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Bye-bye Internationalism? Trump Is Cutting Off the Heads of the “Globalist Leviathan”

When I “take the oath of office as president, when my right hand goes up, their new world order comes down.” So said pundit-turned-politician Pat Buchanan in 2000 while accepting the Reform Party nomination. Interestingly, Buchanan has also [been called](#) “the godfather of Trumpism.” It thus is not surprising that what he promised, President Donald Trump is delivering, for good or for ill (or for both). In fact, as one commentator puts it, Trump is torching “the ‘New World Order’” as we speak.



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Some will complain that Trump’s actions (as with every president of the last 100-plus years) aren’t always constitutional. But they are without question revolutionary.

A New New World Order?

As the aforementioned commentator, J.B. Shurk, [wrote](#) Thursday:

Trump may very well have ended twenty-six years of communist dictatorship in Venezuela. By cutting off Venezuelan oil and economic relief to Cuba, there’s a chance that sixty-seven years of communist dictatorship will soon come to an end in Castro’s Caribbean prison, too. Right now Iran’s Islamic dictatorship is teetering and showing signs of potential collapse — forty-seven years after Jimmy Carter’s foreign policy “boys” allowed theocratic tyrants to take the strategically pivotal country before also taking fifty-two Americans hostage for four hundred and forty-four days. Finally, the European Union now realizes that President Trump is serious about keeping North America’s Greenland out of the hands of the Russians and Chinese.

A saying — falsely attributed to Vladimir Lenin — strikes a chord of truth these days: *There are decades where nothing happens, and there are weeks where decades happen.* Today is no accident of historical fate. We’re on “Trump Time” now, during which the man in charge is making moves around the world faster than most anyone thought possible. Love him or hate him, join him or oppose him, marvel at him or demean him — President Trump is the driving force remaking our world today.

For sure, Trump is a decades-in-weeks kind of man, working tirelessly to advance his agenda. As [confidant Bill O’Reilly has related](#), the president knows that the mess the Biden administration left behind necessitates deep cleaning. He also knows Congress won’t do much in this Cat-in-the-Hat



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endeavor. So he [believes this gives him a mandate](#) to aggressively pursue what he considers America's best interests via executive action.

Bearing Fruit

Regarding Venezuelan strongman Nicolás Maduro's toppling, and Trump's general influence, it's having a certain effect, too. As American Thinker [noted](#) Sunday:

Latin America, tutored by Argentina's Javier Milei and El Salvador's Nayib Bukele, is moving steadily rightward, away from Marxism and narcoterrorism.

And Trump is facilitating this along with those men, by applying "rightward" pressure with diplomacy and a big stick.

Returning to Shurk, he continued building his case. A summary (all assertions Shurk's):

- Trump told Iran's leader that the U.S. won't stand by while Islamic thugs murder civilians in the current wide-scale protests. He also won't deliver billions in cash as Obama and Biden did.
- Maduro's late-night seizure typifies the president's approach.
- Trump incinerated Quds Force commander Qasem Soleimani, took out ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi, eliminated Iranian-backed terrorist cells, and destroyed Iran's key nuclear facilities.
- Iran's tyrants prosper under Democrats and die under Trump.
- In the background of changes in Venezuela, Cuba, and Iran, Trump is recalibrating U.S. relationships with allies.
- The post-WWII standard in which the U.S. funds Europe's defense and subsidizes its economy through one-sided trade deals has ended.
- While the U.S. helped foster political freedom in Europe following WWII, bureaucratic oppression, viewpoint discrimination, Christian persecution, and censorship have also grown.
- The State Department is overhauling foreign aid, dismantling USAID money laundering and left-wing-oriented regime-change operations.
- Trump's administration aims to eviscerate the NGO-industrial-complex, which benefits only globalist organizations and Western pseudo-elites.
- Trump has ceased participating in and funding 35 internationalist, non-UN organizations and 31 UN entities that operate against U.S. interests. This strikes a blow against the World Economic Forum's "Great Reset" and the UN's New World Order.
- The U.S. has exited the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and [ended funding](#) for the Green Climate Fund.

Beheading the Hungry Globalist Hydra

Not surprisingly, European leaders are none too happy about Trumpism. Germany's president Frank-Walter Steinmeier accused the U.S. of a "breach of values" and of "destroying the world order." France's President Emmanuel Macron denounced America for "breaking free from international rules." "Breaking free from globalist tyranny, however, is the point," notes Shurk. "America is rebelling against the parasitic 'New World Order.'"

So it's much as when the left-wing French revolutionaries beheaded the royals and shocked 18th-century Europe. Trump is cutting "off as many heads as possible of a globalist Leviathan," as Shurk puts it. And he's shocking 21st-century Europe.



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Yet Trump is shocking some of his supporters, too, who view this international focus as contrary to MAGA nationalism. Yet realize that this is typical of American presidents.

Political scientist Daniel W. Drezner [opined](#) on this in 2012. “Why do presidents campaign as economic wizards but govern as foreign policy leaders?” he asked. “Their focus on foreign policy actually reveals the constraints on the modern American presidency. On most big economic matters, presidents cannot act alone.”

In contrast, and as 9/11 demonstrated, presidents don’t generally “pick the foreign policy issues they want to tackle,” Drezner added. The “issues choose them.”

Ephemeral Victories?

Trump would also surely say that his foreign policy actions are necessary for America’s security and prosperity. It is true, too, that eliminating socialist/communist and apocalyptic Islamic regimes makes the world America occupies a safer place. All other things being equal, it’s always good dispatching barbarians outside the gates.

But then, what of the barbarians within them? That is, what can be done via executive action can be undone the same way. The globalist Democrats will almost assuredly regain power within a few election cycles. And when they do, Uncle Sam’s support for internationalist regimes and schemes and leftist dreams will resume. The pressure will again reverse.

Moreover, our [Gramscian-forged](#), pseudo-elite institutions — legacy media, academia, entertainment, and most of corporate America and Big Tech — are still “woke.” Worse still, what enables this public corruption, the moral corruption undermining the citizens’ hearts and minds, is still advancing. Translation:

Unless we [can somehow cultivate virtue in the people](#), as the Founding Fathers emphasized, descent into barbarity is ensured. Unfortunately, even if a president knew how, he could do even less about this than he can about the economy.

Put simply, whatever one thinks about nation-building abroad, it’s all for naught without first building a successful nation at home.



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