army’s dime, as initially promised.

Early in their careers, these officers signed contracts agreeing to serve three additional years on active duty in exchange for the Army paying for their master’s degree.

As part of the program, called the graduate school option, or GRADSO, soldiers are eligible to attend school while still on active duty and still receiving pay and benefits. After graduating, they are required to serve three days for every one day enrolled in school.

About 40 officers who signed the contracts now find themselves among 1,100 captains selected for involuntary separation as part of an ongoing Army drawdown to reach an end-strength of 490,000 by Sept. 30, 2015.

One of these captains, who asked that his name be withheld for fear it would hurt his civilian career, said he will have served 34 of the 36-month-service obligation that should have enabled him to cash in with an Army-paid-for degree.

The captain contacted Army Times only after failed attempts through official channels.

“I’m just trying to keep the Army honest,” he said.

“I’m not even disputing the results of the board. I’m not even angry or bitter,” he said. “I just think that since they selected me, they need to figure out how to fulfill my contract, whether it’s just compensating me or sending me to school.”

This captain, who is in the adjutant general branch, has been in the Army for more than six years and has served one deployment each to Iraq and Afghanistan.

The contract he signed fresh out of ROTC had him agreeing to serve his four-year service obligation plus three more years, the captain said.

In exchange, the Army would send him to the graduate school of his choice, and he would continue to be on active duty and receive his full salary and benefits, he said.

However, now that he’s been cut, he said, “I’m kind of stalled because I don’t know how I’m going to pay for it.”

He has pleaded his case up the chain of command, beginning with his branch manager at Human Resources Command. He also submitted a congressional inquiry to Washington Sen. Patty Murray, which elevated his concerns to the Army G-1 (personnel) at the Pentagon.

“Pretty much everything everybody said was the board trumps all,” he said.

“(They said) once I’m out of the Army in April of next year, they have no obligation to me. They don’t owe me anything, even though I would have completed 34 of the 36 months I was contractually obligated to complete. I was never given the option of not meeting my obligations.”

Paul Prince, an Army spokesman, confirmed about 40 officers selected by the board for separation had signed up for the incentive, but that because of force cuts they would have “no option for funded graduate school” through the Army.

“The separation decision is administratively final, and, as a result of that separation, there is no mechanism for compensation,” he said.

The affected officers’ contracts “are voided as a result of the (Secretary of the Army’s) confirmation of their selection for separation,” Prince said.

The GRADSO program is still being offered to new officers.

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Wife Of 101st Airborne Division Noncommissioned Officer Catches “Army Officials” Lying About Ebola Deployment

November 14, 2014, By Patricia Kime, Staff Writer; Army Times [Excerpts]

A town hall meeting at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, also held on Facebook on Thursday, yielded the same questions military families have asked for ages before deployments: How long will the troops be gone?

Where can I send care packages? Will the unit still deploy on its regular schedule after it returns?

Still, families were enlightened on several aspects of this unique deployment, which has U.S. troops providing logistics, engineering, construction expertise, and command and control support to the affected countries and supporting the U.S. response led by the U.S. Agency for International Development.

For example, according to Army officials, many of troops ate their first hot meal Monday; they have a similar “battle rhythm” they maintained in Iraq and Afghanistan with 12-hour day and night shifts, Monday through Saturday; and most troops haven’t even met a Liberian yet.

“The soldiers are not leaving and going out into the economy. Before anybody leaves the base the chain of command has to approve it,” Army officials wrote.

Still, at least one Army spouse questioned the validity of several statements made by officials at the town hall.

The wife of a 101st Airborne Division noncommissioned officer, she said she speaks with her husband often and he said some of the claims — especially regarding troops leaving base — aren’t true.

“They are going outside on the economy, buying snacks and cigarettes. They schedule rotations when they leave the base, but they are leaving it,” said the wife who requested anonymity out of respect for her husband.

Obama’s Air Attacks On Syria Weakening Anti-Assad Revolutionaries: “There Is Popular Anger Towards Us” [Late Report]



Sep. 30, 2014 by Tom Perry, Reuters [Excerpts]

REYHANLI, Turkey: U.S.-led airstrikes against Al-Qaeda-inspired militants in Syria pose a problem for moderate rebel opponents of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

The Western-backed rebels say they face a backlash from Syrians angered by the offensive, even though they have been kept in the dark about the airstrikes against their enemies in ISIS.

