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## 9/11 Truth Virus Spreads to Military

### Bush Authorizes New Covert Action Against Iran

ABCNews.com. reported that sources, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the subject, say President Bush has signed a “nonlethal presidential finding” that puts into motion a CIA plan that reportedly includes a coordinated campaign of propaganda, disinformation and manipulation of Iran’s currency and international financial transactions.

The CIA and the National Security Council wont comment about covert operations but Sy Hersh, of the New Yorker, and Scott Ritter, former weapons inspector, have been saying for over a year that US special operations teams have been operating in Iran.

Administration officials say the covert plan is designed to pressure Iran to stop its nuclear enrichment program and end aid to insurgents in Iraq. But the UN Nuclear agency says there is no indication that Iran has a nuclear weapons program and there is scant evidence for the claims that Iran is behind the insurgent attacks.

“there is a proxy war already afoot with the United States supporting anti-Iranian elements in the region as well as opposition groups within Iran,” said Vali Nasr, adjunct senior fellow for Mideast studies at the Council on Foreign Relations. “And this see **Bush** page 2



### Pentagon Reaction: Limit Troops Access to Internet

By Matt Sullivan

The US military have recently issued new rules limiting what internet sites soldiers in Iraq can access. On the forbidden list are such popular sites as You-Tube, Google-Video and My-Space. The stated reason is technical; to limit traffic, but it just so happens that these sites are among the most popular vehicles for dissemination of stories, videos and news critical of the Bush administration and the war.

The military constantly monitors the attitudes and opinion of its soldiers, and they know the propaganda is wearing off. In January 2006 a Zogby poll found that 90% of soldiers erroneously believed that Saddam and Iraq were involved with the attacks of 9/11, now that opinion is held by less than 50%. Even more worrying, an ever growing number of Americans, inside the military and out, are realizing that we have been deceived about WMD, about the war, and about 9/11 as well.

The corporate media, who have echoed and amplified the lies, have launched a desperate attempt to eliminate all discussions

about the official body of evidence related to the events of 9/11. Just last month they worked frantically to get Rosie O’Donnell fired from ABC’s The View. Before that, the media launched a broad based attack against the character of Charlie Sheen for daring to publicly question the official story of 9/11. Rosie, however, was a much greater problem for the criminals in the media. She was on a daily network TV program with a large audience not even aware that questions and disturbing facts about 9/11 exist.

Let’s understand one thing: the 9/11 truth movement is doing nothing but growing. People who have been exposed to the actual evidence and understand the ramifications of what it reveals will not wake up one morning and suddenly decide that they believe the official story again. Once they realize that the official story about the attacks could not possibly be true, and they discover the mountain of evidence that has been hidden and misrepresented by the Bush administration, and the corporate media there is no going back. It’s a one way flow. The truth speaks for itself.

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## Cindy Sheehan Calls for New 9/11 Investigation



May was a busy month for peace activist Cindy Sheehan; she has denounced the Democratic Party, resigned from the peace movement and she has gone public in her support of 9/11 truth. Sheehan wrote a letter to the Democratic Party reaming them for their “cowardice and avarice”. While claiming, rightly, that “the American electorate are getting disgusted with weaklings who blow where the wind takes them while frittering away our precious lifeblood and borrowing money from our new owners, the Chinese.”

Sheehan says that the Democrats have betrayed the American people and the anti-war movement. The Democrats were elected partly on the basis that they would end the war in Iraq and bring American troops home. In Sheehan’s words the Democratic Party

has “...completely failed those who put you in power to change the direction our country is heading. We did not elect you to help sink our ship of state but to guide it to safe harbor.”

In a heart-felt letter to the anti-war movement and the public at-large Cindy Sheehan gives her resignation as the “face” of the American anti-war movement. She has been criticized by both the left and right for standing up and trying to wake Americans to the injustices of the Iraq war and the lies of the Bush administration. Sheehan sums up her resignation with this statement: “This system forcefully resists being helped and eats up the people who try to help it. I am getting out before it totally consumes me or anymore people that I love see **Sheehan** page 7

### How the GOP Stole the 2004 Elections and How They Plan to Steal 2008

Most Americans know the story now of how the GOP stole the presidential election away from Al Gore in 2000. Florida republicans used a variety of tactics including illegally purging over 50,000 valid voters from the rolls in minority and democratic districts, manipulation of electronic voting machines and the infamous “butterfly” ballot in Palm Beach county. Exit polls clearly showed Gore the winner. There is little doubt that, had the Republican controlled Supreme

Court not interveined, a statewide recount ordered by the Florida Supreme court would have found for Gore.

The Republicans did it again in 2004; this time in Ohio (and Florida and New Mexico and a number of other states) where exit polls clearly showed Kerry the winner.

And they plan to do it again in 2008 if Americans will let them.

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### 78,000 Iraqis Killed by Coalition Air Strikes

By Sherwood Ross

An estimated 78,000 Iraqis were killed by U.S. and Coalition air strikes from the start of the war through June of last year, an article in “The Nation” magazine says.

The estimate is based on the supposition that 13 percent of the 601,000 Iraqis who met violent deaths reported by The Lancet study released last October “had been killed by bomb, missile, rocket or cannon up to last June,” author Nick Turse writes in the June 11<sup>th</sup> issue of the weekly magazine.

“There are indications that the air war has taken an especially grievous toll on Iraqi children,” Turse said. “Figures provided by the Lancet study suggest that 50 percent of all violent deaths of Iraqi children under 15 in that same period (March 2003 through June 2006) were due to coalition airstrikes.”

Since April, 2003, Turse reports, the U.S. has dropped at least 59,787 pounds of cluster bombs in Iraq, a type of weapon Human Rights Watch(HRW) termed “the single greatest risk civilians face with regard to a current weapon that is in use.”

The author notes cluster bombs have “a high failure rate” so that unexploded bomblets that fall to ground become, in fact, landmines which, Marc Garlasco of HRW points out, are “already banned by most nations.”

Garlasco, the HRW senior military analyst, says, “I don’t see how any use of the current U.S. cluster-bomb arsenal in proximity to civilian objects can be defended in any way as being legal or legitimate.”

At a time when many nations are moving toward banning cluster munitions, the U.S. China, Israel, Pakistan and Russia are opposing new limits of any kind. At a conference in Oslo last February, 46 of 48 governments supported an international ban on cluster bombs by 2008.

The cluster bomb bursts above ground and releases hundreds of smaller “bomblets” that create a kill radius about the size of a football field, shredding virtually every object in the zone.

Aside from these deadly devices, Air Force officials acknowledge Coalition aircraft dropped at least 111,000 pounds of See **Air Strikes** page 2

### HPV Vaccine: Promise or Peril

By Elaine Sullivan

Merck & Company has developed a vaccine that seems promising in protecting young women from the two strains of Human Papaloma Virus (HPV) (HPV-16 and HPV-18) that are responsible for about 70 percent of cervical cancers worldwide, as well as, two other strains that cause genital warts. Until recently Merck was lobbying state legislatures to mandate vaccination of middle-school girls -- a step that more than 18 states are moving toward. The Merck vaccine is a three-shot course costing about \$360 for the full course. The committee

that advises CDC on vaccine policy recommended its routine use in 11- and 12-year-old girls to protect them against the four strains before they become sexually active. The Merck vaccine has only been tested for 3 years, there is no way at this point to predict its long term effectiveness or any long term side effects. Does it make sense to mandate a relatively new and unproven vaccine be administered to millions of children?

Cervical cancer was once one of the most common causes of cancer death for American women. According to the American Cancer Society cervical cancer deaths in the USA have dropped by 74% between 1955 and 1992 and continue to decline by nearly 4% a year. The main reason for this reduction is the increased use of the Pap test. The American Cancer Society estimates that about 3,670 women will die from cervical cancer in the United States during 2007. About 85 percent of the women who die have never had a Pap smear. Cervical cancer occurs most often in Hispanic women; the rate is over twice that in non-Hispanic white women. African-American women develop this cancer about 50% more often than non-Hispanic white women. The 5-year relative survival rate for the earliest stage of invasive cervical cancer is 92%. The overall (all stages combined) 5-year survival rate for cervical cancer is about 72%.

About 2.2 percent of women carry one of the two virus strains most likely to lead to cervical cancer Most of the time a woman’s immune system clears the virus within weeks, although repeated re-infections are possible. In some cases, however, the virus becomes incorporated in cervical cells which See **HPV** page 4

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# How Bush Backers Stole the 2004 Election

By Sherwood Ross

President Bush carried Ohio, Iowa, and New Mexico in 2004 because vast numbers of ballots cast by minorities for John Kerry in those states were never counted, an investigative reporter says.

In New Mexico, which Bush won by 5,988 votes, 33,981 ballots were not counted; in Iowa, which Bush won by 10,059 votes, 36,811 ballots were not counted; and in Ohio, which Bush won by 118,599 votes, a whopping 239,127 ballots were not counted.

According to reporter Greg Palast, (a former fraud investigator before turning reporter for BBC-TV) exit polls of voters leaving the voting booths revealed all three states had gone for Kerry by margins of two to four percent. Yet the official count later gave them all to Bush by one or two percent.

Q: So what happened?

A: Nationally, a total of 3-million votes were never counted --- a high percentage of them cast by African-Americans, Hispanics, Native Americans, and other minorities. Palast spells out how it was done in his new book, “Armed Madhouse”(Plume):

2004 saw the introduction of the new “provisional ballot.” The Black Caucus wanted them so that a voter could get a ballot even if the voter’s name did not appear on the rolls. In theory, the “provisional” would be marked, then kept aside and reviewed after the polls closed.

Under the “Help America Vote” Act of 2002, signed by President Bush, States were required to give out provisional ballots to those who wanted them.

But, Palast says, the law “does not require states to *count* them.” Thus, of 3,107,490 provisional ballots handed out on election day, 2004, 1,090,729 were trashed. “..the provisional voters who were rejected had a dark hue,” the Palast says, and there were enough of them to swing the three States to Bush.

Besides provisional ballots, there were

1,389,231 “spoiled” ballots, cast by voters who may not have punched their card hard enough or whose “x” was too hard to read, Palast says. “We know that a bit more than half, about three-quarters of a million of those uncounted votes, were cast by African-American voters,” Palast states. How does he know? Well, almost all provisional ballots rejected “were from 25 ‘urban’ areas. Any guesses about the color of the urb?”

Finally, 526,420 absentee ballots never got counted, either, and “In swing states, absentee ballot shredding was pandemic,” Palast discovered.

In Ohio’s Cuyahoga county, you can superimpose a map of the precincts with high numbers of “spoiled” votes over a map of African-American neighborhoods. They’re practically identical. Indeed, the U.S. Civil Rights Commission found only 1.6% of ballots by white voters were rejected. But 14.4% of ballots cast by Black voters got trashed.

What’s more, on Voting Day, the Republicans “launched a massive multimillion-dollar campaign of mass challenges of voters in Black precincts, concentrating on Ohio,” Palast writes. The attack was a legal no-no as the Republican National Committee had signed a no-race-baiting decree in 1981 pledging it would never again engage in this shoddy tactic. Besides Ohio, the GOP challenged thousands of African-American voters in Florida, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Another trick used in the 2004 swindle was to not fix broken voting machines --- the sort that mutilated ballots--- and plant them, as Ohio Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell did, in minority precincts. Did the bad machine spoil your ballot? Too-o bad! In New Mexico, nine out of 10 ballots that were rejected were cast by non-Anglo voters, Palast said.

Still another ploy is the undervote: In Jacksonville, Fla., a Republican voting supervisor removed several machines from Black precincts. This was also done in Ohio, where Blacks and students waited in some

precincts for seven hours or longer to vote. Many discouraged voters walked away, never counted. Palast said this reduced Kerry’s net vote in Columbus, Ohio, alone by an estimated 9,000+ votes.

As for absentee ballots, in Arapahoe County, Colorado, three times more absentee ballots mailed to Democrats “failed to return” as compared to Republican ballots. As for those that were returned, a total of 526,426 absentee ballots from around the nation were received but not counted, Palast said. And guess what? In strong Kerry precincts, “voters were 265% more likely to have their absentee ballots tossed out than voters in Bush-majority precincts.”

“Absentee balloting in the USA is the greatest expression of mass faith since the Hebrews walked across the Red Sea bed trusting the Lord would keep the waters parted,” Palast writes. “The difference is, in 2004, the absentee voters mailed their ballots to Pharaoh’s clerks.”

The above are just some of the deceptions used to cheat Senator Kerry out of the White House in 2004. If you doubt Mr. Bush would steal a national election, keep in mind he has deceived the American people about Iraq’s WMD, lied to the public that his underlings do not torture prisoners, trashed President Nixon’s honorable stand on germ warfare, scrapped President Reagan’s good work against nuclear proliferation, and politicized the Federal government, subordinating the public good to what’s best for his Republican chums. My hunch is in 2008 a lot of thoughtful Republicans will cross over to vote Democratic. The big question is, who will count their votes?

