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RE: A Call to Action in the Name of Democracy and Peace

Dear Pacific Alliance Members,

I am taking the opportunity of contacting you due to my dire concern about the future of the USA, and the Planet, under President Trump's Administration. While it appears that Trump will eventually be impeached, under the present US Constitution, his Vice-President, Mike Pence, will then become President. Unfortunately, Pence presents an even greater danger to American democratic process, and will continue on the same trajectory and usurpation of power by the Executive branch, that has been going on under Trump. Not only is the utter chaos, as well as the policies and agenda that Trump is advocating at present, very dangerous and detrimental to the USA, and its economy, but also to world peace, the ecosystem of the planet, and the global economy.

Due to the fact that Pacific Alliance governments owe a 'Duty to Protect' to the 37.5M Hispanics (70% of the Hispanic population) currently living and working in the USA, and who are particularly exposed to the dangerous rise of extremism, discrimination, hate-crimes, civil unrest and violence there, exacerbated by a xenophobic and racist President and his 'tweets'; I call upon you to denounce the current Administration's discriminatory and hate-mongering policies and rhetoric. Additionally, as neighbors of the USA who have been particularly, negatively impacted by their domestic policies, particularly their FAILED 'War on Drugs'; I call upon you to denounce the degradation of rule of law, and dangerous rise

of extremism and discrimination in American courts, (which has been fueled by the American government's 'War on Terror' in conjunction with their 'War on Drugs'.) Both of these policies are nothing more than justifications for arms and weapons sales, and military escalation, as well as oppression of minorities, in what is now referred to as the New Jim Crow in the USA.

Furthermore, as a region that is effected by global warmings, particularly during 'El Narino'; I call upon you to denounce the eco-unfriendly policies of the Trump Administration, including its promise to withdraw from the Paris Accords. And, finally I call upon you to denounce the efforts of the American government to export and perpetuate their unsustainable excessive consumerism (which is polluting the planet for the entire world), as well as predatory socio-economic and politically oppressive model to countries around the world. This is being done through their foreign policies, as much as their influence within policy-making in the IMF, World Bank, United Nations, International Finance Corp., International Development Bank, and development community in general. Instead of promoting and spreading democracy, free-trade, human rights, and social reforms, domestically and globally, since the end of WWII, and the Bretton Woods Agreement; the American government (with the assistance of the aforementioned organizations) has taken the lead in perpetuating the principles of colonialism and imperialism in countries, and economies, around the world. Please see my recent correspondence to the Executive Directors of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank.

The antiquated, socio-economic model of autocratic, oppressive societies of Europe were first challenged by British colonies in North America, in the 18th century, and were influenced by the Enlightenment in Europe, and religious reformation movements, in prior centuries. However, since then the 'Americans' have not effectively advanced the rights of humankind in a holistic and equitable manner, as the *status quo* in the present paradigm, so hypocritically pretends. Not only was the century after the American Revolution characterized by exploitation of the many, by the few (ie. Black slaves in the South, Europeans immigrants in the East and Mid-west, and Asians immigrants in the West), but it recreated the same paradigm that the Founding Fathers had challenged with the American Revolution, US Constitution, and their separation from Britain—with the same self-destructive results—unstable economies and unhealthy societies.

During the 18th century, in the aftermath of the American Revolution (1776-'83), the USA experienced a series of financial crises, namely Panic of 1785, Panic of 1792, and Panic of 1796–1797. Then the 19th century was plagued with crises, starting in 1819-'21, and continuing in 1837-mid '40s, and again in 1857-late '60s, culminating with the Long Depression of 1873-'79; which was the greatest depression the world had seen until the Great Depression of the 1930s. The contention of the Director of Research at the IMF, Olivier Blanchard, that financial crises are 'isolated incidents' and totally unrelated to each other, demonstrates to what extent the *status quo* in Washington, and throughout Europe, are in total denial as to the challenges economies face during their development, as well as in their 'maturity'. Financial crises have been occurring, and escalating since Roman times, in the 1st century; and by the end of the 20th century, and into the 21st century, they have become a truly global phenomenon. Case-study after case-study provides evidence of what NOT TO DO, yet central banks and governments keep playing the same game, and making the same mistakes as before (see documentary Inside Job, and non-fiction book, The Big Short.)

The reaction of central banks to financial crises is continual crisis management, with no focus on prevention, is further proof and evidence as to the predatory and exploitative nature of banking practices under autocratic, narcissistic ruling-classes with little governance and no transparency or accountability. This is the case at present, and one which is degrading daily—and why there is such a dire necessity of transforming progressive rhetoric to reality. However, since implementing progressive rhetoric entails

removing many of the old guard in government agencies, as well as those that regulate them, no one in the system is willing to ACT, lest they become the target of a with-hunt to silence their dissent as is the custom in oppressive societies, and how the matrix is maintained.

As explained by Ben Bernanke, previous Chairman of the Federal Reserve, in <u>The Balance's</u> article "<u>The Great Depression of 1929</u>"

...the central bank helped create the Depression. It used tight monetary policies when it should have done the opposite. Bernanke highlighted its five critical mistakes.

The Fed began raising the fed funds rate in the spring of 1928. It kept increasing it through a recession that began August 1929. That's what caused the stock market crash in October 1929.

When the stock market crashed, investors turned to the currency markets. At that time, the gold standard supported the value of the dollars held by the U.S. government. Speculators began trading in their dollars for gold September 1931. That created a run on the dollar.

The Fed raised interest rates again to preserve the dollar's value. That further restricted the availability of money for businesses. More bankruptcies followed.

The Fed did not increase the supply of money to combat deflation.

Investors withdrew all their deposits from banks. The failure of the banks created more panic. The Fed ignored the banks' plight. This situation destroyed any of consumers' remaining confidence in financial institutions. Most people withdrew their cash and put it under their mattresses. That further decreased the money supply.

The Fed did not put enough money in circulation to get the economy going again. Instead, the Fed allowed total supply of U.S. dollars to fall 30 percent.

What Ended the Great Depression of 1929?

In 1932, the country elected Franklin D. Roosevelt as president. He promised to create federal government programs to end the Great Depression. Within 100 days, he signed the New Deal into law. It created 42 new agencies. They were designed to create jobs, allow unionization and provide unemployment insurance. Many of these programs still exist. They include Social Security, the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. These programs help safeguard the economy and prevent another depression. (Source: "The New Deal," Roosevelt Institute.

