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My friends, to say the least, I was utterly shocked to learn about what the Trump administration did just over a week ago in the South American sovereign nation of Venezuela. In fact, I have been carefully reading the news, listening to a number of interviews, and writing this new series for the past week. Things have been happening so fast, and so many things have been said by so many governmental people in so many places, that it has been quite challenging to keep up with it all as I have been writing this series.

Many of us realized that something big was on the horizon. After all, the signs were rather clear, meaning the pre-war psychological manipulation of the American public; President Trump's bravado and constant threats against Venezuela; the multiple and controversial alleged drug boat bomb strikes; and lastly, the stern ultimatum to surrender which President Trump gave to Venezuelan president, Nicolás Maduro. However, in all honesty, I did not expect President Trump to actually send the US military into Caracas and capture Nicolás Maduro and his wife. Did you? We have not seen an action similar to that since thirty-six years ago when in December of 1989, US military forces invaded the Central American nation of Panama and ousted General Manuel Noriega from power. Noriega was likewise accused of drug trafficking at the time.

Regarding the alleged drug boat attacks, allow me to remind you of something which Secretary of War Pete Hegseth posted on his X account in late October of 2025, almost two months after the first boat strikes had begun. Mr. Hegseth's post clearly reveals exactly how President Trump and his cohorts view the drug traffickers, as well as how intent the Trump administration is to destroy them all, no matter how long it takes. As you will see, the alleged drug traffickers were now being referred to as "narco-terrorists", very similar to the terrorists associated with al-Qaeda in the Middle East. Hegseth wrote as follows:

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"Today, at the direction of President Trump, the Department of War carried out yet another lethal kinetic strike on a vessel operated by a Designated Terrorist Organization

(DTO). Yet again, the now-deceased terrorists were engaged in narco-trafficking in the Eastern Pacific.

The vessel was known by our intelligence to be involved in illicit narcotics smuggling, was transiting along a known narco-trafficking route, and was carrying narcotics. Three male narco-terrorists were aboard the vessel during the strike, which was conducted in international waters. All three terrorists were killed and no U.S. forces were harmed in this strike.

These strikes will continue, day after day. These are not simply drug runners -- these are narco-terrorists bringing death and destruction to our cities. These DTOs are the "Al Qaeda" of our hemisphere and will not escape justice. We will find them and kill them, until the threat to the American people is extinguished."

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The aforementioned boat strikes were designated as Operation Southern Spear. What I find interesting is the fact that in preparation for the fast-approaching invasion of Venezuela, and the surprising attack on Nicolás Maduro's compound in Caracas -- which occurred on January 3, 2026, and which was designated as Operation Absolute Resolve -- only two weeks earlier in mid-December of 2025, the Trump administration declared the government of Nicolás Maduro to be a Foreign Terrorist Organization. Furthermore, a month prior to that, in mid-November of 2025, the US Department of State posted the following announcement on their website:

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"The Department of State intends to designate Cartel de los Soles as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO), effective November 24, 2025. Based in Venezuela, the Cartel de los Soles is headed by Nicolás Maduro and other high-ranking individuals of the illegitimate Maduro regime who have corrupted Venezuela's military, intelligence, legislature, and judiciary. Neither Maduro nor his cronies represent Venezuela's legitimate government. Cartel de los Soles by and with other designated FTOs including Tren de Aragua and the Sinaloa Cartel are responsible for terrorist violence throughout our hemisphere as well as for trafficking drugs into the United States and Europe."

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So as you can see, the Trump administration was putting all of their ducks in a row, and slowly building their case so that the American public would accept what the US military would eventually do on the night of January 3, 2026. It was a carefully orchestrated plan involving gaslighting and psychological manipulation, to supposedly legitimize the attack on Maduro's heavily fortified compound.

For those of my readers who are old enough to remember, what just occurred in Venezuela is in my view the Iraq game plan all over again. Furthermore, it is the same game plan which is still being played out with Iran as well. Exactly what am I referring to? Please consider the following four points. Hopefully, doing so will make everything more clear to you in case you are confused, or don't know what to think about what just happened in Caracas, Venezuela:

1. Over a certain period of time, demonize a foreign leader who refuses to align himself with American interests for his nation.
2. Find supposedly valid and justifiable reasons which you can use to psychologically manipulate the American public so that they will be willing to accept your actions, BEFORE actually taking steps to take down that particular foreign leader.
3. Illegally invade that leader's country using the false, aforementioned manufactured reasons as your justifications for doing so, and for committing an unprovoked act of war.
4. Take down that foreign leader -- regime change -- and then replace him with someone who is more willing to abide by America's agenda for their country.

In short, my friends, what occurred back in 2003 with Saddam Hussein during the eight-year Iraq War was regime change, as is now common knowledge. Furthermore, we have just witnessed another case of regime change yet again in early 2026 with the very surprising ouster and capture of Nicolás Maduro by US military forces. In fact, just today, and only three days since Maduro was ousted from power, I noticed that some of the American news organizations have already begun to refer to the developments in Venezuela as regime change. So there is no denying what is going on.

In short, the US government still very much believes in the illegal practice of regime change, and it has never really abandoned it. Apparently, regime change has always been on the table as a possible option and last resort when lesser options fail to yield the tangible results that Uncle Sam desires. We have all just witnessed undeniable proof of it. By the way, as I've pointed out in other BBB articles, for the United States, tangible results ALWAYS equates to the targeted foreign country yielding to American power, and bowing to American influence. In other words, becoming a part of America's hegemonic sphere of influence. Nothing else is acceptable to the United States. As you continue reading this series, you will see that this is precisely what the United States now expects Venezuela to do.

Now, to be clear, Saddam Hussein was a despicable dictator. He was a ruthless thug and a cruel tyrant who even killed his own people when it suited his purposes. However, to this day, the fact still remains that Saddam Hussein was NEVER in possession of WMD, or weapons of mass destruction. Yes, as I pointed out years ago in some of my older articles -- which you'll find listed at the end of this same series -- a few decades ago, Mr. Hussein did contemplate the possibility of possessing nuclear weapons. However, he eventually abandoned the idea. Furthermore, Saddam never once posed as a serious threat to the United States of America. In fact, his SCUD missiles could barely reach the nation of Israel.

Returning our attention to Venezuela, the general consensus around the world is that Nicolás Maduro did NOT legitimately win his third term during the last presidential election in Venezuela in 2024. According to the opposition party, the election was really won by the opposition candidate, Edmundo González. In fact, during the previous presidential election in 2018, while Nicolás Maduro was supposedly elected to a second term, the opposition declared that the president of the National Assembly, Juan Guaidó, was the actual interim president, and not Maduro. So for a number of years, there were serious doubts concerning the legitimacy of Maduro's presidency. Voting irregularities and questionable legal practices swirled around his presidency.

But let me ask you a rather simple question. Do questionable election results give another nation the right to go into a foreign country and forcefully remove a leader from power? Personally, I offer a very strong "No!" Why not? Because in

my view, national elections are INTERNAL affairs, the results of which should ONLY be determined by the people of that same nation. If certain suspicions should arise regarding possible electoral improprieties, then it is solely the responsibility of the citizens of that nation to investigate, and to find a common ground solution to the problem. It is NOT the right or the responsibility of another nation to go in and try to fix such a problem, because doing so is disrespecting a nation's sovereignty.

To reiterate this important point. No nation has the right to influence or meddle in the internal electoral processes of another nation. Yet that is precisely what the USA just did when it captured and imprisoned Nicolás Maduro. That is what the USA did in Iraq as well. Regime change is contrary to international law and nobody has the right to do it. Only the people of that nation can and should work to change the corrupt leadership in their country. Period.

Consider the following. A huge swath of American citizens remain totally convinced to this very day that Joe Biden did not legitimately win the 2020 US presidential election. They still believe that Donald Trump won the election. So what if Russia or China had decided to step in and remove Biden from power by force, just as the USA just did with Maduro? Would you have accepted it? Obviously not. Such an event would have surely shocked the world. Such an act would have been widely condemned by the world, and loudly declared to be an illegal act which violates national sovereignty and contradicts the rule of law. So why is what President Trump did a week ago any different? Obviously, it isn't.

On a side note, the phrase "rule of law" simply means that no one is above the law, and everyone stands equal before the law, regardless of whether they are a private citizen, or a member of the government. Everyone has access to the law, is subject to the law without partiality, and is to be treated fairly.

Regarding Maduro being accused of being directly involved in drug trafficking, if we go strictly by the information which has been made available to us, then it would seem that Maduro stands guilty as charged, and very seriously so. In fact, as you will see in just a moment, recent events over the past several years reveal that Nicolás Maduro is just one of the major players in the Latin America to USA drug trafficking controversy.

Yet at the same time, we should not completely discard the possibility that just as the USA under the George W. Bush administration falsely accused Saddam Hussein of possessing WMD, it could also be that the drug charges against Maduro are bogus as well. As I point out in "Gaslighting: We Are Being Manipulated and Surveilled", let me also remind you that all any of us really have to go by is the manipulated information which we are fed on a daily basis by our own government, by the main stream media, and by a plethora of sources on the Internet. How much of it is to be trusted? As I explained to you earlier, one of the first steps in taking down a foreign leader is to psychologically manipulate the public so that they will be willing to accept your actions, even if grudgingly.

Quite frankly, for many years now, I have not fully trusted American news reports, or the US government, and much less online information. Let's face it, folks. It is all slanted and manipulated to promote and advance one particular agenda or another. In short, we are all purposely psychologically manipulated and intentionally herded into a constant state of perpetual confusion where we do not really know what is true and what is false with absolute certainty. We all have our own ideas, of course, but because of these factors, how much can we really trust what we believe to be true when it is based on such manipulated "facts"?

However, despite all of the constant manipulation, one thing which does remain quite certain in my mind is the fact that similar to Saddam Hussein, Nicolás Maduro posed absolutely no military threat to the United States whatsoever. As such, in my view, there was no legal justification for the United States to go in militarily and forcefully remove Maduro from power. What the United States did was an unprovoked act of war, plain and simple.

As some of my readers will already know, what makes the drug trafficking accusation against Nicolás Maduro -- as well as Maduro's subsequent capture -- all the more hypocritical on the part of the Trump administration, is the fact that on December 1, 2025 -- and just six weeks ago as of the date of this series -- President Trump pardoned the former president of Honduras -- Juan Orlando Hernández -- of very similar drug trafficking charges.

For those of my readers who may not be aware, in June of

2024, ex-President Hernández was sentenced to forty-five years in prison after a U.S. federal jury convicted him of conspiring to import cocaine into the United States, and a number of related firearms offenses. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Hernández and his co-conspirators trafficked more than four hundred tons of cocaine through Honduras between 2004 and 2022. This cocaine was destined for the United States of America.

Online reports indicate that US prosecutors involved in the case maintained that in 2013, Hernández accepted the sum of one million dollars from the former Mexican cartel kingpin Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán while he successfully ran for his first term as the president of Honduras. Hernández would eventually serve a full second term before being indicted, convicted and imprisoned in the USA. US prosecutors stated that Hernández's government had set up Honduras to serve as a pivotal waypoint -- or as a sort of superhighway -- for cocaine that was arriving from South American nations such as Colombia and Venezuela.

President Trump had first announced his intentions to pardon Hernández on his social media platform -- Truth Social -- on November 28, 2025, where he stated that he intended to issue a "full and complete pardon" to Hernández. As I said, Trump fulfilled his promise on December 1, 2025, and Hernández was released from federal prison on that same day. According to President Trump, Hernández had been treated unfairly. What I find very interesting is the fact that upon his release, and in his very first public statement soon after his release, Hernández publicly thanked the Lord for His mercy in setting him free. It was following those remarks in Spanish that he also profusely thanked President Trump for his pardon.

My friends, to me personally, the remarks which were made by Hernández offer a strong hint regarding why President Trump may have decided to release the man. As they say, birds of a feather flock together. As I point out in articles such as "Beware of Dominionism!", and as some of my readers already know, President Trump has surrounded himself with Catholics, Jews, Dominionists and members of NAR. That is to say, New Apostolic Reformation. The latter practice a very worldly form of Christianity which emphasizes wealth and political power. I suspect that these Christians strongly influenced President Trump's decision to pardon Honduran ex-President Juan Orlando Hernández, despite the serious drug trafficking charges which were leveraged against him.

This would also seem to explain Hernández's first statements following his release. Is Hernández a true Christian, or was he simply putting on a public show for Christians, just as President Trump likes to do? I obviously don't know the man, so I honestly can't say for certain. Maybe he drew closer to the Lord while he was in prison. It happens to a lot of men who endure breaking and suffering. However, if Hernández was really guilty of trafficking four hundred tons of cocaine, then it seems rather obvious to me that there is no way that he could possibly call himself a real Christian. As such, his post-release statements remain highly suspect in my opinion. As some of us already know, crafty politicians just love to play the Christian card with the gullible, naive Christian crowd; particularly if it will help them to win their vote. As I said, President Trump does it all the time.

While we will probably never know all the behind-the-scenes details regarding the Hernández case, I am sure that you can see the huge problem -- and blatant hypocrisy -- here with regard to President Trump's questionable actions. If not, allow me to explain it to you by way of a question. How is it that both the presidents of Honduras and Venezuela are implicated by US prosecutors in the same drug trafficking ring, and yet one of them merits release by President Trump after serving barely a year and a half of his forty-five year prison term, while only a month later, the other one -- meaning Maduro -- deserves to have his country invaded by US military forces, and himself captured and imprisoned under Trump's direct orders?

In my view, this disparity in treatment between Juan Orlando Hernández and Nicolás Maduro reveals that there is something else going on here which goes way beyond drug trafficking charges. To reiterate, we have two powerful leaders of two Latin American countries, both of whom were heavily involved in what appears to be the same drug trafficking ring, and both of whom were eventually caught. In fact, I even have to wonder if Hernández would have been caught, if Trump had been in power at the time of Hernández's capture. Who knows.

So exactly what is going on here? Well, it is my belief that just as WMD were used to conceal the REAL reason why the USA invaded Iraq and ousted Saddam Hussein from power, it's very possible that drug trafficking charges have now been used to conceal the REAL reason why the USA just resorted to regime change, illegally invaded the sovereign nation of Venezuela,

and arrested Nicolás Maduro and his wife. So if Trump's real motivation wasn't drug trafficking, then what was it? It is not difficult to see, in my view. As most Americans should know by now, Donald Trump is NOT big on EVs -- or electric vehicles. In fact, their differences of opinion regarding EVs is one of the reasons why Donald Trump recently had a falling out with Elon Musk. It was not just about DOGE and the so-called Big Beautiful Bill, which Elon Musk thought was wasteful and ridiculous. The two men simply have very different visions for the United States with regard to EVs and gasoline-powered cars.

Simply put, Donald Trump is old school and strongly supports gasoline-powered vehicles and the oil industry, just as the Bushes did as well. That being the case, allow me to ask you an easy question. Is it merely a coincidence that Venezuela happens to be the number one country in the world insofar as proven oil reserves are concerned? In fact, it may interest you to know that according to latest statistics, Venezuela has more confirmed oil reserves than Saudi Arabia. Estimates are around 300 billion barrels, most of which is extra-heavy crude oil that is located in the extensive Orinoco Belt in the eastern part of the nation. In contrast, Saudi Arabia has ten percent less oil with about 267 billion barrels.

So the answer seems quite clear to me personally. President Trump's threats against Venezuela, the warnings to Maduro himself, the controversial drug boat attacks, and lastly, Nicolás Maduro's capture and imprisonment, are really all about control of the Venezuelan oil fields. It is NOT just about the drug trafficking problem alone as so many people have intentionally been led to believe by President Trump and his team. This indisputable truth will become even more evident to you as you continue reading this series. In fact, even if you don't read this entire series, just the words which have been spoken, and the various actions which have been taken by the Trump administration over the past week since the invasion of Caracas occurred, prove that this is so beyond a shadow of a doubt.

As some of my readers may know, the United States has been endeavoring to place a pro-USA government in Venezuela for literally years. Let us not be too quick to forget how the US also attempted to take down Venezuela's former president, Hugo Chávez, but failed. Rumor has it that the American CIA was behind the April 11, 2002 coup d'état which temporarily removed Chávez from power for a few days. Certain sources

claim that while the CIA was aware of the impending coup, it didn't orchestrate it or even become directly involved in it. However, it's also claimed that the CIA did not warn Chávez, which basically amounts to tacit approval of the coup in the eyes of some people. Eleven years later, in March of 2013, Nicolás Maduro was Vice President of Venezuela when Chávez died from cancer. And thus, Maduro became the new interim president of Venezuela.

Just as President Bush promised freedom, peace and democracy for Iraq -- which turned out to be a very huge lie because the Iraqi people are most certainly not living under freedom and democracy today -- Trump is now promising the very same things -- along with tremendous wealth -- for the people of Venezuela. Of course, that promise comes with a condition. Venezuelans must willingly surrender control of their vast oil fields to America's powerful oil companies. Thus, just as I noted earlier, it is the Iraq playbook all over again.

In fact, I will take this particular topic a step further. If you take the time to really study Donald Trump and get inside his head, and carefully follow his public comments, you can really learn a lot about the guy. This is exactly what I do in such articles as the following, which you will also find listed at the end of this same series:

1. America, Trump, MAGA and Peace, Safety and Prosperity
2. President Trump and the Golden Age
3. President Trump and the Cashless Society
4. Trump Fiefdom and the Trilateral World

Basically, Donald Trump's entire world revolves around power and wealth, and defeating his perceived competitors, whether it is another businessman, or another nation. Trump does not like to lose, and he will pound his enemies into the ground if he feels the need to do so. There exists a clear line of evidence which proves that Trump is convinced in his mind that he can get whatever he wants, if he just throws enough money at someone or something, or else convinces someone that he can make them wealthy beyond belief, if they will just acquiesce to his demands and follow his agenda.

President Trump uses this very same strategy and approach in his dealings with other nations who have something that

he wants, or else something that he wants done. Even in our recent history, we find some very clear examples of Trump's strategy in action. For example, when Trump was trying to get North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un to give up his nukes, do you recall what Trump promised him, and how he tried to entice Kim? President Trump told him that he could modernize North Korea and make his nation rich beyond belief.

Turning our eyes towards the Middle East, and particularly towards the terrible, devastating war which has raged in the Gaza Strip, as I point out in articles such as "Gaza Strip Horrors and the Trump Plan" and "Donald Trump, Gaza, and the Tyre Prophecy", Donald Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Bibi Netanyahu seem to have hatched this plan -- obviously behind closed doors in their private discussions -- whereby they'll supposedly turn the Gaza Strip into the so-called "Riviera of the Mediterranean", which would eventually provide great wealth and wonderful lives for the people who reside there, AFTER Hamas has been utterly destroyed.

As some of my readers may recall, initially, President Trump wanted to expatriate all of the Gazans to other surrounding countries. However, that idea horrified too many people, so Mr. Trump later softened his tone, and now seems to support the view that the Gazans will remain in the Gaza Strip, and will benefit greatly from the wonderful things which Trump and Netanyahu intend to do there. Of course, at this current time, such a wonderful vision for the Gaza Strip is very far from actually being realized. As I already said, Gaza is now in a state of utter devastation, while Gazans are suffering from the cold weather, from hunger, from disease, and from constantly being forced to move around as the Israeli IDF forces continue to weed out the remaining Hamas members who insist that they will NEVER give up their armed struggle.

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DONALD TRUMP AND THE TRUTH ABOUT VENEZUELA - PART 2

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Same Game Plan With Iraq North Korea Gaza And Venezuela, The A False Lure: Enticement Of Worldly Wealth And Secular Power, Venezuela Incursion Was Contrary To International Law And US Constitution, Only US Congress Can Declare War On A Foreign Nation, National Elections Are Strictly An Internal Matter, America Is Not Policeman Of The World, Donald Trump Has Set A Very Dangerous Precedent, Chinese Intentions To Grab Taiwan, Iraq War: Danger Of Fighting Wars Without Formally Declaring Wars, Only Congress Can Declare War, Bush Never Declared War Against Iraq, Undeclared Wars: Korean War Vietnam War Strikes On Iranian Nuclear Sites Syria Yemen Somalia And Afghanistan, Lack Of Accountability Or Restraint, Vladimir Putin's Special Military Operation In Ukraine, Undeclared War In Venezuela, America Spin Doctors Pete Hegseth And Marco Rubio's Claim It Was Not An Invasion And Is Not A War, Trump Threatens To Send Second Wave Of Attack And To Put Boots On The Ground But Then Cancels The Second Wave, Trump Says US Will Run Venezuela And Sell Its Oil, Boots On The Ground And Forcefully Removing Its Government Leader Constitutes An Invasion, Interim President Delcy Rodríguez Demands USA Return Maduro, Latino Pride And A Possible Push Back, Neither Venezuela's Government Or People Requested American Intervention, Death And Destruction From Caracas Invasion, Trump Threatens To Remove Delcy Rodríguez If She Fails To Comply, Trump Refused To Support María Corina Machado As Interim President, Delcy Rodríguez Chosen Instead Thus Exposing USA's Intentional Regime Change, Do Things Our Way And Be Pro-American Or Out You Go, Rodríguez Is Under No Legal Obligation To Cooperate With The Trump Administration, Trump Demands Total Access To Venezuelan Oil And Everything Else And States America Is Now In Charge In Venezuela, Trump Team Has Gone Completely Off The Rails, America Now Controls Venezuela Through Total Military Blockade Of Its Oil Exports, My Island Home And Our Full Dependence On Imports To Survive, Guam Is A Bullseye On Chinese And North Korean War Strategy Maps, Chinese Aircraft Carrier Groups Send Us Clear Message

Continuing our discussion from part one, the main point I want for you to consider here is that Mr. Trump is using the very same approach with Gaza that he tried to use with Kim Jong Un. In other words, dangle the glitter of potential

wealth before someone's eyes, and they will do whatever you say. Now we see the very same game plan being played out with Venezuela. Trump and his cohorts are basically telling Venezuelans, "Give us complete control of your oil fields, and we shall restore your country to its former greatness. We will give you freedom, peace, democracy and great wealth such as you have never known before." That is Donald Trump's usual approach to solving all problems. Simply entice them and blind them with money. However, do you know what? In my mind, Donald Trump reminds me of the following Bible verses:

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."

