

Has the US State Department Declared War on the Catholic Church?

APPARENTLY THE US Secretary of State, Hilary Clinton, launched a world-wide campaign against the Catholic Church as revealed by internal communiques filtered among high-level Clinton staff members. These documents contain evidence that indicate a liberal design to launch a "Catholic Spring" (internal revolution to overthrow the leadership). Such a design could be easily laughed off and dismissed as specious political banter if a Catholic Spring was not actually occurring every where the US is involved with terrorism around the globe.

Make no mistake about it, Christians are being persecuted worldwide in more countries than ever before and the US State Department might be part of the cabal behind it. The Knights of Columbus submitted a report In Defense of Christians to Clinton's successor as Secretary of State, John Kerry, entitled "[Genocide against Christians in the Middle East](#)", which substantiates the claim of a world-wide persecution going on. Likewise, "Open Doors", a worldwide Christian watch group devoted to increasing awareness of Christian persecution around the globe, has also published a [comprehensive report](#) containing a [list of places around the globe wherein Christians are being persecuted](#). Another list of "targeted acts of terrorism on Christian civilians and church workers has been compiled by the ["ReligionofPeace.com."](#)

According to David Curry, CEO of Open Doors USA

"I don't believe most Americans have an accurate understanding of the real state of Christian persecution around the world."

Because of the work by the Knights of Columbus, Open Doors and other watch groups, John Kerry recently accused Daesh of genocide and promised to do something about it. Unfortunately, Secretary Kerry's words seem to be empty rhetoric – an outcry and then nothing (why not?).

According to John Esposito of the Georgetown School of Foreign Service. ["US foreign policy and political Islam today are deeply intertwined."](#)

Of the top 10 countries cited by Open Doors, the United States is either allies or involved with terrorists in 8 of them (Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia, Maldives, Mali, Yemen and Eritrea)

Saudi Arabia the birth place of Al Queda and state sponsor of ISIL and ISIS is a US ally. Saudi Arabia is also identified by Open Doors (and most others) as the penultimate persecutor of Christians worldwide. It seems strange that in every place the United States or its ally Saudi Arabia has been engaged during the Obama Administration, Christians, esp. Catholic Christians, have been the target of persecution.

Metropolitan Hilarion (Chairman of the Department of External Church Relations for the Russian Orthodox Church) was one of the first to recognize the problem. As early as 2012 he clearly grasped the global extent and nature of the persecution and indicated that Orthodox and Catholic Christians should act together to defend the Christian faith (something that has subsequently taken place).

"I would like to use this opportunity to call on my brethren from the Catholic Church to create a united front to defend Christian faith in all countries where it is persecuted and oppressed".

"We see that supporters of militant secularism and atheism in

Europe and America are trying to cause Christian faith to leave the life of society, banish Christian symbols, destroy the traditional Christian understanding of family and marriage as a union between a man and a woman, and question the very value of human life, from its birth to its natural end."

"In Iraq, where up to 1.5 million Christians lived several years ago, only 150,000 Christians are left, and the others have been killed or driven away. There is intensive persecution of Christians going on in Egypt, Libya, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nigeria, India, Indonesia, and other countries, both in the Middle East and in other regions."

"The Christian communities of Syria and other countries of the Middle East are crying for help, while the Western media are ignoring these cries for help. As for politicians, they are turning a blind eye to this unprecedented persecution" ([Interfax, October 17, 2012](#)).

A review of several nations is provided below to illustrate the point.

Libya

"[Dabiq](#) (The Islamic State Propaganda Magazine) clearly states ISIS' desire to target Christians under any number of ruses."



On 8 May 2013, Pope Tawadros II, Head of the Coptic Church, met with Pope Francis, supreme pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church, in Vatican City.

“In addition, a video released just last month by ISIS in Libya states that its adherents should “‘Fight and kill them (Christians) from their Great Priest (Tawadros II-leader of the Coptic Church in Alexandria) to the most pathetic one.”

“ISIS statements related to the beheading of the Coptic Christians brand Christians as “polytheists” for their belief in the Trinity, making Christians the same as “pagans” in their view.

The plain meaning of these statements, especially in context, is clear: The so-called Caliphate has slated Christianity for destruction – now and in an apocalyptic battle to come”

[Knights of Columbus Report to US Secretary of State.](#)

Iraq

Christians have lived in Iraq for two thousand years. However, in 2015 alone more than 125,000 Christians were forced to flee their homeland in search of safety

“The frequency with which we heard the refrain that Iraq is a land with no hope for Christians is evidence of mental harm. Iraq is a place where Christians once felt at home, but now they feel as though there is no one who will protect them in their country.”