Many argue that World War II, not the New Deal, ended the Depression. But if FDR had spent as much on the New Deal as he did during the War, it would have ended the Depression...

Ever since the Depression, and FDR's New Deal, central banks have been relying on the same monetary policies to deal with unstable economies, caused by unstable financial markets, with bank bail-outs and injection of capital into financial markets the preferred 'tools' of the US Federal Reserve, and American government. In response to the 2008 financial crisis the Fed increased its holding on treasury bonds from \$900B to \$4.5T, which it still <u>carries on its books today, with the intention of divesting itself from these holding in the coming year</u>. Unfortunately, Americans today are as indebted as they were in '08, with <u>less</u>

debt held in mortgages, but more in student and automobile loans, as well as credit card debt.

Additionally, the US Fed was not the only central bank to inject enormous amounts of taxpayer's monies into financial markets in response to the 2008 collapse. The Japanese injected \$2.9T, the European Central Bank (ECB) injected \$2T, and the UK injected \$580B into their financial markets, during which time Europeans have become increasingly, and dangerously, reliant on consumer debt creating and exacerbating financial bubbles. Eastern Europeans hold between 34% and 58% in debt-to-income ratios, with the rest of Europeans holding between 62% and 265%. It should be noted that the highest ratio for approval for a mortgage loan in the USA, is 43% of debt-to-income—clearly indicating that Europeans are following the same dysfunctional path of over-indebtedness as the Americans, which is estimated at 370% debt-to-income. The excessive-consumerism, socio-economic model that Americans are living today is a direct contradiction of their 'puritanical' origins, and what propelled them to flee the hedonism, excesses, and income inequality of Europe in the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries.

FDR's New Deal was responsible for creating a myriad of new federal agencies, with which to "stabilize the US financial system, provide relief to farmers and jobs to unemployed, and build private-public partnerships to boost manufacturing." These organizations are still in existence today as explained, in the Balance's article "FDR and the New Deal: Programs, Timeline, Did It Work?." Unfortunately, while programs under the New Deal provided relief for Americans in the short-term, it was counter-productive from a Keynesian perspective in the long-term. The programs, policies, and agencies created by the New Deal were protectionistic, and interfered with free-market systems, and competitiveness of American manufacturers and labor markets within global economies for decades to come. Additionally, all of these agencies since their inception have continued to grow in size, but are so plagued with mismanagement and bureaucracy that they are counter-productive, as explained in the article, "The Government Payroll is Longer than You Might Think," by Professor Paul Light of New York University.

Additionally, as seen in Professor Light's Washington Post article below, "The Real Crisis in Government," by 2005 was that the federal government employed 14.6 million, an increase of 4.5 million from 1999, with state and local governments employing an additional 19.5 million by 2005. And, if one includes "shadow" jobs (contracts, grantees, and bailed-out businesses) in their calculations, the American government employed 40 million, or 17% of the US labor-force by 2005. However, instead of effectively serving constituency since their inception, the civil servants in these agencies (along with others created in the interim, ie. Homeland Security) have become more and more numerous, as well as more and more bureaucratic, inefficient, negligent, and oppressive with each passing decade,

The systemic failures that led to the attempted bombing of Northwest Flight 253 are, sadly, all too familiar. Substitute the words "Christmas Day plot" for tainted meat, poisoned peppers, aircraft groundings, the Columbia shuttle accident, Hurricane Katrina, counterfeit Heparin, toxic toys, the banking collapse, Bernie Madoff or even Sept. 11, and the failure to put Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab on the "no-fly" list becomes yet another indication that the federal government can no longer guarantee the faithful execution of our laws. There have been many studies of this issue over the years, including a long list from the Partnership for Public Service. But none are more important than two reports of the National Commission on the Public Service (which, full disclosure, I helped write). Chaired by former Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul A. Volcker, the 1988 commission involved a "who's who" of public servants, including Gerald Ford, Walter Mondale, Vernon Jordan, Donna Shalala, Doug Fraser, John Gardner, Charles "Mac" Mathias, Ed Muskie, John Brademas, Derek Bok and Elliot Richardson.

The commission's report warned about the "quiet crisis" that had emerged in government performance. Citing the need for talented employees at all levels, it highlighted growing

problems in attracting talented Americans to government service and what it called a "profound erosion in public trust."

Fifteen years later, a second national commission assessed the quiet crisis, [Urgent Business for the America: Revitalizing the American Government for the 21st Century, 2003] which, by then, was deafening. Instead of focusing on just the people of government, this panel looked at the widening federal agenda after the Sept. 11 attacks as well as underlying causes of poor performance and frequent breakdowns. The final report minced no words: "There are too many decision-makers, too much central clearance, too many bases to touch, and too many overseers with conflicting agendas . . . accountability is hard to discern and harder still to enforce."

The indictment -- sound familiar? -- can be traced to four bureaucratic problems that plague the federal government.

First, the federal government currently has the most confusing hierarchy in its history...

Second, a quarter to half of these layers are filled by political appointees, each of whom must go through an agonizing approval process....

Third, front-line government employees have expressed serious concerns about their jobs. Interviewed in mid-2008 by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, less than half of a random sample of federal employees said their agencies were able to recruit employees with the right skills, just over a third said promotions were based on merit, and even fewer said their agencies took steps to deal with poor performers....

Fourth, the federal government is increasingly dependent on a huge workforce of employees who operate in the shadows. According to estimates from Eagle Eye Publishers, prepared on my behalf, the number of federal contractors grew from an estimated 4.4 million in 1999 to more than 7.5 million by the end of the 2005 fiscal year. Given the continued rise in federal procurement spending, the number of contractors is almost certainly higher today. As the number of large contracts has increased and competition has declined, it has become nearly impossible to hold anyone accountable for what goes right or wrong.

Tinkering will not fix these problems. Congress and the president must embrace far-reaching reform in what government is asked to do and how it implements laws. The question is not whether government has an audacious agenda but whether it can convert great endeavors into achievement.

