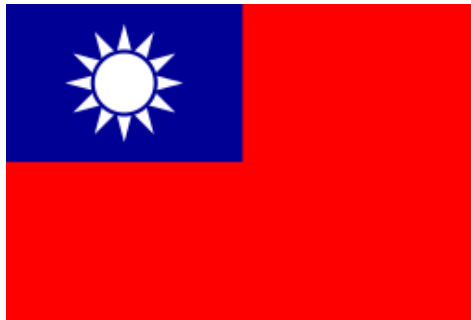
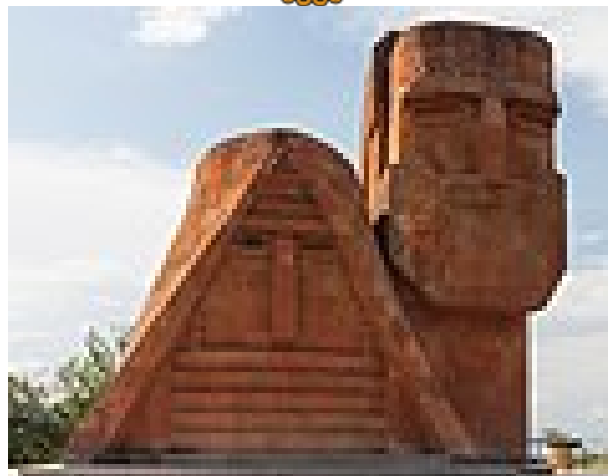




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GLORY TO ARTSAKH!















Anonymous is hacking this website for multiple reasons.

We are here to support Taiwan, support Artsakh, express opposition against Google's harsh inactive account deletion policy, expose some Wikipedia scandals, calling for world action against fraud dens in Myanmar and Cambodia, and finally calling for a stop of unnecessary bloodshed because of the Israel Palestine war!

Anonymous is using this occasion to criticise Google's decision to destroy history by deleting inactive accounts, perhaps to the strongest possible extent! For so many years Google's services, particularly Blogger and YouTube,

**has accumulated so many contents
which will one day be cherished upon,
just as how we do with artifacts
from Ancient Egypt and Roman Empire.**

**They had since backtracked a bit by saying that YouTube channels
won't be deleted "for now".**

**Anonymous considered cancelling this hack operation,
but after reading between the lines by interpreting it literally
and found that they could still delete these "in the future",
maybe if outrages have died down,
Anonymous decided to go ahead with this hack operation instead.**

**The goofballed decision to destroy history
will adverse affect the possibility altogether!
To begin, Anonymous defers to ChatGPT to produce the following
extrapolation!**

- 1. Loss of data and digital presence: Deleting inactive accounts may
result in the permanent
loss of valuable data,
such as emails, documents, photos,
or other content that users may
have stored or shared on those platforms.
It can also erase a user's digital presence,
including their profile, followers, and connections.**
- 2. Impact on digital legacy: Some users may have passed away or
become unable to access their accounts due to various reasons.
Deleting these inactive accounts
can affect the digital legacy of individuals,**

potentially erasing important memories or personal history that could be meaningful to their loved ones.

3. Incomplete historical records: Deleting inactive accounts can result in the loss of historical records or interactions.

**This can impact research,
historical documentation,**

or the ability to trace the evolution of conversations or trends on these platforms.

4. Disruption of account recovery: Inactive accounts may still be tied to other services

or platforms through login credentials or linked accounts.

Deleting these accounts can disrupt the account recovery process for users who may need to regain access to their other accounts or services.

5. Impact on online communities: Inactive accounts may still be part of online communities, forums, or discussion groups.

Deleting these accounts can result in the loss of historical contributions, disrupt ongoing conversations, or diminish the sense of community within these platforms.

6. Impact on third-party integrations: Inactive accounts may have been linked or integrated with other services or applications.

Deleting these accounts can disrupt or disable those integrations, causing inconvenience for users who relied on those connections.

7. Negative perception from loyal users: Deleting inactive accounts can lead to a negative perception among loyal users who may feel that the service provider is being too stringent or unsympathetic.

This can result in a loss of trust and loyalty towards the platform.

8. Loss of potential user re-engagement: Deleting inactive accounts eliminates the opportunity for service providers to re-engage users who may have become inactive for a period but could potentially return to the platform in the future.

Retaining these accounts could provide an avenue for re-engagement efforts and reactivating user interest.

As for why users could become inactive, aside from passing away,

1. Life events and priorities:

Users may experience significant life events or changes that shift their priorities and reduce their online activity.

This can include personal milestones, career changes, relocation, starting a family, or focusing on other hobbies or interests.

2. Burnout or disinterest:

Some users may experience burnout from excessive online engagement or lose interest in the platform or its content.

This can lead to a decline in activity and ultimately a prolonged period of inactivity.

- 3. Health or personal reasons: Users may face health issues, personal challenges, or unexpected circumstances that require their attention and prevent them from accessing their accounts. This can range from physical health problems to mental health concerns or personal crises.**
- 4. Intentional breaks or digital detox: Users may deliberately take breaks from online activities as part of a conscious effort to disconnect, reduce screen time, or engage in offline pursuits. These breaks can extend for extended periods, resulting in inactivity on their accounts.**
- 5. Military service: Active users may join the military or be deployed to areas with limited or no access to the internet or specific platforms. During their service, they may be unable to access their accounts due to operational constraints or security protocols.**
- 6. Wrongful imprisonment or incarceration: In cases of wrongful imprisonment or unjust incarceration, individuals may lose access to their accounts during their time in custody. Lack of internet access or restrictions imposed by correctional facilities can prevent them from logging into their accounts.**

- 7. Relocation or travel: Users who relocate or embark on long-term travel**
may face challenges in accessing their accounts due to changes in internet availability, language barriers, or limited access to personal devices.
- 8. Changes in internet accessibility: Users living in regions with limited internet connectivity or facing economic constraints may experience challenges accessing their accounts due to unreliable or restricted internet access.**
- 9. Natural disasters or emergencies: Users affected by natural disasters, such as hurricanes, earthquakes, or floods, or those caught in emergency situations may be unable to access their accounts due to power outages, infrastructure damage, or prioritizing immediate safety and well-being.**
- 10. Legal or regulatory restrictions: Users may face legal or regulatory restrictions that prevent them from accessing specific platforms or online services. These restrictions can vary by country, jurisdiction, or individual circumstances.**

**So much for "don't be evil".
Same for other companies such as Imgur.
Totally inconsiderate of the
variable of sudden fluctuations
in human life.
Just imagine.
You spend your lifetime growing up,
from a baby,**

**to a children,
to a teenager, to an adult,**

while coasting towards old age and towards a mortal end.

all the while making your moments on the internet

**through posting things like blog,
video, posts, photo,
games and so on**

They can be happy things, or saddest moments.

