

## The Disturbing Signs Of Global Conflict Continue To Gather Pace

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**The signs are ominous, the rhetoric constant.** Whichever way you look at it, the world is slowly descending into an **ever greater spiral of conflict**. We all know that the current wars raging in the Middle East have the potential to go catastrophically wrong and pull the super-powers into something much bigger.

You also know things are not good when the so-called ‘conspiracy theories’ from alternative media outlets eventually goes mainstream, and there’s no shortage:

- Britain’s Daily Telegraph: [Here’s how World War Three could start tomorrow](#)
- America’s New York Times simply entitled: [“World War Three”](#)
- Canada’s Global Research: [World War III in The Pipeline? US and European Allies Threaten Russia](#)
- Australia News Network: [World War 3 Update: US Warns China at G20 Summit](#)
- Russia’s RT: [China & Russia’s G20 message: Confrontation with West not our desire](#)
- Iran – Press TV: [World War III a coin flip if Hillary elected](#)
- Germany Der Spiegel: [War against Russia](#)

**To confirm the state of the world today, the Global Peace Index states, and I quote – “There are now only ten countries in the world that are free from conflict”.**

The Independent has a 40 second video ([HERE](#)) of these ten countries, it’s worth watching, you’ll be surprised..

**Some believe World War III has already started, most dispute that. It takes no more than a spark to light the fire and currently there are a lot of sparks flying around.** Even political instability in the European Union as a result of a refugee crisis is a cause for concern. Pew Research, [published](#) just last month, confirmed that European’s fear a wave of refugees will mean more terrorism and fewer jobs. Violent protests have broken out, politician’s are worried. The VP of the International Relations Committee at Hungary’s parliament, Jobbik Member Marton Gyongyosi was supported by other EU leaders when he has suggested that “physical protection of our borders” is required. He went further –

***“The US caused this (refugee) problem in the neighborhood of Europe and then leans back criticizing European countries for not dealing with the problem efficiently.”***

**In that context, a few EU leaders are calling for an EU wide army and its own intelligence service. It seems America and therefore NATO are not as trusted as they once were.** The US/EU trade deal TTIP, the largest deal in the history of humanity, is reported as being over. Is this evidence of the widening gap of disagreement, maybe.

**The outcome is a changing political landscape.** Before the European Union was created by the Maastricht Treaty on November 1st 1993 there were just 25 nationalist political parties. Since the birth of the formalised EU there has been a 150 per cent rise in political parties on the extremes of the political spectrum, now totalling 64. One of them was Ukip that focused on immigration and subsequently produced the ‘Brexit’ protest vote that now threatens to tear the EU project apart.

**North Korea is a wild card scenario** – anything could happen, but if South Korea was attacked, America would have no option but to step in. And what would China do – it’s anyone’s guess.

**Tension has substantially risen around the world over USA and Russia/China relations, the South China Sea, Ukraine and Crimea, multiple Mid-East conflicts, north Africa and South America.** One should not forget currency wars, economic and political sanctions adding to the global strain. John Pilger’s interview on the [Threat of World War Three](#) leaves the viewer

in no doubt as to where he lays blame, and if anyone knows about war, he should, he's covered most of them since Vietnam.

**Even basic resources are a cause for concern.** Natural water for one, food scarcity, food security and environmental disasters all add to a backdrop where global terrorism is massively on the rise, global debt is now a third bigger than prior to 2007, mass protests due to political instability, such as South America (Brazil being a new hotspot) all adding to increasing tension.

**The geo-political situation is now characterised by ever-increasing militarism across the world, bringing the prospect of another world war closer than at any time since 1939.**

Scrutinising the underlying issues and causes for the devastating outbreak of World War I in 1914 which ended up [killing 17 million](#), Leon Trotsky laid bare the startling similarities between the crisis of the world economy at the time and the turn to militarism. Historical records display a relevance for today that should serve as an advance warning of the horrors that extreme neoliberalism and globalisation offers up if we do not make efforts to pull back from the brink.

From [WSWS](#) in an article entitled "Capitalist breakdown and the drive to war," **comparisons are made between the extreme economic conditions just prior to the first world war and today.**

"The years leading up to the outbreak of World War I, like the period prior to 2008, were marked by stormy economic growth. But by 1913–14, the limits to that growth had been reached and the world economy experienced a fundamental shift. From the middle of the 1890s, Trotsky explained, the basic curve of capitalist development climbed steeply upwards. But this very upswing created the conditions for a breakdown. "In 1914," Trotsky wrote, "a crisis broke out which marked not merely a periodic oscillation, but the beginning of an epoch of prolonged economic stagnation. The imperialist war was an attempt to break out of the impasse." Further economic development at the pace of the previous period was "extremely difficult," as the bourgeoisie "flinched against the limits of the market." "This created class tensions, made worse by politics, and this led it to war in August 1914."

