

# Authoritarian UK Government Is Funding Military Grade Psyops to Smear and Calumniate Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour Party



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*[dropcap]0[/dropcap]n page X of the document, it says: "NATO definition of PSYOPS. Allied Administrative Publication (AAP)-06 defines psychological operations as: planned activities using methods of communication and other means directed at approved audiences in order to influence perceptions, attitudes and behaviour, affecting the achievement of **political** and military objectives."*

On page IX, this footnote – “The term *information strategy* (its concept and definition) is not yet endorsed through official NATO policy. Its use here [in the UK], however, reflects current thinking on this subject and is coherent with current policy and doctrine initiatives in areas such as the effects-based approach, strategic communications and information operations.”

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## Nudging democracy

[dropcap]P[/dropcap>sychological operations (**PSYOPS**) are operations to convey selected information and indicators to audiences to manage perceptions, to influence their emotions, motives, and objective reasoning, and ultimately the behaviours of organizations, groups, and individuals.

Government plans to monitor and influence internet communications, and covertly infiltrate online communities in order to sow dissension and disseminate false information, have long been the source of speculation.

In June 2015, [NSA files published by Glenn Greenwald](#) revealed details of the [JTRIG](#) group at British intelligence agency [GCHQ](#) covertly manipulating online communities. This is in line with JTRIG’s goal: to “destroy, deny, degrade [and] disrupt” enemies by “discrediting” them, planting misinformation and shutting down their communications.

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- “Using online techniques to make something happen in the real or cyber world”
- Two broad categories:
  - Information Ops (influence or disruption)
  - Technical disruption
- Known in GCHQ as **Online Covert Action**
- The 4 D’s: **Deny / Disrupt / Degrade / Deceive**

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Harvard Law **Professor Cass Sunstein**, [co-author of “Nudge”], a close political adviser and the White House’s former head of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, [wrote a highly controversial paper in 2008](#) proposing that the US government employ teams of covert agents and pseudo-independent advocates to “cognitively infiltrate” online groups and websites, as well as other activist groups.

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Harvard don Sunstein with wife, imperialist harpy and former UNO "ambassador" Samantha Power: obviously made for each other. Both dedicated to the victory of plutocratic power by any means necessary.

Sunstein also proposed sending covert agents into "chat rooms, online social networks, or even real-space groups" which spread what he views as false and damaging "conspiracy theories" about the government. Ironically, the very same Sunstein was named by Obama to serve as a member of the NSA review panel created by the White House, one that – while disputing key NSA claims – proceeded to propose [many cosmetic reforms](#) to the agency's powers (most of which were ignored by the President who appointed them).

But the GCHQ documents are the first to prove that a major western government is using some of the most controversial techniques to disseminate deception online and harm the reputations of targets. Under the tactics they use, **the state is deliberately spreading lies on the internet about whichever individuals it targets, including the use of what GCHQ itself calls "false flag operations" and emails to people's families and friends.**

Who would possibly trust a government to exercise these powers at all, let alone do so in secret, with virtually no oversight, and outside of any cognizable legal framework?

Now, inevitably, politicians and academics have reacted with fury to news that a covert Government-funded unit has been systematically and strategically attacking the official opposition in Parliament, undermining democracy in the UK.

Last month, Anonymous Europe obtained a [large number of documents](#) relating to the activities of the '[Integrity](#)

[Initiative](#)' project, which was launched back in autumn, 2015. The project is funded by the British government and is believed to have been established by the Institute for [Statecraft](#).

The Institute for Statecraft is affiliated with the NATO HQ Public Diplomacy Division and the Home Office-funded 'Prevent' programme, among other things. Statecraft's Security Economics director, [Dr Shima D Keene](#), collaborated with [John A. S. Ardis](#) on a [paper about information warfare](#). Anonymous [published the documents](#), which have unearthed the massive UK-led psyop to create a 'large-scale information secret service' in Europe, the US and Canada.

The declared goal of the project is to "counteract Russian propaganda" and Moscow's *hybrid* warfare (a military strategy that employs political warfare and blends conventional warfare, irregular warfare and cyberwarfare with other influencing methods, such as fake news, diplomacy, lawfare and foreign electoral intervention).

