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The United States democracy rings hollow

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The United States' Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has signed an “indefinite delivery” from defense contractors ATK that will include nearly 750 million hollow-point ammunition for short range firearms. The department has yet to explain why they are ordering such munitions for an agency that mainly deals with domestic issues.

Hollow-point rounds are made to kill outright. They flatten on impact with the skin before entering the unfortunate victim's body, where they cause as much damage as possible before splintering to cause even more harm.

Wikipedia says: A hollow point is a bullet that has a pit or hollowed out shape in its tip, often intended to cause the bullet to expand upon entering a target in order to decrease penetration and disrupt more tissue as it travels through the target.

The above is a very rosy description but alas!

The Hague Convention of 1899, Declaration III, prohibited the use in international warfare of bullets that easily expand or flatten in the body and is in fact a continuance of the St. Petersburg Declaration of 1868, which banned exploding projectiles of less than 400 grams, as well as weapons designed to aggravate injured soldiers or make their death inevitable.

So the question comes to mind why would a US law enforcement agency designed to deal with domestic issues need 500 million hollow-point rounds when there are only 300 million US citizens. Does the agency plan to kill American pets along with their masters?

The world is aware that voices of discontent and dissent among the US public have manifested themselves in a number of movements whose regular demonstrations have shamed the US government. The protesters call themselves "Occupy" but the "Occupy" movement is just one movement among scores of others with a gripe or two against the rulers in America. So could it be that the so-called 1% in the US has taken fright because of a group of namby-pamby peaceful protesters to the extent that they have resorted to scare tactics?

very possibly.

The grievances held against the US ruling elite are numerous and run very deep among the 99-percenters. From home foreclosures to racism to veteran issues the US public feels very hard done by. However the hard core of the 99ers is made up of peace loving people who would like to see 'change they can believe in' still...no really!

The American spirit runs counter to impositions of the kind that have been placed on the public over the years by countless dodgy administrations. It seems that America has been hijacked by the 1% ruling elite while the US patriots have been busy buying into their government's propaganda and going abroad to kill other members of the human family in pointless and expensive wars.

However the US public would still have bought into the nonsense put out by Washington had the system not turned on its own. The white, middleclass America has been treated to a taste of medicine usually prescribed for the third world and the taste has proven to be more than it can bear.

And now the rulers are implying to the US public that hollow-point bullets on the streets will be the order of the day if Americans continue to insist on wrestling back their constitutional rights.

All the talk about US democracy is ringing very hollow, all of a sudden.