

Historians of the future
or, in the parlance of Haiti:
"Èske nou ta tonbé sou tèt nou?"
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PREMISES

1. A dispute over territorial control has pitted **COUNTRY A** against **COUNTRY B** in a murderous war that has killed so far half a million in less than two years;
2. An **ALLIANCE** of countries representing **10%** of the world population is vigorously assisting **COUNTRY A** militarily, devoting all it can to the endeavor and severely damaging its own economies in the process;
3. A **MISCELLANY** of countries representing **90%** of the world population is either noncommittal or is tacitly supporting **COUNTRY B**;
4. It so happens that the **ALLIANCE** and its **10%** of the world population is also the party which has historically colonized quite harshly almost all of the **MISCELLANY** and its **90%** of the world population;
5. The **ALLIANCE** and its **10%** of the world population seems convinced it is indubitably **RIGHT** and **90%** of the world is patently **WRONG**;
6. The **ALLIANCE** and its **10%** of the world population seems convinced it is unquestionably **VIRTUOUS** while **90%** of the world is undeniably **EVIL**;
7. Meanwhile, it seems that **COUNTRY A** is in shambles and **COUNTRY B** is thriving, and
8. The **ALLIANCE** now appears adamant to wage an all-out war on the most populous country in the world for its alleged expansionism over an insular territory that extends to but **5 kilometers** from its own shores but lies some **10,000 kilometers** from the shores of the **ALLIANCE**, both the expansionist and the expansionized sharing the same name, being peopled by the same ethnicity, and speaking the same tongue, all quite foreign to the **ALLIANCE**.

QUESTIONS

1. How do you think the **ALLIANCE** ¹ will justify its current discomfiture in the foreseeable future?
2. How are future historians likely to analyze the current mayhem?

¹ Perhaps is it worth noting that after having built its own prosperity on the extraction of fossil fuels over more than two centuries, it is the very same **ALLIANCE** and its prosperous **10%** of the world population that is otherwise attempting to prevent any further development of the **MISCELLANY** and its not so prosperous **90%** of the world population (when not altogether destitute), through the improbable worldwide prohibition of any future extraction of any fossil fuel.