

Global Research News Hour: Global Economy, Geo-Politics, Militarization. The Most Significant Stories of 2018, Projections for 2019

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The year 2018 was one dominated with several dramatic twists and turns on the international stage.

At the start of the year, we witnessed [nuclear sabre-rattling](#) between U.S. President Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. There was [the poisoning \(and recovery\) of Sergei Skripal and his daughter](#) in Salisbury UK, in which the Russian government was implicated. Israeli Defense Forces' [violent attacks against demonstrators](#) at the Gaza-Israel border wall. The [May 8 withdrawal by the United States](#) from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action and subsequent [re-imposition of sanctions against Iran](#). The turbulent [Mid-Term U.S. elections](#). The [Khashoggi killing](#). The [Central American migrant caravan](#). The [election of Jair Bolsonaro, considered by many to be a full-blown fascist](#), to the leadership of one of the world's largest economies: Brazil. A [new North American trade deal](#) to replace NAFTA. An apparent [assassination attempt](#) on the life of the Venezuelan President, and [massive migration of people fleeing the country](#) in the wake of a humanitarian crisis. And a Christmas present for many anti-war Americans in the form of a [promised withdrawal of U.S. troops](#) from Syria.

Of course, there is also the never-ending melodrama surrounding [allegations of Russian collusion with Trump](#) in the lead up to the 2016 presidential election.

The focus of this week's instalment of the Global Research News Hour, and a general theme of this radio show, is to look at the big stories behind the attention-grabbing headlines. The hope is that a look at bigger picture issues can provide some platform for meaningful political discussion and action, rather than leave members of the global community distracted and spell-bound.

A regular annual feature since the show's inception, Andy Lee Roth of [Project Censored](#), elaborates on some of the 25 most significant stories of the year that got little to no attention from the corporate press. These include:

- [Big Pharma's Biostitutes: Corporate Media Ignore Root Cause of Opioid Crisis](#) (22)
- [People Bussed across US to Cut Cities' Homeless Populations](#) (19)
- [Digital Justice: Internet Co-ops Resist Net Neutrality Rollbacks](#) (15)
- [FBI Paid Geek Squad Employees as "Confidential Human Source" Informants](#) (14)
- [The Limits of Negative News and Importance of Constructive Media](#) (13)
- [ICE Intends to Destroy Records of Inhumane Treatment of Immigrants](#) (12)
- [FBI Racially Profiling "Black Identity Extremists"](#) (10)
- [Congress Passes Intrusive Data Sharing Law under Cover of Spending Bill](#) (8)
- ["Open-Source" Intelligence Secrets Sold to Highest Bidders](#) (2)

Roth also briefly discusses [Project Censored's latest publication of censored stories and media analysis](#). (Find the complete list for 2019 at [this link](#).)

In the final half hour, we hear from three analysts who provide their takes on the most significant stories and developments from the past year.

Jack Rasmus outlines some of the fundamentals plaguing the U.S. and global economy, and looks at how signature events from the past year, including Trump's tax cuts, is likely to affect a fiscal landscape of expanding financial bubbles.

Rick Rozoff takes a look at international geo-strategy and the growing tensions between NATO and rivals like Russia. Rozoff also examines the prospects for pressures within and outside NATO to contain the threat of full-blown conflict.

Dmitry Orlov believes that as a result of events over the past year, "the U.S. military-industrial complex has been neutralized." He justifies this position, while also detailing how the global energy picture and the prospect of climate change is likely to impact the various players on the world stage.

One further note: one of the most important stories of 2018 has been [Facebook's partnership with the Atlantic Council](#), resulting in the purging of several pages and sites promoting anti-war and anti-establishment narratives, as well as the general suppression of political thought in a new [McCarthyesque era](#). This is an important story which will be given much more thorough treatment in the weeks ahead.

Andy Lee Roth, is the Associate Director of [Project Censored](#), a media research program which fosters student development of media literacy and critical thinking skills as applied to news media censorship in the United States.

Dr. Jack Rasmus, Ph.D Political Economy, teaches economics and politics at St. Mary's

College in California. He hosts the program '[Alternative Visions](#)' every Friday at 2pm on the [Progressive Radio Network](#), and blogs at [jackrasmus.com](#). His books include '[Central Bankers at the End of Their Rope? Monetary Policy and the Coming Depression](#)', as well as the upcoming '[The Scourge of Neoliberalism: U.S. Policy from Reagan to Trump](#).'

Rick Rozoff is a journalist and anti-war activist. He also manages the STOP NATO list-serve. Many of his articles have been published at [Global Research](#).

Dmitry Orlov is a Russian-American writer, blogger and geopolitical analyst based in Moscow. He has degrees in Computer Engineering and Linguistics and has worked in the fields of high energy physics, internet commerce, advertising and network security. He is the author of [Reinventing Collapse: The Soviet Experience and American Prospects](#) and [Shrinking the Technosphere: Getting a Grip on the Technologies that Limit our Autonomy, Self-sufficiency and Freedom](#). His blog site is [cluborlov.com](#).

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