The Integrity Initiative consists of representatives of political, military, academic and journalistic communities with the think tank in London at the head of it. The Institute for Statecraft was set up, and is currently led by [Chris Donnelly](#) (who, prior to his joining NATO in 1989, was for 20 years at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst) and [Daniel Lafayeedney](#) (whose military service, legal background and career as an entrepreneur have led him to an "understanding of the importance of the link between business and national security.") They are supported by a Board of Trustees, Board of Advisers, an Operations Staff, a Strategic Development Team and an extensive network of like minded Fellows, associates and researchers.

## **Defending disinformation against democracy**

The UK defines strategic communication (StratCom) as: “

*advancing national interests by using all Defence means of communication to influence the attitudes and behaviours of people. It is an MOD-level function that seeks to align words, images and actions by taking direction and guidance from the National Security Council and developing a Strategic Communication Actions and Effects Framework to guide targeting and planning activities.”*

*“Info Ops is a staff function that analyzes, plans, assesses and integrates information activities to create desired effects on the will, understanding and capability of adversaries, potential adversaries and North Atlantic Council (NAC) approved audiences in support of Alliance mission objectives. PSYOPS, along with other capabilities, will be coordinated through Info Ops processes guided by the information strategy and within NATO’s StratCom approach.”*

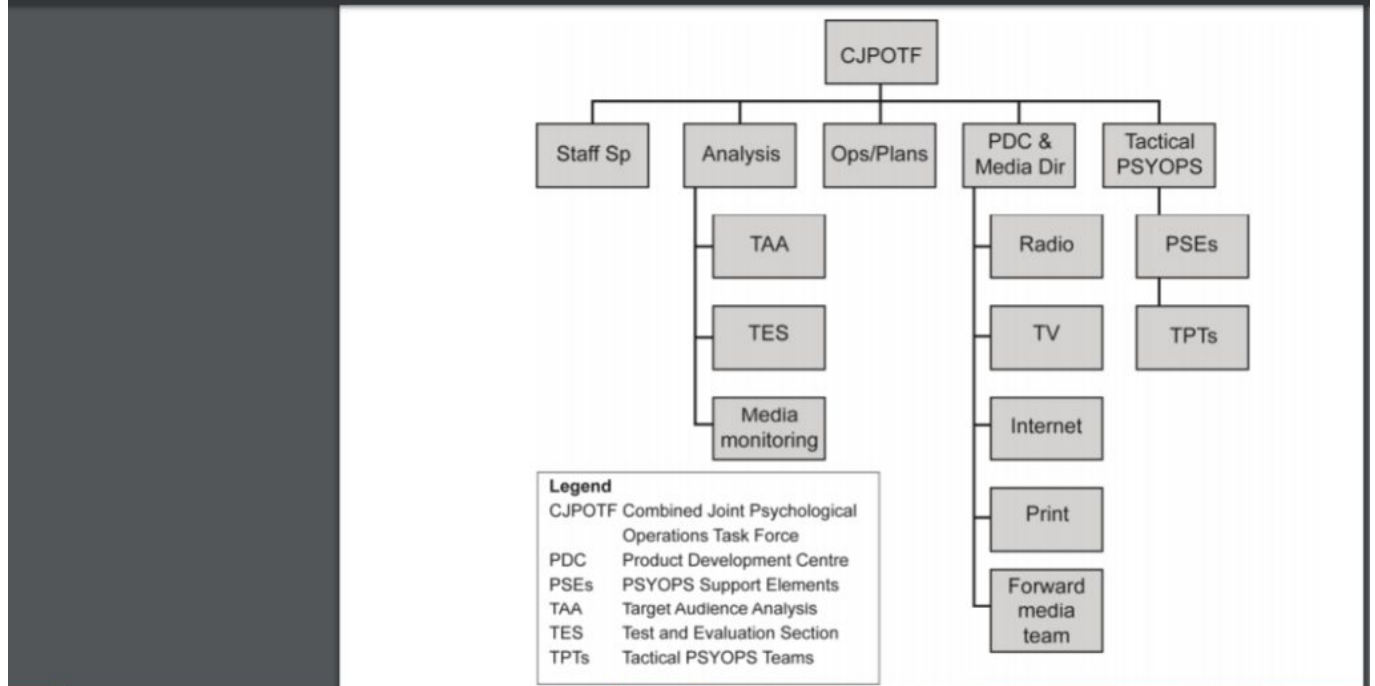
The UK defines target audience analysis (TAA) as:

*“the systematic study of people to enhance understanding and identify accessibility, vulnerability, and susceptibility to behavioural and attitudinal influence.”*

In a document [dump](#) on November 5, the group exposed the UK-based [‘Integrity Initiative’](#). The main stated objective is counter-terrorism, and *“to provide a coordinated Western response to Russian disinformation and other elements of hybrid warfare.”* The Institute for Statecraft is affiliated with the NATO HQ Public Diplomacy Division and the Home Office-funded ‘Prevent’ programme, so objectivity is, of course, at the forefront of their work...

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From the government's [ALLIED JOINT DOCTRINE FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS WITH UK NATIONAL ELEMENTS, SEPTEMBER 2014](#).

However, the secret UK Government-funded propaganda unit based in Scotland has also been running a campaign on social media, using posts attacking **Jeremy Corbyn** and the Labour Party.

The Institute for Statecraft appears to be a small charity operating from an old Victorian mill in Fife. But the explosive leaked documents, which have been passed to the *Sunday Mail*, reveal the organisation's Integrity Initiative is funded with £2million of Foreign Office cash and run by military intelligence specialists.

The Conservative group is supposed to counter Russian online propaganda by forming "clusters" of friendly journalists and "key influencers" throughout Europe who use social media to hit back against disinformation.

[On the site](#), Dr Shima D Keene writes:

*“The new security environment is increasingly spawning a variety of asymmetric threats which require immediate attention. Many of these threats are driven by the desire for economic gain, either as an end in itself, or to assist in achieving an ultimate end. Efforts to tackle the economic aspects of these threats have frequently been neglected or, at best, fragmented. This is particularly the case in the international sphere, allowing our adversary to operate in a benign environment.*”

“*Security Economics* is the analysis of the economic aspects of human-induced insecurity, such as terrorism and organised crime.

“The Institute’s *Security Economics Programme* serves to unite existing knowledge whilst bringing new knowledge to the subject. The multi-disciplinary approach aims to provide new thinking and direction, both strategically and tactically, in order that effective financial warfare strategies can be devised and implemented to tackle the evolving threat environment. Network analysis plays a key part. Activities of the Programme include operational research, policy development, counselling and mentoring in the following subject areas:

- Threat Finance (Terrorism, Narcotics, Human Trafficking, Proliferation/Weapons of Mass Destruction and Organised Crime)
- Psychological Operations/Info Ops/ Influence
- Financial Counter Insurgency
- Economic Crime (to include Fraud and Money Laundering)
- Maritime Piracy (Kidnap and Ransom)
- Cyber crime and associated Technology
- Forensic Finance/Financial Intelligence
- Economic Warfare/ Asymmetric Financial Warfare
- Counter Terrorist Finance/Anti Money laundering (Legislation/Regulation).

A message from the UK Government-funded organisation promotes an article that states:



*“Unlike Galloway (former MP George Galloway) Corbyn does not scream conspiracy, he implies it,” while another added: “It’s time for the Corbyn left to confront its Putin problem.”*

A further message refers to an “alleged British Corbyn supporter” who “wants to vote for Putin”.

It is not just the Labour leader who has been on the receiving end of online attacks. The party’s strategy and communications director, **Seumas Milne**, was also targeted.

The Integrity Initiative, whose base at Gateside Mill is near Auchtermuchty, retweeted a newspaper report that said:

*“Milne is not a spy – that would be beneath him.*

*“But what he has done, wittingly or unwittingly, is work with the Kremlin agenda.”*

Another retweet promoted a journalist who said:

*“Just as he supports the Russian bombardment of Syria, Seumas Milne supported the Russian slaughter of Afghanistan, which resulted in more than a million deaths.” [Another filthy lie, of course]*

The Integrity (sic) Initiative has been accused of supporting Ukrainian politicians who oppose Putin – even when they also have suspected far-right links.

Further leaked documents appear to show a Twitter campaign that resulted in a Spanish politician believed to be friendly to the Kremlin being denied a job.

The organisation’s “Spanish cluster” swung into action on hearing that Pedro Banos was to be appointed director of the national security department.