“On February 4, 2016, the European Parliament voted to recognize that genocide is occurring in Iraq and Syria. Speaking in Moscow on February 2, 2016, His Holiness Patriarch Kirill of Moscow and All Russia observed that politicians have finally “started to admit that mass killings and banishment of Christians and taking them as hostages are a real genocide committed on confessional grounds in this region” (K of C Report).”

The Archbishop of the Syriac Orthodox Church in Mosul, Nicodemus Sharaf, led a flock of over 10,000 Christians out of the city to escape persecution by ISIS. He is now a refugee in the Kurdish city of Erbil in Northeast Iraq. Prior to the influx of Christian refugees about 30,000 Christians were living in Erbil, most of them Chaldean Catholics. Chaldean Catholics have their own rite and are in union with the papacy. The archbishop of Erbil, Bashar Warda reports that [his congregation has swelled by more than 60,000](#)

[refugees](#) because...Kurdistan is recognized as a safe haven for fleeing Christians .

According to CBS News, ISIS is waging a cultural war against Christianity:

“The Islamic state allows no Christian symbols. It just released...photographs which show the desecration of the church at what is believed to be the monastery of Mar Gorgis, just north of Mosul....Just like the Nazis marked the property of Jews, Christian homes in Mosul have been marked with this red symbol. It’s the Arabic letter N – for Nasara – an early Islamic term for Christians. When ISIS puts it on your home, you either convert to Islam, pay an extortion tax or face the sword.

View [“The Last Plight”](#) A Rare Glimpse Into The Lives of Assyrian Christians and Yezidis after The Tragic Attacks of ISIS in Iraq.

Syria

According to the Knights of Columbus Report:

“The Syriac Catholic Patriarch of Antioch... reports that 500 people were killed by ISIS during its takeover of Mosul and the surrounding region. In Syria, where the organization Aid to the Church in Need has reported on mass graves of Christians, Patriarch Younan estimates the number of Christians “targeted and killed by Islamic terrorist bands” at more than 1,000.”

“Melkite Catholic Archbishop Jean-Clément Jeanbart of Aleppo estimates the number of Christians kidnapped and/or killed in his city as in the hundreds, with as many as “thousands” killed throughout Syria....Christians have been attacked throughout the region, not simply in the Nineveh area or only

during the summer of 2014. Christians have been attacked and killed by ISIS and its affiliates in Syria, Libya, Yemen and surrounding areas. Even before ISIS was constituted, Christians found themselves victims of its predecessors: the Islamic State in Iraq, Al Qaeda and other radical groups."

The situation in Syria resembles the results of US campaigns in Libya and Iraq. Christians in Syria were secure before the US backed rebel forces invaded. Christians were involved in government, often serving in top posts from embassy personnel to senior criminal-justice officials. Prior to the increase of military involvement in Syria, it was a safe-have for Christian refugees fleeing from Iraq.

In 2012 "Dr. Patrick Sookhdeo, International Director of the Barnabas Fund that assists persecuted Christians, recognized that Syria was a safe haven for Christians, one of the a hand full of Arab countries where they were respected and mixed with the Muslim majority. Syria had a history of welcoming persecuted Christians from other countries, but Dr. Sookhdeo foresaw what was to come. In 2012 he stated:

"I greatly fear that within the near future we will see a new Iraq developing in Syria."

[New American](#) reported in 2012 that:

"Christians who fled in droves to Syria from Iraq in the wake of the U.S. invasion are now faced with the prospect of death and persecution there as Western governments, led by the Obama administration, join forces with al-Qaeda to oust Assad in a scenario reminiscent of the underhanded war on Libya."

"The Western and Islamist alliance, along with the Turkish regime – which is becoming increasingly Islamist as it continues to deny its mass murder of Christians over the last

*century – have been working with the so-called “Syrian National Council,” a coalition of opposition groups that is largely dominated by the Marxist-inspired Muslim Brotherhood and other extremists. And **Christians throughout Syria fear that, if Assad falls, Islamists will take over, and Christianity will be brutally wiped out there, too.**”*

This sentiment is corroborated by the [Religious Freedom Coalition](#): “Christians remaining in Syria have been given three choices by the American supported Free Syrian Army (FSA): convert to Islam, flee their homeland, or die. It is widely believed that this Islamic ideology will be enacted nationwide if President Assad is overthrown. ”

Somalia

The United States is also involved in Somalia. It just so happens that in 2006 Islamic terrorist groups gained control of Southern Somali and imposed Sharia law, exactly where the largest concentration of Catholic happens to be.

[“The South then became a haven for Muslim extremists, including those with links to al-Qaeda.”](#) Al Queda is affiliated with “al Shabaab, which has vowed to [rid Somalia of Christianity](#),

According to Open Doors:

“If a Christian is discovered in Somalia, they are unlikely to live to see another day.”

