

Perspectives on Terrorism

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The U.S. Global Assassinations, State Terrorism, and the Rule of Law by Dr. Glen T. Martin,

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Private terrorism is conducted by groups and individuals who by and large believe they are resisting a world of injustice, domination, and oppression. As horrific as private terrorism may be, it is a drop in the bucket compared to worldwide state terrorism, conducted by the U.S. and its allies. State terrorism has the immense resources of militarized nation-states at its disposal, and the immense resources of its clandestine intelligence agencies to create “false-flag” operations that mimic private terrorism in order to maintain the fear and insecurity necessary to perpetuate their global system of domination.

Under the Bush administration citizens were shocked when the government claimed the power to incarcerate U.S. citizens (or anyone in the world) in secret detention without charges, the right to trial, or habeas corpus. Under the Obama administration these powers have been explicitly extended to the right to assassinate any U.S. citizen (or anyone in the world) without charge, without trial, and without any requirement for judicial justification or oversight. This is the power of totalitarianism pure and simple. What other act of unaccountable dictatorship is so clearly beyond the pall of rightful and legitimate government that the right to kill perceived enemies any time, any place with no justification but that you assert the power to do so?

The Obama administration has leaked a white paper memo that claims they have the legal right to this policy of assassination. The actual legal documents that the memo is supposedly based on remain top secret. How can legal documents and the basis for legal action within a democracy be claimed as secret at all? The very nature of law is that its legal foundations are public and open to all so that the basis for the government’s powers and actions are known to all. However, the U.S. government abandoned any but the most tenuous pretense to being a democracy long ago. Its claimed powers are now tyrannical and their justification is kept secret.

In a Democracy Now broadcast of February 5, Amy Goodman interviewed Jameel Jaffer, deputy legal director of the American Civil Liberties Union: "If you look at the memo ... there’s no geographic line," says Jaffer. "The Obama administration is making, in some ways, a greater claim of authority [than President Bush]. They’re arguing that the authority to kill American citizens has no

geographic limit." Jaffer attempts to put the government's claim to the right to assassination in context:

You have to start with the acknowledgment that there are circumstances in which the government has the authority, and maybe even the responsibility, to use lethal force. Even if you think about it domestically—somebody is running down the street, waving a gun around, threatening civilians—the government doesn't have to go to a judge beforehand to seek a warrant to carry out that use of lethal force. But that's a situation in which the threat is imminent, in the ordinary meaning of the term: There's not time to go to a judge; there's not time for deliberation.

But the kind of imminence that the government is defining here, or the way that the government has defined the term here, is much, much broader. They're talking about situations in which the person presents no immediate threat, there's no known plot. These people are located far away from any actual battlefield, so you're not talking about a situation in which there are battlefield exigencies that the government has to worry about. You're really talking about something that looks a lot more like a law enforcement context. And in that context, the traditional rule is the government has the authority to use lethal force only in very narrow circumstances. And this memo really redefines those circumstances entirely.

What this discussion omits is the radical differences between the rule of law within sovereign nations and the international situation between sovereign nations in which there is no effective rule of law, only the rule of power, force, and violence. As Jaffer points out, a government has the right to use lethal force in certain situations prior to any judicial oversight, for example, if a gunman is threatening the lives of innocent civilians the police may use lethal force to stop him. However, within nations, insofar as they are governed by the rule of law, police discretion in this respect is extremely curtailed, and, after any use of lethal force, police must justify its use to the proper reviewing and judicial authorities.

These claims to absolute power and discretion in the matter of assassinating perceived enemies, however, are not within the context of the rule of law within the U.S. or any other nation. They are claims that purport to transcend all contexts of the rule of law in the naked power struggles of the world beyond nation-states. So the analogy that Jaffer is using is not entirely appropriate. The world situation beyond the borders of the rule of each sovereign nation over its internal territory is a world of naked war and power, with no rule of law. The philosopher Immanuel Kant pointed this out as early as 1795 in his essay *Perpetual Peace*. Even when nations are not fighting, Kant stated, their relation was one of "war" since the only thing that establishes peace, or legitimate republican government, or civilized human relationships is the enforceable rule of democratically legislated law.

