CHAMPIONING WESTERN DEMOCRACY? WEF GLOBALISTS AND THE UNITED STATES IN DOUBLE STANDARDS AND EXCEPTIONALISM

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ABSTRACT

Inconsistency and inequality have remained potent insignias of the Continental System for ages. Packaged, coded and deployed through the tactile subtlety of Western Diplomacy, chaos, confusion and exploitation are bequeathed as wholesome underdevelopment life lines to the many unsuspecting sovereignties. Western mainstream medias continue to shift their propagandist narratives, sowing discord and destabilization here and there. Apt in this game, the US and its cohorts deploy signature sanctions, regime change pseudooperations and overt invasions to sustain a unipolar world. They claim to be liberal democracies, yet they censor free speech? In the new cold war conundrum, East-West infractions appear to have reopened, deepened and widened scars, threatening old and new fraternal agreements, just as mutual suspicions are systemically growing, re-ordered by regional interests, re-arranged by newer technological inventions, profiled and propelled by unbridled blinding permutations, nuances and algorithm. This study is set to utilise the Historical Realism Theory and eclectic methodology tool towards proving that the so-called democratic West, ably led by the United States, are not only wallowing in political double standard, but also creating international deception and confusion. While frowning at these Western democratic exhibitions, this paper advocates a multipolar world order, where collective understanding, equality and respect ensures global security.

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INTRODUCTION

Indubitably, beginning with the 1713 treaty of Utrecht, flexibility softened the many competitivities of the eighteenth-century enlightenments to bequeath a much-needed Age of Reason, hence orderliness to an anarchic state system. In regulating major European relations, for the very first time, it introduced balance of power, through cumulatively reshaped international politics and the conduct of international relations by injecting populist and ideological notes to the human family. Today in the 21st century, enveloped in democratic etiquette are the Rights of man and acceptable guidelines in the art of leadership and governance. Global politics is predicated and propelled by certain specific orderly conduct and standards to the satisfaction of many. Functionally driven on checks and balances, subsisting on strong institutions, Democracy and its devotees, protégées protagonists have remained portent weapons of development, under-development, exploitation, domination. deception, understanding and rapprochement within human organizations, sovereignties and the international system. Evolving through tactile tangled historical transitions and ambiguities, Western democracy not only possesses a name, an identity, form, sequence, values but tradition. From brigandage, vandalism and utter subterfuge, many citizens and European states have emerged as powerful diplomats and actors, that participated in the shaping and reshaping of real politic and the art of governance. While the variegated effects of two devastating World Wars refuse to be erased from human memory, the cataclysmic outcome of the looming third episode continues to put the present age on edge. Agreed that these two global wars were diplomatic extremes, trending global shift appears unapologetic and deliberately unmindful of apparent political hopelessness.

However, just as the way democratic proponents were stubbornly goading sovereignties and populations into it, through its many alluring ideas, certain reactionary realities not only become draw



backs but continue to emerge, challenging the system. Armed with popular decision, dexterously spun on human rights and equity, Western democracy arrived the international stage in the 20th century, taking full control through its subtle crucibles classified as international laws. Since its crafting, prescription and practice, democracy has showcased one thing or another. In driving democracy here and there, organizational, national and regional interests take the centre stage, primarily dictating the tune, regardless of the fact that its cockpit may have been captured by not even the choice of a foolish majority. However, since diplomacy without garments is like music devoid of instruments, Western democracy cannot stand without Western capitalism. Tailored with deception, power game, exploitation, corruption and wholesome amorality, politics became adopted as a cultured component of both domestic and international state crafting.

Oscillating on these values; rule of law, free and fair elections and being elected; freedom of assembly and political participation; freedom of expression, religion or belief, and human rights (Democracy, Wikipedia), Western Democracy took a nosedive for the worst, becoming a handy tool for suppression, exploitation and imperialism. Post World War II, dominant world powers, and most especially, the United Nations Organization as a model institute of collective security and adjudication have repeatedly not only rated democratic governance highly, but classified it as an exemplary reference point on all indices of global development. Be that as it may, one is bound to stop and ponder, especially when the socalled democratic tenets are clandestinely altered unapologetically by the United States and a host of other European powers. Complementary relationship among states on the international stage as one is meant to believe, is encouraged as a sine qua non to multipolarity, since based on the principle of equality of all states in international law, devoid of other asymmetricism, all are sovereign. It is not that a wide gap doesn't exist between the theory and eventual practice of pure fundamental democratic principles within sovereignties, but the bizarre element, which this study hinges its thesis is on the United States/European double standard and exceptionalism which aggregates them as 'Empires of lies' (Putin, www.reuters.com: 2022) and indecency.

Western democracy in its zealousness, accompanied with 'a holier than thou attitude' attempts to democratize world politics by regulating global complexities through its manipulation of Transnational Corporations and international organizations. Ever since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1989, more oil has gone to the engine of double standard and exceptionalism. This is most likely largely the Central Intelligence Agency covert engagement. The West is good at it, with coverage narratives and disinformation of institutionalizing Human rights, instituting Middle East peace, affirming global democratic tenets, stabilizing global economy, updating and uploading international security, hosting summits for negotiations on global warming treaties, aggregately suggesting and advocating for the so-called defence spending reduction amongst nuclear powers, to mention but a few. Meandering like an octopus, diligent on sucking most underdeveloped nations dry, in order to sustain their power status, they render supposedly expertise services, advice and care through USAID, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund and World Health Organization services to innumerable states undergoing economic recession, debt burden, migration, refugee crisis, including the United Nations Peace Keeping Operations in various climes witnessing conflicts.