1 John 2:15-17, KJV

"Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

Matthew 4:8-10, KJV

"And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

Luke 4:5-8, KJV

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."

Genesis 3:6, KJV

"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."

2 Corinthians 2:11, KJV

At this point in our discussion, we're going to change gears for a moment in order to talk about a related issue which is directly tied to these latest developments in Venezuela. We will return to discussing Trump's strategy and the oil issue a bit later in this same series.

While certain diehard Trump supporters are still refusing to admit it to themselves or to anyone else for that matter, it is my view that in ordering a US military incursion into the South American nation of Venezuela, Mr. Trump has operated against both the rule of law -- which some people suppose is the international standard, even though it really isn't -- and the US Constitution. Simply put, no nation has the right to invade another sovereign country, and wage war against it with the explicit purpose of deposing its leader, and then replacing him with someone who is more willing to follow the invading country's agenda. In other words, as we discussed previously in part one, we are talking about regime change. In the United States, only the US Congress can declare war against another nation, and NOT the president.

Furthermore, as I also already explained to you in part one, national elections are strictly an INTERNAL matter, and if the constituents of a particular country do not like their leadership or government, it is THEIR responsibility to do something to change it. It is most certainly NOT the right or the responsibility of the United States to do it for them. America is NOT the policeman of the world, and wasn't chosen by other countries of the world to take on such a serious responsibility. In actuality, what President Trump has done sets a very dangerous precedent. After all, if the USA can illegally invade another sovereign nation and take down and arrest its leader, how can America claim to have the moral high ground when other powerful countries -- such as Russia or China -- turn around and do the very same thing with foreign leaders who they don't like either?

Of course, as I write these words, I am thinking of Chinese leader Xi Jinping and his focused intention of soon trying to grab Taiwan -- a.k.a. the Republic of China -- and taking down Taiwanese leader Lai Ching-te. How can the United States possibly complain about it when it just took down Maduro, and now controls Venezuela's oil exports?

There is another reason why President Trump's actions are so dangerous. We have seen the very same thing happen before. In case you have not noticed, there has been a growing trend in the world whereby powerful national leaders wage war against another country, but without formally declaring a war against that particular nation. Stop and think about this my friends. That is what happened when the United States invaded Iraq in 2003. In October of 2002, the US Congress did in fact pass the Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution -- also known as the Iraq Resolution, or simply as Public Law No. 107-243 -- which authorized then President George W. Bush to use the United States Armed Forces against Saddam Hussein.

However, what most Americans may not know is that Bush never officially declared war against Iraq in the constitutional sense. In fact, he could NOT do it, just as no US president can do it, because the US Constitution only grants the power to formally declare war against another nation solely to the US Congress. In fact, the US Congress has not done so since World War II. In short, my dear friends, NOBODY declared war against Iraq, and yet a bloody, terrible, eight-year war was fought, which resulted in the death of hundreds of thousands of Iraqi citizens, and around 4,000 American soldiers, as I recall. Some people say it was closer to one million dead Iraqis.

The same thing occurred with America's involvement in the Korean War and the Vietnam War as well. Nobody declared war. That is likewise what happened when the United States bombed the three nuclear sites in Iran. No formal war against Iran was ever formally declared by the US president, or by the US Congress, and yet America dropped some very powerful bombs on Iran in a very blatant act of war. The same thing can be said of American involvement in Syria, Yemen, Somalia, Afghanistan and in other places as well. America just goes in and fights all its wars -- whether short or long -- but never officially declares them wars. It basically amounts to a free-for-all for the president with no real accountability or restraint.

Turning our eyes towards Russia, Vladimir Putin did the very same thing when he invaded Ukraine. Once again, no formal war was ever declared against Ukraine. Putin just went in and did what he did, first in 2014, and then again in 2022. Mr. Putin went to great pains to repeatedly refer to it as a "special military operation". Well, his "special military operation"

is now in its fourth year. It certainly seems like a war to me. So all of these leaders are afraid to use the actual word "war", even though that is EXACTLY what they are engaging in.

That is likewise what just happened with Venezuela as well. Neither President Trump nor the US Congress ever declared war against Venezuela. Despite this fact, Trump just went in and engaged in what are clearly blatant acts of war. What makes this situation all the more sickening to me is the fact that right now as I work on this current series, the US Secretary of War -- Pete Hegseth -- and the US Secretary of State -- Marco Rubio -- are quickly making their rounds on a number of the American news circuit channels, acting as spin doctors, and doing their best to try to gaslight the American public into believing an absolute lie.

Exactly what are these two men saying? My dear friends, it is enough to make your jaw drop. That is, if your eyes are truly open. Secretary of State Marco Rubio claims that the United States isn't really at war with Venezuela. Mr. Rubio also claims that what just happened was NOT an invasion, and that it will NOT escalate into a full-scale war. About the ONLY honest thing that Mr. Rubio did state is that the Trump administration is seeking a more American-friendly regime in Venezuela. Well, of course they are! They want a puppet which the United States can control! That is rather obvious. They want regime change!

For his part, in a "CBS Evening News" segment, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth was spewing forth pretty much the very same ridiculous nonsense as Marco Rubio. Since the US invasion of Venezuela on Saturday, many people -- myself included -- are no doubt thinking about what happened over the past twenty plus years in Iraq and Afghanistan. American forces slogged away in both of those places for years. Yet despite so many billions of dollars being spent, so many lives being lost, so many people maimed, and so many lives disrupted, America came away from both of those situations empty-handed. When Mr. Hegseth was challenged about this on "CBS Evening News", he went to great pains to explain how what just occurred in Venezuela is very different from those two situations. He tried to assure American citizens that America will benefit from its intervention in Venezuela. Yes, it has benefited, because it is not in the process of stealing Venezuela's oil to do with as it pleases.

Ironically, during his press conference this past Saturday

after Nicolás Maduro had already been captured and shipped to New York, President Trump clearly stated that he is in fact quite willing to deploy American service members on the ground in Venezuela, if he deems it necessary. Trump's exact words were as follows:

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"We are ready to stage a second and much larger attack if we need to do so. So we are prepared to do a second wave if we need to do so . . . We're not afraid of boots on the ground."

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In that same press conference, Trump also said "We will run the country until such time as we can do a safe, proper and judicious transition." Mr. Trump also added that the United States would begin selling Venezuela's oil reserves to other countries.

However, six days later, on January 3, 2026 President Trump announced in a news conference at his Mar-a-Lago club that he had cancelled the possible second wave of attack, due to the fact that Venezuela had begun to cooperate with the US. In his announcement, the president stated the following. It was also posted on Trump's Truth Social commentary account on the X platform:

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"Venezuela is releasing large numbers of political prisoners as a sign of 'Seeking Peace.' This is a very important and smart gesture. The U.S.A. and Venezuela are working well together, especially as it pertains to rebuilding, in a much bigger, better, and more modern form, their oil and gas infrastructure. Because of this cooperation, I have cancelled the previously expected second Wave of Attacks, which looks like it will not be needed, however, all ships will stay in place for safety and security purposes. At least 100 Billion Dollars will be invested by BIG OIL, all of whom I will be meeting with today at The White House."

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My friends, if what just occurred in Venezuela is not truly a war, and if it was not really an invasion, then why in the

world is Mr. Trump using words such as "attack", saying that the United States will run the country -- meaning Venezuela -- until a new president is elected, and likewise talking about putting boots on the ground and saying that the U.S. will attack again if it deems it necessary? Furthermore, how in the world can the United States even sell Venezuela's oil when it is not even America's oil to sell? It belongs to Venezuela! I will be answering all of these questions as you continue reading this series. America did in fact find a way to do everything that it wanted to do in Venezuela!

When an American president -- or any other national leader in any country for that matter -- decides to put boots on the ground in a foreign country when there was no explicit invitation by that foreign country to do so, that does in fact constitute an invasion of that sovereign country, no matter how the invader tries to frame it. When an American president forcefully removes the leader of a foreign nation, and states that they will remain in that country for as long as they want to, that in fact constitutes an invasion.

If there is one thing that is clear, it is that the USA was NOT invited by the people of Venezuela to go in and do what they just did. In fact, following Maduro's capture, Delcy Rodríguez -- who was Maduro's vice president -- was sworn in as the interim president of Venezuela. Earlier the same day, Rodríguez appeared on Venezuelan television along with other top Venezuelan officials. While referring to Nicolás Maduro, the new interim president said "There is only one president in Venezuela, and his name is Nicolás Maduro Moros." She also decried Maduro's capture and plainly referred to it as a kidnapping. In her statement Rodríguez said "We demand the immediate release of President Nicolás Maduro and his wife Cilia Flores."

Despite Ms. Rodríguez's clear demonstration of resistance to and strong disapproval of what the United States just did in her country, President Trump claimed that Rodríguez is ready to work with Washington. Furthermore, Mr. Trump said "She's essentially willing to do what we think is necessary to make Venezuela great again." So either President Trump is really lying about this, or else Delcy Rodríguez has already caved under American pressure. I don't think that we have long to find out. I will say this though. I don't think that Trump fully appreciates Latino pride. Latino leaders don't like to be pushed around by the US government. They will resist and fight back. So it remains to be seen what will really happen

in the coming weeks and months in Venezuela.

So again we see that this overnight incursion into Venezuela was in fact an invasion and an act of war which did NOT have the approval of the Venezuelan people, or of the Venezuelan government. In fact, as of this moment, both the government and military forces of Venezuela remain quite intact, so how does the United States intend to do anything there, if not through additional military force, meaning, of course, U.S. boots on the ground in a second wave of attack as President Trump referred to it, which Trump now claims he will not do? Well, we didn't have long to find out, as you will soon see.

If any of my readers still require additional proof that the overnight operation in Venezuela by the United States was a blatant act of war, then please consider the fact that during the attack, not only was electricity knocked out in parts of Caracas -- Venezuela's capital -- but the attack by American forces also included strikes on certain Venezuelan military installations which resulted in a lot of destruction, and in a significant number of deaths, the details of which I'll be providing a bit later for you. My friends, you simply do not do those things unless you are fighting a war, and invading a perceived enemy's territory.

Sadly, that is not all, my friends. During an interview on "Fox News Sunday", Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem revealed that President Trump has delivered a rather stern warning to Venezuela's aforementioned new interim president, Delcy Rodríguez. According to Noem, President Trump's talks with Rodríguez were "very matter-of-fact and very clear." Noem went on to state that Trump told Rodríguez "You can lead, or you can get out of the way." Kristi Noem likewise added that the Trump administration wouldn't tolerate any Venezuelan officials who "subvert our American influence".

Some people had assumed that opposition leader María Corina Machado -- who led a successful election campaign against Maduro in 2024, who had the greatest popular legitimacy to lead the nation, and who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2025 -- was most likely to become the interim president while the nation waited for the next presidential election. However, President Trump publicly revealed that he wouldn't support Ms. Machado for the position, because in his words, "She doesn't have the support within, or the respect within, the country. She's a very nice woman, but she doesn't have the respect." As I dug deeper into the issue, I learned that

there is a divided opinion concerning Machado. A number of Venezuelan expatriates who live in the USA insist that Trump was wrong, and say that she did retain the necessary support to become the interim president of Venezuela. However, Trump administration insiders continued to insist that Machado did not have the required political power or leverage to pull it off and lead the nation effectively.

At any rate, Trump chose to support Delcy Rodríguez instead. But then he turned around and gave her the aforementioned stiff warning in which he warned her that she must adhere to America's agenda for Venezuela if she expected to remain in power. Clearly then, President Trump went against the will of the people of Venezuela who wanted Machado, and installed the leader that HE wanted instead, thus revealing again that this was a blatant act of intentional regime change where America wants to call the shots in a foreign country where it has no business even being.

You need to understand that when Trump says "You can lead, or you can get out of the way," what he REALLY means is "You can lead the way that America wants you to lead, and do what the United States wants you to do, or you can get out of the way." In short, President Trump wants to rule Venezuela by proxy. He wants a weak, obedient puppet and a lap dog installed in Venezuela. That this is so is confirmed by other things which Kristi Noem stated in the "Fox News Sunday" interview. She in fact said that the door is open for a new leader in Caracas to steer the nation in a more U.S.-friendly direction. Her exact words were "We're continuing now to make sure that we have someone in place that we can work with in Venezuela."

"Make sure? How did the United States intend to accomplish that?" I wondered. "How could the Trump administration make sure that someone was in place who would follow America's agenda for Venezuela?" Initially, I assumed that there could only be one way, and that would be through direct American military intervention in Venezuela, in order to oust anyone else who would dare act contrary to Trump's objectives for Venezuela. That is what the warning to Delcy Rodríguez was for. That is to say, to let her know and understand that her head would be on the block if she dared to defy America's interests in Venezuela. As we saw earlier, President Trump clearly said that he was ready to send in a second wave of attack if he determined that it was necessary to do so. He even said that he'd be willing to put boots on the ground in Venezuela. So why didn't it become necessary? I'll tell

you why more fully in just a bit.

Just now, as I was working some more on this series, I took a minute to read another news article that just arrived from The Washington Times. It contains some of the very same kind of haughty language we have already discussed. For example, while speaking with reporters aboard Air Force One this past Sunday evening, President Trump stated his administration is working with Venezuela's current interim President -- Delcy Rodríguez -- whom Trump described as "cooperating". WHAT?!!! Rodríguez is under NO OBLIGATION to cooperate with Trump in any shape or manner if she doesn't want to. After all, it is HER country, and NOT his, and he CANNOT dictate what she must do or not do. At least that is the way a sovereign nation is supposed to work. However, that is NOT what is happening at the moment. Again, I will more clearly explain why this is so momentarily.

As if that wasn't already enough, President Trump then made it very clear to the reporters that Rodríguez must grant the United States "total access" to her country. In explaining exactly what he meant by this, Trump stated the following to the reporters who were present:

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"We need total access. We need access to oil and other things in the country that allow us to rebuild their country. Roads that aren't built. Bridges that are falling down. Nobody can go anywhere."

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As the conversation continued, President Trump then stated, "Don't ask me who is in charge because I will give you an answer and it will be very controversial." When one reporter pressed Mr. Trump regarding exactly what he meant by such a statement, the President replied "it means we're in charge. We're in charge." To say the least, I likewise found Trump's statement just as shocking as when I first heard about what had occurred in Venezuela on Saturday, January 3, 2026.

My friends, please take a very close look at how all of these very haughty American officials are now talking. From Trump, to Pete Hegseth, to Marco Rubio, to Kristi Noem, they are all behaving as if they actually OWN Venezuela. They are behaving as if Venezuela's oil is actually America's oil, and that the

United States can do with it as it wants. I find it all quite disgusting. In fact, quite frankly, I think that Trump, Pete Hegseth, Marco Rubio, Kristi Noem, Stephen Miller and all the rest of Trump's team have now gone completely off the rails. They are not even trying to hide their true intentions, now that they've captured Nicolás Maduro and have placed a sword right over the head of interim president, Delcy Rodríguez. The audacity of the things they are now saying just boggles my mind.

However, there are several reasons why Trump and his team are displaying such confidence regarding their control over Venezuela. It isn't just the fact that they have been busy bombing suspected drug boats, or even the fact that they've now captured and imprisoned Nicolás Maduro. America's sword over Rodríguez's head is much worse than that, and the Trump administration is not even making any attempt to hide it. In fact, over the past few days since Maduro was captured, they have been revealing more and more of their wicked plan with each word that they speak to the American press. For example, in a recent interview with CNN News, Stephen Miller -- who is currently serving in a dual position as White House deputy chief of staff for policy, and as homeland security advisor -- stated the following:

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"We set the terms and conditions. We have a complete embargo on all of their oil and their ability to do commerce. So for them to do commerce, they need our permission. For them to be able to run an economy, they need our permission. So the United States is in charge. The United States is running the country."

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In short, my friends, at this current time, President Trump has implemented a complete and total military blockade of the South American nation of Venezuela, which has a population of about twenty-eight million people. Mr. Trump has put a huge financial squeeze on Venezuela by blocking its oil exports. That oil is the country's primary revenue stream. So cutting off that stream is how the USA is forcing the Venezuelans to bow to America's will, without having to resort to a second wave of attack, and without having to put American boots on the ground.

Personally, while I obviously do not agree with what Trump is doing, I do totally understand why he is doing it. I know how powerful of a weapon a blockade can be. The reason why I understand this so well is because as some of my longtime readers will know, I live on the small island of Guam in the Western Pacific Ocean. We are a part of the Mariana Islands archipelago, as well as a US territory, and home to three US military bases. Furthermore, we are also a part of the very strategic Second Island Chain. If you don't know what that is, please conduct your own online research.

But my point is this. Being an island in the middle of the vast Pacific Ocean, we greatly depend on imports for almost everything, from food, to clothing, to furniture, to cars, to building materials, and just about everything in between. We would find it extremely difficult to survive without all of these imported items. Now imagine if in the near future -- say within the next year or year and a half -- China's Xi Jinping makes his grab for Taiwan. Well, we are already on the PLA's -- that is, the People's Liberation Army -- war strategy maps. Both China and North Korea have some missiles pointed right at us, and have launched some in our general direction in the past.

But that is not all, my friends. In recent years, two Chinese aircraft carrier groups -- the Liaoning and the Shandong -- have approached Guam's vicinity several times, coming within several hundred miles of our island. These events occurred in December of 2022, April of 2023, and June of 2025. Of course, China's purpose in conducting these drills so close to our island home was to demonstrate a show of force. These three approaches involved escorts such as destroyers and frigates. Now imagine if China were to completely surround our island with such war vessels, while at the same time, having their missiles pointed right at us. We would be in an extremely dire situation, with no way to receive imports, unless the Chinese allowed them to pass through their blockade.

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Trump Applies Financial Pressure Via Oil Blockade To Force Venezuela To Yield To USA, Venezuela Reduces Oil Production, Three Ways America Is Now Controlling Venezuelan Situation, Blind, Mesmerized MAGA Crowd, It's Really About Venezuela's Oil And The Projection Of American Power And Accumulation Of More American Wealth, Maduro Was A Thug But Trump's Approach Has Also Been Wrong, US Representative Thomas Massie Reveals The Truth, Cultish Behavior Of MAGA Crowd, Only Venezuelans Can Select Their Leader And Not America, Resist Gaslighting, Mr. Trump's Fast Bait And Switch And Changing The Narrative, Iraq War Oil And Bogus WMD Narrative, The Iranian Oil Bourse, BRICS Nations Threaten American Global Dominance, Drug Boats Were The Pretext Red Herring Distraction, Dictatorial Tyrants Exist Throughout Latin America And Around The World, Why Did Trump Specifically Target Nicolás Maduro?, Cartels And Drug Labs All Across Mexico, Trump Designates Mexican Cartels As Foreign Terrorist Organizations, FTO Designation Gives Spy Agencies And American Military Units More Legal Authorities, Pete Hegseth Said All Options Were On The Table, Tom Homan Warns Mexican Drug Cartels, Marco Rubio Confirms Us Military Will Now Go After Drug Cartels, My Personal Experiences In Mexican Drug Center Culiacán Mexico, Dangerous Mexican Roads, Tierra Blanca: Culiacán's Drug Center And "Little Chicago", Do Mexican Drug Cartels Now Control Mexico?, Trump's View Of Mexican Drug Cartels And President Claudia Sheinbaum, "We're Going To Kill Them", Trump Repeatedly States He Will Rely On American Military Strikes Against The Drug Cartels In Mexico

Continuing our discuss from part two, just as China could potentially blockade Guam, this is basically the very same thuggish strategy that the Trump administration is now using against Venezuela. As we all know, blockades, embargoes and sanctions are a powerful way to apply pressure, and to break a country financially; and that is precisely what President Trump is attempting to do. He will not destroy Venezuela's economy completely, of course, but he will force them to say "Uncle!" He will bring them to the edge of the abyss so that

they will yield to the United States. Trump obviously knows that the best way to hurt a person -- or a nation -- is via their pocket book, and in this case, oil exports fills the Venezuelan pocket book.