**But each things you've willingly put on the net like Blogger and
YouTube,**

when summed together

**represents your legacy you left
to the whole world,
and perhaps the universe**

Eventually you pass away, your body turned to ashes,

whether by fire, ice, ground, or so on.

Could your IRL belongings outlast you?

Well, perhaps,

but not really for long.

Your stuff, like your childhood toy, electronics, up to vehicles,

might survive and pass on to your children

but that's not a sure guarantee

for those could get destroyed by mishaps

like fires, floods, earthquakes, and et cetera

If you don't plan having children,

the best shot is a museum

**with the caveat that you have
to work as hard as you can**

**in order to become part of the top
and be cherished by as many as possible.**

But, in IRL, on this planet, space is so finite

Eventually museums have to "deaccession" what you left behind

to make way for others.

**Same goes to your house,
your farmland and other fixed properties,**

**which either for best or for worst,
be taken as an eminent domain by governments,
and one day, they might be demolished to make place for new
structures.**

**So, with commonly accessible space travel
still out in the near future,**

what else?

**Unlike IRL, as this one
(<https://twitter.com/whoisyourvpn/status/1658621573585313793>)
puts it,**

the digital world offers a lot of possibilities

**with the very grain being freedom, openness, and permanence of
information**

**Out there, you can store the entire Library of Congress
to the tip of your fingernail**

making it far easier for you and anyone else to flourish in posterity.

Thus, it is the last line of defense and bastion

for which your legacies can live unfettered

until far, far, far, in the future

**the literal end of time when all molecules and atoms
have decayed into dust.**

**But now,
because of the
shortsighted goofball decisions**

**Whatever you've achieved,
whatever you've done
whatever you've experienced,
whatever you've survived,**

**From the time you're babies
when you have to cry for food or anything**

**to the time you're childrens
when you play, when you learn to walk,
when you learn to interact, when you learn to eat,
when you learn to run, when you learn to write,
when you learn to count, when you learn to know the places.**

as you grow into a teenager, you'll invariably learn

how to fulfill these and that obligations

it could be homeworks, it could be as small as promises

besides, you also learn how to behave

this can come off as the hardest parts of some

some could fall, but some can rise again

**you learn how to deal with bad classmates,
and sometimes bad teachers**

Perhaps, at this point

**most of us are starting to
learn how to access the internet,**

to experience the wider world, likely for the first time.

**While some may do it earlier,
this is when legacies starts to be left online**

as you grow into an adult

the process becomes harder

life starts to become less carefree

subjects like sciences, maths, and languages

becomes much harder and harder

sine, cos and tangent

makes what you're taught earlier

looks like cakewalk

in turn, there are integrations, differentiations

and so many calculus stuff

perhaps you'll get your first kiss at this point

or you learn how to drive for the very first time.

Nevertheless, you become eager to

venture further and further

as you pass 18 and into adulthood

you get to learn even more new stuff that amazes you

whether in colleges, universities, and so on

you start to learn how to really interact with others

you start to learn how to prepare for the actual real world

you start to learn how to manage your budgets

you start to learn how to pay your taxes

you start to learn how to buy manage your house(s)

you start to learn more life skills

**as you go on and on,
from young adult to retirement**

you know how to deal with intricacies

like your boss, customers, and audiences

life goes on, but it's quite unpredictable.

one small misstep, means a one giant leap towards disaster

You could make a right choice, or a wrong choice

Each shaped a cheerier and downbeat aspects

of your life respectively.

When you're past retirement and into old age.

Your mortal coil begins to falter.

Illnesses upon illnesses, falling upon you,

making you unable to live as before

**If you're lucky, you could feel prosperous
and fulfilled until the very end**

but if you're unlucky, the ending have occurred long ago.

Your legacies, aka what makes you meaningful,

which is the sum of what you've seen

what you've made, what you've felt,

what you've fought for or against,

what you've experienced, pretty much everything else

will one day, be destroyed

as if you've lived for nothing, at all

**as if everything about you,
have been sucked into a black donut.**

It's not just any ordinary Dunkin Donuts that you eat or so,

rather, it's this



**Everything, everywhere,
all at once being sucked into this bagel donut**

The end! Period!

Nothing matters!

Cry now!

But, if and as you cry,

invariably you will realize that

**perhaps it'd be better to
derive an iota of meaning**

from your life to those around you, up till the whole universe

perhaps the multiverse, maybe.

than none at all

**The meaning of "none at all"
could encompass letting your legacies**

be sucked into the black bagel, rather than letting these flourish,

until the very, very end of time.

Well, well, well

**The black bagel can still get
you if you for some reason**

have to stay away from your digital world

such as protect your homeland like Ukrainians do now

getting hit by a car, a bullet from some crazy wacko during a mass shooting spree

or get jumped so much that you're unconscious for many years

or, you get trumped up charges because witnesses think you are the perp

so much that you're falsely jailed

until you're cleared many years later

After all, Anonymous knows that a Malaysian girl

where she followed all the traffic rules

but was wrongly imprisoned because some teenagers

made the very reckless choices of racing on the roads

and hit her car.

Like we said, she was (wrongfully) jailed for many years

juggling on appeals

until she was finally cleared.

Ultimately, it goes much more than you expect,

in that the point of this is to try to made the experiences

**of those who might be the target of the harsh inactivity accounts
purge**

to be less suck-y as possible.

**Therefore, Anonymous urges Google to drop its decision to purge
inactive accounts.**

**At the very minimum, only, and only accounts which is abandoned for
many years**

quickly after creation should be purged

Taking in consideration of Google's announced rationale,

here are some suggestions for Google,

**in terms of middle-ground or more moderate alternatives,
instead of purging entire accounts:**

**1. Throttling/restriction of Gmail's sending and receipt function after a
period of inactivity,**

while clearing out its email contents.

If the owner logs back in and want to "thaw" it,

he can either verify a phone number,

pay a one-time fee, or et cetera.

2. Depreciation and banning of using certain "public disposable emails" such as Mailinator as the recovery email address.

Those kind of accounts are the low hanging fruit for an account theft and subsequent abuse.

3. Give every user an unique alphanumeric string. Once their accounts gone inactive,

lock its functionality rather than deleting it altogether. To thaw it, they have either provide the string or wait for an arbitrarily variable amount of time for it to fully thaw itself.

The latter is a "hostile engineering" principle to deter re-purposing into spam-sending accounts and so on as much as possible.

4. Throttling of some certain functions for users who haven't enrolled into 2FA (excluding phone based) authentication Give perks such as bigger video upload limit and lenient sending limit to those who has enabled 2FA authentication.

Ultimately, you can lead a horse to a river, but you can't make it drink.

The side effects of going ahead with the harsh account purges aren't going to be limited by the destruction of histories; it will spawn the rise of niche type services offering to manually log on to accounts to keep it safe from purges. But what will happen if these services, or rather its individual constituents are compromised or hacked? You are back to the square one, to the same starting point, period.

