



Hegemony is the military, economic and political dominance of one state over other states. Hegemony can be regional or global. In theories of imperialism, the hegemonic order dictates the internal politics and the societal character of the subordinate states that constitute the hegemonic sphere of influence, either by an internal, sponsored government or by an external, installed government. The term *hegemonism* denoted the geopolitical and the cultural predominance of one country over other countries which is often referred to as 'neocolonialism'.

The United States of America – Hegemony Ambitions: In the 21st Century the (current) dominant country in the world is the United States of America. Its military and corporate hegemony tentacles are spread far and wide and it has successfully assimilated Europe, the United Kingdom, Japan, South Korea and the Philippines amongst other countries. The Americans have expanded their military might through the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and built over 800 military bases and positioned them around the world to contain their proxy wars within those areas, in particular the Balkans to contain Russia, and in the South China region to contain China. Currently, in 2023, the U.S. is engaged in attempting the overthrow of the leaders of many sovereign states, including Iran, Venezuela, Syria, Cuba, North Korea, Belarus, Russia and even China. The U.S. president is attempting

to crush the governments of those countries through sanctions, embargos and by financially limiting their growth.

It's a dangerous game because the U.S. desire for regime change is geared to feed their corporate world ambitions, especially in relation to oil and gas. What makes that approach different today, is that despite it being an undercover 'covert' action by the U.S. for centuries, it is now entirely visible to the rest of the world. America, especially seeks regime change in Cuba and Venezuela as both are socialist sovereign states. These countries have been heavily sanctioned financially and have suffered various military insurgents backed by the U.S. to overthrow their leaders and for the Americans to insert their own puppet governments, that will be sympathetic to American corporations, especially in Venezuela to take control of the enormous oil reserves.

In an incredible hypocrisy, the American claim that the leaders of Cuba and Venezuela are the cause of the financial crippling of those countries, especially in Venezuela which is blocked by the U.S. from exporting its oil and has to import oil from Iran. The western elite in positions of power, and their media, have decided to ignore, and even cover up, the advance of America's illegal imperialist ambitions, and its attempts to crush and dominate the leaders of other countries, especially those with socialist governments.

In 2023, the United States of America (U.S.) has attempted to strangle the Internet and block any views being broadcast over the internet, on social media and in the western news media outlets which contradicts American propaganda. One has to look back in history to fully understand just how the U.S. became so powerful. Since 1944 and the end of World War II in 1945, the U.S. has successfully expanded its military and corporate financial hegemony. The Bretton Woods Conference, formally known as the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference, was the gathering of 730 delegates from all 44 allied nations at the Mount Washington Hotel, in Bretton Woods, New Hampshire, United States, to regulate the international monetary and financial order after the conclusion of World War II. The conference was held from July 1 to 22, 1944. Agreements were signed that, after legislative ratification by member governments, established the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD, later part of the World Bank group) and the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The Bretton Woods System and the Gold Standard: The 1944 conference led to what was called the Bretton Woods System for international commercial and financial relations. It was agreed that an adjustably pegged foreign exchange market rate system was to be created: Exchange rates were pegged to gold (the Gold Standard) and the American \$dollar currency would become the reserve currency of the world back up by gold held by the United States of America.

The gold standard is a monetary system in which the standard economic unit of account is based on a fixed quantity of gold. The gold standard was the basis for the international monetary system from

the 1870s to the early 1920s, and from the late 1920s to 1932 as well as from 1944 until 1971 when the United States unilaterally terminated convertibility of the US dollar to gold, effectively ending the Bretton Woods System. Today, the U.S. Federal Reserve simply prints the American \$dollar without the backing of gold and borrows money – its current debt exceeds \$34 trillion dollars.

BRICS: In 2023, a new multi-polar order is rising and is made up of Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. Countries that will become members in early 2024 include, Argentina, UAE, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Ethiopia. Countries that have applied to join, include Bangladesh and Venezuela. BRICS, as they are known, seeks to trade in their own currencies and to bypass the financial world hegemony of the American \$dollar, which is the reserve currency of the world. This new multi-polar financial system will, given time, seek to setup its own international money electronic transfer scheme; an alternative to the Swift system. The association of BRICS will eventually control 2/3rds of the world trade and potentially weaken the economies of the west, including America, Europe and the United Kingdom.