So that is why Mr. Trump, Hegseth, Noem, Rubio and Miller are now so confident that they are in charge in Venezuela, and acting so haughtily, and why Delcy Rodríguez needs to bow to America's demands, if she really expects to survive, and not meet a similar fate as Maduro. It is becoming quite apparent that unless Venezuela yields to American demands, the current military blockade will destroy the Venezuelan economy, because they need that oil revenue. That is why Ms. Rodríguez has begun to comply and cooperate so quickly with the United States. As proof of this, consider the following quotes I extracted from a The Washington Times news article with the headline "Oil gives the U.S. major leverage over Venezuela. How will the Trump administration use it?". This article was published six days ago on January 5, 2026:

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"Venezuela's state-run oil company is reducing production as a U.S. military blockade severely strains the country's fuel storage capacity, underscoring the Trump administration's significant economic leverage over the new leaders in Caracas.

Oil exports fund more than half of Venezuela's annual federal budget, meaning a continued blockade would have devastating economic impacts for the country. Still, Venezuela has indicated that it may try to circumvent that blockade. At least 16 Venezuelan oil tankers appear to have attempted to evade the U.S. quarantine and sail on to their destinations, The New York Times reported Monday."

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In other words, because they cannot sell the oil they have already pumped out of the ground due to the US blockade, they need to slow down extracting and producing more oil, because there is simply no place to store it. Their tanks are already full. So basically, the United States is now in full control of the situation in three ways through its implementation of a full military blockade. It is cutthroat tactics:

1. The USA forces Venezuela to do what America wants by restricting their oil exports and oil revenue.
2. The USA decides who and who cannot purchase Venezuelan crude oil.
3. The USA hurts its enemies and competitors such as China, Russia and Iran.

Sadly, as embarrassing as this is, the blind, mesmerized and spellbound MAGA crowd just doesn't get it. In fact, they've not hid the fact regarding how happy they are, and how proud they are, that their great messiah-like president has taken on such a great leadership role, and put that nasty Nicolás Maduro in his proper place. I see them boasting about it all over the social networks. Many of them are supposed to be Christians, and yet they can't even see how very wrong this situation is. In fact, they can't even see that what just happened is really about Venezuelan oil, and the projection of American power, as well as the greedy accumulation of more American wealth at the expense of others, and NOT just about drug boats and corrupt Latin American leaders. They have swallowed the bait hook, line and sinker.

As I mentioned earlier, please understand that I'm NOT saying that Nicolás Maduro is not a wicked man. After all, there are strong indications that he is, which also means that he fully deserves whatever may be coming to him. But what I am saying is that the way in which the president has gone about this is totally wrong in my view, both on a constitutional level, on a moral level, and based on International Law and the rule of law as well. At the same time, as I just stated a moment ago, I also understand what motivates Trump and his cohorts to do the things they are now doing, because during the past week, they have more clearly revealed their strategy to us by way of their many public remarks and their gaslighting endeavors.

What surprises me is that all of these current developments directly relate to a two-part article I wrote in February of 2025 called "Trump Fiefdom and the Trilateral World". I will be discussing its key points more thoroughly later on in this same series, so hang tight. Well, from what I can tell, while the MAGA crowd has been very quick to suck up the deception and the lies, it appears that US Representative for the state of Kentucky, Thomas Massie, is one of the few Republicans who really sees the situation clearly. In a post on his X account this past Sunday -- or a day after the Caracas invasion --

Massie boldly stated the following:

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"Wake up MAGA. VENEZUELA is not about drugs; it's about OIL and REGIME CHANGE. This is not what we voted for."

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Of course, many Republicans and MAGA followers have already labeled Mr. Massie as a RINO, or Republican In Name Only. In a separate post on his X account, Massie also stated "It's not American oil. It's Venezuelan oil." Of course, Massie is EXACTLY right, as I have been saying throughout this series. Sadly, going by the many online comments I have read over the past week, most American Republicans just don't get it at all, because they are too mesmerized by Donald Trump and the MAGA movement. If you ask me, personally, I think that MAGA folks behave more like a cult due to the way in which they parrot everything that Trump says, and raise him up on a platform as if he is their promised messiah. It's really quite sickening, particularly when I see how many American Christians are now so deceived and mesmerized by the man.

As I have already made clear several times now, contrary to President Trump's claim, the USA has absolutely NO RIGHT to run Venezuela until a legitimate government is put into place in Caracas through national elections. Only Venezuelans can select their new leader, and NOT the USA. So please don't be deceived by all of the current gaslighting and psychological manipulation that is being pumped out now by Trump's team of spin doctors, and from the mainstream media. See the truth for what it is.

For anyone who still doubts that what just occurred over the past week is about the oil, and NOT just about dictators and drug trafficking, I ask you to consider what President Trump said at a news conference this past Saturday, following the US's invasion of Venezuela, and the capture of its president, Nicolás Maduro:

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"We're going to have our very large U.S. oil companies, the biggest anywhere in the world, go in, spend billions of dollars, fix the badly broken infrastructure, the oil infrastructure, and start making money for the country."

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My friends, do you honestly see what is going on there? For four months we were blasted with story after story regarding alleged drug boats being destroyed; and then, not even one whole day after Nicolás Maduro is captured, suddenly, Trump isn't talking about drug boats and narco-traffickers; he is talking about oil, and he hasn't stopped talking about oil since then! He began doing a bait and switch, and changing the narrative, barely after Maduro had been caught!

I am not sure how many of my readers have read the series "Saddam Hussein's Execution and the Euro Dollar War", but as I first mentioned in part one of this series, the Iraq War was also about oil, and the fact that Saddam Hussein wanted to drop the US dollar, and switch to the euro as payment for Iraqi oil, leaving the US dollar in the cold. As I said, it was NOT about imaginary WMD in Iraq which were NEVER found, despite extensive American efforts to do so. Then Iran began their Iranian Oil Bourse approach which still exists today. The bourse -- or exchange market -- does NOT accept the US dollar for its petroleum related products. It has been shut out, and Iran will only accept currencies such as the Euro, Yuan, Rupee, or engage in barter and local currencies.

But the latest and most threatening development to US global dominance are the BRICS nations which are slowly growing in number. There are currently ten BRICS member nations. BRICS is now comprised of the countries of Brazil, China, Ethiopia, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, South Africa and the United Arab Emirates. These ten nations collectively comprise more than a quarter of the global economy, as well as nearly half of the world's population. BRICS does not include the United States, which has been shut out, just as occurs with the Iranian Oil Bourse. Do you see a pattern developing?

To reiterate my key point, the American military incursion into Venezuela, and the capture of its thuggish president, is all about the oil and NOT just about the drug trafficking whatsoever. Drug trafficking is just the red herring and the distraction which is being used by the Trump administration to justify their recent illegal actions in Venezuela. Drug trafficking was just the pretext to engage in blatant acts of war against Venezuela, but NOT Trump's primary motivation for what he and his team did on January 3, 2026. My friends, please very carefully consider the following paragraphs, and

try to understand the logic in what I am saying.

First of all, there are dictatorial leaders throughout Latin America, just as there are in many other parts of the world as well. Many of them are ruthless tyrants who oppress their people and rule through fear, intimidation, and by employing some very troubling tactics to keep their people in complete submission, so that they can remain in power. With regard to drug trafficking in Latin America, Hugo Chávez and Nicolás Maduro are most certainly not the only guilty parties. That being the case, you really have to ask yourself why it is that Trump specifically pursued and targeted Maduro for the past eight years. What makes him so special or different? He was certainly not the easiest or even the closest target if President Trump's primary motivation was to take out drug traffickers. What did Maduro possess that the others did NOT possess? Is that a biggest enough hint for you?

For example, it is very common knowledge that A LOT of drugs are manufactured in secret labs right across the US southern border in Mexico. Let me tell you an interesting story which I have never shared before. Decades ago during the 1970s, I spent six years living in Mexico performing missionary work. One place where I lived for a period of time was the coastal city of Culiacán, which is the capital of the Mexican state of Sinaloa. Some of you may recognize Sinaloa as the name of one of the notorious drug cartels in Mexico. In fact, as of 2025, it remains the most dominant drug cartel in Mexico. Not only that, but Sinaloa is one of the largest production and distribution areas of marijuana, cocaine, heroin, fentanyl, methamphetamine and MDMA.

Furthermore, at the beginning of his second term on January 20, 2025, President Donald Trump signed an executive order in which he designated both Cartel de Sinaloa and Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generación as terrorist organizations. Other cartels which were classified as terrorist organizations included Carteles Unidos, Cartel del Noreste, Cartel del Golfo and La Nueva Familia Michoacana. It was at that same time that the Venezuelan criminal gang Tren de Aragua was also designated as a terrorist organization.

One reason why Trump took this step, just as he had done when he declared the government of Nicolás Maduro to be a Foreign Terrorist Organization, and likewise designated the Cartel de los Soles as a Foreign Terrorist Organization as well, is because by so doing, it gives U.S. spy agencies and military

units sweeping legal authorities to conduct espionage and covert operations targeting the criminal networks. However, while a terrorist organization designation authorizes a U.S. president to impose sanctions, according to what I've read, it does NOT explicitly authorize the use of lethal force. It is here where President Trump seems to disagree, and insists that he does have the authority to engage in military action without the approval of the US Congress.

Shortly after President Trump had signed his executive order which had designated the cartels as terrorist organizations, when US Secretary of War Pete Hegseth was asked by Fox News' Brian Kilmeade whether or not he would use the military to combat the Mexican drug cartels, Hegseth replied by saying the following:

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"I don't want to get ahead of the president and I won't, but that's ultimately going to be his decision. But let me be clear. All options will be on the table if we're dealing with what are designated to be foreign terrorist organizations who are specifically targeting Americans on our border. And we're finally securing our border."

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Furthermore. on February 6, 2025, Border Czar Tom Homan -- who now heads the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement or ICE -- gave a stiff warning to the Mexican drug cartels when he made the following statements to ABC News:

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"I think the cartels would be foolish to take on the military, but we know they've taken on the Mexican military before, but now we have the United States military.

Do I expect violence to escalate? Absolutely, because the cartels are making record amounts of money. We're taking money out of their pocket.

I will send a warning. You hurt a border patrol, you hurt a soldier, the wrath of President Trump's going to come down.

He has the ability to wipe them off the face of the Earth."

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On August 8, 2025, after the aforementioned cartels had been designated as terrorist organizations the previous January by President Trump's executive order, Secretary of State Marco Rubio also explained how the U.S. military could now be used against the cartels. Rubio stated the following:

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"It allows us to now target what they're operating and to use other elements of American power, intelligence agencies, the Department of Defense, whatever, to target these groups if we have an opportunity to do it. We have to start treating them as armed terrorist organizations, not simply drug dealing organizations."

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That very same day, White House spokesperson Anna Kelly gave White House reporters the very same message regarding the President's executive orders. So Trump, his cabinet and his spokespersons are all walking in locked step regarding this issue of the US military having the right to go after drug cartels. Ms. Kelly stated the following on that same day:

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"President Trump's top priority is protecting the homeland, which is why he took the bold step to designate several cartels and gangs as foreign terrorist organizations."

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Returning to my account concerning my time in Culiacán, I was living in a house with a few Christian friends that was located not far from the local university. To go from our house to the center of Culiacán -- where we would pass out Gospel tracts -- we would take a bus which would pass near or maybe right through -- I can't remember now -- an area that was known as Tierra Blanca. This area was known for being a very dangerous place, even back then. I recall one day while we were at home, we heard some shooting going on down by the university, which was pretty close to us. As I recall, we were informed that "los federales" -- federal law enforcers -- were out with their M16s taking care of trouble, which I assume meant drug-related business.

One of my friends at the time had befriended a neighbor who lived a few streets over from us. This fellow had a swimming pool, and so he invited us all over for a swim one afternoon. Once we arrived at his house, it became apparent that he was pretty well off. In fact, I think we soon realized what this fellow was involved in, and it was not nice, if you catch my drift. Yes, the guy was more than likely a drug-trafficking "mafioso". Well, a few days later, as we were getting on the bus in order to go downtown to do some witnessing, a jeep full of "los federales" pulled up and we were ordered off of the bus. Whoah! After they checked our visas and saw that everything was in order, they let us go.

Another harrowing incident I had in that place occurred while I was downtown witnessing near one of the Catholic churches. Sometimes my public preaching would attract a small crowd of listeners. One day I was accosted by an aggressive group of communists who obviously didn't appreciate a "gringo" telling people about Jesus Christ. They were atheists, of course. I don't recall all of the details, but after some harsh words and threats, they finally departed and left me alone. If you were not aware of it, Communism is -- or at least was -- very big in Mexico at the time.

The last negative incident I can recall experiencing in that city was equally alarming. One day, upon arriving home after a day of witnessing in downtown Culiacán, I discovered that someone had broken into my bedroom from the outside. Similar to other homes in our subdivision, our house was surrounded by a wall, but that didn't matter. Whoever the infiltrator was, they had jumped the wall, and pulled the entire metal grill which covered the window right out of the cement wall of the house. After breaking into my bedroom, they rummaged through the closet looking for who knows what. To this day, I don't know who they were, or what they wanted.

Anyway, these events happened some forty-seven years ago. As you can tell, even back then, Mexico was a dangerous place to be that was full of drug dealers and other riffraff. However, thankfully, God protected me through it all. I cannot begin to imagine how much more dangerous the country must be today, particularly with the drug cartels more in control than ever before. I think any American who is thinking about traveling down into Mexico pulling an RV behind them must be crazy. I have read some stories of highway robberies, tourists being beheaded, etc. As much as I enjoyed living there so long ago,

I would not do it at this current time, if I was ever given the opportunity to do so.

Regarding Tierra Blanca -- which was on our way to downtown Culiacán -- I was curious about the place, so I conducted some online research to determine if I could locate any more information regarding it. To my surprise, I found an English translation of a book by author Juan Carlos Garzón entitled "Mafia & Co" with the subtitle of "The Criminal Networks in Mexico, Brazil, and Colombia". In a section of the book with the title "Sinaloa: The Narco-Tour", we find the following. Please note the mention of Tierra Blanca:

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In the city of Culiacán, the capital of Sinaloa, one tourist attraction doesn't appear on any of the guides. The tour goes through neighborhoods like Tierra Blanca, Las Quintas, Chapultepec, and the chapel of the "generous" bandit Jesús Malverde, who has become the patron saint of the drug traffickers. Some residents of this city invite their guests to the beaches of Altata or to go shopping at a mall called "El Gran Forum." They also take them to admire the sumptuous residences of the drug capos. If you are interested in this kind of trip, you should ask for the narco-tour.

On your route, your guide will slow down the car and point to a group of buildings that in spite of fading paint, are still witness to the grandeur that distinguished them in the 1980s. The guide explains:

"Those apartments used to belong to [Miguel Ángel] Félix Gallardo, who before becoming a powerful drug dealer worked in the judicial police and as a bodyguard of the man who was then the governor of Sinaloa, Leopoldo Sánchez Celis . . . The business over there (dairy product factory) is said to belong to the wife of Ismael El Mayo Zambada."

This is the "light" side of the phenomenon of drug trafficking in this city, which has seen several generations of traffickers and capos pass through. Culiacán has a history that includes times of economic bonanza but also periods of violence that intensify when there are disputes between factions. This is the urban dimension of the phenomenon and a reflection of an illegal economy that begins in remote mountainous rural areas and spreads to the country's largest cities. Sinaloa is part of the so-called Golden Triangle—which

also includes the states of Durango and Chihuahua -- the area with the most poppy and marijuana production in the country. In late March 2007, more than 40,500 soldiers were deployed to this area where they found more than 160 tons of drugs in so-called secaderos, or drying sheds.

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As I said a moment ago, from everything I have read, I am given the impression that the Mexican drug cartels now hold a lot more power than ever before, and are the ones who are really in control of the country. Whether it is true or not, this is certainly what President Trump has come to believe, and I imagine that other members of his cabinet believe the same thing. For example, in late October of 2025, during a roundtable on his Homeland Security Task Forces, Trump made the following remarks regarding Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum and Mexican drug cartels when he was questioned by a reporter. The president also stated that he did not believe that he needed Congressional approval for the boat strikes which had begun the previous month:

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"Mexico is run by the cartels. I have great respect for the president, a woman that I think is a tremendous woman. She's a very brave woman, but Mexico is run by the cartels.

"I don't think we're necessarily going to ask for a declaration of war. I think we're just gonna kill people that are bringing drugs into our country. We're going to kill them. They're going to be, like, dead."

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That was not the first or only time that President Trump has made such comments concerning Claudia Sheinbaum and the drug cartels in Mexico. On a few other occasions, Mr. Trump has compared Mexico to a country in a fairy tale which is ruled by a very frightened princess who is in need of a knight to come to her rescue. Of course, Donald Trump obviously views himself as being that knight. Regarding a rescue, President Trump has been publicly stating since at least April or May of 2025 that he's been considering military strikes against the drug cartels in Mexico. Trump's remarks have obviously put Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum and Mexico on edge.

For example, in May of 2025, while he was returning to the US capital from his Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida aboard Air Force One, President Trump made the following remarks to the reporters who were with him:

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"If Mexico wanted help with the cartels, I would be honored to go in and do it. I think she's [Mexican President Claudia Sheinbaum] a lovely woman. The president of Mexico is a lovely woman, but she is so afraid of the cartels that she can't even think straight."

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In mid-November of 2025, President Trump again made remarks to reporters who were gathered in the Oval Office which, as was to be expected, were a cause for concern for President Sheinbaum. During that particular occasion, Trump stated the following:

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"Would I launch strikes in Mexico to stop drugs? It's OK with me. I've been speaking to Mexico. They know how I stand. We're losing hundreds of thousands of people to drugs. So now we've stopped the waterways, but we know every route. We know every route. We know the addresses of every drug lord. We know their address. We know their front door. We know everything about every one of them. They're killing our people. It's like a war."

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Trump Administration Formulates Plans To Strike The Mexican Drug Cartels, Secrecy Surrounding Potential Strikes On The Cartels, On Multiple Occasions President Sheinbaum Strongly Opposed US Strikes Inside Mexico, Trump Continues To Insist He Will Strike Drug Cartels In Mexico Despite Sheinbaum's Efforts To Weaken The Cartels, Has Trump Become Emboldened To Attack Mexican Cartels Due To Caracas Success?, Sheinbaum Also Opposes US Strikes On Alleged Drug Boats, Personal Info Regarding President Claudia Sheinbaum, Trump's Negative View Of Colombia And Its President Gustavo Petro, Trump Issues A Strong Warning To Gustavo Petro, Will War Powers Resolution Stop Mr. Trump?, Venezuela Nationalizes The Foreign-owned Oil Operations In 1976, 2007: Hugo Chávez Renegotiates Contracts, Chevron Stays While ExxonMobil And ConocoPhillips Leave And Enter Arbitration, Trump Wants US Oil Companies To Return To Venezuela To Revitalize The Industry Which Is In A State Of Disrepair, Major Drop In Venezuela's Oil Output Since 1999, US Oil Companies Are Hesitant To Return To Venezuela Until Political Dust Settles, US Military Intervention In Foreign Nations Has Never Resulted In A Single Blossoming Democracy, Venezuela's Unknown Political Future, USA Does Not Care What Kind Of Government Rules In A Foreign Land Just As Long As It Supports US Interests, America Determines Its Friends By What It Can Get Out Of Other Countries, Examples To Prove My Point: Communist China Vietnam And Middle Eastern Dictators, Egyptian Dictators Have Received Billions Of Dollars In US Foreign Aid To Keep The Peace With Israel, Israel Has Gotten \$160 Billion In US Foreign Aid, President Trump Embraces The Former Terrorist And Al-Qaeda Member Ahmed Hussein al-Sharaa

Continuing our discuss from part three, as we have seen, Mr. Trump has made no secret of his personal desire to use the US military to destroy the Mexican drug cartels. The president has likewise described President Sheinbaum as being afraid of the cartels in her country.

Two weeks prior to US President Trump making the previous comments, NBC News reported on November 3, 2025, that based on information it had received from a number of unnamed US officials, the Trump administration had begun formulating plans for a mission to send American troops and intelligence

officers into Mexico to target the drug cartels. The early stages of training for the potential mission -- which would include ground operations inside Mexico -- had already begun they reported. According to the plan, U.S. troops in Mexico would mainly use drone strikes to hit drug labs and cartel members and leaders. However, some of the drones that would be used would require that the operators be on the ground in order to use them effectively and safely.

The unnamed officials also added that deployment to Mexico was not imminent, and that discussions regarding the scope of the mission were still ongoing. They concluded by saying that a final decision had not been made yet. However, if the mission were to be given the final green light, it is rather doubtful that any of us would even know about it, being as the Trump administration plans to maintain secrecy around it and not publicize actions associated with it, as it has been doing with the alleged drug boat strikes. In fact, we know that Trump's team used this very same level of secrecy with regard to the attack on Maduro's compound in Caracas just a week ago. It was sudden, unexpected, swift and deadly.

