

Unilateral Intervention without a UN Mandate: Propagandists Sell “Vigilante” Solution for Syria

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Ned Dobos of Australia’s University of New South Wales, Canberra has given a presentation, served up in the form of an op-ed in the Sydney Morning Herald titled, “[Syria needs a vigilante to save its people](#),” that can only be described as a new benchmark in Western duplicity. Cued up by the forces of Western imperialism, Dobos plugs in every keyword and talking point flowing through the halls of the very corporate-funded think tanks that have engineered the blood-soaked destabilization in Syria in the first place.

Sidestepping entirely the history of the current conflict, both in Syria, and in a broader regional context, as well as inconvenient facts regarding the driving factors behind the violence Dobos seeks to end with his proposal, he maintains that there is a “moral imperative” for nations to act outside of the “paralyzed” United Nations.

Dobos conducts a rambling pedantic philosophical defense of what is essentially a unilateral act of war built on patently false pretenses, as NATO has already done in Libya, and as the US has done in Iraq and Afghanistan at the cost of millions of innocent lives.

Dobos concludes by stating:

“Champions of the UN often fail to see or acknowledge that the obligations of a state’s international commitments are equally prima facie, and that in some cases a perfectly good justification for their transgression will be available.

Syria is one of those cases. The global body entrusted with the task of preventing human rights abuses is, once again, paralysed by politics. For any state that is able and willing to act unilaterally, the imperative to defend people against murder, torture and rape trumps fidelity to international covenant. A vigilante that defends the innocent when the police can’t or won’t is not a villain, he is a hero.” – “[Syria needs a vigilante to save its people](#)” Ned Dobos, SMH.

The Truth Drowns Western & Dobos’ Flights of R2P Fancy

Unfortunately for Dobos and his ivory tower academia, the truth about the violence in Syria

not only mires his proposal in the unpleasantness of reality, it drowns it. The “murder, torture, and rape” Dobos claims unilateral military intervention will stop, was in fact premeditated, planned, staged, funded, and the forces carrying it out entirely armed by the West in an effort not for “preventing human rights abuses,” but to admittedly overthrow the government of Syria and install a compliant, pro-Western client regime, as the West has done in [Tunisia](#), [Libya](#), [Egypt](#), and is attempting to do elsewhere from Northern Africa to Southeast Asia [and beyond](#).

Since the early 1990’s, US Army General Wesley Clark was aware of a plan drawn up by the forces of corporate-financier special interests to overthrow the “old client regimes” of the Soviet Union. General Clark would again be made aware of plans post-9/11 to invade and overthrow the governments of seven specific nations, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Libya Somalia, Sudan, and Iran. General Clark would later present this information [at the Commonwealth Club of California, October 3, 2007](#).

It was also in 2007 that Seymour Hersh of the New Yorker would publish a lengthy report titled “[The Redirection](#)” regarding US, Israeli, and Saudi plans to destabilize Lebanon, Syria, and Iran using sectarian extremists with direct ties to Al Qaeda with the foreknowledge they would wreak terrible havoc, committing horrific atrocities as they carried out the West’s proxy war. Upon reading Hersh’s report and viewing the events unfolding today, the West’s plan has clearly been executed with a fair degree of exactitude and precision, obfuscated only by the West’s impressive dissembling enabled by their immense corporate media networks.

The Arab Spring [was also being engineered in this period](#), years before it would actually unfold, with the US training “activists” in the US, providing them with equipment, funding, and directives in the lead up to one of the largest, if not the largest coordinated political destabilization in human history. Regarding Syria specifically, the US State Department would admit that it did indeed train and fund “activists” abroad with the explicit intent of sowing chaos once they returned to Syria.

[In an April 2011 AFP report](#), Michael Posner, the assistant US Secretary of State for Human Rights and Labor, admitted that the “US government has budgeted \$50 million in the last two years to develop new technologies to help activists protect themselves from arrest and prosecution by authoritarian governments.” The report went on to admit that the US (emphasis added) “organized training sessions for 5,000 activists in different parts of the world. A session held in the Middle East about six weeks ago gathered activists from Tunisia, Egypt, **Syria and Lebanon** who returned to their countries with the aim of training their colleagues there.” Posner would add, “They went back and there’s a ripple effect.”

