Quiz 2 Soc 412 Violent American Century

1.(t/f) Dower argues that the American Empire is bipolar: overwhelmingly powerful but also fearful and insecure, and it uses the fear and insecurity of the population to gain support for its imperialism.

2.(m/c) Dower argues that the U.S. has driven the nuclearization of the world in all of the following ways EXCEPT:

a. planned massive nuclear first strikes against citizens with plans to target 1200 cities.

b. used lies about Soviet nuclear weapons to massively increase the stockpile of U.S. nuclear weapons.

c. increased the size and types of nuclear weapons.

d. deployed nuclear weapons in countries around the world.

e. none are exceptions.

3.(t/f) According to Dower, the U.S. only engages in military or covert interventions in other countries to protect the people and support democracy.

4.(m/c) According to Dower, all of the following were serious nuclear accidents, incidents or absurdities EXCEPT:

a. the U.S. almost ordered a retaliatory nuclear strike because it mistook a flock of birds for a Soviet missile attack.

b. a U.S. bomber dropped its four hydrogen bombs off the coast of Spain.

c. the Soviets mistook a Norwegian weather balloon for an incoming missile and almost launched a retaliatory nuclear strike against the U.S.

d. U.S. General Douglas MacArthur urged that the U.S. drop thirty nuclear bombs between North Korea and China.

e. none are Exceptions

5.(m/c) According to Dower, the so-called “limited wars” of the Cold War period involved which of the following?

a. massive bombing campaigns that targeted civilians.

b. in Korea, “burning every town in both North and South Korea and killing one million Koreans.”

c. use of Agent Orange, a toxic herbicide that poisoned soldiers on both sides, civilians, crops, animals and water.

d. in Vietnam, the killing of more than 3 million Vietnamese, including more than 1 million civilians.

e. none are exceptions

6.(m/c) According to Dower, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) engaged in covert and secret actions in violation of international law dozens of time. Which of the following are examples?

a. carrying out assassinations, Vietnam

b. supporting right wing dictatorships and their death squads, Nicaragua, El Salvador

c. supporting coups in foreign countries, Iran, Guatemala

d. training foreign police and death squads, Nicaragua and the Simple Sabotage Field Manual

e. None are exceptions

7.(t/f) According to Dower, the CIA pursued a torture project code-named MKUltra and universities, hospitals, and psychologists participated in the project.

8.(m/c) According to Dower, a Doctrine named after which President allowed the U.S. to expand its military and paramilitary all throughout the world at much greater levels.

a. Ford b. Reagan c. Carter d. Bush

9.(m/c) According to Dower, which of the following were parts of President Ronald Reagan's “great Crusade”?

a. propaganda that attempted to redefine the U.S. invasion of Vietnam as the U.S being the good guys, (see American Exceptionalism, first lecture).

b. increase in the size of the military industrial complex

c. increase in CIA covert operations, like support of Al Qaeda in Afghanistan.

d. attacking and invading Panama. e. none are exceptions

10.(t/f) According to Dower, between 1948 and 1990, the U.S. directly or indirectly overthrew the governments of twenty-four South American countries.

11.(t/f) According to Dower, the police and military of the governments that the U.S. supported in Latin America killed tens of thousands of their own citizens. Thousands of those police and soldiers who committed these grotesque acts of violence were trained by the U.S. in the School of the Americas.

12.(m/c) According to Dower, those civilians targeted by the above governments were targeted because they were;

a. violent Communist factions b. priests, nuns, teachers and students who demonstrated sympathy for the poor.

c. anarchist revolutionaries whose goal was just destroying society d. a and c e. all of above