Interestingly, through the muddled events of the 20th century, into the blitzing international issues of the 21st century, the previously hazy identity of the West in its 'altruistic' humanism is fast becoming more glaring. 'Sanctions regime' were Western-created, adopted and utilized against a target group, just as is obtainable today. Apparently fissured in the same conspiratory act, the United States applauds the International Criminal Court, it refuses to join

for charging Putin with war crimes, while threatening to invade the Netherlands over the court's remits; shedding crocodile tears for the Muslim-Uyghurs in China, whereas the same West have controversially caused the death of millions of Muslims across the world through the invasion of Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria and while presenting evidence Yemen to the contrary (georgegalloway.com, 2023). It is unfortunately becoming clearer that the world is made more fragile by interconnectivity, just as liberalism and free market economy continues to emit hopeless outcomes. In its pursuit of and abject exhibition of euphoric capitalist exceptionalism, the seemingly clueless American leadership has most often left the world leaderless sequel to its continued disregard of the rule of law, international organization norms, guidelines, including membership involvements. Today, the international arena is further polarized on many fronts, creating disillusionment, division and threatening fragile economies. When authoritarianism assumes the goals of unipolarity against multipolarity all across contiguous borders, with complementary relationship, a tough turf emerges and divides global actions into dangerous regional infractious ties. Amidst the Russo/Ukrainian imbroglio, accompanied by the Western material and total support for Ukraine, the ever-growing Sino-US issues, certain remnants of post Covid-19 challenges, carbon emission and environmental problems, the cyber cold war, global recession, trade sanctions and the petrodollar realities, the Iran nuclear deal, the Western military - industrial complex, a very high level of disinformation and geopolitics is ultimately driving the world fast into a dangerous alley.

Towards attempting to clearly prove and highlight these anomalies from the Champions of Western Democracy and exceptionalism, this piece has utilized the Historical Realism Theory effectively, supporting several assertions with credible facts and incidents, and even gone further towards cautioning on potential global upheavals if an active rethink and reversal is not started. This paper is divided into: introduction, theoretical base, conceptual platform, overview of current global paradigm, reflections and caution. Interrogating the notion of 'double standard' *vis a vis* background of the supposed consultants on democratic practice, remains the thesis of this study.

THEORETICAL BASE

Historical Realism remains a writing style or subgenre of realistic fiction centred on historical events and periods, hence at its core, states are the only entities on the international stage that matter, acts through the parameter of the three 'S' – **station**, **survival and self-help**, hence in acting alone, they are driven by self-interests (JSTO, www.jstor.org). Mankind is not inherently benevolent, though egocentric (not necessarily selfish) and conflictual unless certain conditions encourage co-existence. Thomas Hobbes amongst many others dealt further on classical realism and neorealism.

The choice of Historical Realism as the theoretical compass of this work is buttressed by not only the ubiquity of the global terrain, but the complexities intrinsic on the global actors, including the fast-changing speed of the times. Towards buttressing this line of thought, Buzan *et al* asserted thus:

The hard-headedness of a realist observer who recognizes that international law can and will be manipulated where there is the political will to do so. The result is analysis that manages to stay ahead of the changing reality, and yet holds out hope for eventual control and manipulation of political instincts (Mullerson, 1994: xiii).

Unequivocally, mankind is faced with the steady threat of poverty, violence, pandemic, AI and technology issues, population-pressure, nuclear winter and environmental catastrophe, hence in

order to fully diagnose the extent of these challenges, depth is needed, which only passionate realistic enthusiasts could descend and emerge with portent solvents, regardless of the high uncertainties and quick sand of International Relations. Realists, Behaviourists, Structuralists, Normativists and Institutionalists amongst others, may never tender perfect descriptions for world peace, just as Mullerson insists that world peace cannot be achieved through world law (Mullerson, 1994: 4). He observed further that law without force, and the determination to use it in order to stop the most flagrant violations of international law and morality, is powerless, hence legal positivism is not a proper guide during revolutionary changes, be it in a single country or in the international system (Mullerson, 1994: 4). Be that as it may, in tandem with this line of thought, as a realist, Kennan cautioned that 'international law is a straight jacket for international relations' (Kennan, 1984: 98). In order to aid better analysis, thereby avoiding the constraints of rigidity, such as the subject matter elicits, methodical eclecticism assumes the centre stage.

Viewed from all perspectives, one cannot help agreeing that in the 21st century:

International law and politics are once more at a cross roads... fundamental and more incremental developments as the aggravation of the global problems and the emergence of new actors in the international system. The latest dramatic events in the world have created not only serious dangers for individual countries, but for the world community as a whole, as well as unique opportunities for mankind to face challenges (Mullerson, 1994: 1).

At this age and time, the euphoria on the part of academics following the rapid changes playing out on the international stage juxta posed by aggregate cynicism on the eventual realities of



global closeness, understanding and cooperation; as sung by mostly Western news media on the payroll of World Economic Forum globalists, is not only mind boggling but confusing moreso, if one is very much aware of the existing indices on the ground.

CONCEPTUAL PLATFORM

Concise explanations of the following may aid better understanding, analysis and *de facto* positions taken by this study; Western democracy, WEF globalists, liberal democracy and Exceptionalism.

Otherwise known as liberal democracy, it is a form of governance which spurns on a liberal political ideology and an elected representation. Democratic as it is meant to be, Western democracy is hinged on four crucibles - choosing and replacing government through free and fair elections, citizens active participation in politics and civic life, the protection of the citizens' rights and the rule of law guiding these aspects. The place of consensus, constitution and deliberations to legitimate decisionmaking in democracy, cannot be under-emphasized, whereas political freedom of participation operating on the status that all citizens are legally equal; the same rule of law protects a functional democracy with its checks and balances, after all, the primary function of government is to reflect the will of the people. When the exercise of political power is limited by the rule of law, (hence not limitless freedom) (Liberal Democracy, Wikipedia), caution is instituted and a time and opportunity created for proactive reassessment and review. When the word 'liberal is added in referring to democracy, specific reference is made not only at the representative aspects of democracy, but on the definite or added protection for individual liberty and property by rule of law. Conceptually, liberalism is a political and moral philosophy based on the rights of individual, liberty, consent of the governed, political equality and equality before the law, and in some cases its synonymous with the word 'progressives', though cutting across



both mainstream parties in the United States, could be identified in most cases with the Democratic party's right wing (Liberal Democracy, Wikipedia).

