

**MUIR REPORT:**

# ANARCHIST HOLIDAYS, MASS MURDERERS IN HEAVEN



As the holidays roll around, anarchists need to find ways to enjoy themselves. Find something in your house you don't want, maybe more than one, like a doll or a plate, stuffed animal etc. Put it in a bag and bring it to a department store like Walmart or Macys and carefully put it on a shelf, we'll call this shop leaving rather than shop lifting, perfectly legal. Someone will pick it out and bring it up to the check-out aisle and cause a huge disturbance because the sku number can't be found, another clerk will have to go look for the price while the people in line wait impatiently for the item to clear.

You might also raid the change jar and come up with enough money to buy several pints of fortified wine to hand out to the local idlers and underemployed, along with an official looking piece of paper which reads, "good for one free drink or meal" for whatever business you don't care for, or refused to serve you at some time. In approximately an hour from distribution, an army of drunken, poorly dressed, hungry malcontents will ruin their nights business. If all this is putting you in a festive mood, try rustling up all your friends with Costco cards and have them and their friends meet you there with empty carts, put on some music and walk around the store sampling the unlocked liquor, crackers, olives, bread, snacks and free samples, they even have birthday cakes. After you have eaten and drunken your fill, slowly leave your cart in the aisle and make for the exits.

Politics, like sports, has teams. We have the red and blue. The last election was like a football draft. The blue team got a lot of back-ups and special team players, while the red team held on to the impact players, the quality stars, the team members that can score easily. The competition must continue. No one wants to see players of opposing teams hugging each other. It's bad for fan morale. If the government suddenly started to work collectively and iron out our problems, donations would drop to a trickle. Why send money when both teams are performing well? Like a good drama, we want to see friction, not resolution. In the words of the great Leo Durocher, manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, "Wait'll next year."

As George Bush goes to heaven to join Barbara, a velvet painting of this reunification would be a nice memento. I'd love to write an opera about the Bush family around the Thanksgiving table, singing aria's about who killed more innocents. Where does George the Greater fit in the pantheon of mass murderers? After Stalin and Hitler, but before Pinochet, Franco and Idi Amin. If you take the entire Bush family, they jump up several spots on that list, and all before ultra sophisticated drones and aerial surveillance. But most notably, he will be remembered for the line, "read my lips, no new taxes," which turned into a protest sign reading, "read my labia, U.S. out of Saudi Arabia."

Thank you Mr. President for your service.

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## Afghanistan War Crimes Trial Urged:

The legal representative for one of the victims in the International Criminal Court (ICC) "Situation in Afghanistan" urged the Pre-Trial Chamber to grant the Prosecutor's request to open a formal investigation into crimes in and related to the armed conflict in Afghanistan, on behalf of two men indefinitely detained at Guantánamo, detailing the torture the men endured in CIA black sites, proxy-detention, and Department of Defense facilities, in support of the Prosecutor's request. Today, CCR informed the ICC of serious concerns about the physical and mental health of one of the victims, Sharqawi Al Hajj, and the lack of adequate response to his situation by the United States.

"It has been more than one year that the victims in the Afghanistan Situation, including victims of U.S. torture, have been waiting for an answer as to whether the International Criminal Court might provide them with a measure of long-sought justice," said CCR Senior Staff Attorney and Victims' Legal Representative Katherine Gallagher. "Today's update to the Court, like daily news reports from the ground in Afghanistan, demonstrate that each day justice is delayed is one day closer to justice denied."

The ICC has jurisdiction over international crimes committed on any of the 123 States Parties' territories, including Afghanistan since May 1, 2003, regardless of the nationality of the perpetrators. The ICC investigation could lead to prosecution of members of the U.S. armed forces and the CIA, along with the Taliban and Afghan forces, for crimes against humanity and war crimes.

In recent months, the U.S. has stepped up its attack on the International Criminal Court, with National Security Advisor John Bolton and President Donald Trump making speeches against any investigation of U.S. crimes in Afghanistan, and threatening sanctions against the Court and prosecution of its judges and prosecutors. As the 123 Member States of the ICC meet in The Hague for the Assembly of States Parties this week, Secretary of State Pompeo called the ICC a

"rogue" court that needed to be stopped, in remarks in Brussels at NATO.