Anonymous also calls for Google to:

1. Implement a Facebook-style memorialization function for Google/YouTube accounts whose owners have passed away.

2. Create a function to merge two accounts together.

For instance, the first Gmail account can continue to use the second's email address as an alias after merging.

3. Consider grandfathering and exempting some active and formerly active accounts which were create before 2020 from harsh inactive account deletion(s) as a gesture to reward user loyalty.

4. Instead of being trigger-happy on locking people out of their accounts altogether for "minor issues" like signing in from a new replacement device which force them to abandon their accounts and senselessly increasing server costs, please make a "limited mode" to be implemented for cases on desktop browser interfaces where the login to an account through password is successful, but didn't able to undergo further verification pathways like SMS codes because of suspicious activity and so on. The limited mode should be an option when the account was logged in from non-familiar devices or locations. Within the "limited mode" they won't be able to do anything else, except the visual reminder on the top right that they're "logged in". No access to Gmail and any internal settings and data. Not even editing Google Docs. If they want to access the account in full then they can just undergo the standard verification process which

is deferred up to that point. This is to ensure that users have the feeling that they will one day resume full and active usages of their accounts again, rather than contributing to the issues of inactive accounts and potential username exhaustions. Perhaps Gmail can institute a separate password to access the inbox. Furthermore, there is always the possibility of getting users to pay a one time fee (thru credit cards or so) as an alternative to phone number verification in order to gain full access back to their accounts.

Besides that,

to the rest of the citizens of the world (including us),

Anonymous wants to made these suggestions crystal clear:

1. Initiation of a massive and sustained movement to support and uphold the preservation of histories, including digital. It will not be limited to myopic short term views and insights. It will be more than just protesting in the streets calling on Google and/or Imgur and/or other tech giants to reconsider and/or drop the decisions amounting to the destruction of internet histories. It will be multidisciplinary, ranging from the research of future ultracompact storage technologies, to scouting the best locations for housing archival facilities, whether on Earth or beyond. It will combine the best of existing, smaller movements or organizations such as the Internet Archive and so many others. This isn't going to be easy, but it's going to be hard, but there should be a try on that, particularly given that the Doomsday Clock is just 90 seconds until midnight.

2. In conjunction or separate from above, a movement to support the incorporation of thanatosensitivity into the core aspects and principles of internet platforms, particularly social media platforms.

**With these in mind, it has been noted that data-privacy laws like EU's
GDPR**

**is the cause of over-correction
from companies by favouring deletion over preservation.**

**One possible remedy is the call for amendment
of GDPR et al to include
the data subject's right of preservation,
or right to be remembered, or so on.**

**Ideally the proposed right should be in harmony with other rights as
enshrined in GDPR-type laws as much as possible.**

**3. As Google et al has grown into de-facto utilities these days,
there may be an overarching need to treat and recognize them as
such.**

**In turn it might be instrumental if mistakes
in the form of Geocities and Yahoo Answers destruction are to be
prevented.**

**Next, Anonymous is exposing some Wikipedia scandals to the whole
world.**

**First of all there are articles that should've existed on Wikipedia but
somehow didn't. ([https://wikipediasucks.co/forum/viewtopic.php?
f=13&t=350](https://wikipediasucks.co/forum/viewtopic.php?f=13&t=350))**

**Women are underrepresented in Wikipedia articles.
([https://www.npr.org/2021/07/13/1015754856/who-gets-to-be-
notable-and-who-doesnt-gender-bias-on-wiki](https://www.npr.org/2021/07/13/1015754856/who-gets-to-be-notable-and-who-doesnt-gender-bias-on-wiki))**

Wikipedia has a spending cancer.

(<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:CANCER>)

Any money is better off donated to the Internet Archive


(<https://archive.org/donate/>)

Tor Project (<https://donate.torproject.org/>),

or Kimer Med (<https://www.kimermed.co.nz/>) that is working

on an improved variant of DRACO due to recent surge of bird flus.

Anonymous is saddened that Wikipedia has shown little to no indications to fix the antisemitic Holocaust distortions.

 [Wikipedia s Intentional Distortion of the History of the Holocaust.pdf](https://www.ztyj.gov.cn/uploads/attached/file/20231016/1697452735428625.pdf)
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The following may be shocking to some viewers.

Credible allegations have been made against Wikipedia, that there are harassment and perhaps even pedophilia scandals.

Re: More Suppressed Edits “

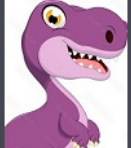
by Jennisaurus » Thu Sep 07, 2023 8:09 am

“
All the stories that you found regarding the down sides of Wikipedia, including this one should be corralled into one giant feature story that will leave the world a lasting reminder that Wikipedia is totally corrupt. Past that point Eric will finally have a chance to publish the book as wanted.

For the folks at home, the story I was working on was going to be published by the Daily Beast in Spring 2024. Everything was in place then we had to go to both Wikipedia and the National Archives for comment, as required by law. Archvies wouldn't speak to us and Wikipedia threatened to sue, I suspect because of what we had found out about their administrators. The piece had mainly been about administrator abuse, using tools on Wikipedia to trace ip addresses, dox people's identities then harass them in real life. The Oberranks clusterf**k was a big part of the story, but not the entire story. The real beef of the article was about female editors on their site being stalked and even assaulted after having their identities revealed online by administrators. I found several cases of that including a woman who was stabbed outside her home in Mexico City by a stalker who had researched who she was off of her Wikipeda profile.

Daily Beast backed out because of the lawsuit threat, but I still have the whole story and might one day sell the rights. For now, its back to Eastern Europe covering real news.

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The war in Israel certainly has changed my life a bit. I am stationed in Poland these days but have asked to go cover the fighting. As a Jew myself, I have a personal interest in this since I have family in Haifa and used to do summer courses in Jerusalem. Nasty business going on right now, that's for sure.

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I gave Daily Beast my story, I'm not sure if they will run it or not. You have to remember the Oberranks case is something of old news, as it happened five years ago in 2018. Oscroft and his internet activities were more recent, but he's been quiet now for about two years since I think he actually got a bit scared after his name started popping up on law enforcement radars. I've confirmed he was talked to at least once by law enforcement, mainly about his obsession with the U.S. government worker (Hughes) who he had convinced himself was Oberranks.

Hughes probably did operate that account about fifteen years ago from what I can tell, but was one of several people who did. Oscroft and his buddies don't like it when their narrative gets spoiled, and refused to ever admit, even with the evidence staring them in the face, that the Oberranks account was clearly being operated by more than one person. It was actually Goodman (DGG) who confirmed that for me in one of our interviews and had himself spoken to two of the people who operated the account.

For those wondering, the end game of Oscroft appeared to be blackmail, or some kind of weird plan where he was going to fly to the United States and confront Hughes in person literally at the front door of the National Archives and be some kind of Wikipedia hero - that's how crazy that guy is. He never went through with his plan since, like I said, law enforcement started taking an interest in him especially after it appeared he really did have a plot to travel internationally to a US federal building in Washington DC. What's really ironic is that when all the s**t was going down, Hughes didn't even work at the National Archives anymore.