“Just the suspicion that someone is a Christian can lead to a rushed beheading.”

Nigeria

Christian communities in Nigeria face attacks from Boko Haram, an Islamist terrorist group based in the northern part of the

country. Things are so bad in Nigeria that, Bishop Kukah laments that "Christians have become target practice"

"More than 2 million people, many of them Christians, have been forced to leave their homes in northern Nigeria, where the Islamist terror group Boko Haram is waging a campaign. Open Doors also reported violence against Christian farmers by Hausa-Fulani tribesmen, conservatively estimating more than 1,500 religiously motivated killings. Both Boko Haram and Hausa-Fulani "are carrying out religious cleansing, aiming to eradicate Christianity."

According to the Catholic News Agency

"Since 2009, changing government relations and radicalization within Boko Haram have resulted in a dramatic increase in violent attacks against civilian targets, including the 2014 abduction of 276 schoolgirls from Chibok, Nigeria. In 2015, the Global Terrorism Index named Boko Haram the world's deadliest terrorist organization, greater than ISIS.

Adding to the suffering of the community, Bishop Kukah said, is a lack of support from the government. While some targets of violence find government and societal aid in rebuilding and accessing services such as schools and hospitals, the state in northern Nigeria merely "looks on" as Christian churches and institutions struggle to rebuild.

According to Bishop Kukah,

"The government of America must take full responsibility for how it shapes leadership around the world," he continued, "We are suffering the collateral damage," he lamented.

This Hypothesis Would Seem Nonsensical Except for the

Following

The hypothesis that the US State Department might somehow be involved with the persecution of Christians around the globe would seem nonsensical except for the following three facts.

1. The US Support of Liberalism, regime change and liberal propaganda around the globe
2. The Recent Statements about the need for a “Catholic Spring” made by Secretary Clinton’s State Department Staffer’s
3. The Promises of Our Lady regarding the “Triumph” of Her Immaculate Heart and the “Conversion of Russia”

The US Support of Liberalism

Liberal moral values have long been a part of US foreign policy as they are also a part of its domestic policy. Federal money comes with strings attached linking the recipient to such unsavory liberal items as homosexuality, LGBT, abortion, contraception etc. The US imposes the same agenda, or a very similar one, on developing third world nations, which, as reported in other articles, are beginning to throw off the liberal impositions with increasing bravado.

Most people are now aware that the United States is promoting a world-wide liberal agenda and using money as well as military force to impose its will on weaker nations such as Uganda, Nigeria, Poland, Philippines, etc. Simply stated, the United States is the main force behind the global spread of liberalism. Because the Catholic Church is opposed to the liberal global agenda, like any other enemy, it must be acculturated, subverted or defeated if US foreign policy is to be successful.

Recent Statements by Secretary Clinton Staffers that their

Needs to be a “Catholic Spring”

Before it was recently revealed that Secretary Clinton’s campaign personnel were discussing the need for a “Catholic Spring”, “Spring Revolutions” were occurring throughout Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe in places such as Tunisia, Libya, Iraq, Egypt Syria and Ukraine. Following success in the former three zones of influence, and after it became apparent that Russia stood in opposition to the *global* spread of liberalism, the idea of launching a similar revolution in Russia was conceived to topple Vladimir Putin.

The need for a “Russian Spring” was first voiced by Senator John the McCain, who, feeling his oats following easier victories in North Africa and the Middle East, publicly threatened Putin with a springtime in Russia to overthrow his government.

According to CBS News correspondent Whit Johnson, McCain started

“...taking shots at Putin, alluding to massive anti-Putin protests in Russia. McCain admits he picked a fight with the embattled prime minister. [He tweeted...](#)

[“Dear Vlad, #The Arab Spring is coming to a neighborhood near you.”](#)

McCain also said, in an interview with BBC News, that “dictators all over the world” should “feel nervous”.

He gave as examples the leader of Alawite government in Syria, Bashar al-Assad, and the leader of the increasingly Christian government in Russia, Vladimir Putin.

John McCain made this statement in the program Newsnight:

"I think dictators all over the world, including Bashar al-Assad, maybe even Mr. Putin, maybe some Chinese, maybe all of them, may be a little bit more nervous, because clearly the people in Libya rose up.

We (the United States) assisted them, and if there hadn't been for the British, French and NATO air power they (the rebels who are now killing Christians in Libya) probably wouldn't have succeeded, but I think they have to be nervous. It is the Spring, not just the Arab Spring", the senator said.