So is it possible that Trump's secret mission in Mexico has already been launched, and we just have not heard about it? Apparently not yet. The reason why I suggest this is because on the very same Saturday morning that the attack was made on Maduro's compound in Caracas, President Trump stated the following in an interview with Fox News:

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"Something's going to have to be done with Mexico. She [meaning President Claudia Sheinbaum] is very frightened of the cartels. They're running Mexico."

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President Trump said the above nine days ago at the time of this writing; so it seems to me that the attack against the Mexican drug cartels has not occurred yet. Whatever the case may be, from the time that Mexican President Sheinbaum learned about U.S. intentions to conduct military strikes against drug cartels in Mexico, she was NOT happy about it whatsoever. For example, on August 8, 2025, she stated the following to the New York Times:

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"The United States is not going to come to Mexico with the military. We co-operate, we collaborate, but there is not going to be an invasion. That is ruled out, absolutely ruled out. It is not part of any agreement, far from it. When it has been brought up, we have always said 'No'."

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Even earlier than that, on February 3, 2025, after President Trump had first designated six of Mexico's biggest organized crime groups as Foreign Terrorist Organizations, during her daily morning press conference at the National Palace in Mexico City, President Sheinbaum stated the following:

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"This designation should not be used by the United States as an opportunity to invade our sovereignty."

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After stating that Mexico is committed to working with the United States to stop the flow of fentanyl into the USA, she reiterated that her country will not tolerate any American interference. Furthermore, President Sheinbaum then sent a proposed constitutional amendment to Mexico's Congress which explicitly states that the people of Mexico reject foreign interventions. One of her proposed constitutional changes states the following:

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"The people of Mexico will under no circumstance accept foreign interventions . . . like coup d'états or interferences in our elections or the violation of the Mexican territory be it by land, sea or air,"

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More recently, being as President Trump has continued to drop some hints that he is interested in bombing the Mexican drug cartels, just two days after the surprising American attack against President Nicolás Maduro's heavily fortified compound in Caracas, and during her daily press conference on January 5, 2026, President Claudia Sheinbaum likewise clarified her country's position when she stated the following:

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"We categorically reject intervention in the internal matters of other countries. It is necessary to reaffirm that in Mexico the people rule, and that we are a free and sovereign country -- Cooperation, yes; subordination and intervention, no.

I don't believe in an invasion. I don't even think it's something they're taking very seriously. On several occasions, he [President Trump] has insisted that the U.S. Army be allowed to enter Mexico. We have said no very firmly; first because we defend our sovereignty, and second; because it is not necessary."

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Thus, we clearly see that from the time that President Trump first approached President Claudia Sheinbaum with the idea of using the US military to take on the Mexican drug cartels in April or May of 2025, she has consistently informed Trump that insofar as the US military entering Mexico is concerned, it is hands off! But will President Trump listen? Based on the surprise incursion into Venezuela, I seriously doubt it. In fact, despite President Sheinbaum supposedly sending some 10,000 National Guard soldiers to immediately reinforce the Mexican side of the Tex-Mex border in an effort to crack down on the cartels' drug trafficking, after Trump threatened to impose 25% tariffs on Mexican goods -- which he eventually did anyway in March of 2025 -- President Trump was still not pleased. Thus, while he told Sheinbaum that she was tough, on July 11, 2025, Mr. Trump posted a letter to Sheinbaum on his Truth Social platform in which he partially stated:

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"Despite our strong relationship, you will recall, the United States imposed Tariffs on Mexico to deal with our Nation's Fentanyl crisis, which is caused, in part, by Mexico's failure to stop the Cartels, who are made up of the most despicable people who ever walked the Earth, from pouring these drugs into our country. Mexico has been helping me secure the border, BUT, what Mexico has done, is not enough. Mexico still has not stopped the Cartels who are trying to turn all of North America into a Narco-Trafficking Playground. Obviously, I cannot let that happen!"

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Despite President Claudia Sheinbaum's best attempts to try to appease President Trump, it is evident that Mr. Trump has not abandoned his rather aggressive posture towards Mexico and the Mexican drug cartels. Furthermore, it's become quite evident that at some point, he still intends to send the US military into Mexico. For example, on October 22, 2025 while in an Oval Office meeting with NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte, President Trump reaffirmed his plans to launch such a strike into Mexico, even if he doesn't have the US Congress' approval. At that time, the President stated the following:

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"We will hit them very hard when they come in by land. And they haven't experienced that yet. But now we're totally prepared to do that."

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The fact that US military forces attacked Caracas, and then captured and imprisoned Venezuelan dictator Nicolás Maduro, is proof enough that President Donald Trump may very well indeed -- and perhaps very soon -- make a similar incursion into our southern neighbor in order to deal with the Mexican drug cartels. If anything, Trump's success with the attack on Caracas only nine days ago has more than likely caused him to become even emboldened with regard to attacking the Mexican drug cartels. If that actually happens, how will Ms. Sheinbaum and Mexico respond?

On a related note, since the beginning of the U.S. bombing campaign, President Sheinbaum has been strongly opposed to the alleged drug boat strikes being conducted by the U.S. military. For example, during her morning news conference on October 23, 2025, she stated the following:

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"Obviously, we do not agree. There are international laws on how to operate when dealing with the alleged illegal transport of drugs or guns on international waters, and we have expressed this to the government of the United States and publicly."

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So as you can plainly see, President Sheinbaum and Mexico have clearly drawn a line in the sand with regard to American military intervention in Mexico, in pursuit of the powerful drug cartels. If President Trump should try to test Sheinbaum -- which is quite possible given his brash, impetuous nature -- it could result in some serious problems erupting between Mexico and the United States. Before leaving behind President Sheinbaum and Mexico, I wanted to share some extra info with you regarding this woman, which I uncovered while writing this series, some of which you might find interesting.

Claudia Sheinbaum Pardo was born on June 24, 1962 in Mexico City, D.F. She is the sixty-sixth president of Mexico, and she assumed office on October 1, 2024. Prior to that, Claudia served as the head of government -- "jefa de gobierno" -- of Mexico City for almost five years. Before that, she served as the mayor of Tlalpan for a little more than two years. She is the first female president of Mexico, and she is a scientist by profession.

But what I found most interesting is her last name. Being as I lived in Mexico for six years, and then three more years on the Texas-Mexico border, I quickly realized that Sheinbaum is most definitely not a Mexican -- or even Spanish -- last name. In fact, some of you might recognize that it is a Jewish name, and most likely an Ashkenazi Jewish name. The name is Yiddish, and actually means "beautiful tree", or shein + baum. The name originated in Eastern Europe.

The surname Sheinbaum was brought to Mexico by Jews who fled from persecution in Europe. Sheinbaum's paternal Ashkenazi grandparents emigrated from Lithuania to Mexico City in the 1920s, while her maternal Sephardic grandparents emigrated there from Plovdiv, Bulgaria in the early 1940s to escape the Holocaust. Thus was a significant Jewish presence established in Mexico. And so, not only is Sheinbaum the first woman to hold the office of president in Mexico, she is also the first Jewess to do so as well.

However, while she is Jewish by birth, in her own words, she is NOT religiously affiliated. Ms. Sheinbaum identifies as a woman of faith but was raised without religion in a secular, science-driven household. Both of her parents were academics and political activists who chose to raise her in a secular environment. As a result, Sheinbaum has publicly stated, "I

grew up without religion". While President Sheinbaum does not observe Jewish religious practices, she does identify with Jewish culture and history, including the celebration of Jewish holidays with her grandparents. She also takes pride in her origins.

While I have spoken a lot about the attack on Venezuela, the capture of Nicolás Maduro and the real reason behind it, and the high possibility of eventual US attacks on Mexico's drug cartels, you also need to understand that President Trump's full agenda does NOT stop there. For quite some time now, he has also had his eyes focused on the South American nation of Colombia. In fact, during the third week of October 2025, as he was discussing Colombia, Mr. Trump negatively described the nation, insisting that it's "a drug den, and it has been for a long time." He also made serious accusations against Colombian president Gustavo Petro, and described the man as a "thug", a "bad guy" and a "drug trafficking leader". To add injury to insult, during the same press conference in the Oval Office following the aforementioned meeting with NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte on October 22, 2025, President Trump issued a warning to Gustavo Petro in which he stated the following:

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"They're doing very poorly, Colombia. They make cocaine. Today we suspended all payments to Colombia. He better watch it, or we'll take very serious action against him and his country."

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My friends, as I am sure you realize by now, that is NOT just an idle threat. President Trump means business. Once again, the January 3rd attack on Caracas is clear proof of that. So when Trump says "very serious action", he is very obviously referring to MILITARY action against Gustavo Petro. President Trump has very huge goals, and I am sure that he will try his best to get away with it and achieve all of them, unless the US Congress manages to stop him via the War Powers Resolution which is currently making its way through Congress. At this point, let us return to our discussion regarding the events which occurred in Venezuela just nine days ago, and what may possibly happen next.

In part one of this series, I mentioned Nicolás Maduro's

predecessor, Hugo Chávez. Well, as it turns out, it was in January 1976 that Venezuela nationalized foreign-owned oil operations, which gave birth to Petróleos de Venezuela S.A. Then, in 2007, Hugo Chávez renegotiated all oil production contracts with the foreign oil companies which operated in Venezuela, including ExxonMobil, ConocoPhillips and Chevron. Aside from Chevron -- which happens to be the second-largest US oil company -- all the other big American oil companies refused to accept the new terms which Chávez offered them, by which they would become part joint venture partners, or minority partners.

Seeing as they would lose considerable money if they were to accept Hugo Chávez's new terms -- they would earn less money than their contracts actually called for -- they chose to go into arbitration and leave Venezuela instead. Their departure left Chevron as the last major US oil company still operating in Venezuela. According to Ali Moshiri, who oversaw Chevron's operations in Venezuela during that time, the reason why they chose to remain was because they saw an advantage in doing so. More specifically, Chevron realized that their profits could increase if oil prices rose in the future. Today, eighteen years later, Chevron finds itself in a rather advantageous position. After all, if the political climate in Venezuela significantly improves now that Maduro is out of the picture -- that remains to be seen -- being as Chevron still remains in Venezuela, it will be able to quickly expand its current operations. In contrast, the other major U.S. oil companies will have to move back into the nation and set up shop again before they can get their operations into full swing.

Of course, as we saw earlier in this series, this is exactly what President Trump wants to happen. He wants all of the big American oil companies back in Venezuela, so that they can revitalize the nation's oil industry, and begin pumping out more of the "black gold", thus making Trump and his wealthy buddies a lot richer. Exactly why has revitalization become necessary? While figures may vary somewhat depending on which sources one refers to, when Hugo Chávez rose to power in 1999, Venezuela was producing around 3.5 million barrels of oil a day. This level of output made it one of the top ten crude oil producers in the world at that particular time.

However, as the narrative goes, due to poor infrastructure, neglect, under-investment and serious corruption, Venezuela's oil industry and economy have eroded to such a degree, that at this current time, Venezuela's output is barely one million

barrels a day, which is not even a third of its former output a quarter of a century ago. By comparison, the United States now produces about thirteen million barrels of crude oil per day. So this is why President Trump has been encouraging all of the big US oil companies to return to Venezuela. However, until the political dust settles in Venezuela, and it becomes more clear who is in power, and what kind of environment they have to look forward to, the other big US oil companies seem to be taking a cautious wait-and-see attitude, and have been non-committal, despite President Trump's entreaties.

Of course, Mr. Trump and his cronies are all publicly stating that their primary goal is NOT just to enrich America. It is likewise to enrich Venezuelans as well. Now personally, while certain people may accuse me of being a skeptic, I prefer to take these kinds of flowery statements with a grain of salt. When I hear about a flourishing Venezuela where all citizens are happy, are being treated fairly, and are earning enough money to live reasonably comfortable lives, then I will start to believe in Trump's vision for Venezuela. As I mentioned in part one of this series, to my knowledge, US intervention in a foreign land -- particularly military intervention -- has never left one single country in the world as a blossoming democracy where the citizens are free to express their views without fear of reprisal, where they are happy, and where they live decent lives. This type of narrative coming from any US administration is simply fiction at best.

Quite frankly, at this current time, can we even be certain concerning what kind of new government the Venezuelans may soon have thrust upon themselves? As I questioned in part two of this series, why does Venezuela even need a new government when both its government and military forces are both still quite intact? Yes, the government is in a transitional state with an interim president until the next regular election can take place, but it is nevertheless still intact.

Let me tell you something important which I first stated many years ago, and which I have continued to say since then. When it comes to American hegemony, the United States doesn't care what kinds of governments rule in foreign lands. History in fact proves that America is willing to work with any kind of government, regardless of whether it is one which oppresses its people, or one which treats all of its people fairly. The US government's MAIN criteria when choosing its partners, is simply whether or not that country supports US interests. It is for this reason that the United States has a long history

of working with some very questionable national leaders.

Aside from supporting US interests, another thing which the United States uses to determine its friends, partners and allies, is whether or not there is something America can get out of that country. In other words, my friends, is there a particular natural resource, or perhaps something else -- such as a good location to place American missile batteries -- which America really wants and which that country has? If so, then regardless of whether that country happens to be run by communists, by a ruthless dictator who oppresses his people, or even by a former Muslim terrorist, America will still engage with that country and do business with it, so that it can get what it wants.

If you doubt that this is so, then please consider the fact that Communist China and Communist-run Vietnam are trading partners with the United States. As I have mentioned before, in the case of the latter, approximately 55,000 American soldiers died during the awful Vietnam War. Yet today, that does not matter anymore, because money and profit are more important than the needless loss of so many American lives, right? Excuse my sarcasm. Concerning dictators, the USA has dealt with and supported many of them over the decades. If the truth be told, most of the dynastic families which rule the Middle East are in actuality dictators, and their people have limited rights.

The United States even pays some dictators millions or even billions of dollars over the long term. For example, take Abdel Fattah el-Sisi, the supposed president of Egypt. He is a retired military officer who became the 6th president of Egypt in 2014. As some of you may recall, as a result of the Arab Spring which began in Tunisia in December of 2010, Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak -- who was also a dictator -- fell from power in February of 2011. With his downfall, Muhammad Hussein Tantawi -- who was commander-in-chief of the Egyptian Armed Forces and also chairman of the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces -- became the de facto head of state until Mohamed Morsi was inaugurated as Egypt's 5th president in June of 2012. Morsi, who was a member of the Muslim Brotherhood, barely lasted a year when he was kicked out of office in a coup d'état that was led by Abdel Fattah el-Sisi in early July of 2013. With Morsi's ouster, Adly Mansour became the interim president of Egypt until Abdel Fattah el-Sisi was sworn in as the 6th president of Egypt in June of 2014.

So how is it that el-Sisi still remains in power after more than eleven years? Simple. He is a dictator. But if you want the details, el-Sisi faced minimal opposition during the 2018 and 2023 presidential elections. That is because all of the other candidates were either barred from running altogether, or else they boycotted the election due to repression. Is it any wonder then that most independent observers view him as a dictator? In fact, according to Human Rights Watch, el-Sisi "relies on naked coercion and the military and security services as his main vehicles of control". Some people even describe his presidency as being even worse than that of Hosni Mubarak.

So, now that we have clearly established that el-Sisi is a bona fide dictator, just like his predecessors, allow me to make my main point. As I have mentioned before, ever since US President Jimmy Carter brokered the 1978 Camp David Accords, which a year later led to the Egypt-Israel Peace Treaty which normalized relations between Egypt and Israel, the dictators of Egypt have received billions of dollars in US foreign aid, making Egypt the second-largest recipient of US foreign aid after Israel. So exactly how much money are we talking about?

Egypt has consistently received \$1.3 billion in annual grants since 1987. This money is used to fund Egypt's purchases of U.S. military equipment. Being as they are grants, Egypt does NOT have to pay back this money. By 2020, these grants came to a total of around \$51 billion. If we go back as far as 1946, Egypt has received a total of \$87 billion in combined military aid and economic aid. While the economic aid portion of the package originally began at over one billion dollars annually, it has since slowed down to about \$200-250 million per year in recent years. But think about that, my friends. \$87 billion has been freely given to a country which is run by outright oppressive dictators. Yet at the same time, the Democrats and liberals complain because President Trump wants five billion dollars to build the southern border wall. SMH!

Well, I have told you about US foreign aid to Egypt. So what about to Israel? Not surprisingly, the state of Israel gets at least three times as much aid as does Egypt. In fact, as I mentioned earlier, it is the largest cumulative recipient of US foreign aid. Exactly how much has it received? Well, as of February of 2022, the United States had provided Israel with \$150 billion -- non-inflation-adjusted -- in assistance. The United States' first free trade agreement with Israel was in

1985. In 1999, the US government signed a commitment by which it would provide Israel with a minimum of \$2.7 billion in US military aid on an annual basis for a period of ten years. In 2009, the amount was raised to \$3 billion. Lastly, in 2019 it was raised yet again to a minimum amount of \$3.8 billion per year. That means that to date, at the very least, Israel has received \$160 billion in US foreign aid, if we add three more years from 2022.

As I mentioned earlier, the US government will even negotiate with and assist outright terrorists, if doing so is beneficial to US interests. If you read my article "Donald Trump's Huge Al-Sharaa Mistake", you will discover that the new president of Syria -- Ahmed Hussein al-Sharaa -- is a violent thug and a murderer. Before putting on a coat and tie and becoming the president of Syria, al-Sharaa was a part of the opposition forces in Syria who opposed Bashar al-Assad. In fact, even before that, al-Sharaa joined al-Qaeda in Iraq and fought in the Iraqi insurgency against US forces in Iraq. Later, when he returned to Syria after being imprisoned by US forces in Iraq at the notorious Abu Ghraib prison, he began a branch of al-Qaeda called the al-Nusra Front.

Yet despite his extremely violent past, lo and behold, after the surprising and sudden downfall of Bashar al-Assad, this former violent terrorist and thug has now risen to the top and become the new president of Syria. When I saw him in a video at the White House shaking hands with a smiling Donald Trump, that is when I decided that I had to write my article entitled "Donald Trump's Huge Al-Sharaa Mistake". It might interest you to know that immediately after the downfall of Bashar al-Assad, the first thing that Ahmed al-Sharaa and his Islamists did was to murder some of the opposition -- meaning the Alawites and the Christians -- in southern Syria. Think about that!

So why did US President Trump receive this terrorist at the White House? Well, Trump believes that al-Sharaa deserves a chance to prove himself and to demonstrate that he is capable of being a good leader and president. However, I suspect that this is not the only reason why Trump met the man. It doesn't escape me that the United States is very keen on achieving a strong foothold in Syria, now that Russia has been weakened by Bashar al-Assad's departure. For more details regarding this issue, please consider reading the aforementioned article called "Donald Trump's Huge Al-Sharaa Mistake", which you'll find listed at the end of this same series.

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DONALD TRUMP AND THE TRUTH ABOUT VENEZUELA - PART 5

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Syria Receives Some \$500+ Million In US Foreign Aid Annually, Egypt's Leaders Are Dictators And Not Actually Presidents, Is It Really US Foreign Aid Or Political Bribes Of Appeasement?, Natural Resources And Reasons Which Motivate America To Ally Itself With Other Countries, Guam's Strategic Importance, If A Country Refuses To Yield To American Demands Then America Will Apply Financial Screws, Trump Began Applying Pressure To Venezuela In 2017 During Nicolás Maduro's First Term To Force Him Out Of Office, Increasing Financial Pressure From The US Sanctions Forced Venezuela To Terminate Arbitration Payments, Trump's Current Actions Are A Continuation Of What He Started In 2017, Venezuela And Delcy Rodríguez Are Trapped In Trump's Financial Vice, Meet Trump's Demands Or Don't Survive, Trump Is A Merciless Cutthroat Businessman Who Smiles For Cameras, US Coast Guard Stops And Boards Three Sanctioned Oil Tankers, US Has A Total Chokehold On Venezuela's Ability To Generate Revenue From Its Oil Exports, It's Always Been About The Oil And Not About Drug Trafficking, The Drug Trafficking Charges Against Maduro Were The Bait And The Hook, Trump's Propensity For Lying Exaggerating And Embellishing Facts To Enforce And Validate His Views And Convince Others To Accept Them Also, Trump's Exaggerated American Drug Overdose Statistics and The Real Figures Based On Actual Government Statistics And Other Professional Sources, Why Mr. Trump Demonized Nicolás Maduro, The Real Sources Of Fentanyl And Cocaine In The United States, Foreign Terrorist Organizations, Maduro: Alleged Narco-King, Label Something As An FTO And Then You Are Free To Bomb Away, Bait And Switch: Drug Boats And Drug Trafficking Was Slowly Switched To Talking All About Oil And Boarding Oil Tankers,

Trump And Team Boast About Being In Charge Of Venezuela And Claim That They Own And Will Take The Oil, Why Trump Insists The USA Owns Venezuela's Oil, Chávez's Renegotiations And The Decisions Made By Chevron ExxonMobil and ConocoPhillips, Did Venezuela Steal From The USA?, Trump Made It Impossible For Venezuela To Make Payments To ExxonMobil And ConocoPhillips

Continuing our discuss from part four, for those of you who may be wondering if Syria is also currently receiving any US foreign aid, the answer is "Yes!", it most certainly does. However, it is not even close to what Israel and Egypt get. Based on online statistics, in Fiscal Year 2024 -- which is the last fully-reported year -- \$524.6 million in US foreign aid was allotted to Syria. Another \$41.8 million has been reported for Fiscal year 2025. However, this is not the full amount for all of 2025. The majority of aid in recent years has been in the form of life-saving humanitarian assistance which is channeled through international organizations and NGOs -- both US-based and foreign-based -- and not directly to Syria's government. This aid covers emergency shelter, food assistance, healthcare, education, sanitation for the millions of vulnerable Syrians and refugees in the region, and for water.

