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SOVEREIGN GEOGRAPHIES, ERRANT PARTS & EVERYTHING IN ITS PLACE

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Abstract

We exist in a significant geo-political nexus in the history of global development. African nations of the Sahel and indigenous peoples around the world have begun to kinetically resist neo-colonial initiatives to reimpose past suppressions. This paper surveys developments from 15th and 16th Century Papal Bulls through, government legislation and policy developments including the American Indian removal act of 1830, Berlin Conference of 1884-85, the Morgenthau Plan, late 20th Century Neo-Colonial exploitation and continuing early 21st century attempts at re-inscription of emergent rentier oppressions and trajectories. Within this context, this piece concludes with a pointed discussion of social media and its place in subverting the governmental attempts to control the narrative of the global order in light of recent geo-political developments and the global history of suppression.

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Introduction

In 1937, Winston Churchill said of the Palestinians, I quote, “I do not agree that the dog in a manger has the final right to the manger even though he may have lain there for a very long time. I do not admit that right. I do not admit for instance, that a great wrong has been done to the Red Indians of America or the black people of Australia. I do not admit that a wrong has been done to these people by the fact that a stronger race, a higher-grade race, a more worldly wise race to put it that way, has come in and taken their place.” (Arundhati Roy, 2002)

Indigenous Sovereignty Denied

Following centuries of bloody wars in Iberia and Crusades, with the fall of Constantinople imminent, papal displeasure with moors or Saracens was well established by 1452. On a global level, Indigenous sovereignty/rights ended in 1452 when the Eurocentric civilizing mission of Christian privilege emerged on 18 June through Pope Nicholas V’s Dum Diversas, a Papal Bull authorizing King Afonso V of Portugal powers:

“to invade, search out, capture, vanquish, and subdue all Saracens and pagans whatsoever, and other enemies of Christ wheresoever placed, and the kingdoms, dukedoms, principalities, dominions, possessions, and all movable and immovable goods whatsoever held and possessed by them and to reduce their persons to perpetual slavery, and to apply and appropriate to himself and his successors the kingdoms, dukedoms, counties, principalities, dominions, possessions, and goods, and to convert them to his and their use and profit – by having secured the said faculty, the said King Alfonso, or, by his authority, the aforesaid infante, justly and lawfully has acquired and possessed, and doth possess, these islands, lands, harbors, and seas, and they do of right belong and pertain to the said King Alfonso and his successors.”(Pope Nicholas V. 1452)

Pope Nicholas V’s subsequent Papal Bull of 8 January 1455, “Romanus pontifex,” granted Portugal “the right of conquest” to enslave any and all people they encountered south of Cape Bajor, on the coast of Western Africa, the Sahel. About midway through this Papal Bull, the Pope, again, re-asserts the notion that all Sub-Saharan Africans should henceforth be held in “perpetual slavery.” (Pope Nicholas V, 1455)

In 1493, within one year of Columbus's encounter with the indigenous peoples of the Bahamas and Hispaniola, Pope Alexander VI issued three Papal Bulls, Inter Caetera, Piis Fidelium, and Dudum siquidem. These three decrees divided the Atlantic Ocean between Portugal and Spain, giving Spain the authority to colonize the Americas and its Indigenous peoples as subjects. Further, the decree asserts the rights of Spain and Portugal to colonize, convert, and enslave. It also re-asserts the right of enslavement of Africans.

In 1537, Pope Paul III's Sublimis Deus declared, "Indians and all other people who may later be discovered by Christians, are by no means to be deprived of their liberty or the possession of their property, even though they be outside the faith of Jesus Christ; and that they may and should, freely and legitimately, enjoy their liberty and the possession of their property; nor should they be in any way enslaved." (Pope Paul III, 1537)

The Papal Bulls from Popes Alexander IV and Paul III began a pattern of alternative racialization between East and West of the Atlantic. The "perpetual slavery" assigned to those people East of the Atlantic resulted in a different racial status assigned to conquered people on the two sides and thus different treatments of the various nations on either side. These decrees launched the trajectory of the Doctrine of Discovery, the alleged civilizing Catholic Colonial mission, and the emergence of the commercial Sub-Saharan slave trade. The racialization of peoples of color emerged out of the Christian Colonial understanding that natives of the colonial Spanish West were subjects for conversion, while Pagan (Moorish) Sub-Saharan Africans continued as a source for perpetual slavery.