The current state of affairs in the USA parallels conditions leading up to the Great Depression of the '30s, with the socio-economic trends during the 'Golden-Age' of the 1980s-'90s similar to the 'Roaring Twenties' (1920s) and 'Gilded-Age' (1870-1900); both of which helped set the stage for WWI and WWII, respectively. (Please see Table 1). Events leading up to WWII, and socio-economic problems created, were further exacerbated by Prohibition in the USA in the '20s. The USA is seeing the same socio-economic response to the American government's 'War on Drugs' as seen to 'Prohibition'—namely rise of extremism, discrimination, mass-incarceration, and organized crime rings. Problems and issues have been further exacerbated by widespread *laissez-faire* politics, deregulation, criminal negligence, and hedonism, since the Reagan Era. While the Obama Administration was filled with progressive rhetoric, it followed the same "in bed with the banking industry" policies as the Clinton Administration (see "The Tragedy of Hillary Clinton and Her Generation" by Charles Ferguson).

Additionally, their, and the Democrat's, favoritism for urbanites, Millennials, corporate interests, and the 1% elite, forgetting about Middle-America, the 'Bible-belt', the 'Deep-South', and the shrinking middle-class; is why a bankruptcy-building, businessman, who is also 'in bed' with corporate interests, 'luxury-urban' life-styles, Millennials, and the 1% elite, became President of the USA. The right-wing extremism on the rise in the USA, and now 'in power' at the highest level, must be combatted both externally, as well as internally.

The antiquated political process in the USA, particularly the excessively expensive elections, as well as political policies, and priorities, of both the Democrats and Republicans, are in dire need of reform; in their structures, as well as direction. To further complicate the situation, the American press is nothing other than a propaganda machine, filled with pundits and witch-hunts, and more interested in profit margins than responsible journalism. Even the independent press outlets that have been created on the Internet since '10 (i.e. <u>The Intercept, The Center for Public Integrity</u>, etc.) are ineffective in exposing the reality, and gravity, of the social, political, and economic situation in the USA.

The American 'War on Drugs', which started under the Nixon Administration in the '70s, and escalated under the Reagan Administration in the '80s, is a FAILED 'War', and one which has cost US taxpayers over \$1T dollars (\$51B/year), since its inception. It is also, in part, responsible for the rise of an oppressive government and regime in the USA, which has the largest incarceration rate in the world, incarcerating 22% of the world's prison population. However, not only has the American government's FAILED 'War on Drugs' had a detrimental effect on the American people, and the break down in the rule of law and integrity of its judicial systems; but it has been responsible for the escalation of illegal, drug-production in countries throughout Latin America, particularly members of the Pacific Alliance for decades. This drug-production, has in turn, been in part responsible for rampant corruption of Latin American governments and their institutions, as well as the displacement and human rights violations of rural populations throughout Latin America. President Trump's glowing praise of Philippine President Duarte's 'War on Drugs' which has already killed 7000 Philippines in extra-judicial murders, (as documented by The Intercept's article "New Film Shows the Brutality of Duarte's Murderous Drug War in the Philippines") should be of SUPREME CONCERN for the Pacific Alliance countries.

The contention of the Trump Administration that Mexico should pay (up to \$70B) for Trump's infamous 'Wall'; is not only insulting to Mexico (and all Latin America), but RIDICULOUS! Trump's promise exposes not only his mental instability, but also his total, and complete lack of understanding of macroeconomics, and the American economy. What 'Americans' fail to understand in their belief that 'everyone' wants to migrate to the 'land of opportunity and equality'; is that most immigrants are fleeing poverty, unemployment, violence, and/or political persecution in their home countries, rather than aspiring to 'fame-and-fortune' in the 'land of milk-and-honey'. Donald Trump won the US Elections to "drain The Swamp" as much as Hillary Clinton lost the US Elections with her campaign slogan to "Keep America Great," failing to realize that 'America' was never 'Great' to begin with.

In '09, I returned to Washington, DC (and the US), right after President Obama entered Office. I had originally left the US in '76, and then again in '88, after having abandoned a career in politics (and then finance), disgusted with the hedonism and immorality within the American government, and society in general. During my absence, I lived in Europe (England, France, Spain and Belgium), as well as 6-years in Colombia, and observed with dismay not only the exportation of American dysfunctionality to countries throughout Europe (and the world), but also the terrible downward, trajectory of the American government and society, in the interim years. Not only was the Obama Administration as unsuccessful as the Clinton Administration in reversing the damage done to the USA, its society, and economy, by the Reagan and Bush Administrations; but they were as much in Denial as to the reality of problems and

challenges facing the US, its people and its economy, as the Clinton Administration. I, along with Michael Moore, was one of the few who (fearfully) predicted that Donald Trump would win his bid for Presidency with a promise to "drain The Swamp," for the simple fact that The Swamp desperately needs 'draining'. Unfortunately, Trump, instead of "draining The Swamp" has been filling it with more crocodiles, alligators, and sharks from the banking community and corporate world, namely Goldman Sachs.

During the past 8 years, while those in 'The Swamp' have been attending high-level meetings, giving speeches, and accepting awards, I have been working 18-hours a day, 7-days a week, diligently reading all of the reports they should be reading, and understanding (but are not), and meticulously researching the socio-economic problems under the purview of the IMF, World Bank, and United Nations. The results of my research are posted in reports, and correspondence to American and Spanish authorities, on my activism website, www.warondomesticterrorism.com, as well as my blogs on the HuffPost, LinkedIn, and Womenalia (a Spanish, women's networking website). My intersectional examination (see Reading List) of the issues in my reports and writings (see Table of Contents) exposes the extent to which the IMF, World Bank, United Nations, and development community in general, are failing to understand challenges, and even less develop solutions to those challenges, calling attention to my report FfD: A Midsummer Night's Dream-Vol. 1 and Vol. 2. Correspondence posted on the website also identifies, and names, the various actors within the American government (as well as international agencies) who have a legal obligation to act, but who are criminally negligent in their REFUSAL to do so.

The reason that Results-Based Management (RBM) was invented by the development community is because NO ONE is examining their actions, and the consequence of their actions under human rights standards. Therefore, instead of addressing the underlying issues, namely failure of actors in development communities to effectively transform their rhetoric into reality, and ACT, they produced another mantra, and myriad of 'window-dressing' jobs filled with empty rhetoric, and lots of acronyms. NGOs and the development community are no more effective in implementing their rhetoric, as the religious institutions they have replaced in secular societies, under separation of church and state.