NOTE:

*"As the world focuses on potential military advances against the so-called Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, **it risks overlooking another vast region where militant Islam is a growing threat to the Church – in the continent where the Church is growing fastest: Africa.***

"Amongst other factors, the chaos in Libya since the fall of Muammar Gaddafi – characterised by easy access to weapons of all sorts combined with the increasing presence of jihadists – has had a spill-over effect into Africa's vast Sahel region. This spans the African continent from Senegal in the west to western Sudan, Eritrea and Ethiopia in the east. (The 'Sahel' describes the ecological and geographic region between the Sahara Desert and the humid and fertile savannah belt north of Africa's tropical rainforest) where Islamist militants and foreign fighters made common cause with Tuareg... banning the practice of other religions and desecrating and looting churches and other places of worship."

“The radical militancy of jihadist groups in the Sahel is also spilling over further south and giving rise to terrorist attacks in predominantly Christian parts of West Africa. The attack on the Grand-Bassam resort in Ivory Coast (March 2016) has highlighted the vulnerability of these countries.” [\(Voice of the Persecuted\)](#).

This is what Senator John McCain is bragging about: An engineered project of the State Department aided and facilitated by the United States and NATO ending in a failed Libyan state, a destabilized region, and broad-scale massacre of Christians.

[According to the CBS Report.](#)

“When asked for comment (about McCain’s threat of an “Arab Spring” coming Russia’s way), the Russian embassy would only say, “The Prime Minister spoke on TV. We will not be saying anything more.

To this response by the Russian embassy, Senator McCain quipped:

“This is in some ways amusing.”

It was these overt threats made by Senator McCain that Putin was referring to in his 2012 victory speech for president contained in the following video.

Senator McCain has recklessly admitted and thereby implicated the United States in covert activities leading to the overthrow of foreign governments, even democratically elected governments (governments that will not adopt Western secular

liberal values, advance their foreign policy objectives, or assist liberal ideologues stationed in their countries to spread ideas contrary to their indigenous, often Christian, values.

Resistance to secular liberal values has resulted in regime change as is clear in all the countries where spring revolutions have been fomented, esp. in places like the Phillipines, Ukraine and Egypt and who are now struggling to lose themselves from the shackles of our liberal foreign policy.

It is clear why leaders world wide are beginning to identify the President of the United States as a "[son of a whore](#)" and telling him to either "[go to Hell](#)" or to "[shut up and go home](#)".

Given all this background, it does not seem so shocking to now be informed that Hilary Clinton's (President Obama's Secretary of State) presidential campaign staff is discussing the overthrow of the Catholic Church. The global nemesis of their liberal agenda must be infiltrated, opposed, and if necessary eliminated like Assad, Qaddafi, Saddam, Morsi, Mubarak or any other world leader who stands in the way of their global agenda. This is not conspiracy theory hatched by staunch Catholics; it is now a plain fact that even non-Catholics have recognized. A nationally prominent non-Catholic attorney skilled in Church-State relations in a letter to the archbishop referred to the emails as

["some of the worst bigotry by a political machine I have seen...](#) (a) Church has an absolute right to protect itself when under attack as a faith and Church by civil political forces."

After reviewing the emails, Archbishop Charels Chaput of Philadelphia offered this description of Secretary Hilary Clinton he received from a "friend":

“...a scheming, robotic liar with a lifelong appetite for power and an entourage riddled with anti-Catholic bigots”
([Archbishop Chaput's website](#))

What is in those Emails?

Last week John Podesta, campaign chief for Secretary Clinton (Podesta is also the past president of the liberal Center for American Progress think tank and served as chief of staff for President Bill Clinton) , admitted to creating an organization fronting as “Catholic” in order to induce genuine Catholics to vote for liberal agenda items. Podesta shared e-mails with fellow staffer Sandy Newman, the founder and president of ultra-liberal [Voices for Progress](#), in which they plotted revolution within the Church to bring about, what they refer to as “the end of a middle ages dictatorship.”

The Podesta-Newman e-mails revolve around the Department of Health and Human Services 2011 rule that mandated coverage for sterilization and contraceptives in employers’ insurance plans and a requirement that Catholic organizations provide abortion-inducing drugs. In this regard, the Podesta-Newman e-mails manifest their repugnance toward the US bishops whom they refer to as “dictators” who disrespect (liberal) democracy and therefore must be toppled. Newman wrote:

“This whole controversy with the bishops opposing contraceptive coverage (in insurance plans even though 98% of Catholic women (and their conjugal partners) have used contraception has me thinking ... There needs to be a Catholic Spring, in which Catholics themselves demand the end of a middle ages dictatorship and the beginning of a little democracy and respect for gender equality in the Catholic church.”