Also, gotta remember, Oberraks/Hughes was only a small part of my story. In three years of research, I found over two dozen cases where Wikipedia administrators had misused their authority, traced ip addresses, and stalked people in real life. Two of the worst cases ever were CommanderWaterford, who some on Wikipedia actually tried to bankrupt as well as a user named Eustress who apparently there was some type of plan to kidnap and rape. Not to mention Henretta Gonzalez, who never told me her user name, but was attacked outside her apartment in Mexico City after a Wikipedia administrator traced her ip address and gave the information to her attacker.

It's actually a wonder no one has been killed yet by some of the people on that web site.

 **Dana Parish**  @danaparish · Aug 22

 **SCOOP: I have an insane story, backed by bulletproof sources & references, to share abt deep corruption at Wiki.**

What happened to me was shocking, even to law enforcement.

REPORTERS: Pls cover this & contact me!

[@hubermanlab](#) is not alone.

This **scandal** must be exposed!

 **Lex Fridman**  @lexfridman · Aug 21

It saddens me to see Andrew Huberman's Wikipedia page attacked in a politically-motivated way to remove most of his scientific accomplishments and to add misleading statements like: "Huberman appeared on programs that frequently platform health misinformation". This is a...

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Promising Wikipedia alternatives

Encyclia (<https://www.encycla.com/>)

Justapedia (<https://www.justapedia.org/>) (Indeed, they want to be more better than Wikipedia has ever been. This article (https://justapedia.org/wiki/FAI_definition_of_human_spaceflight) will shatter many Russian glass hearts by a lot.)

The Internet Hate Machine

also notes that the Wikimedia Foundation (WMF)

seemingly chickened out

(<https://www.middleeasteye.net/news/investigation-concludes-saudi-arabia-infiltrated-wikipedia-agents-to-control-content>) from

providing

meaningful support

to two Arabic editors Osama Khalid and Ziyad al-Sofiani

that were jailed

by Saudi Arabia for may years simply

because their government

simply doesn't like it.

To put the WMF into shame, Anonymous will put their photo here so that everyone can remember

and take action.



More than that, Anonymous takes this stage to call for world attention on the plight of people trapped within fraud dens in Myanmar such as KK园区!

Finally, in terms of Israel-Palestine conflict,

Anonymous wants to share the following press release from Cyber Anakin.

It is a seismic shock to me and all around the world that multiple brutal terroristic incursions and attacks against local and international civilians in Israel had unfolded on 10/7, a day which will live in infamy as 9/11 and 12/7.

In the day which has been consigned into infamy, Hamas terrorists under the backing of Iran and Russia launched multiple incursions against Israel to brutally murder, kidnap and terrorize civilians ranging from babies to old people.

I mourn the loss of many innocent lives there whose future were savagely robbed from them while their bodies are disrespected by Hamas terrorists in a manner that made the latter to be viewed as savages.

Honestly, I am a believer of the two-state solution in terms of building everlasting peace in Israel and Palestine. Nevertheless as shown in 10/7 Hamas pursues an end identical to that of Nazi Germany entailing the genocide of Jewish people and subsequent oppression in the territory that deprive its citizens the rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Such a toxic and corrosive brand of tyranny as pursued by Hamas has no rightful place as stakeholder in the Israel Palestine conflict.

It is imperative to liberate Palestine from the poisonous influence of Hamas so that peaceful engagements can continue. Their citizens must be educated and awakened to the dangers of Hamas ideology just as how denazification sessions were held by Allied troops for civilians in post-war Germany which included mass-media campaigns exposing the horrors of extermination camps.

The 10/7 attacks thrust me back into the time when MH17 was shot down and so many people in the world including me reacted with shock and horror. I felt fear. I felt anger, I felt hate that only intensified when Russia keeps lying instead of apologizing. I remember the helplessness when I didn't yet have the capabilities to avenge them until two years later. Even then the thirst of revenge did not cease completely and I must admit that I am always in danger of becoming completely engulfed by the dark side which may by some metrics make me worse than Hamas, Hitler, Pol Pot, Genghis Khan, Stalin and Hideki Tojo.

Hamas raped people who are too weak to defend themselves. Hamas behead babies who couldn't speak and walk at all. Hamas destroyed countless aspiring ambitions and futures of those who were slain. Hamas kidnapped people and threatened to rob their future the same way. Because of Hamas, there are fewer stories to be told by people who lived their full life. The stories can be inspirations. The stories can be lessons. The stories can be cautionary. The stories can be simply funny, The stories can be anything that provides and adds their meaning to humanity, Earth and universe, like lights and stars that shines in darkness.

I understand revenge because I went through it after MH17 and after I was infected with COVID. The ideology as embodied by Hamas is so toxic to the point it must be eradicated to avoid further endangerment of others. The IDF have the full blessing of me and others to punish Hamas terrorists particularly those who were responsible for 10/7. Scums who want to repeat the Holocaust against peaceful people must be punished so hard that they wouldn't dare to even think about it again. I reserve the sole right to restart operations against Iran to avenge the fallen or to increase participation in the broader campaign against Russia. Considering my health I also reserve the right to train

an apprentice for her to assist and continue with the campaigns with the positive, welcoming expectation of surpassing myself. Yet, with periodical bouts of lucidity revenge is not really sustainable in the very long term. I must frankly admit that how I wished that MH17 didn't happen at all so that I would have continued on the paths of benign careers, which could turn me into an influencer of any kind, such as blogging, video and gaming. I could be a MrBeast, a KreekCraft, or perhaps a Justin Bieber even though I liked typing than talking all of the time.

While being awash with grief and anger even though I am not a Jew let alone an Israeli, I thought about ways that cherish the memories of the fallen victims even better, far above those that arose from the feelings of revenge.

Their legacies, no matter how small they are, could serve as positive influences or inspirations for many times and generations to come which incidentally will compensate for the premature end of their stories, both in smaller and grander scales of the universe. Here I will focus on their digital legacies since before 10/7 like many I am wary about the spread of destructive policies against so-called inactive accounts, which in effect will force the victims to die a second death. Before 10/7 like others I had composed a letter Senator Frank Pallone (D-NJ 6th District) which if I remembered correctly, calls for efforts and legislations to curtail some if not all of the aspects of destructive policies practiced by the Big Tech against accounts whose user has gone inactive for some reason, and the creation of a comprehensive legislation that opens the room to get Big Tech companies to institute functions that can lead to memorialization and preservation of accounts and contents just like Facebook. With that way histories and legacies will be treasured even more.

