

# A Power Governments Cannot Suppress

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One of the things we might learn from history  
Is that the government's interests are not necessarily the same as ours  
In fact are rarely the same as ours  
Because if you think the government's interests are the same as yours  
Then you think, well if something is going wrong it must be that they made a  
mistake because they really care about us  
They don't care about us

The greatest beneficiary of Reagan years was corporations  
Wealthy businessmen and ministers of foreign nations  
Bush promised that he would save the environment  
Signed the clean air act and had the public buyin' it  
Two years after that, we see it as imprudence  
The EPA allowed tons of hazardous pollutants  
Little money was allocated for the enforcement  
Contaminated drinkin' water, everywhere was dormant  
But business worries override the safety of the public  
Ecological breakdowns and nobody would publish  
When Reagan got elected and he finally took to office  
He spent a quarter million dollars on his livin' quarters  
He built the military even more, and paid for it with cuts and benefits for  
the poor  
He made 140 billion cuts in social programs  
Human consequences wasn't justified to no man  
He said that he still balanced the budget  
Wassily Leontief guaranteed that he wouldn't  
The 80's were the triumph of upperclass America  
Ascendancy of the rich, the poor he would bury ya

The gap between the rich and the poor grew dramatically  
Black families were hit the hardest, be emphatically  
Lack of resources, and racial discrimination  
Broken homes, drug addiction, incarceration  
Instead of trying to help the people out of this position, politicians calle  
d for the building of more prisons  
Reagan lied about Iran, lied to Nicaragua, lied about the Soviets and lied a  
bout the Contras  
He sold arms to Iran, all of it was cited but plausible denial is why he ain  
't get indicted  
Oli North stood trial, the jury found him guilty but he ain't do no time bec  
ause the motherfucker's filthy  
Reagan sent Marines into a crazy situation  
Two hundred died in Lebanon 'cause it was dangerous  
After that he sent forces into Grenada, congress was notified but not consul  
ted, that's a horror  
What good's a show of force if you never use it?  
That's the way that Reagan's mind worked and he abused it  
Why do people die in countries we invading? So we can make it clear that vio  
lence was understated

Reagan's raid on Libya, that was terrorist  
Bombs fell on a crowded city, a hundred victims  
The Cold War? Let me relay you the facts  
The foreign policy just delayed the collapse  
The U.S. policy motivated by Fed, to justify the suppression of independant  
care  
The military budget was 280 billion, Colin Powell said he wanna scare the wo

rld's civilians

In order to boost his popularity with voters  
Bush went to war with Iraq and hid the motives  
He abandoned sanctions and said it was for protection  
He only chose war because the presidential elections  
Who believed that we would liberate Kuwait?  
When we invaded other countries every single week  
You think that they could build a nuclear bomb?  
They was 10 years away from having nuclear bombs  
Less than half of us favored military action  
No blood for oil was the citizen's reaction  
Officials lied about small bombs, American reporters were kept from the war's harm

Clinton got in and appointed people of color  
But he abandoned them when they started working together  
He spoke of a new government for a new century  
Invoked Dr. King's name, compared their philosophy  
Recalled Dr. King's dream of racial equality  
But put more blacks in prison than anybody in history  
Continued the military budget in Cold War levels  
It doesn't matter the party, homie, they all devils  
Approved the FBI attack on Koresh  
Fire swept through the whole building burning flesh  
His crime bill got a lot of attention but it emphasized punishment, not prevention  
Persuaded voters he was tough on crime  
But tougher is dumber when you give 'em double the time  
Clinton removed welfare benefits from immigrants  
Legal or illegal, most of y'all don't know the difference  
Who did the free trade agreement really preserve?  
Why the number of prisoners doubled when Clinton served?  
Domination of the media was there to vaccinate  
If God intended us to vote, he would've gave us candidates

Bush verse Gore, that was your decision  
Both support the death penalty and broke the prisons  
Nader ran too but the media denyin' it  
He emphasized education, healthcare environment  
Half the country didn't even vote and that's a sign  
Appealin' to class warfare that no one's buying  
Gore received hundreds of thousands or more votes  
Proof the electoral process is a joke  
Bush took office and pushed tax cuts for the wealthy  
Opposed environmental regulations for the money  
Nine months into his presidency, 9/11  
Immediately declared a war on terrorism  
He said that they were Saudi, said it was the Taliban  
Then he ordered the bombing of Afghanistan  
You kill our civilians, we kill y'all civilians  
How the fuck that make sense when we all civilians?  
Wartime presidents do wartime shit  
That's why wartime presidents can suck my dick  
There were minority voices that were criticizing war  
You can't match violence or violence should be the law  
We stationed troops in Saudi on the holiest of shrines  
Military aid for occupying Palestine  
Killing innocents arabs would come back to haunt us  
And stupid motherfuckers sit and wonder why they bomb us

If you're like me, you have a lot of friends who are depressed  
A lot of friends who go around very gloomy, think the world is coming to an end

You can understand people feeling depressed, you can understand people feeling desperate  
Because the truth is, we're faced with evil  
There's an enormous number of people who care about the world and about the country, wanna do something about it  
And those numbers are going to grow, so long as people persist and don't give up