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# <u>Overture</u>



I'm free! I'm free! And I'm waiting for you to follow me,

I told you what it takes to reach the highest high, You'd laugh and say "nothing's that simple," But you've been told many times before, Messiahs pointed to the door, No one had the guts to leave the temple,

> I'm free! I'm free! And freedom tastes of reality...

> > "I'm Free" The Who





#### **Executive Summary**



The United Nations (UN) is beyond human redemption. The United States and other free nations should create The Liberty Alliance. The goal of the Liberty Alliance is to expand human liberty and dignity to oppressed people through diplomatic, political, economic and cultural means; however, it shall not have a military component. Free nations should remain in the UN to keep a check on freedom's enemies; however, the U.S. and other free nations would pay no more to the UN than its lowest paying non-free regime. All monies and personnel spared from the UN should be dedicated to the Liberty Alliance.

#### America's Challenge



In the immediate aftermath of World War II, President Harry Truman confronted the commencement of the Cold War with the Soviet Union. In his blunt, son of the middle border manner, Truman enunciated the eponymous doctrine he would apply to this and all international challenges during his March 12, 1947, address to a joint session of Congress:

"I believe that it must be the policy of the United States to support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures... I believe that we must assist free peoples to work out their own destinies in their own way... I believe that our help should be primarily through economic and financial aid which is essential to economic stability and orderly political processes.

"One way of life is based upon the will of the majority, and is distinguished by free institutions, representative government, free elections, guarantees of individual liberty, freedom of speech and religion, and freedom from political oppression. The second way of life is based upon the will of a minority forcibly imposed upon the majority. It relies upon terror and oppression, a controlled press and radio fixed elections, and the suppression of personal freedoms...

"The seeds of totalitarian regimes are nurtured by misery and want. They spread and grow in the evil soil of poverty and strife. They reach their full growth when the hope of a people for a better life has died. We must keep that hope alive.

"The free peoples of the world look to us for support in maintaining their freedoms. If we falter in our leadership, we may endanger the peace of the world – and we shall surely endanger the welfare of our own nation."

Thankfully, despite "experts" arguments Soviet imperialism should be psychologically "understood" and indulged to purchase an illusory peace, Truman morally comprehended this evil empire's threat to the United States and the Free World. His strategy to contain and defeat inhuman communism called for the United States to champion the cause of human liberty and dignity through multi-lateral and bi-lateral treaties, and the United Nations. Tragically, from Truman's time to ours, the United Nations' has devolved into the posterchild of hypocrisy and demagoguery. For global altruists afflicted with cognitive dissonance, in a likely futile effort, let us remind them of the UN's recent, execrable acts against the human liberty and dignity it was founded to defend.

The UN "humanitarian" aid program, "Oil-for-Food," provided little bread for Iraqis but large bribes for Hussein, his regime, UN cronies and, likely, terrorists. Estimates are Saddam's dictatorship siphoned \$10 billion from the program through oil smuggling and systematic thievery, and illegal payments and kickbacks from international contractors – all beneath the non-judgmental gaze of UN bureaucrats, who were nevertheless judged culpable for gross incompetence, mismanagement, and, potentially, complicity with Saddam in perpetrating the biggest corruption scandal in human history.

Secondly, widespread instances and allegations of the sexual exploitation and abuse of Congolese women, girls, and boys were leveled against the UN personnel sent to protect them. The particulars of this barbaric sexual abuse are unfit for this forum.

Thirdly, the UN's waste, fraud and malfeasance have turned tawdry graft into a global art, an epic debacle of avarice less worthy of journalist than a satirist. As one UN peace-keeping staffer informed the Inter Press Service News Agency: "Corruption and kickbacks were taken for granted in most overseas operations." Though not in New York Federal Court, where on June 7<sup>th</sup> the former top U.N. procurement official, Sanjaya Bahel, was convicted of steering \$100 million worth of UN peace-keeping contracts to

the family of a personal friend. UN officials refuse to explain how Bahel was twice exonerated by its internal investigations, while a New York jury convicted him of fraud and corruption in half a day.

These are not the acts of the UN envisioned by President Franklin Roosevelt in his March 1, 1945, *Address before Congress on the Yalta Conference*:

"(A common ground for peace) ought to spell the end of the system of unilateral action, the exclusive alliances, the spheres of influence, the balances of power, and all other expedients that have been tried for centuries – and have always failed. We propose to substitute for all these a universal organization in which all peace-loving nations will finally have a chance to join."

