

My America: Raised by the Perpetual War Empire

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One must surmise that any 'thinking' citizen of ancient Rome probably felt as this writer does concerning my America, the Empire. Perpetual wars, invasions, occupations and colonization of foreign lands either were greeted with a cheerleading feeling, or with apathy or perhaps with sadness. Such it is in the waning months of 2019. This writer thinks that the feelings of apathy are mostly prevalent among our fellow consumers... Oh sorry, I mean citizens. It seems this Military Corporate Empire has inculcated with propaganda anyone under the age of 90. The buying and having of mostly unnecessary things becomes one's mission in life... including the \$ billions spent from watching the saturation ads on television and internet screens by Big Pharma.

Like robots in some futuristic Sci Fi movie, most of the public, the ones who actually still vote in elections, choose to see themselves as either Column A or Column B on the 2 Party/1 Party menu. Those that label themselves as 'independents' usually push that lever or touch that screen for one of the above anyhow. For those with strong feelings of apathy towards what the empire is doing, why go crazy researching alternative ways to think, let alone vote? There you have it. Thus, when confronted with theories or facts to counteract the status quo on topics like who killed JFK, RFK and MLK (and of course Malcolm X), or what really went down on 9/11 and the subsequent (illegal and immoral) invasions and occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan... APATHY. You see, to many in that 'apathy' category why bother to care? After all, what only matters to those people is their job, residence, kids, health.... and only from day to day. Forward thinking is for those who can afford to plan ahead because they have enough money to do so. The majority of working stiffs are financially forced to remain in the *here and now*.

William Shirer, when he was a news correspondent in Berlin during the early Nazi era, made an astute observation about many Berliners. This was a major international city, full of many sophisticated and well educated people. In 1939 when the Germans invaded Poland, Shirer was somewhat shocked when he saw the returning soldiers march into Berlin with not too much of a fuss by the public, excluding the usual 'true believers'. Many Berliners just went about their business. Yes, many Berliners, if they were doing well under the Nazi regime, only cared about their own personal concerns. If they knew Jews and perhaps did not really like how they were being treated, maybe a little sighing in private. Others, like the great dissidents of this empire, vented more vociferously but kept their mouths shut in public, hoping for the best. Once again, apathy within 'military mad empires' is and was the norm. What should have occurred in Weimar Germany should have occurred *before* the Nazi menace took root. This should have been done by the majority of Germans during the mid to late 1920s, when the rule of law was still in effect. *Then*, with enough popular support Hitler and his minions would have been stifled. Alas, it was the general *apathy* of too many good and decent German citizens that allowed the madness to percolate. Also, factor in that too many of those apathetic Germans feared the Communists too much to get involved in stopping the Brown shirts.

Sadly, our nation, which became Amerika right after WW2 by the disease called *The Cold War*, has right up until now been in what the late, great Gore Vidal called *Permanent War*. We baby boomers were raised by 'Duck and Cover' drills under our elementary school desks in the 1950s. The 1960s began with the 'A Bomb Scare' (funny how we are the only nation to drop the big one) which proceeded, from the famous 'Domino Theory' (Communism's spread would see nations falling like dominos) of the 1950s, into the cauldron of Vietnam. When that phony war was finally ended, the Perpetual War Empire found villains to justify the obscene and ever increasing military spending (which for this new century is 50% or higher of our tax revenues). Everyone knows the rest, with the two phony Iraq invasions and our current (never ending) 'War On Terror'. The rule always being "Nurture and subsidize a new enemy and then go after it full throttle." When those millions of apathetic Americans and Europeans wake up enough to see that the refugees are just too many, they only have Uncle Sam and NATO to thank for all that... period!

2 Timothy 4:3-4

For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

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