"It has been more than 17 years since the Bush administration began its 'war on terror' with Afghanistan as central location for its detention and interrogation operations – its torture program. To date, no high-level U.S. civilian, military, or CIA official has been held accountable," continued Gallagher, who is in The Hague this week. "Rather than pursue accountability at home, the United States is now waging a war of words against the court that is best-suited to address the scale and seriousness of these crimes – the ICC. We are eagerly awaiting a decision that demonstrates the ICC is an independent and impartial institution, which follows the facts and law where they lead, sending a clear message that no one is above the law."

The ICC is unique among international criminal tribunals in that it allows for victims to directly participate in proceedings, including at the investigation stage. The Center for Constitutional Rights' victims' representation detailed the treatment of Sharqawi Al Hajj and Guled Hassan Duran. Before arriving at Guantánamo, where he has been held without charge since 2004, public court documents show Mr. Al Hajj was detained by the CIA in Pakistan, Jordan, Kabul, and Bagram Air Force Base and variously held in solitary confinement, beaten, threatened with electrocution and serious physical violence, kept in complete darkness, subjected to incessant loud music, and hidden from the Red Cross. Public documents show that Mr. Duran, too, was held in secret CIA detention in several locations before he arrived at Guantánamo in 2006. During his time in CIA detention, Mr. Duran was denied medical treatment for a gunshot wound sustained shortly before his capture, stripped naked, screamed at, and threatened with disappearance and isolation. Interrogators also threatened to make life horrible for his family.

CCR has long sought to hold Bush administration officials accountable for their role in the torture of detainees at Guantánamo, Afghanistan, and secret "black sites" around the globe.

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## Leonard Peltier at 74

Well here it is, sorry to say, another year, and I'm still writing to you from a prison cell. I am still in pain from my illnesses with no knowledge of whether I will ever get treatments for them. But I'm alive and still breathing hoping, wishing, praying for not just my pains, but for all Native Nations and the People of the World who care and have positive feelings about what is happening to Mother Earth and against the evils committed by Wasi'chu in their greed for HER natural resources.

It doesn't seem as if any changes for the good or safety of Mother Earth will happen soon. But the good-hearted People are fighting back, and some good People are winning in the struggles to beat back some of this evil and to make THE Changes, the safety networks, we need for our grandchildren and great grandchildren so that they will be able to live happy successful lives, at least decent lives, that most of the poor underprivileged in my generation never got to experience or enjoy in our short lives.

So, I sit back and look at the world, and I wonder if I will ever get to see the outside world again, free from this prison cell? At 74 it is not looking too good for that to happen. But I keep my hopes alive and pray as hard as I can that it will happen. If not, when they bury me I want to be laid to rest face down and with a note pinned to my ass with the words in large bold letters, 'KISS MY ASS!!'... just in case someone wants to study my bones years from now :))!

On a more pleasant issue one of my granddaughters Ashley is in college at University of Arizona, Flagstaff, and she wants to be a Medicine Woman! How awesome is that? My baby, a doctor! Wow! How proud am I! You would not believe just how much I am! I could use a little help now and then for her; don't send it to me, but send it to ILPDC earmarked for her use ONLY!! She is going on a long hard journey, so she will need help now and then. One day, if she continues her studies to be a Medicine Woman, I know things can change as time goes by, but if she makes it, she will be an enormous help to Native Nations' hospitals.

Politically we are finally making gains in Congress; two great Native ladies made it in the House of Representatives! They are Shanice Davids, Ho Chunk of Wisconsin, for Kansas and Deb Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, for New Mexico. On Pine Ridge my nephew Julian Bear Runner made it as President of the great Lakota Nation! I'm hearing more states are doing away with Columbus Day! Hell, we may just win the War for Survival yet!)!

My last thoughts on this day, that we Native People call a Day of Mourning, are for my Sisters' and Brothers' family by blood and by AIM that are now in the Spirit World, and to them I say Lila Pilamaya, thank you for your love and work for The People.

My thoughts are also with the youth such as the Water Protectors and all people young and old who are working to protect Mother Earth. I hope someday in the near future to be with you and part of this march and join you in the feast prepared by Native People and wonderful supporters who have joined together today to honor our Ancestors.

In The Spirit of Crazy Horse. Leonard Peltier From [Counterpunch.org](http://Counterpunch.org)