The rebels say civilian casualties from the week-old air campaign and suspicion of U.S. motives are endangering the public support they have gained during their fight with Assad.

“There is popular anger towards us,” said rebel commander Ahmed al-Seoud, who defected from the Syrian army in 2012 and leads a rebel group known as the 13th Division.

His group defines itself as part of the “Free Syrian Army” - loosely affiliated non-Islamist factions, some of which are backed by donors including the United States and Gulf Arab countries that have supported the uprising against Assad.

Its position as Western-backed means people see it as supporting the airstrikes, said Seoud.

The United States says it is investigating allegations of civilian deaths from the airstrikes and takes great care to try to avoid them.

Still, Syrians protested against the airstrikes in several rebel-held parts of the country on Friday, footage posted on YouTube showed. Some of the Western-backed rebels have condemned the air campaign as unwanted foreign intervention.

For some rebels, the approach taken by the United States has raised questions about its agenda: Washington informed Damascus ahead of the strikes, but not them, they say.

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.

“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.

“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

“The limits of tyrants are prescribed by the endurance of those whom they oppose.”

Frederick Douglass, 1852

**The development of civilization and of industry in general has ever shown itself so active in the destruction of forests, that everything done by it for their preservation, compared to its destructive effect, appears infinitesimal.
-- Karl Marx; Capital: A Critique Of Political Economy; Volume II; The Process Of The Circulation Of Capital**

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The anthem of the South African liberation movement has been trashed over the past few years, transformed from a militant marching song into a slow dirge that barely moves, or, in other versions, into limping gushy sentimental garbage complete with violins and a church-style choir; carefully entombed with all traces of its revolutionary origins obliterated.

This link is to the anthem as it was recorded in the 1930’s, when it was still a truly beautiful and revolutionary call to action, marching proudly into the future.

Turn up your volume to the max.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ll1hNMhdmpk>

“The ‘Anti-War’ Movement Is As Superficial, Morally Bankrupt And Indifferent To The Victims Of War

**As The Governments Sending The Warplanes And Ballistic Missiles”
They Are “Solely Interested In Defending Those Dictators And Totalitarian States Who Make The Right Noises About Supposedly Standing Against Western Hegemony”**

“The Assad Regime Itself, Which These Upstanding ‘Anti-War’ Activists Continue To Venerate, Has Warmly Welcomed The US And Its Allies’ Participation In The Genocide Party”



Galloway and Assad, two egomaniac supporters of genocide. Turds of a feather flock together.

October 1, 2014 Radio Free Syria

After cheering on Assad's, Iran's and Russia's joint Nakba in the name of a 'War on Terror' for three-and-a-half years to date, the Western 'anti-war' movement is once again feigning outrage at the deaths of civilians under bombing.

Only Western bombing, of course - while the 200,000+ killed and millions maimed, tortured, imprisoned and dispossessed in Syria by Assad, Tehran and Moscow to date are 'collateral damage' to George Galloway as much as to Assad, Khamenei and Obama, any killed in airstrikes by the US coalition, which is working in coordination with the regime and Tehran, will be the subjects of much public wailing and speechifying by the radically chic crew, whose outrage and faux morality are as selective and expedience-based as any political leader's.

The US-led coalition's regime-approved participation in Bashar al Assad's ongoing genocide is, of course, problematic for those who base their morally bankrupt adolescent worldview on opposing whatever Washington claims to support and supporting whatever it claims to oppose.

Oppression, occupation, genocide are in reality no problem for George Galloway, 'Stop the War'(sic), Mairead Maguire, Cynthia McKinney and other radically chic mouthpieces, who have for almost four years parroted Assad regime press releases in swivel-eyed rants about cannibal Wahhabi Takfiri Jihadis that could emanate from the demon love child of Ann Coulter and Mark Regev, in order to justify Assad's, Iran's and Russia's carpet-bombing and mass slaughter of Syrian civilians, and indeed energetically and routinely denying regime crimes against humanity.

The reason these war-friendly pseudo-pacifists are suddenly hyperventilating with faux outrage is that the US is now participating in Assad's slaughter.