In the United States of America, the trajectory of this Doctrine of Discovery came to perfection in the 1823 U.S. Supreme Court case of *Johnson v. M'Intosh*, when Chief Justice John Marshall used the doctrine to assert that the United States, as the successor of Great Britain, had inherited authority over all lands within our claimed boundaries. This decision allowed the U.S. government to ignore or invalidate any indigenous claims to property rights legally. This new legal position was grandly implemented seven years later by the Indian Removal Act of 1830 (Library of Congress). The earlier Louisiana Purchase (Papers of Alexander Hamilton 1803) provided land in Oklahoma to which the dispossessed Indigenous peoples of the American South could be forced to relocate. African slavery was only slightly addressed by the 1860s Civil War. To this day, courts continue to cite this doctrine of discovery as a legal precedent for courts to

decide property rights cases brought by Indigenous/Native Americans against the U.S. and non-Natives.

In 1794, the Oneida Indian Nation ceded 5,000,000 acres to New York state, retaining only 300,000. By the 20th century, they controlled fewer than 50 acres. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, in 2005, cited the “Doctrine of Discovery” in the denial of the Oneida Indian Nation’s claim of sovereignty over land they repurchased on the open market: “fee title to the lands occupied by Indians when the colonists arrived became vested in the sovereign—first the discovering European nation and later the original States and the United States,” (*City of Sherrill v. Oneida Indian Nation of New York*, 544 U.S. 1974 – 2005.)

The 1830 Indian Removal Act provided large tracts of land for the propagation of cotton, which further required continued importation of African slave labor (Library of Congress 1830). White privilege and imperial arrogance facilitated the kind of racist social engineering that served to maintain power, control, and profit. The emerging predatory corporate tendencies for the growing industrial capitalism required access and control of inexpensive mineral resources, cheap labor, overt restraint of competitive development, and securing substantial markets for its goods.

While the earlier Christian colonial project had the pretense of religious conversion of indigenous peoples (Pope Paul III, 1537), the new goals of the 19th century’s Imperialist trajectories pursued unrestrained profit. The impact of this new emphasis was immediate and far-ranging. The European and American empires, having agreed that all non-Europeans were less than human, spread out across Africa, Latin America, and Asia to colonize, control, and plunder raw materials to feed new national industrial capitalist engines. In addition, programmed underdevelopment of labor in colonized nations provided convenient free or low-cost workers. Furthermore, in 1823, the USA asserted its authority over all Central and South America through President James Monroe’s declaration of his Monroe Doctrine (Monroe 1823.)

Social Darwinism, with its scientific notions of natural selection and the survival of the fittest, constructed all non-Europeans as inferior and, therefore, free to be exploited (Nickerson 2022). In 1877, industrial capitalist Cecil Rhodes said: “I contend that we are the finest race in the world and that the more of the world we inhabit, the better it is for the human race It is our duty to seize every opportunity of acquiring more territory and we should keep this one idea steadily before our eyes that more territory simply means more of the Anglo-Saxon

race more of the best the most human, most honorable race the world possesses.” (Rhodes, 1877).

Herbert Spencer, a British philosopher and sociologist, not Darwin, gave us the phrase “survival of the fittest,” though Darwin would later also use it in his writing. Spencer introduced the phrase in his 1864 book *Principles of Biology*, where he noted parallels between his conservative ideas about economics and what Darwin had written about the natural world: “This survival of the fittest, which I have here sought to express in mechanical terms, is that which Mr. Darwin has called ‘natural selection,’ or the preservation of favored races in the struggle for life.” (Spencer, 1864). Now armed with scientific justification, Spencer believed that the strong will flourish as societies evolve, and the weak will eventually die out. He felt that the government should not aid the poor because that would get in the way of this natural evolutionary process. In the late 1800s, Spencer traveled to the U.S. and argued that those in poverty were poor because they were unfit. Moreover, to feed and help people experiencing poverty was wrong because to do so was to oppose the natural order.

