
Editorial

LaRouche: Prosecute Cheney, Obama

On Dec. 30, Lyndon LaRouche joined a chorus of leading American voices demanding the criminal prosecution of former Vice President Dick Cheney, his former Legal Counsel David Addington, and others responsible for the Bush Administration's torture program. LaRouche was the first prominent American figure to demand Cheney's prosecution and impeachment, dating back to August 2002. However, at the time, corrupt leaders of both the Democratic and Republican parties agreed to take impeachment off the table.

LaRouche also demanded the impeachment and criminal prosecution of President Barack Obama for his complicity after the fact in covering up the crimes of torture committed during the previous Administration, under Cheney's personal direction. "We cannot allow these extreme Constitutional violations and violations of international law to go unpunished, if we are to survive as a nation," LaRouche asserted.

On Dec. 21, the Editorial Board of the *New York Times* sharply denounced President Obama for covering up the torture, and refusing to prosecute. The editorial demanded that Cheney, Addington, and a number of other top officials of the Bush-Cheney Administration, including officials of the Justice Department's Office of Legal Counsel who authored the "torture memo" justifying violations of international law, including the Geneva Conventions, be criminally prosecuted. Citing the unclassified 524-page Executive Summary of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence report on the post-9/11 torture program, the *Times* editorial called these actions "depraved and illegal."

LaRouche demanded the appointment of an independent counsel with full authority to investi-

gate and prosecute current and former top government officials who ordered these crimes against humanity, and others who actively covered up the crimes.

"As one of the surviving 16 million Americans who served in World War II and fought to defeat a Hitler Nazi regime that committed unspeakable crimes against humanity, I can speak with special authority," LaRouche stated. "Bringing these criminals to justice is the ultimate test of whether our nation has the moral fitness to survive. To tolerate and cover up such heinous actions, conducted on such a large scale, by elements of our own government, is itself a crime against our nation's principles, enshrined in our Constitution."

The very same courage, and dedication to principle, that are required for Americans to decisively reject the British Empire-style bestiality carried out in the Cheney-Bush torture program, needs to be applied to the restoration of the Constitution in other areas of policy as well, especially economics.

The United States was founded on a unique set of economic principles, defined by Alexander Hamilton, and embedded in the Constitution itself. Those principles commit our nation to the promotion of continuous scientific progress, based on fostering the creative powers of the human mind. Just as Cheney's torture program flagrantly abuses human decency, so does the current British monetarist domination of U.S. economic policy fundamentally violate our moral foundation. It is also physically ripping our nation apart.

It's time we finally mustered the courage to defeat the British Empire once and for all.