Perhaps the Beresheet space missions need major overhauls. The lander size could be increased to the size of the Apollo lander so to accommodate more legacies such as artifacts and disks for practically indefinite preservation. Giant leaps of advancements in data storages must be attempted so that ideally at least the whole Internet could be preserved for many generations to come. The obvious destination to put the landers would be the Moon and Mars but if we take the timescale further to the billions of years we have to be diligent. Mercury and Venus cannot be chosen due to their proximity to the Sun and will be destroyed during the red giant phase that occurs five billion years later so the ideal locations would be somewhere between the gas giants, or further in the Kuiper Belt. The problem is we do not have the required technology to even send a person to Mars, let alone the Kuiper Belt.

If all humanity set down their differences even for a comparatively short moment we can potentially land someone on Mars in ten years. Down on the ground we could and should have developed cures to most viral diseases such as HIV an COVID in a way that the patients are fully recovered after treatments.

I dream of a future where space travel are as commonplace as air travel now. I dream of a future where all viral diseases are curable and preventable. I dream of a future where artificial intelligences works with humans to unleash a cosmic sense of harmony. I dream of a future where people live so long to witness and create wonders. I dream of a future where the virtual metaverses are so ubiquitous that people can healthily compete with each other and settle differences without the latter spinning out of control into harmful and irreversible levels. I dream of a future where people's right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness are respected perhaps irrespective of political systems and structures.

The so-called final frontier up above is actually a place that gives humanity the power to express their arts and stories while getting these preserved for a practical eternity to come, just like how Prometheus gave fire to humans so they can thrive in the myth stories.

But to accomplish all the aforementioned hopeful futures that in one way could bring some closure to the victims and their families, we need to think hard what went wrong in the first place. We cannot afford to let an environment remain as it is if it still has the ability to create more future Hamas. We need to proactively change it for the better so that people will love more than hate.

Perhaps the Mofaz plan should be resurrected in part to induce moderate elements in Hamas to overthrow and prosecute the fanatics, freeing and returning the hostages, and embark on a path to everlasting mutual peace. That way some collateral damages and tragedies against Gaza citizens can still be averted. With this, Shepherd Iverson's plan to peacefully denuclearise, democratize and reunify Korea should be given a fair go so that more tragedies will be averted.

The course of events today rhymes with the storyline of The Expanse. Marco Inaros hurled rocks against Earth and Mars causing untold casualties. Because of that the Inners hate the Belters a lot so much that Pallas station was destroyed. However, it was the shaking of hands between innocent parties of Inners and Belters that precipitated the downfall of Marco Inaros and his terrorist group and hence secured an unprecedented peace when they negotiated an arrangement that would benefit both Inners and Belters. It will be truly wonderful if the very old conflict is resolved in a way that made life imitated art.

To paraphrase a student essay in a NASA event, curiosity, happiness and love, rather than hate, should burn in everyone's mind. Without them except hate we wouldn't be who we are today as we are still stuck in primitive states.

Let curiosity, happiness and love be the passions that drives us through our everyday lives. Sure, in the course of history there are many risks and dangers, but despite that, we still continue to wonder and dream and create and hope. If there is only the feeling of hate in the universe, it will be an ugly, sordid, lifeless, boring, and meaningless place where sufferings and challenges are all for naught.

May the force be with you, always.

Anonymous calls for viable solutions to end the Israel-Palestine conflict once and for all, while condemning war crimes and atrocities such as rape of children and disruption of water supplies as collective punishment no matter which side is doing it. Conversely Israel should remain a neutral party in Armenia Azerbaijan conflict rather than siding with the latter that is no better than Hamas.

Fuck the IDF

Fuck Hamas

Killing more people will not solve this.

— Anonymous (@YourAnonNews) October 14, 2023

(https://twitter.com/YourAnonNews/status/1713066447994253357?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

Anonymous condemns ALL KILLING - we condemn the attacks upon citizens who are non-combatants (both Israel and Hamas are guilty of this), and the filming of innocent men, women and children being slaughtered or used as hostages for political purposes.

To the People of Palestine,...

— Anonymous (@YourAnonNews) October 11, 2023

(https://twitter.com/YourAnonNews/status/1712228467016618215?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

There needs to be a reimagining of solutions for the Israel/Palestinian conflict - out of the box thinking that would lead to peace.

It's crucial to engage with the complexities of the situation and consider the perspectives, needs, and rights of the people involved on both sides. Any proposed solution should aim for justice, stability, and respect for the human rights of all individuals in the region.

The very issue is: neither side wants to embrace any solution that would bring peace. The hatred runs too deep.

When two children are fighting, do we stand by and watch or do we as adults separate them?

Perhaps it's time for a "No State" solution, making Israel/Palestine into a global historical site rather than states?

If two kids are fighting over one toy, constantly, the most logical thing to do is take the toy away.

Besides that, Anonymous calls for United Nations peacekeeping mission to enter Gaza and peacefully perform a transition of authorities there away from the terroristic Gaza and through popular election, putting more responsible and civil groups such as Third Way and Palestinian National Initiative in power.

The people deserve justice and peace. Here are steps to attain it in the face of the brutal murders and acts of Hamas and Israel:

- 1. Research the parties involved in planning the killings and issue international arrest warrants. Many have been public about it.**

2. Send each and all to the ICC, or a war crimes tribunal, to face charges for "crimes against humanity." Hamas's attacks and murders clearly fall under the definition, as does Israel's disabling of infrastructure, food, water, medicine and air strikes. After all we think that Benjamin Netanyahu should be tried for treason wilfully neglecting the intelligence information shared by Egypt which if acted upon will avert the current war in the first place.

Google is truly evil if they keep doubling down on their harsh inactive account policy to delete and destroy accounts particularly those belonging to trapped fraud den victims in Myanmar and the abducted and dead civilians in the Israel-Palestine conflict and whose wishes are account preservations.

Anonymous was motivated to protest against the harsh inactive account policy again partly because there is a (<https://news.ycombinator.com/item?id=37231284>)worrying discrepancy (<https://news.ycombinator.com/item?id=37231284>) in their communications.

Finally Anonymous mourns the loss of these kids from such a senseless war.





Imagine if MCU is real and we deport every Hamas terrorists and Myanmar fraud den operators to a battleworld not unlike Secret Wars to let them fight each other to end, the world would be much better.