This study may want to point at two poignant issues bordering on the concept of liberal democracy, most especially in tune with the realities trending. The permissive, unrestrained and licentious generosity identifiable with the act of humane living in the textbook analysis of liberalism remains far from what is obtainable with Western liberal democracy. On the other hand, a proper scenario of raw capitalism reflects a good indicator of the present Western liberal democracies epitomized by the United States of America, however, the caveat is that they functionally possess certain aspects of welfarist programmes and policies which are people oriented.

WEF Globalists

Advocates of globalism are simply known as globalists, who believes that economic and foreign policy should be planned in an international way, rather than according to what is best for one particular country. Globocrats are in the habit of promoting globalism, since the demise of empires or imperial kingdoms (Globalism, Wikipedia). Globalism refers to ideologies advocating globalization, hence favouring freedom of immigration, free trade, lowering tariffs, humanitarian interventionism, democracy, human rights, global citizenship and/or global governance (Globalism, www.springer.com).

Since globalism is an ideology based on the belief that people, information, services must be linked globally and inter-connected in an underlying basic network, globalization refers to the dynamic shrinking of distance on a large scale. Special emphasis is however made in this study of World Economic Forum (WEF) Globalists (www.globalist.com) not only as a designate centre of analysis, but

a crucial player in dictating the global policy thrust and game plan of both the United States and European Leadership.

The WEF globalists, is reputed to be an international organization for Public-Private Cooperation, building strong linkages aimed at developing systemic solutions kev challenges to (www.weforum.org). Acclaimed to have polled up to 2,800 delegates representing 118 countries at one event in Davos, Switzerland, it officially took off since 2017. Cutting across the many geopolitical zones of the world, with various religious affiliations and socio-economic orientations, one binding factor appear to be their strong resolve and consistency in sustaining the capitalist dollar market economy and dominance. Free thinkers and players as their members always claim to be, distant from the manipulation of any particular world government or actor, but one would always observe that a clear difference exists between the sound of the kolanut when chewed in the mouth, and the apparent taste. Harnessed, galvanized and harmonized through covert and privileged information, accessibility strategic affordability, most of these personalities, with their private financial institutions receive classified and unclassified grants and assistance, packaged and dressed in different coded diplomatic presentations, at least to camouflage a bit, all to the retroverse advantage of the United States and most other Western governments. Unfortunately, it appears that many so called nongovernmental organizations operating here and there in the world are complicit in this. Obtaining primary information from the local populace and availing a conduit channel of exploitation and alternatively financing and sponsoring terror infernos at even unbelievable locations, all in the official name and tag of humanitarian outfit, this beckons lots of questions and explanations. The WEF globalists appear to have gained a step further than the older multinational, companies and their ploy in developing regions. Numerous as they are in their tangled involvements and engagements, they remain visible tactile antennas of the West.

Exceptionalism

Distant from the ordinary dictionary meaning of exceptionalism, unto its conceptual political application; this hinges on the theory that the United States brand of capitalism in its peaceful components, constitutes an exception to the general economic laws governing national historical development (www.exceptionalism. org).

The perception or belief that a species, country, society, institution, movement, individual or time period is exceptional (unusual or extraordinary). The term caries the implication, whether or not specified, that the referent is superior in some way. A condition of being different from the norm (www.exceptionalism.org).

Along this pedestal, American exceptionalism is the belief that the United States is either distinctive, unique, or exemplary compared to other nations. A typical example manifests when the US government in its exceptionalist tendency to remain separate from others, shows reluctance to join various international treaties, arrogantly bulldozing its way all through. Distinctively strong, uniquely exemplary, hence exempt from the law and rules governing others so to say, the United States in most cases, including some Western states appear to always assume this platform proudly, always ready to back it up with their so called historical moral and ideological past and structure. All along the annals of human history, the French, British Empire and the Third Reich were all accompanied with their own versions of exceptionalism (www.encyclopedia.com). A strong correlation appears to sustain the concept of American exceptionalism and its Manifest destiny, whereby the Puritans who came to America in 1630 believed that their survival in the new world would mean a sign of God's approval (www.encyclopedia.com). Americans believe that theirs, 'land of the free' was quite unlike the rest of the Europeans, a democracy born of a revolution against monarchy, hence not driven by an alternative vision of society (www.americanexperience.si.edu). Other noted characteristics include: its financial and military superiority, its position in NATO, the United Nations, influence in European Union including its many missions throughout the world in the promotion and defence of 'democracy' (Burton Mack, 2017: 1), hence;

A special responsibility to exert global leadershippromote democracy and human rights around the world... [and] lead by building strong alliances, usually with other democracies (McManus, 2017: 8)

Always fast and proud to point at the many positive aspects in America projecting their country to be exceptional (healthcare immigrant citizenship, social welfare, human rights and gender issues, including the strategic part they played on entry into the first and second World Wars amongst others), many scholars on the other hand rather deride this US exceptionalism in this way:

The United States sells more arms and hands out more weapons and free training to professional killers than any other nation on earth; one unique nation that have attempted to overthrow more than 50 governments since 1945 having bombed more than 30 countries, hence has generated more blow back and wave after wave of more economic and political refugees heading for Europe and America than any nation on Earth (www.quora.com).



Be it a concept or a reality, many scholars and analysts believe that from all angles, America is hurting itself both domestically and externally (Crime rate, Fire arm and non-fire arm related crimes, Drug abuse, prevalence of HIV and other STDs, high school dropout rate, teen pregnancy rate among others (www.quora.com).

OVERVIEW OF CURRENT GLOBAL PARADIGM

Subject to human rationality, common sense and the application of fair reasoning, talking from both sides of the mouth, including working or acting in conflicting directions at the same time is not only deeply confusing, but urgently begs for desired remedial attention. Championing anything, be it an idea, a concept or a cause is not only a form or way of advertising that issue, but a passionate use of propaganda to disseminate and convince a targeted audience on the need to accept and key into the subject matter. Suffice it to add that one who is championing any idea or project may not only have a personal interest in the subject matter, but may have invested in laundering that sequel to other pecuniary reasons. While aiming to unearth and analyse some of the activities of Western liberal democracies and propagandists on the different regions of the world, this study is necessarily constrained to place its focus primarily on Washington DC, London, Brussels, Paris and Berlin, since they remain operational launch pads, though not losing sight of some Eastern sovereignties like Poland, Bulgaria, Sweden, Finland among others, who are easily swayed, hence used as gallery boosters supported by the previously mentioned bigger players.