Cecil Rhodes continued to exhort the West to act: “We know the size of the world we know the total extent. Africa is still lying ready for us ... it is our duty to take it. It is our duty to seize every opportunity of acquiring more territory” (Cecil Rhodes, 1877). Within this context of what in The United States of America came to be called the Gilded Age, the notion of Indigenous sovereignty/rights did not exist. Indeed, in 1884-85, this Euro-American racist mindset was clearly in place as the Berlin Conference convened to determine how the continent of Africa was to be divided and plundered in the service of industrial capitalism. African peoples were not present at this Berlin meeting. Unwritten agreements notwithstanding, British, Germans, Belgian, French, Portuguese, Spanish, Americans, etc., continued to fight wars over who would own and control certain disputed colonial pieces of geography, mineral resources, human resources, labor, etc. (Gathara 2019)

Between Spencer and Rhodes, the intent behind the Berlin Conference becomes clear. The West must take and plunder the resources of Africa, enslave, or otherwise maltreat the unfit indigenous peoples and let nature take its course on their way to extinction. Through the trajectory of political, military, labor-related, and economic exploitation, the imperialist Euro-American mindset justified the absolute plunder and cultural domination of the colonized. Africa was identified as a source of slave labor. Following the Berlin conference, Africa’s natural

resources were exploited to fuel the industrial capitalist enterprise of the West. Western nations still plundered its rich mineral resources, land, oil, gold, diamonds, iron, ore, timber, and, in more modern times, platinum, aluminum, uranium, and cobalt today (Gross 2023).

While their lands were colonized and plundered, all to support the Western industrial genius in power, Indigenous and non-western populations who resisted colonial orders were persecuted, attacked, plundered, murdered, and manipulated into states of perpetual impoverishment and under-development: all on the path to expected extinction. This fraught imperialist process contributed to the destruction and deaths exceeding hundreds of millions through various genocidal practices: “British colonialism killed 100 million Indians in 40 years. Between 1880 and 1920, British colonial policies in India claimed more lives than all famines in the Soviet Union, Maoist China, and North Korea combined” (Sullivan & Hickel, 2022). It is estimated that today, the indigenous population of the United States of America would number more than 100 million, if not for the success of that country’s genocidal practices. Belgium King Leopold killed over 10 million Africans in his control of the Congo Free State (1885-1908). “Whippings, torture, rape, and casual murder were also widely documented.” (Alyson, 2021) Kept politically corrupt, divided, confused, and disorganized, exquisite mechanisms are implemented to maintain Africa as a perpetually impoverished continent while its workers are stripped of cultural and social identity. It is significant to note here that Adolph Hitler is considered history’s most heinous genocidal maniac for killing just 2 million Jews in his WWII campaign; why so?

Through time, the extreme measures taken to guarantee the subservient relationship between victims and their colonizers established a powerful culture of fear in which the oppressed learned to acquiesce and be thankful for what they were allowed to have: anything to avoid further torture, punishment, sanction, or death. Those survivors that did not suffer these punishments worked doubly hard to avoid them.

The atrocities of what in the USA came to be called the Gilded Age produced immense wealth and abundance for those leaders of industrial capitalism (Maryville University 2019). However, sharing that abundance was never considered. Again, the upper classes argued that the poor were poor because they were ... unfit (Nickolson 2022). Furthermore, to feed or help the poor was wrong because to do so was to oppose the natural order. Industry leaders of the era, then, treated human labor as just another commodity for exploitation to be used and discarded

once they were no longer usable. In this manner, Chinese workers imported into the USA were used to construct the transcontinental railroad and discarded. Some emerged as objects of derision or curiosity in public displays.