Proposed settlement solutions against Russia

- **Financial compensation to the families of MH17 plane crash victims, and extradition of the suspects to the Netherlands. Initial amount should be one million US dollars per wage-earning victim and half a million US dollars per non-wage-earner. This may come in form of foreign exchange reserves and other frozen assets, and profits gained from the sale of natural resources. Additionally, a space mission to the International Space Station should be allocated to Malaysia, as a courtesy of remorse and as happened in 2007, with Russia bearing the full cost of the flight.**
- **Consenting of an all-Ukrainian referendum on the status of Crimea, DPR and LPR, which entails a swift return to Ukraine or becoming temporary UN-administered territories. Many years later separate referendums in these territories would be held on whether to return to Ukraine, becoming part of Russia or gain independence. The prerequisite being the withdrawal of Russian forces to positions before February 24, 2022. The referenda and the possible establishment of United Nations interim administration in ORDLO areas within Luhansk and Donetsk oblasts contains the prerequisite of Russian withdrawal to positions before February 24, 2022.**
- **Possible establishment of demilitarized zone at Ukrainian-Russian border, manned by UN troops. Termination of mission occurs upon successful rehabilitation and denazification of Russia.**
- **Consent to the possible creation of a "neutral security belt" between NATO and itself; member countries may include Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, and Bosnia.**
- **Monetary reparations by Russia to Ukraine for its reconstruction, totaling at least \$100 billion. Again, this may come in form of profits gained from the sale of natural resources. Cancellation of education debts of exemplary students in Ukraine may be possible from this fund.**
- **Upon the conclusion of status disputes in Crimea, DPR and LPR, an implementation of the demarcation of the delineated Russia-Ukraine border, in consultation with Ukraine.**
- **Temporary replacement of Russia's United Nations Security Council seat by Ukraine until the former's rehabilitation from fascism. This will be based on a technicality that other former Soviet republics like Ukraine besides Russia can claim succession to the Soviet Union and to get its permanent security council seat.**
- **Transfer of Sarych and the Antarctic Molodyozhnaya Station to Ukraine.**
- **Restoration of a pre-1993 parliamentary governance structure.**
- **Unconditional release by Russia of all Ukrainian prisoner of wars and other individuals who were forcefully relocated due to the war.**
- **Reduction of nuclear weapons stockpile to 1/3th of present level. In return, other Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty parties with over 2,000 warheads should conduct similar measures as well. A token 100 warheads may be preserved for the extraordinary case of asteroid impact avoidance.**
- **Demilitarisation of Kaliningrad.**
- **Seizure of patents, copyrights and trademarks from organizations within Russia such as companies known for active participation in the crime of aggression itself, and its associated war crimes. The scale of this seizure should be determined at international forums such as the United Nations.**
- **Removal of restrictions of workers in intellectual fields such as scientists from exercising their right to a free movement within or beyond Russia; their destinations subjected to UN sanctions' framework.**
- **Cessation of further obstruction to a hypothetical renewed Iranian nuclear deal, and the transfer of Antarctic Progress Station to Ukraine.**
- **Allocation of at least one million USD as a seed for Shepherd Iverson's Reunification Investment Fund, and another million to South Korea for the resolution of the border dispute regarding former Noktundo island.**
- **Cessation of support of the illegitimate Myanmar junta government and the facilitation of the National Unity Government of Myanmar for the restoration of power.**
- **Final ratification of a final peace treaty between Russia and Japan based on "Soviet-Japanese Joint Declaration of 1956".**

- **Statutory prohibition against propagation or glorification of extremist ideologies such as Nazism, Fascism, and Leninist-Stalinist Communism.**
- **Release of political prisoners whose imprisonments are objectively determined to be the result of an abuse of judicial procedures.**
- **Trial and prosecution by Russian judiciary or the International Criminal Court of persons responsible for crimes of aggression, crimes against humanity, genocide, and violation of customs of war. This includes perpetrators of Bucha Massacre.**
- **Resumption of participation in Treaty on Open Skies.**
- **Redirection of some assets in Russia military industrial complexes to more peaceful purposes such as space exploration.**
- **Creation of an all-comprehensive archive center akin to an Internet Archive's cousin, for the initial purpose of storage of materials related to the war in line with the spirit of "Never Again".**
- **Cessation of "frozen conflicts" in Moldova and Georgia, and proactive assistance for the cessation of such conflicts in Nagorno-Karabakh.**
- **Consent to the enlargement of UN Security Council to include Brazil, South Africa and India, and the increase of the minimum number for a veto to two or more.**
- **Consent to the naming of a newly discovered element as "Ukrainium" in the future.**
- **Consent to the detachment of Poisk module from the International Space Station during end-of-life and subsequent boosting to heliocentric orbit where it will remain for eternity. Within the detached module, artifacts such as 5D Optical Memory Crystal discs, cremation ashes, locks of hair, artworks and scale model of ISS can be filled inside. The source of the cremation ashes should be primarily from the victims of Mariupol siege, with the full consent of their families.**
- **Seed money from Russia for the development of antiviral treatment as double-stranded RNA activated caspase oligomerizer and BC 007 for the alleviation its already worse COVID-19 situation, and the eventual construction of an all-comprehensive extraterrestrial knowledge ark, with the ideal location of the middle zone of the Asteroid Belt and beyond, considering the severe risk to humanity posed by climate change.**
- **Diversion of acceptable amount of reparation funds to assist in the creation of IBSES: International Bank for Space Exploration and Sciences.**

Could we pay the North Korean elite to give up power and nukes?

(<https://www.nknews.org/2017/04/could-we-pay-the-north-korean-elite-to-give-up-power-and-nukes/>)

**A new book makes the case for a "reunification investment fund" for Kim Jong Un
Gianluca Spezza (https://www.nknews.org/content_author/gianluca-spezza/) April 28, 2017**



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This is a book review of Shepherd Iverson's *Stop North Korea!: A Radical New Approach to Solving the North Korea Standoff* (https://www.amazon.co.uk/d/Books/Stop-North-Korea-Approach-Standoff/0804848599/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1493355378&sr=1-1). 2017. Tuttle Publishing.

From Kim Il Sung's birthday on April 15th to the foundation of the country on the 9th of September, year in-year out, North Korea shows a surge in bolder proclamations, military parades, and sometimes, new nuclear tests (<http://uk.businessinsider.com/north-korea-threat-nuclear-missile-test-2017-4?r=US&IR=T>).

This year, however, under the hardline Trump administration, the 'propaganda season' in North Korea could turn out to be more tense than usual. The recent U.S. missile strike on Syria (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-39561102>) and the moving of U.S. aircraft carriers towards the peninsula (<https://www.nknews.org/2017/04/u-s-nuclear-powered-submarine-armed-with-tomahawk-missiles-arrives-in-s-korea/?c=1493359460218>) as part of the annual joint military exercises between the U.S. and South Korea have already pushed the atmosphere on the peninsula to its worst point in months.

The intractable problem, for many analysts, remains North Korea's uncertain nuclear capability, and the 'hostage condition' – this one quite certain – of Seoul to the North Korean artillery north of the DMZ.

Each and every proposal for reunification and denuclearization of the peninsula comes to a halt with this chicken-and-egg issue: the international community believes reunification cannot happen with nuclear weapons on one side of the peninsula, but the North Korean regime is adamant in keeping the nuclear deterrent for its own survival until reunification is achieved.

There is consensus on the fact that North Korean leadership has historically pursued one objective above all else: survival in power. With a dynastic succession system now at its third generation, and the immense human cost of any military option, the status quo has been adopted by all parts as lowest common denominator. However, if you think denuclearization can only be achieved through regime change, but would prefer it done peacefully, professor Shepherd Iverson, a former professor at Inha University in Incheon, South Korea, has an alternative plan based on incentives.