Even more astoundingly, these rabid Islamophobes who have repeatedly slandered all Syrians, more specifically all Syrian Sunni Muslims opposing Assad as savages and 'Takfiri terrorists' are now claiming to object to Washington's identical vilification of Sunni (and only of Sunni) Muslims.

While taking no issue with the military intervention of Russia, Iran or the Tehran regime's various proxies, all essential for the Assad regime's continuing survival and ongoing genocide and destruction of Syria, these Western pseudo-leftists, who long ago ditched universal brotherhood with the people in favour of solidarity with various totalitarian regimes, are hyperventilating about the idea of USAF and Saudi jets joining the Assad regime, Russian and Iranian warplanes and helicopter gunships which have been razing Syrian cities, towns and villages since 2011; it is the tail markings on the planes which count, not the victims.

Accordingly, if the US butts out and returns to simply watching Syrians be slaughtered with warplanes, missiles, etc by Assad and co, these occasional opponents of genocide will happily return to their customary indifference since the Syrian, Iraqi and other Arab/non-Western peoples are as much ciphers and expendable 'collateral damage' to 'Stop the War' and co as to Tehran and Washington, only useful for scoring political points against the government which one claims to be opposing as and when expedient.

The Assad regime itself, which these upstanding 'anti-war' activists continue to venerate, has warmly welcomed the US and its allies' participation in the genocide party, with

foreign minister Walid Moallem telling the BBC on August 25th that the regime is “the centre of the international coalition to fight (the) Islamic State”, and the regime’s ‘minister of national reconciliation’ Ali Haidar confirming this in an interview published on October 1st, in which he added that “There is a possibility that the coalition widens and Iran and Russia will join the efforts in coordination with both Syria and Iraq.”

Anyone actually following events in Syria and Iraq will, of course, be extremely surprised to learn that Assad, Tehran and Moscow are not yet part of the coalition, more especially since warplanes, drones and helicopter gunships from both nations’ air forces have been deployed by and on behalf of both the Syrian and Iraqi regimes in their “War on Terror” (sic) for at least three years.

All of this is, of course, disregarded by the ‘anti-war’ movement, which has no interest in consistently opposing oppression and war no matter who is responsible, but is solely interested in defending those dictators and totalitarian states who make the right noises about supposedly standing against Western hegemony, no matter how ludicrous these claims.

Indeed, the ‘anti-war’ movement is, in the end, every bit as superficial, morally bankrupt and indifferent to the victims of war as the governments sending the warplanes and ballistic missiles.

MORE:

To The Tyrants Of The World “The River Of Blood Will Sweep You And The Fiery Storm Will Devour You”

Posted at Jadaliyya by Gaelle Raphael. [Translated by Abdul Iskander for NPR]

**To The Tyrants Of The World
by Abu Al-Qasim Al-Shabi**

**Oppressive tyrant, lover of darkness, enemy of life
You have ridiculed the size of the weak people
Your palm is soaked with their blood
You have deformed the magic of existence
And planted the seeds of sorrow in the fields**

**Wait -- don’t be fooled by the spring
The clearness of the sky or the light of dawn
For on the horizon lies the horror of darkness,
Rumble of thunder, and blowing of wind**

Beware, for below the ash there is fire
And he who grows thorns reaps wounds

Look there, for I have harvested the heads of mankind
And the flowers of hope
And I have watered the heart of the earth with blood
I soaked it with tears until it was drunk

The river of blood will sweep you
And the fiery storm will devour you

**“Oppressive Tyrant, Lover Of Darkness,
Enemy Of Life”
“The Fiery Storm Will Devour You”**



Petersburg artist Elena Osipova at anti-war rally on the Field of Mars, March 8, 2014.
therussianreader.wordpress.com/

**“In The Exit Poll Survey Of Voters
After They Cast Their Ballots, An**

Overarching Theme Was Frustration With Both Parties” “54 Percent Of Voters Said They Had An Unfavorable Opinion Of The Republican Party, But An Equal Proportion Viewed Democrats The Same Way”

November 12, 2014 Socialist Worker Editorial [Excerpts]

In the exit poll survey of voters after they cast their ballots, an overarching theme was frustration with both parties.

According to Langer, 54 percent of voters said they had an unfavorable opinion of the Republican Party, but an equal proportion viewed Democrats the same way.

The exit polls reflected the same pessimism about the economy and society that non-election opinion surveys have been showing for years.