Indeed, what a fascinating scenario the outcome would present when the present international system – a sanctions and regime-change methodology, System-rule based order or unipolar world order, recklessly driven by the United States on the pedigree of exploiting puppet regimes of their inherent natural resources and over-minting the almighty dollar to sustain interventionist policies and promoting propaganda through main line news media, is



succinctly examined. Since from all ramifications, 'protecting democracy and by implication, capitalism' have always been cited as the reason for this roughish behaviour, one may then have to stop and ascertain what democracy is really all about. Is it about resource control, disregarding human rights and promoting the hegemony of Rules-based order as doctrined Washington/London based military-industrial complex? Does multipolarity challenge the Western political claims championing a free world construct? How well is it for one to be easily categorized and dismissed as a communist simply because one has tendered alternative views? How could the collective Western alliance act with desperation led by the USA, comfortably ignore what democracy represent outside their foreign policies in order to contain adversaries like China and Russia? Is communist China's economic success creating more mistrust, envy and tensions in Southeast Asia and the Indo-pacific? For now, does it not appear that the collective West is still searching for enabling reasons for their more than 20 years United Nations unauthorized Iraqi invasion, which ultimately created a conduit for British Petroleum to extract oil worth fifteen billion pounds from Iraq (https://declassified duk.org).

In 2018, Donald Trump's Security Adviser, John Bolton, threatened to use any means necessary to sanction the International Criminal Court sequel to its threat to investigate American marine actions in Afghanistan (https://ufb.watch); for the same US to hurriedly under Joe Biden, uphold the ICC's criminal conviction of Vladmir Putin (www.icc-cpi.com), unhesitantly opens the wider gate of double standard on the part of an exemplary democracy indeed. On another note, one may want to know the humanitarian and human rights peculiarity of most Western linked non-governmental agencies and organizations, massively deployed covertly by state actors in most developing economies on an unending basis; are they for good or rather clandestine foot soldiers engaging in mercy-Pseudo surgical engagements? On what basis



could one predicate the parlance of Western championing of democracy when Washington and London flagrantly engage in selective indifference and systemic meddlesomeness in the election process of many developing economies? Can one easily overlook the state-terror and above the-law vagaries of the State of Israel against the Palestines, a democracy indeed, ably encumbered by the United States?

Post Covid-19, unarguably, the world is shifting fast, the neoliberal Neocon world order which has been collapsing since World War II appear to be helplessly undergoing debilitating metastases; from Silicon Valley Banking turmoil to global financial instability, de-dollarization menu, the raising of interest rates Quantitative-Easing Regimen, Russo-Ukrainian conflict, Sino-United States deteriorating relationship, accompanied by the geopolitics of massive disinformation and censorship by Western press and powers. The world appears to be helplessly entering into a cytoplasmic phase, not just due to the many unfolding pointers, but buttressed by the dynamics of change and historical encyclicals. Undoubtedly in every human engagement, the narratives of phobias and stereotypes have, to a very great extent, assisted in marginalizing perceptions, opinions and consequent actions. Perhaps, it may be timely to observe that presently, with nations like Japan and Germany, who have abhorred investing in offensive and defensive weapons post World War II, turning a whole three hundred and sixty degrees to not only embark on weaponization alone, but even delve into the nuclear stable, the plot is simply thickening. The Middle East remains in the hot picture with nuclear-prone Iran, paranoid and assertive Israel, strategically subtle Turkey and a seemingly resurgent Saudi Arabia, poised to not only re-align, but eagerly showcasing signs of independently controlling and determining its relationship, resources and future, devoid of US manipulations. Can one overlook the traffic on the Indo-pacific, South China Sea and the Korean Peninsula? From food to fuel, G7 nations to BRICS, disinflation in Russia according to Bloomberg, carbon emissions/environmental challenges-fossil fuel to renewable energy, the Huawei imbroglio to Tik Tok, nightmare in the West; the list appear unending with the apparent Wagnerisation of Central and Western Africa, the fearful narrative fortunately and unfortunately centres on Russophobia and Sino-hysteria. Strange developments manifest not only when Western think tank is piloted by the owners of Wall Street and London Stock Exchanges as they partner the WEF Klaus Schab in running Western agenda, in the same way 'undemocratic' Russia and China against all odds, appear to be faring well even under immense sanctions.

When the so-called democratic principles as projected by the Western alliance is spent or beamed within any sovereignty, the reality is simply vested interests on the control of resources of the place vis-à-vis the domestic vulnerability. Renditioning free speech has become interesting as a selective process in a packaged democracy, otherwise one could seek to know why and how Julian Assange is deeply under prosecution (www.aljazeera.com). Having exposed a litany of US wrong doings doesn't warrant being held for more than three and half years in high security prison, without active prosecution. That he as a journalist obtained and published certain presumed classified information, remains a core mission of a free press in a democracy. It not only threatens to undermine America's First Amendment and the freedom of the Press (Le Monde, 2022). Championing democracy can never be sustained through lip service and double standing, hence the betrayal of upright justice. When a global minority (George Galloway, 2023) decide to police the world through certain classified agenda and notions, over confidence and ambitiousness could mask its invulnerability in the same way it did to the defunct Roman Empire during its era.

By the same token, though Margaret Thatcher (the former British Prime Minister) singularly and vocally labelled Nelson Mandela a



terrorist during the 1980s period of antiapartheid struggles (www.independent.co.uk, 2013), for an act and affront that relatively lacked a somewhat rational judgement and action, even as he later rose into the position of South Africa's President, having been released in 1990. Regrettably, the United States of American continued full time in support of her ally Britain, doubling down the same principles to suite their political interests supporting full blast apartheid despite the historical lessons of the concentration camps and gas chambers of Hitler's Germany. It was not until the world started to vehemently sanction and boycott the British to some extent and its penultimate distancing itself from the apartheid government that finally led to Mandela's resultant release. Regardless of this development, Nelson Mandela's name remained in the American Official Terrorist Index up until 2008 when it was removed, despite winning a Nobel peace prize.