Indigenous Sovereignty Denied, Again

On 30 March 2023, the early Papal Bulls were renounced by Pope Francis: “The Vatican on Thursday responded to Indigenous demands and formally repudiated the “Doctrine of Discovery,” the theories backed by 15th-century “Papal Bulls” that legitimized the colonial-era seizure of Native lands and form the basis of some property laws today. A Vatican statement said the Papal Bulls, or decrees, “did not adequately reflect the equal dignity and rights of Indigenous peoples” and have never been considered expressions of the Catholic faith.” (Winfield, 2023). The Vatican further noted that: “the documents had been “manipulated” for political purposes by colonial powers “to justify immoral acts against Indigenous peoples that were carried out, at times, without opposition from ecclesial authorities.” (Winfield, 2023). In 2007, the UN issued the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Also, in response to a 2007 settlement regarding the Indian Residential Schools, the Canadian government launched a Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which in 2015 released a 6-volume report containing 94 “calls to action” for further reconciliation between Canadians and Indigenous Nations.

Unfortunately, these acknowledgements came far too late, the damage was already done. By the 1970s, forty African countries had finally achieved free “liberated” status through rebellion, war, diplomacy, protest, and negotiation. However, the Western powers had already devised subtle means to maintain neo-colonial coercion and control. Western industrial capitalism was moving on. For some five hundred years, Western powers manipulated the papal decrees to justify race-based wars, military suppression of peoples of color, and global racial oppression.

Racism arising out of the predatory pursuit of profit remains to this day a prominent feature of life for all those under the thumb of Western Europe and the USA. That said, the centuries-old racist mindset remained in place to inform emerging **debt-based** economic decisions. As Western economies transitioned from industrial capitalism into a predatory rentier economy, kinetic wars, torture, and military coercion gradually gave way to more profound, financial, legislative, and subtle politically coercive policies. Winston Churchill, speaking of his

Indian Famine of 1943, which killed 3 million, was quoted as blaming the famine on the fact that Indians were “breeding like rabbits” and asking **how**, if the shortages were so dire, Mahatma Gandhi was still alive (Safi). Indeed, during a January 2018 White House discussion of Immigration policy regarding African countries, Haiti, and El Salvador, “President Trump asked why America would want immigrants from “all these ‘shithole’ countries” and that the U.S. should have more people coming in from places like Norway.” (Kirby 2018)

In 1881, President James A. Garfield was attuned to the notion of central banks controlling the nation’s currency. One hundred years later, with its petrodollars, globally agreed fiat currency, the USA controls the world’s finances. Until this past year, virtually all international transactions were executed in USD, while the SWIFT system provided absolute surveillance overall. (Garfield 1876) Rentier capitalism deploys a mode of operation just as predatory as its racist predecessor, industrial capitalism. As the USA and developed European nations moved to adjust their economies, the 1944 Bretton Woods conference created the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the International Bank for Reconstruction & Development (IBRD - which quickly became the World Bank), with a gold-backed US Dollar as the agreed basis for international monetary exchange (Department Of State. 1944). As the GBP rapidly declined in favor, the USD emerged as the de facto currency for all international trade. In 1974, the USD severed its link to gold but quickly developed into the standard currency for all oil contracts, and the petrol-backed USD became the global reserve currency (Chen 2022). The recent deployment of the SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications, 1973) banking system, in addition to petrol-backed currency, made the USA the world's banker with the ability to print money at will. Moreover, the USA's ability to surveil the details of all international financial transactions inspired much abusive behavior, both locally in the USA and internationally.

David Rockefeller, in an address to the Trilateral Commission, noted, "It would have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subject to the bright lights of public scrutiny during those years." But "the world is now more sophisticated and fully prepared to march towards our one-world-government. The supranational sovereignty of our intellectual elites and world bankers is surely preferable to the globe as a whole" (Rockefeller, 2002). Indeed, as early as 1950, James Paul Warburg inveighed against those who disagreed, before the U.S. Senate: "We shall have World Government, whether or not we like it. The only

question is whether World Government will be achieved by conquest or consent." (Warburg 1950)

The Global West

The rentier economy then achieved the full force of a singular or unipolar global trajectory with the collapse of the Soviet Union on 25 December 1991 (Sanghera and Satybaldieva 2020). The Russian state that survived, its flag now shorn of its Communist hammer and sickle, was deemed too weak to be a competitor to the USA and Western Europe. The Western European states came to view themselves as the de facto rulers of their now mono-polar world: world hegemony achieved with the USA as a leader. The West believed that a global government had been launched and that the USA and its Western allies would set the rules for its global governance. Thus, was established their American Century.

