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Confronting the intellectual challenges imposed by the West and others on our Arab and Islamic societies, through:

Refuting these issues in a scientific and systematic academic manner, highlighting their consequences and shortcomings, and criticizing their origins and contexts.

Revealing the political, economic and colonial backgrounds behind the attempt to dominate culturally on our societies.

Providing scientific statistics from the inside of Western societies, which monitor the destructive consequences of these cultures on societies.

Providing authentic and alternative visions on these issues from a universal humanitarian perspective, that is consistent with the requirements of human nature and the universal, metaphysical vision of humanity.

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First talk USA: Empire of Lies and Aggression

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The act of «existence» in mankind contains an ancient historical and philosophical paradox, which is the paradox of the necessity and importance of human society as a vital need for its survival and the continuity of its existence. On the other hand, this paradox contains an element of competition and conflict resulting from the presence of the other in the same temporal and spatial space. This double paradox has led to multiple philosophical visions to resolve this complex conflict, and to find a system can provide a path, in which mankind can coexist with all cultural, ethnic and civilizational differences.

The theoretical conflictual schools, and doctrines of power, agree on that certain cultural, ethnic or civilizational characteristics give the right to force a group, to obtain a better and greater share than others in existence. This conflict and the system of power constitute the «natural» solution that «nature» and the constitution offer to man, with prior acquiescence to the fall of victims and losses appropriate for such a struggle for survival.

Human history bears witness to this deep, delicate, and at the same time dangerous intellectual conflict, which has caused much bloodshed, and has not yet led to a secure future for humanity. Although the divine and heavenly revealed religions, especially the Islamic religion with its Mahdist salvation proposal, presents its own proposal for the salvation of man from the fate of killing and the bloody path to survival, however, the objective circumstances of this proposal have not been fully integrated to date

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The twenty-first century is an appropriate station to reconsider the past historical stage, over a period of more than a century, where the element of technological, technical and scientific progress and development and the massive spread in the age of information, computing, heavy and smart industries and precise inventions, coincided with the emergence of American "civilization" as a major global power with huge capabilities on many levels. This synchronicity revealed only a bloody, conflictual face of American civilization, which humanity has witnessed since the occupation of the American continent, through the First and Second World Wars, and the subsequent inter-regional and international wars until this moment, leaving behind millions of dead and victims and widespread destruction, with a great diversity in the tools and methods of killing and the annihilation of groups, peoples, and nature.

Looking at American "civilization", there are three axes that have distinguished American history:

*The first axis: The philosophical theorization of killing; where American theorists, following European theorists, have been keen on the "philosophy" of killings and aggression, sometimes with arrogant justifications, sometimes with civilized justifications, under the slogans of human rights and democracy, raising awareness, qualifying countries to govern themselves, defending minorities, national security, and other deceptive slogans, using various methods of suppression and military, political and economic aggression, etc.

*The second axis: Achieving the desired results in the first axis will not happen unless it is accompanied by a large propaganda and media deception campaign that spends billions of dollars. History has never witnessed this level of fake media hype, planned deception, and agreement on different media outlets. This media that claims objectivity, only to later show that it is not objective at all, and for the war on Gaza, what came before Gaza and what will come after it, reveal that this Western media in general, and the American media in particular, is nothing but an empire of lies, falsification of facts, manipulation of images, and concealment of facts. This is the image that the American administration and pressure lobbies want to present to public opinion, especially inside America, so that freedom for the American becomes nothing but the ability to choose between a truth cloaked in falsehood to be repelled by it, and a falsehood portrayed as truth to be accepted. It is not surprising, given this situation, regimes are overthrown under the pretext of possessing, or seeking to possess internationally prohibited weapons, which will never be proven to be possessed or sought to possess,



or that unjust economic measures are imposed on entire peoples, while the media machine markets them as if they were imposed on the regime only. The great irony is that the country, which threatens other countries with war, under the pretext of possessing internationally prohibited weapons, is the one that has used those weapons the most throughout history, and is the first and last (so far) to have used nuclear weapons.

*The third axis: is the axis of implementing plans practically through military, economic, political and social wars.

These are wars of extermination in every sense of the word, which accompanied the United States of America before its beginning, meaning from the moment the continent was discovered and invaded by the whites coming from Europe, to begin immediately after that the wars of genocide against the indigenous population. No sooner had these wars ended than the occupiers fought a war they called the War of Independence against the British, and we do not know who is independent from whom, as they are all invaders?! Then the civil war between the North and the South came, followed by a series of wars.

Perhaps, we are not exaggerating if we say that the USA is the country that has waged the most wars compared to its age, and it is the most deadly country in terms of the number of victims, which its wars have left behind compared to its age as well. If Machiavelli was the first to say: "Aims justify means", then the USA is the most committed to it and loyal to it.

In any case, serious research on the history of American killing and crime has revealed structural features of the American mind, and civilizational personality, based on violence, annihilation, killing, and criminalizing the other because he is the other. These features are based on intellectual and civilizational foundations connected to the European roots of violence. This violence, in its European form, centered on the Eurocentric civilization, that is superior and steeped in puritanism and superiority over others, with the same tendency to justify the act of domination and killing.

The American violence scene is based, in its depth, on the spirit of genocide of indigenous peoples, seizing their land and resources, and persisting in killing the civilizational and cultural spirit of these indigenous peoples, in a way that guarantees the eternity of direct and indirect colonialism, and ensures that the Europeans and Americans always remain in the forefront. This spirit is a European creation, during the eras of European colonialism that prevailed throughout the world for centuries, until the middle of the twentieth century. This topic was thoroughly and

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extensively researched in the previous issue of Oumam Magazine. In this issue, we addressed the philosophical theorization of war and killing in the American political and cultural mind, especially with regard to the theoretical intellectual references to violence, among the hawks of the American administration, who are influential at the level of decisionmaking, leadership, and strategy.

The second topic, which this issue highlights in its research on violence and the history of American wars, is to highlight the uncivilized nature of American superiority, and the construction of the modern American state, by showing a general feature that accompanied this construction, which is the very high human cost - the blood of the peoples - in order to build and survive the American state. Therefore, this issue of the magazine highlighted, within accurate statistics, the terrifying numbers of the dead and victims of America's wars at this stage only, so that these statistics show the reality of the alleged advanced civilizational power, and path promoted by American politics and administration.

The truth of the path that caused so much killing has clearly exposed the American political propaganda, hidden behind the slogans of human rights, democracy and humanity, and this is evident in the criminal path that could not be hidden from the peoples of the world. The research that has been conducted has shown the extent of the huge funding, and planning that America is doing - in terms of media deception, playing with minds, distorting facts, and exploiting facts, slogans, and peoples' wills - in a pragmatic manner in relation to its own interests only. The history of media deception, lies, forgery and distortion of facts, practiced by America in particular with regard to the Vietnam War, the first and second Gulf War, the Iraq War, Syria, and of course with regard to all the resistance movements in our countries, and the invention of the names of "terrorism and extremism", and removing them from the category of human beings, in advance justification for killing and annihilation, are evidence of the extent of the forgery, and the will to commit criminal acts and killing, intentionally and definitively, as an authentic American method of political and "humanitarian" work.

The research in this issue also shows the widespread destructive effects of American wars in the two world wars, the Vietnam War, and the invasion of Afghanistan, especially the widespread use of internationally prohibited weapons, with accurate statistical evidence and information, which show the lack of this civilization' concern of the most basic human rights, and international humanitarian laws agreed upon in international charters and covenants.



Although the necessity of successive American governments to use excessive, illegal force that causes mass destruction, as it did in Hiroshima, Nagasaki, Vietnam, the brutal destruction of Irag, its infrastructure and human resources, the imposition of an unjust siege on it, and on other peoples such as Yemen, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, and others, indicates the gradual, inherent weakness of American power, such that it resorts to crime and brutality in order to resolve conflicts and achieve its interests, which is something that has nothing to do with political action. On the other hand, this criminal behavior, which is using internationally prohibited weapons, has created a kind of justification and legitimacy for their use, among its allies, especially the European countries that America uses in its wars, as well as the unparalleled support that the late Saddam Hussein received in his war against his people, and neighboring peoples, and his use of internationally prohibited weapons, such as chemical weapons and prohibited methods of killing and others. Likewise, the brutal and condemned crimes committed by Israel, seventy years ago, are similar to America's historical criminal path in eradicating indigenous peoples and using all types of killing, crimes and prohibited weapons, in the context of the alleged existential war against the usurping Israeli entity. All of this is under the sponsorship, support, funding and provision of legal, international and media cover by the United States. This is what we are currently witnessing in Gaza and the West Bank, before the eyes of the world. In addition to that, there are the violations of prisoners' and detainees' rights, which constituted a major scandal for the claims of America and the Western world, in the detention centers and prisons of Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo and the rest of the secret detention centers in the world.

This path of brutality, killing, and the exorbitant human cost incurred by the general human community, is under the pressure of the brutal American military, colonial power, the malicious control over the economy, media, and knowledge industry globally, and its reliance is on cognitive structural contexts linked to biblical-Christian origins, according to special Puritan readings, and as a result of the philosophies of power, absurdity and neoliberalism, which allow the powerful to exercise the ability, to achieve his interests as a supreme civilizational value. This matter is subject to a civilized and value-based discussion at its core. Therefore, it was necessary to open initial horizons for researchers, to present what concerns the Islamic view of the use of weapons of mass destruction, and the legitimacy of that, and to show the correct and sound principles of the limits of the use of violence in conflicts, and

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resolving disputes with others, and how to build a "more humane" social life. Also, the discussion is regarding the rights of prisoners from an Islamic perspective, which shows the humanitarian and legal framework that this religion provides for prisoners, in a scene that is contrary to what is prevalent under the eyes, actions and support of the American administration in this past century, which is full of corpses, killings, injuries and those affected by the excessive use of violence and war without limits.

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American Philosophical Theorization of War (Washington Hawks)

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Abstract

The research is directed towards examining the American political philosophical scene, to reveal the theoretical roots of the foreign policy of the United States of America, which took the form of wars in its contemporary history. It dealt with the most important political thinkers and philosophers, namely "Leo Strauss" and his political theory, which is based on the necessity of preserving the glory of the rising nation, America, through a philosophical system, which was founded on the rule of the elite, and the necessity of returning the political to the field of values. But this call for values was not for a moral reason, but for a pragmatic reason, which is: Values and religion are what most influence the public. Thus, values become the new tool of domination, carried by what he called noble lies, which took on an embodied form in the theories of both Samuel Huntington and his thesis "The Clash of Civilizations", and "Francis Fukuyama" with his thesis "The End of History", and the controversy that each of these theories has been subject to has established their presence in the applied political scene, where they have been picked up by political groups that have changed and emerged in American policy-making spaces, promoting the concept of war as the most effective tool for the continuation of America's glory, without taking into account the number of victims and the amount of destruction outside America's borders.

Keywords:

American Political Philosophy - Leo Strauss - Samuel Huntington - Francis Fukuyama - Washington Hawks.

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Religious Basing of Killing in America Christian Zionism as a Model

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Abstract

This research aims to shed light on the religious theorizing, which some religious movements have presented, as a theoretical justification for killing. The research has particularly approached what is called Christian Zionism. This research has strongly highlighted the wars launched by the American administration during the era of George W. Bush, under a religious cover, under the pretext of spreading chaos and wars, which should be ignited in order to accelerate the second coming of Christ. Under the name of Christian Zionism, this movement began in Europe, but later spread strongly in the United States of America. This idea was previously employed to promote the return of the Jews to their alleged land. In any case, Christian Zionism represented a trend that was not far from violent terrorist trends, even if they were in the form of governments, and formed a terrorist ideology with a religious cover.

Keywords:

Christian Zionism - America - Return of Christ - Israel - Religious Reform - Herzl -Biblical Prophecies - Neo-Conservatives.

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American Civil War (1861-1865) Bloody Conflict between the North, the South

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Abstract

The American Civil War (1861-1865) between the North and the South is a pivotal event in shaping the historical consciousness of the United States. The war lasted four years, and ultimately resulted in the victory of the Federal Union in the North, and the loss of the Confederate states in the South. However, the human losses, suffered by both sides, were so severe that they exceeded the losses of the United States> wars together. The number of dead, on both sides, was estimated at 750 thousand, not to mention the economic losses incurred by the two warring parties, especially in the southern states. The issue of the American Civil War is still very present in the American mind. What is striking is that current American society has become more accepting and expectant of war than ever before. Polls show that most Americans believe that deep divisions have worsened, since the beginning of 2021. Two in five Americans believe that a civil war is likely in the next decade.

Keywords: United States of America - American Civil War - Abraham Lincoln -Slavery in the Southern States - Confederacy in the South - Federalism in the North - Union Army - Confederate Army.

Keywords:

European Expansion - Indigenous People - Genocide - Demographic Collapse -Cultural Erasure.

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The United States of America, Crimes of Two World Wars, Atomic Bomb

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Abstract

This research aims to provide an objective explanation of the United States' entry into the two world wars, the gradual process that led it to drop the atomic bomb on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the terrifying negative role of this catastrophe. The research also followed the historical analytical approach, as it shows that the bombs were the first use of nuclear weapons in war, with the profound impact they caused on the world, and negatively affected all of humanity. We can learn important lessons from the dropping of the two atomic bombs. On the other hand, the research stressed the need to enhance international cooperation to prevent the outbreak of wars and conflicts, spread peace and tolerance, develop means of peace, promoting education and human rights, and the importance of protecting the environment.

Keywords:

World War I - World War II - United States of America - Atomic Bomb.