What all of the 'experts' in the development community are miserably failing to understand is that religions, and religious institutions, have not been at 'fault' for the rampant human rights violations committed in their name, or by them directly. But, it is rather the interpretation, and its application of 'scriptures', by psychopathic members of religious institutions, that has been the downfall of all of the religions for thousands of years. The only difference in the present situation is that it is secular institutions and their psychopathic 'personnel' who are guilty of systemic human rights violations and crimes against humanity, rather than psychopathic, religious 'personnel'. And, in the same way, using the same tactics (silencing victims with intimidation and/or disdain and bullying), that religious institutions (ie. the Catholic Church) are covering-up, and thereby sustaining abuses of power in their organizations and the communities they serve, the development community, and its many actors, are covering-up for abuses of power throughout its communities, as well as societies they 'serve'.

Centuries of colonial imperialism in the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Middle-East produced societies and economies that were as exploitative and predatory as the European countries which conquered and colonialized them. Even after countries on these continents won their independence from their colonial rulers, they continued with the same oppressive regimes as before. And, while the past 50 years has seen a reversal in the number of 'democracies' (on paper) versus autocratic and dictatorial governments which permeate the planet; none of these societies and their governments have been successful in transforming their constitutions and progressive rhetoric to reality.

While most policy-makers (and the general public) believe that the 'key' to a successful democracy lies with a transparent and accountable legislative branch, and one which will properly oversee, and 'control', the executive branch; the judicial branch is where laws, and rights of citizens are upheld and enforced. Until, and unless, judicial branches are put under the scrutiny of executive and legislative branches, as well as made to understand that they are NOT ABOVE the law, the oppressive paradigm of the past will continue to reign, as well as assure the demise of the Planet. The attitude of civil servants and those within NGOs (at local, regional, national, and international levels) that they "can do whatever they want," because they enjoy 'immunity' is rampant, out of control, and completely covered-up by middle and upper management, as well as HR departments. My complaint to the IMF for workplace bullying, and the ongoing refusal of IMF internal over-sight functions to examine the evidence under human rights standards, civil and penal codes, as well as laws regarding harassment and intimidation, is a perfect example of how, and why, the matrix is held together. FIBGAR's working paper "The Balance of Immunity and Impunity in the Prosecution of International Crimes" by Jimena Sofia Viveros Alvarez, provides an explanation of why these actors cannot claim 'immunity' for labor rights violations, discrimination, harassment, etc. by individual employees, as well as agendas and ideologies that promote unstable economies, oppressive governments, and other crimes against humanity—in direct contradiction to their mandates.

Ingrid Betancourt, former Colombian presidential candidate, and FARC captive, based her presidential campaign on combating judicial corruption (as well as negotiation with guerrilla forces for Peace). And, while I was supportive of Ingrid's bid for Presidency in Colombia in 2002, as President of the French expat association, Bogota Accueil (2001-02) as well as a French and American citizen; I disagreed with Betancourt's contention that the Colombian judicial system, and government, should strive to be 'like' the American and European judicial system, and governments, in terms of transparency and accountability. The myth, of 'benevolent' civil servants who diligently do their jobs with integrity and transparency in 'developed/civilized' countries, while the negligence and corruption is exclusively found in 'developing/uncivilized' countries, is exactly that A MYTH, and one which needs to be de-bunked in the development community, legal community, and political parties. As stated, many of the socio-economic problems that plague our planet find their roots in the dysfunctional and imperialistic socio-economic model of Europe and the USA. And in my blog "Abuse and Torture Go Far Beyond Broken Bones, It Breaks the Heart and Spirit and Is So Designed," I explain how the guerrilla elements Ingrid faced in the jungles of Colombia, are no different than those I have encountered in the 'concrete jungles' of Washington (and Madrid) in the past decade.

What Ingrid Betancourt (and <u>Baltasar Garzon</u>) fail to realize in their lobbying, and negotiations, for peace with Colombian guerrilla, is that guerrilla (and drug-cartel) elements in Latin America have been created, and have risen to power, due to the failure of governments to have provided proper infra-structure and social assistance programs (health and education particularly) to the masses in previous decades. If one examines drug-lords, such as Pablo Escobar and 'El Chapo', they only aspired to the great wealth that the present paradigm exults as 'being a sign of success'—noting that drug-lords are no different than pharmaceutical companies, in the 'service' they provide to a dysfunctional society. The 'power' games that go on within groups, whatever their size, station in life, or nationality are the same the world over, and is the dominating force within the most primitive, as well as most 'civilized' societies the world over. While I staunchly denounce violence in all its forms, I do recognize that those who resort to violence, and/or take up arms (throughout history) have done so, due to the failure of incumbent government systems to address the grievances of oppressed, or un-represented groups in the society.

During my 7-year tenure within the IMF as a 'floater' secretary, I was the target of bullying, and sabotage of my work, on many occasions. However, on 2 separate occasions, the bullying and harassment escalated

to horrific proportions, and ended in my wrongful, and illegal termination, as well as aggravation and escalation of symptoms of post-traumatic stress (PST), (caused by decades of domestic abuse, followed by years of legal abuse in the Spanish judicial system). Unfortunately, instead of dealing with the problems, and holding perpetrators accountable, IMF managers, and staff, particularly HR department staff, have, and continue to cover-up for the bullies, as well as their crimes. The IMF, and its HR department, with the evidence and analysis I provided, has the unique opportunity to develop a model program with which to combat the elevated level of bureaucracy, incompetence and harmful hiring and promotion practices, as well as bullying and labor rights violations in the workplace (and its cover-up). However, instead they are CHOOSING to implicate themselves as accessories to the criminal negligence of their employees—as is 'habitual custom' within the Fund. Instead of seizing an opportunity to take ACTION that would result in a 'trickle-down' of governance, transparency and accountability in the work-place, the IMF is demonstrating its bad-faith, and culture of cover-ups and corruption, with its present ostrich-playing, and omission of actions. It is obvious that if the IMF and its employees are ineffective (and incapable) of dealing with its own internal management problems, it will be ineffective in assuring that government agencies they have the responsibility to 'oversee' are effective in dealing with their internal management problems. 'Capacity development' must focus on exposing corruption and institutionalized negligence, rather than continually covering it up.

