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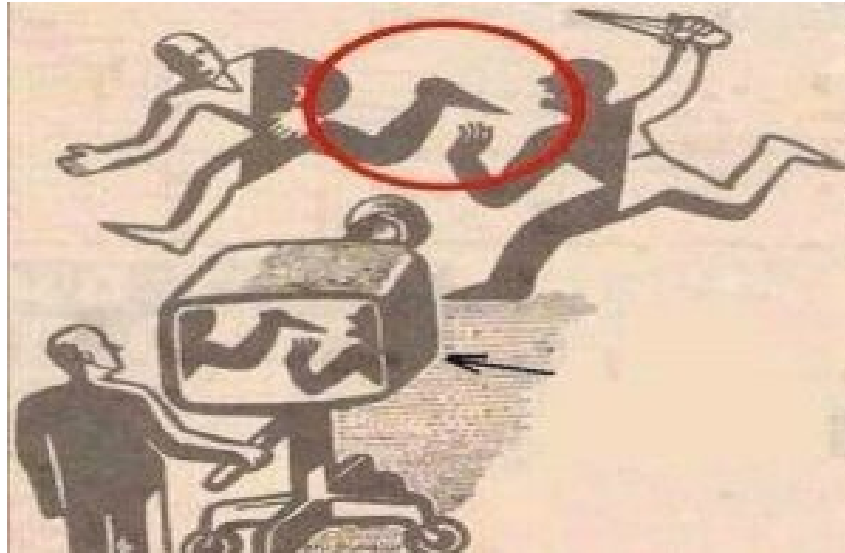
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The lies of the US mainstream media and its European allies are gross. It is their media war to incite other peoples to destabilize their governments, justify sanctions, unilateral coercive measures, appropriations of property, coups d'état, invasions or wars.



These media must also justify these actions to their own peoples so that, without reacting, they witness the destruction of countries described as dictatorships for their supposed "freedom and democracy". In reality, their resources were pillaged, their cultural heritages destroyed and they now live in worse conditions.

(Any war, invasion, or occupation comes at a cost, not only economically but also in human losses that rulers must justify to their citizens.)

When irrefutable evidence denies media lies, the perpetrators of barbarities confess them with even apologies, but without remorse or proposals for reparations. The essential thing is that they achieved their goal, their victims cannot be resurrected and they continue to enjoy their spoils.

(This was particularly the case of the Iraq war with the alleged weapons of mass destruction based on a false report or the also alleged chemical weapons presented to the UN by Colinn Powell on the basis of false evidence that he later confessed to or the also alleged 10,000 victims of Gaddafi in Libya in Tripoli Square presented thanks to a theatrical production organized in Qatar)

Pour Colin Powell, son "plaidoyer pour la guerre» en Irak était "une tache" sur sa réputation



■ Colin Powell devant le Conseil de sécurité des Nations unies, le 5 février 2003. © GETTY IMAGES/ALAMY

Colin Powell before the United Nations Security Council, 5 February 2003. Elisa Amedola
In Europe, statistics reveal that by majority the people do not trust their big media, but the popular expression of "Info or intox?", for information or intoxication, went out of fashion.

Now, we are witnessing new media strategies. One is the pure and simple censorship of media that can disseminate contrary information. Another, more subtle, without official terminology, can be baptized "lie by omission".

This "lie by omission" consists in a premeditated way in not spreading news contrary to their media lies.

Venezuela is a perfect example of this media strategy:

The mainstream media relentlessly spread that Venezuela is a "narco-state", its President a "tyrant", its people "a victim" and put on the front page its economic, food and health difficulties, which are true.



Alex Saab

Their "lies by omission" are not to mention that difficulties are induced and less by whom and for what. Asking the European citizen his opinion on the CDI programs, the 6 million CLAP, the 4 million homes of the GMVV, Monomeros, the gold in the Bank of England, the 747 Emtrasur or the diplomat Alex Saab... he almost always replies, "I don't know what it's about?"



Diagnostic and Guidance Centers (CDI)

(The CDI Comprehensive Diagnostic Centers are free care centers for the population created in 2005 with the help of Cuba, which sent some 20,000 doctors to Venezuela. There are currently more than 400 CDIs in the national territory.)



CLAP stands for Local Committees of Supply and Production and currently distributes 6 million boxes of food to the population monthly at minimal cost. For example, the food box of the Clap of September at a cost of 11 bolivars, these same products in supermarkets cost 200 bolivars.



Local Supply and Production Committees (CLAP)

GMVV stands for Great Housing Mission Venezuela. Since its creation in 2011, more than 4 million decent homes have been built and delivered to the population. If each family is estimated at a minimum average of 4 people, this is equivalent to 20 million beneficiaries. It is also important to note that the buildings of these homes are integrated into cities in all sectors, including middle-class neighborhoods.

Monómeros is a Venezuelan state-owned fertilizer company based in Colombia, which in 2020 had about 15,000 employees and produced around 8 million dollars. Venezuelan opponents, with the complicity of the previous Colombian government, had taken over this

company and profited from its profits. Thanks to the new government of Gustavo Petro, this company has been recovered, also seriously damaged, and is in the process of resuming its operations.



The Bank of England, with the complicity of Venezuelan opponents, seized 31 tons of gold that Venezuela had entrusted to it and equivalent to about one billion dollars.



The 747 Emtrasur is a Boeing of a Venezuelan government airline. This cargo plane, fighting the blockade imposed on Venezuela, ensured the transport, among others, of medicines. By order of a US court, Argentina stopped in June 2022 this aircraft that delivered spare parts to Volkswagen Argentina and detained its 17 crew members, including Venezuelan pilots in training by Iranian pilots, a country from which Venezuela bought this aircraft. Recently, Argentina and for not being able to present any grievance against them, gradually released all the crew but not the aircraft. Currently, the United States intends to force Argentina to deliver this 747 aircraft.



The 747 Emtrasur kidnapped



Embrasur. Return Venezuela crew.

Alex Saab is a Venezuelan diplomat who was on a mission to combat blockade measures in order to obtain supplies of food, medicine and fuel from allied countries. During a stopover in Cape Verde and on orders from the United States, he was illegally detained in June 2020, imprisoned and tortured. Despite his status as a diplomat, the United States imposed on Cape Verde the surrender of this diplomat in October 2021, which according to international laws and conventions is a real kidnapping. Alex Saab is currently imprisoned in the United States although the US justice has withdrawn 7 of the 8 charges against him).



But, in the face of its enemies, Venezuela has allied nations to face its priorities and international friendly "trenches", which against "lies by omission" spread realities to their compatriots, in their languages and with their points of reference.

(Apart from the Pluma.net thanks to those who read this information, there are numerous sites that disseminate information against media lies, among others: Investigag'Action in Belgium, Tesoro ex Hermes Internacional in the Canary Islands, or even Radio Miami in the USA).

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(During these 23 years the Venezuelan revolutionary people won at the polls 25 of their 26 elections, and all their presidential elections by absolute majority. The mainstream media spread before and after these elections an alleged electoral fraud, but without ever presenting any evidence, while many international observers have always recognized these elections, including the Carter Center and Jimmy Carter himself declared that he considered "the Venezuelan electoral system as the best in the world").

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