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OPPRESSION, Forced Displacement, and Genocide

Oppression exists when a privileged class holds power and then uses that power to steal from non-privileged people who thus have not the means by which to protect themselves.

"Power", held by governments, is invested in police, courts, and military force. Power, held by criminals, is held in organized gangs.

Oppression then can manifest when a government is lawless, impotent, or corrupt.

A lawless government is one which does not have a constitution that defines and limits its power.

An impotent government is one which lacks the courage to enforce its laws according to its obligations.

A corrupt government is one which accepts bribes or otherwise collaborates with criminal organizations such as gangs.

Tyranny is the unrestricted or arbitrary use of power.

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Restrictions on the use of Power

To place restrictions on the use of power requires a Constitution. A Constitution defines and limits the authority of government and creates a republican form of government.

The American Nation was founded on this principle as a Republic. In addition to its Constitution the American Nation added a Bill of Rights.

The Bill of rights is an Rx for Tyranny: it prohibits to the government the favorite tactics of the tyrant.

Forced Displacement

Today, these united States face an onslaught of "Forced Displacement": people who are fleeing oppression.

This is a serious problem. The proper response is to correct the problem at its source.

An important quote from Mr. Jefferson:

If a nation expects to be ignorant and free it expects what never was and never will be ... The people cannot be safe without information. Where the press is free, and every man is able (and willing) to read, all is safe.

-- Thomas Jefferson

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Peace Corps

In 1963 President John Kennedy created the Peace Corps.

This is the proper response to the "Forced Displacement" issue:

- 1. See that oppressed people are freed from their oppressors;
- 2. TEACH oppressed people to establish their own Constitutional law and to thus protect themselves from oppression.

It is not "selfish" for any nation to see its main responsibility as to see to the care and well being of its citizens; rather this is the responsibility of every nation.

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