

# War? “There is no war” in Libya

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For the mainstream media, there is no war in Libya. Except for the war on truth. In his latest article Finian Cunningham explains:

[I]n the case of Libya, the word “war” has been dropped altogether from all discourse about Western intervention. It’s called a “responsibility to protect civilian lives”. This disarticulated language and meaning is repeated even though the factual truth of what is happening is an exact conformation to the word “war”. And not only “war” but “criminal war”. The murder of civilians by NATO warplanes is a war crime in the normal framework of fact, truth, reality, law and morality. But in the abnormal, hideous framework of Western imperialist propaganda it is called “protecting civilians” and “supporting democracy”.

“This is war in all but name,” notes Michel Chossudovsky. “These are war crimes in all but name. And the Western mainstream media are complicit in these war crimes. The Western media have made absurdities acceptable through their non-reporting and distortion of crimes by NATO powers. If people can be made to believe absurdities, then they can be made to accept atrocities.”

Libya can be seen as the pinnacle of Orwellian function – meaning the nadir in normal reasoning. In its relentless one-eyed coverage of Libya, the Western media has served as the ministry of disinformation for NATO. (Finian Cunningham, [Killing the Truth: Western Mainstream Media Complicit in NATO War Crimes in Libya](#), Global Research, August 24, 2011)

In times like these, independent reporting is crucial. Our correspondent in Tripoli, [Mahdi Nazemroaya](#), is providing our readers with honest reporting by denouncing NATO war crimes in Libya.

On the contrary, the mainstream media (MSM) has links to NATO and the armed rebels. Their actions are rarely, if ever, questioned. The mainstream reports clearly serve NATO’s agenda. Its claims remain unchallenged. Nothing is said about its war crimes. Official statements from NATO countries are transmitted to the public without any substantial analysis of the reality on the ground.

In *Methods of Media Manipulation*, Micheal Parenti refers to this technique as “face-value transmission”:

One way to lie is to accept at face value what are known to be official lies, uncritically passing them on to the public without adequate confirmation.

Face-value transmission has characterized the press’s performance in almost every area of

domestic and foreign policy [...]

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