

Selected Articles: The Afghanistan Papers

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[3,000 Billion Dollars into the Bottomless Well of Afghanistan](#)

By [Manlio Dinucci](#), December 23, 2019

In the London Declaration, the 29 member countries of NATO reaffirmed “the engagement for the security and long-term stability of Afghanistan”. One week later, on the basis of the Freedom of Information Act, (used to empty a number of aging skeletons out of the closets, according to political necessity), the Washington Post managed to force the declassification of 2,000 pages of documents which reveal that “US civil servants fooled the public about the war in Afghanistan”. Basically, they hid its disastrous effects, including the economic effects, of a war which has been dragging on for 18 years.



[Afghan Papers Inadvertently Document WaPo’s Role in Spreading Official Lies](#)

By [Joshua Cho](#), December 22, 2019

If the Post is now publishing material demonstrating that US officials have been “following the same talking points for 18 years,” emphasizing how they are “making progress,” “especially” when the war is “going badly,” shouldn’t the paper acknowledge that it has been cheerleading this same line for all of those 18 years? Doesn’t it have a responsibility to examine how it served as a primary vehicle for those officials to spread these same “talking points” to [spin the coverage](#) in the desired fashion?



[The Afghanistan Fiasco and the Decline and Fall of the American Military](#)

By [Philip Giraldi](#), December 20, 2019

A devastating investigative report was [published](#) in the Washington Post on December 9th. Dubbed the “Afghanistan Papers” in a nod to the Vietnam War’s famous “Pentagon Papers,” the report relied on thousands of documents to similarly expose how the US government at the presidential level across three administrations, acting in collaboration with the military brass and civilian bureaucracy, deliberately and systematically lied repeatedly to the public and media about the situation in Afghanistan.



[The “Afghanistan Papers”: Deep State Narrative Management](#)

By [Kit Knightly](#), December 20, 2019

The Big Reveal for the Washington Post this week is the release of the Afghanistan Papers. A series of interviews and documents “compiled in secret” and then the subject of a “legal challenge” from the US government.

The [WaPo baldly calls it](#): “A secret history of the war”. But there’s nothing here that’s really secret, and very little actual history. What do they tell us? Absolutely nothing, except what we’re supposed to believe.



[War is Good for Business and Organized Crime: Afghanistan’s Multibillion Dollar Opium Trade. Rising Heroin Addiction in the US](#)

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), December 20, 2019

In 2004, the proceeds of the Afghan heroin trade yielded an estimated global revenue of the order of 90 billion dollars. This estimate was based on retail sales corresponding to a total supply of the order of 340,000 kg of pure heroin (corresponding to Afghanistan’s 3400 tons of opium production) (See Michel Chossudovsky, America’s War on Terrorism, Chapter XVI, Global Research, Montreal 2005)

Today a rough estimate based on US retail prices suggests that the global heroin market is

above the 500 billion dollars mark. This multibillion dollar hike is the result of a significant increase in the volume of heroin transacted Worldwide coupled with a moderate increase in retail prices.



[The Real Lesson of Afghanistan Is that Regime Change Does Not Work](#)

By [Medea Benjamin](#) and [Nicolas J. S. Davies](#), December 20, 2019

The trove of U.S. [“Lessons Learned”](#) documents on Afghanistan published by the Washington Post portrays, in excruciating detail, the anatomy of a failed policy, scandalously hidden from the public for 18 years. The [“Lessons Learned”](#) papers, however, are based on the premise that the U.S. and its allies will keep intervening militarily in other countries, and that they must therefore learn the lessons of Afghanistan to avoid making the same mistakes in future military occupations.



[What Everyone Is Missing About the Afghanistan Papers](#)

By [Darius Shaktahmasebi](#), December 18, 2019

If you need more proof that lawmakers in the U.S. couldn't care less about America's woeful commitment to human rights abroad—or even care about the public who vote them into office—look no further than the recent Afghanistan papers and the reaction to the publications from Congress.

[According to](#) the *Washington Post*, the outlet had obtained 2,000 pages of notes from interviews with more than 400 generals, diplomats, and other officials directly involved in the war. The documents showed that U.S. officials were lying about the progress being made in Afghanistan, lacked a basic understanding of Afghanistan, were hiding unmistakable evidence that the war had become unwinnable, and wasted close to \$1 trillion in the process.



[Afghanistan War – The Crime of the Century](#)

By [Rep. Ron Paul](#), December 18, 2019

“We were devoid of a fundamental understanding of Afghanistan. We didn't know what we were doing.” So said Gen. Douglas Lute, who oversaw the US war on Afghanistan under Presidents Bush and Obama. Eighteen years into the longest war in US history, we are finally finding out, thanks to thousands of pages of classified interviews on the war published by the Washington Post last week, that General Lute's cluelessness was shared by virtually everyone involved in the war.

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