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[Cutting the Cords of Empire: The Spectacle of US Elections](#)

By [William Hawes](#), September 14 2016

“The more powerful the class, the more it claims not to exist.” -Guy Debord, The Society of the Spectacle It’s almost time for our quadrennial political distraction, masquerading as the US presidential election. As opposed to previous elections, this one feels quite different. Even with Obama/Romney in 2012, important, basic economic issues were discussed, health care reform was questioned, and foreign policy was given its due.



[Thwarting the “Zika Virus Threat” in America? Aerial Deployment of Dangerous Pesticides](#)

By [James F. Tracy](#), September 14 2016

Major Western news media’s coverage of the alleged dangers posed by the Zika virus and “preventative” measures mandated by overreaching federal agencies is a textbook example of censorship by omission, intentional oversight of facts, and deference to questionable “expert” authority to assuage valid public concern over aerial deployment of dangerous pesticides.



[Another 9/11 Intrigue: Dick Cheney, John Yoo, and “Continuity in Government” \(COG\) Measures on 9/11](#)

By [Prof Peter Dale Scott](#), September 14 2016

In 1993 I wrote a book, Deep Politics and the Death of JFK, in which I said at the outset I was not going to try to solve the mystery of JFK’s murder but to examine the politics of it. I wish to argue here for similar research into the politics of 9/11. For the political consequences of 9/11 have been toxic, regardless of how the towers fell or who was responsible. The unusual process of their implementation deserves close study, a study which I believe will cast more

light on 9/11 itself.



[Israel's Bogus Civil War](#)

By [Jonathan Cook](#), September 14 2016

Is Israel on the verge of civil war, as a growing number of Israeli commentators suggest, with its Jewish population deeply riven over the future of the occupation? On one side is a new peace movement, Decision at 50, stuffed with former political and security leaders. Ehud Barak, a previous prime minister who appears to be seeking a political comeback, may yet emerge as its figurehead.



[Washington's "Failure" in Syria Is Not About Strategy. Washington and Ankara Have Consistently Supported Al Qaeda, ISIS](#)

By [Federico Pieraccini](#), September 14 2016

So much has been said about the Syrian conflict in numerous analyses, yet one of the least discussed topics concerns the strategy and the relationship of cooperation and conflict between the United States, Turkey, the Kurds and Daesh. From the beginning of the Syrian conflict, Washington and Ankara have never hesitated to exploit Daesh's advances. The occupation of Syrian towns near the Turkish border by Islamic extremists has been one of the preferred tactics endorsed by the United States and Turkey.

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