For example, according to ABC News, half of voters said they expected life for the next generation to be worse than it has been for them--the worst outcome since ABC started asking the question 20 years ago.

So the problem was not--as Barack Obama claimed after Election Day--that the Democrats haven't been successful in touting their achievements with a recovering economy. It's that most working people--including, and maybe especially, those who are the Democrats' most loyal supporters--know those "achievements" mean nothing for them.

Meanwhile, this was the most expensive midterm election in U.S. history, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

The roughly \$4 billion spent on Election 2014 also came from a smaller number of people than before--including "dark money" from right-wing ideologues like the Koch Brothers, who use campaign finance laws written to help them avoid the public eye.

Still, all this is business as usual, since big money regularly buys the ear of politicians on both sides of the aisle.

The Excerpts Below May Be Useful In Understanding Current Events And Where Those Events Are Tending

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The excerpts below may be useful in understanding current events and where those events are tending.

That said, one dimension not covered below may be worth considering.

Before people, especially classes, frame a clear program to fight for, it is human history that first the negation of things-as-they-are unfolds and reaches white-hot mass rage.

People tend to first puke up what they don't want before they formulate a program and plan of action to get what they do want.

On a massive scale, world-wide, huge numbers of very angry people are expressing with crystal clarity what they do not want.

They do not want the economic system, capitalism-as-it-is.

Most do yet understand that it is what it is, and cannot be anything other than what it is now: society organized to benefit and politically governed by the tiny minority of people who own the resources and control production of everything in the world.

That understanding will come; is coming now, more every day.

Episodic movements from below, now in one place, now another, all over the world, are what comes first, the negation of things-as-they-are that has preceded every great mass movement forward in human history.

That is happening now.

Negation in mass consciousness of the cruelty, stupidity, and incompetence of 2014 capitalism is at the same time the birth of a defiant, new, worldwide, urban, working class movement from below.

The worldwide earthshaking that began in Tunisia has sometimes paused, but in general continues moving forward.

Nothing on this world-wide scale of working class resistance from below has been seen before.

“The Expropriators Are Expropriated”

[The Negation Of Negation]

Excerpts from: Capital; K. Marx; based on the 4th edition. Chicago: Charles H. Kerr and Co., 1906; Frederick Engels, Ernest Untermann, eds.; Samuel Moore, Edward Aveling, trans. 1867

HISTORICAL TENDENCY OF CAPITALIST ACCUMULATION:

Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.1

What does the primitive accumulation of capital, i.e., its historical genesis, resolve itself into?

In so far as it is not immediate transformation of slaves and serfs into wage-labourers, and therefore a mere change of form, it only means the expropriation of the immediate producers, i.e., the dissolution of private property based on the labour of its owner.

Private property, as the antithesis to social, collective property, exists only where the means of labour and the external conditions of labour belong to private individuals. But according as these private individuals are labourers or not labourers, private property has a different character.

The numberless shades, that it at first sight presents, correspond to the intermediate stages lying between these two extremes.

The private property of the laborer in his means of production is the foundation of petty industry, whether agricultural, manufacturing or both; petty industry, again, is an essential condition for the development of social production and of the free individuality of the laborer himself.

Of course, this petty mode of production exists also under slavery, serfdom, and other states of dependence.

But it flourishes, it lets loose its whole energy, it attains its adequate classical form, only where the laborer is the private owner of his own means of labour set in action by himself: the peasant of the land which he cultivates, the artisan of the tool which he handles as a virtuoso.

This mode of production pre-supposes parceling of the soil, and scattering of the other means of production.

As it excludes the concentration of these means of production, so also it excludes co-operation, division of labour within each separate process of production, the control over, and the productive application of the forces of Nature by society, and the free development of the social productive powers.

It is compatible only with a system of production, and a society, moving within narrow and more or less primitive bounds.

To perpetuate it would be, as Pecqueur rightly says, "to decree universal mediocrity."

At a certain stage of development it brings forth the material agencies for its own dissolution.

**“This Fearful And Painful Expropriation Of The Mass Of The People Forms
The Prelude To The History Of Capital”**

From that moment new forces and new passions spring up in the bosom of society; but the old social organization fetters them and keeps them down.

It must be annihilated; it is annihilated.