The papers detail how the Integrity Initiative alerted “key

influencers” around Europe who launched an online campaign against the politician.

In the wake of the leaks, which also detail Government grant applications, the Foreign Office have been forced to confirm they provided massive funding to the Integrity Initiative.

In response to a parliamentary question by Chris Williamson, Europe Minister **Alan Duncan** said:

*“In financial year 2017-18, the FCO funded the Institute for Statecraft’s Integrity Initiative £296,500.*

*“This financial year, the FCO are funding a further £1,961,000. Both have been funded through grant agreements.”*

Apparently, the Institute launched the Integrity Initiative in 2015 to “defend democracy against disinformation.” However, the evidence uncovered strongly suggests that it’s rather more of an attempt to defend disinformation against democracy.

*What the hell is going on?*

*I tabled a parliamentary question recently and discovered the Foreign Office has given £2m of public money to a shady organisation that's indulging in black propaganda against Jeremy Corbyn and the Labour Party. <https://t.co/wDbQwCMqnD>*

*– Chris Williamson MP #GTT0 (@DerbyChrisW) [December 9, 2018](#)*



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Shadow Foreign Secretary **Emily Thornberry** expressed the party's justifiable outrage:

[Labour Demand Government Explains £2m Taxpayers' Cash Funding Infowars Unit Which Smeared Corbyn and Labour](#)

*"It is one of the cardinal rules of British public life that official resources should not be used for party political purposes. So, it is simply outrageous that the clearly mis-named 'Integrity Initiative' – funded by the Foreign Office to the tune of £2.25 million over the past two years – has routinely been using its Twitter feed to disseminate personal attacks and smears against the Leader of the Opposition, the Labour Party and Labour officials.*

*"And this cannot be dismissed as something outside the Government's control, given the application for funding agreed by the Foreign Office last year stated explicitly that it would be used in part to expand "the impact of the Integrity Initiative website...and Twitter/social media accounts.*

*“So the Government must now answer the following questions: why did the Foreign Office allow public money to be spent on attempting to discredit Her Majesty’s Opposition? Did they know this was happening? If not, why not? And if they did, how on earth can they justify it?”*

**Labour MSP Neil Findlay** said:

*“It would appear that we have a charity registered in Scotland and overseen by the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator that is funded by the UK Government and is spewing out political attacks on UK politicians, the Labour Party and the Labour movement.*

*“Such clear political attacks and propaganda shouldn’t be coming from any charity. We need to know why the Foreign Office have been funding it.”*

The UK’s links with NATO psyops are well-established – see [Countering propaganda: NATO spearheads use of behavioural change science](#), for example. From the article:

*“Target Audience Analysis, a scientific application developed by the UK based Behavioural Dynamics Institute, that involves a comprehensive study of audience groups and forms the basis for interventions aimed at reinforcing or changing attitudes and behaviour.”*

The UK government openly discusses its policy intents regarding ‘behavioural change’, and instituted the Nudge Unit in 2010 to contribute to their behaviourist policy agenda. The behavioural economists from the Unit have contributed significantly to punitive welfare policy, for example.

The programme entailing the use of behavioural change science for NATO was delivered by the UK-based Strategic Communication Laboratories (SCL Defence), which has worked for the UK Ministry of Defence and the United States’ Department of

Defense for a number of years and is the world's only company licensed to deliver the Behavioural Dynamics process, and a team of Information Warfare experts drawn from seven nations, called IOTA-Global.

**David Miller**, a professor of political sociology in the School for Policy Studies at the University of Bristol, added:

*"It's extraordinary that the Foreign Office would be funding a Scottish charity to counter Russian propaganda which ends up attacking Her Majesty's opposition and soft-peddling far-right politicians in the Ukraine."*

*"People have a right to know how the Government are spending their money, and the views being promoted in their name."*

**Tamsin Shaw**, an associate professor of philosophy at New York University, has researched the US military's funding and use of psychological research for use in torture. She says:

*"The capacity for this science to be used to manipulate emotions is very well established. This is military-funded technology that has been harnessed by a global plutocracy and is being used to sway elections in ways that people can't even see, don't even realise is happening to them."*

*"It's about exploiting existing phenomenon like nationalism and then using it to manipulate people at the margins. To have so much data in the hands of a bunch of international plutocrats to do with it what they will is absolutely chilling."*

*"We are in an information war and billionaires are buying up these companies, which are then employed to go to work in the heart of government. That's a very worrying situation."*

Mass surveillance, data profiling, psychographic profiling and behavioural modification strategies are embedded in the corporate sector and are now very clearly being used in a way that challenges the political canon of liberal democratic societies, where citizens are traditionally defined by

principles of self-determination. I've spent the past few years writing critically about the *neuroliberal turn*.

