

Fox News Doubles Down on the Big Lie and Venezuela

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It doesn't matter what corporate alphabet propaganda network you watch, you're going to get the same line on Venezuela.

*Here we have **Trish Regan**, a fixture at Fox News, telling numerous lies about Venezuela, lies put out by neocons and their captured president.*

We MUST stay committed to the end of [#Maduro](#)'s BRUTAL socialist regime. He MUST step aside so that [#Democracy](#) can be restored in [#Venezuela](#). And for countries like [#China](#) that want to STICK IT to the U.S. by supporting a dictator?! SHAME ON YOU! pic.twitter.com/5SXPwQgPQJ

— Trish Regan (@trish_regan) [March 14, 2019](#)

Ms. Regan's rehearsed outrage centers on China for announcing it will help Venezuela get its power back in working order.

China, of course, is interested in Venezuela's oil, same as the United States, or I should say the transnational corporations and banks that own the US government.

Regan says the latter is a conspiracy theory. Because Venezuela is in our "backyard," it should be told in no uncertain terms selling oil to China is forbidden. "It matters that the others (China) don't get it," declared Ms. Regan.

Fox likes to pretend it is "conservative" and in favor of free trade, but this is belied by its willingness to spread neocon falsehoods.

Regan claims Maduro stole the election. This is an integral part of the neocon Big Lie.

The [Latin American Council of Electoral Experts](#) (CEELA) said in 2017 "Venezuela's voting system remains one of the most reliable in the world" and the "country's electronic voting system boasts some of the world's best checks and balances, and is both 'safe and reliable.'"

Former president [Jimmy Carter](#) said Venezuela's electoral system is "the best in the world" and added "of the 92 elections that we've monitored, I would say the election process in Venezuela is the best in the world."

Ms. Regan, of course, ignores this and demands Maduro be thrown out while the neocons—in this instance, **Sen. Marco Rubio** of Florida—fantasize Maduro as Libyan leader Gaddafi, who was sodomized with a bayonet and then assassinated by US-backed "rebels," polite speak for fanatical Salafists who have turned Libya into a third world, failed state hellhole.

If you want to see the flip side of the corporate propaganda media's propaganda on Venezuela, you have to read alternative news sources.

The establishment media, including no shortage of liberals—now humanitarian interventionists—tell us ad nauseam Maduro is a brutal dictator and Juan Guaidó is the legitimate leader of Venezuela. This is also the case with many leftist and progressive websites that claim to be alternative.

"The coup that is unfolding in Venezuela is not an American backed coup: it is an American coup," writes [Ted Snider](#). "Mainstream media coverage paints the events only as American recognition of a legitimate constitutional correction of government. Even in the left wing and alternative media, where writers condemn the American intervention, many of them feel the need to establish their credibility by conceding that Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro is an authoritarian leader, or even a dictator, who won a second term in office in elections that were illegitimate."

Near the end of her theatrical presentation, Regan says the people of Venezuela are suffering under a "95% poverty rate," which is clearly untrue, although the rate has increased since the US began its sanctions and not-so-covert coup attempt.

History demonstrates socialism is a largely failed system, but that is not the crux of Venezuela's problems—US-imposed sanctions are.

"Over the past five years, American sanctions have cut Venezuela off from most financial markets, which have caused local oil production to plummet," writes [Garikai Chengu](#). "Consequently, Venezuela has experienced the largest decline in living standards of any country in recorded Latin American history."

Again, the corporate media, both "conservative" and "liberal," will not tell you this and will instead push the Big Lie on Venezuela.

"America's media is unquestionably the most corrupt institution in America," Chengu continues. "The nation's media may quibble about Trump's domestic policies but when it comes to starting wars for oil abroad they sing in remarkable unison. Fox News, CNN and the New York Times all cheered the nation into war in Iraq over fictitious weapons of mass destruction, whilst America was actually using sanctions of mass destruction on the Iraqi people. They did it in Libya and now they are doing it again in Venezuela."

Regan, Fox, CNN, MSNBC, The New York Times, the Washington Post, and the corporate media talking heads reading from the Big Lie script are serving the state and its decades-long effort to force by bullet and bomb a wealth and natural resource strip mining operation on those who have said “no thank you” to neoliberalism.

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