

BIBLIOGRAPHY & FOOTNOTES – Episode 102: *Is America Actually the Bad Guy?*

♦ Section: Manifest Destiny & Native American Genocide

Title: “Manifest Destiny” – National Humanities Center

Description: Overview of the theological and racial justifications for American westward expansion, framing it as a divine mission while denying Native American land claims.

Referenced in Episode: Used to explain the moral framing of early U.S. expansion and the myth of divine national destiny.

Link: <https://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/tserve/nineteen/nkeyinfo/mandestiny.htm>

Title: *Trail of Tears* – History.com

Description: Historical summary of the forced relocation of the Cherokee people in 1838, resulting in the deaths of over 5,000 individuals.

Referenced in Episode: Mentioned as a prime example of state-sanctioned cruelty during territorial expansion.

Link: <https://www.history.com/articles/trail-of-tears>

Title: *Wounded Knee Massacre* – Britannica

Description: Article on the 1890 massacre of Lakota Sioux by U.S. troops, marking the violent end of Native resistance.

Referenced in Episode: Cited as a key example of U.S. military aggression against indigenous people.

Link: <https://www.britannica.com/event/Wounded-Knee-Massacre>

♦ Section: Spanish–American War & Early U.S. Imperialism

Title: *To the Person Sitting in Darkness* by Mark Twain

Description: Satirical anti-imperialist essay criticizing U.S. colonial ambitions in the Philippines.

Referenced in Episode: Quoted to illustrate moral opposition to U.S. empire-building by prominent Americans.

Link: <https://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/3186>

Title: *The Conquest of the United States by Spain* (1899) – William Graham Sumner

Description: Anti-imperialist lecture delivered at Yale’s Phi Beta Kappa Society condemning the U.S.’s shift toward empire following the Spanish–American War. Sumner warned that conquest undermines republican virtue and echoes the authoritarianism of old-world powers.

Referenced in Episode: Quoted to highlight how imperial ambitions contradicted America’s founding ideals, marking a pivotal moral shift.

Link (primary): Full text available via Internet Archive:

<https://archive.org/details/conquestofunited01sumn>

Link (secondary): Commentary at Mises Institute with context and analysis:

<https://mises.org/mises-daily/conquest-united-states-spain>

Title: *The Spanish–American War* – History.com

Description: Detailed article about the war’s causes, media manipulation, and territorial consequences.

Referenced in Episode: Cited for the “Remember the Maine” false pretext and the war’s imperial legacy.

Link: <https://www.history.com/topics/early-20th-century-us/spanish-american-war>

♦ Section: World War I, Propaganda & Repression

Title: *War Collectivism in World War I* – Murray Rothbard

Description: A libertarian analysis of how WWI catalyzed corporatist economics, state repression, and the erosion of civil liberties.

Referenced in Episode: Cited as a foundational libertarian critique of early 20th-century U.S. warfare and central planning.

Link: <https://mises.org/library/war-collectivism-world-war-i>

Title: *The Long Shadow of World War I* – Danny Sjursen, Antiwar.com

Description: Retired U.S. Army major recounts how WWI permanently shaped American militarism and the use of propaganda.

Referenced in Episode: Quoted to highlight WWI’s destructive legacy and state overreach.

Link:

https://original.antiwar.com/danny_sjursen/2020/02/20/the-long-shadow-of-world-war-i-and-america-war-on-dissent/

Title: *Free Speech on Trial: Debs, Espionage, & Sedition* – National Archives Prologue

Description: A detailed overview of how the **Espionage Act of 1917** and the **Sedition Act of 1918** were used to suppress war dissent during WWI, including Ehrlich’s landmark case and citations of Debs and other protesters.

Referenced in Episode: Used to illustrate how the U.S. government criminalized dissent and free speech under wartime pressures.

Link: <https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2017/winter/debs-canton>

Title: *Crisis and Leviathan* – Robert Higgs

Description: An economic history explaining how wars grow state power and reduce liberty, focusing on WWI and the Great Depression.

Referenced in Episode: Context for the long-term expansion of government after crisis events like WWI.

Link: Available via the Mises Institute: <https://mises.org/library/book/crisis-and-leviathan>

◆ Section: World War II, Firebombing, & Allied Myths

Title: *Great Wars and Great Leaders: A Libertarian Rebuttal* – Ralph Raico

Description: Challenges the heroic narrative of U.S. involvement in WWII, with chapters on Allied war crimes and Churchill's imperialism.

Referenced in Episode: Drawn on for critiques of firebombing, unconditional surrender, and FDR's duplicity.