Entire countries could now be punished for disobedience by individual government officials. While torture, public display of severed limbs, murders, plunder, assassinations, financial sanctions, and coup d'états have become commonplace. Often, brute military force was replaced by economic warfare, including attempts to sabotage crops, embargoes on medicine and seeds, freezing of national bank reserve funds, exclusion from SWIFT transactions, and other economic attacks. The first steps include locating inside usually corrupt compradors to serve puppet regimes or facilitate attempts to overturn disobedient governments in coup d'état.

From the end of WWII, America and its European allies engaged in innumerable geopolitical interventions on behalf of "democratic values," aka mineral resources, "anti-terrorism," favorable arrangements, and "human rights," or strategic military sites. These interventions have involved political assassinations, invasions, and coup d'état, all to keep defiant sovereign nations destabilized and in their place. Patrice Lumumba's brutal 1961 torture, murder, and dismemberment at the hands of Belgium with American encouragement resulted from this first Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of the Congo's desire to develop the economy of his country. Simply put, he intended to resist the European inclination to plunder the rich resources of Congo. Similarly, Libya was bombed by the French, and Muammar Gaddafi was assassinated in 2011 for daring to propose a Pan-African state with a gold-based currency. Saddam Hussain's assassination in 2006 and Iraq bombed, invaded, and destroyed because he dared to consider shifting his country's economy over to the Euro for oil sales. Kwame Nkrumah

(1909-1972), a socialist first Prime Minister and President of Ghana, was overthrown in 1966 and died in 1972 after failed attempts on his life. Fidel Castro survived numerous assassination attempts. (Chinweizu 1975)

Beyond this, in some cases, the military might of the collective West has been deployed to punish countries whose leaders dared to resist Western hegemony. In 1954, after France met its *Điện Biên Phủ* in its Viet Nam colony, America felt compelled to demonstrate its supposed military superiority (Office of the Historian 2019). So, U.S. powers launched a war that claimed millions of Vietnamese lives and did not end until 30 April 1975 when NVA tanks rolled onto the grounds of the Presidential Palace in Saigon. (PBS 2019)

In short order, the Iranian Revolution of 11 February 1979 removed the Shah of Iran, a Western comprador regime, and the entire West Asia region slid into seemingly endless war. Other sovereign states similarly impacted by American interventions include Cuba, South Korea, Chile, Greece, Costa Rica, Syria, Guatemala, Yemen, Indonesia, Bolivia, Ethiopia, Argentina, Afghanistan, Haiti, former Yugoslavia, and, recently, Pakistan. Today, and, in the last three years, Burkina Faso, Mali, Sudan, Chad, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Niger, and Gabon all stand ready to kinetically resist further neo-colonial financial sanctions, military incursion.

Financial sanctions have become the preferred mode of coercion: “Who controls the food supply controls the people; who controls the energy can control whole continents; who controls money can control the world.” (Kissinger). Henry Kissinger may have never uttered this often-used quotation attributed to him. Still, it states a desired trajectory of thought that goes back one hundred years. (Garfield) While significantly transformed, it is still in play today. Indeed, the three control/management statements provide a roadmap of how the West set about controlling the non-western countries of the world. Colonies have always been forced to give up their sustenance crops to produce export crops at the behest of their masters, i.e., the America’s banana republics, Africa’s forced shift to cash crops for export, and King Leopold’s gruesome punishment for substandard performance of rubber tree duties for automobile tires (Alyson 2021). Indeed, *FrancAfrique*, to this day, provides the plundered resources that drive the engines of French industry and comfort. Absent the deadly consequences of kinetic war, the rentier economy of the current era necessitates the weaponization of currency and connected sanctions.

