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## Castrated

By Robert Gore, *Financial Editor*



est to tap), transport, or export its oil. It exports most of its oil because it has little industry, although its riches have made it a financial center and funded one of the world's most generous welfare states. Much of the actual labor is performed by immigrants. The partial diversion of oil revenues has kept the non-House of Saud population pacified.

Oil has made the House of Saud one of the wealthiest extended clans in the world. It retains this privileged position by virtue of US military and intelligence support and its relationship with the Wahhabist clerics. Essentially, the clerics give their unwavering support to the regime, and the regime faithfully executes Sharia law (and those who violate it) in accordance with the dictates of the clerics.

It is an unfortunate tendency of the silver-spoon set not to confine itself to philanthropy, collecting art and fast cars, and other harmless pursuits. They seem compelled to tell the rest of us how to live and think. The Wahhabists make the do-gooders plaguing America look benign. It may be true that some sects of Islam are peaceful and only want to live and let live, but not the Wahhabists, it's their brand of Sunni Islam or nothing. Everyone else is an infidel, to be converted or beheaded. So rather than just building big palaces in the desert, praying five times a day, and shopping in Paris, London, New York, and Beverly Hills, Saudi silver-spooners export their Puritanical Islam and expect obsequence from the rest of the world.

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## 1941: The Chetnik Guerrilla Resistance

By Samuel Culper



up and deported — due in no small part to Nazi retribution for guerrilla attacks — and while thousands were being executed, thousands more were waking up to the reality of Liberty or Death.

Yugoslav guerrillas understood the need to better organize to effect greater and more critical damage to their occupiers. They moved past simply destroying bridges and raiding convoys and into a sustained, organized resistance movement. By late Spring of '41, Colonel Drazha Mihailovic had formed the 30-man Chetnik resistance group, named after the 19th century guerrilla groups called chetas, who plagued and later drove out Turkish invaders. The Chetniks, most of whom were Christian Serbs, grew their hair and beards long for 40 days as a period of mourning following the loss of their nation and freedom.

### Successful Guerrilla Action

Mihailovic had fought in the mountains of western Serbia in World War I and knew it to be the perfect location to launch guerrilla attacks, not only due to its rough terrain but also because of its proximity to vital rail lines used to fuel the Nazi Wermacht. There he trained his guerrilla fighting force, which included Serbian civilian peasants. They're generally considered to be the first organized guerrilla fighting group in Europe.

Because large scale attacks would garner the attention of the Nazis and result in large scale retribution upon the populace, Mihailovic wisely opted to undertake smaller and quicker attacks that harassed the occupation until the Nazis were weakened to the point that Serbs could rise en masse and liberate themselves. The Chetniks were immensely successful at sabotaging Nazi supply and communication lines.

**While Chetniks carried out attacks**, by September 1941, five months after Nazi invasion, Mihailovic had made contact with Allied Forces by using 500 flashlight batteries to power a radio transmitter. Mihailovic immediately became recognized as the leader of resistance forces within Yugoslavia as Chetniks numbered 5,000 strong.

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## Hustled Through Life

By Paul Rosenberg



Most people, sad to say, are too rushed, frightened, and confused to think about what they really want out of life. They are hustled through school, forced into long-term decisions before they're ready to face them, then held to those decisions by fear and shame. They choose from a limited set of options, and they know that change will be punished.

Eventually they get old and find time to think, but by then they can't bear to question too deeply; that would jeopardize their self-worth, and they haven't time to rebuild it.

For an intelligent, creative, and expansive species like ours, this rush to nowhere is among the greatest of evils. And yet it continues, mostly unquestioned. At no point in the usual Western life do we stop, take some serious time for ourselves, and think about the overall:

What's life about anyway? What's the point of what we do?

What's the purpose of a career? Why should I care about it above everything else?

Why should I glorify the existing system? Why should I agree to support it?

Who paid for everything I learned in school?

Should I have a family? If so, why?

If not, why not?

What do *I* think is fun? Does it really coincide with the beer ads on TV?

What's the purpose of being like everyone else? Why am I so afraid to be different?