What the United States is doing, in its explicit admission of being the world's "policeman" over its global empire, is stating that the war relation (the right to kill indiscriminately) is its relation to every person on Earth, including U.S. citizens. It is claiming that this "war relation" trumps the U.S. Constitution and the due process of law within the United States. Its global empire, transcending the rule of law, is prior to and more fundamental than the Constitution or rule of law within any nation on Earth. The U.S. government, therefore, abrogates to itself the ultimate tyranny, the ultimate repudiation of democracy and the civilized rule of law anywhere on Earth. It claims the "right" to assassinate any person anywhere without due process of law. It rules over a system of massive state terrorism.

The hand-wringing and consternation over this policy by the progressive community in the U.S., while fully justified, is misguided and misleading. For the U.S. political left continues naively to assume the legitimacy of the system of so-called sovereign nation-states and then criticizes its government for acting in ways made inevitable by this very system. For the system is inherently a war system. It invites the arbitrary and tyrannical use of power in the hands of imperial governments. As corrupt as the U.S. government has become, therefore, that is not the root of the problem.

The root of the problem is the system of sovereign nation-states itself, which encourages disrespect for democracy, the rule of law, and the justifiable limits on government uses of force through the enforceable rule of law. A truly progressive and reasonable perspective, therefore, would affirm the need for democratic world government as the only authority possible that could establish limits to all governmental use of lethal force and end forever programs of tyranny and assassination. A civilized world system is also necessarily a non-military world system: a federation of states under a single constitution.

The global tyranny of the U.S. in its worldwide war on terror (for the maintenance and protection of empire) naturally culminates in that tyranny trumping the rule of law and any form of constitutionalism anywhere on Earth, including within the United States itself. The absurdity of trying to stop or limit this tyranny through legal actions at home is revealed in the consternation from the ACLU and other critics of this policy that the policy includes assassination of U.S. citizens. Why should U.S. citizens be exempt from assassination? It is arbitrary assassination itself, without any due process of law that is wrong and tyrannous. Legally and morally, whether U.S. citizens are included is irrelevant. We need to stop global tyranny, not simply try to exempt U.S. citizens from it.

The most promising prospect for eliminating global tyranny and establishing global democracy and the rule of law worldwide is the Constitution for the Federation of Earth. The Constitution was written by hundreds of world citizens over a period of 23 years from 1968 to 1991 and is readily available for democratic ratification by the nations and peoples of Earth. It can be found on many websites, in many languages, and is supported by many organizations around the world. It ends the war system in the world, demilitarizes the nations, ensures freedom and the due process of law for everyone on Earth, and establishes a system of environmental protection and sustainability.

Here is where truly progressive thought finds its justification and legitimate ideal. It does little good to complain that the U.S. government is exceeding its constitutional authority in its global policy of assassination because the lawless world system of some 193 territorial nation-states invites and confirms such policies. Those who have the military power to do this have no effective restraints on that power. If we want to address the growing tyranny of the secret and unaccountable militarized government of the U.S., it will do little good to cry foul about violations of the U.S. Constitution.

We need to be transforming the world system to one under the democratic rule of law—for everyone. This cannot happen under the system of sovereign nations. For this, system is the root of the problem, and the problem cannot be solved within this system. We need an Earth Federation under the authority of the Earth Constitution. Only then will the civilized rule of law really come to all human beings on planet Earth.

