



On spring 2004, the “MIT Sloan Management Review” scientific journal has published the article “The hidden costs of organizational dishonesty”. That article tries to estimate the relationship between dishonesty and productivity within companies, though the same arguments apply also to human activities systems (groups, states, Nations, etc).

*“Companies that engage in unethical practices face consequences far more harmful than is traditionally recognized. The resulting damage can easily outweigh the short-term gains ”.*

*“Dishonesty is a trait that, when discovered in one branch of a company, is immediately perceived to be underlying the behaviors across other domains ”.*

*“When moral employees are required to engage in immoral behaviors, the productivity of the most competent and proficient workers will suffer most ”.*

*“Honest and dishonest workers alike may assume that monitoring reflects the corrupt disposition of fellow employees and the large rewards of cheating ”.*

*“A company with dishonest business practices toward customers, vendors, distributors and other outsiders might achieve higher short-term profits, but it would incur various costs from three types of malignancy: 1. poor reputation and less return business, 2. (mis)match with employee values, 3. increased surveillance ”.*

[ [source](#) ]

Dishonesty devastates productivity.

High productivity (creativity, etc) is analogous to the quality of human relationships and to the degree of freedom which people enjoy.

Where dishonesty has been propagated within citizens relationships, there, lack of high productivity is manifested.

Societies which manifest lack of high productivity, inevitably, are going to suffer from lack of viability.

If and when a society has fallen under a non-viability state, then, this society is, unavoidably, going to become engaged, willingly or unwillingly, in a (hot, cold or hybrid) war.

Therefore, societies who wish to live peacefully and to avoid all kinds of war, they can achieve and retain peace by supporting and promoting Honesty.

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How many Nations are (economically, culturally, etc.) viable, today?

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How many Nations are supporting and promoting Honesty?

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How viable are all those Nations which are currently being engaged, directly or indirectly, in a hot and/or cold and/or hybrid war?

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How much, those Nations, support and promote honesty, within their corresponding societies?

People, as a rule, they do things, usually, only because they gain some short-term corresponding positive utility. On the contrary, supporting honesty, usually, offers some short-term losses. Therefore, people who use exclusively some short-term criteria for making their choices they are prone to disregard honesty. And in our days, we can clearly see – if we wish to know - the consequences of both, discrete as well as collective disregarding and/or neglecting of honesty.

Whether we like it or not, freedom, peace, friendship and frugal prosperity, in the long-run, depends, primarily, from the support, from the protection, from the recognition and from the promotion that we wholeheartedly offer to the most honest elements of our societies.

Innocent human lives are being wasted or harmed only because we do neglect honesty.

Note: the photo was found [here](#)