Its annihilation, the transformation of the individualized and scattered means of production into socially concentrated ones, of the pigmy property of the many into the huge property of the few, the expropriation of the great mass of the people from the soil, from the means of subsistence, and from the means of labour, this fearful and painful expropriation of the mass of the people forms the prelude to the history of capital.

The expropriation of the immediate producers was accomplished with merciless Vandalism, and under the stimulus of passions the most infamous, the most sordid, the pettiest, the most meanly odious.

Self-earned private property, that is based, so to say, on the fusing together of the isolated, independent laboring-individual with the conditions of his labour, is supplanted by capitalistic private property, which rests on exploitation of the nominally free labour of others, i.e., on wages-labour.

[FOOTNOTE TO THE ABOVE: CLASS BASIS OF THE TEA PARTY]

The advance of industry, whose involuntary promoter is the bourgeoisie, replaces the isolation of the labourers, due to competition, by their revolutionary combination, due to association.

The development of Modern Industry, therefore, cuts from under its feet, the very foundation on which the bourgeoisie produces and appropriates products.

What the bourgeoisie therefore, produces, above all, are its own grave-diggers.

Its fall and the victory of the proletariat are equally inevitable....

Of all the classes, that stand face to face with the bourgeoisie to-day, the proletariat alone is a really revolutionary class.

The other classes perish and disappear in the face of Modern Industry, the proletariat is its special and essential product....

The lower middle-classes, the small manufacturers, the shop keepers, the artisan, the peasant, all these fight against the bourgeoisie, to save from extinction their existence as fractions of the middle-class...they are reactionary, for they try to roll back the wheel of history.

-- Karl Marx and Frederick Engels, "Manifest der Kommunistischen Partei," London, 1847, pp. 911.

"The Expropriators Are Expropriated"

Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.2

As soon as this process of transformation has sufficiently decomposed the old society from top to bottom, as soon as the labourers are turned into proletarians, their means of labour into capital, as soon as the capitalist mode of production stands on its own feet, then the further socialization of labour and further transformation of the land and other means of production into socially exploited and, therefore, common means of production, as well as the further expropriation of private proprietors, takes a new form.

That which is now to be expropriated is no longer the laborer working for himself, but the capitalist exploiting many labourers.

This expropriation is accomplished by the action of the immanent laws of capitalistic production itself, by the centralization of capital.

One capitalist always kills many.

Hand in hand with this centralization, or this expropriation of many capitalists by few, develop, on an ever extending scale, the co-operative form of the labour-process, the conscious technical application of science, the methodical cultivation of the soil, the transformation of the instruments of labour into instruments of labour only usable in common, the economizing of all means of production by their use as the means of production of combined, socialized labour, the entanglement of all peoples in the net of the world-market, and this, the international character of the capitalistic régime.

Along with the constantly diminishing number of the magnates of capital, who usurp and monopolize all advantages of this process of transformation, grows the mass of misery, oppression, slavery, degradation, exploitation; but with this too grows the revolt of the working-class, a class always increasing in numbers, and disciplined, united, organised by the very mechanism of the process of capitalist production itself.

The monopoly of capital becomes a fetter upon the mode of production, which has sprung up and flourished along with, and under it.

Centralization of the means of production and socialization of labour at last reach a point where they become incompatible with their capitalist integument.

This integument is burst asunder.

The knell of capitalist private property sounds.

The expropriators are expropriated.

“The Negation Of Negation”

Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.3

The capitalist mode of appropriation, the result of the capitalist mode of production, produces capitalist private property.

This is the first negation of individual private property, as founded on the labour of the proprietor.

But capitalist production begets, with the inexorability of a law of Nature, its own negation.

It is the negation of negation.

This does not re-establish private property for the producer, but gives him individual property based on the acquisitions of the capitalist era: i.e., on co-operation and the possession in common of the land and of the means of production.

Part VIII, Chapter XXXII.4

The transformation of scattered private property, arising from individual labour, into capitalist private property is, naturally, a process, incomparably more protracted, violent, and difficult, than the transformation of capitalistic private property, already practically resting on socialized production, into socialized property.

In the former case, we had the expropriation of the mass of the people by a few usurpers; in the latter, we have the expropriation of a few usurpers by the mass of the people.