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Deploying Peace Economics and Technology Innovation as Counter Terrorism Initiatives

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Need for Peace Economics

Economists in the world have had imagined on the relationship of economics and human well being since appearance of economics in this earth. Last decade of the 20th Century and during 1st decade of 21st century relationship of economics and human well being had reached its complete maturity. Along with the stages of development of economics, today economists as the developmental thinkers on the earth are attempting to label a new economics thinking known as “Happiness Economics”, in the first decade of 21st century. In the name of wellbeing and happiness global economic players are gradually making many mistakes and impacting through the trauma of global violence. Many countries are adopting violence economics in the name welfare policies, assistance policies as a result of loopholes of welfare economics and they are creating uncertainty of happiness and human survival. One section of economists are criticising to the global politics, social changes, and transformations, concludes as the “End of Economics” in the 21st century and the other section of economists are trying to avoid the discomforts “unhappiness and violence economics” by labelling down economics as the truth economics. This search for truth economics may shape unshaped peace economics in the world.

Countering the Misleading Development Collaborations

Due to the feeling of insecurity, either leading globe of for greed to remain in power or greed for fulfilling their self interest as the superior and or in power, they engages terror, violence’s in disguise of assistance to the poor countries. Many a time a time peace initiative itself is instigation for war because negative assistance always having effects by creating negative minds. Many a time it is almost like assisting with food, but in the name of supply giving weapons to self protection to poor and weeks, they never teacher guns are not instrument for strong mind. No assistance comes for developing a strong mind, but to weaken lot of. It is a common nexus we shall help you only when you create terror for other emerging entity. I want to be sole leader for global development; nobody should come before me, if somebody comes, use weapon. This type of developmental thinking had have been creating only negative peaces if at all some peace existed elsewhere in the world.

Peace economics can work as a wonderful tool for the present and future decades of 21st century as the human being can imagine that by 20th century the relevance of economy ended by visualisation of “End of Economy”. Peace economics can be an ultimate instrument for stopping pervasive poverty and grotesque disparities which breed resentment, hostility, and insecurity at any level of human entities and societies of the world. Peace economics have to deal with the disguised issues of ongoing assistances of developed countries to poor countries for defending from the menace and disarrays produced by the global poverty. In this spirit, the peace economics captures subject matters like “war against poverty, war against hunger, war against mal-nutrition, war against ill health and diseases”. These wars would be intellectual war, war for establishing truth economy for human co-existence, comfort, collective development as single human community in the world.

Peace economics could be a study on poor states where people, goods, funds, and information do not traverse appropriately. From the perspective of poverty and security, the peace economics can be considered as an economics of instilling abundance among the poor. Peace economics may cap-

ture the studies on all possible eventualities those may emerge from any or all type of unjustified and unequal solutions for any crises faced by human society of world. From the perspectives security, peace economics can be called as the economics of absence of all types of threats which destabilises the loves and affections, fellow feelings, and neighbourhood of community towards other(s), or citizens of one country towards another, or one nations to another. Extending and concentrating on war and violences, the peace economics can be ascribed as a meta-subject which studies all the human attempts for ending any form of war or violence from human societies is known as peace economics. As the human being is responsible ending of violence and restoration of peace, then human being as the part of responsible society must take precautions so that its' any economics or related non economics activities of human being as individual, group, society, nations, or total human being would not create any form of violence against any group. Thus, from the point actions those stems for precaution; the root of peace economics can only offshoots the pre-cautionary enterprises, precautionary productions, pre-cautionary goods produced by pre-cautionary economics. Peace economists have to go further in exploring beyond precautions but to establish the truth, the truth economics for human, dictates the ongoing co-existences among all imminent centuries.