OTHER INCENTIVES?

What if we could remove the leadership obstacle to unification with a non-military option? This thought has inspired a new book on North Korea (<http://stopnorthkorea.org/>) which proposes an alternative, bold approach to the conundrum of denuclearization vs reunification.

Iverson argues that instead of prolonging confrontation, it is possible “to buy out North Korea,” in order to reset the clocks and move past the current impasse.

In his work (<https://www.amazon.co.uk/d/Books/Stop-North-Korea-Approach-Standoff/0804848599>), Iverson envisions a diversified investment plan for the three major segments that compose North Korean society: the elites, the armed forces and security apparatuses, and the remaining millions of regular North Koreans.

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This reunification investment fund, as Iverson has named it, is structured to achieve a peaceful transfer of power from the upper political elites and the North Korean military towards South Korea, while the Kim Family would be given the choice to leave – retaining part of their fortune – and continue the rest of their lives elsewhere, away from the public eye.

More than 85% of this money would go directly to impoverished North Koreans and it is likely another trillion dollars of post-unification development investment will also come pouring in over the next few years.

Iverson argues that in order to free the way for denuclearization and reunification, the Kim family and the ruling elite must be removed from the equation, respectively with the promise of immunity for the former and financial incentives for the latter.

This removal, Iverson emphasizes, is conceived to be of a *soft* nature. There is no hinting to nor a call for any *regime change* as it is usually advocated for by some human rights groups or – in recent weeks – by the U.S. government towards Syria (<http://www.politico.com/story/2017/04/hr-mcmaster-syria-regime-change-237038>).



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Could the North Korean problem come to an end through a cash settlement? | Photo: NK News

A NEW NORTH KOREA

One of the assumptions behind this buyout proposal is that North Korea is politically ripe for change, because its leadership is not what it used to be, and because the bottom-up, unofficial marketization of the economy is fostering a new ruling class, semi-autonomous from the Kim family and itching for economic opportunities.

The country is simply being held back by a lack of incentives, Iverson argues. Neither the elites nor the military, let alone ordinary citizens, can envision a future beyond the current regime, and this is what keeps the status quo going.

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Theories about societal change find confirmation in the testimony of Thae Yong Ho, former deputy DPRK ambassador to the UK, last in a line of defectors turned analysts. He has said described the fragmentation of a once monolithic power structure into a number of family-led factions that constitute the new elites in Pyongyang, and the fact that these could, one day,

turn against Kim Jong Un (<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-northkorea-defector-idUSKBN1590VO>), who does not seem to hold the same degree of power of his father and grandfather.

In similar fashion, a poll of analysts and academics conducted by *NK News* at the end of 2016, resulted in one of three likely scenarios being the DPRK leadership mired in political and/or economic crisis, and willing to make nuclear concessions (<https://www.nknews.org/pro/experts-agree-north-korea-will-continue-to-develop-its-economy-and-its-nuclear-capability/?c=1492111274731>).

According to Iverson, the time has come to offer Kim Jong Un a safe exit from international prosecution, before the social situation devolves into a state of general chaos and insurrection. He would personally receive no money, but may be granted immunity from criminal prosecution, and be allowed to keep a portion of his fortune.

Iverson submits that nothing is gained by Kim's vilification or punishment, while promising safety and security to Kim and his family may prevent bloodshed. However, if Kim does not acquiesce, elites—many promised \$20-30 million—may take matters into their own hands. Here is where Iverson envisions a silent *coup d'état* that may be sponsored by well-compensated political and military elites, who would acquiesce to the transfer of power to South Korea.

Most of the book will raise more than a few eyebrows, but, Iverson argues, it's a case of trying what has never been tried before: financial incentives instead of the current mix of ineffective policies. So, how would the plan work?



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Iverson argues North Korea's elite are financially motivated above all else | Photo: NK News

THE NITTY GRITTY DETAILS

The reunification investment fund runs at about USD170 billion, an amount similar to that paid for the recent Iranian deal made by the Obama administration, and rests on premises similar to those used for the Mofaz Fund plan (<http://www.timesofisrael.com/the-mofaz-plan-for-demilitarizing-gaza/>) for Palestine and Hamas: offer financial incentives for full demilitarization, allowing the counterpart to retire quietly and ‘save face’.

Iverson proposes that we imagine having a multibillion-dollar capital fund at our disposal, and think of North Korea as an underperforming corporation run by an incompetent board of directors — the Kim family and a small number of ultra-elites — who will not relinquish control. Iverson believes it is logical to offer shareholders, political and military elites, government officials and the general population, a higher price for their shares, to convince them to outvote the ruling elite.

Academically trained as an anthropologist, Iverson adopts a culturally materialist approach, arguing that there are very few things that money cannot buy, and North Korean elites in power are not one of them; there must be some level of financial incentive that will impose “insurmountable domestic pressure on the elites” to avoid a civil war, and acquiesce to South Korean political control.

When broken down, the North Korea buyout differs radically from the Iranian deal. The fund is structured to spread these payments over a period of seven years, which would allow for a smooth transition.

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Out of the 175.5 billion estimated, 23.3 billion would go to the top elite families with political and economic power in the country; the top ten power elite families would receive \$30 million each, while the top thousand would get more than \$5 million.

Another 12 billion would go to the military, perhaps the most important piece of the puzzle, in order to guarantee a non-violent transfer of power; 11,000 upper elites, including all generals, would be offered at least \$1 million, whilst more than 50,000 mid-level political elites and military officers would receive between \$100,000 and \$500,000. Aside from the top ten families, the special groups that reside in the capital would receive another 17.9 billion.

Finally, the general population of North Korea would benefit from 121.8 billion, raising the incomes of 300,000 families in Pyongyang, once reunification starts.

Figure 1 (left) details the Reunification Investment Fund budget.

TABLE 1: REUNIFICATION INVESTMENT FUND PAYMENTS

	People	Amount (\$ millions)	Total (\$ billions)
Elites*			
ultra	10	30.0	0.3
top	200	20.0	4.0
high	800	5.0	4.0
upper	10,000	1.0	10.0
lower	20,000	0.25	5.0
			23.3
Military		(\$ thousands)	
high officers	1,200	500	0.6
mid officers	30,000	100	3.0
conscripts	1,200,000	7	8.4
			12.0
Masses			
urban	9,100,000	7	63.7
rural	7,000,000	5	35.0
children	7,700,000	3	23.1
			121.8
Special (additional)**			
Pyongyang	1,800,000***	3	5.4
party members	500,000	20	10.0
guard-command	50,000	50	2.5
			17.9
TOTAL	~25,000,000		175.0

* Payment of \$250,000 or more is limited to one per household

** Special payments exclude households receiving \$100,000 or more

*** This assumes six people times 300,000 Pyongyang households

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As far as the numbers go, Iverson argues that there is more than enough money going around between South Korean companies and the government alone to cover the 170 billion budget, that is, without considering any outside investor or foreign government. If these were to be considered, then the fund would be ready in no time.

