



Two Truths... and One Big Lie

Genocide Joe Opens His Mouth... and Rivers of Blood Gush Out

At a recent meeting with big-money donors to the Democratic Party, Genocide Joe Biden recently blurted out two profound truths... and an even more profound lie. At this meeting, Biden for the first time accused Israel of "indiscriminate bombing" in Gaza. This charge of indiscriminate bombing at this point is like "Duh?" Israel has dropped 2,000-pound "bunker-busting" bombs on apartment buildings, hospitals and other buildings containing masses of people, and has at this point murdered at least 18,000 people, including more than 10,000 children!

According to Genocide Joe, when he said this, Netanyahu—or rather, Netan-nazi—shot back that "You carpet bombed Germany, you dropped the atom bomb, a lot of civilians died." In this case, Netan-nazi, for his own purposes, hit back at Biden with the truth about who are the biggest practitioners of mass death of civilians from the sky—none other than America.

So, the two truths: One, that Israel is in fact indiscriminately bombing Gaza. And two, that such bombing is the very practice used by America to set up and maintain its empire (though, of course, Netan-nazi didn't put it in *quite* those terms).

The Profound Lie

Then the profound lie of Genocide Joe's response: "Yeah, that's why all these institutions were set up after World War Two to see to it that it didn't happen again..."

No, motherfucker. A, "these institutions" (the United Nations, NATO, and so on) were "set up" to ensure that the fruits of empire that America ripped away from the other imperial powers in World War 2 would stay under American domination, even as other powers were to be dealt in—or dealt out—according to the interests of the U.S. And B, instead of not happening again, **mass murder to serve U.S. imperialist interests has been American practice for the entire period since World War 2.**

Here are four examples of massive destruction by U.S. air power during this period when these institutions were supposedly preventing this from happening:

Korean War, 1950-1953

In 1950, with the full endorsement of the United Nations, the U.S. waged war on Korea and "carpet bombed" North Korea with more than a half million tons of bombs. Koreans killed in the war: estimates range from three to five million. ("American Crime Case #93: U.S. Invasion of Korea—1950")

Vietnam War, 1961-1975

America's genocidal war in Vietnam—involving repeated and massive bombings of civilian areas as well as massacres, rapes, and other crimes—resulted in at least two to three million Vietnamese deaths and possibly as many as four million; 5.3 million were injured, and 11 million were displaced from their homes. ("American Crime Case #8: America's War in Vietnam and the Sexual Subjugation of Women")

War and Sanctions on Iraq, 1990-2003

The U.S. invasion of Iraq in 1991 started with a 43-day nonstop campaign of bomb and missile attacks—including over 109,000 combat sorties that dropped some 250,000 munitions, or some 6,000 a day. An estimated 70,000 to 200,000 civilians died in that war. Crippling sanctions—a form of economic warfare—imposed by the U.S. on Iraq from 1990 to 2003 caused widespread disease and malnutrition, with civilian deaths estimated as high as 1.5 million, including more than 500,000 children under five years old. ("American Crime Case #32: The 1991 Persian Gulf War—'Operation Desert Storm'")

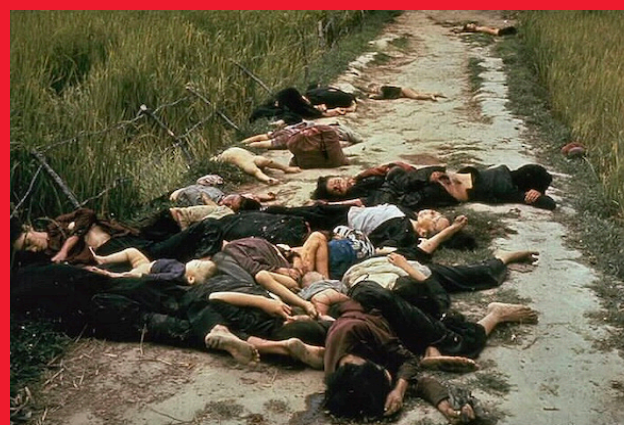
Invasion and Bombing of Afghanistan, 2004-2020

From 2004 to 2018, the U.S. and allied forces dropped 38,000 bombs on Afghanistan. By 2020 the U.S. had conducted at least 13,000 drone strikes, most of these in the countryside—including repeated attacks on wedding parties. The U.S. claimed they avoided civilian casualties, *but in reality, tens of thousands of civilians died as a result of the U.S. invasion and occupation.* ("Costs of War: Afghan Civilians," Watson Institute of International and Public Affairs, Brown University)

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Wonsan, Korea bombed by U.S. AirForce, 1951



The massacre of unarmed villagers by U.S. troops, My Lai, Vietnam, March, 1968



A bridge destroyed by U.S. air raids in Baghdad, Iraq 1991 Photo: AP



Relatives look at children killed by a 2009 U.S. airstrike in Kandahar, Afghanistan. Photo: AP

"[I]t is a basic truth that without breaking with American chauvinism—without confronting the very real horror of what this country has been, and what it has done, here and all over the world, from its founding to the present—and without coming to deeply hate this, it is not possible, in the final analysis, to retain one's own humanity and act in the highest interests of all humanity."

—Bob Avakian, from "The Problem, the Solution, and the Challenge Before Us"



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