Unarguably, power is taken and never negotiated. This has remained the driving principle of the US and other major Western powers in all their dealings on the international realm, moreso aggravated by solid emergent signs which on daily basis continue to lay credence to the fact that at the level of the collapsing American Empire is the dominating ascendancy of the Sino enigma. Call it envy, natural competition or conspiracy plot, as the years stream by, deeper into the 21st century, potent and visible points of fearful anihilistic regional and by implication, global conflicts don't actually manifest, but are rather deliberately sought after by the United States of America, in her poise to retain and remain in global control militarily and economically. One would have believed that since democracy welcomes and nurtures fair participation and competition in society and governance; American capitalism; prided as an economic reference point, should have humbly taken time to learn from the wonders of the Chinese economic magic, since one is meant to believe for some time now that communism has failed. Must China be completely regarded as an adversary and the whole world be dragged to destruction simply



because the U.S dollar is facing a somewhat negative global fraternal recognition. When choices for individuals and countries are forcibly made and implemented against their will; when leaders of sovereign countries face regime change, and even killed wrongfully having been deliberately condemned and tagged by the US and it cohorts (Saddam Hussein, Moammar Ghaddafi, to mention but a few); when vehement detailed economic sanctions are targeted on states due to one flimsy reason or the other regardless of the cumulative hardship on the citizens of such nation; when the so-called Western democracies have collectively decided to encourage bad governance and underdevelopment in Africa, by maintaining a standard investment and banking policies aimed at encouraging the looting and siphoning of state patrimonies into their economies; one is bound to put 'democracy' into review. It is often remarked that the beauty of democracy lies in its encouragement of dissent and opposition; on the contrary, the US in its hegemonic strides, simply aims at stifling and exterminating all opposition.

If the dominance of the rule of law could be cited as one of the hallmarks of Western democracy, one may want to find out what international legal framework that permits the US to be occupying a good portion of Syria (sovereign entity), with large deposits of oil and gas by force, devoid of any invitation or agreement from and with the Syrian government. Resource exploitation at its highest! How can the champion of democracy force itself on a sovereign entity, on the guise and flimsy excuse of protecting Syria from the menace of ISIL terrorists? Brazenly accusing Russia of invading and occupying Ukraine, while it's deeply settled and parasitically embedded in Syria and going as far as attacking Syrian forces and its Iranian allies from there begs for lots of answers. Little wonder then that Israel (a so-called exemplary Middle East democracy) remains emboldened in its fourth-nightly air raids on Syrian targets, on the guise of attacking Iranian-backed Hezbollah elements. While these happens the mainstream news



media, New York Times, Reuters, BBC and even Al Jazeera continue to peddle sensational narratives and highly censored information promoting Western propaganda, while demonising dissenting Russia and China.

By and large, refugees are protected on the international realm through the design of international laws, ethics and norms. The Syria and Yemeni wars not only created humanitarian crisis of tremendous magnitude, but spilled refugees into the global arena. It simply appeared like a Hollywood movie, when over a prolonged period of time, many so-called Western democracies openly rejected and closed their doors to the many hopeless Syrian and Yemen refugees, citing lack of facilities, accommodation and finance. Interestingly, the United States kept mute, whereas the backing and sponsorship of the Free Syria Army uprising against Al Asaad, was its brainchild and project. On the other hand, it is on record that Europe and the US have not reneged in their commitments on the welfare of the fewer Ukrainian refugees, who have continued to be accommodated in those states that previously rejected the Syrian and Yemeni refugees. How could Western democracies be a discriminating bunch?

Life choices and priorities help organize, prompt and empower human engagements in orderly formular, moreso in a democracy where the will of the majority spearheads the collective resolve to move forward, guided by cultured references and values. However, a caveat emerges when most Western democracies, under the tutelage of the United States subterfuge are bent on tumbling global values, and replacing them with left wing gender concepts; gender transition, having been born with the wrong gender, mutational and hormonal sex changes, LGBT rights, including the catechism of a neutral god overseeing all mankind. One may want to know the originating audacity and temerity emitting from the much-celebrated Western freedom and rights, when very many uncompromising African and developing nations are forcefully

pressured with covert international sanctions and functional administrative policies on all sides towards succumbing to and accommodating these totally foreign cultural excesses. When the very basis of humanity, culture, values and societal norms are blatantly eroded by unchecked freedoms and whirl rights, the sanctuary of cautious rationality remains lost in the unfolding scenario.

In pursuit of national interest or not, national excesses as exhibited through rabid utterances and deceptive allegations, most especially on the international arena, simply run short of democratic exceptionalism. False allegations as a pretext for war, is simply 'playing God' moreso staged by the US topmost General and Diplomat on the altar of the United Nations Assembly. The world was informed that Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction were minutes before being launched into what would become a global catastrophe (www.guardiannews.com, 2003). According to the Guardian Newspaper; this 2003 presentation to the UN Security Council, created a decisive moment in undermining US credibility (www.guardiannews.com, 2003). One may rightly question how an exemplary democracy, could deliberately invade and decimate another sovereign entity for no credible justifiable reason, except to quench any threatened attempt to the dollar supremacy. For the Iraqi government to have switched its oil business from dollar to euros, oil appeared not to be the matter, but dollars versus euros (https://archive.globalpolicy.org). Could one equally draw the same margin of fate from what happened to Saddam Hussein to that of Moammar Ghaddafi who seemingly ruffled Uncle Sam's feathers by not only his massive gold reserves, but going forward to suggest an African independent hard currency, hence freeing the continent from economic bondage under the dollar (https://www.theecologist.org) Be that as it may, unfolding events and re-alignments within the international system, added to the implications and vagaries of the Ukrainian imbroglio appear to have weakened the global dollar dominance, at least amongst the BRICS countries and Middle East oil markets.