Before moving forward in our discussion, let me just mention here that while I have used the title "president" with the aforementioned leaders of Egypt, please understand that I do so hesitantly, because that is how they happen to be referred to in the politically correct secular world. In reality, they are ALL dictators. Furthermore, while I've also politely used the phrase "US foreign aid", the truth of the matter is that in the case of Egypt and Israel, the money amounts to nothing more than an annual political bribe in order to force Egypt and Israel to maintain peace between themselves.

As I explained to you earlier, one of the criteria which the US government uses as a measuring rod to determine whether or not a foreign country is a potential friend, partner and ally, is by how much that nation aligns itself with American interests. However, as we have already discussed, that isn't the only thing that America looks at. It also determines if there is something that country has which America wants. It could be a particular natural resource -- such as rare earth minerals, oil, coal, uranium or something else -- or perhaps that nation is a strategic location where the United States

can establish a US military base that hosts American missile batteries. This is precisely why the island of Guam -- where I have resided for forty years now -- is so strategically important to the United States. As I mentioned in part two, we have three US military bases here, and we are a part of the Second Island Chain of American defense against Chinese expansionism.

However, what happens when a country refuses to yield to the United States by giving it what it wants? Well, as we are now clearly seeing in the case of Venezuela, that is when the US government will begin to pressure that nation, and seriously apply the screws until it really hurts. Venezuela's interim president -- Delcy Rodríguez -- is without a doubt feeling tremendous pressure right now. However, that pressure did NOT begin with her. As we discussed earlier, it began when Hugo Chávez became Venezuela's president and renegotiated all of the contracts with the big US oil companies which were still in Venezuela at the time. It grew worse when Nicolás Maduro later took over upon the death of Chávez.

In August of 2017, during Trump's first term in office, the United States imposed sanctions which prevented Venezuela from accessing the U.S. financial markets. Then, to hurt the country even more, in May of 2018 the Trump administration expanded those sanctions even more in order to totally block purchase of Venezuelan debt. These events occurred during Nicolás Maduro's first term in office. So Donald Trump was already applying pressure to Venezuela over eight years ago.

As you will recall from our earlier discussion, while Chevron chose to remain in Venezuela, ExxonMobil and ConocoPhillips refused the new deals which Chávez offered them, and so they went into arbitration and left the country. Eventually, they partially succeeded in recouping some of their losses when due to assistance from the United Nations, they were awarded billions of dollars in compensation. However, Donald Trump was NOT done with applying serious pressure to Venezuela by any means. His ultimate goal was to force Nicolás Maduro to step down during the 2019 Venezuelan presidential crisis. Of course, if he were to accomplish that -- which he didn't at that time -- Trump then hoped to install a more pro-American president through whom he could grab all of that Venezuelan oil.

In short, what President Trump is doing now by applying the financial screws to Venezuela by means of the U.S. military

blockade, is merely a continuation of what he first started doing in 2017, because he wanted Maduro out of office. Those are the plain and simple facts which you can easily verify for yourself if you wish. It was NOT about the drugs back then, and it isn't about the drugs now. It is about the oil and Trump's desire to control it and profit from it.

So while Venezuela did begin making the agreed upon payments to ExxonMobil and ConocoPhillips, those payments came to a halt in January of 2019 when Donald Trump applied the screws even more on Venezuela by imposing very heavy sanctions which specifically targeted Venezuela's state-owned oil company -- Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. The 2019 sanctions effectively prevented Venezuela from even selling its oil to the United States, and also from accessing the U.S. financial system for oil-related transactions. The primary effects of those 2019 sanctions were the following:

1. Blocking Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. from receiving payments for petroleum exports to the U.S..
2. Freezing approximately \$7 billion of Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A.'s assets within U.S. jurisdiction.
3. Prohibiting American companies -- with limited exceptions like Chevron at times -- from engaging in business with Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A..

My friends, while some of you may find all of this detailed information a bit tedious, I hope you can see the connection between what US President Trump began doing nine years ago, and what he is doing right now. To reiterate this important point, the bottom line is that he began a financial blockade to purposely cripple Venezuela, and to weaken its leader -- Nicolás Maduro -- in order to force Maduro from office; and now, nine years later, Trump has implemented a complete and total military blockade of the country. I previously shared with you what Stephen Miller had openly stated just a few days ago, and why Donald Trump views himself as now being in complete charge, and in total control of Venezuela. With the financial blockade, and now the military blockade, Trump has trapped Venezuela and Delcy Rodríguez in a powerful financial vice. Either they do as Trump demands, or else they will NOT survive. Trump is a merciless, cutthroat businessman who only smiles for the cameras.

In fact, just a few hours ago, I was reading how despite the

fact that Russia had sent a naval vessel to escort it, the U.S. Coast Guard finally managed to catch up with the oil tanker -- formerly known as the Bella 1 and recently renamed the Marinera -- which had tried to escape from the military blockade around Venezuela. In fact, to escape detection, the tanker had even begun to fly the Russian flag. The latest word is that the crew of the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Munro has boarded the tanker in the North Atlantic Ocean in waters between Iceland and the British Isles, according to the U.S. European Command. Upon the capture of the sanctioned vessel, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth declared that the "blockade of sanctioned and illicit Venezuelan oil remains in FULL EFFECT -- anywhere in the world."

Then, just now as I continued to work on this series, I was informed by a post on DHS Secretary Kristi Noem's X account that there were actually TWO back-to-back operations during the predawn hours. Besides the Bella 1, Noem reports that the SECOND vessel, the Motor Tanker Sophia -- which Noem referred to as "ghost fleet" tanker ships -- was boarded in international waters near the Caribbean Sea. Quoting from the US Southern Command, it says the following:

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"The interdicted vessel M/T Sophia was operating in international waters and conducting illicit activities in the Caribbean Sea. The U.S. Coast Guard is escorting M/T Sophia to the U.S. for final disposition."

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Furthermore, two days later today -- I have been working on this series for nine days now -- I was reading a Fox News article in which the US Southern Command has announced that in a pre-dawn action, marines and sailors from Joint Task Force Southern Spear have just boarded a THIRD oil tanker called the Motor/Tanker Olina in the Caribbean Sea. On the X platform, Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem posted the following:

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"Early this morning, the USCG executed a boarding and seizure of the Motor Tanker Olina in international waters east of the Caribbean Sea. As another "ghost fleet" tanker ship suspected of carrying embargoed oil, this vessel had departed Venezuela

attempting to evade U.S. forces.

Close coordination with the DeptofWar, StateDept, and TheJusticeDept ensured a safe, effective boarding consistent with law.

The ghost fleets will not outrun justice. They will not hide under false claims of nationality.

The Coast Guard will seize sanctioned oil tankers, enforce U.S. and international law, and eliminate these funding streams for illicit activity including narco-terrorism."

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So as should be quite evident to you by now, President Trump is very serious about placing a total and complete chokehold on Venezuela's ability to generate revenue from any of its oil exports. Similar to what Stephen Miller recently said in his CNN interview, Secretary of State Marco Rubio echoed the very same thoughts this past Sunday when he explained that the oil quarantine is specifically designed to choke off any oil revenue until the leadership in Caracas fully meets the conditions which have been set by the Trump administration. Rubio's exact words were the following:

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"We have a quarantine on their oil. That means their economy will not be able to move forward until the conditions that are in the national interest of the United States and the interest of the Venezuelan people are met."

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So as I first pointed out to you in part two, these guys are all going out on the American news circuit, speaking fully in unison and propagating the exact same story. The story is NOT about capturing and punishing drug traffickers as it was in the very beginning. It is about US military might, American hegemony and expansionism, and oil, oil, oil. Trump officials are not even trying to hide their true motivations and goals anymore. Why the sudden shift? Because that is what it's been about since the very beginning. In fact, since nine years ago when Trump first took office and began pressuring Venezuela. I have already shared the facts and the history with you so that you can plainly see it for yourselves, if you will just

open your eyes and stop drinking the MAGA Kool-Aid.

To reiterate the point one more time, while drug trafficking played a role in everything that has been happening over the past week, drug trafficking was not and is not what this is really all about. The drug trafficking charges against Maduro were just the bait and the hook to get the American public on board with what Trump had already put in motion and intended to do. He had to get the American people -- at least some of them -- on his side. He knew that fighting against the evil drug traffickers would do the trick and gain him support, as it has most certainly done.

However, if you are a keen observer who judiciously reads the news as I always do, you may have noticed that a subtle but very noticeable change has occurred in the narrative over the past few days. Exactly what am I talking about? Consider the following. Initially, all of the comments which were coming from the Trump administration were about how Nicolás Maduro was a terrible narco-king who had to be stopped because he's responsible for the deaths of millions of American citizens. While any number of deaths resulting from a drug overdose is a tragedy, if you know anything about Donald Trump, it's that he is a terrible liar and an exaggerator. He will constantly embellish facts in order to enforce and supposedly validate his personal opinions, and to convince others to accept his views as the truth. We have all seen him do it, right?

Having said the above, allow me to inform you that as much as Nicolás Maduro may be a very wicked man, he is most certainly NOT responsible for the death of millions of Americans, or as Trump has also stated "countless Americans". The actual facts are these. In 2023, there were 105,007 drug overdose deaths in the United States. Of those, approximately 72,776 involved fentanyl. Furthermore, provisional data for a 12-month period ending in April 2025 indicates a significant decline in drug overdose deaths to around 76,516. Of those, around 48,422 are attributed to fentanyl. Where does the fentanyl come from? Just keep reading, my friends.

If we consider a twenty-year period from 1999 to 2020, average drug overdose deaths fluctuate between 70,000 to about 100,000 per year. This means that there has been roughly 840,000 total deaths during that twenty-year period from 1999 to 2020. Again, that is indeed terrible. It is a human tragedy. But it is NOT the millions of drug deaths which President Trump has at times stated. It's not even one million after twenty years. In fact,

that averages to about 40,000 drug-related deaths per year for that twenty-year period. So where is Trump getting his figures from? Obviously from his own mind, because he had to demonize Nicolás Maduro and make him look like the most vile, wicked, "narco-king" who has ever existed, so that Americans would buy into his story, and agree to his bombing of Caracas, Venezuela and to the capture of Maduro.

But there is more, my friends. As it turns out, analysts from the U.S. government and independent think tanks believe that Venezuela plays a relatively MINOR ROLE insofar as bringing cocaine into the United States is concerned. Furthermore, it is believed that Venezuela has virtually NO LINK to fentanyl entering into the United States. Furthermore, Venezuela is NOT listed as a source or a transit country for fentanyl in any edition of the Drug Enforcement Administration's annual "National Drug Threat Assessment". This info is based on a review that was conducted by one Jeffrey Singer, who is a practicing surgeon and senior fellow at the libertarian Cato Institute.

Allow me to provide you with a few more drug trafficking facts which blow even more holes in the bogus narrative which Trump and his warmongering cronies have thrust upon naive American people. While it is indeed true that the State Department -- which is now run by spin doctor Marco Rubio -- has designated Venezuela as a major transit country for cocaine, the drug is primarily produced IN COLOMBIA, moves through Venezuela, but is actually destined for Europe, and NOT for the USA, as was explained by Vanda Felbab-Brown, who studies drug policy, and who is a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

Let me share a final tidbit with you, and this one is a real doozy. You have no doubt noticed how a number of the alleged drug boat strikes have been occurring in the EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN. That's rather strange when we consider that Venezuela is located in the NORTHEASTERN part of South America and is bordered by the Caribbean Sea, and NOT by the Pacific Ocean in the west. You see, Trump and his gang are NOT telling you the entire story, because it does NOT fit into the narrative they are promoting, which is that Nicolás Maduro is the vile "narco-king" who is killing millions of Americans. Now, if you look at any map of South America, what you will quickly discover is that Colombia is in fact located in NORTHWESTERN South America right against the PACIFIC OCEAN. So why is this point relevant? Because according to the aforementioned Vanda Felbab-Brown:

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"A lot of cocaine that goes to the United States BYPASSES Venezuela. It goes through the Pacific, smuggled by sea FROM COLOMBIA around Mexico to the U.S."

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Now please stop for a minute and think back to what I told you earlier regarding Colombian president Gustavo Petro, and how President Trump issued a strong warning to him and said that he would be next. If Nicolás Maduro is really the big, bad wolf as Trump and his cronies have painted him, why is Trump issuing such a strong warning to Gustavo Petro? I will tell you why. Just as the vast majority of the fentanyl that enters the United States is produced IN MEXICO, the majority of cocaine entering the USA is manufactured IN COLOMBIA. In fact, Colombia is the leading producer of cocaine on a global scale. Therefore, I conclude it must be cocaine from Colombia which is in those boats in the Eastern Pacific Ocean which are being blown up by the US military.

My dear friends, are you starting to understand how you have been majorly gaslighted by the Trump administration, because Trump has been after Maduro for eight years now, and he wants you to hate the man? Let me say it one more time. Most of the fentanyl entering the USA is really produced IN MEXICO. Most of the cocaine entering the United States is actually produced IN COLOMBIA. Venezuela and Nicolás Maduro have very little to do with it. Yet Donald Trump and his spin doctor cronies have purposely made Maduro the "narco-king" poster child, because they wanted his oil. Can I say it any more clearly than that?

As I informed you at the very beginning of this series, to soften us up, and to prepare us for what was about to happen on January 3rd, 2026, Trump and his cronies embarked on a major psychological manipulation campaign whereby we were all bombarded with news story after news story regarding military strikes on suspected drug boats. We were being set up for the "long con", and many Americans -- particularly all the MAGA fanatics -- fell for it and now believe that it is all about stopping the drugs and drug trafficking. But here again, we see another strange thing happening. Originally, these drug activities were simply being referred to as drug trafficking, and the people who engaged in doing it were drug traffickers.

But then Trump and his team decided that it was time to start designating drug cartels as Foreign Terrorist Organizations, for the reasons I previously explained to you, which is that they can now use the US military against them. At least that is what they believe and tell us. So what happened next? The president began labeling drug trafficking as narco-terrorism, and drug traffickers as narco-terrorists. In short, if Trump wanted to bomb something, he simply labeled it as an FTO, or Foreign Terrorist Organization. In Trump's mind, doing that justified bombing something to hell. Suddenly, Venezuela's very government itself was a Foreign Terrorist Organization, and Maduro became the very face of the evil "Narco-King". It was gaslighting at its finest, and a shining example of bait and switch. We all know what happened next: January 3, 2026.

So here we were being bombarded with story after story about one alleged drug boat after another being bombed for about four months straight, even though we were really never given any clear evidence that they were actually connected to drugs and drug trafficking. We were simply supposed to trust that Mr. Trump and his team were telling us the truth, I suppose.

But then I noticed something unusual, and I hope that you've seen it too. For some odd reason, ever since the capture of Nicolás Maduro, there have been fewer reports about military strikes on suspected drug boats. What is going on with that? Did the drug boat strikes stop being reported because it was beginning to create too much heat, friction and resistance with the public? Or did it stop because it had already served its purpose in psychologically preparing the public for what was soon to occur on January 3, 2026 when Nicolás Maduro was captured? In other words, as I have already made clear, the Trump administration wanted to create a convincing narrative that the January 3rd invasion of Caracas was all about drug trafficking, and NOT about taking control of Venezuela's oil. Thus, the drug boat strikes created the perfect narrative for doing that, and was used to condition people to believe that the attack on Maduro's compound was about drug trafficking.

However, now that Maduro has been captured, if you pay close attention to the various comments which are coming from all of the key players -- namely Trump, Hegseth, Rubio and Miller -- they talk a lot more now about oil, boarding oil tankers, and how taking control of Venezuela's oil will enrich the USA, and supposedly the Venezuelan people as well. In short, aside from Maduro's trial in New York, drug trafficking and striking drug boats is being pushed more into the background, while taking

control of Venezuela and its oil fields has come a lot more to the fore. The minute that Maduro was caught, they switched the narrative on us. In fact, as we have already seen, Trump and his warmongers now proudly boast of being fully in charge of Venezuela due to the US military blockade. Not only that, but they even have the audacity to claim that they OWN the oil, and that they will TAKE the oil from Venezuela, as they have already begun to do to a small degree. This was confirmed by a post which President Trump made on the official White House account on the X platform on January 7, 2026. Trump wrote as follows:

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"I am pleased to announce that the Interim Authorities in Venezuela will be turning over between 30 and 50 MILLION Barrels of High Quality, Sanctioned Oil, to the United States of America. This Oil will be sold at its Market Price, and that money will be controlled by me, as President of the United States of America, to ensure it is used to benefit the people of Venezuela and the United States! I have asked Energy Secretary Chris Wright to execute this plan, immediately. It will be taken by storage ships, and brought directly to unloading docks in the United States. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

DONALD J. TRUMP
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA"

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As further evidence that the Trump administration's intention is to grab as much oil from Venezuela as it possibly can, two days earlier on January 5, 2026, President Trump engaged in a phone interview with MS NOW's Joe Scarborough. The following day, Scarborough shared some of the details of the interview on his "Morning Joe" program. Following are some quotes that Joe shared with his viewers:

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"Joe, the difference between Iraq and this is that [former President George W.] Bush didn't keep the oil. We're going to keep the oil.

In 2016, I said we should have kept the oil. It caused a lot of controversy. Well, we should have kept the oil. And we're

going to rebuild their broken-down oil facilities, and this time we're going to keep the oil."

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Exactly why does President Trump and his faithful acolytes insist that they OWN the oil and will TAKE the oil, while it is found in the ground in a separate and sovereign country? Why do they even go so far as to make the ridiculous claim that Venezuela stole the oil from them? From everything I've read, my impression is that this strange mentality goes back to former Venezuelan president Hugo Chávez who renegotiated the contracts with the American oil companies who were still in Venezuela at the time of his presidency. Chávez gave them a choice. As we have already seen, Chevron chose to accept the new deal, while both ExxonMobil and ConocoPhillips chose to reject it. Thus, they went into arbitration.

That is the cold, harsh realities of the business world. You make deals and decide if something is advantageous to you. If it is not, then you walk away from it, even if it means you have to suffer some degree of loss. So does the decision that was made by both ExxonMobil and ConocoPhillips to reject the offer made by Chávez really constitute theft on the part of Venezuela? I am not a worldly businessman with any degree of expertise; but from the little I know, I would say that it does not. Then there is the issue that Venezuela stopped the payments to ExxonMobil and ConocoPhillips. So does that even constitute theft on the part of Venezuela, or give the USA the right to invade Venezuela, take down its president, and then claim that they OWN the oil and will TAKE the oil?

While some observers may say "Yes, that does in fact amount to theft", I would have to disagree based on the available information. That information -- which I already shared with you -- is that President Trump is the one who made a choice to intentionally put the financial screws on Venezuela when he first acquired the US presidency nine years ago. When he regained the presidency with the 2024 election, he resumed what he had started during his first term. In short, he made it impossible for Venezuela to continue making the payments to both ExxonMobil and ConocoPhillips.

As you will recall from earlier in our talk, Trump purposely put Venezuela in a financial bind so that it could no longer fulfill its obligations, and so that he could falsely claim that Venezuela had stolen from the United States what never

even belonged to America in the first place. To make matters worse, now Trump has fully implemented his military blockade in order to tighten the financial screws even more. Trump is acting like a dictatorial thug, and is no better than the man he now condemns, and who he just captured and imprisoned.