Weighed against Roosevelt's words, the UN is deemed wanting, and the reason is revealed – a "universal organization" will include "peace-loving nations" *and* tyrannical regimes. Consequently, all of the "exclusive alliances," "spheres of influence," "balances of power" and "all other expedients" which occurred and failed "for centuries" outside of a "universal organization" have now occurred and failed this century inside the UN.

Unlike Roosevelt, Truman viewed the UN as a distal hope not an immediate panacea. Though personally honest, Truman was versed in Boss Tom Pendergast's political machine, and so understood the UN's membership's political math boded ill for free people. Today, according to Freedom House, of 192 UN member states, 89 are "fully free" and 103 are not. Thus, a solid majority (54%) of member states know liberty directly threatens their survival, which requires the suppression of their own peoples and, through their UN membership, the entire human community.

While it is said words cannot hurt, the majority ruled General Assembly's resolutions and speeches can and do hurt free peoples, as investigative reporter Claudia Rosett poignantly observers:

"What may appear to an American audience as irrelevant and even tedious theater is anything but harmless. The speeches on that U.N. stage are not, as a rule, meant for Americans, nor even for the multilateral audience in the chamber. Especially among repressive regimes, they are beamed to home countries and regional neighbors as evidence of the dignity and respect enjoyed by these governments at the world's leading conclave of nations. They feature as one more blow to the courageous Burmese monks, the hungry North Koreans, the desperate opposition in Zimbabwe, and the democrats who risk prison when they raise their voices in places such as Syria and Iran." This holds true at the UN's Security Council and its Human Rights Councils, from which a few bitter vignettes paint an abhorrent portrait.

The UN's Permanent Security Council includes a nuclear armed communist China and an increasingly authoritarian Russia. Their unsettling synergy of interests and actions on this body ominously echoes the heights of their Cold War co-operation. Consider:

Despite over a decade of U.S. protestations, communist China and Putin's Russia are the top exporters of nuclear technology, chemical weapons precursors, and guided missiles to Iran. In 2004, the U.S.-China Security and Review Commission declared "Chinese entities continue to assist Iran with dual-use missile-related items, raw materials and chemical weapons-related production equipment and technology;" and further noted these transfers took place after the communist Chinese government's 2003 pledge to withhold missile technology from the Iranian regime.

Looking at the UN Human Rights Council, some members are more suited to a rogues' gallery than a roster of righteous nations. Soon the UN will enthrone as arbiters of global human rights regimes like communist China, communist Cuba and Putin's Russia. Only the UN would put oppressed people's hopes in such blood stained hands.

Our association with this insanity exacts a steep price.

Since 1945, the U.S. has been the UN's largest annual contributor. In 2006, American taxpayers forked over \$423.5 million in dues (or 22% of the UN's regular budget) and

over \$5.3 billion in total to the UN. Nevertheless, the U.S. and all free nations remain the targets of the UN's tyrannical regimes' internal intrigues and corrupt practices. Two statistics define this dysfunction: <u>Only 46% of the UN's members are free nations</u>; but the UN's top ten financial contributors are all free nations.

In a crystalline instant are the UN's symptoms manifest; its disease diagnosed; and its prognosis shameful: the UN is a global Tammany Hall lethal to the liberty and dignity of our human family.

In our time, we face challenges equivalent to those posed to President Truman. Once more, the United States, Israel, and the entire Free World face a global, generational War for Freedom against vicious enemies bent upon our destruction. To win, our devotion to liberty must transcend their obsession with death. This cannot be accomplished by fecklessly continuing to rely upon a debauched UN for our collective security.

Recall Truman: "(I)t must be the policy of the United States to support free peoples who are resisting attempted subjugation by armed minorities or by outside pressures." So it remains in our global age, wherein a world condensed by an internet cannot endure half-slave and half-free. Our survival at stake, all free nations must prudently diminish their participation in a debased UN; and unite in the cause of human dignity and liberty. Encircled at the UN, we've no more time to entreat with wolves in our midst. Best we hold them at bay in their lair, and forge a course for the world's new birth of freedom.

Our new course is a Liberty Alliance.

