

2013: Environmental Degradation, Economic Uncertainty, War and Military Tensions. A Review of the Most Censored Stories of the Year

Global Research News Hour Episode 50

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The Global Research News Hour starts the new year off with a retrospective on important international stories of 2013 ignored by the mainstream media.

As noted elsewhere on this site, 2013 has been marked by spreading environmental degradation, economic uncertainty, and increased military tensions.

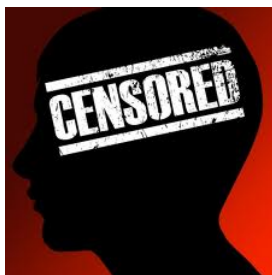
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Rarely does mainstream media focus much attention on the significant stories affecting literally millions upon millions of people.

In Canada, for example, if you are a regular consumer of the major dailies, or a faithful viewer of national news programs on CBC or Global, you can be forgiven if you believe that the scandal surrounding Senators' expense accounts, or the spectacle of a crack-addicted mayor of Toronto offsets by a factor of a thousand revelations of a nuclear broth from Fukushima threatening ecosystems in BC, and possibly the entire country.

Consider coverage of indigenous struggles. Major media, including the alternative press, will give extensive coverage of the Idle No More movement, or resistance to fracking in New Brunswick or the tar sands in Alberta. But, how often do we hear about human safaris in the

Andaman and Nicobar Islands east of India where a small indigenous tribe is treated like a zoo exhibit? Or the rise of an anti-tribal sovereignty movement in the United States coordinating a sophisticated campaign against federally recognized First Nations and mobilizing racial sentiment against them?

Through his on-line magazine [Intercontinental Cry](#), **John Schertow** has since 2004 been compiling stories of the more than 500 indigenous nations around the world engaged in active resistance against corporate and colonial forces. Schertow joins us for the first half hour.

Following Schertow, we hear from **Andy Lee Roth**, Associate Director of [Project Censored](#) and co-editor with Mickey Huff of [Censored 2014: Fearless Speech in Fateful Times](#). In our conversation, Roth addresses many of the under-reported stories of the past year including the corporate media's shunning of Bradley/Chelsea Manning, food riots world-wide and the vote by Icelanders to include the commons in their constitution.

[Global Research](#), of course, has since 2001 made a special point of bringing important geopolitical subjects to light. Founder and Director **Michel Chossudovsky** joins the conversation near the end of the show to give us a run down of some of the stand out issues of 2013. These include revelations about a fabricated attempt to secure a Western military intervention in Syria, Western destabilization of Africa, increased globalization under various trade agreements and the use of 'humanitarian intervention' as a way of defusing popular anti-war movements.

For more on these guests and the stories they are trying to shed light on, check out the following sites:

[**IC Magazine: Essential News and Film on the World's Indigenous Peoples**](#)

(IC is currently holding an on-line fundraiser to secure its survival in a competitive media landscape. If you have the means, please donate whatever you can to help keep this unique information outlet afloat. Donate [here](#). The campaign ends Friday January 3 at 11:59pm PST)

[**Project Censored: The News That Didn't Make the News**](#)

(Please note that several of this year's [most censored stories](#) were by Global Research authors! These include:

[**24. Widespread GMO Contamination: Did Monsanto Plant GMOs Before USDA Approval?**](#)

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[**8. Bank Interests Inflate Global Prices by 35 to 40 Percent**](#)

[**3. Trans-Pacific Partnership Threatens a Regime of Corporate Global Governance**](#)

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