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While we're preoccupied with politics at home, our government is killing people around the world.

International polls show that the United States — not Russia, China, Iran or Israel — is by far the most feared government in the world.

The wars the U.S. is waging and its war provocations against Russia and China risk a wider — even nuclear — war.

Many Americans are not aware of it, but the U.S. government is today making war — killing people — in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Pakistan, Somalia, Syria and Yemen.

They're doing so principally to control the flow of oil out of the Mideast and North Africa, which the U.S. uses as a weapon against its economic rivals from Germany to China.

The ongoing drone assassination program — called "the most extreme terrorist campaign of modern times" — has killed thousands of people (most of them not the presumed targets), including American citizens and hundreds of children.

More than a quarter of a million American troops are stationed in a thousand U.S. bases on foreign soil, most of them surrounding Russia and China.