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The parallels are striking, particularly as the financial crisis forced upon us in 2007/8 by an out of control banking system, that benefited a tiny elite, caused wave after wave of economic turbulence, austerity and the dismantling of the social democratic movement that itself was born from the wreckage of World War Two. Peoples across the world are getting angry as inequality worsens.

Mark Carney has written a very strongly worded letter, in his capacity as chair of the Financial Stability Board (FSB) to a global forum of national regulators, financial ministries and central banks – to the G20, which is currently meeting in China.

***"The incidence of financial sector misconduct has risen to a level that has the potential to create systemic risks"*** he says. The message is quite clear. Carney believes there is another systemic crisis centred around financial markets. Even he believes and openly stated that corrupt bankers now represent a threat not only to those they directly rip off but also to the entire global financial system. Last year, just four of Britain's banks were fined well over [£50 billion \(\\$67bn\)](#) for their egregious acts of criminality. Prison beckoned for no-one, whilst poverty soared. Don't forget the London riots. Spreading like wildfire, the resulting chaos generated looting, arson, and mass deployment of police and resulted in the death of five people. In just three days, a dozens towns and cities were no-go areas of violence, 3,443 crimes reported, over a thousand arrests – from an unrelated spark.

According to Jim Rickards, the CIA's Asymmetric Warfare Advisor, the probability of a new global conflict is rising every day. In a startling [interview](#) from last year he reveals that all 16 U.S. Intelligence Agencies have begun to prepare for World War III. Richards is **predicting the fall of the dollar with the result of "an extended period of global anarchy"**.

**In the meantime, Russia is preparing to be attacked by NATO and America.** [Global Research](#) reports that "Colonel General Leonid Ivashov, President of the International Centre of Geopolitical Analysis explained in an interview to KP, that 'if data on Russia-NATO power balance at the Western direction is analyzed, as well as military activity build-up rate at our borders, scale of combat equipment deployment, if the grade of Russia's demonization is estimated, one can say that preparation to a real war is taking place, as such acts are usually undertaken at the forefront of a war.'

Russia, so threatened by the West, it is now building huge [nuclear bunkers](#) around Moscow to protect itself at a time when financial resources are at best 'stretched'.

As [TIME](#) reports *"The South China Sea has instantly become uncharted waters for the globe's two most-powerful nations. The ruling from the Netherlands, while legally binding, has no mechanism for enforcement. That means negotiations will be required to ease the growing territorial tensions in and around the South China Sea. If talks don't happen, or go nowhere—and China continues to refuse to back down—a military clash could occur."*

[Dr. Paul Craig Roberts](#) quite firmly believes a Third World War is currently being fought. How long before it moves into its hot stage he asks.

"Washington is currently conducting economic and propaganda warfare against four members of the five bloc group of countries known as BRICS—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa. Brazil and South Africa are being destabilized with fabricated political scandals. Both countries are rife with Washington-financed politicians and Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs). Washington concocts a scandal, sends its political agents into action demanding action against the government and its NGOs into the streets in protests."

*"We have already seen what the New World Order has done with Islam" As Pope Francis says, "they have used it to foment a crisis, a clash of civilisations"*

Even The Pope believes the start of World War Three is underway – *"To be clear, when I speak about war, I speak about real war. Not a war of religion. There is a war of interests. There is a war for money. There is a war for natural resources. There is a war for domination of peoples"* [Pope Francis said](#), alluding to globalisation and the goals of the so-called New World Order of complete and total control over every human being on the planet.

Already, the **world has more displaced people than at any time during the course of either World War One or Two.** The fight for resources as a direct result of globalism now threatens peace on every continent in the world.

The Doomsday Clock is an internationally recognised design that conveys how close we are to destroying our civilisation with dangerous technologies of our own making, nuclear weaponry by far our most dangerous experiment, makes the clock tick each year. **It puts the current time of war at 23.57 – just 120 seconds left.**

**The current position of the Doomsday Clock is the closest it has been since 1984 and is actually a few clicks closer to reaching a global extinction event for humans than in 1962 when the Cuban missile crisis had twitchy American and Russian fingers on red buttons.** *What a cataclysmic ending for humanity, bombed back into the stone age. For what?*