

## OVERCOMING WAR

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This particular fact sheet is inspired by and dedicated to John Lennon and Yoko Ono. "War is over if you want it". And, to provide a microcosm of varying perspectives this shall be done in conversation format to illustrate who wants war and to contemplate how to respond to those that do.

Reasonable Person: I find you abuse your power in a tyrannical way that enslaves and often slaughters people. I take issue with that and ask that you change your ways. I do not wish to be enslaved nor slaughtered.

Vicious Narcissist: Since you are the "Dalai Lama", you can have the choice between being enslaved, living in exile, or death.

Reasonable Person: I choose exile and will appeal to all people of good faith around the globe and ask they reason with you too in order to address the abuses of power without use of violence.

Vicious Narcissist: You do that, meanwhile I'll invade most of Southeast Asia again, enslave my people and yours, and start replicating all the major cities of the world in a microcosm in my country because everything is ours and that's our way of showing where things are headed. And, to prove I'm serious, I'll send anyone who questions my authority to a re-education camp until they break and respond properly to coercive thought reform. I'll even build a replica of Japan off our coast. That's right. It's all mine.

Reasonable Person: Can someone please get through to the Vicious Narcissist, I've tried everything and refuse to resort to violence. I can't condone violence. Life is sacred. Please someone reason with Vicious Narcissist.

USA: Do you ever think violence is justified? Like, say you are being enslaved and your people slaughtered, is it alright to defend yourself? And, if you have friends or maybe a "Big Brother" you can tattle to who might be on what some call the #FuckYouUpSquad, would it be okay if it ultimately saves lives and frees the people who are enslaved to respond in kind? Or, in your case, Reasonable Person, is that outside the accepted playbook in how you would address the crisis of oppression in the east? The only thing we can do is sanctions and tariffs right now within the confines of your request for aid. And, the Israelis say that's economic violence. There are limits on how we can help and the Vicious Narcissist is unreasonable and unwilling to change.

Vicious Narcissist: How many people you have in your country? Not 1 billion+! How many homeless? How many hungry? How many unemployed? And, they all still live like Malaysian Royalty because China provides for all you. Shut it! You ever tried to manage a country of 1 billion people? Compared to India, how is China's poor really doing? Nobody's perfect.

USA: We are happy to help our allies and anyone in distress and rely on reliable intelligence from reliable sources. Sometimes we make immediate decisions that are errors in judgment

based on incomplete facts. But, it's like a friend walks in and says "My neighbor was raped and murdered and they were visiting family in a neighboring town at the time and the whole town is now a wasteland with gangs running everything. I am not equipped to respond and do not wish to be next, can you help?" And, aren't you proud to be an American? Now, the cool part is we hold ourselves accountable too and upon sufficient firsthand witness accounts, sufficient evidence for conviction, and due process those who violate the law are held accountable regardless of rank. Commander In Chief, President Ulysses S. Grant was arrested in DC while president for speeding. A traffic cop arrested the President of the United States while in office. You know what would happen if a cop tried to arrest leadership in other countries that aren't like us? Can you imagine? What would happen in NAZI Germany if the Gestapo tried to arrest Hitler? Would everyone laugh and think it is a joke? If not a joke, what happens to the arresting officer?

Reasonable Person: I defer to your judgment but ask that in my case solely appeal to the better nature of Vicious Narcissist on my behalf and I will continue to do so.

Vicious Narcissist: Now, that's funny.

USA: He who laughs last, laughs best. And, we're watching the hawks.

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