The leaked documents show a funding application to the Foreign Office that details the unit's work.

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“The Integrity Initiative aims to unite people who understand the threat, in order to provide a coordinated Western response to Russian disinformation and other elements of hybrid warfare.” The documents included in the leak comprised of a

handbook, funding information and lists of people organised by 'cluster'.

Further papers reveal a unit in Lithuania which received overseas funding to "support a new hub/cluster creation and to educate cluster leaders and key people in Vilnius in infowar techniques".

It's only over recent years that we are getting a glimpse of new behavioural economics discipline evolving into forms of social control that make the frightful 20th-century totalitarianism regimes seem like a primitive and crude method of governance by comparison. This all-pervasive control is elegant and hidden in plain view. It's a subtle and stealthy form of totalitarianism. Behavioural science and its various applications as a new "cognitive-military complex" – it originated within intelligence and state security agencies.

[BeWorks](#) is one example of a company adopting the nudge approach to strategic communications and marketing, they describe themselves as *"The first management consulting firm dedicated to the practice of applying behavioral science to strategy, marketing, operations, and policy challenges"*, also *"harness the powerful insights of behavioral economics to solve your toughest challenges."*

They work for the government, the energy industry, financial service sector, insurance industry and retail sectors, "helping organisations to embed behavioural economics into their culture".

The company says:

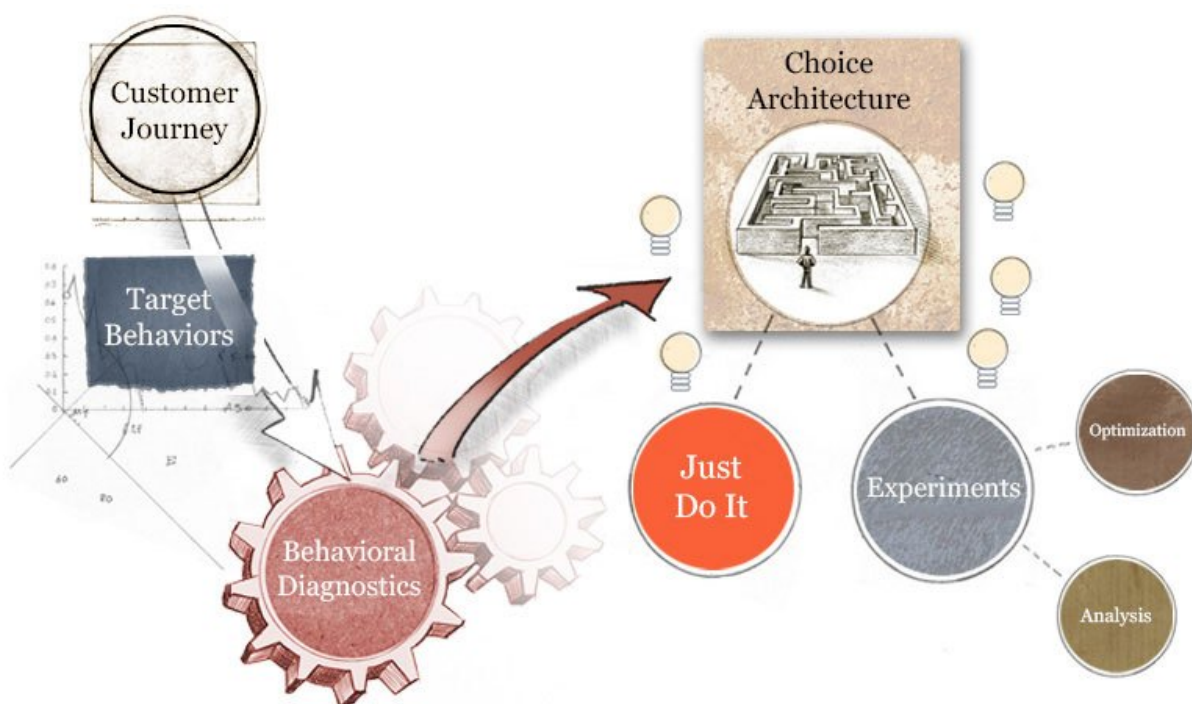
*"The team combines leading academics from the fields of cognitive and social psychology, neuroscience, and marketing with management consulting experts. Our multi-disciplinary expertise allows us to arm our clients with the latest in scientific insights coupled with a strategic business lens"*.



