**Terrorist War of Conquest** 

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The United States has repeatedly used the pretext of combating terrorism to justify aggression of all kinds against those who do not follow its dictates, who prevent it from exploiting their natural resources with impunity, or who are deemed inferior due to racial prejudice.

This rationale has led to large-scale wars and immense human sacrifice in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as various actions against Cuba, support for South American dictatorships, and "surgical operations" to assassinate leaders of independence movements.

Now, amid justified accusations against USAID, reports indicate that the U.S. agency —ostensibly dedicated to humanitarian aid— has recently financed terrorist organizations, including Boko Haram, Daesh (ISIS), and Al-Qaeda.

This is not mere anti-imperialist propaganda. Republican Congressman Scott Perry, in an effort to expose corruption across past administrations —including Democratic ones— stated during the first

hearing of the Subcommittee for Government Efficiency (which is overseen by billionaire Elon Musk) that USAID allocated \$697 million annually, along with direct cash transfers, to finance terrorist training camps and extremist groups.

Musk himself has also criticized USAID, accusing it of conducting "CIA covert operations" and even alleging that the agency funded research on biological weapons, including studies related to COVID-19, which he claims caused millions of deaths.

These statements have renewed scrutiny of USAID's activities, though no formal investigation has been announced. Likewise, there has been no inquiry into evidence that USAID has been funding the counterrevolution in Venezuela, enriching opposition leaders. It would be surprising if the current administration addressed this issue, given the hostility its foreign policymakers have expressed toward leftist Latin American governments.

It is not the first time that the U.S. has been implicated in the creation of armed groups with anti-American rhetoric while maintaining control over their leadership.

The CIA has worked alongside Israel's Mossad and Britain's MI6 in criminal efforts to destabilize Middle Eastern nations. In Syria, these efforts have succeeded in fueling a nearly 15-year-long civil war, toppling the constitutional government, and replacing it with an interim administration led by an Al-Qaeda militant —someone for whom the U.S. had previously offered a \$10 million bounty.

Now, Congressman Perry has publicly acknowledged Western intelligence's role in fostering these terrorist organizations. However, Canadian economist and director of the Center for Research on Globalization, Michel Chossudovsky, had long ago exposed how Western governments play into the U.S. strategy of building a global police state —one that thrives on the destruction of nations, ancestral cultures, and historical civilizations, pushing barbarism to its extreme.

The U.S. does not want people to know that it has supported Al-Qaeda—the primary suspect in the 9/11 attacks— and its affiliated groups since

the Soviet-Afghan War.

The CIA established training camps for Al-Qaeda in Pakistan. Between 1982 and 1992, approximately 35,000 jihadists from 43 Islamic countries were recruited by the agency to fight against the Soviet Union.

Since the Reagan administration, Washington has backed the Islamic terrorist network. Ronald Reagan himself described these militants as "freedom fighters."

The U.S. supplied weapons to Islamic brigades because their cause was deemed noble —the fight against the Soviet Union and the pursuit of regime change. This led to the downfall of Afghanistan's secular government, the targeted killing of cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, and millions of dollars spent distributing textbooks filled with violent imagery and militant Islamic teachings to Afghan schoolchildren. Additionally, Osama bin Laden, Al-Qaeda's founder, was recruited as a CIA asset.

## ISIS

The so-called Islamic State (ISIS) was originally an offshoot of Al-Qaeda, created with the involvement of Western intelligence agencies, Israel's Mossad, Pakistan's intelligence service, and Saudi Arabia's General Intelligence Presidency.

ISIS brigades played a key role in the insurgency that the U.S. and NATO orchestrated against the former Syrian government. Turkey, a NATO member, provided logistical support by hosting and training mercenaries.

The brutal beheadings carried out by ISIS militants were part of training programs sponsored by the CIA in Saudi Arabia and Qatar. The objective: to instill terror and psychological shock.

Many ISIS recruits were former prisoners freed from Saudi Arabian jails—men who had been convicted criminals, including death row inmates, who were offered clemency in exchange for joining terrorist brigades.

ISIS also received backing from Israel, which deployed them in Syria's

Golan Heights and against Hezbollah in Lebanon.

Despite these realities, the world remains largely indifferent. In a similar display of inaction, global powers have stood by idly as Israel commits genocide against the Palestinian people.

Ultimately, ISIS's project to establish a caliphate was part of a broader U.S. foreign policy agenda aimed at partitioning Iraq and Syria into separate territories: A Sunni Islamist caliphate, an Arab Syrian Republic, and a Republic of Kurdistan.

All of this —and much more yet to be uncovered—falls under the socalled Global War on Terrorism. This war is portrayed to the public as a "clash of civilizations," pitting values and religions against each other. In reality, it is nothing more than a war of conquest, driven by strategic and economic interests.

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