In exposing the manipulations and abuses of power upon which 'civilized' societies are based, in my reports and blogs of the past decade, I demonstrate how Nietzsche's 'Will to Power' is omni-present within the present paradigm, and the driving force behind oppressive societies. In a society, the veneer of 'civilization' is only held together by what the *status quo* is willing to tolerate as 'acceptable behavior', rather than what is included in constitutions, penal and civil codes, as well as national and international laws. Literary work such as Dracula, Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, Lord of the Flies, etc. explore the 'darkside' of human behavior, and the social norms which keeps man's baser-animal instinct from controlling and dominating 'civilized' society. The contention of colonial conquerors that they were justified in horrific human rights violations in countries they invaded, because they were 'civilizing savages and infidels' in the process; exposes the hypocrisy of the 'civilized' world. The rational of those in power who violate the rights of others, always justifying their actions with psychopathic explanations and excuses, is totally ludicrous and unacceptable.

The idea, and contention, of the wealthy that it is the most intelligent and innovative people who are remunerated financially for their ideas and hard-work, is de-bunked time and again throughout history. In the present paradigm, it is the most manipulative, exploitative, and best 'con-artists' in society who are financially remunerated for their dishonesty; sub-sequentially perpetuating and encouraging income inequality, discrimination, violence, and ensuing social unrest. One of the main differences between human beings and most other animals is their ability to work together in cooperative groups to achieve a common goal; necessitating the capacity for empathy (and morality) amongst its members. Since the beginning of time, mankind has been grappling with over-coming his (and her) baser animal instincts, through cultural and social norms and traditions handed down from one generation to another. The development of social norms, protocol, and arts and culture by monarchs and aristocracy in Europe in past centuries was in order to develop a 'civilized' upper-class and luxury life-style to which the lower classes could aspire and emulate—and why 'indiscretions' of nobility and monarchs needed to be continually covered-up, to maintain the façade of 'civilization'.

While monarchs of Europe (and elsewhere) have undoubtedly had more than their share of autocratic and oppressive monarchs and nobility, the heredity nature of these groups assured that family interests across generations would supersede narcissistic interests of individual members. Even though this situation oppressed members of their own group, with restrictive traditions and norms in regards to

marriage, and social interaction with members of lower classes, it did maintain certain standards, norms, and morals within societies, guiding the economical "invisible hand" (Adam Smith), as well as 'acceptable' codes of conduct in 'polite-society'. However, with the break-down in rigid class structures and hierarchies, particularly in the past 50 years, *nouveau-riche* have risen to power, and are the new ruling elite, who have not been trained, and primed, since birth to fulfill the obligations and responsibilities of assuring 'good-governance' in society, as the 'old money' elite. The *nouveau riche* believe that since they have grappled up the ladder of success, it is now their 'Right' (and turn) to exploit and oppress 'the masses,' particularly targeting previously favored groups (with white, deposed 'trophywives' on the top of their 'hit list'). This in turns serves as the motor for friction between these groups, as well as rise in extremism, violence and terrorism within communities. Rhetoric is not translating to reality, because none of the actors understand how, and why, the principles and ideologies they so vociferously espouse apply to them.

My ancestry, and historical figures in my family tree, who have been combating autocracies and their abuses of power, dates back to the 16th century, and the rise of British imperialism and colonialism under Elizabeth I. Thomas Wilcox was co-author of the Puritan Manifesto (1572), and spent a year in the Tower of London, as well as life-long persecution, in reprisal for his 'dissent'. The origins of the Puritan movement and Wilcox's role in that movement (which gave genesis to the modern human rights movement), is explained in my blog "Economic Stability, the Puritan Manifesto and the Two Mr. Penns – Part 1." The much, lauded socio-economic model of the 'American Dream' was even built on the work ethics of the early Puritans, which along with other reformist religious orders in Europe, set the stage for the American Revolution and War of Independence. And, contrary to popular belief, the Puritan, then later Quaker movement in England were not the oppressive and austere religions that they eventually became, with the Salem Witch trials in the 'New World', one of the most extreme of these examples (see my blog, "Penn Economic Stability, the Puritan Manifesto and the Two Mr. Penns – Part 2"). So, while the globalization which began during the 15th century, was responsible for many, many rampant human rights violations, and crimes against humanity, it was also responsible for uniting the world, socially as well as economically, and politically. It has also brought 'mankind' to its present 'cross-roads of humanity', where we determine the survival, or demise, of our planet and humankind. The actions that Pacific Alliance and other international organizations take at present will have a profound effect on the future of the planet and mankind.

My family tree also includes two major actors in the American Revolution, John Paul Jones (<u>Father of the American Navy</u>) and <u>John Dickinson</u> (Penman of the Revolution and author of the <u>Articles of Confederation</u>, the 1st US Constitution), and continues on into the 20th century with my grand-father, the first white lawyer to successfully defend a black man in the 'Deep South' (Alabama, 1910), and my father, <u>William C. Wilcox</u>, MD, who has been combating the greedy, for-profit medical system in the USA his entire career. Additionally, it includes Winston Churchill, noting the parallels in his speech "<u>The Lights are Going Out</u>, 1938," with the situation at present, except for the fact that the 'dangers' and 'threats' of a rising dictatorship are found in the USA this time around. As repeatedly seen in history, the oppressed are becoming the oppressors; changing the names of those in power, but not the 'Rules of the Game,' as I explain in my blogs <u>Open Letter to Joseph Stiglitz</u>, <u>Time to Start "Re-writing the Rules</u>," <u>Instead of "Playing the Same Old Game!"- Part 1</u> and <u>Part 2</u>

Many 'big-wigs' in the development community, looking down their noses at me in the past decade, may have attended more university courses than I, and been playing 'The Game', that I 'opted-out of' decades ago. However, I do not believe they can claim that their families have been fighting the 'Axis of Evil' for the past 5 centuries, starting with Elizabeth I, and the 'Golden Age' of expansionism, coming full-circle with the reign of Elizabeth II, and Britain's regression into national extremism, and protectionism,

with Brexit. It should be noted that Brexit marks the final demise of the British Empire, providing further evidence and proof, that the imperialistic/colonial model which reigns in the present paradigm is unsustainable, as well as self-destructive. This paradigm is only sustainable while there exists economies and societies that are exploitable. However, when the 'exploitable' resources run dry the entire matrix collapses on itself—as seen in case-study, after case-study of European empires built on colonialism and imperialism in the past 6 centuries.

