

## **A FEST OF ARROGANCE OF (FAKE) SUPERIORITY**

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If you're into plants, you've got to read the article 'The Intelligent Plant'<sup>1</sup> by Michael Pollan—it's a fascinating read. And, if you have time, you've also got to listen to Michael Pollan's seventeen-minute TED Conference presentation<sup>2</sup> in which he suggests, jokingly, that corn, in a cunning bid for world habitat domination, might be manipulating '*its presumably far more intelligent*' corn-consuming humans into expanding its habitat and into eliminating its competitors.

I suppose an interesting follow-up question to Pollan's discussion might be whether it is unethical to manipulate someone else into doing what you want, if that someone else, at the same time, in a fest of arrogance of (fake) superiority, is manipulating you into doing what he or she wants. And I suppose another interesting follow-up question to Pollan's discussion might be whether a fest of arrogance of (fake) superiority could at times apply to American foreign policy.

And on that note, let's move to the US Assistant Secretary of State's (Victoria Nuland) 'all-smiles' exigent visit to Cyprus which took place on 20 April 2016<sup>3</sup>; according to the Cyprus Mail's rather upbeat account, Nuland was '*very happy to be back in Cyprus*' and reiterated '*her country's support for the ongoing negotiation process in Cyprus*'. Nonetheless, Helmer<sup>4</sup> (2016, April 26) paints quite a different picture of Nuland's Cyprus visit. Helmer asserts that a well-informed Cypriot source reports Nuland '*was in Cyprus to pre-empt any likelihood of future deepening in relations with Russia*'. Helmer (2016) also notes Nuland apparently tried to push through a plan for '*camouflaging the Turkish forces in Northern Cyprus as a NATO partnership for peace*'.

So what's really going on? Is America trying to support Cyprus or is it just being a bully? Well we may never know; however, other things—seem to be—in point of fact, much clearer.

America has sadly been experiencing massive economic decline<sup>5</sup> for some time now, and its world-reserve currency status, which has been buttressed by endless wars or the threat of endless wars, is at grave risk<sup>6</sup> too. Thanks to the alternative media, millions of people are also increasingly beginning to understand the scam<sup>7</sup> of their monetary system. Millions of people are also becoming more aware of disadvantages of the EU and US Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), whose negotiations were '*carried out mostly in secret*' (Williams: 2015)<sup>8</sup>. And, millions of people are just losing yet more faith in a US that claims to be

fighting ISIS (aka Daesh or ISIL), yet apparently may have been involved duplicitously in creating, arming and funding it<sup>9</sup>.

A lot of other policies seem to be being implemented very speedily too e.g. the push for a negative interest rate policy (NIRP)<sup>10</sup>, the drive for a cashless society<sup>11</sup>, the enactment of the new EU bail-in laws<sup>12</sup>, or increased NSA Surveillance against US citizens<sup>13</sup>. Such events suggest the neo-con globalist elites must surely be beginning to panic. The stakes are very high for them too: what if for instance the US population en masse finally decided that the '*velvet-gloved, technologically-savvy, militarized iron fist of friendly fascism*' (Whitehead: 2016)<sup>14</sup> just wasn't for them?

Other countries might be sensing a fall of American hegemony is on the cards and have become more emboldened too; take those Russian-jet impressively-low simulated-attack fly-overs of the USS Donald Cook in the Baltic Sea<sup>15</sup> (which occurred just over a week before Victoria Nuland's visit to Cyprus), or take that skilfully-close Russian interceptor 50-foot fly-by of an American reconnaissance aircraft in the Baltic Sea<sup>16</sup> (which occurred just under a week before Victoria Nuland's visit to Cyprus), or take Beijing's ominous 'be careful' threat to Washington over the South China Sea<sup>17</sup> in early April 2016, or take Saudi Arabia's threat to the US that it would liquidate its Treasury holdings if Congress probed 9/11 attacks<sup>18</sup> in mid-April 2016, or take Iran's early-May-2016 threat to shut down the Strait of Hormuz in reaction to new US proposed legislation regarding '*seeking a stronger response to Tehran's provocative actions against the U.S. Navy in the Persian Gulf*'<sup>19</sup>, or take France saying no to the TTIP<sup>20</sup> in early May 2016 (the French probably didn't want to have to eat US GMOs too!).

And, take (according to Schortgen 2016<sup>21</sup> article on a well-known alternative media site) the Iran and Cyprus apparent announcement on 28 April 2016 (just over a week after the Nuland visit) that '*they are seeking new banking and trade agreements with Russia which would expand their sphere of Eurasian Economic Cooperation*'; if Schortgen is correct, this would be very interesting, as it would partly resonate with Russia's suggestion to the EU in January 2015 to drop TTIP and embrace the Eurasian Union<sup>22</sup>, but Eurasian Economic Cooperation might also lead to tensions rising with the US, assuming Helmer 2016 assertions are correct.

Well, it appears we may be approaching a very dangerous tectonic-shift-point moment in human history. It is the moment hubris could lead to third-world<sup>23</sup> Zimbabwe-ism in the US. It is the moment hubris could lead to the unimaginable *quick-trigger nuclear-first-strike draw* (and, I would wager that the Russian bear will undoubtedly take the necessary steps to defend her Mother Russia<sup>24</sup> ferociously). It is the moment hubris could lead to a rise of fascism, to a scourge of hopelessness, and to a culling of the innocent and misguided. And, this is the moment human uniqueness

must triumph over any attempts to transition in a new more oppressive global reality.

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