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Excerpts From Four Recent Books On United States Militarism And Its Consequences

[1] Johnson, Chalmers, *Nemesis: The Last Days of the American Republic*, Henry Holt and Company, New York, 2007

An excerpt from the cover flap of *Nemesis*.

“In his prophetic book *Blowback*, Chalmers Johnson linked the CIA’s clandestine activities abroad to disaster at home. In *Sorrows of Empire*, he explained how the growth of American militarism and the garrisoning of the planet have actually jeopardized our safety. Now, in *Nemesis*, the final volume in what has become the Blowback Trilogy, he shows how imperial overstretch is undermining the republic itself, both economically and politically.”

John W. Dower, Author of *Embracing Defeat: Japan in the Wake of World War II*, a book that won the Pulitzer Prize, has this to say on the back cover flap of *Nemesis*.

“*Nemesis* completes a true patriot’s anguished and devastating critique of the militarism that threatens to destroy the United States from within. With unflinching candor, Chalmers Johnson decries the discrepancies between what America professes to be and what it has actually become – a global empire of military bases and operations; a secret government increasingly characterized by covert activities, enormous ‘black’ budgets, and near-dictatorial executive power; a misguided republic that has betrayed its noblest ideals and most basic founding principles in pursuit of disastrously conceived notions of security, stability, and progress.”

Also by Chalmers Johnson –

Johnson, Chalmers, *Blowback: The Costs and Consequences of American Empire*, Henry Holt and Company, New York, 2002.

Johnson, Chalmers, *The Sorrows of Empire: Militarism, Secrecy, and the End of the Republic*. Henry Holt and Company, New York, 2004.

[2] Scahill, Jeremy, *Blackwater: The Rise Of The World’s Most Powerful Mercenary Army*, Nation Books, New York, NY, 2007.

An excerpt from the cover flap of *Blackwater*.

“Meet Blackwater USA, the powerful private army that the U.S. government has quietly hired to operate in international war zones and on American soil. Its contacts run from deep inside the military and intelligence agencies to the upper echelons of the White House. Blackwater is the elite Praetorian Guard for the “global war on terror,” with its own military base, a fleet of twenty aircraft, and twenty thousand troops at the ready.

Run by a multimillionaire Christian conservative who bankrolls President Bush and his allies. Its forces are capable of overthrowing governments, and yet most people have never heard of Blackwater.”

[3] Klein, Naomi, *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*, Henry Holt and Company, New York, 2007.

An excerpt from the cover flap of *The Shock Doctrine*.

“Based on breakthrough historical research and four years of on-the-ground reporting in disaster zones, *The Shock Doctrine* explodes the myth that the global free market triumphed democratically. Disaster capitalism – the rapid-fire corporate reengineering of societies that are reeling from shock – did not begin with September 11, 2001. In this courageous new book, Klein traces the intellectual origins of disaster capitalism back to the University of Chicago’s economics department under Milton Friedman, whose influence is still felt around the world, *The Shock Doctrine* draws new and surprising connections among economic policy, “shock and awe” warfare and the covert CIA-funded experiments in electroshock and sensory deprivation that shaped the torture manuals used today in Guantanamo Bay,”

[4] Perkins, John, *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*, Plume, Penguin Books USA, San Francisco, 2004.

Excerpts from the cover flap of -- *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*.

” *Confessions of an Economic Hit Man* is the story of one man’s experience inside the intrigue, greed, corruption, and little-known government and corporate activities that America has been involved in since World War II, and which have consequences for the future of democracy and the world.

“Economic hit men, John Perkins writes, ‘are highly paid professionals who cheat countries around the globe out of trillions of dollars. Their tools include fraudulent financial reports, rigged elections, payoffs, extortion, sex, and murder. They play a game as old as Empire but one that has taken on terrifying dimensions during this time of globalization.’ ”