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fies the will of the West. Therefore, we must awaken a consciousness of class conflict, racial injustice, sexual inequality, and national arrogance that has not changed in essence, but merely replicated in different form

May I also bring into the light the hidden resistance of the people against the power of the establishment: the refusal of Aborigines, Native Americans, Blacks or now Muslims, to simply die and disappear; the rebellion of black people under white domination, and now the Muslims in Libya, Syria, Palestine, Iraq and the wider Middle East, under American hegemony aided by Zionist agendas.

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Muslim people in the Middle East do not exist in the world that matters. The most glaring example is the wanton massacre of them at Israel's behest from time to time. Even in recording the fictitious war on terrorism, where Muslims might logically be considered the principal subject, the habit is to write about them as an abstract social or economic institution, to see social phenomena as provocative of indignation and as a contributing cause of mayhem and chaos.

The "terrorists" from Osama bin Laden to Abu Musab al Zarqawi to Dr Baghdadi's testimony was never sought and never recorded by historians. Instead, while fomenting divisions between factions of Islam, the finger of guilt is squarely pointed at the Muslim.

I have observed from at least as far back as 9-11 that "objectivity," had no place, even if that meant avoiding a point of view. I knew that a historian (or a journalist, or anyone telling a story) is forced to choose, from an infinite number of facts, what to present and what to omit. And that decision inevitably would reflect, whether consciously or not, the interests of the public, or the desire to implant a particular attitude and public perception.

However, there is no such thing as a pure fact, divorced of interpretation. Behind every fact presented to the world, is a judgment made by its author. The judgment that has been made is that Western preponderance is important, and that other facts are not important and so they are left out of the presentation.

The repercussions of these omissions, has been not simply to give a distorted view of the past but, more importantly, to mislead us all about the present to the extent that public opinion against a bogymen is set in concrete. This was clear from the red peril from China that "precipitated" the Vietnam War, for example.

That use of government for class purposes, to serve the needs of the influential wealthy and powerful, has continued throughout history, down to the present day. It is disguised by language which suggests that all of us, rich and poor, "Australian" and "Ethnic" was a common interest in seeing the Muslim as an enemy.

Thus, the state of the present debacle in Palestine is described in universal terms. When leaders declare pontifically that "both parties" must act with restraint, they do not acknowledge that it is not relevant to 99% percent of the people who are struggling to

survive, although it may be relatively so, for the majority of Israelis who elect leaders who consistently acquire territory illegally and massacre innocents wantonly.

Class and group interest has always been obscured behind an all-encompassing veil called "the national interest." So, "oil interest" hides behind "liberating Iraqis" or "democratising Libya" or "protecting Israel". This is poignant in the fact that the Gaza strip is now known to hold a large underground reservoir of oil.

In the history of all those military interventions by "accepted" aggressors (ie partial to the US/UK alliance) or in which the United States was engaged, where Britain and Australia participated fully, what made me skeptical was when I heard people in high political office invoke "the national interest" or "national security" to justify their military policies or foreign policy stances.

It was with such justifications that in Korea killed several million people, that in Vietnam and Cambodia in which perhaps three million people died, that Grenada was invaded, that was used to attack Panama and then Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya and that bomb or foment violent dissent in Afghanistan, Syria or Iraq mercilessly again and again, killing and maiming hundreds of thousands of civilians.

The claim made in early 2003 by "Dubya" Bush that invading and bombing Iraq was in the national interest was particularly absurd, and could only be accepted by people in the United States because of a blanket of lies spread across the country by the government and the major organs of public information -- lies about "weapons of mass destruction," lies about Iraq's connections with Al Qaeda.

One must contemplate how the foreign policies of the United States would look if they erased the national or multinational corporate boundaries of the world, at least in their minds, and thought of children everywhere as their own. Then they could never drop an atomic bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, or napalm on Vietnam, or cluster

bombs on Afghanistan or Iraq, because wars, especially in our time, are always wars against children, as even presently evident in hundreds of women and children casualties in Gaza.

If one considers historically that in the US, the first stage of what was presented as a benign expansion of the new nation, but which involved the violent expulsion of Native Americans, was accompanied by unspeakable atrocities, from every square kilometre of the continent, until there was nothing to do but herd the survivors into subjugated reservations. The shameful story in Australia is very much the same. In South Africa, due to the difference in timing and population levels, the history is different, but no less barbaric.

Except in non-fictional novels such as Alex Haley's "Roots", nowhere in their history education do they learn about the massacres of indigenous or black people that took place again and again, amid the silence of a national government pledged by the Constitution to protect equal rights for all.

Muslims are one entity that consistently de-

We need a movement against international racism, which has been the battleground, decade after decade, century after century, of an ongoing fight for human dignity, to come to the fore. And I want my readers to experience how at key moments in our history some of the bravest and most effective political acts were the sounds of the human voice itself.

Attempts to omit or to minimize these voices of resistance is to create the idea that power only rests with those who have the guns, who possess the wealth, who own the newspapers and the television stations. We need to point out that people who seem to have no power, whether ordinary working people, people of ethnic origin, or women -- once they organize and protest and create movements -- have a voice that no establishment can suppress forever.

The commonality in all these voices is that they have mostly been shut out of Western discussion, the major media, the standard textbooks, and the controlled culture. The result of having our history dominated by deranged presidents, genocidal generals and the mainstream media is to create a passive citizenry, not knowing its own powers, always waiting for some saviour from above to bring peace and justice.