P.S. And speaking of a level playing field for all income groups, what about switching election day from a week day, when so many people have to work, to a weekend, when wage-earners can get away from their jobs? And why isn’t it mandatory for voter registration forms to be published in all newspapers so readers can fill them out at home at their leisure?



# How the GOP Plans to Steal the Next Election Too

By Matt Sullivan

The Republicans have a multi-prong strategy for steeling the 2008 election.

Prong one: Targeting voters based on race.

Greg Palast has written extensively about GOP election theft since before the 2000 elections. In his latest release of *Armed Madhouse* he has a chapter called “Caging Lists: Great White Republicans Take Voters Captive”. He writes about Timothy Griffin, Karl Rove’s assistant. Griffin, according to Palast, was behind a scheme to wipe out the voting rights of 70,000 citizens prior to the 2004 election. Griffin’s targets: Black and Hispanic voters from Democratic precincts. These groups were singled out because they are likely to vote Democratic, and because they may be away from their address of record. But there’s a catch, targeting voters where race is a factor is a felony crime under the Voting Rights Act of 1965. But instead of being prosecuted for his crimes, Mr. Griffin has been made the US Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas.

While Mr. Griffin has said he would step down if he had to face Congressional confirmation, the Attorney General was able to appoint Griffin to the law enforcement post using an odd little provision secretly slipped into the USA Patriot Act that could allow Griffin to skip Congressional questioning altogether.

Prong two: The Fraudulent Fraud Squad.

As detailed by Richard L. Hasen in Slate, the Republican party is behind an effort to suppress poor and minority voting by imposing strict voter identification requirements justified by bogus claims of voter fraud. American Center for Voting Rights, the only prominent organization claiming that voter fraud is a major problem warranting strict rules such as voter-ID laws—simply stopped appearing at government panels and conferences. Its Web domain name has suddenly expired, its reports are all gone, and its general counsel, Mark “Thor” Hearne, has cleansed his résumé of affiliation with the group. Hearne won’t speak to the press about ACVR’s demise and no other group has taken up the “voter fraud” mantra.

And why would they--the idea of massive polling-place fraud (through the use of inflated voter rolls) is inherently incredible. If someone wanted to use polling-place fraud to swing an election they would have to figure out who the fake, dead, or missing people on the registration rolls are, and then pay a lot of other individuals to go to the polling place and impersonate the fake

voters, without any guarantee—thanks to the secret ballot. And they run the risk of being detected and charged with a felony. And for what—\$10? The only way to buy votes in an enforceable and safe way would be to watch as the voter cast their absentee ballots. (Notably, ACVR and supporters of voter-ID laws have generally supported exemptions from ID requirements for voters who use absentee ballots.) Polling-place fraud, in short, makes no sense.

ACVR’s mission was to provide intellectual cover for Republican efforts to promote the absurd idea that voter fraud was a significant problem. The demise of ACVR has been precipitated by the recent investigation of the US Attorney firings. Make no mistake about it, the US Attorney scandal is about past and future vote suppression and election fraud. Prosecutors unwilling to parrot the GOP mantra of voter fraud, or to prosecute dubious voter fraud cases, have now been replaced with party loyalists willing to carry water for the Rove scheme.

Prong three: High-Tech Election Theft

The third prong of the GOP plan to steel elections is massive vote-rigging as Steve Rosenfeld and Bob Fittrakis have documented in great detail: They write:

“There is more than ample documentation to show that on Election Night 2004, Ohio’s ‘official’ Secretary of State website – which gave the world the presidential election results – was redirected from an Ohio government server to a group of servers that contain scores of Republican web sites, including the secret White House e-mail accounts that have emerged in the scandal surrounding Attorney General Alberto Gonzales’s firing of eight federal prosecutors.

Recent revelations have documented that the Republican National Committee (RNC) ran a secret White House e-mail system for Karl Rove and dozens of White House staffers. This high-tech system used to count and report the 2004 presidential vote– from server-hosting contracts, to software-writing services, to remote-access capability, to the actual server usage logs themselves – must be added to the growing congressional investigations.

The software created for the Ohio secretary of state’s Election Night 2004 website was created by

GovTech Solutions, a firm co-founded by longtime GOP computing guru Mike Connell. He also redesigned the Bush campaign’s website in 2000 and told “Inside Business” magazine in 1999, “I wouldn’t be where I am today without the Bush campaign and the Bush family because the Bushes truly are about family and I’m loyal to my network.”

Ohio’s Cedarville University, a Christian school with 3,100 students, issued a press release on January 13, 2005 describing how faculty member Dr. Alan Dillman’s computing company Government Consulting Resources, Ltd, worked with these Republican-connected companies to tally the vote on Election Night 2004.

“Dillman personally led the effort from the GCR side, teaming with key members of Blackwell’s staff,” the release said. “GCR teamed with several other firms – including key players such as GovTech Solutions, which performed the software development – to deliver the end result. SMARTech provided the backup and additional system capacity, and Mercury Interactive performed the stress testing.”

On Election Night 2004, the Republican Party not only controlled the vote-counting process in Ohio, the final presidential swing state, through a secretary of state who was a co-chair of the Bush campaign, but it also controlled the technology that allowed the tally of the vote in Ohio’s 88 counties to be reported to the media and voters.

Make no mistake. The GOP, despite overwhelming unpopularity among voters, intends to maintain its power by voter suppression, racial targeting, and outright fraud.



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covert action is now being escalated by the new U.S. directive, and that can very quickly lead to Iranian retaliation and a cycle of escalation can follow.”

Other “lethal” findings have authorized CIA covert actions against al Qaeda, terrorism and nuclear proliferation clearly targeting Iran.

“The entire plan has been blessed by Abrams, in particular,” said one intelligence source familiar with the plan, referring to Deputy National Security Advisor Elliott Abrams. Abrams’ last involvement with attempting to destabilize a foreign government led to criminal charges. He pleaded guilty in October 1991 to two misdemeanor counts of withholding information from Congress about the

Reagan administration’s ill-fated efforts to destabilize the Nicaraguan Sandinista government in Central America, known as the Iran-Contra affair

“There are some channels where the United States government may want to do things without its hand showing, and legally, therefore, the administration would, if it’s doing that, need an intelligence finding and would need to tell the Congress,” said Richard Clarke, a former White House counterterrorism official.

A presidential finding for such operations may satisfy US law, but it is unlikely that inserting covert agents, funding terrorism and propaganda, and supporting insurgent groups within Iran conforms to international law.



# Was Iraq Invaded to Boost Oil Prices?

## Value of Exxon Reserves Rose by \$666 Billion

By Sherwood Ross

Saddam Hussein may have been deposed in order to limit Iraq’s oil production and thus keep world oil prices artificially high. This could be the real reason behind the invasion of Iraq by the Anglo-American forces and their allies.

According to Greg Palast’s new book, “Armed Madhouse”(Plume), “When OPEC raises the price of crude, Big Oil makes out big time.” Palast makes the point Iraq’s output in the 2003-05 period following the invasion saw a decline in oil production. In fact, it dropped to below the level of the 1995-2003 Oil-for-Food arrangement that allowed Iraq to sell two million barrels per day to raise cash for humanitarian purposes. “Whether by design or happenstance, this decline in (Iraqi) output has resulted in tripling the profits of the five U.S. oil majors to \$89 billion for a single year, 2005, compared to pre-invasion 2002,” Palast writes.

He points out the oil majors are not simply passive resellers of OPEC production but have reserves of their own which rise in tandem with oil prices.

“The rise in the price of oil after the first three years of the (Iraq) war boosted the value of the reserves of ExxonMobil Oil alone by just over \$666-billion,” Palast wrote. What’s more, Chevron Oil, “where (Secretary of State) Condoleezza Rice had served as a director, gained a quarter trillion dollars in value.”

Another big winner in the Iraq war is Saudi Arabia. The war-stoked jump in oil prices, Palast writes, put \$120 billion in Saudi Arabia’s treasury in 2004, triple its normal take.

Among the big losers have been American motorists, now paying about \$3.30 for a gallon of gas. What’s more, the oil price spike has punished U.S. industry, costing America an estimated 1.2-million jobs. “Higher borrowing costs for business since the beginning of the Iraq war are bleeding manufacturing investment,” Palast adds.

Rising oil prices are an anomaly. The world’s petroleum reserves have doubled from 648 billion to 1.2 trillion barrels in the past 25 years, Palast reports. According to free market laws of supply and demand, discovery of these immense new pools should cause prices to drop.

Big Oil’s interest is in “suppressing production,” Palast writes, stating “An international industry policy of suppressing Iraqi oil production has been in place since 1927.”

Iraq has 74 known oil fields but only 15 are in production and 526 known pools of oil of which only 125 have been drilled. In 2005, Iraq exported only 1.4 million barrels of oil daily, less than under Hussein, less than half its old OPEC quota, and less than a fourth of its ultimate capacity, Palast reports.

“Though technically owned by the Iraqis through their state oil company, we can expect the (Iraqi) crude to be gathered and controlled downstream by the same old hands, British Petroleum, Chevron and other IOC’s (international oil companies) that first drew that nation’s borders, politely fulfilling Iraq’s quota assigned by the Saudis, no more, maybe less,” Palast writes.

In addition to clapping a lid on Iraqi production, Palast charges the U.S.

“promoted sabotage of oil piping, loading and refining systems in Venezuela” to limit that country’s production.

Palast reminds that Venezuela, once the top exporter to the U.S., broke the back of the 1973 Arab oil embargo by replacing the oil withdrawn by Saudi Arabia. “(Hugo) Chavez, despised by Bush, was not likely to save Bush’s bacon by busting another embargo. Therefore, Chavez had to go immediately,” Palast writes.

Palast says that OPEC is a front for the IOC’s. “If oil companies had created this cartel to fix prices, that would have made it a criminal conspiracy---cartels are illegal. But when governments conspire for the same purpose, the illegal conspiracy turns into a legitimate ‘alliance’ of sovereign states. OPEC’s government cover makes the price fixing perfectly legal, and Big Oil reaps the rewards.”

What’s more, Saudi Arabia and other OPEC nations take Americans’ money at the pump, and in their heating and electric bills, and use it to buy up U.S. government notes. In 2005, Palast said, \$243 billion in petro-dollars was collected from Americans by OPEC. Foreigners then bought up \$311 billion in U.S. government debts.

“All the goodies, from nuclear subs to tax cuts to war in Mesopotamia appear to be ‘free’ to the taxpayer,” Palast writes. “It’s all just put on the tab, the national debt, including the interest on it. The actual cash needed to pay for these budget busters is first collected from U.S. consumers via the hidden oil tax for which Mr. Bush takes no blame.”



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other types of bombs in Iraq last year as part of 10,519 “close air support missions,” author Turse said.

According to Les Roberts, co-author of two surveys of mortality in Iraq published in the British medical journal The Lancet, “Rocket and cannon fire could account for most coalition-attributed civilian deaths.” The magazine quotes him further as stating, “I find it disturbing that they (Pentagon) will not release this (figure), but even more disturbing that they have not released such information to Congressmen who have requested it.”

Turse’s article is titled, “The Secret Air War in Iraq,” and alleges “The devastation from U.S. bombing is underreported--- and may be increasing.” He writes, “That an occupying power regularly conducts airstrikes in or near dense population centers should have raised serious concerns in the mainstream media, unfortunately, reports on the air war are sparse and mostly confined to regurgitations of military announcements.”

“..Until reporters begin bypassing official U.S. military pronouncements and locating Iraqi sources, we will remain largely in the dark regarding the secret and deadly U.S. air war in Iraq,” Turse concludes.



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Cynthia McKinney

### Dreaming of a True Memorial Day

Stone Mountain, Georgia

On Memorial Day I took a visiting friend to view the tomb of Martin Luther and Coretta Scott King. We went inside Ebenezer Baptist Church, where Dr. King once preached, and listened to him give his own oration on how he would like to be remembered:

“If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don’t want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell them not to talk too long. Every now and then I wonder what I want them to say. Tell them not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize, which isn’t important. Tell them not to mention that I have three or four hundred other awards, that’s not important. Tell them not to mention where I went to school. I’d like somebody to mention that day, that Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to give his life serving others. I’d like for somebody to say that day, that Martin Luther King, Jr. tried to love somebody. I want you to be able to say that day, that I did try to feed the hungry. And I want you to be able to say that day, that I did try, in my life, to clothe those who were naked. I want you to say, on that day, that I did try, in my life, to visit those who were in prison. I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.

“Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice; say that I was a drum major for righteousness. And all of the other shallow things will not matter. I won’t have any money to leave behind. I won’t have the fine and luxurious things of life to leave behind. But I just want to leave a committed life behind.” And for a moment I reflected on how Dr. King had been ridiculed in the “mainstream” press—all complicit in the U.S. Government’s unethical and sometimes illegal program of COINTELPRO.

I remembered how his son, Martin III, had run for office in Atlanta and again was ridiculed by the local Atlanta newspaper.

I thought briefly of how that same local newspaper often through its black female editor derided the King Family, including Martin’s widow Coretta, as if COINTELPRO never ended and murdering one of America’s greatest sons was not enough.

Then my brain switched to thoughts of my Congressional Panel entitled “Murder of MLK” where TV’s popular Judge Joe Brown appeared and announced unequivocally that the rifle known to all Americans as the murder weapon is, indeed, not the murder weapon. And Dr. William Pepper, longtime King Family friend and lawyer at the famous 1999 Memphis trial in which the jury found that the government was part of a conspiracy to assassinate Dr. King. In fact, in that trial, testimony revealed that a very sophisticated operation to kill Dr. King was hatched in the bowels of the Pentagon and brought together the Mob, local Memphis police, and US military intelligence to accomplish the objective. In fact, Dr. King’s family had been under surveillance by our Government since the 1920s!

In short, everything you think you know about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s murder is a lie. What they teach our children in the schools about the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a lie. How many other lies has our Government told us and that are substantiated and corroborated by the “mainstream” corporate press?

Why does our Government lie to us?

Today is a day of deep reflection because it is Memorial Day. I’m sad today because I believe the most fundamental values of our country have been purposefully undermined before our very eyes.

I’m sad because the people seem so powerless against the lies our Government tells us, when the Government is not supposed to be them, it’s supposed to be us!

And finally, I’m sad because I don’t want Dr. King to have died in vain, yet, with every passing day I fear that might be the case.

We, the American people, have been lied to.

Our young men and women are dying in a far-off land; those of us who dissent are spied upon by an Administration that violates the Constitution. Our economy has been wrecked by massive theft occurring in the guise of war and disaster profiteering. Our tax money has been used to fly people to places around the world so they can be tortured—whether they’re guilty of anything or not. And innocent people all over the planet die as a result of policies carried out in our name that include subversion, sabotage, terrorism, torture, death squads, and drug trafficking. Innocent Afghans die today so that the U.S. can control both the heroin and the oil trades.

Dr. King was murdered because certain people in power felt that he threatened the American way of life. Today, it’s people in Afghanistan, Colombia, Haiti, Iraq, Ivory Coast, Palestine, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Zimbabwe, and Democratic Republic of Congo who die for this thing called the American way of life. Yesterday, it was Cuba, Vietnam, Guatemala, El Salvador, Dominican Republic, Chile, Argentina, Libya, Grenada, Nicaragua, Indonesia, and East Timor.

What exactly is that American way of life?

Well, Agence France Presse just ran a story

announcing that two separate studies found that the U.S. has the most expensive health care system in the world, yet the worst, most notable for its lack of universal coverage.

According to the Pentagon, we have 16,000 single moms serving in Iraq, an unprecedented number.

The 2000 Presidential Election result was based on the illegal denial of the right to vote of duly registered voters by way of a purposefully corrupted “convicted felons list” that included people guilty of nothing but being black, Democrat, and registered to vote in Florida.

The 2004 Presidential election results in Ohio, according to Professor Bob Fittrakis of Ohio, were tallied on machines that housed Republican Party-oriented websites and that used software written by Republican Party loyalists.

A recent study found that one-third of adults in Washington, DC—our nation’s capital city—are functionally illiterate, not being able to fill out job applications, read maps, or understand bus schedules.

The Innocence Project just announced its 200th innocent released from a prison system that now occupies the number one slot in the world for number of people incarcerated.

The University of Michigan just released a study confirming what we already knew: that hazardous waste facilities predominate in poor, minority neighborhoods. Hull House of Loyola University released a study finding that it would take 200 years for black Chicagoans to catch up to the quality of life experienced by white Chicagoans.

Our country now claims the top slot as the debt capital of the world.

And with the amount of money that we’ve already spent on the war, according to the National Priorities Project, Americans could have had instead:

- 1.8 million new teachers;
- Over 20 million college scholarships;
- Health insurance for over 60 million children;
- Or nearly 4 million new housing units.

Is this the American way of life that our children are dying for and the government lies to us for?

Or is it the record profits of Exxon, Microsoft, Apple (and I love my macs), and others while the share of national income going to wages and salaries is at a record low?

We should expect more from our elected leadership.

The Democrats didn’t fight for their own true election results in 2000 or in 2004, so why should we expect them to impeach an illegitimate Administration that has violated the U.S. Constitution and international law, lied to the American people, and sent our young men and women into harm’s way?

In fact, the Democrats have just now made themselves complicit in impeachable crimes of the Bush Administration. On March 17, my birthday, at the antiwar protest at the Pentagon, I declared that by voting to fund George Bush’s wars, the Democrats had become explicitly complicit in war crimes, torture, crimes against humanity, and crimes against peace.

The American people voted for peace in last November’s election. And they voted for justice. We didn’t get peace and we don’t have justice.

What about a livable wage for America’s workers?

What about the right of return for Katrina survivors?

What about repealing the Patriot Act, the Secret Evidence Act, and the Military Tribunals Act?

Why is impeachment “off the table”?

How can the Pentagon “lose” 2.3 trillion dollars!

Why can’t we get that money back for jobs, health care, education, and our veterans?

One year to the day before he was murdered, Dr. King, under tremendous pressure from other blacks and “civil rights leaders” to tone down his antiwar rhetoric, responded thusly:

“For those who say to me, ‘stick to civil rights,’ I have another answer. And that is, that I’ve fought too long and too hard now, against segregated public accommodations to end up segregating my moral concerns. I’m not gonna do that. But others can do what they want to do. That’s their business. If other civil rights leaders, for various reasons, refuse or can’t take a stand or have to go along with the Administration, that’s their business. But I must say tonight, that I know that justice is indivisible: injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

I’m deeply disappointed on this Memorial Day 2007 in what the current leadership of both political parties has allowed our country to become.

I believe the innocent people of our country have been purposely misled while the truth has been suppressed. I will continue to work to expose the truth—as I have done in the past. And I certainly hope that by next year’s Memorial Day, the United States will have once again become the beacon of peace and justice and truth that we know it can be. And that Dr. King’s sacrifice and that of his family will not have been in vain.

Cynthia McKinney is a former congresswoman from Georgia.



## War and the Police State: Complicity of the American People

by Donna J. Thorne

*“We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth.... Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty? Are we disposed to be of the number of those, who having eyes, see not, and having ears, hear not...? For my part, whatever anguish of spirit it might cost, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know.. it — now.” Patrick Henry, 1775.*

In this era of perpetual warfare, escalating domestic tyranny, government-sanctioned torture, and a Nazi-like pursuit of Middle-East domination, one would expect, at the

very least, an audible outcry from the People who proclaim resolute devotion to the ideals of liberty and justice for all. Yet for the most part, Mainstream America continues to assume a posture of apathy, bitterness, or eerie silence.

When confronted with hard facts and scientific evidence linking key government officials to the attacks of 9/11, ostensibly intelligent, levelheaded people angrily and defiantly reject said information without a moment’s deliberation. Sincerely compassionate and peace-loving individuals support the criminal invasion of Iraq and close their eyes to the U.S. slaughter

of 600,000 Iraqi civilians, choosing instead to believe in the myth of American supremacy, at the heart of which lies the notion that foreigners alone are capable of such atrocities.

And now, in the aftermath of 9/11 and the subsequent establishment of Homeland Security, previously rigid supporters of civil rights quietly tolerate the piecemeal deconstruction of the U.S. Constitution under the pretext of protection, and to their own peril, disregard increasingly strident warnings and signs of a growing and imminent police state. Clearly,

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## The Moral Obligation to Lose The War

by Robert Shetterly

Every act has moral and immoral potential. The girl scout who helps an unsteady old man across the street could also have pushed him aside. The aftermath of each action engenders a new range of moral possibilities. Having pushed him aside, she might then regret her act and return to help him. Even when we’ve made bad choices, acted out of indifference or greed rather than compassion and generosity, another choice awaits us: how to compound or rectify the immoral act, stay the course or imagine how to salvage some measure of moral standing. Since even a racist like George Wallace can have a Road to Damascus experience, anything is possible.

The immense immorality of the choice to attack Iraq, and base that choice in lies, propaganda, and fear, is hardly news now. But the fact that, above all else, it was a moral choice means that another moral choice is possible. And only one choice would atone for the original.

This war will not end until the funding is cut off. Anyone who would continue the funding to “support the troops,” should also tell you that once you make a moral mistake, keep making it, and that those who pay with their blood for your mistake are grateful for the support. The logic of this position would also maintain that policy is made by soldiers and officers, not by the people, the Congress and the President.

None of the offered plans now before us to de-escalate the war disavow what we all know to be its

original goals — control of Iraq’s oil and the building of large, permanent US military bases in Iraq. Nor do any of these bills address the central issue of accountability, the fact that this war is a war crime, a crime against our democracy, our Constitution, the Iraqi people, international law, and our own soldiers. Without accountability, our democracy is meaningless. Without moral action, our claim to integrity and respect are meaningless.

Our obligation as citizens is not to play political games with the Democrats or Republicans to help them position themselves for the next election. Our obligation is to demand that the laws and ideals of this country be upheld. The problem with the Iraq War is not that we are losing it and that we need a better strategy. The problem is that we have no moral right to win it. As bad as the colossal mismanagement, greed and corruption are, they are not the true issue. Betrayal of the public trust is the issue. Pre-meditated murder is the issue.

It is my deepest belief that the only good that may come from this disgraceful time in our history, will be the honest acknowledgement of how and why the country was misled, followed by punishment for those responsible. Without that justice, we will learn nothing and be easy prey for the next abuse of power.

It is horrible to think that our soldiers have died and been injured in vain. However, if we demand accountability, demand impeachment, something honest will have been redeemed. All that blood and those blasted bodies of beloved people may form the bulwark against future abuse.

In a sense freedom will have been won, democracy will be affirmed, justice will be established — here.

No one can tell you what will happen when the US withdraws the troops. Although, many did predict the chaos of insurgency and sectarianism that resulted from the attack. But whatever happens after our withdrawal, it will be made easier if we involve international peacekeepers, remove our bases, forego any claim to the oil, and pay reparations. The war is a moral and legal catastrophe and will continue to be. But since we precipitated it, we can’t pretend also to want to protect the Iraqis from it. We can’t. We’re the cause of it.

This administration has acted from a position that denigrates human rights, legal rights, moral rights, the rights of decency, inalienable rights, privacy rights, civil rights, women’s rights, environmental rights, worker’s rights, and children’s rights. The only right they have respected is the right of entitlement. Their own. Our only hope is to demand our rights, our rights as citizens, our rights to our ideals, our rights to a sense of morality.

The destruction of a small village in Vietnam was once explained away by our military as a village that had to be destroyed in order to save it. That perversity became symbolic of the entire war. Accurately. The War on Iraq should now be described as a war that must be lost in order to save America. That is our moral obligation.

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can cause malignant changes.

An editorial in the New England Journal of Medicine drew several conclusions about the ongoing studies of the effectiveness of the HPV vaccine:

- The vaccine was most effective in women not previously exposed to HPV, so vaccinating before a woman becomes sexually active is probably best.
- The vaccine was not more effective overall because it only protects against two strains of HPV.
- Some evidence suggests that by eliminating HPV types 16 and 18, the vaccine might give other HPV strains the opportunity to flourish.

Preliminary evidence suggests protection from the vaccine may start to dwindle after five years. Vaccinating 11- and 12-year-old girls with a vaccine that only lasts five years would mean leaving them vulnerable to the viruses at 16 or 17 years of age. A vaccine being developed by GlaxoSmithKline, which targets only HPV-16 and HPV-18, contains an antibody-boosting “adjuvant” that may provide longer-lasting immunity.

Another question not addressed is the overall cost effectiveness of the vaccine versus the cost of cancer treatment for a very small segment of the population. Even with the vaccine women still need to get yearly Pap tests. Perhaps money would be better spent in insuring Pap smears for all women. The concept of screening is to cut the incidence of the disease to a low level. This is what has happened in the United States since the introduction of the Pap test. According to Dr. R. Daniel Braun, on obgyn.net, there were 26,000 deaths per year due to cervical cancer in 1941, a rate that had not changed for 25 years. Then in 1941, Papanicolau and Traut introduced the Pap smear and deaths from cervical cander dropped steadily. By 1996 there were only 4900 deaths from cervical cancer (most of them in women who had never had a Pap smear). Without the test one would expect 52,000 since the population had doubled. Overall the Pap test has produced a 90% reduction in the death rate due to cervical cancer.

