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Madeleine Albright: The First in Hell

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"Great sadness at the passing of Madeleine Albright. First female U.S. Secretary of State and tireless defender of democracy [sic]. He devoted much of his life to passing on his immense knowledge to the younger generations. A heartfelt hug to his family."

There have been some media that have even dared to describe her as a *"feminist precursor"*, and others, such as El País -in its [complement S-Moda](#)- have highlighted the collection of semiotic brooches (that is, with communicative value as well as crematistic), which Albright wore on her lapel during her active career (now exhibited in a museum).

Originally from Czechoslovakia, in the USA. Albright was, in fact, the first of a series of women of the bourgeoisie to reach the top of politics. This circumstance has served to hide her overwhelming record as a warlord, extortion, blackmail and interference in various parts of the world: Iraq, Rwanda, Yugoslavia and a long etcetera.

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Good school did not lack. In 1978, during Jimmy Carter's tenure, then-National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, who had been an Albright professor, chose her to serve on the National Security Council. In that same year, Brzezinski – of Polish origin – had already initiated a plan – known as the "Carter Doctrine" – to recruit and train Afghan mujahideen, with the aim of overthrowing the socialist government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan.

It was shortly after, in 1980, under the administration of Ronald Reagan, that Albright devoted himself fully to the work of destabilizing the European countries of the Soviet orbit. Under the cloak of a research project awarded by the Smithsonian Institution of Washington D.C., he moved to Poland to "interview" – read fill with grants – dissident journalists involved in the Solidarity movement.

On his return to the U.S. He was placed at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., where he majored, not coincidentally, in Eastern European studies. Ten years later, in 1992, Bill Clinton charged him with leading the transition of the new administration in the National Security Council. And in January 1993, he appointed her to her first diplomatic post: U.S. Ambassador. UU at the UN.

In that capacity, he pressured the UN Security Council – with the thuggery that has also characterized more recent fellow ambassadors in this institution ([Nikki Haley](#) and [Samantha Power](#), for example) – to impose brutal sanctions on Iraq, supposedly to punish Saddam Hussein, whom the US has been able to punish. The US, however, had supported in 1990 during the invasion of Kuwait.

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According to the SAME UN report, between 1991 and 1995 some 576,000 Iraqi children died due to these sanctions. In 1996, during an interview on CBS, asked if it had been worth the death of that half a million Iraqi creatures, Albright replied dryly: "[The price is worth it.](#)" He later apologized for having appeared to justify that genocide, saying he had been asked "*a loaded question.*" The "burden", anyway, was already in the answer.

Once elected secretary of state during Bill Clinton's second term, a position she held from 1997 to 2001, Albright was instrumental in the final dismemberment of Yugoslavia, a country mired in an inter-ethnic conflict, and in NATO's expansion into Eastern Europe.

Between 6 and 19 February 1999, the Rambouillet negotiations took place between representatives of NATO – its then Secretary General, Javier Solana – the ethnic Albanians of Kosovo, and Yugoslavia – for the President of Serbia, Milan Milutinovic.

The Yugoslav delegation had declared its intention to concede many of the proposed points, except for Kosovo's independence. But the Yugoslavs did not see the final draft of the agreement until the last day of the talks, just hours before the deadline for signing ended. And they found that two-thirds of the wording was new points added, in particular one that stipulated the unrestricted detachment of NATO troops not only in Kosovo, but throughout the Yugoslav Federal Republic, including airspace and territorial waters.

During a break from that meeting, Secretary of State Albright, present at the meeting, [said](#):
"We have intentionally set the bar very high so that the Serbs cannot meet it. They need a bombing and that's what they're going to have."

The Yugoslav delegation did not accept that condition. No nation would have done it. The result was that on 24 March 1999, NATO launched an offensive (using banned cluster bombs and depleted uranium), which lasted 78 days.

This was an operation that never got the approval of the UN Security Council. The NATO bombing destroyed dozens of factories, bridges and other infrastructure, as well as hospitals, schools, kindergartens, churches and monasteries. More than 2,000 civilians were killed and 10,000 seriously injured.

Javier Solana, who led that aggression, earned the nickname "*Butcher of Belgrade*", although the accusations of war crimes did not fall on him, nor on the Secretary of State or the president of the United States. But about the president of Yugoslavia, Slobodan Milosevic, who was nicknamed the "*Butcher of the Balkans*" (Bosnia and Herzegovina). Sentenced by the Hague Court to life imprisonment, eleven years after his death in prison this same court [exonerated](#) Milosevic of guilt in the crimes of which he was accused.

It is true that atrocities were committed in the Yugoslav internal conflict, such as the massacre in Srebrenica (Bosnia). However, we have not seen [the war crimes in Afghanistan](#) tried, nor George W. Bush, Collin Powell, Tony Blair, J.M. Aznar, responsible for the occupation and war in Iraq, which began in 2003, which left hundreds of thousands dead, a country shattered under pretexts that were proven completely false,

and proven war crimes by the ARMIES AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES OF THE UNITED STATES. USA and UK.