Newman muses whether or not contraception is the issue around

which they can build a consensus leading to the start of a Catholic Spring:

“Is contraceptive coverage an issue around which that could happen? The Bishops will undoubtedly continue the fight. Does the Catholic Hospital Association support of the Administration’s new policy, together with ‘the 98%’ create an opportunity? “

Newman goes on to indicate that indeed he is referring to a revolution within the Catholic Church:

*“I have not thought at all about how one would ‘**plant the seeds of the revolution,**’ or who would plant them.”*

In his response, Podesta admits to an already advanced plan to foment discontent with bishops who oppose heir agenda and to promote liberal change from within the church:

Podesta answers: “We created [Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good](#) to organize for a moment like this likewise Catholics United.”

According to Rodney Pelletier, staff writer for ChurchMilitant.com

“Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good is a Catholic outreach whose true agenda is to liberalize Church teaching on abortion, contraception and gay marriage, among other things. The group uses the cover of Pope Francis and his “message of inclusion,” and cites magisterial documents claiming to support “human dignity,” “the common good,” “economic justice,” “stewardship of God’s creation,” nuclear “disarmament,” and other commonly proffered social justice issues.

Podesta went on, in the same email, to clarify that this

revolution will have to be a grassroots effort:

"Like most Spring movements, I think this one will have to be bottom up."

In another Podesta e-mail bearing the header: "Re: Conservative Catholicism," Podesta engages in a three way discussion with John Halpin of the Center for American Progress (see note below) and Jennifer Palmieri . Halpin reminds Podesta that,

"Many of the most powerful elements of the conservative movement are all Catholic from the SC [Supreme Court] and think tanks to the media and social groups."

Halpin, thinking he is a Catholic superstar or at least a Catholic intellectual equipped to direct the episcopate and decide for himself what the Catholic Church teaches or should teach proceeds to mock Catholics who disagree with him:

"It's (the bishop's teachings presumably regarding contraception and sexual ethics) an amazing bastardization of the faith. They (any Catholic who does not hold their position) must be attracted to the systematic thought and severely backwards gender relations and must be totally unaware of Christian democracy."

Palmieri chimes in,

"I imagine they think it is the most socially acceptable politically conservative religion. Their rich friends wouldn't understand if they became evangelicals."

Halpin agrees,

"Excellent point. They can throw around 'Thomistic' thought and 'subsidiarity' and sound sophisticated because no one

knows what the hell they're talking about."

According to the [Washington Times](#), "Archbishop [Chaput blasted](#) the exchange, as well as another by John Halpin of the Center for American Progress that labeled Catholics "severely backwards" on gender relations." According to Chaput,

"It would be wonderful for the Clinton campaign to repudiate the content of these ugly WikiLeaks emails. All of us backward-thinking Catholics who actually believe what Scripture and the Church teach would be so very grateful," Archbishop [Chaput wrote](#). "In the meantime, a friend describes the choice facing voters in November this way: A vulgar, boorish lout and disrespector of women, with a serious impulse control problem; or a scheming, robotic liar with a lifelong appetite for power and an entourage riddled with anti-Catholic bigots."

Though it seems way beyond anything imaginable, these emails do indicate a Catholic animus circulating among Clinton officers. Taken together with American foreign policy in support of liberalism, the world wide attack on Christians esp. in places where the US is embroiled in anti-terrorism, and together with the State Department's opposition toward Christian renewal in Russia, makes one wonder if perhaps there is a Catholic Spring under way with the support of the Obama administration.

Archbishop Chaput's attorney cited at the [archbishops website](#) summarizes the situation well:

"I was deeply offended by the [Clinton team] emails, which are some of the worst bigotry by a political machine I have seen. [A] Church has an absolute right to protect itself when under attack as a faith and Church by civil political forces. That certainly applies here . . .

“Over the last eight years there has been strong evidence that the current administration, with which these people share values, has been very hostile to religious organizations. Now there is clear proof that this approach is deliberate and will accelerate if these actors have any continuing, let alone louder, say in government.

*“These bigots are actively strategizing how to shape Catholicism not to be Catholic or consistent with Jesus’ teachings, but to be the ‘religion’ they want. They are, at the very core, trying to turn religion to their secular view of right and wrong consistent with their politics. This is fundamentally why the Founders left England and demanded that government not have any voice in religion. Look where we are now. **We have political actors trying to orchestrate a coup to destroy Catholic values, and they even analogize their takeover to a coup in the Middle East, which amplifies their bigotry and hatred of the Church.** I had hoped I would never see this day – a day like so many dark days in Eastern Europe that led to the death of my [Protestant minister] great grandfather at the hands of communists who also hated and wanted to destroy religion.”*

Triumph of the Immaculate Heart and the Conversion of Russia

On October 13, 1917, Our Lady promised the children of Fatima that “in the end” Her Immaculate Heart would “Triumph” and that “Russia will be converted.”

