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Perspective

The United States: A Model Fascist State

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by Girard Newkirk

The United States has historically been viewed, especially among intellectual elites in America, as the model democratic structure or the paradigm for other less democratically viable countries to emulate. Ostensibly, this assertion has some legitimacy with regards to the founding principles of the United States. Most Americans do enjoy the luxury of going to the polls and voting for the candidate of their choice without the worry of being gunned down or beaten. In regards to rights, the U.S. has a wealth of inalienable rights legitimized by the architects of the Constitution which allow most Americans to enjoy unparalleled freedoms. However, upon closer social and political examination the myth of democracy faces formidable challenges from the opponent which is reality.

Over the last two decades, in particular during the Reagan years and the last two with George W, the United States is looking less like a democracy and more like a highly evolved fascist creature. Devoid of the idiosyncrasies and shortcomings of its progenitors, this form of Fascism has a propaganda machine that is unarguably the most efficient the world has ever seen. The Bush administration and its primary accomplice, the profit-driven corporate media, have successfully created an alternative reality that they sell to the majority of the American public. For example, roughly 85 percent of the world was opposed to the U.S. led invasion of Iraq. Yet the American propaganda machine somehow convinced 60 percent of Americans that a pathetically weak country 7000 miles away was at any minute going to destroy the United States. Here is the fascist twist. In a normally functioning democracy it would seem that even speculation of a preemptive war would elicit a spectacle of public debate on the implications of such a drastic shift in policy. However, in the United States internal dissenting voices were castigated and characterized as being unpatriotic. The French were stripped of the honorable distinction of being the adjective used to describe America's favorite fast food. Hollywood actors and actresses were blacklisted and reprimanded by studio bosses for being outspoken about their views on the war. This doesn't sound like the model democracy that is so highly espoused in American political science journals.

Alexis de Tocqueville said, "in the United States the majority undertakes to supply a multitude of ready-made opinions for the use of individual, who are thus relieved from the necessity of forming opinions of their own." He came to this conclusion after visiting the United States in the heyday of Jacksonian Democracy. This has particular relevance today during this climate of fascism that is rapidly becoming epidemic in the United States. I am defining fascism

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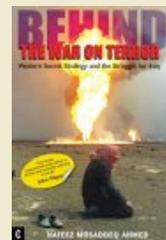
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as the convergence of military and economic power on behalf of a highly nationalist ideology which views dissenting voices as its enemies. The most potent aspect of the Bush administration is its ability to manipulate the masses. This war was obviously a geopolitical move for U.S. and other multi-national oil and industrial elites to increase their supply of oil to keep those profit margins widening. Of course this aspect of the war only benefits a marginal percentage of the global population, but the Bush administration disguise their real interests under the auspices of liberating Iraq. Never mind the U.S. single-handedly destroyed any real opportunity that Iraq had at freedom by undermining attempts by the Iraqi democratic opposition to topple Saddam.

The impact of Bush led U.S. Fascism can be seen over the entire globe. The gap in the distribution of wealth continues to widen and its obvious that combustible energy fed by (non-renewable energy sources) is going to run out. The time is now for those who are a bit more informed about the real motives of this multi-national form of global fascism to take action and disseminate the truth.

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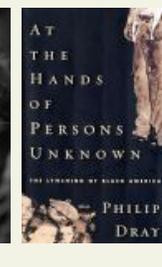
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