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The Terrorist Card: On Terrorism and Who Benefits From It By Larry Pinkney BlackCommentator.com Editorial Board

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The peace and security of the "American" people and indeed the *entire* world will never be a reality until the *root* causes of so-called terrorism are honestly and forthrightly addressed. The state-sponsored terrorism of Israel, overwhelmingly supported by the U.S., against the people of Gaza virtually guarantees that individual and/or collective *retaliatory* acts of terrorism will occur not only against Israel but also against the United States itself. This does not have to be, but is in reality deliberately perpetuated by some of the leaders of the very nation states who claim to abhor terrorism.

Barack Obama and Rahm Emmanuel, etc, are fully aware that terrorism feeds upon itself and is an endless spiral, particularly when a people, as in the case of the Palestinians in Gaza, are humiliated, mass-murdered, and forced into desperation. Barack Obama knows this full well and is obviously and cynically counting on it.

It is the corporate military / industrial complex that ultimately benefits from terrorism. The more acts of *state* terrorism perpetrated - the more acts of *retaliatory* terrorism will occur. The victims of terrorism are not only those maimed and killed by its horror but also democratic freedoms and *democracy itself*. Terrorism flourishes when desperation reigns and an atmosphere of reason and common sense have been made null and void. None of this serves the interests of everyday people in any nation, anywhere in the world.

This is precisely why the cynical *perpetuation* of terrorism by various nation states, all in the name of abhorring it, is absolutely imperative. Without terrorism there is the very real possibility for reasoned justice and diplomacy to prevail. But active terrorism ensures the only thing on people's minds is revenge at all cost. The *state* terrorism of F-16's and/or tanks bombing whole towns and villages is no less abhorrent than an *individual* blowing up a bus load of passengers. All these acts feed on each other and perpetuate the blood frenzy of terrorism and hatred. All of these acts are equally unacceptable and reprehensible. It must be clearly understood that war is nothing more than *organized terrorism by nation states*. It is not acceptable nor is it in the best interests of everyday men, women, and children throughout the U.S. and the world.

Political leaders already know these realities as does the corporate mass media. Yet, politicians and the mass media cynically, coldly, and callously manipulate information with *disinformation* or *no* information at all. Without the free flow of information and ideas by an *informed* people on *all* sides, people are kept in a perpetual state of ignorance and despair, which in turn serves as a breeding ground for continuing the cycle of terrorism. This is the terrorism of ignorance and manipulation and must be rejected and replaced outright with unfettered and uncensored information and discussion.

Terrorism does *not* have to be, but it will continue unabated as long as politicians and the concomitant corporate media are not *made* to be accountable to people on *all* sides.

Black, White, Brown, Red, and Yellow peoples owe it to ourselves, each other, and future generations to insist upon an end to terrorism by both nation states and individuals.

Nothing less will do. So much is at stake...

All Power to the People.

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