Pope Francis recently confirmed the conversion of Russia following his historic meeting with Patriarch Kirill, Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church, which took place in Havana,

Cuba. The two leaders signed a document in which they pledged to work together for the future of Christianity.

"We spoke as brothers, we have the same baptism, we are bishops, we spoke of our churches,"

At the conclusion of their meeting, the two religious leaders signed a joint declaration which stated

"We are not competitors but brothers, and this concept must guide our mutual actions as well as those directed to the outside world."

The document also addressed the problems of capitalism. "consumerism, the growing inequality in the distribution of material goods increases the feeling of the injustice of the (liberal) "international order that has emerged."

Both leaders expressed their concern over the decreasing significance of the traditional family, and stated their positions on euthanasia and abortion.

The document reads.

*"In affirming the foremost value of religious freedom, we give thanks to God for **the current unprecedented renewal of the Christian faith in Russia**, as well as in many other countries of Eastern Europe, formerly dominated for decades by atheist regimes. Today, the chains of militant atheism have been broken and in many places Christians can now freely confess their faith."*

With the Syrian conflict threatening to push the world to the brink of war, the document calls on all Christians to pray for peace. "

We exhort all Christians and all believers of God to pray fervently to the providential Creator of the world to protect

His creation from destruction and not permit a new world war."

The idea of Russia defending Christians materialized years prior to the meeting between Pope and Patriarch, at a meeting between Putin and a group of religious leaders led by Metropolitan Hilarion, Chief of Foreign Relations for the Russian Orthodox Church, who expressed hope that Russia's government would stand up for persecuted Christian communities abroad.

In reply,

"Putin promised (that) it would be one of the tasks of Russia's foreign policy to defend Christians in other countries who are persecuted for their faith."

His specific words were:

"You needn't have any doubt that that's the way it will be."

It is clear why Secretary Clinton has such a disdain for Vladimir Putin. Like a growing array of other world leaders who are opposing the unilaterally imposed liberal agenda of the West, Putin does not like being pushed around by a bully. So, in his words, the West can "get stuffed."

NOTES

The Center for American Progress (CAP) has recently received hundreds of thousands of dollars from the Arcus Foundation to "reclaim" religious freedom and to promote progressive values that "include LGBT equality and women's reproductive health and rights."

Nigeria Part of Growing Line Opposed to Liberalism and Liberal US Policies

SINCE 2009 NIGERIA, ONE OF THE LARGEST Christian countries in Africa, has been facing an insurrection from Boko Haram (BH) the radical Islamic State affiliate in Nigeria. Southern Nigeria is predominately Christian, while the north remains predominately Muslim and a breeding ground for radical Islam. BH was founded in 2002 by a Muslim clergyman; translated BH roughly means “western culture is a sin”. In 2009 the extremely radical Abubakr took over the group and violence escalated. In 2014 hundreds of school girls were abducted from a government secondary boarding school in Chibok, Northeast Nigeria.

Prior to the rise of BH Muslims and Christians lived alongside each other (as in Syria, Russia, Iraq etc). Today, they even fight alongside each other as members of the Nigerian army battling BH together.

Nigerian Bishop Emanuel Badejo confirms this coexistence prior to the rise of BH:

I'm from the West of Nigeria, where the Yoruba culture is very strong. In the Yoruba culture there are many Muslims. In my particular area [we are a minority of Christians living with a majority of Muslims, but we do wonderfully well together](#). In my diocese—and I think this is something that hasn't gotten into the public media enough—I have 17 schools. Seventy percent of the students in my schools are Muslim children and even some of them – not that many, but quite a

number – opt to convert to Christianity and their parents don't have a problem with that. I am telling you the truth.

The United States has refused to sell the legitimate government of Nigeria arms with which to counter BH. Instead, they are forced to use Russian weapons such as the MI 24 assault helicopters that fire up to 4,000 rounds per minute.

The United States however is supporting homosexuality, LGBT and the full liberal panoply in Nigeria and refuses to help against BH until the Nigerian government accepts the liberal agenda. This scenario was fully evident during President Obama's 2015 visit to Nigeria.

During this visit Bishop Badejo, who is also the Communications Chairman for for the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM), was incensed enough to declare:

"African values are not on sale"

Bishop Badejo also informed us that Nigeria is under the liberal threat of "ideological colonization" that is seeking to destroy the family.

"It's so bad, he says, that the United States has made clear it will not help Nigeria fight the Boko Haram terror group unless the country modify its laws regarding homosexuality, family planning and birth-control."

"The United States actually said it would help Nigeria with Boko Haram only if we modify our laws concerning homosexuality, family planning, and birth control. It's very clear that a cultural imperialism exists. In fact, I think that Africa is suffering greatly from a cultural imperialism that threatens to erode our cultural values."