While I do not come from a wealthy family, I come from a privileged back-ground in terms of educational opportunities, particularly secondary-school; attending exclusive boarding schools in England (Cobham Hall), then the USA (Foxcroft School). Not only was the academic level in these schools elevated, but students were highly encouraged to think, and question. Additionally, my mother indoctrinated in my siblings, and myself, the 'social-graces' and the importance of 'networking' abilities amongst the ruling-elite from a very young age. However, not only did I learn all of the 'social graces' of the upper-class while young, I learned of the 'dark-side' of the 'game-playing' that manipulative, socialite mothers use on their children, particularly their daughters, in their 'pawn-games' and social-climbing exploits. Not only did I observe these dynamics in my own family, but also in the families of many of my class-mates in these schools. Socialite, and 'Deb of the Decade', Cornelia Guest was in my class at Foxcroft, in Middleburg, VA, along with many other daughters of the ruling-class elite in the USA in the '80s, and directly implicated in producing the 'Gilded-Age' of the '80s and '90s.

The manner in which Cornelia's mother, <u>C.Z. Guest</u>, NYC high-society, socialite-Queen in the '60s, '70s and '80s, <u>used her daughter for Nancy Reagan's ambitious agenda</u> (to bring the 'Gilded Age' back to American society), is a perfect example of the dysfunctional dynamics of the ruling-elite, and their hypocrisy. Other notable socialites from the American ruling-class in my class ('81) were <u>Leigh Topping Brady</u>, daughter-in-law of Secretary of Treasury under Reagan and Bush, and 'author' of '<u>Brady Bonds</u>', <u>Nicholas Brady</u>; <u>D.D. Alexander Matz</u> of the <u>King Ranch in Texas</u>; <u>Bettina Drummond</u>, grand-daughter of <u>Marshall Field III</u>, And, on the <u>"other side of the Pond"</u> a few years prior at <u>Cobham Hall</u>, I was rubbing shoulders with the British ruling elite, with the likes of <u>Jennie Churchill</u>, great grand-daughter of Winston Churchill, and <u>Lady Henrietta Bathurst</u>, whose brother is the 9th Earl of Bathurst, and close friend of Prince Charles.

Additionally, in my class at Foxcroft was, Jennifer Shaw, daughter of former Congressman from Florida, E. Clay Shaw, Jr., author of the Missing Child Act (1984, reauthorized in 2013). This Act provides \$40M/year for the Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which **instead of protecting** sexually exploited children is being used to hunt abused and exploited children, and return them to their abusers. The high-profile case of Spanish national, Maria Jose Carrascosa, and her illegal detention for 8 years in a New Jersey jail in efforts to protect her child from her abusive father, and involvement of the Center for Missing Children, demonstrates how, and why, corruption and negligence in government agencies is being used to oppress, exploit, and silence women and children. And, even though the reauthorization of the Act in '13 was dedicated to the recently deceased Shaw, for the past decade, Jennifer has claimed that her father has no more 'friends' or influence in Washington. What Shaw (along with others I have contacted) fail to understand is that I am not looking for 'favors' or 'favoritism', but rather for civil servants to start DOING THEIR JOBS, as provided for under the Law! The same hypocrisy, and failure of public authorities to understand their obligations under the Law (and constitutions) is also seen in former American Ambassador to Spain, Alan Solomont's refusal to protect and defend the rights of American citizens in corrupt Spanish courts, but who had no qualms in attacking the judicial independence and sovereignty of the Spanish government in the cover-up of the murder of a Spanish journalist (Jose Couso) by oppressive American military personnel in Iraq. As seen, even at the highest level of power NO ONE understands the basic principles of democratic procedure, their

obligation to uphold and defend that procedure, nor how the checks-and-balances within a democracy should function.

Even though all of my former school-mates are well-familiar with my own case in Spain, and ensuing research, activism work, and lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill, White House, and State Department for the past decade, through Facebook and Linkedin postings, none of them are willing to use their connections and networks to combat the oppressive and corrupt government they, and their parents, help to create and sustain in the past 40 years. It should be noted that Congressman Shaw was also an ardent supporter of the Reagan's 'War on Drugs.' However, as seen, the reality of the 'War on Drugs' was that it was nothing other than a political ploy to detract attention away from an increasingly oppressive government and the REAL problem—Why do so many Americans increasingly need so many drugs (illegal and legal) to survive? The REFUSAL of the many, many contacts in my networks around the world to utilize their position, as well as contacts exposes the elevated level of complicity amongst all of the major and minor players in power to the dire state of world affairs and elevated level of corruption that rules it.

Networking platforms, like Linkedin and Facebook, have shown how people are connected to networks in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degrees, as well as the importance of social and professional networking. But, what these platforms have not demonstrated is how to initiate positive change by uniting and directing networks towards a common goal—for the simple fact that they lack 'Leadership'. Mafias and organized crime rings are very adept at utilizing their connections to execute, and cover-up, their criminal activity. But, as seen in the present paradigm, 'polite-society' (along with the NGOs) are not only REFUSING to use their connects to break up these 'terrorist cells', but rather complacently 'watching'. Unfortunately, under penal law, and human rights standards, these 'ladies' and 'gentlemen' are accessories to the crimes they are covering-up by their omission of action. One of my friends from Cobham Hall, is an Indian socialite, Vinita Gupta, (wife of Harsh Gupta, Executive Director of Rossell India) who told me years ago that in India women can be thrown on the streets with nothing, when their husband's 'tire' of them. She added, however, that those of the upper-classes would not 'do such a thing' as it is 'socially unacceptable'—highlighting that it is the norms of 'acceptability' that guides a society, rather than the rules and laws. Corruption is 'EVERYWHERE' for the simple fact that 'EVERYONE' in power, and with a legal and/or moral obligation to ACT, are turning a blind-eye to the cesspool in which they live and work.

