

# Imperial War on Venezuelan Democracy. The Constitutional Process

By [Stephen Lendman](#)

Global Research, July 30, 2017

Region: [Latin America & Caribbean](#)

Theme: [Crimes against Humanity](#), [Law and Justice](#), [Media Disinformation](#), [Police State & Civil Rights](#), [Terrorism](#), [US NATO War Agenda](#)

VISIT MY NEW WEB SITE: [stephenlendman.org](http://stephenlendman.org) ([Home - Stephen Lendman](#)). Contact at [lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net).

*Sunday's National Constituent Assembly election "is the most important (one) in the (nation's) political system because we are electing the sovereign constituent body...that is above all others, the maximum political authority," **President Nicolas Maduro** explained in a nationally televised address.*

He blasted US-supported fascist opposition elements, aiming to obstruct the constitutional process, adding:

"They believed that in this way they were going to intimidate the people of Venezuela, but they were wrong, because there has not been a more joyous electoral campaign."

Attempted outreach for national dialogue with opposition forces accomplished nothing. They want confrontation, not conciliation.

The Trump administration promised "strong and swift economic actions" if Sunday's democratic process proceeds as scheduled.

During US and internally orchestrated street violence since April, 115 deaths occurred, seven in the last two days. Nearly 150,000 security forces are deployed nationwide to maintain order during Sunday voting.

Anyone obstructing the process faces arrest, prosecution and up to 10 years imprisonment. Venezuela's National Electoral Council (CNE) head **Tibisay Lucena** stressed the nation's process is "one of the safest, most reliable and transparent in the world."

**Jimmy Carter** calls it the world's "best." It shames America's sham process, duopoly governance with two right wings, mocking legitimate democracy, banned in the USA.

Venezuelan **Foreign Minister Samuel Moncada** blasted Washington's destabilizing campaign, regime change its aim, saying the nation "has been systematically attacked by the US empire in its attempt to show a state of ungovernability and crisis in the country."

“The United States openly violates international law and attacks the countries of the region. We are in the middle of a systematic operation that uses violence as a mechanism.”

“For the US empire, any democratic process is a threat, which is why it attacks our institutions and officials.”

The NYT is a longstanding imperial tool, supporting all US wars of aggression and color revolutions to topple sovereign independent governments like Venezuela’s.

It disgracefully claimed Maduro “is pushing a radical plan to consolidate his leftist movement’s grip over the nation...”

**Fact:** He’s in full compliance with Venezuelan constitutional law. Sunday voting will empower elected National Constituent members to revise Venezuela’s constitution or draft a new one, aiming to serve everyone equitably – democracy in action dark forces in Washington reject. So does the NYT.

**Fact:** People power is what Bolivarian governance is all about. America wants fascist rule it controls instead.

**Fact:** The NYT considers real democracy anywhere a threat to US interests.

The Times: “...Maduro (is) steering his country toward one-party rule...”

**Fact:** Venezuela is the hemisphere’s model democracy, the threat of a good example Washington fears will spread.

The Times: Maduro “refuse(s) to negotiate with street protesters.”

**Fact:** Opposition fascists directed by Washington rejected months of presidential outreach.

Much rides on Sunday elections and aftermath. Empowered Constituent Assembly members will be tasked with restoring constitutional order – no simple aim given Washington’s rage for violence, destabilization and regime change.

VISIT MY NEW WEB SITE: [stephenlendman.org](http://stephenlendman.org) (*Home - Stephen Lendman*). Contact at [lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net).

*My newest book as editor and contributor is titled “Flashpoint in Ukraine: How the US Drive for Hegemony Risks WW III.”*

<http://www.claritypress.com/LendmanIII.html>

*Listen to cutting-edge discussions with distinguished guests on the Progressive Radio News Hour on the Progressive Radio Network.*

The original source of this article is Global Research  
Copyright © [Stephen Lendman](http://stephenlendman.org), Global Research, 2017

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: **Stephen Lendman**

### **About the author:**

Stephen Lendman lives in Chicago. He can be reached at [lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net). His new book as editor and contributor is titled "Flashpoint in Ukraine: US Drive for Hegemony Risks WW III."

<http://www.claritypress.com/LendmanIII.html> Visit his blog site at [sjlendman.blogspot.com](http://sjlendman.blogspot.com). Listen to cutting-edge discussions with distinguished guests on the Progressive Radio News Hour on the Progressive Radio Network. It airs three times weekly: live on Sundays at 1PM Central time plus two prerecorded archived programs.

**Disclaimer:** The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca)

[www.globalresearch.ca](http://www.globalresearch.ca) contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca)