

### **Globalization is Terrorism**

There was always one complaint protesters made against globalization, for those many years ago that promoters of globalization never answered: the homogenizing effect of globalization would bring heightened cultural alienation and rising social dissociation everywhere. Of course protesters also pointed out it would make some people or nations relatively poorer, a complaint globalization's promoters focused exclusively on and easily defeated, for it is true that increased trade generally increases prosperity for many. The first charge should have been stressed more.

The hatred for this consumer-oriented lifestyle was only punctuated by the blasts of 9/11. Mistaken as religious fanaticism, it continued through riots in Sydney and Paris and bombings in Bali, Madrid and London. It is more our conspicuous planet destroying lifestyle that is being attacked, not so much our religious differences. The rise of religious fanaticism is evidence of high cultural alienation and ever wider spreading social disassociation generated by globalization.

(Saudi Arabians are even more consumer oriented than we are and thus will be the last 'Islamic' state to protest openly or be bombed by the USA.)

Canadian's can be assured that involvement in Afghanistan to the point where prisoners are turned over to American torture chambers will bring more and deadly attention their way. Future dirty bomb plots would be hatched first for Vancouver and Montreal ports then Toronto.

Terrorism must be understood and accepted at it's root cause - economic globalism as promoted and pushed around the world beginning in 1986 with the signing of the first NAFTA agreement.

Our unsustainable way of life is environmentally, disgustingly destructive and must be factored into the phenomenon of terrorism. Those who promote globalization must be held directly accountable for the rising death toll. Globalization critics always argued that its increase would have deleterious effects on social and cultural standards, effects that would come to be felt in ways that would make the economic gains of globalization pale in comparison.

What our alarmed leaders today call "terrorism" is neither less nor more than the next stage in reaction to and protest against capitalist globalization; AND the erosion of civil rights, forced deposition of foreign governments, transformation towards a war economy, the brutal waging of war, Bush / Chaney sanctioned water-board torture and mass murder of tens of thousands of innocent collateral damage wedding party civilians, are only the next stage of

globalization.

It is everyone from the Chaney owned Halliburton, and Bush family owned Carlyle Group down to the everyday leisure shopper who is to blame for terrorism and the burgeoning war against it.

### **Capitalism is Consumerism**

Traveling in Europe and East Europe in 2005, I realized they there are hell bent, fast tracked and mistakenly gearing up to maximize a reflection of American consumer capitalism. Poland, the Ukraine, Turkey - all of them are ripping up mass-transit tracks and building bigger highways for goods sharing. Ironically and sadly, peasants in the South UA live a harder, simpler life than anywhere in Europe. An elbow grease, on-the-end-of-a-scythe lifestyle all G8 peoples must eventually live closer to in fifty years or less as fossil fuel begins to wane. East Europe was definitely not the place for easy living for the masses.

Moving on to Israel and back to Kibbutz Ginegar in late 2005, I saw first hand how consumerism had changed since I'd last lived there in the early 1980s with my girlfriend. There were no malls when we were there. Now they are everywhere. There were a few good main highways and cars were shared and used sparingly, now they are everywhere.

The Israeli government has recently gone into damage control to help citizens deal with massive credit card debt and widespread bankruptcy. Meanwhile millions of Palestinians live in abject poverty, a deplorable life I witnessed close up first hand when I was given the guest seat at a dinner on a door, sitting on a cinder block while the family squatted on the floor to eat. This privation is a certain recipe for alienation and hatred, though the students I worked with were desperately hopeful and yet placidly ready to die for the future of others if need be.

And as if Capitalism isn't bad enough, the U.S. government has been completely and totally infiltrated and now controlled by their rabid and crazy Christian right wing. PLEASE take the time to watch *The World According to Bush* DVD, because Harper et al are heading that way, "God Bless Canada" eh! Mr. Harperstein!?!

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