

Manifest Destiny and the True Motivation Behind America's New War

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President George W. Bush isn't wrong when he is constantly heard stating that his new campaign to rid the world of terrorism is war is like nothing ever experienced by the United States. Indeed, this campaign is unusual as it has already been observed, but its unconventional nature is a factor that is certainly benefiting the imperialistic nature of the United States Government. During the Vietnam conflict, American expansionism was obvious due to that war's unpopularity among the American public, and therefore US propaganda and lies were easily recognized by the domestic vigil.

However in this campaign, whereby it was the United States who were attacked and thousands of civilians became targets of terrorist attacks; propaganda and lies are now easily consumed by not only the unsuspecting US public but the sympathetic people of the world due to amplitude of the devastation. Any human being who cherishes peace and life could not help but feel sympathy for those who died and those who suffered as well feel that justice must be served so that peace, freedom, and liberty may prevail. While this author does agree with military action against those responsible, I certainly question the US Government's motivations and interests in this campaign. Is President Bush truly interested in justice; or is it revenge? Or perhaps it is something deeper.

The notion must be entertained by the vigilant that the United States Government maybe manipulating both domestic and international sympathy in order to reinstate an imperialist concept called Manifest Destiny. The concept of Manifest Destiny was first introduced in the 1840's by an American writer and diplomat named John L O'Sullivan. The doctrine ascertained that the expansion of the United States was both inevitably and divinely entitled to expansion over those who were considered politically inferior to the might of America. It further establishes a somewhat colonial and racist imperialist attitude of US superiority and an inherent right of dominance.

Is Manifest Destiny a reality in 2001? Although its practice maybe somewhat unconscious now, the symptoms of American imperialist expansion are quite evident as indicated in President Bush's new foreign policy that challenges all nations of the world to be, "either with the United States or the terrorists". Furthermore President Bush has indicated his intent to militarily enter other countries under the guise of this sympathetic campaign to abolish terrorism. It now seems that any country, including nations that choose to be neutral, who do not agree with US foreign policy are subject to US aggression. Surely the president of Pakistan has only allowed the US its conditional support so that it may not be labeled and thus targeted as a "terrorist harboring country".

Such acts create a dangerous precedent for the concept of sovereignty, a socio-political model that ensures and stabilizes international non-interference and mutual co-existence. The sovereign integrity of every country in the world that is not, "with the United States" is now threatened by these irresponsible proclamations. For example, if the United States Government decided that Canada's lumber policy was "hostile" towards their domestic industry, they would proclaim their right to suppress the threat; perhaps even in the name of Manifest Destiny. Furthermore, these proclamations totally harmonize with the US (among other leading industrialized countries) push for economic globalization; an act that already deteriorates the sovereignty of lesser-developed countries.

Justice is indeed a noble motivation for bending the rules a bit, but this author doesn't believe justice to be the motivation for President Bush and the United States Government "global assault on terrorism". For if they were truly interested in *infinite justice*, why is it that reparations, restitution, and recognition have not been made to the indigenous peoples of North America, who suffered countless massacres and acts of terrorism at the hands of the US Government? What is more criminal than massacring, displacing, and herding a race of people into postage stamp reservation in the name of greed? In fact indigenous writers such as, Annette Jaimes, have even compared the massacre of the indigenous people in North America to the Holocaust.

"Hitler's conception of lebensraum politik - the idea that Germans were innately entitled by virtue of their racial and cultural superiority to land belonging to others, and that they were thus morally free to take it by aggressive military action - obviously had much in common with the 19th century American sense of 'Manifest Destiny.'"

Indeed, the United States Government isn't interested in freedom, peace, or justice, but rather its true motivation is to wield the ability to control and suppress hostility in order to protect its national interests; an ability that can be best executed through American expansionism. Nothing has been more terroristic in nature than this act of imperialism. From the slavery of African Americans to the plight of the indigenous people in their backyard, the US Government is responsible for committing acts of terrorist in most countries around the globe.

During the Cold War, the Central Intelligence Agency had supported the Afghans with military training and hardware to be used against the Soviet Union Now, almost In fact in their current war it must be reminded that the US had both armed and trained Osama Bin Laden during the Cold War.

The United States proclaims itself to be the, "land of the free and the home of the brave". This author seriously doubts that the concept of freedom will be a unique trait in the domestic future of the United States as when you prohibit the people to resist; freedom is suppressed. Indeed, it should be recalled that the United Sates was born out of resistance and revolution. From an indigenous perspective let us close with a quote from the late Karoniaktajeh, which identifies the true result of the American Dream, "land of the unfree, and home of the dispossessed.

Ever onward towards the good tidings of true peace and power!