Summing Up:

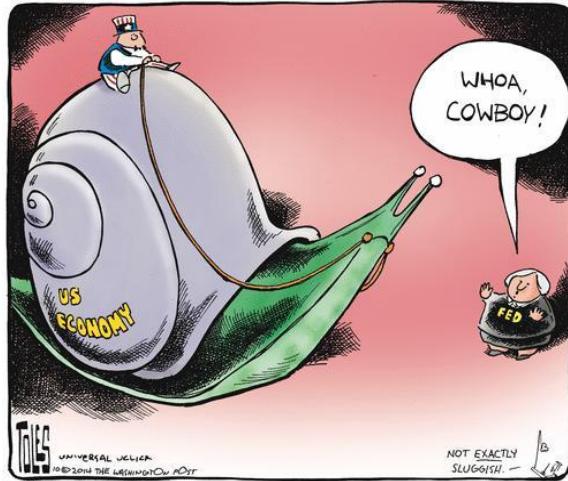
[P]roletarian revolutions, like those of the nineteenth century, constantly criticize themselves, constantly interrupt themselves in their own course, return to the apparently accomplished, in order to begin anew; they deride with cruel thoroughness the half-measures, weaknesses, and paltriness of their first attempts, seem to throw down their opponents only so the latter may draw new strength from the earth and rise before them again more gigantic than ever, recoil constantly from the indefinite colossalness of their own goals – until a situation is created which makes all turning back impossible ...

-- The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte. Karl Marx 1852

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OCCUPATION PALESTINE

Zionists Create Fake Cemetery To Steal More Palestinian Land In Occupied Jerusalem





09/30/2014 Ma'an

JERUSALEM -- The head of the Jerusalem committee for Islamic cemeteries told Ma'an Sunday that the Israeli municipality had recently created a fake Jewish cemetery on Muslim-owned property in order to confiscate Palestinian land.

Hajj Mustafa Abu Zahra said Israeli municipality workers in Jerusalem had installed seven "false graves" on a piece of land near the southern wall of the Al-Aqsa Mosque and installed gravestones with a Star of David and a large sign reading "Jewish Cemetery" in Hebrew.

"These graves are only an attempt to confiscate the land," Abu Zahra said.

"We are more entitled to use the land as an Islamic cemetery, especially after no room has been left in our cemeteries which we have been using for 1,400 years."

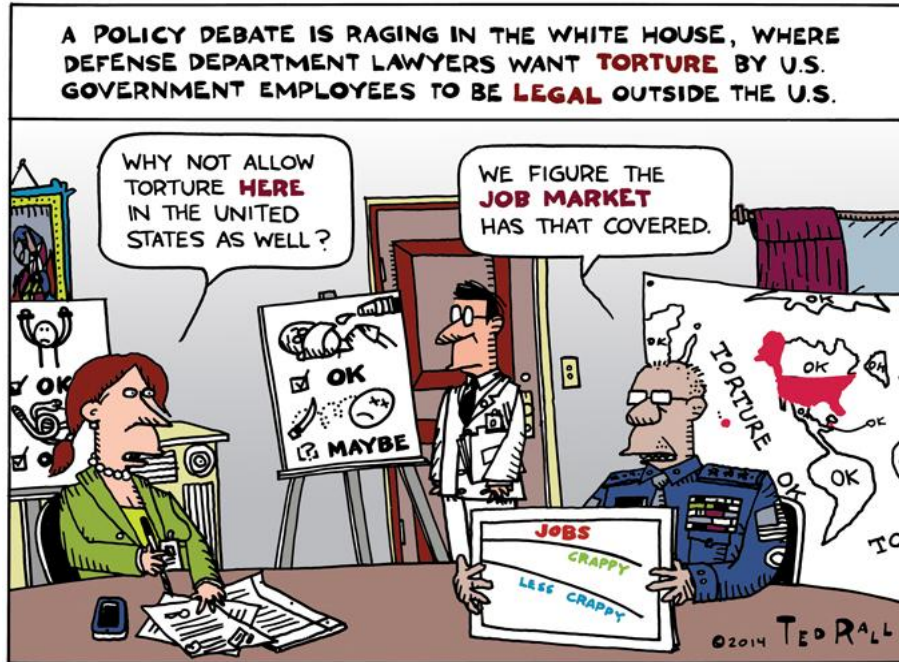
As the Israeli workers were installing the graves, others demolished 20 Islamic graves at Martyrs cemetery in the area, Abu Zahra said.

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