

Selected Crimes of a Global Terrorist

The following list of terrorist crimes is only a short selection from the history of the United States and its acts around the world. The fact that this history is not taught in schools, or acknowledged in acceptable discourse, does not mean these things didn't really happen. Readers are challenged to look these up for themselves.

Genocide of Native Americans: From the time the founders of the United States arrived in North America to the present. Genocide of Native Americans and the theft of their land, including the "Trail of Tears" where tens of thousands were driven off their lands in the Southeastern U.S. and forced to march to Oklahoma—of 15,000 relocated Cherokee, 4,000 died on the march.

Invasion of Mexico 1846-1848: U.S. forces invaded Mexico, blockaded Mexican ports and occupied Mexico City, forcing Mexico to turn over much of its territory to the U.S. including what is now New Mexico, California, and parts of what is currently northern Mexico.

Spanish-American War, 1898: Under the pretext of supporting Cuban independence from Spain, the U.S. attacked and defeated Spanish forces in the Caribbean and the Pacific Ocean, seizing and dominating Spanish colonies—Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guam and the Philippines.

Invasion of Philippines, 1899: U.S. troops brutally crushed Philippine anti-colonial forces. In the words of Mark Twain, the U.S. "buried them; destroyed their fields; burned their villages and turned their widows and orphans out-of-doors; furnished heartbreak by exile to some dozens of disagreeable patriots; subjugated the remaining tens of millions..." Among torture techniques the U.S. used against the Filipinos: waterboarding.

Invasion of Haiti, 1915: The U.S. invaded and occupied Haiti. U.S. Marines went straight to the Haitian National Bank and removed its gold reserves to New York City. The U.S. military ruthlessly crushed resistance, murdering leaders, burning villages to the ground and killing 15-30,000 Haitians.

Tulsa Massacre, 1921: Tulsa police, KKK, and racist mobs rampaged through the Black community in Tulsa, Oklahoma, killing hundreds and looting. Law enforcement agencies dropped bombs from six airplanes on the Black community which was burned to the ground.

Atomic Bomb Attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and Firebombing of Tokyo, 1945: 200,000 civilians died, some burned to death on the spot, others of radiation poisoning.

Korea, 1950-1953: Of the U.S. invasion of Korea, U.S. Air Force General Curtis LeMay boasted that U.S. planes "burned down every town in North Korea." The U.S. used more bombs and artillery shells in Korea than in all of World War 2, and used napalm against military and civilian targets. An estimated 5 million people were killed in the war, 3 million of them civilians.

Vietnam, 1965-1975: The U.S. dropped more than *seven million tons* of bombs on Vietnam and the neighboring countries of Cambodia and Laos before being driven out in 1975, killing an estimated 3 million Vietnamese.

Dominican Republic, 1965: 20,000 U.S. Marines invaded to suppress a revolutionary uprising. An estimated 6-10,000 Dominicans were killed.

Guatemala, 1978-1984: The U.S. sponsored death-squad regime in Guatemala destroyed 400 Mayan villages carrying out the most depraved torture and brutality, killing tens of thousands of villagers.

Panama, 1989: Panamanians estimate between 2,000 and 6,000 people were killed in a U.S. invasion, with much of the death toll in poor and working class neighborhoods. Many of the dead were dumped into mass graves.

Operation Desert Storm, 1991: The first U.S. invasion of Iraq killed or injured hundreds of thousands—over 25,000 civilians and fleeing soldiers were killed in 48 hours on the "Highway of Death."

Somalia, 1993: U.S. Army missiles fired into a crowd from a helicopter killed 100 unarmed people. Villagers' huts and crops were burned, their livestock killed, bodies of the dead mutilated.

Shooting Down Iranian Airliner, 1988: The United States military shot down an Iranian civilian airplane over Iranian territory (Flight 655), killing all 290 people on board, including 66 children. The U.S. government never apologized for the incident—George H. W. Bush said, "I'll never apologize for the United States of America. Ever. I don't care what the facts are."

Afghanistan, 2001-present: Thousands of civilians have been killed directly by U.S.-led invasion and occupation forces who have bombed wedding parties, humiliated Afghans with house-to-house searches, and locked people up in U.S.-controlled dungeons where many are tortured.

Invasion and Occupation of Iraq, 2003-present: Iraq Body Count estimates over 100,000 Iraqi civilians have been killed in the 2nd Iraq war and occupation. Over 4 million were driven from their homes.

Haiti, 2004: On February 29, 2004, the U.S. military kidnapped elected Haitian President Aristide and his family and put him on a plane to the Central African Republic. By March 1, hundreds of U.S. Marines controlled the Haitian capital.

Torture Chambers: People around the world are kidnapped, tortured, raped, and killed without trial at U.S. torture chambers at Abu Ghraib (Iraq); Guantánamo (Cuba); Bagram (Afghanistan); secret prisons in Europe, and "renditioning" sites in the Middle East and elsewhere (outsourced torture).

Drone Attacks: In the three years leading up to and during 2009, U.S. drone attacks—from unmanned planes—killed over 700 people, overwhelmingly civilians killed when targets were missed or as "collateral damage." The attacks continue in Pakistan, Afghanistan and Yemen.