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It Is Really All About The Oil, US Bait And Switch Tactics, An Ever-Changing Narrative During The Iraq War, It Is Not About Bringing Real Democracy To Venezuela, Supporting US Interests Is More Important Than What Kind of Government A Country Is Run Under, Deceptive Human Rights Smoke Screen, Does The USA Have The Moral High Ground?, Money And Profit Supersede All Other Concerns, US Oil Companies' Hesitancy To Return To Venezuela, US Embassy In Caracas Issues Strong Warning For All Americans To Leave Venezuela Immediately, Latino Pride: Has President Trump Opened A Can of Worms In Venezuela?, Trump and Delcy Rodríguez Are In A Nasty Bind, Marco Rubio's Background, Rubio's Close Ties With The Cuban And Venezuelan Exile Communities In South Florida, Tapped For 2028 US Presidential Election, Rubio Was One Of The Key Architects In Designing Economic Pressure Campaign Against Maduro's Regime, Statistics For Alleged Drug Boat Strikes, Logistics Of The US Military Blockade: Largest U.S. Military Build-Up In The Area In Many Decades, Trump And His Cronies Insist It Was Not An Invasion And Is Not A War, US Congress Tries To Pass War Powers Resolution To Restrict Mr. Trump's Ability To Continue Waging War Without Congress' Approval, Senator Rand Paul: "It Was An All-Out War", Both Chinese And Russian Missiles And Radar Systems Were Taken Out During The US Attack On Caracas, Why Caracas Air Defense Totally Failed,

Caracas Was A Major War Operation, War In Venezuela Has Not Really Ended Yet, Venezuelan Militias Hunting Down Americans

Continuing our discuss from part five, as I have already made clear to you, what is occurring in Venezuela right now is all about the oil and nothing else. No matter which news source I go to, whether it's a conservative source or a liberal source -- The Washington Times, Fox News, OAN, CNN, MxM, ABC, Epoch Times, the New York Times, etc. -- the headlines all scream constantly about the oil. So this is undoubtedly an organized and intentional, purposeful, subtle campaign to gaslight the American public. As I told you in part five, they are clearly doing what is commonly known as the typical bait and switch.

In other words, first they heavily promoted the well-known drug trafficking narrative, and now they have switched gears and are being more honest, and have begun promoting the real narrative, which is about grabbing the oil, American power, and fulfilling US hegemonic goals in the Western Hemisphere. Of course, Trump and his spin doctors had to say that these events would not only be good for America, but they would be good for the Venezuelans as well, because they would acquire a truly free, democratic society with increased wealth and prosperity. Mr. Trump had to get everyone on board with his agenda.

As I briefly mentioned to you at the beginning of part one, we saw something very similar happening during the Iraq War under the George W. Bush administration. Some of my readers will no doubt remember how President George W. Bush and his warmongering cronies kept changing the narrative regarding exactly why America was actually in Iraq in the first place. I mean, the constant bait and switch in Bush's narrative got to the point of being utterly ridiculous. Do you remember? Was America there because Saddam Hussein was a horrible, bad man and a cruel tyrant of a leader? Was America there due to the threat of the alleged Weapons of Mass Destruction which would one day result in mushroom clouds over America -- WMD which were never found by the way? Were the American forces really there to bring freedom, peace and democracy to the Iraqis? Apparently, it was for none of those reasons.

Speaking of freedom, peace and democracy -- which is the US's often-used mantra when it decides to illegally invade another country -- in part two of this series, I discussed Venezuelan main opposition leader -- María Corina Machado -- who to the

surprise of many knowledgeable observers, Mr. Trump chose to cast aside as the potential interim president in Venezuela, being as he favored Delcy Rodríguez, who now finds herself caught in America's steel vice. Anyway, while working on this series, I came across a particular article in the liberal New York Times which had the headline "Why Trump Refused to Back Venezuela's Machado". While I disagree with a lot of what the NYT prints, to my surprise, I came across the following very powerful line which, in my view, really screams the truth. It stated the following:

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"For Mr. Trump, the focus in Venezuela is oil, not promoting democracy."

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My friends, that is really the gist of it. Even the liberal NYT sees it. As I explained to you earlier, the US government doesn't care what type of government rules in another nation. All they care about is whether or not the government of that nation bends to America's agenda. Furthermore, I am convinced that even if another tyrannical government were to arise in Venezuela, as long as they are supporting US interests, and giving America the oil, the American government will turn a blind eye to any improprieties which are being committed by that government. Yes, the US administration will occasionally publicly complain about human rights violations in a country, but as far as I am concerned, that is just to save face, and to keep up appearances only. It is for public consumption so that people are convinced that the government really cares.

If the United States really had the moral high ground as it likes to project, it wouldn't engage in any trade deals with other nations whose people are being oppressed and treated poorly by their own government. That most certainly includes communist-run nations as China and Vietnam at the very least. So as I said, America WILL turn a blind eye, as long as the money and the profits are good. That is a cruel fact of life in this messed up world of ours. Look at the major problems Apple has had in Chinese factories, yet Apple still has a very major presence in China, because labor is cheap, while the profit margin is good. Money and profit supersede every other concerns

So again, for those of my readers who still require a little

more persuasion, please STOP drinking the drug trafficking Kool-Aid and accept the truth. President Trump wanted Nicolás Maduro removed from power so that the United States would be able to regain control of Venezuela's oil fields, plain and simple. Now it remains to be seen how long it will take for major US oil companies to regain their confidence to return to Venezuela, and spend billions of dollars -- and many years -- to return Venezuelan oil production to its former heights.

As I mentioned to you in part four, while President Trump is willing to invest billions of dollars to revitalize the oil industry in Venezuela, and while he's trying to coax the big US oil companies to return to Venezuela, in a recent meeting at the White House, they are STILL showing some reluctance to return to the country until the situation settles there. As it turns out, they have been very wise to wait, because everything is most definitely NOT peachy in Venezuela right now. In fact, barely a few hours ago, the US embassy in the Venezuelan capital of Caracas issued a strong warning for all Americans to LEAVE VENEZUELA IMMEDIATELY, because there are now armed militias on the roads who are hunting down all Americans, and anyone else who supports American interests in Venezuela. Part of the security alert reads as following:

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SECURITY ALERT VENEZUELA:
JANUARY 10, 2026: DO NOT
TRAVEL TO VENEZUELA;
DEPART IMMEDIATELY

There are reports of groups of armed militias, known as colectivos, setting up roadblocks and searching vehicles for evidence of U.S. citizenship or support for the United States. U.S. citizens in Venezuela should remain vigilant and exercise caution when traveling by road.

Venezuela has the highest Travel Advisory level -- Level 4: Do Not Travel -- due to severe risks to Americans, including wrongful detention, torture in detention, terrorism, kidnapping, arbitrary enforcement of local laws, crime, civil unrest, and poor health infrastructure.

Actions to Take:

* Do not travel to Venezuela.

* U.S. citizens in Venezuela should take precautions to ensure their safety.

* All U.S. citizens in Venezuela are advised to leave Venezuela as soon as they feel it is safe to do so.

* U.S. citizens in Venezuela are advised to check flight information in order to depart the country. Some commercial airlines have resumed operations from Venezuela, but tickets may be subject to high demand and limited availability. Monitor airlines' communications and websites for updated information.

* U.S. citizens in Venezuela should establish multiple methods of communication with friends and family outside of Venezuela.

* U.S. citizens who choose not to depart should prepare contingency plans for emergency situations, as the U.S. government is unable to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens in Venezuela.

* Enroll in Smart Traveler Enrollment Program and follow us on Facebook and X to receive security updates.

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My friends, as you may recall, in part two of this series, I told you that I do not believe that President Trump really even fully appreciates and understands Latino pride. Latino leaders do NOT like to be pushed around by the US government. Neither do their people. They will resist and fight back. It took a week for the dam to burst following Maduro's capture, but now it has begun to happen, and the Venezuelans are in fact fighting back. It remains to be seen what will happen next, but if you ask me, I believe that President Trump has foolishly opened a can of worms and perhaps bitten off more than he can chew. So what will he do now? Will he send in a second wave of attack -- or even more -- in order to protect any Americans who still remain in Venezuela, and to quell the current uprisings, even though he had previously decided against doing it?

As you may also recall from part two, Venezuela's interim president -- Delcy Rodríguez -- stated that Nicolás Maduro is the only rightful president of the nation. She strongly demanded that President Trump return Maduro to Venezuela.

But then she quickly softened up due to American pressure and began to acquiesce to America's demands. So what is she going to do now as well? Will she continue to submit to Trump? Will she now turn on her open people in order to suppress the uprisings? My friends, this situation could turn very ugly very quickly, and turn into a long slog in Venezuela, just as occurred in Iraq, and just as occurred in Afghanistan as well. In short, both Trump and Rodríguez now find themselves in a bind, and you can bet that the US oil companies are NOT going to put a foot in Venezuela any time soon. Thus, Trump's dream may possibly evaporate. Time will tell.

At this point in our discussion, I would like to direct your attention to the Secretary of State, Marco Rubio. One thing which has become very clear to me while writing this series, is that Mr. Rubio has long sought to oust Nicolás Maduro from power. I've also come to better understand why Rubio has such a keen interest in Venezuela in the first place. However, let me provide a little background information regarding the man, for those of my readers who may not be too familiar with him. After that, we will dive deeper into the main subject, all of which ties in directly with the events of January 3, 2026.

As some of my readers will probably already know, Rubio was born in Miami, Florida and is of Cuban descent. In fact, both of his parents were a part of the community of Cuban exiles, and immigrated from Cuba during the 1950s in order to escape from the oppressive regime of Fulgencio Batista. This was a few years before Fidel Castro rose to power, and became just as oppressive a dictator as his predecessor. At this point, I am going to skip ahead quite a few years to when Rubio began to rise in the cutthroat world of American politics.

After serving in Floridian politics in various capacities, Rubio also served three consecutive terms as the US Senator for Florida. Rubio also unsuccessfully campaigned for the US presidency during the 2016 presidential election. Eventually he came to occupy his dual position as US Secretary of State and Acting US National Security Advisor. Rubio has also been the Acting Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development -- or USAID -- before it was dismantled, and as the Acting Archivist at the NARA, or the National Archives and Records Administration.

Rubio is the first Latino to serve as US Secretary of State and as Acting National Security Advisor. The accomplishments

make him the highest-ranking Hispanic American official in the history of the United States. But what actually caught my attention is the fact that Marco Rubio is a very significant figure in South Florida's communities of exiled Venezuelans and Cubans. In fact, they helped Rubio to win his previous races for the Florida Legislature, and for the U.S. Senate. Furthermore, prior to the events of January 3, 2026, these crucial voting blocs expressed strong support for the ouster of Nicolás Maduro, which has now occurred. So Rubio's star continues to rise, so much so, that President Trump is now considering Rubio as a potential running mate for JD Vance in the 2028 American presidential election. Time will tell.

But that is not all. I have already explained to you how Mr. Trump first began applying his pressure campaign against the Venezuelan dictator during his first presidential term back in 2017. As we already learned, it began with tightening the financial screws and shutting out Venezuela from the American financial system, and nine years later has now resulted in a full military blockade set up around Venezuela. However, what I did not know until now is that Marco Rubio was one of the key architects in designing the campaign of maximum economic pressure against Maduro's regime during Trump's first term. Not only that, but Rubio seems to be a main player -- if not the key player -- in crafting the deceptive campaign that has convinced many Americans that what has just occurred was all about fighting against and taking down the drug cartels.

If you still doubt Marco Rubio's importance in planning this entire operation, invasion and deception, consider what White House Deputy Press Secretary Anna Kelly had to say during a November 2025 statement to the press. Ms. Kelly clearly noted that Marco Rubio played "a key role in executing the foreign policy agenda that President Trump was overwhelmingly elected to implement, including securing the border, taking on the cartels, and eliminating the scourge of narcoterrorism that is killing thousands of Americans every year". This is a direct quote from the woman.

In short, my friends, Marco Rubio -- with help from allies in the White House -- seems to be the brains who has spearheaded the entire invasion operation, and the deceptive campaign of psychological manipulation which preceded it. Concerning the alleged drug boat strikes, and the casualties which resulted from them, the statistics I came across indicate that as of December 31, 2025, the US military has killed at least 115 individuals as a result of thirty-five strikes on thirty-six

vessels. Eleven of the alleged drug boats were struck in the Caribbean Sea. An additional twenty-three boats were hit in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. Two others were struck in some unspecified location. So why are there twice as many alleged drug boats being struck in the Eastern Pacific Ocean? Well, I already told you in part five. Because all of the cocaine that is entering the United States is NOT even coming from Venezuela. It is coming from Colombia.

Of course, the most concerning issue regarding these strikes is that to date, the Trump administration has provided very little convincing evidence -- if any evidence at all -- that the individuals who were killed in these boat strikes were actually drug traffickers. Even more alarming to many of us was that in at least one incident, a second strike was made on a particular boat, because some of its occupants remained alive. The impression I get is that Trump, Rubio, or whoever was in charge, wanted to silence any potential witnesses.

Regarding the military blockade that has been implemented and the invasion itself, the mere logistics of it demonstrate how large of an operation it has been. In fact, the operation has been the largest U.S. military build-up in that region of the world in many decades. From what I have read, it has involved approximately 15,000 U.S. troops. Furthermore, a dozen F-35 fighter jets and AC-130J Ghost Rider gunship aircraft -- which are capable of firing Hellfire missiles -- have been placed in Puerto Rico. This, of course, places them a lot closer to the coast of Venezuela. Furthermore, just barely a week ago, the USS Gerald R. Ford aircraft carrier arrived in the Caribbean Sea accompanied by its three destroyer escorts. Finally, with twelve U.S. warships in the region now, hundreds of Marines, along with helicopters and fighter planes, are ready to enter the fray, should it become necessary. By the way, the warships are capable of launching Tomahawk missiles deep into Venezuela.

Having now read everything that I just shared with you in the previous few paragraphs, don't you find it rather odd that men such as Trump, Hegseth, Rubio and Miller -- as well as others such as Karoline Leavitt who parrot the party line -- insist that there has been no invasion, and that there is currently no war? By the way, I also discovered that the incursion into Maduro's compound was NOT as clean and easy as some Americans may believe. In fact, in the most recent statistics I've seen, at least thirty-two Cuban nationals who served as a part of Maduro's security detail were killed during the nighttime raid. The Venezuelan military also reported that twenty-four officers

were killed as well, bringing the total number of casualties to at least fifty-six individuals. Yet Trump and his warmongering cronies insist that it was not an invasion, and it is not a war.

Well, a lot of members of the US Congress obviously disagree with the Trump administration's perspective. This includes a small handful of Republicans -- the usual suspects -- so much so, that both houses of Congress are currently trying to rein in President Trump by passing a War Powers Resolution. This morning, as I was reading about this issue in the January 8, 2026 edition of The Washington Times, I found an interesting paragraph which provides another important detail regarding the invasion which occurred on January 3rd. The article -- which is headlined "Senate advances war powers measure to rein in Trump's military actions in Venezuela" -- states the following. Please notice in particular the third paragraph, and the words I have placed in uppercase letters. The speaker is of course the Senator of Kentucky, Rand Paul:

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"The Senate on Thursday narrowly advanced a war powers resolution to block President Trump from taking further military action in Venezuela without congressional approval.

The 52-47 procedural vote comes just days after Saturday's joint military and law enforcement operation to capture Venezuelan dictator Nicolás Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores.

'We bombed all of their surface-to-air missiles, all of their air defense systems,' Mr. Paul said. 'Obviously, that's what you do when you go into a country, but IT WAS AN ALL-OUT WAR. We were just a lot better than they were, and WE WON THE WAR in about 24 hours.'

The Senate will first hold another procedural vote, followed by up to 10 hours of debate and an opportunity for senators to offer amendments before final passage.

Mr. Paul, who cosponsored the measure, said the war powers vote 'isn't an anti-President Trump thing.' He said it's about the constitutional separation of powers, an issue he's raised consistently under Democratic and Republican administrations alike."

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Now wait a minute! If what the United States did in Caracas was not an actual invasion or war as the Trump Administration has been insisting, then why in the world does Rand refer to it as "an all-out war" and say that US forces "won the war in about 24 hours"? Someone is obviously lying here, and I don't think that it is Paul Rand. In a related The Washington Times article that was published a day before on January 7, 2026 and headlined "China, Russia air defenses faulted in Venezuela", we are given more details regarding exactly which Venezuelan air defenses were knocked out by the American invasion, as we see here:

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"Among the major military failures exposed during the U.S. raid against Venezuela was the inability of a high-technology Chinese radar system to operate.

Extensive Russia anti-aircraft missiles and radar also were rendered useless.

The Chinese radar system in question is the JY-27A system that Beijing sold to Caracas and markets elsewhere as capable of detecting low-observable aircraft. This is a key sensor capability the Chinese military wants for use in countering F-35 and F-22 stealth jets and B-2 and future B-21 stealth bombers in any future conflict with the U.S.

However, U.S. military forces on Saturday demonstrated highly effective mission SEAD -- suppression of enemy air defenses -- in the opening minutes of the lightning-fast raid. Forces knocked out both the Chinese radar and extensive Russian air defense missile systems."

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On a side note, the Russian air defense missile systems which are mentioned in the previous excerpt are probably the Buk-M2 and S-300VM Antey-2500 systems, and S-125 Pechora-2M systems, which according to the Stockholm Peace Research Institute, Russia supplied to Venezuela between 2008 and 2014. The Buk is a family of self-propelled, medium-range, surface-to-air missile systems designed to counter cruise missiles, smart bombs and rotary-wing aircraft, and unmanned aerial vehicles.

Regarding the S-300VM Antey-2500, this anti-ballistic missile

system targets short- and medium-range ballistic missiles, aeroballistic missiles, cruise missiles, fixed-wing aircraft, loitering ECM platforms, and precision-guided munitions.

The S-125 Pechora is a surface-to-air missile system that has a shorter effective range and lower engagement altitude than either of its predecessors. While it flies slower, due to its two-stage design, it is more effective against more maneuverable targets. It is also able to engage lower flying targets than the previous systems, and being more modern, it is much more resistant to ECM than the S-75. Venezuela is believed to have forty-four of these systems as of 2024.

Regarding ECM, it stands for Electronic Counter Measure, and is an electrical or electronic device that is designed to trick or deceive radar, sonar, or other detection systems, such as infrared or lasers.

Regarding exactly why Venezuela's air defense systems failed so miserably -- a lot of people are no doubt wondering about this -- the English version of the VREME website -- which is located in Belgrade, Serbia -- offers us the following info in an article called "DW: Why did Russian air defense fail in Venezuela?". It is dated January 9, 2026:

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What happened during the attack?

The US military operation began with a cyber attack that knocked out much of Caracas' electricity supply and allowed 150 US planes, drones and helicopters to approach the capital undetected.

In order to secure the corridor, according to the Washington Post, six anti-aircraft installations that were supposed to protect Caracas were attacked. Among those affected are, among others, a port, an air and military base, an airport and a communication center located on a mountain. According to published footage, at least two Buk missile launchers were destroyed.

In addition, Western military experts found that a significant portion of the air defenses were inoperable due to poor maintenance and a lack of spare parts -- but also because Russia had failed to meet repair and modernization commitments.

As a consequence, only a small part of the system was functional at the time of the American attack.

Why did air defense fail?

Yuri Fyodorov attributes the failure of Venezuela's air defenses to the use of the latest generation of US F-35 and F-22 fighter-bombers.

"Those fifth-generation aircraft are very difficult to locate with radar. Theoretically, they could disable air defense and destroy it from the air, as happened in Iran during the 12-day war. Fifth-generation aircraft can relatively easily overcome air defense, including the Russian S-400 systems," says this military expert.

Anti-aircraft systems on the ground, especially Russian ones, are not powerful enough against modern bombers, military expert Daniel Bahmat told the Telegraph magazine.

According to him, anti-aircraft systems cannot compete with the combination of real-time reconnaissance, electronic warfare and precision weapons. Experts also point to the hilly terrain of Caracas as a problem. Russian anti-aircraft systems are designed for flat terrain, according to the Telegraph.

In addition to the technical shortcomings of the Venezuelan air defense, the fact that the army was unable to react to the attack also played a decisive role.

According to the US Defense Blog, the US attacked key command and communication centers, which led to the disorganization of the units. Several hours after the attack, no coordinated actions could be observed.

However, Yuri Fyodorov believes that the main reason for the failure of the Venezuelan air defense is human error. "It is not so much about the technical capabilities of one side or the other, but rather that the Venezuelan armed forces simply overslept and did not expect an attack," says Fyodorov.

Markus Reisner agrees with that. Although export versions of Russian anti-aircraft systems have limited capabilities, the deciding factor is not the weapon systems themselves, but their operators.

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So to reiterate this key point, my friends, what occurred on January 3, 2026 was NOT just a minor operation as the Trump administration would have us to believe. While it was indeed a lightning-fast strike -- certain people such as Rand Paul seem to be viewing it as a one-day war -- nevertheless, it was still a very major, coordinated operation, and in fact a blatant act of war that should not have happened. Just look at the logistics involved. Look at how many individuals were killed. Look at what was either destroyed or incapacitated. Friends, again, it was a serious act of war. Furthermore, as long as the US military blockade remains in effect, and as long as tankers are being detained and boarded, and alleged drug boats are being blown up, and Venezuela is being very seriously financially squeezed, in my opinion, it is STILL a war, and it has NOT ended yet, no matter what Trump and his warmongering cabinet likes to say. And now the Venezuelan militias are getting involved and hunting down Americans and pro-American collaborators!