Innovation of Peace Technology as Counter Terrorism Initiative

Enough is enough. All violent counterterrorism-intervention policies have completely failed. We're sowing and reaping perpetual tragedy of application violence as machine protecting might and the result that only people benefitting are sitting on top of a mountain are enjoying cash of this conflict industry. In this industry weapon, arsenals, chemical and other lethal inventions are inputs that produced by war technology marvels. Terrorism is nothing but arrangement for profiting from selling of lethal technologies to the poor countries; thus, it is producer's instigated events for hidden technologies. Here, all the global leaders must understand that "we've had centuries to discover that violence doesn't work, hasn't worked and won't work. It's time to try something different". Realization for global peace and development or development for peace will be meaningful only when that misleader should understand and those misleads must understand in the interest of future and civilized human community. Human wisdom suggests that 'do not die, do not kill other, and don't die by other, if you can, kill the death or the cause of human death'. Let all countries, all communities, or nations become wise enough for development, let all countries develop a policy only to "kill the violence and death for real development to maximise its' corollary peace". Let all sciences and technologists think "not to create any weapon for killing humans' live (or body) but to create weapon(s) to kill the violent mind; let science develop that machine or medicine makes surrender terrorists before creating any violence'. If nano-technology is a solution for 21st century, then why the scientists are not using this nano-technology and nano-robotics or so and so inventions for developing the violence capitulating machine which does not kill the body but only kills the violent, illogical, and fanatical minds of human being. As we understand the truth of killing usually led only to killing, but in opposite the truth of healing will led to feelings and positivity in the world. Why scientists are not trying to invent machines for healing, why diplomatists are not adopting the healing diplomacy for the world? These questions need to pervade in all process of anti terrorism initiatives. The peace economics and technology both can be applied as the strategy for counter terrorism in the world.

Terrorism

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Terrorism is a new cult raising its ugly head with destructive mind set. It is an anti-thesis of organized way of living with dignity and purpose. It is systematically destroying all our well established systems and is quietly challenging the very existence of mankind in this planet. The terrorism has crossed all boundaries of social and political orders which most of the modern welfare societies have been well nurtured all these years. Unfortunately, no country can effectively raise its voice against the practice of terrorism owing to its own inner constraints. Now it is time the entire planet should become one and destroy the tentacles of terrorism in one solemn voice and condemn it in every possible manner. The impact of terrorism is posing and questioning the very human rights and violating it, the terrorists call the normal thing. How pathetic it is? If we keep quiet when terrorists activities are proliferating it exhibits our weakness and cheating our selves. Irrespective of countries concerned, all peace loving citizens and those who call themselves members of civil society must condemn it in unequivocal terms; if possible, bring pressure on the national governments in their states / countries to eradicate terrorism from their soil. Any genuine reasons on the part of terrorists, the governments of the day must resolve within the framework of public international law without hurting their sentiments either. But be cautious in addressing their problems. If they come up with a single point agenda ie, destroying and disturbing the human welfare, we have no choice but to suppress it using all our force once for all before it gets spread to other parts of the world. As a research student I wonder why no study has been made to address their genuine problems and why terrorism is emerging as most dangerous power house taking on the very human race it self. I think it requires multi-disciplinary study to put a full stop to such nefarious designs questioning the very civilized society.

Through this, I call upon the decision makers to spare no efforts in tackling the menace of terrorism for ever and channalise all your efforts in building healthy society based on the broad principles of love, affection and brother hood.

Lest we rededicate ourselves in building vasudaiva kutumbambam serving the mankind with smile!

Terrorism is a curse to the society

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Terrorism is a curse to the society. The need of the hour is 'Unity'. We need unity in the entire field irrespective of the country or continent to which we belong. If for the time being, we the people of this world unite together keeping aside our self-interested reasons and competitiveness to prove ourselves in our individual fields and think only about getting out of this problem we can surely get a better remedy for it. The reason for terrorism is poverty and illiteracy to certain extent which leads to unemployment and finally the vengeance comes out in form of creating the fear for the society. Empty mind is devil workshop. Educated unemployed is most prone to become a terrorist. Sometimes religious and political leader use the brain of them to attain certain benefit and create their own territory.

Terrorism in India is because of External support. They provoke our youngsters on the basis of religion, money, and ethnicity. Eradication can be done by increasing strength of the Intelligence, developmental acts, and peace negotiations, removing corruption, and focusing on the philosophy of Nonviolence.

Yes. Terrorism can be controlled.