Link: <https://mises.org/library/great-wars-and-great-leaders-libertarian-rebuttal>

Title: *The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb* – Gar Alperovitz

Description: A deeply researched mainstream historical argument that dropping the bomb on Japan was unnecessary and unjustified.

Referenced in Episode: Supports moral critique of Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings.

Link: Publisher's page:

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/2579/the-decision-to-use-the-atomic-bomb-by-gar-alperovitz/> en.wikipedia.org+10penguinrandomhouse.com+10goodreads.com+10

Free archive version: <https://archive.org/details/decisiontouseato00alpe>

Title: *Allied Firebombing of Dresden* – Smithsonian Magazine

Description: Journalistic account of the British and U.S. firebombing of German cities and civilian death tolls.

Referenced in Episode: As an example of “good guys” doing horrific things in the name of war.

Link: <https://www.nationalww2museum.org/war/articles/apocalypse-dresden-february-1945>

Title: *Back Door to War: The Roosevelt Foreign Policy, 1933–1941* – Charles Callan Tansill

Description: This groundbreaking archival-based revisionist study alleges President FDR actively maneuvered the United States into WWII via provocations like embargoes on Japan; the Mises Institute highlights this as a major libertarian critique of U.S. interventionism.

Referenced in Episode: Used by libertarian critics to challenge the conventional narrative of American neutrality and the inevitability of U.S. entry into WWII.

Link:

- **Mises Bookstore (e-book)** – includes PDF/e-pub:
https://cdn.mises.org/Back%20Door%20to%20War%20The%20Roosevelt%20Foreign%20Policy%201933-1941_2.pdf en.wikipedia.org+12cdn.mises.org+12store.mises.org+12
- **Mises Review article** – discusses Tansill's thesis in context of revisionist history:
<https://mises.org/power-market/why-we-need-revisionist-history> mises.org+1mises.org+1

Title: *The US and the Holocaust* – PBS / Ken Burns

Description: Details how U.S. inaction allowed the Holocaust to worsen, despite knowledge of Nazi atrocities.

Referenced in Episode: Helps dismantle the myth that America intervened solely to save the Jews.

Link: <https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/us-and-the-holocaust/>

♦ Section: The Cold War – CIA Coups, Dictators, & Empire

Title: *Provoked: How Washington Started the New Cold War* – Scott Horton

Description: Argues that NATO expansion and U.S. foreign policy since the 1990s deliberately antagonized Russia and reignited global tensions.

Referenced in Episode: Extensively quoted in the “New Cold War” segment and Russia discussion.

Link: <https://libertarianinstitute.org/books/provoked/>

Title: *Overthrow: America's Century of Regime Change* – Stephen Kinzer

Description: A mainstream journalist's comprehensive history of U.S.-led coups from Iran (1953) to Iraq (2003).

Referenced in Episode: Helps document CIA operations and imperial hypocrisy.

Link: <https://us.macmillan.com/books/9780805082401/overthrow>

Title: *Killing Hope* – William Blum

Description: A heavily footnoted book documenting dozens of covert U.S. interventions and support for dictators.

Referenced in Episode: Cited during discussions on Latin America, Africa, and Southeast Asia coups.

Link: <https://williamblum.org/books/killing-hope>

Title: *The Jakarta Method* – Vincent Bevins

Description: Investigates U.S.-backed mass killings in Indonesia and how similar models spread to Latin America.

Referenced in Episode: Source for Suharto-era violence and CIA support.

Link:

<https://www.publicaffairsbooks.com/titles/vincent-bevins/the-jakarta-method/9781541724013/>

Title: *Why the U.S. Should Stop Meddling in Foreign Elections* – Cato Institute

Description: Policy article critiquing the hypocrisy of U.S. outrage over Russian meddling while downplaying its own election interventions.

Referenced in Episode: Reinforces double standard narrative around sovereignty and regime change.

Link: <https://www.cato.org/commentary/foreign-interference-really-affecting-our-elections>

◆ Section: Post-9/11 Foreign Policy, Iraq, and the War on Terror

Title: *Fool's Errand: Time to End the War in Afghanistan* – Scott Horton

Description: A detailed libertarian account of the U.S. war in Afghanistan, showing how the mission shifted and failed over two decades.

Referenced in Episode: Used as a key critique of nation-building, mission creep, and the futility of modern U.S. wars.

Link: <https://libertarianinstitute.org/books/fools-errand/>

Title: *Dirty Wars: The World is a Battlefield* – Jeremy Scahill

Description: Investigative exposé on JSOC operations, extrajudicial killings, and the growth of covert war under Bush and Obama.