However, the regime of control remains as a tension between the controllers and those they oppress. This tension between power and production reinscribes the “zero-sum” game that drives the old agenda of predatory industrial capitalism featuring “winners vs. losers.” Neo-colonial suppression requires that survivors be happy with what remains of their lives after their liberation, even after they lose their limbs. Be happy. Ultimately, this imperialist Western view, with its racist Anglo-American notions of superiority, remains self-delusional. Rentier ways and means of global race relations, control, and plunder remained intact, continuing with the racist mindset of the past. Despite the supposed liberation of the region, *La Françafrique* continues to treat its non-European former colonial populations as stupid and incapable of sophisticated development. Condescending, paternalistic, neo-colonial policies have kept these new nation-states corrupt, divided, confused, and totally dependent upon the CFA franc (French currency printed by the French Treasury) in associated with the Euro (French Treasury). All financial transactions yield a percentage cut to France, as the SWIFT system provides revenue in USD. This while natural resources continue as plunder with little if any return for the African nation itself.

Conclusion

Rentier Neo-Colonial Control - Everything [must be] in its Place

Despite the current geopolitical moment in which kinetic change seems imminent, especially in western Asia states and the Sahel sovereignties, the narrative of change is usually represented through western mainstream media, both government-controlled propaganda and social media platforms.

The racist press never let go of the notion that the peoples of the non-Western world were to be represented as unfit, uncivilized, savage, sub-human, and incapable of meaningful economic development. The global south is expected to serve western hegemony in specific, carefully circumscribed ways. Some parts of the world are expected to provide only sites for plunder of precious natural resources, and cheap labor. As industrial capitalism evolved into its current rentier trajectory, a new tier of cheap fabrication states emerged to which advanced Western nations could offshore manufacturing enterprises. Finally, the financial sector harvests the income for the hegemon at the top. To this end, they installed a representative system that serves its notion of the rule of law, their laws for the good of their world. Nations now seeking to

resist the hegemony of the West, take control of their natural resources, develop, and move up often encounter intense resistance. These nations are subject to destabilizing influences, monetary manipulation, sanctions, and theft of reserve funds that keep them in their place.

Indeed, even at the highest levels of global technological development, whole nations are warned to stay in their place. In a recent exchange, America's National Security Secretary Jack Sullivan issued the following demands to a nation in East Asia:

1. China must immediately stop high tech research & development
2. China must immediately stop research & production of high-end lithography machines
3. China must immediately stop research & production of high-end chips
4. China cannot export the most high-end chips to Russia
5. China must not export high-end chips to other countries

If China complies with these demands [and learns to be happy in its assigned place], then the USA will magnanimously agree to provide [sell to] China with all the high-end chips they will need for 100 years." (Sullivan 2023)

The desire to keep China, India, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, and other emerging "middle level manufacturers," in their place as producers of inexpensive goods for the American consumer market is explicit. The hegemonic position of the West must be maintained, while all lower-order nations must remain in their places in the world order. The collective West intends to remain ahead in every way while the rest of the world must continue to hold their positions as determined in previous centuries: underdeveloped, impoverished, and in perpetual subservience. Sadly, in much of the global south, this racist tendency to control or withhold development from certain sovereign states has created the uneven development and impoverishment that drives the massive immigrant streams of workers seeking a better life in the developed West.

Western mainstream news media continues on its self-disillusioned path, propagandizing the dominant positivist view of government positions whilst admittedly continuing to judge others by one's own prejudices. Here, then, the global south is always presented as dirty, run-down, poorly dressed, corrupt, chaotic, overrun with political strife, and on the verge of economic collapse. Absent discussions of murder, torture and the horrors of genocide of native peoples, most local Westerners tend to accept this skewed construction of the world where everything is under control and the global south is happy to be kept in its place.

Nevertheless, as the realities on the street often fail to conform to this view, many seek alternative sources for information. (Ghoneim)

Recently, all social media platforms, especially in the United States and China, obsessed over the launch of Huawei's new "Mate 60 Pro" 5G mobile phone. Here, social media proved quite adept at recognizing alternative positions. The product exceeded the performance of similar American mobile phones and contained undisclosed innovative technology. Since 2019, Huawei and China's high-tech industries have been crushed under severe technological sanctions, which cut them off and denied access to new research, development, and manufacture of semiconductors for industrial use. (Horwitz 2022)

