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## **Bolton: ICC Is Dead to the United States**

National Security Advisor John Bolton (shown) has a message for the [International Criminal Court](#): The United States is off your docket.

Bolton [delivered the good news at the Federalist Society](#) in Washington, D.C., just as an ICC judge is expected to announce the court's probe of alleged crimes in Afghanistan, including those by American military personnel. Ironically, Bolton is a longtime neocon member of the world-government-promoting Council on Foreign Relations, and the ICC is a key plank in the house of world order that globalists have been laboring to construct.



The announcement bangs down the gavel on an organization that could have run roughshod over the rights of American citizens.

### **Statements From Bolton, White House**

[Bolton's offered](#) some background, then explained what the ICC's authority, were the United States to accept it, would mean for Americans.

"In no uncertain terms, the ICC was created as a free-wheeling global organization claiming jurisdiction over individuals without their consent," he said.

According to the [Rome Statute](#), the ICC has authority to prosecute genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and crimes of aggression. It claims "automatic jurisdiction," meaning that it can prosecute individuals even if their own governments have not recognized, signed, or ratified the treaty.

Thus, American soldiers, politicians, civil servants, private citizens, and even all of you sitting in the room today, are purportedly subject to the court's prosecution should a party to the Rome Statute or the chief prosecutor suspect you of committing a crime within a state or territory that has joined the treaty.

Noting that "the ICC prosecutor has requested to investigate these Americans for alleged detainee abuse, and perhaps more — an utterly unfounded, unjustifiable investigation," Bolton said, "today, on the eve of September 11th, I want to deliver a clear and unambiguous message on behalf of the president of the United States. The United States will use any means necessary to protect our citizens and those of our allies from unjust prosecution by this illegitimate court."

We will not cooperate with the ICC. We will provide no assistance to the ICC. We will not join the ICC.

We will let the ICC die on its own. After all, for all intents and purposes, the ICC is already dead to us.



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[WhiteHouse.gov reiterated](#) that “President Donald J. Trump is committed to defending our national sovereignty and security interests,” noting that the U.S. Senate did not ratify the treaty, and that in 2002, President George W. Bush told Bolton, then Under Secretary of State, to “unsign it.”

Thus, “the Rome Statute cannot dispose of rights of the United States as a non-Party without United States consent.”

If ICC proceeds with its probe of “war crimes, the statement warned, “the administration might negotiate more “agreements to prohibit nations from surrendering United States persons to the ICC,” and in accordance with American law, “will ban ICC judges and prosecutors from entering the United States, sanction their funds in the United States financial system, and, prosecute them in the United States criminal system.”

“This Administration will fight back to protect American constitutionalism, our sovereignty, and our citizens. As always, in every decision we make, we will put the interests of the American People first.”

### **Leftists Get the Vapors**

As expected, the left needed the smelling salts, [the Associated Press reported](#), calling Bolton’s speech an “extraordinary rebuke.”

The American Civil Liberties Union, [founded long ago as a communist front](#), wasn’t happy either, AP reported, accusing Trump of using the “authoritarian playbook.”

“This misguided and harmful policy will only further isolate the United States from its closest allies and give solace to war criminals and authoritarian regimes seeking to evade international accountability,” the ACLU told AP.

### **“Repudiates the Constitution”**

That leftist, globalists and communists would be upset is no surprise, given that the ICC is a direct attack on American sovereignty, and would place Americans in kangaroo courts run by anti-American leftists.

As [The New American reported](#) in 1998, Dr. Charles Rice, the late law professor at Notre Dame University, called the ICC “a monster” that “repudiates the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and the Declaration of Independence and cancels the 4th of July.”

Because the court’s authority is “international,” Rice observed, its powers were virtually unlimited. “What are the limits on the ICC?” Rice asked. “There are none. It’s insane!”

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