

TOBACCO ASSASSINS

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Abstract

Until recently, I used to think the greatest tyrants in history were the political tyrants, Mao, Stalin and Hitler. I now realize that there is an even greater tyrant who has killed even more people than these three monsters (Mao, with his great famine and laogai, 80 million, Stalin with his purges and genocides, 60 million, and Hitler with his WW2, 50 million. Who is this greatest tyrant, who has killed roughly 100 million people in the 20th century? It is the tobacco industry. Recent research is showing that the tobacco industry kills about half of its customers. Regular smokers, addicts of the nicotine in tobacco, have a 50/50 chance of dying of a tobacco generated disease. Regular smokers have a 10 year lower life expectancy compared with non smokers. These are appalling statistics. As westerners we, go to war against dictators, then why are we not going to war against the tobacco industry? Why are we not sabotaging tobacco factories and why are we not assassinating tobacco industry CEOs? Why indeed. This essay advocates such measures. Tobacco companies are now targeting their evil ways on the third world, whose governments are less hostile towards tobacco than the

western governments. (E.G., the New Zealand government, the first country in the world to give women the vote, plans to make cigarettes impossible to buy by 2025.) The world should be at war with the tobacco industry, the greatest mass killers in history. Their leaders are the greatest tyrants we have ever known, and deserve to be exterminated as the vermin they are, before they kill another 100 million in the third world, as they are now in the process of doing. So, to the tobacco assassins – to arms!