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**Obama's Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde Politics  
Keeping it Real  
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Rarely had so many been hoodwinked by so few, until the installation of Barack Obama as the head of the U.S. Empire. The fact is that Barack Obama is not the fulfillment of anything but the nightmare of continuing 21st Century U.S. Empire.

Recently, even as it appeared that Barack Obama nearly broke his back, bending over in unnecessary and overly subservient obeisance to the current Saudi Arabian "King" Abdullah, economic and conditions for everyday Black, White, Brown, Red, and Yellow peoples *right here* in this nation have continued to significantly worsen on a daily basis.

There is an enormous difference between sovereign *Heads of State* exhibiting simple diplomatic respect towards each other and needlessly prostrating oneself. The symbolism of Obama's over done and unnecessary prostration to "King" Abdullah of Saudi Arabia is telling, chilling, and deeply troubling. It is noteworthy that notwithstanding its own hypocrisy, the United States of America was brought into existence as a result of fighting a protracted and bloody war for "freedom" *against a King* and other monarchs and tyrants of the period. If indeed there is to be any prostration on the part of Barack Obama towards anyone then let it be (in both word *and deed*) *to* the everyday, ordinary Black, Brown, Red, White, and Yellow peoples of 'America' and the world, *not* Wall Street barons, banksters, kings or other such monarchs.

By now even some of the politically deaf, dumb, and blind of this land *should* be able to see that other than misleading rhetoric, no "*change*" of any real substance, is in the making. In fact, and to the contrary, Obama is busy pandering to the very same Wall

Street institutions to whom his predecessors gave unceasing political and economic homage and loyalty. *Nothing* has changed *substantively or systemically*.

1. On the matters of Afghanistan and Iraq, Obama is in reality widening these wars *not* ending them. Moreover, his political and military destabilization policy towards Pakistan is short sighted, wrong, hypocritical and enormously dangerous for that entire region of the world. These wars are being continued by Barack Obama, while the peoples of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan are butchered, not to mention the ongoing deaths of U.S. men and women in uniform who remain the canon fodder for the U.S. Empire's war machine. In this regard also, *nothing has substantively or systemically changed* under Barack Obama.

2. Notwithstanding Obama's endless *rhetoric*, on the matter of the absolutely criminal financial bail-out of the Wall Street barons and banksters, inclusive of the avaricious insurance companies, Barack Obama has demonstrated repeatedly that he is deep in the pocket of Wall Street, *not* the people. Expect no systemic change from him for it will not be forthcoming.

3. On the matter of his attempting to bully and boycott the United Nations Conference on Racism, Obama is both wrong and hypocritical. Obama's *actions* in this regard have made it quite clear that he opposes serious and systemic compensation / reparations for the descendants of the trans Atlantic slave trade, though no one should be surprised by this since he serves the interests of furthering and maintaining U.S. Empire and is himself, despite his slight pigmentation, the descendant of slave *holders* not slaves. What better way to *maintain* racism and other forms of economic exploitation than to have a Barack Obama as its de facto point man?!

4. On the matter of universal single payer health care, Obama and his minions offer the deliberately misleading *rhetoric* of so-called "affordable health care" which is *not* Universal single payer health care and still serves the financial interests first and foremost of the bloated and blood sucking insurance companies and their Wall Street accomplices. Universal single payer health care *for everyday people* is, and must be treated as, a human right, *not* some capitalist market commodity from which money is to be made or profit gained. On this matter of health care Obama and *both* the Democrat and Republican Parties (i.e. the Republicrats) are hustling the peoples of this nation.

5. Despite his misleading rhetoric to the contrary, Obama has set out to break the back of organized labor in a way that would have made Ronald Reagan green with envy. Again, this should come as no surprise as back in 2008, Obama made his strong "admiration" for the late Ronald Reagan known. This is the same anti-union Ronald Reagan who is remembered for, among other things, despising poor and working class people and for having utilized the military to neutralize the legitimate organizing / labor rights and aspirations of U.S. civilian air traffic controllers, etc.

One should not be surprised at being bitten by the proverbial snake.

Future columns of *Keeping It Real* will delve into various details pertaining to the above points and much, much more.

It must be reiterated that Barack Obama is not the fulfillment of anything but the

nightmare of continuing 21st Century U.S. Empire. This can and must be changed *only* by we the people collectively organizing, not by politicians who in reality serve the interests of the Wall Street / Military / Prison industry's elite.

The Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde politics and policies of Barack Obama are not acceptable.

Onward...

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