We don't address such questions. Rather, we're pushed past them. Even in a church or synagogue — places where larger questions are supposed to be addressed — the person in the pulpit wants us to become and/or remain a member of the congregation; their job depends upon it. There are true ministers and rabbis, but for most it's all too easy to push their audience into what's convenient.

As a result, we see little motivation in the modern West, save for the basest of motivators: things that match a line from the Bible that says, "Whose god is their belly."

Mind you, I'm not against wealth, good food, or sex. I think those are fine things. They are not, however, the whole of life. We are much bigger than that. We ought not be limited to belly-level aspirations. But when we're rushed, that's all we're able to see.

### Status and Fear

The two big motivators we face in this rush through life — fear and status — are both negative.

*Fear* is a manipulation technology; people who make you afraid are hacking your mind. They want you to ignore reason and obey them fast.

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The US government promised Saudi Arabia that it would remove the military bases it erected there during Gulf War I after Saddam Hussein had been vanquished from

Kuwait. It did not do so. Fighting the Soviet Union in Afghanistan, Osama bin Laden, a native of Saudi Arabia from a wealthy and well-connected family, had been happy enough to accept aid from the US. His anger at the bases and the broken promise reportedly sparked the 9/11 attacks.

**Fifteen of the nineteen 9/11 hijackers were Saudi Arabians.** Twenty-eight classified pages of a 2002 Congressional 9/11 investigation may well show that they received assistance from members of the Saudi Arabian government and royal family. Family members of 9/11 victims have long pressed for their release, although it will not, because of the sovereign immunity doctrine, help them in their efforts to sue the Saudi government. Senate Bill 2040 would declassify the 28 pages and suspend sovereign immunity for any government found complicit in a terrorist attack that kills Americans on US soil.

The Saudis have cranked up their greasy US lobbying apparatus to stop the bill, and have threatened to dump \$750 billion in US debt if it becomes law. The 28 pages should be released because it will add to what we know about 9/11, but there is no chance Senate Bill 2040 will become law. President Obama has pledged to veto the legislation if it passes, and went to Saudi Arabia last week to “reassure” its leaders. Even if it didn’t upset the apple cart of the US-Saudi Arabian alliance, it would open the door to other nations and multinational bodies suspending the US’s sovereign immunity for say, drone strikes and indiscriminate bombings that have killed innocent people, arguably terrorist acts.

Unfortunately, the 9/11 imbroglio will probably not be the catalyst for a rupture in the alliance. Further exposure of Saudi duplicity would underscore an argument SLL has repeatedly made: the Saudis play a double game with the US. They have funded al Qaeda and its offshoots, notably ISIS, and have underwritten the world-wide export of Wahhabism and its doctrines of jihad and Islamic domination. The US friendship with the Saudi regime undercuts its claim of moral exceptionalism; the regime is among the world’s most repressive. Its Sharia law outlaws homosexuality and makes women chattels. Civil liberties are nonexistent, and lashings or beheadings await those who dare to speak out against the regime.

**The proper US response to the Saudi’s threat would have been the middle finger.** Ever-happy-to-monetize central banks and the world’s capital markets can handle a \$750 billion sale of US debt. There would be a price concession as markets soaked the Saudis, but after the sale prices would rally and there would be no permanent damage. That the US would allow itself to be threatened illustrates what happens when a confederated empire rests on borrowed money. How long can an empire last that succumbs to its creditors’ threats? (China has a lot more US government debt than Saudi Arabia.)

Mostly what the US response illustrates is what happens when you have a government run by eunuchs. A bipartisan, bought-and-paid-for coalition of chicken hawks sends in bombers, drones, special forces, and the NSA to wage, costly, bloody, doomed-to-fail, civil-liberties-destroying wars against terrorist “threats,” but sucks up to an empty-robe regime that has indoctrinated, funded, and armed al Qaeda and ISIS. What would the Saudis do with their oil if the world’s largest oil consumer bought elsewhere, especially as the low oil price bleeds Saudi Arabia’s foreign currency reserves? What would their military—which can’t take out fourth-rate Yemen—do if the world’s number one arms supplier refused to sell to it? What would their corrupt and tyrannical alliance of mosque and state do if the US denounced the corruption and tyranny? What leverage would the Saudi’s have after they sold their \$750 billion in debt?