Nor does the "international community" seem to worry that Kosovo is today a [narco-state](#), home to the largest NATO military base in Europe, whose president, [Hashim Thaçi](#), has been singled out as one of the continent's biggest critics.

The U.S. regime The US can [violate human rights](#) and flout international legality because, [in the words](#) of Madelaine Albright:

"If we have to use force, it's because we are America; we are the indispensable nation. We stand higher and see beyond in the future than other countries, and we see the dangers here for all of us."

That "*all of us*," of course, is the American bourgeoisie. And the "*dangers*", all hint of threat to its economic-military and ideological hegemony, to its profits (whether they are surpluses extracted from labor, from financial speculation or the brazen theft of other people's resources) and to its privileges.

After her tenure as Secretary of State, Albright took a back seat to U.S. politics, but remained a key figure as a political adviser and in the inseparable sphere of business. In 2001 she founded the Albright Group, which in 2009 merged with Stonbridge International to form the [Albright Stonebridge Group](#), of which she is president, and serves as *a lobby* for arms and defense companies.

One of the clients of the Albright Stonebridge Group is Paul Singer, director of the [mega-vulture investment fund](#) Elliott Management. When this and other influential financiers banded together to suck up Argentina's economy during its last debt crisis, Argentina's then-president, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner (2007-2015) [accused](#) Madeleine Albright of having threatened to fund her political opposition if she did not give in to their demands.

Albright's coercive arts were also seen – thanks to the leak of Hillary *Clinton's e-mails*, in 2012, when he sent a [message](#) to the then president of the government of Spain, Mariano Rajoy, in which he expressed his intention to:

"Reorient Spanish foreign policy so that it can work with the U.S. U.S. in Latin America, especially in Venezuela and Cuba (...) Given that a transition is on the horizon in Cuba

and something significant in Venezuela (and possibly in the Andes), it would be very helpful if relations between the U.S. were strengthened. UU and Spain".

Of course, in this case there was no resistance to the orders of the former Secretary of State, since the Kingdom of Spain has always been in the preferential ranks of the lackeys of the American regime.

One of the last times Madeleine Albright made headlines was during the 2016 U.S. election. In the US, Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump ran for the presidency. The former Secretary of State appeared in public in support of her war colleague Hillary Clinton. That's when she [said](#) that "*there is a special place in hell for women who don't vote for other women.*"

Although Albright was never a feminist – which is to be appreciated – she resorted to this fallacious argument, typical of liberal feminism, which has resonances around the world. As I have said on other occasions, although women have the same right as men to occupy positions of responsibility, politics is not a matter of gonads but of the class interests that one defends.

That there are currently a good number of women who support the system of exploitation and oppression in which we find ourselves, including war aggressions, economic war, imperialism and its propaganda, is only discussed by those who do not see or do not want to see. That they are not first figures (presidents of government) and, therefore, are not every day in the media, does not mean that they do not exist or have power and influence.

I'll give you just three recent examples from the American realm, though there are many more:

For the [presidential transition team](#), Joe Biden, current president of the United States. In the U.S., he named:

1- Lisa Sawyer, on the Department of Defense team. Sawyer was on the National Security Council directing strategic affairs for NATO and Europe; she worked at JP Morgan Chase, on Wall Street, as a foreign policy adviser, as well as at a *think tank* (*Task Force on the Future of US Coercive Economic Statecraft*) that basically engages in methods of economic warfare to destabilize countries that the U.S. has been able to do. UU interests you.

Sawyer is one of those who, already in 2017, advocated deploying more troops in Europe and sending more arms shipments to Ukraine. In a Senate committee, he stated:

"When Russia decides to comply with the next agreement, instead of lifting the sanctions, we will increase them until it actually complies with it. Instead of bowing to Russia's supposed lines of influence, let's provide Ukraine with the lethal aid it desperately needs and increase U.S. support. "The U.S. to vulnerable gray-zone nations."

2- Linda Thomas-Greenfield, former assistant secretary of state for African affairs and member of the Albright Stonebridge Group, was also appointed to the Department of Defense team.

Greenfield was a close associate of Susan Rice, a former National Security Adviser, who lobbied for the invasion of Libya, supported the invasion of Iraq and was involved in the decision to withdraw the UN peacekeepers from Rwanda, which allowed the genocide that took place there (something in which Albright also had a hand).

3- Dana Stroul, on the State Department team. Stroul was at the neoconservative Washington Institute for Middle East Policy (WINEP), originally founded by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC).

In 2019, Stroul was part of the Senate Democratic Democratic Study Group to design the next phase of the war in Syria. Among the recommendations he made was to maintain the military occupation of a third of the country, *"the resource-rich part of Syria"* – read stolen oil – in addition to strengthening economic sanctions against Damascus.

Let us take up, if we will, that phrase attributed to Simone de Beauvoir, which says something like *"The oppressor would not succeed if he did not have accomplices among the oppressed."* I say that these oppressed ladies have nothing. And, like Madeleine Albright, if Hell really existed, they would go to it headfirst.

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