

JOHN BRENNAN PREDICTS THE DISSOLUTION OF THE NATION-STATE STRUCTURE

Rather than asking John Brennan challenging questions about the reform of CIA at Brennan's Council on Foreign Relations event Friday, Charlie Rose instead asked John Brennan what he saw as the challenge to CIA's analytical function over the next 15 years (around 39:50).

Here's how Brennan responded:

The world is becoming more and more challenging. Nation-states are under increasing challenge and threat. More and more, we see individuals in different corners of the world who are identifying with sub-national groups and organizations. And so just the authority of nation-states and governments I think is being looked at in a different way than it did just 20 years ago. And so this is one of the things that we really have to be able to understand and anticipate and work with foreign governments because if you're going to have basically the dissolution of the nation-state structure that we've had for centuries, it's really going to be even a more chaotic world.

I don't actually disagree with Brennan. I've been saying we're headed for NeoFeudalism for over a decade.

That said, the policies of the US government are really fostering this change. Drones – as well as increased reliance on paramilitary forces – are one thing that contributes to this. So do

trade agreements, especially the ones the US is trying to force on Asia and Europe right now. US demands that its corporations help the US spy in other countries is another factor.

Yet, nevertheless, the government is pursuing these policies even while recognizing that the dissolution of the nation-state system will bring much more chaos.

Brennan describes it like a bug, but US policy suggests it's a feature.

Update: Take this prediction in tandem with James Clapper's judgement that "Roughly half of the world's currently stable countries are at some risk of instability over the next two years."