Take away Saudi Arabia’s oil and all that’s left are a couple of Islamic shrines and a lot of sand and hot air. Nothing so captures the testicular-challenged US government and its leader’s relationship to that den of thieves as the photograph at the top of the first page showing Obama with Saudi King Salman.

**1941: The Chetnik Guerrilla Resistance***(Continued from page 1)***Nazi Reprisal**

By the fall of 1941, Hitler had ordered that 100 Yugoslavians be killed for every one Nazi soldier who died by the hands of guerrillas. Hitler’s strategy was to not only deter future guerrilla attacks but also deny guerrillas the support of food and intelligence they needed from the populace. On 20 October 1941, Nazi forces marched on the town of Kraljevo and slayed between 1,700 and 6,000 Yugoslavians for retribution of a guerrilla attack that had killed around 30 Nazi soldiers. The next day, the same Nazi force descended on Kragujevac and murdered between 2,300 and 7,000 for retribution of the previous deaths of 10 Nazi troops. The Nazis spared around 600 people to ensure the dead were buried and that the tale of the massacre spread to the Yugoslavian guerrilla fighters.

Mihailovic quickly grew reluctant to continue his guerrilla campaign at the expense of his innocent countrymen.

*“It is far better that my men should stay at home, work on the land, and look after their weapons if they have them. When the time comes for us to rise, we will rise”.* – Drazha Mihailovic

Due to continuing guerrilla attacks, the Nazis began a full-scale, 50,000 strong invasion of the countryside and routed both major guerrilla forces; including the Communist Partisans, who were at times peers, though often rivals, of the Chetniks. By the end of the year, the guerrilla campaigns had ceased, both forces crushed, and although flushed out, neither Mihailovic nor Tito, the Partisan leader, were captured; to which Hitler responded with a \$40,000 bounty on each leader.

*“When it was over and, with God’s help, I was preserved to continue the struggle, I resolved that I would never again bring such misery on the country unless it could result in total liberation. When the day comes for us to rise, we will rise”.* – Drazha Mihailovic

Mihailovic sent most of his men home, except for a small detachment which he led back into the mountains. Some of his fighters had joined the militia of General Milan Nedich, the German-supported Prime Minister who was appointed to bring peace back to Serbia. Mihailovic tallied this to a small victory, as a strategy called “uses of the enemy” – which is predicated on a trade of temporary cooperation for strategic and long term gain. That would allow him to not only collect intelligence on Nazi movement but also resume civil war with the communists of Yugoslavia, whom he began to see as the real enemy after the war. He expected the Allies to eventually take up the mantle of repelling the Nazis, at which point he would begin his full scale war to rid Yugoslavia of communists.

Ironically, Mihailovic was lauded by the Allies – and was even put on the cover of New York Times Magazine – for being solely responsible for the resistance in Yugoslavia, at a time when his Chetniks largely were not even fighting.

**Civil War and Defeat**

As the war waged on, the Partisans retook the lead in fighting the occupation. Slowly, Mihailovic’s strategy of “uses of the enemy” became collaboration with the occupation to defeat the communists. Due to Chetnik inaction and timidity, the Allied powers began supporting solely the communist Partisans. At one point, Mihailovic flat-out told a British officer that fighting the communists was his chief duty, followed by fighting a long list of other groups that ended with the Nazis and Italian occupiers.

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**Hustled Through Life***(Continued from page 1)*

**When we’re afraid, we make our worst choices.** Put plainly, fear makes us stupid. But we encounter it on a daily basis... and it destroys us by inches.

*Status* is the compulsion to compare ourselves with others, and whether we’re looking for the ways we’re better than others or looking for our shortcomings, it is deeply destructive. It’s also irrational, but the advertising business would crash without it and advertisers currently own the collective eyeballs of humanity.

Fear and status are, in a broad sense, drugs, and if you had a choice between smoking pot every day or being on fear and status every day, I’d definitely recommend the pot.

**Confusion**

Let’s be clear on something: Nearly every adult in the West will agree that politicians are liars and thieves... and yet they obey them without question. Is there any possibility we’d do such things if we weren’t harried and confused?