Towards championing its democracy, the U.S always castigates Russian and Sino political systems as sustaining veritable tools of suppressing and emasculating individual freedom of speech, and most importantly, press freedom. One may have to peruse deeply at the histrionics which continues to make many US mainstream news medias to lose credibility and acceptability within and outside their country. Many independent news organizations appear to be receiving more listening domestic attention, since peddling fake news and censored narratives have proven to be the national seal for a targeted national interest as exhibited by the CNN, Reuters, among others. Claiming and vehemently accusing Russia of meddling in the 2016 US elections, at a point appeared a concluded standpoint, but after a thoroughly-conducted official investigation, it was confirmed to be all lies; then only proven to have been officially fabricated to not only affect the election results proper, but to equally suppress certain votes. If factionalism and deep-seated private interest could successfully erode and becloud the much-celebrated goodies of democracy within the United States, one may not go far gauging the remaining visible credibility, moral and encouraging socio-political values such a sovereign power would be bequeathing on young/nascent democracies in Africa and the developing nations.

Could one simply overlook the recently concluded 2023 elections in Nigeria, the acclaimed most populous democratic country in Africa? It is disheartening to observe and endure the West's catalogue of utterances, reactions and vituperations most especially at the farce that was upheld as the Presidential election; which was inundated by their official monitoring/observer teams. The Nigerian elective experience has never been so bad, just as the Western powers apart from oozing commentaries simultaneously from both sides of their mouths, exhibit an outright body language,



orchestrating and actualizing the clandestine exploitation and continued rape of the identity 'persona' that is Nigeria. Championing democratic tenets globally, demand going extra mile to enunciate, assist, build and protect the proper germination and sustenance of democratic pillars like good, strong institutions, including free, fair elections, the sustenance of basic human rights under a rationally functional strong judicial/penal faculty. The citizenry remains democratically frustrated when they cannot remove their bad leaders through the ballot box, moreso, when such people daftly and defiantly refuse to resign, sponsor thuggery and violence during elections even with the aid and under the supervision of the military and police, to the appealing ratification and endorsement of the judiciary. Exploitation works better under the facade of weakness, dependency and anarchy, where ethnicity, ethnocentrism, stereotype, lawlessness, banditry and terror infernos are stoked to inflame and massage the divisive cesspit amongst disparate people and nationalities.

The so-called United States visa-ban comes as not only a high sounding nothing, but a collaborative camouflage, in fact a false-flag in international diplomatic etiquette and ethos. One may rightly ask; is this the best the US can do to help showcase and champion democracy? How could an exceptional liberal democracy openly be embracing a criminal, convicted and corrupt lot who are ruining their country through undemocratic means. By according them official recognition and reception on their visit, allowing them keep looted funds in US banks, invest such even in the US among others, simply smacks of outright hypocrisy.

Deeply unforgiven and dedicatedly stubborn at the derision, destruction and ruinous conflagrative policies always meted out by the US on several nations and peoples overtime in the course of its history, simply in the protection and sanctification of the so-called Western identity, values and dominance, this study is irked to pause and ponder at the overriding temerity, rationality and



justification for such ultimate end. Whether for international meetings, briefs and engagements, it remains an indubitable fact that behind the public gaze, US official invitations and visits by officials are always accompanied with threatened consequences and blackmails (Kenya Digital News, 2023). Meaningful engagement within a democratic landscape demands engagement as equals for nations and heads of governments. However, it has continued to remain a derideful, painful and pathetic issue for the country of Zimbabwe, whose citizens have staggered for up to 21 years under the excruciating economic sanctions of the United States. Zimbabwe's primary sin is taking back their lands from Europeans, in defiance to the West. The US, prompted by the 'grievous' Mugabe sins of land reforms, cited the issue of the West's respect for Property Rights, to slam these sanctions, even consistently disregarding the United Nations persistent persuasions to lift these sanctions, on account of its debilitating effects on the nation's development and excruciating poverty on the citizenry. In its evident arrogance and chosen ignorance, Washington has remained decisively obdurately daft.

One way not even need to venture into the catalogue of colonial atrocities meted out to Africans by the several Western democracies through their governments and designated individuals in order to question the basis of the so-called humane acts and ordinances enshrined in the Western democratic concept. On a realistic note, does events and the Belgian activities in the Congo under Leopold II (rubber terror) 1885 to 1905, and Cecil Rhodes extreme violence and racial impunity (blood diamond) 1890-1897 in Zimbabwe and Namibia (formerly Rhodesia) not conclusively indict at least the Western DNA of possessing, harbouring and replicating debilitating segregative chromosomes. One may equally seek to know whether the collective West realistically frowned and dissociated themselves from the activities of these forebears of theirs, at least through post humous dissociation and denigration? Beyond this wishful dream remain the existing



painful reality of naked racism, crudely walking from Washington through Brussels to London, strongly veiled and adorned with linen, spurn with Western values, in the protective care of programmed institutions. One can only give out what one has, hence Runciman cautioned that democracies don't fail backwards: they fail forward, hence those who see in the current difficulties of liberal democracies the stirrings of past monsters — Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin among others, are looking in the wrong place (www.theguardian.com). In pursuit of Base; resources and economic accumulation, colonial depredations descended even to the cesspit of bestiality, in the 19th century. Garnered and propelled in the present 21st century world by the same exploitative economic gains, the strategy has not only changed, but appear to be more complex and catastrophic.

Overtime, in different climes, unfortunately, democracy has come to portend a dangerous gap between ideal and reality, hence according to Peter Geoghegan, Democracy is for sale, just as dark money and dirty politics, digital disinformation, stretching from Westminster to Washington and far beyond, break antiquated electoral laws with impunity, bends politics through secretive lobbying, employ and collude with Silicon Valley giants, wellfunded partisan think tanks and propagandist-power, money and data manipulation that is bringing the electoral system to its knees (Geoghegan, www.amazon.com). It is not only absurd, but appealing when the deep state propaganda war machine launder the US tax payers money through military-industrial complex to selective critical global resource wars, sustained through nefarious ever-multiplying military bases, forcing everything everybody's throat, far from the spread of Christianity to that of the gay agenda, empowering and brainwashing people through groups like USAID assistance to change their way of life in the name of freedoms and implement so-called electoral reforms. Disinformation takes the centre stage when the cultural realities of any nation conflicts with Western orientation.