With [the CIA](#), [Saudi Arabia](#), [Qatar](#), and even elements [in Lebanon](#) now openly admitting they are funding, arming, and otherwise enabling terrorists operating in and around Syrian territory – and with these terrorists accused by even the West’s own “institutions” and “international arbiters” of carrying out systematic atrocities of their own, [including kidnapping, torture, and murder](#), Dobos’ narrative is exposed further as absolute, baseless, politically-motivated propaganda unmoored by even what is admitted in headline news.

[With Libya serving as the ultimate example](#) of just how disingenuous the West is regarding “responsibility to protect” (R2P), a political ploy contrived by modern neo-imperialists to mask naked military conquest, promoting a similar campaign in Syria is admittedly a hard, if

not impossible sell. Libya's "freedom fighters" have turned out to be sectarian terrorists now carrying out a brutal campaign of nationwide torture, harassment, illegal imprisonments, and genocide. Entire towns have been wiped out with ethnic and religious minorities fleeing the country for their survival. Even the handpicked proxies installed by NATO have been subjected to the violence, threats, and general chaos that has predictably prevailed in Libya.

In fact the only success story that can be told coming out of Libya, is its emergence [as a military logistical hub serving similar NATO destabilizations](#) across Northern Africa and across the Middle East. With an entire nation serving as a safe haven for terrorism, a nearly endless supply of weapons and fighters can be propagated to multiple theaters of conflict. Ironically enough, eastern Libya ([Benghazi, the epicenter of 2011's destabilization](#)) had served [as a terrorist recruiting center](#) for fueling sectarian violence in Iraq that effectively neutralized a joint Sunni-Shi'ia insurrection against Western occupation.

Selling Unilateral Military Conquest - a Crime Against World Peace

Wittingly or unwittingly, Dobos has committed a crime against world peace by promoting crass, unfounded, irresponsible propaganda aimed solely at defending not only the continuation of violence in Syria, but also by attempting to prepare the ground for a larger act of overt military aggression, which he himself admits violates international law - a Nuremberg offense.

Dobos and the corporate-funded policy makers he parrots almost certainly do not believe the rhetoric they are promoting - as even the most elementary research into the topic exposes immediate and significant flaws in the premise of "unilateral intervention" based on a "moral imperative" to alleviate violence of the West's own premeditated creation.

Dobos has also played a role in destroying the credibility of not only his own university of New South Wales, but the reputation and credibility of Western academia in general, which has now become an easily purchased stamp of approval to lend credence and employ an "academic" defense to the otherwise indefensible. Australian academia in particular has been almost entirely infiltrated and co-opted by the forces of Western special interests, [in particular by the Lowy Institute](#).

For the very real principles and ideals the West once stood for, we must expose and denounce entirely the hackery of "academics" like "Dr." Dobos, protest the recognition of his credentials, and give pause for thought to those employing him and allowing him to continuously abuse the good name of their educational institutions for transparently self-serving political agendas. Failing to do this will only accelerate the fall of the West's institutions, and once credibility has been lost, it will be difficult if not impossible to ever regain it.

Suggesting that the West should unilaterally intervene in Syria, without a UN mandate has been on corporate-financier funded policy makers' wishlist for months. [Neo-Conservative led corporate funded think tank \(beginning on page 18, .pdf\)](#), the Henry Jackson Society, [has openly declared NATO's plans](#) to do just that. Of course, to do so, it must be thoroughly justified in the court of public opinion - a court Dobos just so happens to have testify before with his pedantic, fact-devoid, intelligence-insulting diatribe.

With Libya and Iraq as two very prominent examples of how the West couches military conquest within "humanitarian" pretexts still fresh in the public's mind, it will take much

more than an obscure ethics PhD from Australia parroting corporate-funded talking points to convince the world that it is necessary, let alone justified to expand upon these grievous crimes against humanity and suffer another blight upon our collective conscience.

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