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Continuing our discuss from part six, as I mentioned to you in part six, Marco Rubio, the current Secretary of State, is of Cuban descent. Thus, it should be rather obvious that he has a heart for, and a great burden for, the oppressed people of Cuba. Well, one keen observer suggested that part of Marco Rubio's calculus is that toppling Nicolás Maduro -- as just occurred nine days ago -- will weaken the regime in Cuba. My friends, again, this is not simply idle talk. Cuba is in fact a part of the overall Trump agenda, and as we have already seen, people such as Pete Hegseth, Marco Rubio, Kristi Noem and Stephen Miller are fully onboard with it.

In other words, what is occurring right now does not end with just Venezuela, Mexico, Colombia and Cuba. In case you do not understand why the regime in Cuba is going to be negatively affected by Maduro's downfall, the answer is this: Venezuela is Cuba's largest trading partner, and is extremely important to Cuba's economy. According to the Wikipedia website, since the 1990s, the two countries have shared a close relationship and maintained very strong economic collaboration. In October of 2000, Hugo Chávez and Fidel Castro signed the "Convenio Integral de Cooperación", by which Venezuela agreed to ship about 53,000 barrels of oil per day to Cuba, in exchange for technical support in fields such as education, health care, sports, science and technology. While that may not seem like

a lot, nevertheless, even that amount made up a major part of Cuba's overall imports.

However, according to online statistics, as of 2024, Cuba was importing 79% of its oil from Mexico. I assume that this was due to the fact that Venezuela's oil production declined to just under one million barrels a day once US sanctions began kicking in during 2017, as I explained to you earlier. Now it seems that there may possibly be something happening behind the scenes. Word is that President Trump could be applying pressure to Mexico, so that it will sell less oil to Cuba. As a result, this would force Cuba to purchase more of its crude oil from Venezuela. The end result of that would of course be that Cuba would become more vulnerable, because the USA is now controlling Venezuela's oil exports via the military blockade. In short, the United States is applying pressure to Cuba by forcing it into a corner.

In fact, as I conducted some more research, I discovered that this appears to be the same conclusion reached by others as well. According to David Goldwyn, who is the chairman of the energy advisory group at the Atlantic Council -- a Washington think tank -- Cuba has been reliant on Venezuela for crude oil and other petroleum products for many decades. Thus, it could be significantly affected by the current military blockade on oil tankers sailing out of Venezuela. In fact, Trump and his team obviously already know this. So it should come as little surprise that shortly after Maduro's capture, President Trump said the following to reporters aboard Air Force One:

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"It [Cuba] looks like it's going to go down. They got all of their income from Venezuela, from the Venezuelan oil."

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The reason why President Trump states that Cuba derives an income from Venezuelan oil is because while sugar has been Cuba's primary export in a historic sense, oil is also near the top of Cuba's export list as well, because it refines the oil it obtains from Venezuela, and then exports much of it.

However, not everyone agrees with Mr. Trump's assessment. In other words, Cuba's economy may not collapse as a result of America's military blockade on Venezuelan oil. One example is

Michael J. Bustamante, who serves as associate professor of history, and as director of the Cuban studies program at the University of Miami. He expressed skepticism that the loss of Venezuelan oil will push Cuba into economic collapse. So, the oppressive government of Cuban president Miguel Díaz-Canel may not fall after all, even though that certainly seems to be a major part of the American game plan. If the Cuban government does fall, Marco Rubio will no doubt be very pleased.

As you will recall, earlier I pointed out that Marco Rubio has been one of the key strategists behind the events which have transpired over the nine days. Furthermore, this past Sunday on "Meet the Press", Rubio made no attempt to hide exactly what their strategy is. He in fact wants the world to know and plainly stated the following:

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"No more using the oil industry to enrich all our adversaries around the world."

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On ABC's "This Week" program, Secretary Rubio also explained how refineries on the US Gulf Coast would be able to refine the heavy crude oil coming from Venezuela, and then sell it on the global market. He stated as follows:

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"Our refineries in the Gulf Coast of the United States are the best in terms of refining this heavy crude, and there's actually been a shortage of heavy crude around the world, so I think there would be tremendous demand and interest from private industry if given the space to do it, if given the opportunity to do it."

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Of course, Cuba is NOT the only American adversary which is being affected by the stranglehold that the United States has put on the export of Venezuelan oil. China, Iran and Russia are likewise close partners with Venezuela, and thus have also been negatively affected. In fact, while the United States used to be the primary purchaser of Venezuelan oil, that all changed when the Trump administration began imposing heavy sanctions on Venezuela, as we discussed earlier. As a

result, over the last decade or so, China has become the primary importer of Venezuelan crude oil. However, as of late 2025, due to the drop in Venezuela's oil production, perhaps 10% of China's crude oil imports -- or less than one billion barrels of oil per day -- come from Venezuela.

As of now, it still remains unclear regarding to what extent Venezuelan exports to China have been disrupted as a result of the US military blockade. However, considering how little oil China gets from Venezuela in the first place, I seriously doubt that it will really hurt China in that regard. However, where Maduro's downfall WILL hurt China, is in the fact that China -- as well as Russia and Iran -- has now lost a rather strategic partner in the Western Hemisphere, which they used as a beachhead to conduct intelligence gathering, and also to engage in other questionable activity throughout the Western Hemisphere. That strategic loss probably matters more to the aforementioned countries than any loss of oil. Furthermore, as we have clearly seen, the USA will not let go of its tight control of Venezuela's oil exports any time soon.

While the United States claims that its hold over Venezuela and its oil is temporary and transitional, and that it will supposedly relinquish its tight control once the government in Caracas -- whoever ends up leading it -- proves that it will fully support American interests, I have serious doubts about that. As we've already seen, the Trump administration has made very clear that it desires to punish and hurt its perceived enemies by controlling Venezuelan oil exports. So, if the USA were to give up that control, it would obviously weaken its hand and its ability to keep its enemies in check.

So the way I see it personally is this. What America was not able to accomplish in Iraq -- that is to say, by making Iraq an American power base, and controlling its oil reserves -- it is now doing instead with Venezuela. Please don't forget that Venezuela has the largest confirmed crude oil reserves than any other country in the world. America is NOT about to give that up, no matter what bogus promises it makes. Either it will continue to control Venezuelan oil exports in order to control the country, and to punish its enemies, or else it will make absolutely sure that it has an obedient puppet installed in Caracas before it decides to loosen its grip on the oil.

From my perspective, the first option -- maintaining a naval blockade -- is simply not sustainable. Why not? Because such

a military blockade requires too many resources which the US could be using elsewhere, and which it will in fact probably need to use elsewhere in the world sooner or later, more than likely somewhere in the Middle East, or more probable in the Indo-Pacific region where I happen to live. So that leaves only option number two: installing a pro-USA leader who will be submissive to American interests. As I explained earlier, I don't think the USA will care what kind of leader rises to power, whether it is Delcy Rodríguez, or someone else. To reiterate my previous point, for the USA, it's not about and has never been about peace, freedom and democracy. It's only about oil and American hegemony and imperialism. Period.

Several times throughout this series, I have mentioned the fact that Donald Trump and his cabinet have a very specific agenda in mind. Through the many facts, figures and pieces of information I have now shared with you, we have seen a large part of said agenda. However, we have yet to see ALL of it. Well, believe it or not, but not quite eleven months ago in late February of 2025, and just a month after Donald Trump had assumed office to begin his second and final term, I wrote a two-part article in which I shared what at the time probably seemed somewhat outlandish to some of my readers.

In the article, which is entitled "Trump Fiefdom and the Trilateral World", I shared my personal theory regarding what I suspected might be going on behind the scenes with regard to the major powers of the world, meaning Russia, China and the United States. My friends, the truth of the matter is that even eleven months ago, President Trump had begun giving clear signs and indications regarding exactly what his intentions were. Some of the things that President Trump was saying -- and continues to say -- shocked a lot of people, including world leaders. They probably thought that Trump was totally off his rocker. Well, I wonder if they are still laughing at him now, in light of the surprising and successful attack on Caracas nine days ago.

At any rate, eleven months ago, my nose started twitching, and so I began to make a list of some of the things that President Trump had begun to say. While I share that short list in the aforementioned article, allow me to share it again with you here in this series for your convenience and personal reflection:

- * President Trump wants to restore ownership and control of the Panama Canal Zone to the United States, even if it may

mean resorting to military force.

* President Trump just renamed the Gulf of Mexico to the Gulf of America, thus better delineating the US's southern maritime border, and sphere of influence and control.

* President Trump wants Canada to become the 51st American state, thus extending both the United States' territorial size and integrity.

* President Trump wants to purchase the island of Greenland, thus further extending the United States' territorial size and integrity.

My friends, to this day, eleven months later, Mr. Trump has not changed his position regarding any of the aforementioned issues. In fact, if anything, he has not only strengthened them, but he has extended the previous list to also include taking down Nicolas Maduro in Venezuela, destroying all of the drug cartels in Mexico, and more than likely taking down Gustavo Petro -- the current president of Colombia -- also. Furthermore, based on Trump's own words, and things stated by other members of his cabinet which I have shared with you in this series, I am convinced that President Trump is just getting started. He means to accomplish every single point I have mentioned to you, including taking Greenland, either by outright purchasing it from Denmark, or by taking it through military force, just as he just did with Caracas.

If you doubt that this is so, consider some of the latest statements which have been issued by either Trump himself, or by other members of his administration. These things were all said between January 4th and January 7th of this present year, 2026. They are ALL saying the same thing, and that should alarm anyone. To begin with, Donald Trump stated the following to reporters aboard Air Force One this past Sunday on January 4, 2026:

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"Right now, Greenland is covered with Russian and Chinese ships all over the place. We need Greenland from the standpoint of national security."

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While what the president is saying regarding Russian and

Chinese ships doesn't seem to be true, the most important thing he is saying there -- which he has repeatedly been saying for the past year, is that America needs Greenland for security reasons. In other public comments, President Trump has also openly stated multiple times that aside from its importance from a purely strategic military point of view, he is also interested in acquiring the territory's mineral wealth, exactly as he tried very hard to do with Ukraine. Even before the previous comment, in May of 2025 when he was questioned by NBC News regarding whether or not the United States would consider using military force to steal Greenland from Denmark, Trump stated the following:

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"I don't rule it out. I don't say I'm going to do it but I don't rule out anything. No, not there. We need Greenland very badly.

Greenland is a very small amount of people, which we'll take care of, and we'll cherish them, and all of that. But we need that for international security."

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In response to the previous troubling comments which were made by President Trump back in May of 2025, both the prime ministers of Denmark and Greenland -- Mette Frederiksen and Jens-Frederik Nielsen respectively -- shot back with the following firm answer:

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"We have said it very clearly before. Now we say it again. National borders and the sovereignty of states are rooted in international law -- You cannot annex other countries."

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Next we come to Stephen Miller, who is currently serving in a dual position as White House deputy chief of staff for policy, and as homeland security advisor. In an interview with CNN's Jake Tapper this past Monday on January 5, 2026, Miller stated the following:

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"The United States is the power of NATO. For the United States to secure the Arctic region, to protect and defend NATO and NATO interests, obviously Greenland should be part of the United States.

Nobody's going to fight the United States militarily over the future of Greenland.

We live in a world in which you can talk all you want about international niceties and everything else, but we live in a world, in the real world, Jake, that is governed by strength, that is governed by force, that is governed by power. These are the iron laws of the world since the beginning of time.

I just wanted to reset, Jake, by making clear that has been the formal position of the U.S. government since the beginning of this administration, frankly, going back into the previous Trump administration, that Greenland should be part of the United States. The president has been very clear about that. That is the formal position of the U.S. government."

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Next we come to White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt, who stated the following to reporters this past Tuesday on January 6, 2026:

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"President Trump has made it well known that acquiring Greenland is a national security priority of the United States, and it's vital to deter our adversaries in the Arctic region. The President and his team are discussing a range of options to pursue this important foreign policy goal, and of course, utilizing the U.S. Military is always an option at the Commander in Chief's disposal."

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Lastly, we come to the man who appears to be the primary architect of the Trump administration's agenda. At least that can be said for the Caracas invasion. I am, of course, referring to US Secretary of State, Marco Rubio. Following are two paragraphs I extracted from an MxM article dated January 7, 2026:

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Secretary of State Marco Rubio has formally told members of Congress that President Trump intends to purchase Greenland, prompting a sudden burst of diplomatic activity from Denmark and Greenland's leadership. The disclosure reportedly came during a closed-door briefing with lawmakers on national security matters, where concerns about Trump's blunt rhetoric were raised and Rubio made clear the administration's preference for a negotiated transaction. At the same time, Trump has asked aides to refresh internal options for acquiring the territory, a signal that the idea--floated publicly before--has moved back to the top tier of priorities.

The timing is not lost on anyone. Days earlier, Trump authorized a high-risk operation in Caracas that resulted in the capture of Nicolás Maduro, an action that jolted capitals across the Atlantic and underscored a White House willing to act decisively in the Western Hemisphere. That display of resolve appears to have focused minds in Copenhagen and Nuuk. Requests for talks followed quickly, even as European governments weighed their response. According to Reuters, several U.S. allies are coordinating contingencies should Washington press ahead, a sign of how seriously Trump's intentions are being taken.

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As I explain in the aforementioned article "Trump Fiefdom and the Trilateral World", the leadership and people of Greenland -- which is a semi-autonomous territory which falls under the jurisdiction of Denmark -- as well as the government of Denmark, were shocked when President Trump first made his intentions known a year ago. That he has continued to promote and push for the same thing a year later, and that members of his cabinet are promoting the very same thing, has ruffled A LOT of feathers. They now realize that Mr. Trump was NOT joking. Trump meant every single word of it, and he still means every word of it.

In response to the threatening rhetoric proceeding from Washington, DC, on January 4, 2026, a day after the USA invaded Caracas and captured President Nicolas Maduro, the Prime Minister of Denmark -- Mette Frederiksen -- made clear that President Trump's threatening talk had to stop. She stated the following on Facebook on the 6th of January, 2026:

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"I have to say this very directly to the United States:

It makes absolutely no sense to talk about the need for the US to take over Greenland. The United States has no right to annex one of the three countries in the Danish Realm.

The Kingdom of Denmark -- and therefore Greenland -- is a part of NATO and is covered by the alliance's security guarantee. We already have a defense agreement today between the Kingdom and the United States, which gives the United States wide access to Greenland. And we from the Kingdom have invested significantly in the security of the Arctic.

I would, therefore, strongly urge the United States to cease its threats against a historically close ally and to another country and another people, who have very clearly stated that they are not for sale."

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Furthermore, in support of both Denmark and Greenland, also on January 6, 2026, the leaders of France, Germany, Denmark, Italy, Spain, Poland and the United Kingdom issued a joint statement in which they declared that American domination of Greenland would not be acceptable, and that the NATO nations should collectively be responsible for ensuring the security of Greenland. Their statement read in part as follows:

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"Greenland belongs to its people. It is for Denmark and Greenland, and them only, to decide on matters concerning Denmark and Greenland. NATO has made clear that the Arctic region is a priority and European Allies are stepping up."

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To make matters worse, barely hours after the US military operation in Venezuela which saw Caracas bombed and Nicolás Maduro captured, Katie Miller -- the wife of Stephen Miller -- posted a map of Greenland covered with an American flag on her X platform account. Accompanying the graphic was only the word "SOON" in uppercase letters, as you can see below:

[Greenland USA flag goes here]

On the very same day that Stephen Miller's wife had made the distasteful and offensive post on X, the prime minister of Greenland -- Jens-Frederik Nielsen -- offered very similar views as those which had been made by Mette Frederiksen, and stated the following regarding President Trump's intentions, and the offensive graphic:

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"Relations between nations and peoples are built on mutual respect and international law -- not on symbolic gestures that disregard our status and our rights.

There is neither reason for panic nor for concern. Our country is not for sale, and our future is not decided by social media posts.

No more pressure. No more insinuations. No more fantasies of annexation. We are open to dialogue. We are open to discussions. But this must happen through the proper channels and with respect for international law.

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To add to this very troubling picture of America's obvious hegemonic intentions, one analyst, Jennifer Kavanagh -- who is the director of military analysis at Defense Priorities, which is a think tank that advocates restraint in US foreign policy -- recently stated that while she had long dismissed Mr. Trump's saber-rattling regarding Greenland, now she was not so sure, as we see by this quote taken from the BBC:

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"Now I'm not so sure. It wouldn't be that hard for the US to put a couple hundred or a couple thousand troops inside of Greenland, and it's not clear to me who could do anything about it."

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Let me likewise mention here that Greenland has had extensive self-government since 1979, although its defence and foreign policy remain under the jurisdiction of Denmark. Furthermore, while the vast majority of Greenland's 57,000 inhabitants do

hope to eventually become independent from Denmark, according to the latest polls conducted in this same month, they have absolutely no desire to become a part of the United States. Let me likewise remind you that Denmark and the United States are both founding members of NATO. Under Article 5 of NATO's treaty, an attack on any NATO member is treated as an attack on all members. As such, if President Trump were to decide to attack Greenland -- which is Denmark's territory -- it could result in some very major trouble.

Please go to part eight for the continuation of this series.

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Trump's Goal: Control Both Americas As Well As Greenland
Alaska And Islands Of The Caribbean Sea, President Trump Publicly Reveals His Don-roe Doctrine Which Is A Perverted Version Of The Monroe Doctrine, Nicolás Maduro Sought Help From Russia China And Iran To Repair And Upgrade His Aging Military Hardware, Fighter Jets And Missiles Which Russia Sold To Venezuela, Strategic Agreements And Cooperation Between Russia and Venezuela, Russia Does Not Dismiss The Possibility Of Selling Its Oreshnik Hypersonic Missiles To Venezuela, Russia Announces Oreshnik Mobile Missiles Have Been Hosted In Belarus, Capabilities Of Oreshnik, Russia Strikes Ukraine With The Oreshnik a Second Time, Oreshnik Missiles Can't Reach A Single American City If Stationed In Venezuela, Venezuela's Military Hardware Is In A State Of Disrepair, Maduro's Assistance Request Letter To Jinping, Venezuela Receives Military Hardware From Iran, Venezuelan Military Hardware Is A Hodgepodge of Old And Systems, Marco Rubio's Post On X Platform, The Monroe Doctrine Explained, Isolationism Of Monroe Doctrine Is Reflected In "America First" And "Make America Great Again", How Monroe Doctrine

Was Perverted And Became Don-roe Doctrine, Donald Trump Will Continue Unless U.S. Congress Stops Him, Verses Against War And Violence, Live Peacefully, Win The World To Jesus Through Love And Self-Sacrifice Not By The Sword, Drug Addiction And Personal Responsibility, Supply And Demand, President Nixon's War On Drugs, Some Possible Reasons Why War On Drugs Failed

Continuing our discuss from part seven, my friends, I realize that I have given you a lot to read in the first seven parts of this series. Now it is time to bring together all these various pieces of information into one big cohesive form. As I more fully explain in "Trump Fiefdom and the Trilateral World", in a word, Donald Trump and his team of warmongers have totally gone off the rails. They want to own and fully control EVERYTHING from Alaska, to Canada, to the USA, to Mexico, to Central America, to the isles of the Caribbean Sea -- including Cuba -- to South America, and up to Greenland. They have convinced themselves that it's their right to own, control and use the peoples and resources of this huge chunk of the world as they see fit, for America's sole benefit.

In fact, on Saturday, January 3, 2026, following the violent capture of Venezuelan president, Nicolás Maduro, President Trump announced to the world from his residence at Mar-a-Lago near Palm Beach, Florida, that he had coined a new phrase to describe his personal approach to foreign policy. Explaining that what he and his team had just done was a revival of the Monroe Doctrine, the President then stated the following to reporters:

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"[Venezuela hosted] foreign adversaries in our region and [acquired] menacing offensive weapons that could threaten U.S. interests and lives, and they used those weapons last night.

All of these actions were in gross violation of the core principles of American foreign policy, dating back more than two centuries, and not anymore. All the way back, it dated to the Monroe Doctrine. And the Monroe Doctrine is a big deal, but we've superseded it by a lot, by a real lot. They now call it the 'Don-roe Doctrine'."

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Regarding the previous comments, according to a news article with the headline "As U.S. Ramps Up Pressure, Venezuela Pleads With Moscow and Beijing for Help", which was posted on The Washington Post website on October 31, 2025, based on certain internal U.S. government documents which were obtained by The Washington Post, as the United States continued to build up its military presence in the Caribbean Sea, President Nicolás Maduro drafted a letter in which he requested assistance from Russia, China and Iran to upgrade Venezuela's aging military capabilities. In particular, Maduro asked for defensive radars, aircraft repairs, and according to The Washington Post article, potentially missiles as well.