They also wrote this article among others: [How Science Can Help Get Out the Vote](#). They claim: “**Our team of scientists and business experts** offers a powerful methodology that analyzes and **measurably** influences the decisions consumers make”.

They go on to say

*“Neuromarketing studies, which measure brain activity and other biological indicators, are another way to gauge true emotional reactions instead of relying on how people say they feel. EEG caps and biometric belts are the most common tools used, though other techniques, ranging from reading facial expressions to measuring tiny differences in reaction time, are also used.”*



The consequences of governments acting upon citizens to meet political aims, and to align behaviours with a totalising neoliberal ideology, turns democracy completely on its head. We are left with a form of [inverted totalitarianism](#), or facade democracy, where direct methods of oppression are not required, as citizens are far easier to control and better ‘nudged’ when they continue to believe themselves free and autonomous.

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The author in her own words: "I'm a political activist with a strong interest in human rights. I'm also a strongly principled socialist. Much of my campaign work is in support of people with disability. I am also disabled: I have an autoimmune illness called lupus, with a sometimes life-threatening complication – a bleeding disorder called thrombocytopenia. Sometimes I long to go back to being the person I was before 2010. The Coalition claimed that the last government left a "mess", but I remember being very well-sheltered from the consequences of the global banking crisis by the last government – enough to flourish and be myself. Now many of us are finding that our potential as human beings is being damaged and stifled because we are essentially focused on a struggle to survive, at a time of austerity cuts and welfare "reforms". Maslow was right about basic needs and motivation: it's impossible to achieve and fulfil our potential if we cannot meet our most fundamental survival needs adequately. What kind of government inflicts a framework of punishment via its policies on disadvantaged citizens? This is a government that tells us with a straight face that taking income from poor people will "incentivise" and "help" them into work. I have yet to hear of a case when a poor person was relieved of their poverty by being made even more poor. The

Tories like hierarchical ranking in terms status and human worth. They like to decide who is “deserving” and “undeserving” of political consideration and inclusion. They like to impose an artificial framework of previously debunked Social Darwinism: a Tory rhetoric of division, where some people matter more than others...”



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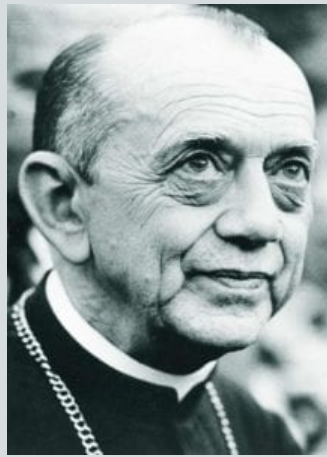
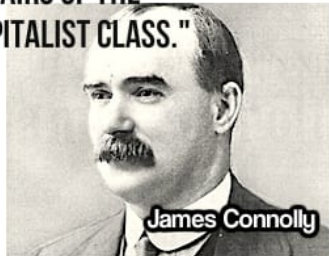
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"There are three kinds of violence. The first, the mother of all the others, is the institutional violence, the one that legalizes and perpetuates the dominations, the oppressions and the exploitations, the one that crushes and flattens millions of men in its silent and well oiled wheels. The second is revolutionary violence, which arises from the desire to abolish the first. The third is repressive violence, the object of which is to stifle the second by making itself the auxiliary and the accomplice of the first violence, the one that engenders all the others. There is no worse hypocrisy to call violence only the second, by pretending to forget the first, which gives birth to it, and the third which kills it. "

—**Dom Helder Camara**, Brazilian Archbishop and liberation theologian