Selected U.S. invasions including via CIA-armed and trained proxies or at the "invitation" of client regimes: Argentina 1890; Chile 1891; Haiti 1891; Hawaii 1893; Bluefields, Nicaragua 1894 & 1899; China 1894-95; Korea 1894-96; Corinto, Nicaragua 1896; China 1898-1900; Philippines 1898-1910; Cuba and Puerto Rico 1898-1902; San Juan del Sur, Nicaragua 1898; Samoa 1899; Panama 1901-14; Panama Canal Zone 1914; Honduras 1903; Dominican Republic 1903-04; Korea 1904-05; Cuba 1906-09; Nicaragua 1907; Honduras 1907; Panama 1908; Nicaragua 1910; Cuba 1912; Panama 1912; Honduras 1912; Nicaragua 1912; Mexico (Veracruz)1914; Dominican Republic 1914; Mexico 1914-18; Haiti 1914-34; Dominican Republic 1916-24; Cuba 1917; Soviet Union 1918; Panama 1918; Honduras 1919; Guatemala 1920; Turkey 1922; China 1922; Honduras 1924; Panama 1925; El Salvador 1932; Puerto Rico 1950; Guatemala 1954; Egypt 1956; Lebanon 1958; Panama 1958; Cuba 1962; Dominican Republic 1965; Guatemala 1967; Oman 1970; Iran 1980; El Salvador 1981; Nicaragua 1981; Grenada 1982; Lebanon 1982; Honduras 1983; Bolivia 1986; Panama 1989; Yugoslavia 1992; Haiti 1994; Liberia 1996; Sudan 1998; Afghanistan 1998...



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USA #1... *TERRORIST*

Rain of Terror

By Abiodun Oyewole

America is a terrorist killing the natives of the land

Killing and stealing has always been America's master plan

To control the earth and everything on it
To divide and conquer is all they wanted.

America is a terrorist killing the buffalo that roam the plains

Killing and slaughtering animals was turned into a game
Giving blankets contaminated with small pox
The natives were killed, the beginning germ warfare
The beginning of white fear.

No respect for the land, the trees, or the air we breathe
And Christianity was an excuse to bring others to their knees.

America is a terrorist with a slave system in place

To take away the humanity of a darker race
Put people in chains, then beat them with whips
Made them give up their names
Those who survived the slave ship.



August 1945—in the last days of World War 2, the U.S. dropped atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. More than 200,000 people were instantly killed, and 130,000 more died later from cancer and other long-term effects. The U.S. remains the only country that has used nuclear weapons in war.



January 16, 1991—the U.S. launched war against Iraq. Hundreds of thousands of Iraqis were killed or injured. Bombing destroyed bridges, electrical plants, and water treatment plants. Defeated Iraqi troops, along with many civilians, fled on the highway out of Kuwait. For 48 hours U.S. jets attacked this clogged highway with incendiary bombs, turning it into a firestorm. More than 25,000 fleeing civilians and soldiers were killed on this "Highway of Death."



Gordon, an escaped slave from Mississippi, 1863. His back is scarred from a whipping after an earlier failed escape. Gordon joined the Union army and fought in the Civil War.

America is a terrorist with a Howdy Doody grin

Using the Bible to keep others in check
While America commits all the sins
Thou shalt not kill, that's not part of the American dream
For to kill is a thrill they love to show on your TV screen
Romance the gun just for fun.

Drop a bomb just for charm.
This is the American Way.
And all of this talk about equality, justice and peace
Spewing out of the mouths of these governmental beasts.
But every time Blacks tried to find a way to do for self
The American terrorist wasn't having it
And fear was all Black folks felt.

Ask yourself: Which country in the world, from its beginning to the present time, has the bloodiest history of genocide... slavery... invasions... coups, installing and backing brutal regimes... bombings... massacres and mass destruction—including the use of nuclear weapons?

Yes... when it comes to terror within its borders and around the world...

The USA is NUMBER ONE... *TERRORIST*

America is a terrorist feeding off racism and greed

Not caring or sharing, but enjoying watching people bleed.
For over 400 years Blacks have lived in fear of the vicious cruelty of the racists.

They tried to march for justice and civil rights to be treated fair
Attacked by dogs and fire hoses, beaten by police, forced to live a life in total despair.

They bombed the church in Birmingham while the children were in Sunday school

Took the lives of four little girls, yes this terrorist was just that cruel.

American terrorism is like a virus that's home grown and spreads across the planet too.

Selling guns and chemical weapons, gift-wrapped in red, white, and blue.

Soldier boys selling guns for hard drugs in exchange

It should be obvious by now that this country is deranged.



Fallujah, Iraq, 2004—the U.S. invaded Iraq in March 2003 based on brazen lies about “weapons of mass destruction.” For the people of Iraq, the U.S. war and occupation has meant air strikes on villages, torture and murder in prisons, mass round-ups, and millions displaced from their homes. In April 2004, the U.S. laid siege on the city of Fallujah for 10 horrifying days and then carried out a massive assault in November, killing over a thousand people.



