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Subject: Re: Empire

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I just watched this discussion from the Jeffrey Sachs Book Club. A young man named Aaron Good with a newly minted PhD has written a book based on his dissertation study called American "Exception", not exceptionalism. Which has been the typical narrative bandied about our country's perception of itself at home and abroad.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jXvuOG33zLs>

Mr. Good explains how our American system of democratic government is supplemented with a bureaucracy of the Deep State consisting of the political state, the security state and the "overlord" state, (the oligarchy) which forms our domestic and foreign policy.

That a free reign is given to the security state to administer covert and overt operations in the world that the deep state apparatus seeks control of. Overriding even the legislative political state. Thanks to the "overlord" principal control over the political part of our government. Campaign finance and lobbying.

Really a fascinating discussion that gives great food for thought about the state of our empire and its system of management. It challenges the notion we actually have a democracy.

Its a book I'll be acquiring for sure. American Exception by Aaron Good.

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