Arguing for vaccination, Dr. Ralph Anderson, chairman of obstetrics and gynecology at the University of North Texas Health Center states, “It costs \$300 to get the vaccine. If you get cancer of the cervix, it will probably cost \$100,000 to treat it, and then a lot of those people die,” he said. “Show me that it’s more expensive to give the vaccine than not give the vaccine”.

Dr. Anderson’s argument is disingenuous

## Breast Cancer Rates Drop with Less Hormone Replacement Therapy

From NIH.gov

A sharp decline in the rate of new breast cancer cases in 2003 and a sustained decrease in 2004 may be related to a national decline in the use of hormone replacement therapy (HRT), according to a new report.

Led by Dr. Donald Berry of the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center and Dr. Kathy Cronin of NIH’s National Cancer Institute (NCI), the research team used data from NCI’s ongoing Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) program.

In the April 19, 2007, issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the team showed that age-adjusted breast cancer incidence rates in U.S. women fell 6.7% in 2003. During the same period, prescriptions for HRT declined rapidly, following highly publicized reports from the Women’s Health Initiative (WHI) study that showed an increased risk of breast cancer, heart disease, stroke, blood clots and urinary incontinence among postmenopausal women who were using hormone replacement therapy that included both estrogen and progestin.

The decrease in breast cancer incidence, the researchers found, began in mid-2002 and leveled off after 2003. From 2001 to 2004, the annual age-adjusted incidence of breast cancer dropped 8.6%. The decrease occurred only in women over the age of 50 and was more evident in women with cancers that were estrogen receptor (ER) positive—tumors that need estrogen in order to grow and multiply.

Understanding the relationship between cessation of HRT and breast cancer is difficult. Effects may vary depending on the type of HRT used and other factors specific to how the hormones affect the body. The researchers believe that withdrawing hormones may have slowed the growth of some small cancers and prevented their detection on mammograms. These cancers might eventually grow and be found later,

at best. Any cost analysis of the vaccine program would have to take into account that 129 women have to be vaccinated for every one cancer avoided, and that cervical cancer treated early has a 92% 5yr survival rate. (And that the cost is significantly more than \$300 per patient). The analysis would also have to include the costs of known and unknown complications of the treatment. Of the 11,000 women worldwide who have participated in HPV study many report side effects ranging from soreness of injection site to fainting, itching, swelling, nausea, fever, and dizziness, but more serious side effects have been reported. Some side effects were reported by approximately 15% of the women in the study.

Judicial Watch has released documents obtained from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. 1,637 patients reported adverse reactions to the HPV vaccination Gardasi as of May 11, 2007. This included 371 serious reactions (3.4%) including paralysis, Bells Palsy, Guillain-Barre Syndrome, seizures and 3 deaths. Of the 42 women who received the vaccine while pregnant, 18 experienced side effects ranging from spontaneous abortion to fetal abnormalities. When these costs are taken in to account it is not at all clear that the vaccination program is cost effective even in Dr. Anderson’s limited interpretation of the term.

A more thorough analysis would not only compare the cost of the vaccination program on it’s own terms, but would compare the cost of the vaccination program with the other potential uses of our limited public health resources.

For example; for a small fraction of the HPV program, vitamin D supplements could be made widely available. Studies have shown that Vitamin D supplementation can have a dramatic impact on cancer rates for far lower cost and with much less risk than the HPV vaccine.

An even more stark comparison would be to Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT). A sharp reduction in the number of women taking HRT has caused the largest drop in breast cancer rates ever recorded (-7% in 2003). Breast cancer affects many more women than HPV related cancers and we have found a treatment (discontinuation of Hormone Replacements) that actually saves both money and lives.

It is clear that HPV vaccination is only on the national health care agenda because Merck put it there.



Commentary:

## Politically Correct Patriot questions Vigilant Informed Citizen

or How to Help a Friend Unplug from the Matrix

By - Gary Via

### Part One—The “Muslim terrorist” conspiracy theory

**PCP:** Isn’t America threatened by a worldwide conspiracy of suicidal Muslim terrorists who hate our freedom?

**VIC:** Throughout history there have always been groups of desperate people willing to do desperate things. However, since the end of WWII, the U.S. began picking up the pieces of the British Empire with the use of covert and direct interventions throughout the world, including installing “friendly” dictators, for example, the Shah of Iran, who are controlled with a cut of the profits from the American businesses invited to extract the country’s resources. We have also given billions in dollars and weapons to certain other countries, notably Israel, in similar adventures of occupation and plunder. Such adventures naturally invite terrorist acts from desperate people among the native populations who find themselves otherwise powerless to resist such rapacious interventions.

It takes only a moment’s reflection to realize that, rather than “hating our freedom,” perhaps what such people really hate is our preemption of their freedom to choose their own leaders and run their economies for their own benefit rather than ours.

As to the notion that there’s a vast conspiracy of suicidal Muslims, it may be helpful to consult the book *Dying to Win* by University of Chicago professor Robert A. Pape, who compiled a database of all 315 suicide terrorist attacks that occurred in the world from 1980 through 2003. He says in his book, “The data show that there is little connection between suicide terrorism and Islamic fundamentalism, or any one of the world’s religions. In fact, the leading instigators of suicide attacks are the Tamil Tigers in Sri Lanka, a Marxist-Leninist group whose members are from Hindu families but who are adamantly opposed to religion. This group committed 76 of the 315 incidents, more suicide attacks than Hamas.”

“Rather, what nearly all suicide terrorist attacks have in common is a specific secular

and strategic goal: to compel modern democracies to withdraw military forces from territory that the terrorists consider to be their homeland. Religion is rarely the root cause, although it is often used as a tool by terrorist organizations in recruiting and in other efforts in service of the broader strategic objective.”

**PCP:** If we don’t fight the Muslim terrorists in Iraq, won’t they pick off other non-Muslim countries one at a time? And won’t we eventually have to fight them on American soil?

**VIC:** Isn’t this the same old “domino theory” we’ve heard before? Somehow those “dominos” never fell when we left Vietnam, after most of us finally came to see the useless sacrifice made of 58,000 American dead plus hundreds of thousands mentally scarred and disabled plus 2 to 3 MILLION Vietnamese people killed. And, just as with Iraq, war was justified using LIES about the phony “threat” Vietnam posed (Google “Gulf of Tonkin” to discover how Johnson and McNamara knowingly manipulated a provoked attack on U.S. ships to gain Congressional approval for all-out war).

We had to “contain Communism” just as we now have to “contain terrorism.” Yeah, those dirty Communists were going to take over the world, and if we didn’t fight ‘em over there, we’d have to fight ‘em over here!

Now, Red China—the Communist menace we were trying to “contain” in Vietnam—is becoming our biggest trading partner and debt holder, making possible the profligate and depraved war-making that we’re expecting our children and their children to both die and pay for.

And speaking of “picking off” countries one at a time, let’s see: first it was Afghanistan, now Iraq, next Iran, then Syria, or perhaps Venezuela, or ...?

**PCP:** But look what happened to Spain—Muslim terrorists bombed their train, and they caved in to the Muslims and pulled out of Iraq.

**VIC:** Actually, the Spanish people rightly connected U.S. puppet Aznar with

## Dropping ‘D’ Bomb On Cancer

by Bill Sardi

Cancer is part of America... This week many Americans will be busy fighting cancer, holding bowling marathons and running races to raise money for cancer research. Americans receive advice on how to prevent cancer, to stop smoking, eat more vegetables and fruits, and stay out of the sun. May is skin cancer awareness month, so Americans will be reminded of the potentially harmful effects of the sun. These Americans are unaware of the bomb that is ready to drop on the cancer world... the first direct scientific evidence that cancer can be defeated in a major way.

A knife is ready to be thrust through the heart of this most dreaded disease. The heralded antidote will not be a pricey cancer drug, but rather a 10-cent cure. Here is how the Globe & Mail described the upcoming breakthrough:

But perhaps the biggest bombshell .... is about to go off. In June, U.S. researchers will announce the first direct link between cancer prevention. Their results are nothing short of astounding.

A four-year clinical trial involving 1,200 women found those taking vitamin D pills had about a 60-per-cent reduction in cancer incidence, compared with those who didn’t take it, a drop so large – twice the impact on cancer attributed to smoking – it almost looks like a typographical error.

And in an era of pricey medical advances, the reduction seems even more remarkable because it was achieved with an over-the-counter supplement costing pennies a day. [Martin Mittelstaedt, Vitamin D casts cancer prevention in new light. *Globe & Mail*, April 28, 2007]

Prior evidence that vitamin D prevents cancer has been gleaned from population studies which indirectly show sunny areas of the U.S. have lower cancer rates. Because there are so many factors involved in cancer, it has been difficult to identify vitamin D as the sole factor responsible for lower rates of cancer in certain geographical areas. That is, till now.

Sunshine in a bottle, vitamin D pills, are about to do more to defeat cancer than any pricey cancer drug or other measure to prevent cancer. Recognize the National Cancer Institute’s 5-A-Day program to encourage consumption of five servings of plant foods a day has been a failure in reducing cancer rates. So has the advice to say out of the sun.

the bombings and wised up to the real reason for the Iraq invasion, which had nothing to do with WMDs. A general strike of ONE THIRD of Spain’s population following the false-flag train attack prevented Aznar from invoking martial law and demonstrated the Spanish people’s awareness and courageous determination to resist elite domination which is, unfortunately, sorely lacking in this country.

**PCP:** As the last remaining superpower, we have a duty to help protect freedom throughout the world. If we don’t stop the Muslim terrorists in Iraq, what other country can?

**VIC:** Yes, we should be protecting freedom, but it seems that most other countries don’t think we’re doing a very good job of it. In fact, since we invaded Iraq, we’re now viewed the number one aggressor in the world. Last year a Pew Research survey of 17,000 people in 15 countries, including the U.S., found that the U.S. was considered “the biggest threat to global peace.” (Google “biggest global peace threat”)

**PCP:** But look how Muslim countries disrespect women and suppress freedom!

**VIC:** There are indeed Muslim countries, such as Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and the UAE, in which the majority of the population, and women in particular, lack basic rights and social services while wealthy royal families roll in oil-soaked luxury. Is it mere coincidence that these are the very Muslim countries which remain under U.S. military and economic domination?

In Iran, however, now being demonized as a backward, feudalist regime determined to nuke America, women represent half of its 2.2 million college students, a third of all doctors, 60% of civil servants and 80% of teachers. Food, housing, education (through college) and energy are available to all Iranians, as well as a sophisticated health care system responsible for halving the infant mortality rate and increasing life expectancy by 10 years since 1990. These social gains, which are actually required under the 1979

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# Why are the establishment media so out of touch on 9/11?

By Joseph Murtagh

In May, C-SPAN 2 aired a session from the 2007 LA Times Festival of Books, called the “Age of Spin Panel,” whose purpose was to explore media deception during the Bush years – a big topic. The panel consisted of Newsweek journalist Michael Isikoff, political consultant Frank Luntz, Salon.com columnist Joe Conason, and Mother Jones magazine reporter David Goodman, all of whom, with the possible exception of Goodman, are well-known figures within the Washington media establishment. A number of topics were discussed – the Iraq war, the outing of Valerie Plame – but I found the panel chiefly interesting for what was said about 9/11.

During the question and answer session, the discussion turned to the attacks, and to what extent the U.S. media failed to do its job in reporting about them. A woman stood up and said that she was from New York, that she had witnessed the collapse of the towers, that what she had seen she felt resembled a controlled demolition, and that she wanted to know what the panel thought about the media’s complicity in establishing an atmosphere of disinformation after the attacks. Instead of responding to her question, however, Mr. Luntz ignored her completely and requested that a man in the back row please lower a sign reading “9/11 Truth Now” so that those who “had traveled a long distance that day” could enjoy the panel. “That,” said Mr. Luntz, “is civility.”

Naturally somewhat annoyed, the woman then asked Mr. Luntz why he wasn’t answering her question, at which point Mr. Luntz aggressively interrogated her, “who do you think did it, who do you think did it?” which, as the woman then pointed out, was not the question she was asking. What was so odd about all of this was to see how quickly the established parameters of the debate broke down as soon as the 9/11 question was introduced, how these four highly intelligent professional journalists who a moment ago had been calmly and rationally answering the audience’s questions were changed very quickly into four guys who clearly felt like they were being personally attacked by members of the audience, which, as far as I could tell, wasn’t the case at all. In the end, the thing I took away from watching the whole scene was that, for whatever reason, when it comes to dealing with this 9/11 issue – i.e. how much did the administration know beforehand about the attacks, to what extent can our own government be accountable, just what happened inside the buildings that day, why building 7 collapsed when no plane hit it, all perfectly reasonable questions that the 9/11 Commission itself was at a loss to fully explain – public intellectuals and professional journalists like Michael Isikoff, Joe Conason, Frank Luntz, and David Goodman are liable to experience a certain hysterical excitability that causes them to dismiss the issue outright, without taking the time to have a more nuanced understanding of the facts.