Bishop Badejo is sure that BH, like the terrorists in Syria, is not an indigenous force but one funded and supplied from outside in support of someone else's foreign policy.

"I do that know Boko Haram has been strengthened by other groups coming from the north of Africa and beyond, like those who fought in Libya and who have been fighting in Syria. There have been quite a number of times when the security agencies have arrested Boko Haram terrorists and found that they were not Nigerians at all. So I wouldn't be surprised if there would be an attempt made by the terrorists from different parts of the North of Africa and the Arab world – ISIS, Al-Shabaab and Boko Haram – to link up...once they claim territory for themselves in the North of Africa, Nigeria, Chad and so forth, then we have a much bigger problem on our hands. I think that should not be allowed to happen."

The bishop also reminds us that what happened in Uganda, the second largest Catholic country in Africa, recently is related to what is happening in Nigeria:

"You do know about Uganda, in which the government had put in place legislation against, for example, homosexuality, because it wasn't part of the culture. And Uganda was eventually forced to change that legislation if it was going to have the benefit of a grant from the United States."

Homosexuality is not a Human Right

The LGBT agenda is part of the cultural imperialism being fought by African bishops who do not accept the argument that homosexuality is a basic human right; for this opposition they are paying a price.

"Blacks fought because they wanted to be recognized as human beings. But the gays are fighting so that their behavior may be recognized as a human right. It's not on the same level."

It's not on the same level at all.

The black man fought so that he could be allowed to exist like his white counterpart. Those are human rights. But that people engage in relationships that are unproductive, that's not the same thing.

"Homosexuals are God's children. They have a right to be respected. They have a right to compassion. They have a right to be accepted as human beings. But there is a distinguishing factor between human rights and human behavior. I don't have to accept homosexual behavior, just like I don't have to accept drug addition, robbery, and terrorism. But I accept human beings, and I think that is the bottom line."

Like other people around the globe, especially in Third World countries such as the Philippines and the newly emerging democracies of Eastern Europe, people are shaking the shackles of liberal cultural imperialism and returning to their roots, to human decency rooted in a cultural patrimony that respected basic human values even before the advent of Christianity.

"Life has always been sacred. Family has always been honored, long before Christianity came."

"More and more Africans are beginning to speak for themselves, and to resist the general attitude of the past that an African can hardly think for himself, that he hardly knows what is good for him."

Because the common person in Africa can still think straight, the bishops are opposing the ideological imperialism from the

West, an imperialism that endeavors to change their basic sense of decency:

Africa rejects an individualistic, selfish culture that thinks only about the quality of life rather than the sanctity of life. And Africa rejects the kind of culture that speaks only about freedom and no responsibility. We reject that kind of Western-style sexual education that is prevalent now, that attacks children, that seeks to “free” them and give them “choices” in their own sexual behaviors.

In Uganda President Yoweri Museveni signed a bill criminalizing homosexual acts making them punishable by imprisonment for life. Afterward, Museveni stated that [homosexuality is “unnatural” and not a human right](#).

Irungu Kangata, a National Alliance (TNA) party leader, said,

“We are telling Mr. Obama when he comes to Kenya this month and he tries to bring the abortion agenda, the gay agenda, [we shall tell him to shut up and go home](#).”

This kind of speech is intolerable to the purveyors of neoliberalism . Consequently, during a joint news conference with Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, President Obama could not restrain himself. Despite the fact that homosexual acts are illegal in Kenya and despite numerous requests from political leaders throughout Kenya to avoid the issue Obama had this to say:

“With respect to the rights of gays and lesbians, I have been consistent all across Africa on this. I believe in the principle of treating people equally under the law and that they are deserving of equal protection under the law and that the State should not discriminate against the people based on their sexual orientation.”

For this statement President Obama came under fire from African politicians and clerics; it is a clear example of the [“ideological colonization”](#) condemned by Pope Francis.

Ideological colonization is basically the same thing as *cultural imperialism* or *global liberalism* and is most likely the force behind BH, which is an asset in the transition to a new government willing to impose a liberal agenda contrary to the indigenous culture of the Nigerian people. Politicians and church leaders in Kenya opposed President Obama when in 2015 he came to their country to advocate gay rights. For reasons such as these President Duterte in the Philippines is saying good bye to the United States; likewise Simon Lokodo, the Minister of Culture of Uganda, told Obama to keep his money:

“Uganda is willing to give up all international aid to keep its new anti-homosexuality law and “save gays from damnation”, its ethics minister said as the World Bank followed other donors and froze a £60 million new loan to the country.”

“We will not shy away from this, we want to rid this country of homosexuality and if that means these people – Obama, Hague, you name them – want to stop their aid then let them.”

