

## **A Case for Revolutionary PanHumanism**

### **The End is a New Beginning**

As we stand on the brink of a second Trump presidency, we're faced with a disturbing trend: leaders who disregard democratic principles, suppress opposition, and erode the rule of law are gaining power worldwide. Authoritarianism is becoming a dominant force. These leaders disparage international institutions, destabilize fair elections, and dismantle safeguards meant to protect freedom and accountability.

In the U.S., this authoritarian resurgence is embodied by a president who has openly denounced democratic institutions, pressured officials to overturn election results, and stood beside authoritarian allies while undermining the values his country claims to uphold. And now, he is poised to lead once more.

If it isn't clear already, the *Liberal International Order*—a vision of rule-based law, human rights, democracy, and economic integration—is on the verge of collapse. While often criticized, this global order will, once it is gone, be remembered as a brief but brilliant era of flourishing freedoms and prosperity.

Yet, it lasted barely 60 years.

And what ended it?

The nation-state system, an age-old construct that exalts tribalism, nationalism, and sovereignty over shared humanity. Today, we accept borders as natural, suffering across invisible lines as ordinary, and reduce people to their national identities rather than our common humanity.

Now, the very humanist values that underscored the liberal Bretton Woods era are being cannibalized by the same state that once championed them.

In a world that prioritizes nations over values, how long could we have expected any coalition of shared principles to survive?

### **The UN Won't Save Us**

The United Nations, despite espousing universal values, remains a tool for the most powerful nation-states, who continue to dictate global actions based on self-interest rather than collective human welfare. Created by the victors of World War II, it's an institution that still operates under a governance model designed over 75 years ago. Five nations alone—holding permanent seats on the Security Council—have the ultimate say in global peace and conflict, wielding veto power to protect their own interests, no matter how detrimental to global welfare. This outdated structure was built for a different world, one defined by empires and power blocs, not the universal aspirations of humanity.

The results are often absurd and harmful. In the Congo, peacekeepers were/are implicated in covering up massacres rather than stopping them. In Lebanon, they stand awkwardly between Hezbollah and Israeli forces. The UN's attempts at action are bogged down by bureaucracy and political maneuvering, making it an organization that, more often than not, nudges smaller nations toward "responsibility" while the powerful remain unchecked. This system was never designed for humanitarianism or PanHumanism but for managing power, and today, it has become an almost tragic relic—a symbol of the hypocrisy inherent in global governance by the nation-state system.

### **A Call for Revolutionary Action**

To preserve democracy, human rights, and shared human values, we need something radically new. We need a global, humanitarian organization that transcends national borders—a system that is economically and politically better than what we have today. This movement must build a global financial network founded on democracy and universal elections, one that acts independently of our fractured nation-states.

And no, we should not 'ask' to create such an organization, no more UN panels or NGO conferences. It needs to be built organically and iteratively. It needs to be built now as a bulwark against the moral and perhaps soon quite literal, collapse of once democratic states.

Imagine a unified ecosystem where federal rule of law protects democratic values and economic opportunity flourishes under shared governance. Imagine a system that supports those fighting for democracy and freedom, from Myanmar to Syria. That stands ready to prevent genocide and that can ensure human survival in the worsening era of climate change.

If we don't do this then what good is any ideology that doesn't serve humanity?

We can no longer wait for change from within the structures that have failed us. The time has come to build something new, to embrace PanHumanism not as a hope but as a revolutionary path forward.

*Nobody is Coming to Save Us—It's Up to Us*