

US: Cornel West Calls Obama a War Criminal

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United States Civil Rights activist and Professor Cornel West continued his criticism of President Barack Obama this week calling him a war criminal.

West began his D.C. speech by explaining that ,“there’s an intimate connection between mendacity and criminality, between lies and crimes against humanity.” Afterward he proclaimed, "Barack Obama is a war criminal, not because he’s black or half African and white, but because his drones have killed 233 innocent children and because he facilitates the killing of innocent Palestinians in Gaza in the West Bank. And that would be true anywhere else."

In recent years West has criticized Obama often referring to him as the drone president. Additionally, West condemned Obama and other Black government officials for their hypocrisy, citing their own personal experiences with racial discrimination yet refusing to wield institutional power to change conditions for poor people of color in the U.S.

When Obama won the 2009 Nobel Peace Prize, West is cited with saying, "It's gonna be hard to be a war president with a peace prize." After the George Zimmerman trial and Obama's declaration that he too could have been Trayvon Martin decades ago, West called Obama "a global George Zimmerman" denouncing the military's drone strikes resulting the murders of children and civilians in Pakistan, Somalia and Yemen.

"We know anybody who tries to rationalize the killing of innocent people is a criminal. George Zimmerman is a criminal. But President Obama is a global George Zimmerman because he

tries to rationalize the killing of innocent children, 221 so far, in the name of self-defense," West expressed last year.

West also insisted that, "President Obama has little moral authority at this point," criticizing the government's \$USD 2 million pursuit of former Black Panther Assata Shakur and the persecution of Bradley Manning and Edward Snowden.

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