When we are confused, we pass over our own minds and their deliberations. There’s an old joke: “Who are you gonna believe, me or your lyin’ eyes?” But that’s precisely what confusion does to us, and under the pressures of confusion and authority, most people *will* ignore their own eyes.

Such things do not happen to people who are calm and confident. But the existing hierarchies of the West couldn’t function with a calm and confident populace; their operations *require* people to be frightened, confused, and blindly chasing status.

**As a Result...**

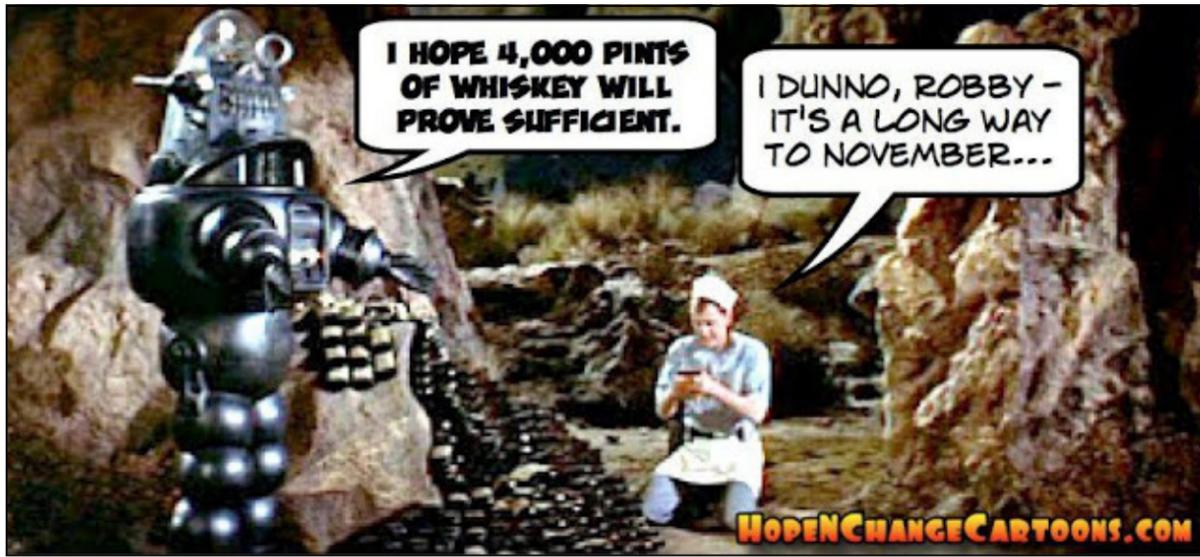
As a result, most of us hurry through life, never knowing why. We live as others do, simply because that path is streamlined for us, exposing us to a minimal level of fear and shame. But that path does something else: *It keeps us from experiencing ourselves.*

Seldom has this problem been put more succinctly than in this quote from Albert Einstein:

*“Small is the number of them who see with their own eyes and feel with their own hearts”.*

Stop following the crowd. Turn your back on the popular script. Stop feeding at the same trough as everyone else. Break away and learn to see with your own eyes, to feel with your own heart.

Don’t conform. Let people criticize you. Decide for yourself what your life will be about. Make it matter.



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were killed, Mihailovic was at a loss after calling for a national mobilization against the communists, and was also unable to garner support from non-Serbs. Now, under attack from both the communist Partisans and their Soviet backers – while still fighting retreating Nazis – Mihailovic had no choice but to flee Chetnik territory as the Partisans invaded, and hope for a Western Allied landing. It never came.

On 13 March 1946, Drazha Mihailovic was arrested by the Soviet-backed Yugoslavian communist government, was convicted of high treason and war crimes committed by Chetniks, and was executed in July. As a mere side note in the annals of history, Mihailovic and the Chetniks were responsible for saving hundreds of Allied pilots, for which Mihailovic was posthumously awarded the Legion of Merit by President Harry S. Truman.

#### Lessons Learned

– The Yugoslavian military fell to Nazi invasion in about a week and then guerrilla action was initiated. From Yugoslavia to Iraq, don't stand against the brunt of an invasion. Slow the advance, pester them, and attempt to break their initiative. But don't fight them head to head in order to stop them. In Iraq, we invaded quickly, we fired the Iraqi Army, and then the SHTF.