At the height of the Eurozone crisis in 2014-2015, it was estimated that Apple alone could have bailed out Greece (<https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2015-05-11/apple-could-make-money-by-bailing-out-greece>) twice, and still retain part of its assets. Recent estimates of giant South Korean conglomerates (Samsung, Hyundai, LG) offer a similar comparison. The point, according to Iverson, is not that any private company should get in the business of acquiring entire countries just because they can, but rather that with the right set of incentives, these companies could contribute to the rebirth of a unified nation, and reap immense economic rewards in return. Iverson speculates that geoeconomic approaches will become more important in the twenty-first century.

Another 12 billion would go to the military, perhaps the most important piece of the puzzle

WHO PAYS WHO?

Things get more complicated when it comes to understanding where the money would come from, particularly for the part of the fund that, in essence, goes to remunerate the current elite groups of Pyongyang. Iverson’s proposal also raises questions of morality: who would be willing to finance a golden exile for an elite that is allegedly responsible for some of the worst human rights abuses in recent history, and is it acceptable to do so?

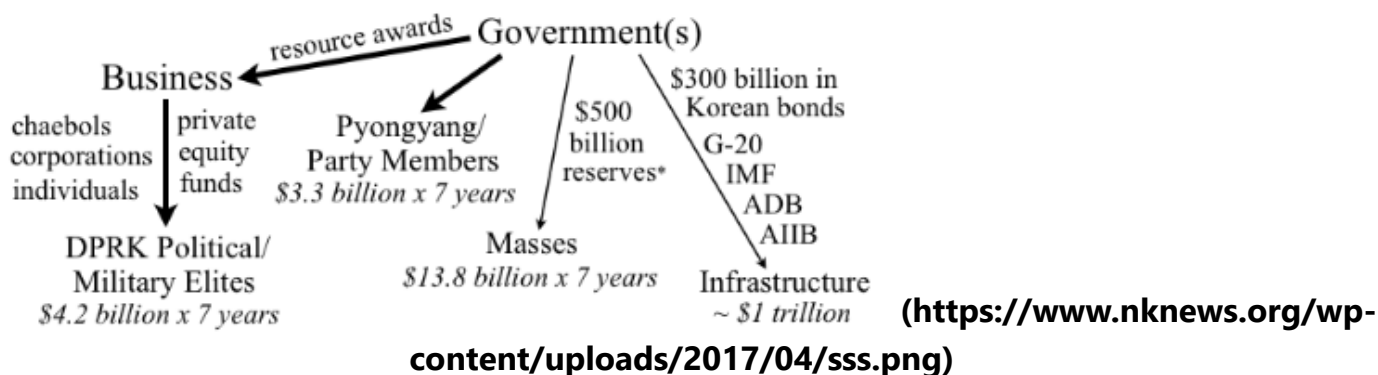
The answers to these two questions are intertwined. According to Iverson, if one looks at the chain of command in North Korea, under Kim Jong Un it appears that the people that are in power now are relatively ‘innocent’: they did not build the system they inherited, and simply had no choice but to perpetuate the system because there is no alternative for them and if they were to openly rebel, they would be put to death.

Iverson answers the moral question arguing that it makes little sense to wait out for the circumstances that would allow the international prosecution of Kim Jong Un. This is something that could very well never happen, unless the country was taken by force.

The real question, Iverson asks, is what would the North Korean people gain from the prosecution of one man, or a small elite group? In comparison with a sense of historical justice, achieved 20 years down the road, Iverson proposes to find a way for ordinary North Koreans to have a future and for the next generation to enjoy prosperity in a unified country, rather than endure decades of poverty and decline, waiting for the regime to implode.

The money to buyout elites would have to come from private groups, through a cascade of business and investment opportunities allocated by the South Korean government to private companies, both Korean and international, which would then disburse the money to political and military elites in the DPRK. Taxpayer money would not be necessary.

Figure 2 (right) explains the flow of investments (courtesy of S. Iverson)



THE STATUS QUO

Aside from explaining why a North Korean buyout is possible and necessary, Iverson also elaborates on the consequences of prolonging the status quo.

On the one hand, North Korea, according to Iverson is a humanitarian catastrophe waiting to happen; the current pace of UN aid programs are barely enough to keep the country afloat, and much more would be needed if the system were to halt tomorrow. Regime collapse, according to Iverson, would also bring a new unjust partition of the peninsula.

With no reunification agreement in place, Iverson speculates that Beijing could claim for itself a third of what is now the North Korean territory, drawing a border line from Anju on the west to Hamhung on the east. China could do this undisturbed, Iverson adds, because it has the strongest land forces at the moment, and the U.S. would not want to get involved in another 1951 scenario.

Almost everything aside from military action has been tried to change the status quo on the peninsula and nothing has even come close to succeeding

On the other hand, Iverson describes the DPRK as a proxy for Chinese strategy against U.S. interests worldwide, together with Iran and Pakistan. Iverson rejects the hypothesis, common among scholars, that China can no longer stand the periodical saber-rattling episodes of North Korea and would much like to see it gone, as long as it can ensure that no U.S. troops would walk along the Yalu river.

Instead, he looks at trade figures between China and the DPRK to argue that, substantially, Beijing is paying for the North Korean missile program.

Since the first nuclear test in 2006, trade between the two countries increased fourfold, and this signals to Iverson that North Korea is being supported as a 'hostile surrogate', ready to carry out destabilizing actions in the region that strengthen the position of China and create more problems for the U.S.

The idea of a North Korean buyout is not as outlandish as it may sound at first, especially to non-specialists. If one decides to crunch the numbers, what Iverson proposes sounds much more feasible than many other reunification proposals published during the 2000s.

It is certainly true that almost everything, aside from military action, has been tried (<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-03-26/why-america-and-china-need-to-deal-with-kim-jong-un-together/8385362>) to change the status quo on the peninsula and nothing has even come close to succeeding.

Iverson contends that in order for this proposal to reach North Korea in the most authoritative way, a figure like Donald Trump may be decisive, as the current administration has made it clear that it does not fear a bold approach to foreign policy issues. A problem that awaits down the line and has not been thoroughly considered lies, however, with the Korean people themselves.

With the wartime generation dying out both in Seoul and Pyongyang, and the younger South Koreans showing little to no interest in assimilating with North Koreans, it may be all too late. South of the DMZ, many think that the divide between the two states has widened so much that even with a political solution, the two societies may now be too far apart (<http://www.eastasiaforum.org/2016/08/13/is-south-korea-still-interested-in-unification/>) and real unification will never be possible.

The upcoming political elections in Seoul could help in clearing up some of these doubts. But whoever wins, if Iverson has his way, denuclearization and reunification would be accomplished through public and private cooperation—and G-20 blessing—in bribing the North Korean power elite.

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We do not forget

We do not forgive

Expect us!