While Nancy Reagan was jet-setting around the world launching her now infamous <u>campaign against drug-abuse</u>, the American elite (with <u>'crofties</u> at the Lead), Wall Street 'golden-boys', and Congressional and White House staffers were hypocritically, busy, snorting cocaine, drinking champagne, and partying all night long on tax-payer's monies. All the while, Cornelia Guest was one of the lead cheer-leaders of the partying, setting the 'tone' of the '80s, and its 'Gilded Age'. (See my blog <u>Fractured Fairytale Deb vs. Deb of the Decade: Observations of a CSO Rep at IMF/WB Spring Mtgs – Part 28.</u>) Nancy Reagan's campaign against illegal drugs (but silent on the evils of pharmaceutical drugs), while actively creating and promoting a paradigm that causes drug-use, and abuse (illegal and pharmaceutical drugs), is a perfect example of how, and why, abusive and oppressive people are the most vocal about substance abuse, while pointing their finger at, and shining the limelight on, their victims, to cover-up for their sadistic games. My own mother makes Nancy Reagan and CZ Guest look like angels, and I am well aware of the tactics of abusers to detract attention away from their abuse, by accusing their victims of substance abuse and/or mental disorders. The true 'War' that must by fought is the 'War Within', and why my activism website is called 'War on Domestic Terrorism'.

The causal effect of psychological abuse on drug-addiction (illegal and legal) is well-documented, as is the cover-up for that abuse, by women, as well as NGOs, charged with the task of protecting victims. As the UN report "In-depth Study on All Forms of Violence Against Women (VAW)," states "[w]hile

women commit a small proportion of intimate partner violence, they are involved to a greater degree in the perpetration of harmful traditional practices." Additionally, the report, "Good Practices in Combating and Eliminating Violence Against Women (VAW)," states, local NGOs are "[t]oo often inter-agency work at local levels [which are] little more than window-dressing meetings, roundtables and even entire projects which result in reports, workshops or conferences, but create minimal change in the support, safety and services provided for victims/survivors, the sanctions applied to perpetrators or the efforts aimed at prevention."

It was the 'awakening' of feminist, <u>Betty Friedan</u>, and her 'discontent' with the post-WWII 'boom', and the dysfunctionality, and emptiness, of hedonistic consumerism, that launched the western feminist movement with publication of the <u>Feminine Mystique</u>, '63. This movement was then taken over and warped by the alpha-dominance feminists for decades to come, and which presently dominates political, economic and social ideologies and debates, globally. The same 'discontent' Friedan experienced, and rejected, was the same 'discontent' which propelled the Civil Rights movement of Afro-Americans, and the 'hippy' movement of the '60s and '70s, in the USA. This in turn was counter-attacked with a 'backlash' by right-wing extremists in the '70s and '80s, as explained by sociologist, and journalist, Susan Faludi in <u>Backlash: The Undeclared War Against American Women</u>, and <u>Stiffed: The Betrayal of the American Man</u>. It is this back-drop which provided the foundation for the Reagan's <u>laissez-faire</u> politics, return to the 'Gilded Age', rise of mergers and acquisitions and corporate greed, as well as break-down in the rule of law—culminating in a situation 4-decades later where a bankruptcy-building buffoon, became President of the USA, and Leader of the 'free-world'.

Western feminists (Gloria Steinem, Eleanor Smeal, Terry O'Neil, Judith Lichtman, etc.) and their alpha-dominance feminist movement, is the most overt and globally harmful example of the extent to which women perpetuate VAW, as well as bullying and dominance cultures within societies. Instead of 'liberating' women, the western feminist movement of the past 50 years, has rendered them more slaves to their families and societies than they were before the movement. One of the greatest fallacies that American western feminists have injected into political and economic ideologies, was that by placing women in positions of power, gender equality, and 'liberation' of women, would occur. This has NOT been the reality of the situation, and as the past 50 years has shown, women's entry to the positions of power have only enabled and empowered bullying, and mafia-style networks within the work-place, and promoted squabbling, infighting and chaos in the political arena. New York Times journalist, Mark Leibovich, exposes the level of superficiality, hypocrisy, and inertia amongst the political ruling elite in Washington in his best-seller *This Town*. And, much of the break-down in the political process, civility of debates, and ability to reach consensus of politicians in the US in the past decades is due to entry of women into positions of power within the political arena.

However, solutions do not lie in restricting women's access to positions of power, or entry into professions traditionally occupied almost exclusively by men, but rather in exposing bullying networks, and breaking up these mafias—instead of empowering and enabling them as is presently the case. The example that the Washington ruling elite (in the White House, Congress, Justice Department, IMF, World Bank, etc.) is setting for the rest of the World, and which the world is following, is the same as seen in the rise to power of dictatorships in the past. And, as seen in the past, everyone enabling and empowering these bullying networks, are accessories to the criminal activity for which they are covering-up by their omission of actions. The Nuremberg Trials, as well as the Magna Carta, clearly establish the fact that governments and their representatives are NOT ABOVE THE LAW, as they are currently contending with their ostrich-playing and cover-ups.

One of the most flagrant examples of how the development community is failing to implement their progressive rhetoric with ACTION, and the necessary jurisprudence, is Baltasar Garzon's NGO Fundacion Internacional Baltazar Garzon FIBGAR, and law firm International Legal Office for Cooperation and Development (ILOCAD), along with the Spanish/Colombian initiative Women's Link Worldwide (WLW). I have been contacting ILOCAD and WLW for years, lobbying them to develop the jurisprudence in the international courts that is needed with which to expose the rampant human rights violations being perpetrated by court systems (penal and civil) against defenseless citizens. However, instead of producing jurisprudence, and transforming their rhetoric into reality, Garzon is producing the same type of 'window-dressing' initiatives as everyone else with FIGBAR conference, workshops, reports and meetings of 'experts' to 'schmooze-and-cruise'. Unfortunately, their omission of action is rendering them accessories to the cover-up of rampant human rights violations within, and by family courts systems globally, under the Spanish penal code and Constitution, and Roma Statutes, and I quote,

Spanish Penal Code

Article 607 bis—On crimes against humanity

Conviction for crimes against humanity shall befall whoever commits the acts foreseen in the following Section as part of a widespread or systematic attack on the civil population or against part thereof.

In all cases, committing such acts shall be deemed a crime against humanity when:

- 1. Due to the victim pertaining to a group or community persecuted for political, racial, national, ethnic, cultural, religious or another kind of reasons, disability, or other motives universally recognised as unacceptable under International Law;
- 2. In the context of an institutionalised regime of systematic oppression and domination of a racial group over one or more racial groups and with the intention of maintaining such a regime.

