



Scott Horton in World War III Series: Why US foreign policy backfires

For the United States, war has become the norm rather than the exception—a constant tool of global governance. In an interview, Scott Horton explains how the policy of “perpetual war” has led the country into a moral, political, and strategic crisis.

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American foreign policy and the nation’s geopolitical strategy have slowly but surely undergone a radical transformation. War is no longer seen as an absolute last resort reserved for genuine self-defense scenarios or as a response to clear and present danger to US citizens. It has been rebranded into a permanent managerial exercise and it has become part of everyday life. And even though it seemingly leaves the everyday life of Americans themselves largely unaffected

(a sharp contrast to the death and destruction it brings elsewhere), it has led to a steady erosion of liberty in the US as well. Many, if not most, US citizens have been blissfully oblivious to all this, as the propaganda machine at home has been at full throttle, convincing them that perpetual war is just one of those things that the State has to do for their own good, to keep them safe from the people who hate them and their way of life.

However, after Afghanistan and Iraq, after Syria, after Ukraine, after Gaza, and now after Iran, even people that proudly declared “they didn’t care about politics” in the past started to realize that politics cares about them and even those who smugly insisted they “never bothered reading the news” because it depressed them, came to recognize that anger was a more fitting response. By now, more and more Americans are moving away from apathy and willful ignorance and beginning to confront reality, question the narratives force-fed to them by their own government and realizing just how deeply rotten their State machine is.

Scott Horton had a lot to do with that shift. He has spent decades researching, analyzing and writing [remarkable books](#) on US foreign policy, all in pursuit of dismantling the illusions and the outright lies that the American government has told its people and the world.

In the [interview](#) that follows, Horton, director of the Libertarian Institute, editorial director of [Antiwar.com](#) and author of [Provoked](#), a deeply enlightening book on the Ukraine-Russia conflict, methodically traces how the US arrived at its current state of perma-war. Based on clear historical records and black-and-white evidence, he demonstrates how the superpower’s interventions repeatedly contradict its stated aims, how regularly it betrays its allies and breaks its promises, and how consistently it sows chaos and destruction instead of the “democracy” and the “rules-based order” it claims to spread. In his assessment, Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Ukraine, Palestine, and Iran are not separate, isolated failures. They are merely different chapters of the same story.

This interview strips away all the euphemisms and all the illusions that have made endless war feel inevitable or even normal, as Horton bluntly forces uncomfortable questions back into the spotlight. For anyone seeking to understand how we got here, who is responsible and who benefits from it all, this conversation is essential viewing.

Watch the full Scott Horton interview [here](#) and help us spread the crucial message behind the “World War III” documentary. Share the film with anyone you know is concerned about the path we’re currently on, but especially with those who aren’t.

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