The World Superpowers: The word, 'Superpower' is the new word for 'Empire' and today we have 'The United States of America' as the main superpower with Russia and China as rising superpowers. It can also be argued that a close third rising superpower is India. Thucydides, the Athenian general in 400 BC sums up a growing concern in 2023, that there might be a nuclear war, a World War III in the 21st century. He (rightly) concluded that a rising power causes fear in an established power which escalates towards war. Throughout history, his statement has been repeated and defined as 'The Thucydides Trap'. There is absolutely no doubt that America perceives Russia and China as rising superpowers which will overhaul them in technology and financial strength in the next 20 years.

Expansion to meet the needs of a growing society could be construed as a catalyst for war or in today's terms, thanks to a shrinking world, 'World Domination'. Sounds like a computer game that James Bond might play. It becomes fairly obvious that these superpowers are seeking to preserve the stability of their expanding societies through a global control of diminishing world resources. The main wars today are financial wars with land military (proxy) wars fought through third parties in their own countries for regime change of leaders which are sympathetic to the 'world domination' ambitions of a superpower. America seems to have taken the main route of proxy war 'regime change' conflict, and the containment of the other growing superpowers with over 800 military bases positioned in different countries around the world. It also has the ability to influence the economies of its affiliates through its influence with the International Monetary Union and/or The World Bank which are both based in Washington D.C. in America.

Indoctrination: Throughout history, people and entire societies have been indoctrinated into a way of thinking which is conducive to the agenda of their government. Probably, the best example of this is the 'German Nazi Regime' in the 20th Century which created youth camps and indoctrinated the

young from a very early age to become fanatical in their belief that they were the chosen 'pure' white race. The German population was told that the Jewish population of Germany were enemies of the state and that Russians were no better than dogs. What followed were death camps to eradicate over 5 million people of the Jewish race in German and Poland and the death of over 27 million Russians who defended the German invasion of their country. The classic way to indoctrinate an entire society and a country is to create an enemy. Today, the United States of America has successfully indoctrinated the Western World and created enemies on two fronts: Russia and China. The Western Countries of NATO and other territories assimilated by the U.S. have embraced this indoctrination.

There is no doubt that western indoctrination is combined with 'western propaganda' and the U.S. is particularly good at spreading false news or prevaricating on actual events around the world. Sadly, many of the people in western societies do not want to expand their knowledge on world events to establish a balance of what is actually happening. Their minds remain closed and therefore, they take western news, especially through the American Media, as gospel. I have enclosed links to world news channels at the foot of this article.

Mindfulness: The five strengths in Buddhism are faith, energy, mindfulness, concentration, and wisdom. Mindfulness is a form of mediation, it is the psychological process of purposely bringing attention to one's feelings, mental states and mental qualities. Mindfulness is where you are constantly watching your sensory experience in order to maintain duties, rights, laws, conduct, virtues and the right way of living. Self-awareness relies upon sensory experiences, which are linked to the perceptions of the world. Sensory experience creates a material and stimulating learning that is adaptable and it can evolve into knowledge. In general terms, sensory experience relates to the nature of observation and through observation, you use your own senses to make sense of the world around you and to maintain an awareness of reality, especially when a fact or situation, which you observe, is in question.

Convergence and the Future: As the countries and continents of the world continue to converge due to population expansion and the need for more resources, especially water, proxy wars driven by the western powers will persist. There is no doubt in my mind that tomorrow or within the next 20 years the Imperialist Empire of the United States of America will gradually disintegrate through decadence, avarice and debt; it could be argued that it is already happening.

The U.S. Federal Reserve will reach a final debt ceiling limit of around \$40 trillion dollars and the U.S. \$dollar reserve world currency will collapse due to a U.S. catastrophic financial depression. This will be caused by sovereign countries, especially the BRICS alliance, around the world trading in their own currencies. They will create (it's happening now in 2023) their own international banking transfer system as their answer to U.S. embargoes and sanctions and the current Western Swift International Banking System.

With a U.S. financial collapse, California and Texas are the first states (most likely) to break away from the United States of America and the U.S. military system and their world military bases will collapse. Hopefully as the BRICS alliance matures it does not drive the U.S. to create a 'false flag' of aggression from Russia or China in which a nuclear war ensues.

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