

# Trump Sanctions ICC, Threatens International System | Ray McGovern

[Part 3 of 3] After announcing his plan to "own Gaza" and empty it of its population, Donald Trump now moves forward with another favour to Israel, putting sanctions on the International Criminal Court (ICC) over their arrest warrants against Israel. Listen to Ray McGovern's take on this: Follow Ray on his homepage: <https://raymcgovern.com> Neutrality Studies is on Spotify and Apple Podcasts now! You can follow us here: Apple: <https://podcasts.apple.com/ch/podcast/neutrality-studies/id1791051233> Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/show/2vvTf44yckVz1hDggVolgB?si=03305b3fe8ad4cf3>

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One more question, maybe, because it's a current affairs thing, which is it just broke yesterday that Donald Trump is now putting sanctions on the ICC. And this is the second time he has done that. The International Criminal Court for the prosecution of Americans and especially Israelis as war criminals or for doing investigations. What is your take on Donald Trump with full cannons shooting against international multilateral organizations? Because the ICC is only one of them. There are others that he can shoot against. Do you think this is something that is going to continue, trying to tear down the agreements of other states among them?

The whole reason why the ICC is prosecuting Israel is because Donald Trump is arguing that neither Israel nor the US are part of the Rome Statute. He understands that very well, the basic document that establishes the ICC. He says that they're not part of it, so the ICC is overstepping. But Palestine is part of it, so they have a right to use that court. And this court is, of course, part of the international system that is trying to bring a bit of structure and justice to the entire globe. And now we have, again, for the second time, sanctions against them. What do you make of that?

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Well, those adjectives that he used before, Trump, deranged, delusional, and dangerous. This is showing the whole world that the U.S. has its own concept of the law. Biden used to call it what? The rules-based system. You know, they never defined that. And Sergei Lavrov and the others just in recent days are saying, look, we went through a war, what we call World War II. We worked out a system. One of the major bedrocks was the United Nations. The United Nations, of course, set up these courts. We have all kinds of structures within which we can work if you have a modicum of respect for the law. Now, if your friends in Israel commit war crimes, if, my God, they imitate Hitler himself in doing genocides, I mean, does it have to be 6 million Jews? How about 2 million Gazans?

If you have no respect for that kind of thing, well, you, by extension, are a pariah. And when your previous presidents threatened to send U.S. troops into The Hague to prevent this kind of thing from happening to your friends, well, that's double pariah. So what's happening here is that the shift is in those in the Third World and in China and in Russia and, to a large extent, in the Middle East, except for Israel. You know, that's the vast majority of the people and the nations of the world. BRICS, of course, is part of that. But what really comes through to me, Pascal, is that if you look at this breakdown now, you've got a dichotomy here between people of color and really white people. Look at NATO. What's distinctive about NATO? All white folks. How about the Five Eyes? Oh, it was all white folks, too.

This is a very obnoxious, I would say, division of the world into two fronts. And racism is playing a major role in what we see with respect to Palestine. This would not happen if they looked a little bit more like us. And this is a thing that the U.S. is not able to shake off because all too many in the U. S. are willing to be influenced by this subtle or even blatant racism at work. The problem is that if you look at the other part of the world, billions and billions more than the people of white color, you see a dichotomy that has to be repaired and cannot be just papered over. So, you know, my hat is off to those people in the BRICS that are not forcing this thing, that are proceeding gradually, that are accruing more and more power, not only financial, economic, but even some military power.

We include Russia and China and now Iran, okay, South Africa. So the world is split. The U.S. and other white nations are at a disadvantage. The problem is they don't realize that yet. I hope that their comeuppance, which is inevitable, is not a violent one. But they will restrain themselves and that Trump, as volatile as he is, will be told by sensible people like Tulsi Gabbard that, look, we can't act like Joe Biden thought he could act. We're the most powerful country in the history of the world. Well, we were. Yeah, we were after World War II. And we were after the Soviet Union fell apart. But that ain't the case anymore, Mr. Trump. Deal with it. I hope she makes it. And I hope she has the fortitude to tell him that. And if he won't listen, I hope she has the fortitude to quit and to quit loudly.

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Only time will tell, but these were very valuable insights. Ray, I would like to thank you very much for your time, and we will have you on again. Your assessments are highly valuable. Thank you very much for today.

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Well, thanks for what you're doing, Pascal. I know you have a lot of people on, and to the degree people learn from all of us, I think that's the antidote for the miasma and the brainwashing that goes on in the mainstream media. So thanks for having me.

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Thank you very much for giving us your perspective. And you're absolutely right. An enlightened mind of the individual is the antidote to centralized mind control. It's not mind control, but it's just propaganda. It's just a couple of people trying to assert what they want, and we need to know about it. So thank you for the enlightenment, Ray McGovern.

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You're most welcome.