According to an English language version of a Ukrainian blog called "MILITARNYI", Maduro's letter was addressed to Russian President Vladimir Putin, and was to be handed over during an upcoming visit to Moscow by an unnamed Venezuelan official. According to the blog, Maduro requested that several Russian Su-30MK2 fighter jets which had been previously purchased by Venezuela, be restored. According to one former Venezuelan military officer, as of 2018, less than five of the Su-30MK2s still remained in operation. In his letter to Putin, Maduro noted that the Su-30MK2s "are the most important deterrent that the Venezuelan government has." Furthermore, Maduro also requested help in overhauling eight engines, as well as five defensive radar systems. Maduro also requested the purchase of "14 sets" of Russian missiles and certain unspecified "logistical support".

The War Zone Newsletter reports that from 2006 to 2008, a total of twenty-four Su-30MK2V fighter jets were delivered by Russia to Venezuela. The Su-30MK2V is really the same as the Su-30MK2, except for very minor modifications made for the Vietnamese. I suspect that the Su-30MK2s that are mentioned in The Washington Post article may be the very same aircraft. According to the TWZ Newsletter, twenty-one of the jets still remain in service today. It confuses me, because the unnamed former Venezuelan military officer said that as of 2018, less than five of these jets were still in operation.

What makes the Su-30MK2 fighter jet dangerous is that aside from other types of missiles, it is also capable of carrying supersonic Kh-31A anti-ship missiles, and likewise supersonic Kh-31P anti-radar missiles. The Kh-31A can punch a hole in a warship. Kh-31A missiles were included as a part of the deal which Russia made with Venezuela back in 2006. NATO calls the

Kh-31A the AS-17 Krypton missile. Shortly before Venezuela's September 2025 large-scale military exercises that occurred near the Venezuelan territory of La Orchila Island -- which were dubbed "Sovereign Caribbean 200" -- Venezuela released a short video which purportedly shows the Su-30MK2V loaded with Kh-31A missiles.

Another aircraft in Russia's aerial fleet is the Ilyushin Il-76, which is often referred to as the Il-76. It is a commercial freighter which is used to deliver heavy machinery, but which can also be used as an aerial refueling tanker, as a command center, or to carry up to 150 soldiers or evacuees. The Il-76 can even be used in aerial firefighting. It was sanctioned by the United States in 2023 for involvement in arms trafficking and mercenary transportation. However, on October 26, 2025, an Il-76 did arrive in Caracas after taking a long route through Africa in order to bypass Western airspace and detection.

A day earlier, Russia ratified a new strategic agreement with Venezuela. High-profile projects between the two nations do continue. For example, in July 2025 a munitions plant opened in the Venezuelan state of Aragua. I believe Aragua is the point of origin of the maligned Tren de Aragua criminal gang. However, please note that the plant was promised to Venezuela twenty years earlier. So it seems that Russia is very slow in keeping its word to Venezuela. Furthermore, Russia has rights to explore untapped natural gas and oil reserves in Venezuela as well.

In a November 1, 2025 interview with the Russian news website Gazeta.ru, Alexei Zhuravlyov -- the First Deputy Chairman of the Russian State Duma Committee on Defense -- confirmed that Russia has continued to supply weapons to Venezuela amid the escalating tensions between Venezuela and the United States. In fact, Mr. Zhuravlyov pointed out that Russia is Venezuela's primary military-technical partner. It supplies Venezuela with a full range of weapons, from small arms to combat aircraft. Furthermore, Mr. Zhuravlyov stated that he does not rule out supplying Russia's nuclear-capable Oreshnik ballistic missile system to Venezuela as well. Currently, there is no evidence to suggest that Russia has sold any of its intermediate-range, hypersonic ballistic missiles to Venezuela as of yet.

However, as 2025 came to a conclusion, the Kremlin announced that Oreshnik mobile missile batteries have been stationed in Belarus, which is Moscow's close ally. Furthermore, Alexander Lukashenko, the president of Belarus, has stated that as many

as ten Oreshnik missile systems will eventually be stationed in Belarus. This is obviously very bad news for Ukraine, and likewise for Europe and all the NATO-aligned nations.

According to Ukrainian sources, the Oreshnik can achieve a flight speed exceeding Mach 10 -- or 7,610 mph -- which means that it is extremely difficult to stop it at the current time. It has a range of 620 to 990 miles. The missile was first used against Ukraine in November 2024. Furthermore, just a few days ago, the city of Lviv in western Ukraine was also struck by the Oreshnik. This was very close to the Polish border, which is a NATO nation, while Ukraine is not.

Directly related to the Oreshnik, is the concern by certain people that if any Oreshnik mobile missile batteries were to eventually be stationed in Venezuela, they would pose a very serious danger to the continental United States. However, to be clear, this is simply an invented fear which has no basis in reality. The reason for this is quite simple. The closest major American city which the Oreshnik could be targeted at would be Miami, Florida. However, even Miami is hundreds of miles beyond the Oreshnik's current reach. Other US cities -- such as in southern Texas -- are even much further away than Miami. So again, this fear has no teeth whatsoever.

While a certain level of cooperation has continued between Venezuela and Russia, at the same time, due to being bogged down in its four-year-long war with Ukraine, and because it has also been seeking closer cooperation with more Latin American nations, Russia has gradually reduced its interest in Venezuela in more recent years. This seems to confirm the info I shared with you in part six where upon attacking the compound of Nicolás Maduro nine days ago, US forces realized that Venezuela's air defense systems were in a serious state of disrepair, and were thus unable to ward off the American military onslaught. Of course, there were other reasons as well, as I explained in part six.

According to The Washington Post, Maduro also drafted a letter to Communist China President Xi Jinping in which he requested "expanded military cooperation" due to the rapidly escalating situation with the United States. Furthermore, Maduro asked China to speed up its production of radars so that Venezuela could strengthen its defensive capabilities. Maduro's letter also emphasized the seriousness of the growing US aggression in the Caribbean Sea, and in a comment which seemed to mirror Article 5 of the NATO treaty, Maduro reminded Xi Jinping that

due to their shared ideology, any US military attack against Venezuela would be equivalent to an attack on China itself. I really have to wonder what Jinping thought of the comment.

In the same documents which were obtained by the Washington Post, it was revealed that Venezuelan Transportation Minister Ramon Celestino Velasquez had also recently coordinated the delivery of military equipment and drones from Iran. Velasquez had informed an Iranian official that Venezuela was in need of "passive detection systems," "GPS jammers," and "almost certainly drones with a range of 1,000 kilometers."

From everything I have read regarding Venezuela's defensive capabilities, the impression I have been given is that it has a rather unusual hodgepodge of air defense systems. Some of them are very old, going back decades, while others are a lot newer and are more capable systems. However, they are a lot smaller in number. At the same time, even most of the older surface-to-air missile systems have been upgraded, and they are generally very mobile in nature. This means that they can suddenly appear anywhere, and thus can disrupt even the most carefully laid mission plans. If the United States were to further engage Venezuela in an expanded aerial assault, such mobile launchers and missiles could possibly pose a serious threat to US forces. However, given Venezuela's lackluster response to the Caracas attack, I really have to wonder if the Venezuelan military is up to the task.

Returning our attention to the haughtiness which has been emanating from the Trump administration as of late, for his part, US Secretary of State, Marco Rubio, posted a graphic and comment demonstrating full support for Trump's words on the official Department of State account on Elon Musk's X platform which stated the following:

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"This is OUR Hemisphere, and President Trump will not allow our security to be threatened."

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[This is our hemisphere graphic goes here]

But concerning President Trump's announcement regarding his so-called Don-roe Doctrine, what is the Monroe Doctrine all about? Basically, it is an approach to foreign policy which

was announced to the U.S. Congress by President James Monroe on December 2, 1823 in his seventh annual State of the Union Address. At the time, its primary intent was to oppose any foreign interference in the Western Hemisphere, particularly endeavors by the European powers to colonize the Americas. Furthermore, the doctrine holds that any intervention in the political affairs of the Americas by any foreign power would be viewed as a potential hostile act against America itself.

At that particular time in history, almost all of the Spanish colonies in North and South America had either already gained their independence, or else they were very close to doing so. Thus, President Monroe asserted that the New World and the Old World should remain distinctly separate spheres of influence. At the same time, the United States would recognize and not interfere with existing European colonies. Neither would it meddle in the internal affairs of any of the European nations. In short, the United States would engage in an isolationist strategy. Is this starting to sound familiar to you yet? It should, because MAGA -- Make America Great Again -- and also "America First!", are basically a new revival of the Monroe Doctrine, albeit with President Trump's own twist added to it.

To more clearly explain how the original intent of the Monroe Doctrine was slowly changed over the decades from the time of President Monroe, following are some excerpts from an article that was posted in the online edition of Time Magazine. Dated January 7, 2026, it shows how Trump appropriated the doctrine, perverted it, and now uses it to justify his military actions on both land and sea:

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While the Monroe Doctrine's initial intent was to keep European powers out of the Western Hemisphere, Roosevelt, who himself fought against Spain in Cuba in 1898, in this way expanded it to encompass a claimed right to send troops into other Western Hemisphere countries.

This updated version of the doctrine helped set the stage for repeated U.S. military intervention in Latin America. Within just over a decade of Roosevelt articulating it, U.S. forces were sent to the Dominican Republic in 1903 and 1904, Nicaragua in 1911, and Haiti in 1915.

The spirit of the Monroe Doctrine was also reflected in the U.S.'s actions during 1962's Cuban Missile Crisis, when

President John F. Kennedy ordered a naval and air quarantine of Cuba to prevent the Soviet Union from bringing further missiles to the island. Kennedy framed the crisis, prompted by the U.S. discovering the Soviet Union was secretly installing missile launch sites in Cuba, as a violation of long-standing hemispheric boundaries.

On the campaign trail and during his first Administration, Trump revived the "America First" slogan—previously used to promote nativist and isolationist policies by several groups and politicians in the 19th and 20th centuries—to frame his agenda, arguing that the United States should prioritize domestic priorities over overseas conflicts.

That posture has shifted significantly in Trump's second term, however, as his Administration has taken a more interventionist approach to foreign policy."

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And that, my friends, is exactly how we have arrived at the point where we are now with President Trump having invaded Venezuela, with his eyes fixed on subduing and controlling many other countries in the Western Hemisphere as well. As I said, Trump, Hegseth, Rubio, Miller, Noem, etc., see no problem whatsoever with now using US military might to go wherever they want, to do whatever they please. Furthermore, as I have also pointed out in a few other articles such as "Beware of Dominionism", this new Donroe Doctrine dovetails right in with Dominionist theology, which is all about power and money. These misguided, deceived politicians and false Christians believe that it is actually their divine right to do these things, because they have convinced themselves that they are preparing the world for the return of Jesus Christ.

As I mentioned in previous paragraphs, I am rather convinced that President Trump will most likely continue enforcing his Don-roe -- or Donroe -- Doctrine until he has created his complete fiefdom in the whole Western Hemisphere, unless the US Congress stops him via the current War Powers Resolution which is currently making its way through both bodies of the U.S. Congress. He will keep attacking and subduing nations until his "Middle Earth" fantasy or Trump Fiefdom is fully realized and under his complete control. Of course, he only has three years left in which to do it, unless, of course, JD Vance wins the 2028 presidential election and continues advancing the Don-roe Doctrine.

Yet tell me, my friends. Where did Jesus Christ ever teach His followers to win the world by the edge of the sword? You just won't find it in the Scriptures. However, what you will find are Bible verses such as the following. They describe not only the evils of violence and war, but also how we are supposed to live peaceful lives, and win the world for Jesus through peace, love, and even self-sacrifice:

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, EVEN OF YOUR LUSTS that war in your members? YE LUST, and have not: YE KILL, AND DESIRE TO HAVE, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because YE ASK AMISS, THAT YE MAY CONSUME IT UPON YOUR LUSTS."

James 4:1-3, KJV

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. HE WAS A MURDERER FROM THE BEGINNING, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

John 8:44, KJV

"Not as Cain, WHO WAS OF THAT WICKED ONE, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous."

1 John 3:12, KJV

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy HIM THAT HAD THE POWER OF DEATH, THAT IS, THE DEVIL; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

Hebrews 2:14-15, KJV

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

John 10:10, KJV

"My soul hath long dwelt with him that hateth peace. I am for peace: but when I speak, they are for war."

Psalms 120:6-7, KJV

"And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou

shouldest give reward unto thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and them that fear thy name, small and great; and shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth."

Revelation 11:18, KJV

"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

Revelation 13:10, KJV

But concerning us Christians, exactly what should be our own attitude towards violence and war? While I am sure that the answer is rather obvious to many of my readers, nevertheless, allow me to share some of my favorite Bible verses with you, which demonstrate what should be the Scriptural foundation for our beliefs and attitude towards war. I hope you enjoy reading them. Most of all, I hope that you live them in your own personal life as well:

"But THE MEEK SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."

Psalms 37:11, KJV

"BLESSED ARE THE MEEK: for they shall inherit the earth . . . Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God . . . But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

Matthew 5:5, 9, 44-45, KJV

"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ALL MEN."

Romans 12:18, KJV

"Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, be of one mind, LIVE IN PEACE; and the God of love and peace shall be with you."

2 Corinthians 13:11, KJV

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God."

Psalms 20:7, KJV

"And, behold, one of them which were with Jesus [meaning the

Apostle Peter] stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and struck a servant of the high priest's, and smote off his ear. Then said Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into his place: for ALL THEY THAT TAKE THE SWORD SHALL PERISH WITH THE SWORD. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels?"

Matthew 26:51-53, KJV

"And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem. And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For THE SON OF MAN IS NOT COME TO DESTROY MEN'S LIVES, BUT TO SAVE THEM. And they went to another village."

Luke 9:51-56, KJV

"When they which were about him saw what would follow, they said unto him, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? And one of them smote the servant of the high priest, and cut off his right ear. And Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him."

Luke 22:49-51, KJV

"Then Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. The servant's name was Malchus. Then said Jesus unto Peter, PUT UP THY SWORD INTO THE SHEATH: the cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?"

John 18:10-11, KJV

"(For THE WEAPONS OF OUR WARFARE ARE NOT CARNAL, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)"

2 Corinthians 10:4, KJV

"No man that warreth [meaning spiritual warfare] entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier."

2 Timothy 2:4, KJV

Before concluding this series, I would like to take a few

minutes to discuss one final topic which really bothers me, and which I feel should be addressed. That is the following. Similar to previous presidents, Trump and his administration are painting Americans as the victims of drug trafficking which originates in some Latin American countries. It is my view that this is wrong. American drug addicts do NOT die as a direct result of international drug trafficking. They die as a direct result of the personal choices they make in their own lives. They die as a result of their own foolish choice to become a drug addict in the first place. They die because they were too weak to say "No!" in the first place. No drug trafficker put a gun to their head and said "You better take this or else!"

In short, just by referring to American drug addicts as the victims, and by pointing the finger at the drug traffickers instead, the Trump administration is basically relieving the drug addicts of any sense of personal responsibility. Folks, the fact of the matter is that if there was no demand for the drugs, then there would simply be no market for the drug manufacturers, traffickers and pushers in the first place. So as long as there is a demand for the drugs, the suppliers will have a market. If a certain supplier or country is shut down, another one will eventually rise somewhere else to take its place. That is the reality of the situation.

My friends, as some of you will know, the war against drugs has been waged for many decades now. In fact, it officially began almost fifty-five years ago under President Richard Nixon, who declared drug abuse "public enemy number one". He announced a major federal crackdown on June 17, 1971. It was at that time that he shifted focus to drug supply reduction and increased enforcement. Yet despite how many decades have passed since 1971, the war on drugs has STILL not been won. Furthermore, drug supply reduction has not resulted in the elimination of drug addiction in America. To be honest, I wouldn't be the least surprised to learn that there are way more drugs in circulation today than there were five decades ago. They are probably stronger and more dangerous drugs as well. I have no actual statistics to prove these points, so you can take it for what it is worth.

Furthermore, I suspect that there is a darker side to this sad issue which few people may be willing to consider. One must stop and ask himself why the war on drugs has failed so miserably after over fifty years of trying to contain it. Is it simply the result of people's lack of willingness to take

control of their lives and practice personal responsibility? Or is it possible that there are certain elements within the US government which in some way benefit from widespread drug addiction? Is it possible that some drug money is used to fund projects which we common folks aren't supposed to know about? Is it possible that certain elements within the US government view drug addiction as one method for keeping the general populace happy and compliant?

Admittedly, these are some pretty wild ideas indeed, and as my longtime, regular readers will already know, normally I do not get into discussing such unproven conspiracy theories. I prefer to stick with the known facts, and even more so with the Word of God. So perhaps these ideas don't have any merit, or perhaps they do. Personally, I really don't know with any degree of certainty, and even trying to figure out the truth would really take us down a very deep and dark rabbit hole, which I'm really not too interested in doing now, if ever. So I will leave it to the actual conspiracy theorists to do that if they want to. For now, I just thought that I'd share these possibilities with you for your personal consideration.

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War On Drugs Will Not Be Won Until Human Nature And Desires Change, A Personal Victory Over Drug Addiction, All Things Are Possible With God, A Personal Victory Over Drugs Can Be Achieved Through Placing Our Faith In Christ And By Living A Life That Is Pleasing To The Lord By Adhering To Precepts Of His Word, Our Transformation Begins With Spiritual Rebirth, A New Creature In Jesus Christ Where We Put On The New Man And Forsake The Old Man, Faith in Jesus Christ Is The Victory,

Continuing our discuss from part eight, personally, given our human nature, at this point in time, my view is that the war on drugs will NEVER really be won, as long as there are any American citizens remaining who still crave their drugs, plain and simple. As you can obviously see, this is a rather tall order, and undoubtedly an extremely difficult objective to ever achieve. In fact, it is probably next to impossible to ever truly achieve. Furthermore, if we are really being honest with ourselves, the idea of any American president ever stopping every single drug boat, every single narcotics trafficker, and every single local drug pusher is just as insurmountable a task. So it seems to me that realistically speaking, the drug problem will remain with us for a very long time to come. Yes, it's indeed tragic, but it is also the truth.

However, this does NOT mean that it is impossible for any of us to ever obtain personal victories in our lives over this nagging problem. To the contrary, I know and believe that it is indeed quite possible, if we truly desire such a victory, and if we are willing to put in the work to accomplish it. After all, as the Scriptures inform us:

"But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."
Matthew 19:26, KJV

"Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth."
Mark 9:23, KJV

"And Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for with God all things are possible."
Mark 10:27, KJV

"And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt."
Mark 14:36, KJV

"For with God nothing shall be impossible."
Luke 1:37, KJV

"And he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God."

Luke 18:27, KJV

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,"

Ephesians 3:20, KJV

However, for this to happen, I am also convinced that it is our human nature, and our human desires, which must change first. If this desire for change is really there, then it is possible for us to obtain not only a victory in our personal lives, but even to contribute to a wider victory over this dangerous scourge which plagues the American homeland. But again, being a realist, I just don't see how it will ever become a permanent, nationwide victory, because there are simply too many factors working against it for it to ever succeed. Of course, you may feel differently regarding this issue. That is your right.

As a Bible-believing Christian myself, I am convinced that on a personal level at least, this victory over drugs can be accomplished through placing our faith in Jesus Christ, and through acquiring a strong foundation in the Bible, which serves as our guide for teaching us how to live good and proper Christian lives which are pleasing to the Lord. In other words, we must each strive to adhere to the precepts of God's Word. That is to say, we must follow God's moral code or law. Of course, this process of transformation and renewal begins by being spiritually reborn, exactly as the Lord informed the Pharisee Nicodemus in the following group of Bible verses:

"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mothers womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born

of the Spirit."
John 3:3-8, KJV

In short, we must become new creatures in Jesus Christ with transformed and renewed minds, and regenerated hearts. The Apostle Paul referred to this rebirth process as putting off the old man, and putting on the new man, as you can easily see by the following group of Bible verses:

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

2 Corinthians 5:17, KJV

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

Romans 12:2, KJV

"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

Ephesians 4:24, KJV

"And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:"

Colossians 3:10, KJV

"That ye put off concerning the former conversation [manner of life, conduct, behavior] the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;"

Ephesians 4:22, KJV

"Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds;"

Colossians 3:9, KJV

So as you can hopefully see, faith in Jesus Christ is indeed what can truly give us the victory in our lives which we so desperately desire and need. I hope that you will choose to personally accept the Lord into your life and heart, if you have not already done so. Simply pray and and invite Him in. Ask Him to fill you with His life-changing Spirit. Allow me to leave you with a few final Bible verses for your personal consideration:

"THAT CHRIST MAY DWELL IN YOUR HEARTS BY FAITH; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,"

Ephesians 3:17, KJV

"To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is CHRIST IN YOU, the hope of glory:"

Colossians 1:27, KJV

"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, IF SO BE THAT THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELL IN YOU. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

Romans 8:9, KJV

"Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, BECAUSE HE HATH GIVEN US OF HIS SPIRIT."

1 John 4:13, KJV

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."

Colossians 3:16, KJV

With these thoughts, I will bring this series to a close. It is my hope that you've found it informative and enlightening, and I pray that it has been a blessing in your life as well. If you have an account with Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr or with any other social network, I would really appreciate if you'd take the time to click or tap on the corresponding link that is found on this page. Thanks so much, and may God bless you abundantly!

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