

# A Review of the Chicago Tribune's former lead columnist, John Kass's, "Keep the Kurds Out of the Iran War"

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*Keep the Kurds Out of the Iran War by by Nicholas Spyridon  
Kass*

**First, I agree with Mr. Kass's general premise.**

His analysis is generally good, but has some major flaws, especially his acceptance of Turkish and Arab views of the PKK and the Kurds in general, and designating the PKK as basically Marxist, with all of the negative implications that translates into.



He's mistaken, and he fails to recognize that the PKK as basically the major freedom fighter for Turkey and Syria's horrendously oppressed Kurds—some 24 million today in Turkey, and another 4-6 million in Syria—numbers he underestimates.

The PKK has evolved into a democracy promoting freedom fighting organization espousing peaceful confederation in the lands it exists in with its fellow Kurdish citizens. In contrast, today's Turkey is a nightmare for human rights and main supporter of murderous terrorist organizations like Hamas. It's genocidal actions against millions of Armenians, Kurds, Assyrian Christians, and others are well documented.

The problem which persists is that every time the subject of granting Kurds (and other non-Arab groups, like Druze and Assyrian Christians) some semblance of equality in a confederated nation, the jihadi Arabs laugh at the mere thought of allowing such a thing to happen in their "purely Arab patrimony" mindset, regardless of whatever the new al-

Qaida leader in a suit and tie lies to President Trump about.

He can be trusted as much as the taqiyyah spouting Islamic “Republic” of Iran’s mullahs...

As you’ll discover in my own articles below, the PKK had been forced into earlier ideological positions largely due to the oppression of their people.

While Marxist elements were/are present, this did not dominate the Kurdish movement. America has such elements too. As do France, Great Britain, and so forth. Kass dwells on this point regarding Kurds too much.

You’ll find additional answers to this issue below in the quoted link.

Kass underestimates the true Kurdish population by about 5-10 million people. He leaves out Kurds, who through no fault of their own, had their very own culture and language outlawed by Arabs and Turks alike at times...The Turks renamed them “Mountain Turks” while doing this.

Syrian Kurdish children have been forced to sing songs praising their “Arab” identity and such to make them ashamed of their [own ancient heritage](#), which predates both Arab and Turkish invaders by millennia in their homelands...

In addition to the above link, read about this [also in the following in-depth analyses](#) which cover not only Arab abuses against Kurds, but against scores of millions of other native, non-Arab peoples as well, and committed by the very same people who accuse Israel of every sin under the sun and get their useful oil currency supported idiots in academia and elsewhere to spread their lies...

Back in 1968, Professor Ismet Cherif Vanly published “The Syrian ‘Mein Kampf’ Against the Kurds.” Guess what this was about?

Kass mentioned the Anfal Campaign in Arab Iraq, but failed to mention the 200-250,000 Kurds gassed and otherwise slaughtered during its occurrence. Why?

Kass mentioned Rojava in Syrian Kurdistan, but strangely, while waving Marxist charges against America's most efficient yet underfunded and under supported friends and allies besides Israel (the Kurds), he failed to mention that Syrian Kurdistan has the ONLY real democracy anywhere in the region besides Israel and Iraqi Kurdistan, to a somewhat lesser degree but improving, and grants women rights known virtually no where else in the region.

There are at least 4-6 million Kurds in Syria, not the 2 million Kass quotes from probably Arab sources.

And unfortunately, Trump has decided to do unto them what George H. W. Bush and Kissinger did 30-40 years ago: encourage them to revolt and then abandon them to their existential enemies...a national disgrace, but actions Trump's Arab and Turkish business associates certainly appreciate.

Trump accomplished some good work in both his first and second terms. Among his good decisions was appointing Mike Pompeo as Secretary of State.

Trump would do well to follow [Pompeo's advice](#) rather than caving in to the wishes of autocratic, black African slaver Arab trillionaire oil potentates and the would be Sultan Erdogan the Great—all also enablers of bloodlust jihadi groups like Hamas, ISIS, etc...

Back in [Bush and Kissinger's](#) days, this utter betrayal led Pulitzer Prize winning NYTimes William Safire to write his "Sellout of the Kurds" series which accompanied journalist Daniel Shore's expose as well...

Instead of abandoning them, [this is what's needed](#) instead:  
[And](#)

Besides my analysis above, Additional Supportive and Contradictory Commentary follows below.

As a footnote, my own extensive doctoral work on this and related subjects has been acquired and placed on the recommended reference list of Paris's acclaimed Institut d'Etudes Politiques (Sciences Po) since 1982: "British Petroleum Politics, Arab Nationalism, and the Kurdish Struggle for Independence."

My forever timely book's Foreword was mostly penned by the President of the Kurdistan National Assembly of Syria.

The following was a general question I posed to corroborate my own prior knowledge of this issue...

["To what extent does Marxism](#) dominate the PKK ideology in the Kurdish movement?"

Besides the above, here's more of my own:

["PKK and Hamas: A tale of two terror](#) camps" INN

And finally, here's a place where [American forces will actually be welcome...](#)