It is no more news the world over, the debilitating espionage system set up by the US government, but subsisting as humanitarian, cultural centres, human rights organizations and developmental non-government agencies, whose stock in trade are the provision of support information, necessary logistics on the successful exploitation of resources (human and material) to the benefit of the US capitalist hegemony.

Perhaps, because democracy has come to mean various things to several people in different climes, hence at the slightest provocation, variegated actions are projected in varied propensities both on the side of the government, the governed, the apologists and the proselytizer, presented mostly as a delicate jewel begging for protection, assistance, help and promotion; hence an ideal to be aspired for towards reducing societal trust deficit while holding the most powerful to account through powerful institutions. Agreed that while adapting within any terrain, unfolding evolutionary trends must relatively succumb to history, identities and the human factors, strongly supported by the environment.

Fast unfolding global realities have continued to seemingly expose Washington's arrogance and grievance on both the domestic and foreign fronts *vis-à-vis* democracy. Demonizing the judiciary and weaponizing the media by and large tantamount to the cumulative weakening of the much-hoped democratic institutional bastions, if one must refer to the court of public opinion. Emergent trust deficit, appearing more pronounced in the American society, since 2014, has allowed the deep state propaganda war machine to maintain proven involvement and misadventure in proxy wars and conflicts beginning from Ethiopia, through West and central Africa to the ordinary M23 rebels in the Congo, in pursuit of its cobalt interests. How can one explain the Rwandan democracy (strongman ruler with very weak institutions) (Anas and Ezeonwuka, 2021), solidly backed by the Western powers? A government that detests criticism, sending death squads throughout

the world against opponents. One may not easily forget the Yemen conflict with its protracted debilitating humanitarian and refugee crisis. Unfortunately, the combination of miscalculation, misadventure and the genetic Jehovah mentality trait on the path of the US democracy have not only triggered new territorial realities within Russian and Ukrainian axis, but a somewhat domestic political rift between the US Pentagon and the US State Department. While the former sees China as the immediate deadly foreign adversary, the latter's insistence on Russia as the deadlier force, has kept the Russo-Ukrainian imbroglio alive.

REFLECTIONS

Post World War II International system supposedly driven by the ideals of Western democratic tenets undoubtedly gave birth to decolonisation and the United Nations Organization, streamlined by idealistic equity (basic international law), hence a multipolar system spinning on collective understanding and security. Neither capitalism nor communism is a perfect political system, moreso considering their vagaries and complexities. Moreover, one cannot completely overlook the import of human nature, inclinations, traits and propensities vis-à-vis values adaptation and way of life of a given population sequel to geographical location (environment) and past historical experience. Unequivocally, democracy has largely, remained a concept rather than a packaged realism, most especially in the present 21st century world. Apart from proving easier said than obtained, democratic ethics and norms remain guided, fashioned, forged and sustained by the existential realities and national experience apparent within different locations and localities. Westphalian idealization or not, states as equal, autonomous entities imbued with the weighty task of selfdetermination as epitomised in the UN charter and principles, remain dreamy but portent ideals in interstate relations today. Undoubtedly, 'the reality of imbalance prevails across the world system, the moral system underpinning Westphalian [sees] true harmony emerges from equality not from inequality. It is otherwise



the submission of the weak to the strong, agreed that any relationship between any two states is either of superiority or inferiority – Neohegemony' (Brook, 2021: 388). However, championing Western democracy and exceptionalism *vis-à-vis* the emergent ubiquitous challenging harsh and difficult realities of today's global trends is simply ephemeral and utopian. In the light of this, Robert Dover cautioned thus; 'as a narrative for competition, developed technologies have overmatched traditional sources of information and guidance, hence the emergence of challenge states and political competitors (Dover, 2022: 300). Subsequently, imperilled or contested, it remains an uneven topography when some aspects of Western cultural, political and economic life have taken on the position of a form of universalized truth (Dover, 2022: 300).

Spinning spurious narratives and tall tales through mainline news media by Western democracies have stemmed from instigating, funding and managing resource conflicts and wars here and there as primary exploitation life lines for sustaining Western social system and economies. Sovereignties like Nigeria, Congo DR, including the Sahelian region, East and central Africa, to mention but a few may never wake up from externally induced and controlled leadership stupor in the nearest future, devoid of stability and development, as long as their national endowments remain globally relevant. Are they all not democracies, though with rogue governments honoured and supported by the Western governments like the autocratic inviolable constitutional wealthy monarchies of the Middle East? Be that as it may, the US and its European democratic evangelists as dedicated and determined double-standard zealots, recently appear to have remained unsettled and rattled because the "internet and social media platforms have not only provided an opportunity for government communicators to reach wider audiences and potentially to shape the information landscape, but their international competitors [China and Russia]... have recently been highly effective in



moving into the information void and undermining Western public's trust in public authorities and official information (Ognyanova et al., 2020). Unfortunately, an unexpected retributive backfire appears to be on course against the US in particular, whereby the combination of growing domestic awareness and the widening socio-political chasm have continued to stir popular individual peep above organized stereotyped government narratives. Ian Bremmer summed it up better as 'America's Uncivil War' (misinformation, disinformation, biases and conspiracy theories – America at war with itself) (Bremmer, 2022: 4). America's inability in the 21st century world to build and maintain international trust, has led to its broken politics and eventual resort to surveillance capitalism, vacuuming up all personal information seamlessly through applications that track heart rates, blood pressure, financial transactions among others, just as one clicks to share randomly, devoid of thorough evaluation. Monetized as they are, one may want to know who bothers?