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America's Inhuman Crimes in Vietnam A Black History in the Color of Blood

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Abstract

In this research, we reveal the secrets of the war that the United States of America entered in a cold manner, and shed light on some of the details of this war and its results. This war was in Vietnam, waged by America as a superpower, still celebrating its magnificent and decisive victory over the Axis powers in World War II. But, fate willed that the conflict would come out with a humiliating defeat, and great material and human losses that shocked the entire world - especially the American interior - which became more skeptical than ever about the competence of its leadership, and the truth of its claims. The Vietnam War was the longest and most debilitating war in American history, and the only war the United States ever lost. The war had far-reaching and profound consequences for most aspects of American life, from the economy, to culture, to domestic and foreign policy.

Keywords:

Cold War - American Crimes - Communist Expansion - Napalm - Operation Rolling Thunder - Agent Orange.

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American War Crimes in Iraq

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Abstract

The American intervention in the affairs of Iraq, since the first and second Gulf Wars, up to the stage of direct military occupation, represents a call to think about the tragic and long-term consequences of the war in this country, and especially the crimes and atrocities committed by the American army against the Iraqis. Although the American intervention came under some slogans, such as establishing democracy, human rights, and ridding Irag of weapons of mass destruction, rather, the US-led invasion actually brought nothing to Iraq but chaos, violence, death, and all forms of destruction. The war has depleted lrag's resources, and plunged it into several stifling crises that paved the way for its destruction. Iraq is the country that posed a strategic threat to the interests of the United States and its ally Israel, and the war made sectarian tensions, between Sunni and Shiite Muslims, as fuel for political division, violence and extremism. This systematic destruction led to serious divisions in Iraqi society, and terrorist attacks became a daily routine, paralyzing life in Iraq and destroying all forms of growth and development, and Iraq is still suffering from the consequences of American intervention to this day.

Keywords:

The Second Gulf War - The Third Gulf War - Desert Storm - The Highway of Death Massacre - The Invasion of Kuwait - American brutality



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US Invasion of Afghanistan and Crimes against Humanity

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Abstract

Afghanistan has witnessed many invasions in its modern history, due to its terrain, and strategic location at the crossroads of Central Asia, the Indian subcontinent and the Middle East, where it had borders adjacent to the British expansion areas in the south, and also to the Russian expansion areas in the north. This privileged location made it vulnerable to British and Russian invasion. The ordinary Afghans bore all the negative effects of the repeated foreign invasion of their country. After the attack on the United States of America on September 11, 2001, America launched a fierce war against Afghanistan - under false pretenses and misleading claims - calling its war against Afghanistan the "War on Terror". America has developed its brutal wars to a frightening extent, turning from wars on terror into "terrorist wars" waged against all countries hostile to it and opposed to its aggressive policies. America has committed brutal crimes against Afghan civilians, and used internationally banned weapons to kill people and destroy the environment. The American invasion of Afghanistan has led to the collapse of the Afghan economy.

Keywords:

British Occupation - Soviet Occupation - Internationally Prohibited Weapons -Uranium - American Crimes - Chemical Weapons - Cluster Bombs.

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The United States and Internationally Prohibited Weapons The Greatest History

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Abstract

This research deals with the war crimes of the United States of America, which seriously violated all international laws, and are crimes against humanity, which used extremely brutal methods in its war on the indigenous population (the Red Indians), Japan, Vietnam, and Iraq using internationally prohibited weapons. America is the only country in human history that used nuclear weapons in its conflict with Japan. It occupied Vietnam and used chemical and biological weapons on its people. They occupied Iraq and used weapons, cluster bombs, and other depleted uranium weapons. This research also addresses the various effects of the use of internationally prohibited weapons of all kinds, nuclear, chemical, and biological, on humans, the environment, and the economy of the occupying state during destructive wars.

Keywords:

Internationally Prohibited Weapons - Nuclear War - American Crimes - Chemical weapons - Cluster bombs - Biological Weapons.

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Living Witnesses from Dark Sites American Detention and Torture Camps

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Abstract

This article deals with the subject of torture and human rights violations in American prisons and detention centers, which were established by the American government after the events of September 11. These detention centers were called black sites. The article focuses on the torture methods used in the American black sites, especially in the prisons of "Guantanamo" and "Abu Ghraib", and presents evidence and examples of these violations and atrocities, as witnesses of convicted American soldiers. t also presents some witnesses of former detainees in these black sites. In general, the article compares between the American falsehoods and lies claims, and the shocking facts

Keywords:

Torture - Dark Sites - Guantanamo - Abu Ghraib - Prisons - Detention

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American Media, Misinformation, Justification for War

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Abstract

This research sheds light on the media and propaganda war that the United States used to mislead local and international public opinion, justify its blatant aggression, and its use of weapons of mass destruction and internationally prohibited weapons, under the pretext of spreading peace and democracy, and preserving human rights. But in reality, it does not go beyond controlling peoples' capabilities, plundering their wealth, and controlling resources. All the titles it presented, regarding international peace, are nothing but flashy titles for purely economic and material goals. The research also presented an overview of the role of the resistance media in exposing American deception and lies, and the pressures it was subjected to, especially in our Arab region.

Keywords:

American Media - Media Deception - Islamic Resistance - Public Opinion -Terrorism.

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History of US Crimes in the World A Statistical Study

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Abstract

Under the title of "spreading democracy" and "human rights", the United States committed the worst crimes against humanity, to redraw the world map in line with the global order, through which it has achieved hegemony. American hegemony over the peoples of the world has taken many forms, including military, economic, and cultural. Therefore, in this research, we will discuss the wars that the United States has fought, since declaring its independence, with the aim of occupying more lands, and expanding its influence, whether directly or by proxy, in various parts of the world, including the West Asia region, to discuss the most prominent human losses left by those wars.

Keywords:

American Wars - World War I - World War II - Gulf War - Victims - Dead - Genocide of Indigenous Peoples.

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Use of Internationally Prohibited Weapons Study of Legitimacy from Islamic perspective

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Abstract

This research answers the rulings of the jurisprudence of jihad, regarding weapons used in wars, especially internationally prohibited weapons. Despite the recent development of these weapons, and despite the obstacles that hinder the regulation of their use in international law and the law of armed conflict, the rules of jihad jurisprudence control the use of these war tools, especially weapons of mass destruction, and specifically nuclear weapons. However, it should be noted that comparing the law of war and the jurisprudence of jihad is not an easy matter, and cannot be limited to comparing the rules of international humanitarian law (jus in bello) with the controls of warfare in Islam. Islam is strongly concerned with the origin of the legitimacy of war (jus ad bellum) and the specifications of the ruler who carries it out, which is somewhat exceeded by legislators in international law, since most of today's wars are aggressive. Weapons are developing significantly in this era, and it is clear that they are the locomotive of modern technological progress. This requires expanding research into new types of weapons, in the age of artificial intelligence, drones, automation, and others. The seriousness of these contemporary uses of military technology requires strict control over them, which should lead to the development of the jurisprudence of jihad to the new substantiations.

Keywords:

Internationally Prohibited Weapons - Jurisprudence of Jihad - International Humanitarian Law - Weapons of Mass Destruction.

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Treatment of Prisoners Comparative Study between International Laws, Islamic Law

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Abstract

Protecting prisoners' rights is one of the priorities that Islam has been keen on in both the legislative and practical dimensions. The image that Islam has presented in its treatment of prisoners is the purest and brightest throughout history. The basis that govern the treatment of prisoners - which are three: mercy, dignity, and justice - reflect the extent of Islam's commitment to human rights, within an integrated methodological vision, and a global approach that transcends the boundaries of time and place. Identifying some of these rights, which Islam has implemented, is necessary and important to know the humanity of Islamic legislation, and to benefit from this approach to apply it on the ground. The purpose of this research is to identify the rights of prisoners in Islam, compare them with international laws, especially the Geneva Convention, and demonstrate the precedence, comprehensiveness, and divine nature of the Islamic approach in this field. We believe that Islam has provided a model to be emulated in the field of dealing with prisoners, which can be a source of inspiration for modern societies, and positive laws in the field of human rights care, including the rights of prisoners. We have adopted the descriptive-analytical approach, in addition to the comparative approach

Keywords:

Prisoners of War - Rights - Islam - Geneva Convention.

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Reading in a book

On Western Terrorism From Hiroshima to the Drone War by «Noam Chomsky» and «Andre VItchek»

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Abstract

This general reading of the book, "On Western Terrorism from Hiroshima to the Drone War," covered the most important points about American history, from its beginnings until the basic dialogue that the book revolved around. This dialogue takes place between two influential and active figures, the American Jewish thinker and critic, "Naomi Chomsky", and the political analyst and investigative journalist, "Andre Vltchek". This dialogue is critical par excellence, in which they try to reveal some secrets and information about the empire of the United States of America and Europe. The most important thing that their discussion reached is that American power is no longer what it was. It may continue its criminal policies, but in new and different ways, more advanced and technical in all respects.

Keywords:

Naomi Chomsky - Andre Vltchek - Empire - Colonialism - Southeast Asia - Latin America - Arab Spring - Communism



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