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Terrorism becomes an Industry: Now Terrorist Groups are employing the people in different parts of the world. These groups are attracting, motivating, giving training from their childhood, injecting brain psychologically to the unemployed youth in the name of the community, religion etc.,.

Terrorism is more dangerous than Ebola: It is like an epidemic. It is spreading faster than Ebola. There is a need for complete eradication of this disease and other diseases like Polio, H1N1 etc., and the affected countries of terrorism are Pakistan's Army School Children, France News Paper Office, America's World Trade Centre, India's Bombay blasts etc., tremendously and fastly it is spreading to all countries.

Terrorism Double Standards: Few developed countries sponsoring, supporting the terrorism by playing double game internationally and suffering from terrorism internally and externally by all the countries.

Terrorism suppresses the voices: Attacks on Ms. Malala Yousafzai, France Journalists witnesses that no one should raise the voice against them.

Crocodile tears of Developed Countries: Simply giving assurances, slow actions not enough for this disease. Promising something and doing something.

Everyone knows what the impact of Terrorism, Hundreds of reports and live evidences are there.

Strategies to be adopted:

- 1) Principles of United Nations Declaration of Human Rights strictly to be followed.
- 2) Common treaties for extradition is required
- 3) Autonomous Organisation is required on the lines of UNO.
- 4) Dismantling and Rehabilitation of existing outfits to be done.
- 5) Proper counselling to Terrorists to get back them in the society and to be a good citizens.
- 6) Social Media Censor is required.
- 7) Economic Development to fulfil the basic needs required.
- 8) Repercussions of Terrorism activities should incorporate in Curriculum.
- 9) Strong democratic roots for social welfare & Social Justice.
- 10) Secularism and Socialism should go hand by hand.
- 11) Religious leaders must come together under one roof to spread message of Peace & Harmony.
- 12) Foreign policies between developed and developing countries must be framed based on UNO principles.

Causes of Terrorism

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Terrorism is the mind set / hypnotized by the unhuman sadists to the weak minded, poor persons on the name of the religion. Terrorism is not hereditary. No one born as Terrorists. Terrorists are trained, misguided people who don't have the knowledge of sadists. Terrorism bosses never died themselves, they made or create terrorists and they send the others to die. It is the need of the hour to know the cause of Terrorism and Terrorist. Neither has it belonged to particular region nor religion.

The Terrorism causes may be

- Bossism
- Faulty Socialization
- Inequal distribution of International Policies.
- Victims of the improper implementation of the International Policies.
- Inadequate value based Education
- Non-Cooperation between Nations.

Terrorism can end by the following strategies.

- By providing the best value based Education & best citizenship.
- By equal distribution of Natural resources.
- By having the common platform for all nations under one roof.
- By avoiding Regionalism, Religionism, Ethnicity.
- By spreading the Global Peace Message- Gandhian Thoughts.

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Terrorism in all its shapes is gaining new geo-political dimensions. It is right time now on the part of world leaders like you to take your oath in putting an end to this menace. We the intellects of Acme and thousands of admirers are supporting your noble cause with much pleasure. We would like to offer following concrete suggestions for your kind perusal at this juncture.

Firstly, we would like to draw your kind attention towards Henri Fayol's 14 Principles of Management, which in wholesome need to be adopted in spearheading action against terrorism. In this regard world leaders of the top order may think of establishing a common platform like NATO which specializes in combating terrorism.

Secondly, we request you to develop a new universal social order where world citizenship concept (Vasudaiva Kutumbakam) emerges. Let the people across the world shun all differences- religion, region, nation, creed, color, sex, economy etc.,

Thirdly, kindly consider to accord sanctions- political and diplomatic, against those countries who support terrorism.

Fourthly, the present younger generation needs to be groomed in an environment which is insulated from all the bias. Therefore, Education system across the globe need to be standardized with ethics part given due share at different levels.

Fifthly, these are the days of media revolution; hence we expect the leaders of higher order to re-engineer the contents and the mode of the delivery of services in the media for the betterment of interest of mankind.

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