March 16, 1968—a company of U.S. soldiers went into the Vietnamese village of My Lai with orders to kill everyone and destroy everything. The troops forced more than 400 villagers—mostly women, children, and old men—into a ditch and shot them (above). Some women were raped before being killed. Corpses were mutilated. The My Lai massacre became a symbol of the massive brutality and horror of the U.S. war against Vietnam.



An Iraqi prisoner being tortured by U.S. troops at Abu Ghraib prison—one of many tortured there, some of whom were killed, after the 2003 U.S. invasion.

America is a terrorist and no one wants to admit

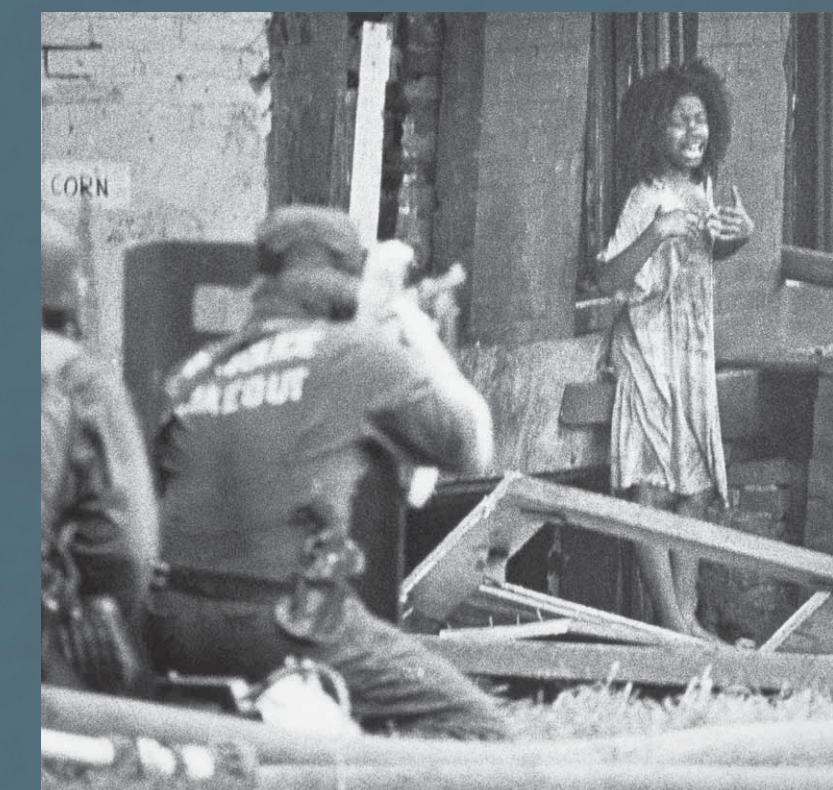
And pointing the finger at others is the ironic part of it.
Drop a bomb in Philadelphia to wipe out an organization called MOVE.
Killed unarmed women and children because the police had something to prove.
And all the Black Panthers who were trying to help their community
Wiped out by the FBI for trying to create Black unity.
Put drugs in the hood, set folks up for no good.
Kept unemployment high, education is laced with lies.
Turn the people against each other.
Made money more sacred than your mother.
Cause an avalanche of grief by trigger happy police.
Locked the Black man up in jail, made him think he was born to fail.
And no place are you safe if you have a darker face.
Henry Dumas, Amadou Diallo, Yusef Hawkins, Michael Griffith, Anthony Báez,
Eleanor Bumpers, Emmett Till, James Byrd, just to name a few
Died at the hands of American terrorists.

Terrorism here ain't nothing new.

Excerpts from a poem by Abiodun Oyewole, of the Last Poets. We would like to thank Abiodun for permission to reprint.



On May 16, 2010, seven-year-old Aiyana Stanley-Jones was spending a special night at her home with her grandmother in Detroit. This special night was violently interrupted after midnight. A flash bang grenade shot by cops into the house exploded, severely burning Aiyana who was sleeping on the couch. Then a police gunshot rang out, ending her life.



May 13, 1985—At 5:30 a.m., the Philadelphia Police Commissioner declared: “Attention MOVE! This is America!” Police proceeded to shoot *thousands* of bullets into the MOVE house. A helicopter swooped in and dropped a bomb with a C-4 military explosive, starting a fire. The police fired on people trying to flee the house. Eleven people, among them five children, who had been in the house were killed. MOVE had been the target of other violent police attacks, including an armed assault on their house in 1978 (above).

What we see in contention here with Jihad on the one hand and McWorld/McCrusade on the other hand, are historically outmoded strata among colonized and oppressed humanity up against historically outmoded ruling strata of the imperialist system. These two reactionary poles reinforce each other, even while opposing each other. If you side with either of these “outmodeds,” you end up strengthening both.

While this is a very important formulation and is crucial to understanding much of the dynamics driving things in the world in this period, at the same time we do have to be clear about which of these “historically outmodeds” has done the greater damage and poses the greater threat to humanity: It is the historically outmoded ruling strata of the imperialist system, and in particular the U.S. imperialists.

Bob Avakian, *Basics* 1:28