# **Republican Principles**





We Americans are endowed by our Creator with the unalienable right to life and liberty, among others.



We sovereign American citizens have established government to defend their Godgiven and inalienable rights against all enemies foreign and domestic.



The federal government has the moral and constitutional duty to protect sovereign Americans' lives and liberties.



In extending freedom to the enslaved, we ensure freedom for ourselves.



The federal government has the moral and constitutional duty to wisely conserve and effectively spend the monies it holds in fiduciary trust from and on behalf of sovereign American citizens.

## **Republican Policies**





The United States must join with free nations to create the Liberty Alliance.



Transcending the "Community of Democracies," which could be transformed into this more focused and potent international organization for freedom, the Liberty Alliance must be founded upon the self-evident truth all human beings are endowed by their Creator with the unalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and it must be steeped in the wisdom of how extending liberty to the enslaved will ensure liberty for ourselves.



The Liberty Alliance must be composed of free nations dedicated to expanding human liberty to oppressed peoples. Member nations must meet a mutually agreed upon criteria of human rights. Observer nations must be domestically expanding their people's liberty and, upon attaining the agreed upon criteria for membership, shall be admitted to the Alliance. Importantly, member nations which diminish their people's liberty beyond the agreed upon criteria must be demoted to Observer status and, when necessary, expelled from the Alliance.



The governing structure of the Liberty Alliance shall be determined by its member nations with the objective being the maximization of transparency, equity, and democracy in accordance with the effective expansion of human liberty and dignity. As in Truman's doctrine, the Alliance "must assist free peoples to work out their own destinies in their own way." Ergo, the Alliance's emphasis must be upon liberty – wherein human beings individually and communally shape the nature, form, and functions of their representative institutions – not upon abstract notions of uniformity, like "western" democracy or "democratic capitalism" – presumptuous and too often destabilizing impositions upon peoples trying to seize their freedom and shape their destinies as they deem fit.



Heeding Truman's assessment "The seeds of totalitarian regimes are nurtured by misery and want...poverty and strife...(and) reach their full growth when the hope of a people for a better life has died," in order to foster liberty, the Alliance must advance human liberty and dignity through diplomatic, political, economic, and cultural initiatives aimed empowering and emancipating the individual, their communities, and their emerging democratic governments from dictatorial rule. The Alliance must not have a military component; however, member and observer nations will retain their powers to continue or commence security agreements with other free countries through bi-lateral and multi-lateral treaties. Never must any member or observer nation's rights be infringed upon by the Alliance.



The Liberty Alliance's headquarters shall be sited on the free soil once scarred by colonialism, communism, fascism, world wars, and the Holocaust – Central or Eastern Europe, where, cradled in the intrepid human sprit, liberty's lamp triumphantly pierced these benighted recesses of evil.



In heralding the Liberty Alliance, we do not invite the Free World to exit the UN. Especially by participating in a Democracy Caucus, the United States, Israel and all free nations should remain in the UN to advance or defend liberty by keeping her enemies close. But we must not be so mad as to pay through the nose to get kicked in our assets. Instead, the U.S. and all free nations will pay no more to the UN than its lowest paying tyrants – like North Korea and Burma, who only contribute \$170,660 (or .010% of the UN's regular budget). Free nations' monies and personnel spared from the UN shall be dedicated to the Liberty Alliance.

## Advancing American Exceptionalism



Doubtless, discombobulated global sophisticates will decry the Liberty Alliance as undesirable and/or impossible. They are overwrought and best ignored. For as we know, "The day is short; the task is great." But we will not withdraw from it. Through the Liberty Alliance, the United States and all free peoples will remain cemented and steeled by the harmonic bonds of liberty, comity, and duty. Like Harry Truman and the greatest generation of our nation, we, will not bend, we will not break in our reasoned faith in a future graced by free nations.

We will keep that hope alive.

Toiling our way up to that day, may God grant all free peoples the strength to be as He in Marie Syrkin's verse, *The Strongest*:

I'll be the strongest amid you, Not lightning, stream or mountain blue, But dew that falling to the earth Gives birth. I'll be the strongest in my hour, And lofty tree and quiet flower Will both drink gratefully From me.

I'll be the strongest in the land. I'll be the word that heals, the hand That unseen and still, as from above, Gives love."

May it be for the people of the United States and our entire human family.



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