Article 131

- 1. Felonies prescribe:
- 4. Crimes against humanity and of genocide..., shall not have a statute of limitations.

Article 451—On covering up

Whoever has knowledge of a felony committed and, without having intervened in it as a principal, subsequently intervenes in its execution, in any of the following manners, shall be punished with a sentence of imprisonment of six months to three years:

- 1. Aiding the principals or accomplices to benefit from the gains, product or price of the offence, without intending personal profit;
- 2. Hiding, altering or destroying the evidence, effects or instruments of an offence, to prevent it being discovered;
- 3. Aiding the suspected criminals to avoid investigation by the authority or its agents, or to escape search or capture, whenever any of the following circumstances concur:
 - a) That the act covered up amounts to treason ... genocide, crimes against humanity, crimes against protected persons and assets in the event of armed

- conflict, **rebellion**, **terrorism**, homicide, piracy, **trafficking in human beings** or trafficking in human organs;
- b) When the person abetting has acted in abuse of his public functions. In this case, in addition to the punishment of custodial sentence, that of special barring from public employment and office for a term of two to four years shall be imposed if the felony concealed is less serious, and of absolute barring for a term from six to twelve years if it is serious.

Spanish Constitution

Fundamental Rights and Duties—Section 10

- 1. The dignity of the person, the inviolable rights which are inherent, the free development of the personality, the respect for the law and for the rights of others are the foundation of political order and social peace.
- 2. Provisions relating to the fundamental rights and liberties recognized by the Constitution shall be construed in conformity with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and international treaties and agreements thereon ratified by Spain.

Fundamental Rights and Public Freedoms

Section 13—Aliens in Spain shall enjoy the public freedoms guaranteed by the present Part, under the terms to be laid down by treaties and the law.

Section 14—Spaniards are equal before the law and may not in any way be discriminated against on account of birth, race, sex, religion, opinion or any other personal or social condition or circumstance.

Section 15—Everyone has the right to life and to physical and moral integrity, and under no circumstances may be subjected to torture or to inhuman or degrading punishment or treatment.

Roma Statutes

Article 7: Crimes against humanity

- 1. For the purpose of this Statute, "crime against humanity" means any of the following acts when committed as part of a widespread or systematic attack directed against any civilian population, with knowledge of the attack:
 - (a) Murder;
 - (b) Extermination;
 - (c) Enslavement;
 - (d) Deportation or forcible transfer of population;
 - (e) Imprisonment or other severe deprivation of physical liberty in violation of fundamental rules of international law;
 - (f) Torture.
 - (g) Rape, sexual slavery, enforced prostitution, forced pregnancy, enforced sterilization, or any other form of sexual violence of comparable gravity;
 - (h) Persecution against any identifiable group or collectivity on political, racial, national, ethnic, cultural, religious, gender as defined in paragraph 3, or other grounds that are universally recognized as impermissible under international law, in connection with any act referred to in this paragraph or any crime within the jurisdiction of the Court;

- (i) Enforced disappearance of persons;
- (j) The crime of apartheid;
- (k) Other inhumane acts of a similar character intentionally causing great suffering, or serious injury to body or to mental or physical health.

Family courts, and family law, are using the same tactics and manipulations and ideologies as Franco's government used to persecute women and children. Under Franco children were removed from 'dissenting' (Marxists) mothers, who were labeled "crazy" by 'mental healthcare experts'—as explained in FIBGAR working paper "Structure of Capture System, of Deported and Lost Children Established for the Dictator Francisco Franco, 1938-1949" by Ricard Vinyes Ribas. Even though this report clearly demonstrates that the manipulations and tactics being used by family courts are the same as those used by Franco (and other dictators), FIBGAR and WLW insist on turning a blind-eye to the situation. Viviana Waisman, the Founder of WLW, claims to be "creating and disseminating mechanisms to apply human rights standards and foster cross regional exchanges" as well as "spearheading ground breaking litigation, innovative fact finding investigations and trainings in numerous fields including, but not limited to, trafficking, migrant women's rights, sexual and reproductive rights, international gender crimes, and intersectional discrimination." Man is the only animal on the planet stupid enough to keep on tripping over the same stone, time and time again, as highlighted in the present situation. It is imperative that 'leaders', 'experts', and everyone within the development community start examining issues in a holistic, comprehensive fashion, rather than the piece-meal approach of the past—publicly contending to be examining the 'Big Picture'.

With every passing day, police brutality, <u>targeting of minorities</u>, <u>bullying</u>, and violence is escalating in the USA, with the American government so engrossed in chaos, witch-hunt tactics, and in-fighting that they are increasingly incapable of governing. The NGOs and development community are in turn exacerbating the situation with their inaction and 'smokescreen' initiatives. The day after the US Elections, <u>I called for a dissolution of the American government</u>, and formation of a new one, in anticipation of the chaos and havoc the newly elected President, and his Cabinet would create. Unfortunately, I have not been disappointed. If neighboring countries of the USA continue to turn a blind-eye to the plight of the millions of oppressed women and children, as well as other minorities, in the USA, the forces of evil and oppression in the world will continue to grow and thrive, and eventually engulf us all.

For the aforementioned reasons, and in the name of the hundreds millions of oppressed Hispanics, Afro-Americans, and women and children residing in the USA, and whose rights in court systems, as well as labor and housing markets, are flagrantly being violated on a daily basis with no effective recourse under the law; I am requesting the public support of the Pacific Alliance in denouncing the mounting chaos within the Trump Administrations, its increasing inability to govern, and the increasing civil unrest and violence in the USA under his government. Additionally, I am requesting that the governments of the Pacific Alliance encourage their respective Executive Directors (EDs) within the IMF (Carlos Hurtado, Jorge Dajani Gonzalez, Jose Alejandro Rojas Ramirez, Jorge Angel Estrella, and Gabriel Esteban Lopetegui) and World Bank (Otaviano Canuto, Maximo Torero, and Fernando Jimenez) to read my correspondence to them dated June 9, 2017, regarding the impending financial collapse, and ensuing economic Depression, and take appropriate action in reforming the internal management of their organizations. Furthermore, I am calling upon EDs within the IMF and World Bank, from middle and low-income countries, to challenge the the agendas and ideologies within the IMF and World Bank, which are

preferential to the agendas of American and European governments, in detriment to their own people, as well as the rest of the world.

I thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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