For instance, take the case of Joe Conason. After Mr. Luntz had turned the question on the questioner, Mr. Conason chimed in saying, “Oh, by the way, as far as I know, bin Laden confessed to being responsible for 9/11, which is why I supported the war in Afghanistan.” Now, it is true that Bin Laden mentions his involvement in the attacks in the so-called “confession” video conveniently discovered by the U.S. government on December 13, 2001, but what Joe Conason doesn’t mention is what Muckraker Report editor Ed Haas learned when he phoned

the FBI last June: that apparently there’s no “hard evidence” linking Osama bin Laden to 9/11 and that the U.S. Justice Department has never formally indicted bin Laden for the attacks. (the Hass article was recently selected by Project Censored as one of the top 25 news stories censored by the corporate media.) A good journalist might have asked the questions Ed asked in that article, such as:

Or a good journalist might have brought up what Seymour Hersh reported in the New Yorker in October of 2001, that prior to the U.S. invasion of Afghanistan there were a number of intelligence officials who expressed doubts about Osama bin Laden’s capabilities. “This guy sits in a cave in Afghanistan and he’s running this entire operation?” said one CIA official. “It’s so huge. He couldn’t have done it alone.” Or a good journalist might have pointed out that on September 23, 2001 Secretary of State Colin Powell told a television interviewer that “we will put before the world, the American people, a persuasive case” showing that bin Laden was responsible for the attacks, and a good journalist would have reminded his audience that, actually, that persuasive case was never made, and it wouldn’t be until mid-December that the Bin Laden “confession” tape appeared, which means we invaded Afghanistan in early October on pretences that amounted to little more than a hunch.

This aside, however, Joe Conason’s dismissal of the 9/11 issue pales in comparison to Newsweek’s Michael Isikoff’s, who in response to a second audience member’s question as to why the collapse of WTC 7 was never mentioned in the 9/11 Commission Report – again, a perfectly reasonable question – had this to say. (As you read it, imagine his voice escalating in excitement as he waves his hands above his head, the audience cheering him on):

You know, look, I am a natural skeptic about everything, whenever I find any evidence of government malfeasance, cover-ups, it’s the kind of thing that gets my blood running, but I...this 9/11 stuff is nonsense, there was a thorough investigation by the 9/11 Commission, hundreds of investigators from all across the country, creditable people who looked at it, found not a scant of...nothing, nothing, to support any of this, and of course if you want to believe that this was all some giant conspiracy, that then involved not just the original thousands of conspirators who did it, but then the hundreds of people who were appointed to investigate it, and they all fell in on the same conspiracy, and none of them will talk to anybody, you’re off in some other world, where political dialogue doesn’t exist....my favorite one...you know, the pentagon, people say it wasn’t a plane that hit the Pentagon...I was at the Pentagon the day after! I saw the plane wreckage...maybe it got planted in the middle of the day, by somebody and nobody noticed...and the other thing is - where’d the plane go? A plane took off, you know, it just vanished! This makes no sense whatsoever...it’s just...we’re already wasting too much time talking about it.

This was met with enthusiastic clapping from Mr. Luntz, after which the moderator of the panel told the audience, “I guess I will take the liberty of saying, I don’t want to have that particular question raised again,” a clear act of censorship on a panel whose purpose was to explore, among other things, the damaging effects on society of censorship in the media.

Mr. Isikoff mentions the 9/11 Commission, with its “hundreds of

investigators from all over the country.” So let’s talk about Mr. Isikoff’s much-lauded Commission. Here before me I have a copy of the “Family Steering Committee’s Questions to the 9/11 Commission with Ratings of its Performance in Providing Answers,” which was compiled by Mindy Kleinberg and Lorie van Auken, two of the 9/11 widows known as the “Jersey girls,” who led the drive to form the 9/11 Commission, and who assisted in drawing up the list of questions that was eventually used. Unlike Mr. Isikoff, the widows were actually present at the 9/11 Commission and carefully monitored and graded the responses given to each question. Let’s take a look at what they found:

- On who was in charge of the country on the morning of 9/11 while the president was away from the National Military Command Center, and whether the President was informed or consulted about all decisions made in his absence: No answer.

- On what defensive measures the President took in response to pre-9/11 warnings from eleven different nations about a terrorist attack, many of which cited an attack in the continental United States, and to what extent the President prepared any directives in response to these actions, and if so, with what results: No answer.

- On why the President remained at the Sarasota, Florida elementary school for a press conference after he had finished listening to the children read, when as a terrorist target, his presence potentially jeopardized the lives of the children: No answer.

- On what prompted the President’s refusal to release the information regarding foreign sponsorship of the terrorists, as illustrated in the inaccessible 28 redacted pages in the Joint Intelligence Committee Inquiry Report, and on what actions the President personally taken since 9/11 to thwart foreign sponsorship of terrorism: No answer.

- On why the bin Laden family members were granted the special privilege of being flown out of the United States when all commercial flights were grounded, a privilege not available to American families whose loved ones were killed on 9/11: No answer.

- On which individuals, governments, agencies, institutions, or groups may have benefited from the attacks of 9/11, and how specifically: No answer.

- On why no one in any level of the United States government has yet been held accountable for the countless failures leading up to and on 9/11: No answer.

- On the reasons for the President’s 14-month opposition to the creation of an independent commission to investigate 9/11 and why the President would have requested Senator Daschle to quash such an investigation: No answer.

- On when the President first became aware of “Rebuilding America’s Defenses” [RAD] proposed by the Project for a New American Century (PNAC), on who introduced it to him, and on why after 9/11 the President seemed to have fully embraced the RAD plan: No answer.

- On why there has not been a consistently steady push since 9/11 to capture or kill bin Laden: No answer.

- On why Osama bind Laden’s profile on the FBI’s Ten Most Wanted Fugitives poster does not include the 9/11 attacks: No answer. [Actually, thanks to Ed Haas of the Muckraker Report, we now have an answer to this one: according to the FBI there is “no

hard evidence linking him to the 9/11 attacks.”]

- On the advice and plans of the Energy Advisory Council specifically as they related to pipeline development and gas/oil exploration in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other Middle Eastern countries, and the feasibility of such development or exploration specifically in those countries in 2001: No answer.

- On the extraordinarily large number of stock puts on American and United airlines stock and others which were subsequently impacted by the terrorist attack, who purchased the stock puts in question and the reasons they gave for anticipating a drop in the stocks of companies which coincidentally happened to have been severely impacted by 9/11: No answer.

- On the role of the ISI, Pakistan’s intelligence agency in aiding bin Laden and/or the al Qaeda from 1998 through the present: No answer.

I could go on – all in all, 70% of the questions in Mr. Isikoff’s “credible” report were never answered – but I’d be here all night. The truth is that when it comes to 9/11, neither Mr. Isikoff nor anyone else on that panel has any idea what they’re talking about, and yet instead of learning the facts they patronizingly snub their audience for asking perfectly legitimate questions, questions for which the 9/11 families are still trying to get answers. Mr. Isikoff’s solution to 9/11 is amnesia: let’s forget about all of that unpleasant stuff, let’s simply move forward, who cares about discovering the truth or holding people accountable or taking responsibility for our mistakes. Let’s just be civil.

Nothing showed this condescending attitude better than Mr. Luntz’s closing remarks. In the end, the most important thing, he seemed to be telling his audience, was not truth, but happiness:

I don’t want you to walk away from here disappointed, and I don’t want you to walk away from here angry, because the best thing about this session is that you got a chance to challenge me and my colleagues here, you got a chance to challenge the media...I know that they are going to be more careful, that they are going to be tougher...and that this is actually an example of the American process working, not failing, so please walk out of here feeling that it is a good thing that on national television you can have your point of view and you can have your say.

And the Jersey widows, Mr. Luntz? When are they going to have their say?

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# USS Liberty Veterans Honored on 40th Anniversary of Israeli Attack

Washington

Americans gathered in Washington on June 8th at 4:00 PM at the Navy Memorial Plaza on Pennsylvania Avenue to honor USS Liberty veterans on the 40th anniversary of Israel’s unprovoked attack on their ship.

The American intelligence ship sustained 70 percent casualties but remained afloat due to the heroic actions of its crew after Israel’s two-hour attack. Thirty-four sailors and marines were killed and 172 wounded in the heaviest attack on an American ship since World War II.

## Rescue cancelled by White House while ship under attack

According to the Department of the Navy, the only official American government investigation of the event was a 1967 Navy Court of Inquiry that found the attack to be a case of “mistaken identity”. That hastily conducted investigation has since been discredited by its chief attorney, Captain Ward Boston, as a cover-up ordered by the Johnson White House.

“It was a political thing. We were ordered to ‘put a lid on it’. The facts were clear. Israel knew it was an American ship and tried to sink it and murder the entire crew. The outrageous claims by Israel’s apologists who continue to claim the attack was a mistake pushed me to speak out. The official record is not the one I certified”, said Boston, a former FBI agent. “My initials are not on it”.

According to senior naval officers, Johnson personally ordered the Navy to recall its aircraft and cancel its rescue mission while the Liberty was still under attack by Israeli forces before ordering the cover-up (www.ussliberty.org ).

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Iranian constitution, were made possible by the nationalization of Iran’s oil and gas resources after its revolt against the hated U.S.-backed Shah and the Anglo-American corporate oil monopoly.

**PCP:** People who say we should leave Iraq are traitors—we have to stay and fight and finish what we started.

**VIC:** Rather than being traitors, perhaps the growing number of Americans critical of this war have wised up to the lies and phony justifications used to start it, such as: WMDs (none found), 9/11 (no connections), liberation from Saddam (he’s dead) and installing a “democratic” government (but only one that’s willing to suck up to our corporate oil monopoly). Since that tissue of lies has fallen apart, we’re now told we have to stay in Iraq to “fight the terrorists.”

Does “finishing what we started” mean completing our 14 “enduring” military bases in Iraq and securing contracts favorable to our oil companies? Or does it mean ending our illegal occupation and helping the Iraqi people rebuild the homes and schools and businesses, the electrical and water and waste systems and other infrastructure we’ve destroyed?

**PCP:** Well, won’t it help the Iraqi people if we win the fight against the terrorists?

**VIC:** Is it so difficult to recall that there was NO terrorism emanating from Iraq prior to our illegal attack? Yes, there was a ruthless dictator whom we had earlier supported in his war with Iran by providing weaponry, including chemical WMDs, which we later pretended to be “shocked” because he used. But our own intelligence services repeatedly reported NO connection between Iraq and Al Qaeda.

How convenient and simplistic it is to label as a “terrorist” anyone who resists the occupiers responsible for the death of over 600,000 of his countrymen and the decimation of his cities. Are they all “terrorists” or are many of them simply fighting against the illegal invaders who bombed their homes and killed their families and neighbors? When they rally to our own

by - Michael Rivero

It’s the oldest trick in the book, dating back to Roman times; creating the enemies you need.

In 70 BC, an ambitious minor politician and extremely wealthy man, Marcus Licinius Crassus, wanted to rule Rome. Just to give you an idea of what sort of man Crassus really was, he is credited with invention of the fire brigade. But in Crassus’ version, his fire-fighting slaves would race to the scene of a burning building whereupon Crassus would offer to buy it on the spot for a tiny fraction of it’s worth. If the owner sold, Crassus’ slaves would put out the fire. If the owner refused to sell, Crassus allowed the building to burn to the ground. By means of this device, Crassus eventually came to be the largest single private land holder in Rome, and used some of his wealth to help back Julius Caesar against Cicero.

In 70 BC Rome was still a Republic, which placed very strict limits on what Rulers could do, and more importantly NOT do. But Crassus had no intentions of enduring such limits to his personal power, and contrived a plan.

Crassus seized upon the slave revolt led by Spartacus in order to strike terror into the hearts of Rome, whose garrison Spartacus had already defeated in battle. But Spartacus had no intention of marching on Rome itself, a move he knew to be suicidal. Spartacus and his band wanted nothing to do with the Roman empire and had planned from the start merely to loot enough money from their former owners in the Italian countryside to hire a mercenary fleet in which to sail to freedom.

Sailing away was the last thing Crassus wanted Spartacus to do. He needed a convenient enemy with which to terrorize Rome itself for his personal political gain. So Crassus bribed the mercenary fleet to sail without Spartacus, and then positioned two Roman legions in such a way that Spartacus had no choice but to march on Rome.