Invasiones, golpes de estado, bombardeos,

provocados por USA

US INTERVENTIONS SINCE WWII BOMB ATTACKS, SABOTAGE, ATTEMPTED REGIME CHANGE

CHINA, 1945-46 SYRIA, 1949 BOSNIA, 1995 IRAQ, 1998 SUDAN, 1998 AFGHANISTAN, 1998 YUGOSLAVIA, 1999 AFGHANISTAN, 2001 IRAQ, 2002-03 YEMEN, 2002-20

HAITI, 2004 SOMALIA, 2006-07 IRAN, 2005 - PRESENT HONDURAS, 2009 LIBYA, 2011 SYRIA, 2011 - PRESENT BRAZIL, 2016 BOLIVIA, 2019 VENEZUELA, 2019 GUYANA, 2020



IRAQ, 2020 SOMALIA, 2020 AFGHANISTAN, 2020 KOREA, 1950-53 CHINA, 1950-53 IRAN, 1953

GUATEMALA, 1954 TIBET, 1955-70s INDONESIA, 1958 CUBA, 1959 DEMOCRATIC

REPUBLIC OF CONGO, 1960-65 DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, 1961 VIETNAM, 1961-73

BRAZIL, 1964 BRITISH GUIANA, 1964

REPUBLIC OF CONGO, 1964 GUATEMALA, 1964 LAOS, 1964-73 DOMINICAN

REPUBLIC, 1965-66 INDONESIA, 1965 PERU, 1965 GREECE, 1967

GUATEMALA, 1967-69 CAMBODIA, 1969-70 CHILE, 1970-73 ARGENTINA, 1976 ANGOLA, 1976-92 TURKEY, 1980 POLAND, 1980-81 FL SALVADOR, 1981-9

EL SALVADOR, 1981-92 NICARAGUA, 1981-90 CAMBODIA, 1980-95 LEBANON, 1982-84 GRENADA, 1983-84

LIBYA, 1986 IRAN, 1987-88 LIBYA, 1989

PHILIPPINES, 1989 PANAMA, 1989-90

HAITI, 1991 IRAQ, 1991 KUWAIT, 1991 SOMALIA, 1992-94 IRAQ, 1992-96

The chronology of US military interventions/operations since World War II

https://infoplease.com/history/us/major-military-operations-sinceworld-war-ii

https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/military/etc/cron.html

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CAUTION

By all intents and purposes, since the US political economy hinges on a camouflaged peace campaign operated by the American intelligence machine, driving its military industrial complex (Dover, 2022: 309), since the US is sustained by the form of political understanding that intelligence agencies work within flows in and out of popular cultural sources, helping to reinforce the narrative that both serve as a demand on them to act and as a justification for that action - military - industrial-media -Entertainment Network (MIME-MET) (Der Derian, 2009: 4), American global democratic brigandage and exceptionalism would continue in its double standard overdrive. Tired of unipolarity, emergent new energies continue to empower, spur and energize a litany of proactive global players, unyielding and unready to be subdued. Conviction and conformity, interests and abeyance are all becoming difficult in today's world driven by the speed and complexities of technological advancement, geo-political recession, environmental and health issues, hence the need for respect in multipolarity guided by fairness and collective security, since the fear of Russian nuclear roulette may hang in Ukraine for long in the face of Western deadly pranks; Western democracy in not serving or presenting itself as a standard, should not equally imbibe, export, exhibit and encourage aspects of evolving social contract, delicately generalized globally. It should be at the forefront of the vanguard that advocates standards easily adjustable to peculiar societal yearnings and environmental climes, cognizance of the trending speed of the dynamics of demand and change. Regardless of whatever camouflage adopted to package and attractably-deliver it, proper democracy must distance itself from the American liberal rule-based order, hence, jettisoning the WEF's octopian control. Human rights and ethical rights accrue to nation's rights and internationally acceptable etiquettes.

Why are there sacred cows in indicting countries not practicing democracy? Has the US ever criticized Israel in its landmark



reprisals and retaliatory excesses against the Palestinians? Why should Israeli new settlements continue to take a chunk of occupied territories as a form of annexation through Jewish nationalist terrorism; did International Law not prohibit an occupying power from transporting its population or citizens into occupied territories? Instead, the same US would vehemently turn to veto any UN resolution against Israel to that effect. What of the trending Australian government's inhumane denigration of its numerous aboriginal population? Racism in the 21st century US still remains at a novel status; what an exceptional democracy indeed! Peoples and nations the world over can only stop being and acting suspect of the US and other European 'democratic champions' the moment indices of democratic practice like equality, fraternity, untainted information, justice, human rights, self-determination, political/ ideological choices, amongst others are allowed to replace the existing Jehovah mentality syndrome manifest in domination, manipulation and unrestricted exploitation in a 'we' and 'them' etiquette. Humanity, kindness and inspiration would easily prove and justify democracy globally.

It is all about trust, even amongst the so-called democracy Jihadists, otherwise why should South Korea, a US chosen ally, prefer to have its personal nuclear deterrent program if it really trusts the US? Where is the trust when overseas British and American cultural centres including NGOs are allegedly used to infiltrate states, including the sponsorship of political parties in such places, whereby it remains against the US law for any political party to be financed from, or possess any foreign link; why serve what one abhors to others to eat?

All in all, this study advocates caution and restraint on the part of the WEF globalists, the US and other European powers. The WEF's recent demand for governments to not only ban the Bible as a fake book but instigating the re-writing and production of a 'fact checked' version without God, by artificial intelligence (The



Punch Newspaper, 2023), has simply seen it overstep its bounds in the realm of human control. On the other hand, Western democracies in coming to reality, should avoid plotting and instigating Russian and China's implosion, quite aware of the higher tendency of what lethal warheads could do if found within the possession of diehard nationalists. The WEF globalists should not be allowed to get missing from the global watch list. Bent on running world economy, health, politics and populations the way they want, Klaus Schwab, Bill Gates amongst others, as part of the Eugenics movement of 1890/1920s era, extending the Rockfeller's reduction of world population agenda. The seemingly global North versus the global South of today's world and the continued wave of military putsch in Africa's Sahel appear to be mere products of frustration from long periods of Western predation. Since the global economy is getting more uneasy, fear is in the air—global food security? Conflict and climate change, China's low export and low import, Iran and US Gulf tensions (the Strait of Hormuz), the US/Sino indo-Pacific and Taiwan imbroglio, among others; one factual situation is that the human society all over is getting wiser and more informed daily, hence able to decipher actions and intentions, regardless of whatever degeree of deception and camouflage. Let the illusion of Democracy continue, just as our lives are kept under control?



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