China, it seems, declined to acquiesce and be happy with the position assigned to it. Huawei's success offended the American position as hegemon in all matters high tech. The government was incredulous that China could produce something more advanced than America, insisting for weeks that the technology was stolen. Upon its release, this new device, constructed of 47% Chinese parts (Ban and Matsuura 2023) including the breakthrough 7nm chip (Wang 2023) immediately triggered investigations from several U.S. intelligence/technology agencies (Kelly 2023 and Kirton and Cherney 2023.) Simply put, this new indigenous mobile device used hyperthreading, 12-core configuration, and other techniques beyond America's capabilities. (Kirton and Cherney 2023) It appears that America's self-deluded notion of Anglo-American technological superiority could not accept that some nations might choose to step out of the boundaries of their assigned place, despite the severing of connections and the denial of western advanced tech. The immediate accusation that the technology must have been pirated further illustrates this continued attitude of western superiority and assumption of power. Failing to find any infringement of western patent rights, the US government recently passed legislation to invalidate some twenty-thousand Chinese patents. (China Focus-CNF 2023)

If America is anxious over China's advanced technological development, the collective west is likely very concerned about what will likely happen regarding the situation in west Asia, the Sahel (a region of Africa that includes Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, The Gambia, Guinea Mauritania, Mali, Niger, Nigeria and Senegal) and Africa as a whole (United Nations, 2019). This year anti French protests erupted across the Sahel, in response to the presence of French forces and implementation of a coup in Niger. (BBC "Niger Coup: Macron Says France to Withdraw Troops and Ambassador" 2023) France, America, and Joe Biden are accused of

providing terrorist weapons across several news and social media platforms. (Windram 2014) Numerous viral pieces attack France's neo-colonial oppression in Sahel (BILDE 2022) and human rights violations relating to the areas primary industry, industrial cobalt mining. (Gross 2023)

Recently, Josep Borrell, the European Union's Foreign Policy chairman, declared: "Yes, Europe is a garden, we have built a garden. Everything works Most of the rest of the world is a jungle, and the jungle could invade the garden," For this comment Borrell stood accused of racism. He later repeated his racist position, and the second event went viral. (African Stream: Borrel 2023) As noted earlier, both Burkina Faso and Niger have expelled the French: "France to return to your garden." ("Niger Coup: Macron Says France to Withdraw Troops and Ambassador") The French will vacate the Sahel, and social media platforms speak with enthusiasm about the political resistance across the Sahel, the entire African continent, with expressions of confidence in the future. A recent Brookings Institute document *Capturing the Fourth Industrial Revolution: A Regional and National Agenda* addresses the continent's intention to engage and be active in the Fourth (Ndung'u and Signé 2019). Indeed, mere three months following Niger's coupe and expulsion of French Ambassador and troops, the country is already projected to be the 4th Fastest Growing Economy in 2024. (Olurounbi 2023 and Exploratics 2023)

On 18 November 2023, whilst sending thousands of 2,000-pound bombs to Israel in support of their genocidal bombing campaign in Gaza, US President Biden continued to assert his, somewhat deluded view of the world: "The United States is the essential nation. We rally allies and partners to stand up to aggressors and make progress toward a brighter, more peaceful future. The world looks to us to solve the problems of our time. That is the duty of leadership, and America will lead." (Biden 2023) It seems the "peaceful future" Biden envisions for Gaza is a place where the silence of death pervades. A place where the territory is ethnically cleansed, and all Gazans are reduced to perpetual impoverishment and eventually exterminated. Within this context, then, the current intense bombing in Gaza should be taken as a planned demolition and site preparation for the building of new Jewish settlements, but now with highly desired seaside views with beachfront amenities. A dream-like future where the atrocities in today's Palestine are reduced to quaint remembrances, like chocolate Antwerp hands.

The standard news media of the collective West is clearly losing control of the narrative in which everything in the West is just as it should be, with everyone happy in their assigned places. Cecil Rhode's intention to replace the indigenous Africans and people of color with Anglo-Saxons, then to await the eventual extinction of the unfit natives, will not happen. Indeed, as resistant sovereignties gain prominence, the future social text and multipolar world will be significantly different. Fiscal resources denied, financial sanctions, and severed appendages will no longer serve the oppressive intentions of the West. The dynamic new inclusive trajectories of the emerging multipolar world will eventually render obsolete the notion of Western hegemony.

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