Terrified of the impending arrival of the much-feared army of gladiators, Rome declared Crassus Praetor. Crassus then crushed Spartacus’ army and even though Pompey took the credit, Crassus was elected Consul of Rome the following year.

Soon would follow the first Triumvirate, consisting of Crassus, Pompey, and Julius Caesar, followed by the reign of the god-like Emperors of Rome.

The Romans were hoaxed into surrendering their Republic, and accepting the rule of Emperors.

Julius Caesar’s political opponent, Cicero, for all his literary accomplishments, played the same games in his campaign against Julius Caesar, claiming that Rome was falling victim to an internal “vast right wing” conspiracy in which any expressed desire for legislative limits on government was treated as suspicious behavior. Cicero, in order to demonstrate to the Romans just how unsafe Rome had become hired thugs to cause as much disturbance as possible, and campaigned on a promise to end the internal strife if elected and granted extraordinary powers.

What Cicero only dreamed of, Adolph Hitler succeeded in doing. Elected Chancellor of Germany, Hitler, like Crassus, had no intention of living with the strict limits to his power imposed by German law. Unlike Cicero, Hitler’s thugs were easy to recognize; they all wore the same brown shirts. But their actions were no different than those of their Roman predecessors. They staged beatings, set fires, caused as much trouble as they could, while Hitler made speeches promising that he could end the crime wave of subversives and terrorism if he was granted extraordinary powers.

Then the Reichstag burned down; a staged terrorist attack.

The Germans were hoaxed into surrendering their Republic, and accepting the total rule of Der Fuehrer. Hitler had German troops dressed in Polish uniforms attack the radio station at Gliwicz, then lied to the Germans, telling them Poland had invaded, and marched Germany off into World War Two

The state-sponsored schools will never tell you this, but governments routinely rely on hoaxes to sell their agendas to an otherwise reluctant public. The Romans accepted the Emperors and the Germans accepted Hitler not because they wanted to, but because the carefully crafted illusions of threat appeared to leave no other choice.

Our government too uses hoaxes to create the illusion that We the People have no choice but the direction the government wishes us to go in.

In 1898, Joseph Pulitzer’s New York World and William Randolph Hearst’s New York Journal were arguing for American intervention in Cuba. Hearst is reported to have dispatched a photographer to Cuba to photograph the coming war with Spain. When the photographer asked just what war that might be, Hearst is reported to have replied, “You take the photographs, and I will provide the war”. Hearst was true to his word, as his newspaper published stories of great atrocities being committed against the Cuban people, most of which turned out to be complete fabrications.

On the night of February 15, 1898, the USS Maine, lying in Havana harbor in a show of US resolve to protect her interests, exploded violently. Captain Sigsbee, the commander

# History’s Lessons

## FAKE TERROR - THE ROAD TO WAR AND DICTATORSHIP

of the Maine, urged that no assumptions of enemy attack be made until there was a full investigation of the cause of the explosion. For this, Captain Sigsbee was excoriated in the press for “refusing to see the obvious”. The Atlantic Monthly declared flat out that to suppose the explosion to be anything other than a deliberate act by Spain was “completely at defiance of the laws of probability”.

Under the slogan “Remember the Maine”, Americans went to war with Spain, eventually winning the Philippines.

In 1975, an investigation led by Admiral Hyman Rickover examined the data recovered from a 1911 examination of the wreck and concluded that there had been no evidence of an external explosion. The most likely cause of the sinking was a coal dust explosion in a coal bunker imprudently located next to the ship’s magazines. Captain Sigsbee’s caution had been well founded.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt needed a war. He needed the fever of a major war to mask the symptoms of a still deathly ill economy struggling back from the Great Depression (and mutating towards Socialism at the same time). Roosevelt wanted a war with Germany to stop Hitler, but despite several provocations in the Atlantic, the American people, still struggling with that troublesome economy, were opposed to any wars.

Roosevelt needed an enemy, and if America would not willingly attack that enemy, then one would have to be maneuvered into attacking America, much as Marcus Licinius Crassus had maneuvered Spartacus into attacking Rome.

The way open to war was created when Japan signed the tripartite agreement with Italy and Germany, with all parties pledging mutual defense to each other. Whereas Hitler would never declare war on the United States no matter the provocation, the means to force Japan to do so were readily at hand.

The first step was to place oil and steel embargoes on Japan, using Japan’s wars on the Asian mainland as a reason. This forced Japan to consider seizing the oil and mineral rich regions in Indonesia. With the European powers militarily exhausted by the war in Europe, the United States was the only power in the Pacific able to stop Japan from invading the Dutch East Indies, and by moving the Pacific fleet from San Diego to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, Roosevelt made a pre-emptive strike on that fleet the mandatory first step in any Japanese plan to extend it’s empire into the “southern resource area”.

Roosevelt boxed in Japan just as completely as Crassus had boxed in Spartacus. Japan needed oil. They had to invade Indonesia to get it, and to do that they first had to remove the threat of the American fleet at Pearl Harbor. There never really was any other course open to them.

To enrage the American people as much as possible, Roosevelt needed the first overt attack by Japan to be as bloody as possible, appearing as a sneak attack much as the Japanese had done to the Russians. From that moment up until the attack on Pearl Harbor itself, Roosevelt and his associates made sure that the commanders in Hawaii, General Short and Admiral Kimmel, were kept in the dark as much as possible about the location of the Japanese fleet and it’s intentions, then later scapegoated for the attack. (Congress recently exonerated both Short and Kimmel, posthumously restoring them to their former ranks).

But as the Army board had concluded at the time, and subsequent de-classified documents confirmed, Washington DC knew the attack was coming, knew exactly where the Japanese fleet was, and knew where it was headed.

On November 29th, Secretary of State Hull showed United Press reporter Joe Leib a message with the time and place of the attack, and the New York Times in it’s special 12/8/41 Pearl Harbor edition, on page 13, reported that the time and place of the attack had been known in advance!

The much repeated claim that the Japanese fleet maintained radio silence on it’s way to Hawaii was a lie. Among other intercepts still held in the Archives of the NSA is the UNCODED message sent by the Japanese tanker Shirya stating, “proceeding to a position 30.00 N, 154.20 E. Expect to arrive at that point on 3 December.” (near HI)

President Lyndon Johnson wanted a war in Vietnam. He wanted it to help his friends who owned defense companies to do a little business. He needed it to get the Pentagon and CIA to quit trying to invade Cuba. And most of all, he needed a provocation to convince the American people that there was really “no other choice”.

On August 5, 1964, newspapers across America reported “renewed attacks” against American destroyers operating in Vietnamese waters, specifically the Gulf of Tonkin. The official story was that North Vietnamese torpedo boats launched an “unprovoked attack” on the USS Maddox while it was on “routine patrol”.

The truth is that USS Maddox was involved in aggressive intelligence gathering in coordination with actual attacks by South Vietnam and the Laotian Air Force against targets in North Vietnam. The truth is also that there was no attack by torpedo boats against the USS Maddox. Captain John J. Herrick, the task force commander in the Gulf, cabled Washington DC that the report was the result

of an “over-eager” sonar man who had picked up the sounds of his own ship’s screws and panicked. But even with this knowledge that the report was false, Lyndon Johnson went on national TV that night to announce the commencement of air strikes against North Vietnam, “retaliation” for an attack that had never occurred.

President George H. W. Bush wanted a war in Iraq. Like Crassus, George Bush is motivated by money. Specifically oil money. But with the OPEC alliance failing to keep limits on oil production in the Mideast, the market was being glutted with oil pumped from underneath Iraq, which sat over roughly 1/3 of the oil reserves of the entire region.

George wanted a war to stop that flow of oil, to keep prices (and profits) from falling any further than they already had. But like Roosevelt, he needed the “other side” to make the first move.

Iraq had long been trying to acquire greater access to the Persian Gulf, and felt limited confined a narrow strip of land along Kuwait’s northern border, which placed Iraqi interests in close proximity with hostile Iran. George Bush, who had been covertly arming Iraq during its war with Iran, sent word via April Glaspie that the United States would not intervene if Saddam Hussein grabbed a larger part of Kuwait. Saddam fell for the bait and invaded.

Of course, Americans were not about to send their sons and daughters to risk their lives for petroleum products. So George Bush arranged a hoax, using a public relations firm which has grown rich on taxpayer money by being most industrious and creative liars! The PR firm concocted a monumental fraud in which the daughter of the Kuwaiti Ambassador to the United States, went on TV pretending to be a nurse, and related a horror story in which Iraqi troops looted the incubators from a Kuwaiti hospital, leaving the premature babies on the cold floor to die. The media, part of the swindle from the start, never bothered asking why the “nurse” didn’t just pick the babies up and wrap them in blankets or something.

Enraged by the incubator story, Americans supported operation Desert Storm, which never removed Saddam Hussein from power but which did take Kuwait’s oil off of the market for almost 2 years and limited Iraq’s oil exports to this very day. That our sons and daughters came home with serious and lingering medical illnesses was apparently not too great a price to pay for increased oil profits.

Like Germany under Chancellor Hitler, there have been events in our nation which strike fear into the hearts of the citizens, such as the New York World Trade Tower bombing of 1993, the OK City Federal Building, and the Olympic Park bomb (nicely timed to divert the media from witnesses to the TWA 800 shoot down). The media has been very quick to blame such events on “radicals”, “subversives”, “vast right wing conspiracies”, and other “enemies in our midst”, no different than the lies used by Cicero and Hitler.

But on closer examination, such “domestic terrorist” events do not appear to be what they are made out to be. The FBI had an informant inside the World Trade Tower bombers, Enad Salam, who offered to sabotage the bomb. The FBI told him “no”. The so-called “hot bed” of white separatism at Elohim City, occasional home to Tim McVeigh in the weeks prior to the OK City bombing, was founded and is being run by an FBI informant!

So, here we are today. Like the Romans of Crassus’ and Cicero’s time, or the Germans under a newly elected Hitler, we are being warned that a dangerous enemy threatens us, implacable, invisible, omnipresent, and invulnerable as long as our government is hamstrung by that silly old Bill of Rights. Already there have appeared articles debating whether or not “extraordinary measures” (i.e. torture) are not fully justified under certain circumstances such as those we are purported to face.

As was the case in Rome and Germany, the government continues to plead with the public for an expansion of its power and authority, to “deal with the crisis”.

But how real is the crisis and how much is the result of political machinations by our own leaders. Are the terrorists really a threat, or just hired actors with trick shoes and exploding toothpaste, paid for by Cicero and given brown shirts to wear by Hitler?

Is terrorism inside the United States really from outside, or is it a stage managed production, designed to cause Americans to believe they have no choice but to surrender the Republic and accept the totalitarian rule of a new emperor, or a new Fuehrer?

Once lost, the Romans never got their Republic back. Once lost, the Germans never got their Republic back. In both cases, the nation had to totally collapse before some freedom was restored to the people.

Remember that when Crassus tells you that Spartacus approaches.

Remember that when the Reichstag burns down.

Remember that when the President lies to you about mushroom clouds.

Remember that.

Michael Rivero writes WhatReallyHappened.com. He wrote this in 2000.



# GOP Rivals Embrace Iraq-9/11 Propaganda Line

By - Matt Sullivan

WASHINGTON - Most of the Republican presidential contenders have been willing and eager to echo the lies and distortions used by the Bush administration in the run-up to war. Lies such as the assertion that Iraq was involved in the attacks of 9/11 or that Saddam had contacts with Al Qaeda, or that the intelligence agencies actually believed Iraq had WMD; all of which have been proven to be false. Especially troubling is their parroting of the propaganda that reinforces the misleading impression that Iraq was responsible for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.



Senator John McCain in the May 15 Republican debate in South Carolina suggested that Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden would “follow us home” from Iraq — which clearly suggests that bin Laden was in Iraq, which he was not.



Responding to a question about Iraq, former New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani asserted, “these people want to follow us here and they have followed us here. Fort Dix happened a week ago. ” Of course, none of the six arrested in New Jersey were from Iraq, nor were they Al Qaeda, nor had they any weapons or explosives. In short the purported “plot” seemed more suited to a sitcom than situation-room.

