



PSYCHOLOGISTS FOR
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

U.S. Psychologists Rise in Solidarity with Venezuela

We, as Psychologists for Social Responsibility, lift our voices in unequivocal solidarity with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in its resistance to the relentless imperialist attacks from the United States, the European Union and other interventionist governments. We express our absolute disgust at ongoing attempts to exploit the Venezuelan peoples and undermine their sovereignty – especially with the escalation of unwarranted aggressions in the midst of a global health crisis - actions which further exemplify the brutal character of an empire built on genocide, slavery, and the colonial rape of stolen lands.

We recognize that the U.S. Psychology industry has historically profited from its heavy hand in the development and implementation of psychological warfare which is part of foreign policy and ultimately provides the basis for the political, economic, kinetic, and law-based elements of the prolonged wars of conquest being waged on Venezuela and a number of other nations. We call attention to the deleterious impacts of psychological warfare on the overall health, safety, and well-being of all persons targeted for manipulation through the conveyance of “selected information indicators to foreign audiences to influence their emotions, motives, objective reasoning, and ultimately the behavior of foreign governments, organizations, groups, and individuals” in order to destabilize the nation and advance U.S. interests in the region.*

We categorically denounce the use of our science as a weapon and demand accountability for our industry’s complicity in the United States’ crimes against humanity in Venezuela and throughout the world. We invite the international community to conduct a long-overdue investigation into the leading psychological institutions that claim to benefit society and improve lives while manufacturing methods to destroy them. **We urge our colleagues to refuse to support or participate in psychological warfare operations** against Venezuela. However you are tied to the defense industrial base - whether in the private sector or on active duty - you do not have to be complicit in the serious crimes committed against this country.

Contact the Center on Conscience & War if you are in the U.S. military and want to seek discharge or reassignment as a conscientious objector.

www.centeronconscience.org

800-379-2679

Contact Quaker House Military Counseling Center for additional assistance with conscientious objection and moral injury.

www.quakerhouse.org

910-323-3912

* <https://www.goarmy.com/careers-and-jobs/special-operations/psyop.html>