

## **Fool Me A Million Times**

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### **[Revised]**

Yogi Berra experienced “deja vu, all over again”. Marx revised Hegel, saying history repeats itself first as tragedy, then as farce. Bush the Lesser, riffing on who to blame for being fooled, got lost in his trope. Now unctuous Pompeo and Bolton are lying/selling war on Iran, do YOU remember RECENT HISTORY?

You’d heard the one about the Vietnam Gulf of Tonkin false flag that LBJ pitched [notwithstanding his ordered attack by the Israeli air force to sink the USS Liberty which resulted in the DEATHS of many American sailors for political purposes -- ruling elites and their political puppets kill their own without a thought.] And the LYING crap about Iraqi WMD and Colin Powell ominously shaking a vial of baby powder at the UN, and Obama’s somber LIE about “Assad gassing his own people” and Gaddafi slaughtering his citizens -- PROVEN LIES, all of it?

The question now is whether the American Public will do Charlie Brown to Lucy’s football trick again? Sophisticated tech makes it harder for psychos in power to just lie. They need plausible visuals to back their bullshit but, used to relying on lies alone, they’re not clear on the concept.

In the silly video of Iran’s alleged tanker sabotage, a blurred, ghostly boat bears men said to be removing a dud mine from a tanker. Did they place it, try to set it off, fail, and hurry back? The tanker crew--drugged or dead?--didn’t hear or see them coming? At work? No doubt an invisible to the crew stealth boat, eh?

The story is so patently phony it sinks itself. It would be comic if our Imperial Bozos were not fixated on provoking war with a country that, should an attack come, is able and sworn to inflict grievous damage on its attacker. However, Pompeo and Bolton are not concerned. The War Machine needs them and what they do because it needs its wars for PROFIT.

America, under geopolitically ignorant puppet Presidents has inflicted economic and military violence on many poor, vulnerable nations. Profitability has solidified this as its only tactic, and even defeats--Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria--are gagged down without altering it. The reason is plain: America is not a country in the sense of a polity organized to benefit a people; it’s a vast War Machine built to gorge itself on the bounty of its citizenry. Outcomes be damned, all that matters is the continuity of its outrageous war profit machine for the benefit of the few. This fact -- impossible for most Americans to accept -- makes them secondary victims of Empire’s depredations.

What is to be done? Nothing will induce a fuddled people to unplug from the vast propaganda web of tailored entertainment “news”, and social media to which they’re addicted, so they will continue to be rendered confused, impotent and lost, indefinitely.

Captivated and sedated, they are not in a substantially different state than animals raised to be eaten. There is no satisfaction in saying this, only sadness. To watch an entire society of ordinarily good, decent people being traduced and betrayed by the government they’ve been schooled by pious lies to trust, is beyond appalling.

It may be a fact of evolution that all species have only a certain limited capacity for survival reactions/adaptation and when that limit is reached, failure and extinction must follow. Have we humans reached our limit? Are we done? You tell me!

*[Editorial note: In Australia we have a saying relating to complete hopelessness, "he couldn't save his own life by simply walking out of a gas-filled room." And so it must be that complete uselessness determines a tragic future for the bulk of humanity. And never forget when the shit hits the fan, you/we allowed it.]*

From a recent interview with Chuck Todd:

**Trump: "I have some hawks. John Bolton is absolutely a hawk. If it was up to him he'd take on the whole world at one time."** So the question begs Mr Trump, why haven't you fired this psychopath? Answer: because you clearly have no balls, you spineless, good-for-nothing, dip-shit President!

Also see:

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