“We don’t need it, we won’t die poor, and we will at least be able to save these gays from damnation” (The Telegraph, UK <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/africaandindianocean/uganda/10668278/Keep-your-gays-and-keep-your-aid-Uganda-tells-the-West.html>).

Most telling and politically challenging was Lokodo’s statement about democracy and the democratic rights of the people of a sovereign nation toward self-determination:

[“Homosexuality cannot be accommodated in our culture. We have taken that position as a government because this is a](#)

democracy and it is what the people want.”

The point is rather clear, either democracy is rule by the people or rule by foreign imposition. If the former than Lokodo has the better argument – it is an argument being used again and again by world leaders around the globe. Either we have national sovereignty and rule by the people or international tyranny and rule by foreign dictate backed by missile strikes and ground forces, which is democracy?

As in Uganda and Kenya, Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan signed a bill (2014) banning homosexual relationships and gay marriage and membership in gay rights groups. The bill includes prison penalties of up to 14 years in prison for violation of its provisions. This new law was severely criticized by John Kerry, the United States Secretary of State speaking for the Obama administration. [According to Kerry,](#)

“It (the new law) is inconsistent with Nigeria’s international legal obligations and undermines ... democratic reforms and human rights protections.”

That is, any culture, religion or law that opposes the liberal agenda must be evil and therefore thwarted to make people free, not in the name of God, but in the name of neoliberal democracy of the Kerry type even if it means disrespect of indigenous cultural values. Nigeria therefore must pay for its recalcitrance by either acquiescing to the threat of sanctions, losing its funding, or risk military intervention.

In this regard, Reuters, the International News Agency, confirms Bishop Badejo’s contention that the US will not help Nigeria unless it adopts the Liberal Gay Agenda:

“Britain and some other Western countries have threatened to cut aid to governments that pass laws persecuting homosexuals, a threat that has helped hold back or scupper

such legislation in aid-dependent” ([Reuters, Jan 13, 2014](#)).

This helps us to understand why President Goodluck Jonathan was the first incumbent president in Nigerian history to lose an election and why BH is operative in Nigeria, as rebels are operative in Syria, trying to destabilize a legitimate and democratically elected government that happens to oppose the economic and cultural imperatives of someone else's foreign policy. Too bad Goodluck's successor Muhammadu Buhari unexpectedly endorsed the anti-liberal gay bill signed into law by Mr. Goodluck.

Speaking before a joint session of US Senate and House Committees on Foreign Affairs, President Buhari said:

“Sodomy is against Nigeria's law and abhorrent to its culture.

Given such an attitude toward the liberal agenda, it should not be too difficult to project continued interference by BH in the political and cultural affairs of Nigeria.

Egypt and Russia Pursuing Greater Military Cooperation

ON OCTOBER 21 RUSSIA AND EGYPT held their first joint military exercise in Egypt.

Like other countries, such as the Philippines, Egypt would like to diversify its military and trade options and acquire new partners to counter the growing threat of terrorism. At

the same time, Russia is looking for partners as it is forced to expand military operations in the region due the failure of rebel forces and their sponsors to leave Syria and Yemen.

Egypt is willing to risk the ire of the United States and Saudi Arabia the regions destabilizing sponsor of terrorism, but like the Philippines will continue to court relationships with the US and Saudi Arabia necessary for economic viability.

Nonetheless, this is a situation to watch in tandem with the Philippines to see just how far these countries are willing to alter their foreign policy and push the limits set by their traditional sponsors.

Iraqi and Kurdish Troops Move Closer to Liberating Mosul

THE CHRISTIAN TOWN OF QARAQOSH has been entered by the Iraqi military on October 22. The town situated near Mosul was captured by Islamic forces in 2014

Ash Carter, U.S. Secretary of Defense, is meeting with Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi in Baghdad to forward plans to remove the Islamic State from Mosul. Carter indicated that he had previously visited Ankara and solidified Turkey's participation in the move to liberate Mosul. Al-Abadi the Iraqi Prime Minister however does not desire Turkey's help unless officially requested by Iraq itself.

Interestingly Kurdish Peshmerga infantry are fighting alongside Iraqi units in the attempt to free Mosul while

[Turkey reportedly is killing Kurdish soldiers in Syria](#). The Iraqi forces have liberated over 40 cities since they began the offensive on October 17.

Turkish Backed Rebels will Advance to Al-Bab

TURKISH PRESIDENT, RECEP ERDOGAN announced on October 22 that Turkey will continue to support the rebel Free Syrian Army against the Islamic State-who occupy Al-Bab in the Aleppo province of Syria. The Free-Syrian Army has clashed with Kurdish People's Units (YPG) contrary to US wishes.