– Mihailovic organized the Chetniks and conducted small unit warfare from the mountains. He identified and used his support zones. Where organizations are popular, they seek refuge. These areas where guerrilla organizations receive benefits from the populace are their support zones. The guerrilla fighter's area of operations is going to be near his support zone but rarely in his support zone. Don't s\*t where you eat, so to speak.

– Chetniks and their Partisan guerrilla peers fought in cooperation, which drew the focused attention of Nazi leadership and sparked a large Nazi invasion of guerrilla support zones to break popular support there. When the enemy denies the use of support zones, transition to new ones and allow auxiliary resistance to sabotage the adversary's efforts. From a new support zone, guerrilla organizations engage the adversary. Though they may be chased, it's critical for these organizations to keep the initiative in battle. When the area of operations becomes too saturated with enemy forces to become effective, shift fire to another location. The life of the guerrilla is difficult but that's his only recourse.

– Mihailovic favored small, quick, and decisive guerrilla action that plagued a much larger and stronger adversary. Forget the conventional force paradigm. Get small and light and then get smaller and lighter. Guerrilla fighters should make their adversary chase and fight hundreds or thousands of small units, each one at the same time.

– Mihailovic attacked combat support elements and degraded Nazi fighting capability. A series of well-aimed assaults on critical nodes will annoy and degrade a much larger force. Look at how IEDs have slowed military convoys in Iraq and Afghanistan. Were it not for IEDs, then U.S., Coalition, and NATO forces would have had much greater ease of movement, quickening their operational tempo. A hundred dollars or less of materials effected mobility kills on million dollar vehicles. That's an extremely disparate return on investment.

– The Chetnik strategy was to wear on the occupation until weak enough to be fought conventionally and forced into retreat. Any popular resistance movement needs determination of ability, commitment to cause, and perseverance in action. The guerrilla forces and auxiliary support must outlast the occupation.

– Mihailovic failed to grow as a political figure, was ineffective at recruiting non-Serbs, and as a result was slowly defeated by communist Partisans who won their ideological battle. Mihailovic had several fatal flaws. As campaigns wage on, guerrilla leadership must work with current or potential political leaders to form or foster good governance. Continual recruitment is enabled by brutality of the occupation. Exploit these events, grow popular support, and turn the tide against an occupation.

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**May 10—The Well Armed Woman, Georgia Mountain Chapter**, Hayesville, NC. 5:30 p.m. A women's group dedicated to educating, equipping and empowering women gun owners. Meeting at Shooter's Exchange, 3280 NC Hwy 69, Suite 10, Hayesville, NC. For more information please contact Carrie Brekke at practicalpistoltraining@gmail.com.

**May 10—Cherokee NC ARES Formal Meeting**, Murphy, NC, 7 pm. Our regularly scheduled second Tuesday meeting at the Robert Penland Senior Center, 69 Alpine Street (behind the courthouse) in Murphy.

**May 10—DAV Monthly Meeting, Blairsville, GA**, 7 pm – 8 pm. The Disabled American Veterans meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Veterans Center. Held at the Veterans Building, 78 Old Blue Ridge Hwy. Blairsville. For more information please contact Mike Ruback 954-249-2707.

**May 12—The Well Armed Woman, Murphy Chapter**, Murphy, NC, 6 p.m. A women's group dedicated to educating, equipping & empowering women gun owners. Meeting at Christian Martial Arts Center, 56 Valley River Avenue, Murphy.

**May 21—Cherokee NC ARES Social Brunch**, Murphy, NC, 10 am. Our regularly scheduled meeting on the third Saturday of each month. This is an opportunity for a social gathering and it will not involve any formal presentations or training. All those interested in amateur radio or just a good meal and fellowship are invited to attend. XYLs welcome! Meeting at Main Street USA located on Hiwassee Street in Murphy.

**May 21-22—High Risk Vehicle Gunfighting**, Murphy, NC. Although normally reserved for those in the operator community, the average American spends 15+ hours a week in their vehicle. This class will teach you to become more dynamic in and around your vehicle - don't be left helpless in this situation. \$350. Contact Rick Klopp, 706-781-4526.

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