Referenced in Episode: Cited to expose the expansion of presidential war powers and global assassination programs.

Link: <https://www.amazon.com/Dirty-Wars-Battlefield-Jeremy-Scahill/dp/156858671X>

Title: *Collateral Murder* – WikiLeaks

Description: Leaked video footage of a U.S. helicopter gunning down civilians and journalists in Iraq.

Referenced in Episode: Mentioned to illustrate real U.S. war crimes and the moral cost of the Iraq War.

Link: <https://collateralmurder.wikileaks.org/>

Title: *Drone Warfare: Killing by Remote Control* – Medea Benjamin

Description: A thorough critique of U.S. drone policy, civilian casualties, and lack of oversight.

Referenced in Episode: Supports moral critiques of the technological dehumanization of war.

Link: <https://www.orbooks.com/catalog/drone-warfare/>

Title: *Torture Report (Senate Intelligence Committee Summary)* – U.S. Senate, 2014

Description: Declassified summary of the CIA's post-9/11 torture program, including waterboarding and black sites.

Referenced in Episode: Mentioned as evidence of state-sanctioned brutality and hypocrisy about human rights.

Link:

<https://www.intelligence.senate.gov/publications/committee-study-central-intelligence-agencys-detention-and-interrogation-program>

Title: *Ron Paul's "They Hate Us Because We're Over There"* – 2008 Republican Debate

Description: A now-iconic antiwar statement that links terrorism to U.S. foreign intervention.

Referenced in Episode: Quoted directly to challenge the "freedom envy" justification for endless war.

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AD7dnFDdwu0>

Title: *Imperial Cruise* – James Bradley

Description: Connects American imperial ideology with post-9/11 policies, showing historical

continuity in U.S. exceptionalism.

Referenced in Episode: Used to show the racial and ideological underpinnings of empire.

Link:

<https://www.hachettebookgroup.com/titles/james-bradley/the-imperial-cruise/9780316039666/>

♦ Section: Israel, Gaza, Iran, and U.S. Double Standards

Title: *Gaza in Crisis: Reflections on Israel's War Against the Palestinians* – Noam Chomsky and Ilan Pappé

Description: A combination of political commentary and historical analysis of Israel's military actions in Gaza.

Referenced in Episode: Cited in critiques of disproportionate force and Western bias in reporting.

Link: <https://www.haymarketbooks.org/books/379-gaza-in-crisis>

Title: *The Israel Lobby and U.S. Foreign Policy* – John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt

Description: A controversial but academic look at how pro-Israel lobbying influences U.S. policy.

Referenced in Episode: Used to explain the asymmetry of U.S. support and the influence on war policy.

Link: <https://us.macmillan.com/books/9780374531508/theisraellobbyandusforeignpolicy>

Title: *Israeli Nuclear Weapons* – Federation of American Scientists

Description: A respected database confirming Israel's undeclared nuclear arsenal.

Referenced in Episode: Used to highlight the hypocrisy of demanding non-proliferation from Iran.

Link: <https://fas.org/nuke/guide/israel/nuke/>

Title: *Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (Iran Deal)* – U.S. State Department

Description: The full text of the 2015 nuclear deal signed between Iran and world powers.

Referenced in Episode: Brought up to expose bad-faith U.S. withdrawal and the manufactured nature of Iran's "threat."

Link: <https://2009-2017.state.gov/e/eb/tfs/spi/iran/jcpoa/>

Title: *Israel's Assault on Gaza* – UN Human Rights Council Reports

Description: Independent investigations of Israeli military actions in Gaza, citing potential war crimes.

Referenced in Episode: Supports the discussion of humanitarian consequences and civilian casualties.

Link: <https://www.ohchr.org/en/hr-bodies/hrc/co-israel/index?utm>

Title: *The American Conservative* – "It's Time to Stop the Blank Check for Israel"

Description: Paleoconservative critique of U.S. military aid and diplomatic cover for Israel.

Referenced in Episode: Demonstrates that critiques of Israel policy come from across the ideological spectrum.

Link: <https://www.theamericanconservative.com/the-gops-absurd-israel-litmus-test/>

Title: *Antiwar.com Archive on Israel/Palestine*

Description: A large body of independent reporting and analysis critical of Israeli policy and U.S. support.

Referenced in Episode: Used for ongoing analysis of conflicts and libertarian antiwar framing.

Link: <https://www.antiwar.com/regions/regions.php?c=Israel%2FPalestine>