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## Giuliani Faces His “MACACA” Moment

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Giuliani’s response contradicted everything he has ever said about 9/11 – he denied that he had ever received a warning that the twin towers were going to come down. We never thought the towers would implode, stammered Giuliani. But that is not what Giulaini had told Peter Jennings of ABC news on the afternoon of 9/11. At that time the Mayor said: “I went down to the scene and we set up headquarters at 75 Barclay Street, which was right there, with the police commissioner, the fire commissioner, the head of emergency management, and we were operating out of there when we were told that the World Trade Center was going to collapse. And it did collapse before we could actually get out of the building, so we were trapped in the building for ten, 15 minutes, and finally found an exit and got out, walked north, and took a lot of people with us.” [ABC News, 9/11/2001]

Was Giuliani lying then, or is he lying now? The question goes to the heart of his campaign, since he is running as Mr. 9/11, America’s Mayor for the Global War on Terror. And the issue is material: hundreds of office workers, cops, firemen, and others in the South Tower never got the warning that Giuliani originally said he received. Instead, they were told to stay put. Now voters can make up their mind, since the Sabrina Rivera intervention was covered by New York City stations WNBC channel 4, WCBS channel 2 (in both local news telecasts and website postings), and Hannity and Colmes on Fox, as well as Rawstory and other leading internet sites. It may not be immediately obvious, but this answer and the issue it points to are a true macaca moment, a fatal crack in Giuliani’s demagogic front that sooner or later will knock him out of the race if the 9/11 truth movement does its job. This is all thanks to the courage and emotional power of people like Sabrina Rivera and her friends.

Robust 9/11truth squad activity is ongoing New York City, Austin, Texas, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, upstate New York, Washington DC, and elsewhere. The goal of this mobilization is to inject almost six years of research into 9/11 as a coup d’etat by the intelligence-security bureaucracy of the



Mitt Romney attempts to paint an ominous picture “They want to bring down the West, particularly us,” Romney declared. “And they’ve come together as Shia and Sunni and Hezbollah and Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood and Al Qaeda, with that intent.” To anyone familiar with mid-east politics these assertions are absurd, and yet they are offered without a shred of evidence (or shame).

When the candidates are confronted about their mendacious statements, they routinely back down or equivocate. Clearly the statements can not be squared with the evidence, but they continue to make the misleading assertions because most of the time they can get away with it. Most Americans are not very familiar with the Middle East, and are easily confused and frightened by the fear mongering rhetoric, as was demonstrated by the success of the Bush administrations efforts to conflate Saddam and Iraq with 9/11. A Zogby poll in early 2006 showed that 90% of US troops wrongly believed that Iraq was behind in 9/11. (That view is down to 50% now).

Claims of collaboration between Al Qaeda and terrorists in Iraq have heated up over the last month, as Congress has debated the war funding resolution. Romney, McCain, and Giuliani have repeated and amplified Bush’s contention that Al Qaeda is the main cause of instability in Iraq as they attempt to out-do on another with bluster and puffery. “We ought to double Guantanamo” says Romney. “Bomb, bomb, bomb Iran”, says McCain. “I support them doing it [torture]” says Giuliani. “The war in Iraq was sold to us with false information.” says Ron Paul... hey, what’s he doing here?

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US in to the ongoing presidential primary campaigns in particular.

Between now and February 2008, we will be in the realm of retail politics. About two dozen contenders from the two major parties, plus third party candidates of all types, are running all over Iowa (where the first caucuses are held), New Hampshire (which has the first primary election), South Carolina, Nevada, and elsewhere. No president or vice president is running so far. Retail politics means that these candidates are compelled to answer questions from ordinary people, meeting, greeting, and glad-handing in barber shops, places of business, factories, old folk’s homes, town hall meetings, house gatherings, outdoor rallies, and the main street of Manchester, New Hampshire. This activity is too vast to control, too chaotic for would-be totalitarians to banish and strangle the pointed questions of the 9/11 Socratic dialogue.

As the latest *Time* magazine Person of the Year reminds us, the protagonist of the New Media is YOU – the dedicated, intelligent, courageous activist who willing to get up at 5AM or brave the ostracism and elbows of a crowd of true believers to pose the reality-based questions about 9/11 without which no political progress is possible in this country or the world. 9/11 truth activists can create the news event, and then publicize it at sites like 911truthsquads.com, 911blogger, wearechange.org, pnacitizen, Manhattan Neighborhood Network, and youtube in general. The exposure generated there can then force the major corporate media onto the defensive, make them change their agenda, break through the controlled environment of mass brainwashing, and continue the demolition of the 9/11 myth. The Austin intervention by the Project for the New American Citizen, originally a University of Texas campus group, is a case in point: when asked about controlled demolition of WTC 7 (always a big Achilles heel of the official version), 2004 Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry remarked with his usual blasé dilettantism that he seemed to remember something about that. This percolated on the internet for a couple of weeks, and then generated an invitation

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and the rest of my resources. Good-bye America ...you are not the country that I love and I finally realized no matter how much I sacrifice, I can’t make you be that country unless you want it. It’s up to you now.”

On the Alex Jones Radio Show, Sheehan slammed the 9/11 Commission Report as a “total travesty and a smokescreen” and has expressed her support for the Jersey Girl’s petition, which calls for a new independent investigation of the terrorist attacks.

Sheehan questions why U.S. air defenses did not follow standard operating procedure for intercepting errant aircraft, for the first and only time in history, four times on a single day. “When you lose control of an airplane, you intercept it with a military jet and that should only take seconds - from what I understand it’s not even an order to do that it’s mandatory,” said Sheehan.

Sheehan admits she hasn’t had time to research the events of 9/11 in great detail, but she says several things don’t add up, including the collapse of the twin towers. Sheehan says “It does look to me like a controlled demolition - I’m not an expert - but it does look to me like a controlled demolition - I’m looking at common sense.”

Sheehan joins other notable celebrities in questioning the official story of 9/11 including Charlie Sheen, Rosie O’Donnell, Eminem, Gov. Jesse Ventura, Peter Coyote and hundreds of other notable Americans.

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(see an extensive list at [www.PatriotsQuestion911.com](http://www.PatriotsQuestion911.com))

## War and the Police State

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Mainstream America has surrendered to the subjugation of a power-crazed, despotic administration whose control continues to expand exponentially with each passing rumor of imminent peril .

Why, when confronted with a black-and-white record of autocratic offenses, are so many sensible Americans ignoring and even endorsing the current administration as it openly paves a tyrannical road to hell? Are we so deluded by rhetoric and weapons-grade propaganda that we are no longer able to distinguish truth from fiction, thereby allowing, if not abetting our own enslavement?

Inarguably, a collective set of circumstances exist to explain the acquiescence of the American People. What follows is the first in a series of explorations by which this writer will attempt to identify possible core factors contributing to the scourge of apathy in American society today.

### Fear, the Nemesis of Rationality

One cannot analyze the dynamics of a post 9/11 society without examining one of its principal characteristics: fear, anxiety, dread, apprehension... in a word, Terror. To those who benefit from its proliferation, fear is a currency, a commodity, and a powerful marketing tool. If one is aware of the devices by which leaders have garnered power and support for any given war or agenda historically, one can easily discern the same machinations at work today. A key ingredient to any successful war rally or acquisition of power is the exploitation of fear through the manipulation of perception.

On September 11, 2001, corporate

media and the government elite launched an aggressive political and media campaign upon and against the American people. With Madison-Avenue expertise, purveyors of fear heightened our perception of imminent threat by inundating the airwaves with continual, repetitive, easily-learned sound-bytes, words brimming with emotionally-charged meaning. “...Bin Laden, Taliban, Axis of Evil, Saddam Hussein, Terror-Threat, Terrorist...” with just enough intensity to successfully persuade the American people to procure security at any cost.

Comprehensive and firmly-entrenched fear is the means by which the current administration manages to sell the “War of Terror” and, allowed to flourish, has solidified mechanized cooperation from the masses as our leaders appeal to the most basic of all human needs-- security.

The groundwork has been laid. Today, newly identified “threats” are announced with almost predictable regularity. Now firmly embedded in the collective unconscious of America, fear is employed to rationalize unprecedented dictatorial powers in the White House, to justify the erosion of privacy and the stripping of human rights once sacredly guarded by the Constitution. Yet, what should one expect from an administration whose platform is built upon a substratum of fear, except for fear itself?

Fear attempts to silence dissenters. As the Truth Movement gains momentum and amasses credibility, the fear profiteers have begun heralding yet another “threat” to National Security - *inquiring minds*. This is both good news and bad news. We are no longer ignorable. Fearing exposure, the Czars of Propaganda know that “Truthers” must be branded and discredited if government corruption and corporate fraud is to flourish unabated. This said, prepare for an intensified Smear-and-Fear



Campaign. Any group or individual who vocally questions the official story of 9/11 or who exercises the right to demand Government accountability will be labeled “Anti-American and Anti-Patriotic”.

A well-documented strategy of propagandists throughout modern history, dissolving credibility through character assassination is a calculated tactic utilized to persuade the uninformed public to turn a deaf ear, to, in effect, remain uninformed. It remains to be seen if this line of attack will succeed, and success is dependent upon each individual proponent of freedom. As with the human longing for security, the natural desire for affiliation and acceptance works in favor of the war-mongering, power-hungry elite, for they know only the bravest of the brave will dare risk ostracism for a noble cause.

Fear begets fear and dulls rationality. Under fear’s influence, the autonomic nervous system shifts into fight-or-flight mode. Perhaps this either-or response clarifies the bipartisanship of laboring freedom fighters and the willingly deceived. The former empower themselves with knowledge. The latter, so fearful of annihilating reassuring illusions, continue to defend the crimes of their pseudo-conservative leaders, and in so doing, stave off the anxieties which would surely accompany enlightenment. So desperate to believe in an imaginary benevolent Big Brother, We the People unknowingly and sometimes willingly turn a deaf ear to the truth, choosing instead to believe a lie. We lull ourselves into complacency or forced submission. We allow fear to breed a culture of silent ignorance and unthinking loyalty by which dictatorial regimes are allowed to flourish.

We would do well to remember, a fear-struck population is easily led.

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to the present writer to appear on Hannity and Colmes on May 10. In the process, Fox News was obliged to show a film of the collapse of WTC 7, a subject which the media generally want to avoid. Hannity and Colmes were both at their most hysterical, but a few facts got through. Most of all, the world public could see that there is still resistance to the 9/11 Big Lie, through 7.5 minutes of air time seen by an audience of almost 2 million political devotees. Students at Temple University in Philadelphia and at SUNY Albany have also vigorously confronted establishment poo-bahs. If this becomes a campus fad in the fall, the ruling class will be in big trouble.

A 9/11 truth squad ideally consists of at least three people: one has the question, and another has the follow-up. Since no one can be sure who will get to intervene first, these roles must be interchangeable. The third teammate has a camcorder or a video-camera cell phone, with the latter preferred where totalitarian screenings are expected. Larger groups are better, but questioners need to be battle-hardened activists, since it takes guts to brave the hysteria of a roomful of fanatics. Most of the main candidates have already been confronted at least once, so there is no point in taking another round of the usual “I’ll look into it” brush-off as a serious reply. If they have not looked into it by now, they are not qualified for the presidency, and especially to clean up the mess left by Bush, and they need to be confronted with that fact.

The window of opportunity, as noted, extends to about the first week of February 2008. After that two dozens candidates doing retail politics in multiple states may well go down to two candidates at 35,000 feet planning their next million-dollar media

buy. The latter scenario makes it much harder to intervene, so the time to intervene, and forcefully so, is now. And once the current phase is over, the ruling elite would like it to be forever: Joel Achenbach’s article “New Wave Politics,” published in the *Washington Post* Sunday magazine on May 20, 2007, indicates that the power-brokers would like to phase out Iowa-New Hampshire retail politics completely. If you want to stop them, do something about it right now.

On the other side, the youtube internet which made the first macaca moment possible in the form of Virginia Senator George Allen’s self-destruction on video tape last August, may itself be on the way to extinction. The Pentagon now prohibits access to Myspace through military computers. Other controls, including the abolition of net neutrality, may soon follow, all designed to muzzle dissent. If you don’t like this prospect, do something about it. The First Amendment lives either through us, or it dies.

In the meantime, the party realignment rolls along. If 9/11 truth explodes into a national catharsis, the outcome could be highly progressive; if not, fascism could be on the immediate agenda. Both parties are splintering. We may soon have four parties, not two: first, a Tancredo-Knownothing-Minuteman-Mexophobia party of disgruntled and crazed petty-bourgeois and unemployed supplemented by KKK, white supremacists, neo-Nazis, and racists generally, eager to scapegoat terrified and super-exploited foreign workers for the collapse of the US standard of living; this would be the vanguard of an actual US fascist mass movement, which has been lacking so far. Then, a corporate-country club-chamber of commerce respectable Republican group

led by someone like Romney, McCain, or Giuliani, with a program of monetarist “free enterprise” by monopoly cartels and top-down dictatorship. Then, a neocon warmonger Democrat grouping, with Hillary Clinton, Joe Lieberman, and Joe Biden, backed up by Soros, Robert Rubin, Rohatyn, and the left bank of Wall Street, all pushing a wider war in the Middle East and Malthusian totalitarian liberalism with a human face. Finally, a left-progressive, anti-fascist, anti-police state, and anti-war party might emerge and, providing it embraced 9/11 truth and rejected the Bush-FBI “global war on terrorism,” it could be viable. At that point it would come down to economic program: if the left anti-war grouping chose an economic program based on the Franklin D. Roosevelt New Deal in adjusted modern form, the future prospects for human life in North American would improve.

