

Selected Articles: Chosen Leaders, Proven Failures, and America's "Duopoly Party System"

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[Chosen Leaders, Proven Failures and Political Debacles](#)

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With a few notable exceptions, political leaders are chosen by political leaders, and not by electorates or community-based organizations or popular assemblies. Popular media figures and the so-called 'pundits', including academics and self-declared experts and 'think-tank' analysts reinforce and propagate these choices. A collection of terms and pseudo concepts are essential in validating what is really an oligarchical process. These concepts are tagged onto whoever is chosen by the elite for electoral candidates or for the seizure of political power. With this framework in mind, we have to critically analyze the symbols and signs used by popular opinion-makers as they promote political elites.



[America's "Duopoly Party System", Central to Understanding Power and Domination](#)

By [Vince Montes](#), December 03 2016

The 2016 presidential election did not only expose the political process and the duopoly political party system as a major mechanism of control, but exposed how the Democratic Party and their liberal supporters act as collaborators in upholding the status quo. This is not to say that the Republican Party is vastly different, but to say that there is a well-known belief, largely uncontested that the Democratic Party is the party that supposedly champions the common man/women, the oppressed, and the exploited causes. Yet, this narrative does not appear to be supported by overwhelming evidences. In fact, the Democratic Party and their liberal supporters appear to validate of the current arrangement of power and wealth and derive tremendous benefit from it.



[Angela Merkel's Benign Dictatorship](#)

By [Michael Werbowski](#), December 05 2016

The mainstream media portrays the German chancellor as the guardian of western liberal democratic principles. Europeans are led to believe the German leader is following in the steps of enlightenment thinkers such as Thomas Paine, Jefferson or her compatriot Wilhelm von Humboldt. And she's certainly not carrying on the tyrannical tradition of former East German rulers like Walter Ulbricht or Erich Honecker. Or is she?



Haiti Rejects Election Under Occupation

By [Dady Chery](#), December 05 2016

In December 2014, Reuters, AP, Miami Herald, and Huffington Post, among others, declared Evans Paul to be prime minister of Haiti without the requisite approval of the parliament, and it was so. Something similar was done when they called California for Hillary Clinton, before the votes were counted, and handed her the democratic primaries against Bernie Sanders in June 2016. Now mainstream outfits, including the BBC, New York Times, Guardian, and Fox News are trying to make Jovenel Moise Haiti's president by pretending not to know the difference between a preliminary and a final result.



The Coming War on China. Nuclear War is No Longer a Shadow

By [John Pilger](#), December 03 2016

I have spent two years making a documentary film, *The Coming War on China*, in which the evidence and witnesses warn that nuclear war is no longer a shadow, but a contingency. The greatest build-up of American-led military forces since the Second World War is well under way. They are in the northern hemisphere, on the western borders of Russia, and in Asia and the Pacific, confronting China.



Urgent Alert: The "21st Century Cures Act" That Will Expand the Use of Coerced Drug "Treatments"

By [Gary Kohls](#), December 03 2016

URGENT ACTION ALERT On November 30th, the House passed HR 34, a 996-page bill, known as the 21st Century Cures Act. They are now rushing to get it introduced and passed by the Senate on Monday, December 5th, at 5:30 EST. This bill must be defeated because it contains some very dangerous provisions relating to psychiatric treatments. This is an urgent call to action as we must let our Senators know that they need to oppose it. We

have less than 72-hours to do this.

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