

North Korea: Pelosi Versus Peace



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Pelosi: a typical Democrat malignancy. But the problem is with the counterfeit duopoly, and a regime which is not a real democracy.

Which is worse: The specter of nuclear war, or giving US president Donald Trump credit for a significant diplomatic accomplishment?

In her official statement on Trump's Singapore summit with North Korea's Kim Jong-un, US House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi makes it clear that a few million incinerated human beings are a small price to pay to keep the 68-year-old Korean War going. Maybe not forever, but at least until there's a Democrat in the White House.

"[T]he President handed Kim Jong-un concessions in exchange

for vague promises that do not approach a clear and comprehensive pathway to denuclearization and non-proliferation," Pelosi complains.

What were these dangerous "concessions?"

First, the US armed forces will, conditional upon progress toward North Korean denuclearization, stop conducting the threatening military exercises that they've conducted on North Korea's border and off its coast since the 1953 ceasefire. Some "concession." If US and South Korean forces aren't prepared for a new outbreak of hostilities after 65 years of training, they never will be.

Secondly, again conditional upon North Korea holding up its end of the developing bargain, the US will provide "security guarantees." Which means, the US and South Korea won't invade North Korea, just like they haven't invaded North Korea since 1953. Again, some "concession."

Would a Democratic president, at the kind of summit with North Korea's ruler that Trump managed to swing – unlike any past president, Democrat or Republican – have refused those two obvious first-step "concessions?" Not a chance. They were the bare minimum, and if a Democrat had offered them, Pelosi would have publicly celebrated them as like unto the Second Coming.

"President Trump elevated North Korea to the level of the United States while preserving the regime's status quo," Pelosi continues, ignoring the fact that every president since Eisenhower has "preserved the regime's status quo" – until Trump, who recognized, diplomatically speaking and in relation to the issue at hand, that North Korea is already at "the level of the United States."

If the Korean War is going to be sorted out, it will be the belligerents – North Korea, South Korea, China and the United States, likely with significant input from Russia – doing the sorting.

But Pelosi, the Democratic Party, and the party's allies in the media, would rather it NOT get sorted out.

That's disgusting.

Posturing America as "the exceptional nation," Kim as a supplicant in rags, and those other governments as mere hangers-on could have had only two possible outcomes. One was the status quo ante. The other – a danger faced by then-president Barack Obama in negotiating the Iran nuclear deal – was those other parties negotiating their own deal, leaving a petulant, marginalized America to watch their parade from the sidelines.

A genuine and durable peace on the Korean peninsula may or may not be achievable, but Trump seems to be giving it the old college try. Pelosi and her party, having proven unable to lead and unwilling to follow on the matter, should at least have the decency to get the hell out of the way.

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OVERTHROWING OTHER PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENTS: U.S. THE MASTER LIST

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INSTANCES OF THE UNITED STATES OVERTHROWING, OR ATTEMPTING TO OVERTHROW, A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SINCE THE SECOND WORLD WAR.

(* indicates successful ouster of a government)

China 1949 to early 1960s	Ghana 1966 *	Afghanistan 1980s *
Albania 1949-53	Chile 1964-73 *	Somalia 1993
East Germany 1950s	Greece 1967 *	Yugoslavia 1999-2000 *
Iran 1953 *	Costa Rica 1970-71	Ecuador 2000 *
Guatemala 1954 *	Bolivia 1971 *	Afghanistan 2001 *
Costa Rica mid-1950s	Australia 1973-75 *	Venezuela 2002 *
Syria 1956-7	Angola 1975, 1980s	Iraq 2003 *
Egypt 1957	Zaire 1975	Haiti 2004 *
Indonesia 1957-8	Portugal 1974-76 *	Somalia 2007 to present
British Guiana 1953-64 *	Jamaica 1976-80 *	Honduras 2009
Iraq 1963 *	Seychelles 1979-81	Libya 2011 *
North Vietnam 1945-73	Chad 1981-82 *	Syria 2012
Cambodia 1955-70 *	Grenada 1983 *	Ukraine 2014 *
Laos 1958 *, 1959 *, 1960 *	South Yemen 1982-84	
Ecuador 1960-63 *	Suriname 1982-84	
Congo 1960 *	Fiji 1987 *	
France 1965	Libya 1980s	
Brazil 1962-64 *	Nicaragua 1981-90 *	
Dominican Republic 1963*	Panama 1989 *	
Cuba 1959 to present	Bulgaria 1990 *	
Bolivia 1964 *	Albania 1991 *	
Indonesia 1965 *	Iraq 1991	

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Parting shot—a word from the editors

The Best Definition of Donald Trump We Have Found



In his zeal to prove to his antagonists in the War Party that he is as bloodthirsty as their champion, Hillary Clinton, and more manly than Barack Obama, Trump seems to have gone “play-crazy” – acting like an unpredictable maniac in order to terrorize the Russians into forcing some kind of dramatic concessions from their Syrian allies, or risk *Armageddon*. However, the “play-crazy” gambit can only work when the leader is, in real life, a disciplined and intelligent actor, who knows precisely what actual boundaries must not be crossed. That ain’t Donald Trump – a pitifully shallow and ill-disciplined man, emotionally handicapped by obscene

privilege and cognitively crippled by white American chauvinism. By pushing Trump into a corner and demanding that he display his most bellicose self, or be ceaselessly mocked as a “puppet” and minion of Russia, a lesser power, the War Party and its media and clandestine services have created a perfect storm of mayhem that may consume us all.— **Glen Ford, Editor in Chief, Black Agenda Report**