

War & Money.

Wars make good economic sense.

A war often makes good economic sense to those running the war. Most wars are about somebody's economics. Those who run wars have to win over as many people as possible into believing that there should be a war. Firstly a war has to be seen as a 'just war'. There have not been many just wars so by the law of averages most wars are not 'just' wars. To find out what any war is really about is pretty difficult. There is an old saying, "the first causality of war is the truth". There is however, one home truth about war. A war is a great money-spinner. Here is a simple scenario that will fit the bill over and over if you want to make lots of money out of a war.

The first thing to do is to arm up somebody who is obviously very undesirable but not much of a threat to you. You sell him lots of weapons even though you know that they are to be used for controlling his own population with a reign of terror. But of course you would never meddle in the politics of another country so that is not your concern.

Those that buy the weapons only need them for peaceful purposes and self-protection. The self-protection becomes more urgent as they obtain more weapons because the people of that country are not happy that their taxes go into weaponry; not into the good of their country. If the country is rich in resources, especially along the lines of oil, minerals or forestry, then your wealthy mates can get in on the deal. All they have to do is fix up the dictator's foreign bank account and they can take what they want of the loot. He will make sure that there is no problem with the locals because he is now armed to the teeth and doing nicely; thank you very much.

If all goes to plan, that country will then be a destabilising element in the region and so then you are able to sell weapons to its neighbours. Of course, they now need to defend themselves against their neighbouring despot. Eventually you can clean up economically, because there is so much instability in the region, you have to step in to save the day. Never to mention those wheelers and dealers (quislings) who set up this despot who is causing all the trouble.

The demonising soon starts with little 'grabs': "if only we can rid the world of this tyrant then the world will be at peace and we can all go out to play once more". Also the horror stories, of the brutalisation of innocent people by this little thug, are fed to us. In the past this information was always in the public domain. However, the weapons industry and the plunderers of the people's resources were doing fine so the media is silent. For years many writers have told of the horrors by the tyrants. Often when such people speak out or write about the 'atrocities' they are labelled as "over the top" or "not balanced"; one of the best labels is "he's a bitter man a bitter man!". The spokespersons or media in the countries where all these horror stories are taking place will trot out the usual apology and it goes like this, "oh perhaps there are a few isolated cases of human rights abuses but they are very rare". Have you not heard that one before?

So now we must intervene to save the world. And the really big contracts start to roll in. Not only could you sell weapons to the 'little dictator' to arm him up, but now you can sell weapons to your own population to put him down. For that privilege the people will pay billions and if anybody questions it, there is a quick fix label 'unpatriotic' or else you must be a 'supporter of that tyrant'; even if you were one of the few who spoke out against that tyrant while he was being armed up; but now that counts for naught.

So the military complex goes into full swing to 'fight for freedom'. The funds for such a fight are not spared because it is our freedom that is at stake here. Remember that anyone who questions this must be on the side of the enemy that means "with the terrorists" and that will not be tolerated. We love freedom and peace and that is what we are fighting for. There are many young people who are quite prepared to fight and die anywhere for such a noble cause and could you blame them? Sadly, most of them could not even find that country on the map. They will never learn of their own weapons industry that set up that little despot with the 'lions share' of the weaponry to begin with.

When the question is asked, "who gave him the hardware to begin with?" There is usually a bit of a mumbling about all those other irresponsible countries that dealt with that little scumbag which of course, many did. But let's not delve too deeply. The factories are now churning out weapons for the 'peace effort' and the kids are marching off to war. Those kids are to use up as many weapons as possible because back home there is employment and everybody is on the march. The Tax dollars are being used up but that's OK, it is for a noble cause. The weapons industry gets the people's money and the share market for nickel is doing fine.

When this one is over we can repeat the process because we are already selling weapons to a few despots around the world right now and their time will come. So then some more \$ billions in tax dollars can be siphoned off once more. There are many young people not yet born who can be dragged into the patriot game. They must prove that they love their country and so they must be prepared to fight for peace and worship a painted rag called a flag.

Patriotism is a good thing but don't let it be used to numb your brain because there are many undesirables that hide behind it. Remember the old saying, "Patriotism is the last refuge of the scoundrel". Be patriotic, respect that in a flag that deserves respect, but be sensible. Wars are a great money-spinner and guess what? This has all been said before.