

The US Elections, Syria and the Spectre of International Terrorism

Global Research News Hour Episode 137. A Conversation with Webster Tarpley

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"My most important long-term commitment is to work to improve the intelligence and world awareness of the anti-regime political forces in the United States and around the world."
Webster Griffin Tarpley, as quoted in the book *Towers of Deception: The Media Cover-up of 9/11* [1]

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Trying to make sense of armed build-ups and geopolitical formulations can be a complicated task in the midst of ever changing allegiances and inconsistent media messaging.

World War 2 started with the Nazis receiving support from Western powers initially. The Soviets would later sign a non-aggression pact with Hitler. Eventually, the Soviets and the US, French, British and other powers would unite to repel the Nazi menace. With the Allies emerging victorious, a cold war would place the Soviets and the North Atlantic alliance known as NATO at odds for nearly half a century. [2]

Fast forward to the current situation in Northern Syria. The Islamic State, otherwise known as ISIS/ISIL were armed and supported as part of the group of armed rebels working to overthrow the government of Syrian President Bashar Al-Assad. Now these same fighters are being portrayed, rhetorically if not actually, as enemy number one in the Middle East. [3]

Russia and the Syrian Army have risen to the challenge and have secured substantial victories over the militant extremists. Kurdish militia have been key on the ground resisters to the ISIS/ISIL scourge. Turkey, a NATO ally, appears to be inconsistent (to put it nicely) in their opposition to IS. [4]

Enmity between Russia and the US appears to be at an apex in spite of what would seem to be a clear convergence in terms of stated aims.

With no clear picture of how events will unroll over the coming weeks and months, we turn to a reputable analyst to help untangle current events, not only in this troubled Middle East

region, but in the comparably contentious US Presidential battle.

Webster Tarpley is an author, historian and commentator. He graduated summa cum laude from Princeton and Phi Beta Kappa. He is a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Turin in Italy. He holds an MA in humanities from Skidmore College and a Ph D in early modern history from the Catholic University of America. [5]

Recognized as an expert on international terrorism, it was his 1978 study, “Chi ha ucciso Aldo Moro?” (Who Killed Aldo Moro?) commissioned by the Italian government which helped break open NATO’s clandestine networks and their ownership of the stay behind armies known as the Red Brigades. [6]

Tarpley is probably better known for his 1992 book, [George Bush: the Unauthorized Biography](#) and his 2005 classic [9/11 Synthetic Terror: Made in USA - Myth of the 21st Century](#). [7]

Webster Tarpley is also the regular host of the radio program World Crisis Radio. His website is www.tarpley.net

Neither this website nor this radio program commits fully to all the specific conclusions Dr. Tarpley has drawn. For example, in this interview, Tarpley does not seem to accept the idea that ISIS/ISIL continues to serve Western aims as intelligence assets. Nevertheless, the clarity of Dr. Tarpley’s thinking and his attention to historical and empirical detail deserves to be confronted by readers and listeners alike as a check on all theories and analyses arising from current geopolitical eruptions.

This week’s interview starts with Tarpley’s assessment of the period of US history that marked a ‘high point’ in US policy as pertains to guiding human development, peace and security at home and abroad. He then speaks at length about the Syria situation and the origins of ISIS/ISIL, the status of international terrorism, and the US election and how the rise of Donald Trump is fundamentally shaking up the political establishment and landscape of the US.

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Notes:

1) Barrie Zwicker (2006), Towers of Deception: The Media Cover-Up/ of 9/11, P.187

2)<http://www.globalresearch.ca/rethinking-world-war-ii-debunking-the-myth-of-the-good-war/5383967>

3)<http://www.voanews.com/content/shifting-allegiances-a-free-for-all-in-northern-syria/3194684.html>

4) ibid

5)<http://tarpley.net/biography/>

6) ibid

7) ibid

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