

## America is Roaming Africa Trying to Covertly Conceal the Global Shame of Capitalism

### News:

US First Lady Dr. Jill Biden ended her five-day trip to two African countries on Sunday, February 26, 2023. The trip was her sixth to the continent, her first to Namibia and her sixth time in Kenya. Jill Biden's visit is in line with the resolutions of the recent US-Africa Summit in Washington in which President Joe Biden promised more engagements with Africa. Jill also focused on the empowerment of women and youth, efforts to address food insecurity, and promoting shared democratic values.

### Comment:

The trip has come just months after US President Joe Biden welcomed leaders from 49 African countries to Washington and pledged that “the United States is all in on Africa's future.” During that three-day summit in December, Biden announced that he would be going to Africa this summer, and that seven other top members of the administration, including First Lady Jill Biden and Vice President Harris, would be making trips this year to show their commitment to partnering with Africa. As reported by Washington Post, the first lady's travel is part of an aggressive show of U.S. support for African nations, as China's influence over the continent grows and at a time when U.S. intelligence suggests China is considering providing arms to Russia, a development that Secretary of State Antony Blinken has said would be a “serious problem.”

It is apparent that the US sees China as a threat to its interests in Africa. U.S. interests requires pressuring Africans to choose, such as when the United States pressed African states to vote to condemn Russia's brazen invasion of Ukraine at the United Nations (China abstained). But in general, U.S. diplomacy in Africa will be more effective when it's not framed as an “us-or-them” proposition, especially versus China. Early in the Biden administration, Secretary of State Antony Blinken told allies that the United States would not expect them to choose between Washington and Beijing. Notably, since 2000 China has been holding the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation every three years as means toward advancing its diplomatic and commercial interests. China is Africa's largest two-way trading partner, hitting \$254 billion two years back exceeding by a factor of four U.S.-Africa trade. China is the largest provider of foreign direct in this is roughly double the level of U.S. foreign direct investment.

With regards to empowerment of women and youth, food insecurity and Democracy, Dr. Jill put it plainly “I've always believed that supporting women and youth across the world is critical to our common future, with education, health, and empowerment at the heart of it all”. This comment shows a high state of irony as US troops have been committing atrocities against women across the globe under the name of restoration of Democracy and ‘war on terror’ as case in Afghanistan and Somalia. Western politicians, including the US First Lady, must first acknowledge Capitalism, which they embrace and champion for in the whole world, has attributed to oppression of women not only in Africa but the world at large. Women and youth have suffered severely as result of dominance of Western civilization that emanates from corrupt secular creed.

Kenya and Namibia but the whole of Africa has devastated with crippling rates of poverty, hunger, and diseases. Erroneous trade policies advocated by the US and Europe, such as free market, has led to the economic disasters that are witnessed in the rich continent. Notably, Biden's Africa policy is just a continuation of imperialist efforts to dominate and exploit African countries. The US, Europe as well as China initiatives are aiming at covering up the shame of capitalist ideology and not in favor of the best of Africa. These trips are none but colonial initiatives meant for covering up from the shame of Capitalism. It is therefore not genuine that America, Europe and China that they want the best for Africa instead they have the same agenda of causing more harm to it. America and its capitalist ideology is the sole source of all the problems worldwide. Its proponents roam the whole world trying covertly to conceal their own shame, and the disaster, failure and shortcomings of their ideology. Islam is the only ideology which is needed in the world to guarantee the dignity and status of women and youth.

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