As we go to press, there are reports of an emergency organizing meeting to be held in Philadelphia on July 4 under the heading “Which Way the Peace Movement?” This meeting will address the obvious impasse of the peace movement after the shameful pre-Memorial Day capitulation of the Democratic Party to Bush’s demand for open-ended war funding. The view here is that since Bush cites 9/11 in every Iraq war speech, the only way to stop him is to dismantle his basic premise, the 9/11 nightmare vision. Peace “leaders” with Democratic Party ties and foundation funding from Ford, Soros & Co. have struck out; they must be replaced by leadership dedicated to making 9/11 truth the cutting edge of all agitation. The peace movement, in short, needs a head, and 9/11 truth can provide it.

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# THE SPLIT IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN RULING CLASS: DANGERS AND OPPORTUNITIES

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The end of 2006 and the first half of 2007 have brought to light an unusual situation – a more or less open faction fight in that Anglo-American finance oligarchy which has long viewed itself as the ruling class of the world. In the past few months we have seen the report of the Baker-Hamilton Iraq Study Group savagely attacked as the work of “surrender monkeys” on the front page of the Rupert Murdoch *New York Post*. We have seen an unprecedented struggle to oust the neocon Paul Wolfowitz from his post as boss of the World Bank. Popular approval for the current tenant of the White House has fallen to 28% as of this writing, as US generals appear on television to denounce George Bush for lying about the reasons for the Iraq aggression. Both houses of the US Congress have voted to set time limits for the Iraq adventure, only to have the bill vetoed by Bush. One hundred seventy-one members of the US House of Representatives, including Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, the number three personality of the regime, have then voted to begin a troop pullout from Iraq in 90 days, to be completed six months later. Lord Conrad Black, the neocon press baron of Hollinger Corporation, whose *London Daily Telegraph* and *Sunday Telegraph* were the flagships of the Whitewatergating of Clinton, is now on trial for criminal embezzlement in Chicago. Irv “Scooter” Libby, Cheney’s Cheney and a special assistant to Bush, has been convicted on felony charges of perjury and obstruction of justice, and is facing 30 months in jail. Attorney General Gonzalez has become a punching bag for the Congress. Tony Blair, despite his “liquid terrorism” stunt of August 2006, appears about to be forced out as British Prime Minister. Bush the elder weeps in public about his errant son’s debacle. To top it all off, the visit of Queen Elizabeth II to the White House to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first permanent English colony in the New World has taken place in a climate of veiled hostility and visible tension and resentment. The Anglo-Saxon masters of human destiny are, it would seem, at each other’s throats.

An open brawl among these finance oligarchs constitutes an extraordinary situation. For many years, the US-UK oligarchs were able to suppress the innate tendency of thieves to fight among themselves, somewhat in the way that the Venetian oligarchy learned to do. In line with this desire, there has generally been one recognized spokesman for the entire Anglo-American ruling class, sometimes supplemented by secondary niche figures for special topics. We stress that spokesman here does not mean dictator or strongman – quite the contrary. We are dealing here not with a monarchy or a dictatorship, but with an oligarchy, a regime of the few, with wealth being the main, although not the only, criterion of oligarchical power and participation. The only things the oligarchy can agree on are that the oligarchy must be preserved, and a dictator, a Marin Faliero, avoided. And as Plato notes, the only time an oligarchy can be ousted is when there is a division among the oligarchs, and that is what we have today. But the division may lead to more adventurous behavior on the part of some oligarchs than we might find otherwise, increasing the danger of a new world war.

The Anglo-American finance oligarchy has existed in its present form since about 1895, when J.P. Morgan and his London backers were able to force U.S. President Grover Cleveland to his knees by organizing a run on the gold stocks of the US Treasury. The London-Morgan price for letting the gold-backed dollar survive was that the Morgan syndicate would assume dominance over the public finance and public debt of the United States. This arrangement of financier supremacy over the US government was merely codified into law with the Federal Reserve Act less than two decades later. It was this UK-US invisible government which probably arranged and certainly exploited the blowing up of the USS *Maine* in Havana harbor. The Hearst yellow press (the Fox of the era) used this event for a jingoistic campaign for war with Spain. The Spanish-American War which resulted gave the US control over the Philippines and Cuba, and founded the US world empire. The secret of the entire affair was that the British, knowing their own weakness in the Far East, needed the US to seize the Philippines to keep the German Empire out. In all this, US President William McKinley, who had succeeded Grover Cleveland as a result of the 1896 election, showed that he was not an enthusiastic imperialist. Accordingly, in 1900 McKinley was given Theodore Roosevelt as Vice President. Roosevelt represented a personal union between two key groups of the US financier establishment – the Wall Street financiers and the pro-slavery former Confederates. Roosevelt himself came from a family of Dutch patrons in the Hudson River

Valley who had gone into high finance; his wife’s uncle, named Bullock, had been the London station chief of the secret intelligence service of the Confederate States of America and the prime mover of the CSA commerce raiders like the *Alabama*. McKinley was conveniently assassinated by a patsy run by Emma Goldman, and the two wings of the ruling class came together in the Theodore Roosevelt presidency; to top it off, a descendant of the Emperor Napoleon named Charles Bonaparte was made Attorney General and founded the FBI. Theodore Roosevelt himself was a rabid racist and an imperialist who exchanged letters about the needs of the Anglo-Saxon race with King Edward VII of Britain.

As a British diplomat noticed, TR had the attention span of a small boy, so he left the



presidency to William Howard Taft of Skull and Bones in 1909. But even Taft did not possess sufficient criminal energy for the job, so the House of Morgan brought TR back from his retirement of hunting safaris to run as the candidate of the Bull Moose Party – in essence, liberal financier blue blood Republicans -- in 1912. By splitting the Republicans TR did better than Taft, but the presidency went to Democrat Woodrow Wilson, a Ku Klux Klan sympathizer who restored racial segregation to the federal bureaucracy. As a loyal asset of Morgan, Wilson did everything he could to bring the United States into the First World War. When Morgan made it clear in 1916 that the British and French were near collapse, and that Wall Street would go down in that collapse, Wilson was able to deliver a declaration of power against the Central Empires ninety years ago this spring, on April 10, 1917. A very large number of Americans were bitterly opposed the war, and there were over a million draft resisters; Wilson responded with the Espionage Act and a horrendous police state; Eugene V. Debs, a presidential candidate, was jailed simply for speaking out against the war. Under Wilson’s police state, opposition to Anglo-American financier rule was systematically destroyed.

It is perhaps during the years 1900-1910 that the spokesman for the ruling class appeared, as for example with Elihu Root. During World War I the South Carolina financier Bernard Baruch, whose father had been in the Ku Klux Klan, headed the economic mobilization for war, and was instrumental in bringing the great-grandfather of the current tenant of the White House up out of obscurity. The first real permanent spokesman may well have been Andrew Mellon, who was Secretary of the Treasury under Harding, Coolidge, and Hoover during the 1920s; it was rightly said that these presidents had served under Mellon. During the 1930s, Colonel Henry Stimson came forward increasingly as the spokesman; he was in the cabinet under Taft, under Hoover, and later became Secretary of War in Franklin D. Roosevelt’s national unity war cabinet during World War II. Stimson and his sidekick George Marshall bear much of the blame for the Pearl Harbor debacle. W. Averill Harriman, a virtual member of the Churchill family, for a time occupied the niche of spokesman for the British point of view within the alliance. For a time after 1945, General George Marshall, whose ties with Wall Street and London had always been strong, served as the spokesman, and gave his name to the European Recovery Program. Then came the turn of John J. McCloy, a Wall Street lawyer who had been, among many other things, the US High Commissioner for Germany. McCloy was active through the 1950s, although Dean Acheson, an associate of Harriman, was sometimes prominent on strategic matters. When John F. Kennedy became president, the niche task of selecting his cabinet was given to Robert Lovett of the Brown Brothers Harriman banking house, where Prescott Bush had also

worked. The resulting Kennedy cabinet was a disaster, and Kennedy would have purged it had he lived to win a second term.

By the mid-1960s, it was clear that the spokesman had become McGeorge Bundy, formerly Kennedy’s National Security Council Director (and thus officially and formally responsible for the JFK assassination, if anybody was) and then the head of the Ford Foundation. As Bundy waned, there was an attempt by David Rockefeller, banker and founder of the Trilateral Commission, to assert spokesmanship, but David’s mental equipment was too meager; some saw this as the degeneracy of a noted family of the ruling class. By the end of the Cold War and the mid-1990s, it was no longer clear who the spokesman was. Bill Clinton had been brought to Washington by Pamela Churchill Harriman, Averill’s widow, and Clinton packed his administration with Harrimanites like Sandy Berger, the NSC Director, and Richard Holbrooke, the UN Ambassador. The impeachment of Clinton, ordered by the former rat exterminator Tom Delay, raised the question of whether the entire financier establishment were out to lunch. For a while it appeared that there was only Henry Kissinger, croaking away in the background.

By the time Clinton had escaped removal from office, a new spokesman was visible: George Shultz, who had been Secretary of Labor, Treasury, and State, and who now operated from the neocon Hoover Institution at Stanford University. Shultz had a great deal to do with putting the Bush-Cheney ticket together; there is no doubt that Shultz was the key arbiter of the Vulcans, the group of handlers, like Paul Wolfowitz and Condoleezza Rice, who would prepare the options for the boy tenant of the White House. A little later, Shultz and the billionaire financier Warren Buffet staged a public investiture or coronation of Arnold Schwarzenegger to be governor of California as part of an operation some compared to the Nazi coup in Prussia in July 1932, when Hitler’s lawyer had been Carl Schmitt.

But Vulcan was a cuckold of Mars, and now the post-9/11 *military-strategic* debacle wrought by the Shultz-Cheney-Bush-Rupert Murdoch-Tony Blair faction is evident in the eyes of the world; the *financial-monetary* debacle has yet to emerge with full force, but it is coming soon. An opposition grouping has appeared around the person of James Baker III, former White House Chief of Staff, Treasury Secretary, and Secretary of State, not to mention handler, idea man, and alter ego to Bush the elder. We note in passing that while the lower-level presidential types like the Bushes and Kerry went to Yale and joined Skull and Bones, the forces above and behind the Oval office are led by ruling class figures who both attended Princeton; Shultz even has the tiger, the Princeton mascot, tattooed on his rump.

The faction fight exploded behind the scenes in August 2006, when Prince Charles and Gordon Brown (closer to Baker) attempted to oust Tony Blair via a cold coup in the guise of a lightning no confidence vote of the House of Commons while Tony Blair had gone to the Bahamas for Bank Holiday. Rupert Murdoch (who was tapping Prince Charles’ phone) and Blair’s Home Secretary John Reid stopped the coup with the “liquid terrorism” farce and a stable of Pakistani patsies. But the cause of this terror scare was hidden away from the public at large. The split became public last December, when the Iraq Study Group or Baker-Hamilton Commission delivered its report, and was slandered as traitors and surrender monkeys by the neocon/Rupert Murdoch *New York Post*.

The world view of the Shultz group is essentially that there is a US-UK-Echelon (Canada, Australia, New Zealand, etc.)-Israel alliance, and that this group will wage open war directly on the entire rest of the world until the end of time, possibly using a few weak-willed surrogates like India and Japan as cannon fodder along the way. This was the world view trumpeted by Bush and Blair at Tony’s farewell White House visit in late May 2007. First the Arab and Islamic world will be destroyed, then Russia and China, then the rest. The Baker group knows that the US is much too weak, overextended, and bankrupt for this, with a hollow army of 10 divisions, and with the ruined logistics the world saw after hurricane Katrina. The Baker group wants multilateralism, meaning by that coalitions of puppets in which other countries will be used as dupes, pawns, proxies, surrogates, cat’s paws, and stooges, just as the British played Russia and France as continental daggers against the Central Powers in 1914.

As Baker made plain in motivating his report, he thinks it is better to train Iraqi puppet

troops to fight and die for US-UK imperialism, rather than sacrificing GIs. Baker boasted that he had delivered Syria as an ally of the 1990 Desert Shield coalition, broadly hinting that he could do it again if given a chance to try. No secret was made of the desire of the Baker group to peel off Syria from Iran, thereby completing the encirclement of Teheran. If Musharraf were not amenable to helping to attack Iran, then rioting lawyers would bring him down. Then, an Arab and Sunni alliance of Syria, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt would be played off against Iran, Hezbollah, and the Iraq Shiastan, with the Anglo-Americans becoming balancers and arbiters of the situation. That this recipe has many fantastic elements need not concern us further here.

The essence of the Baker method can be seen in the recent fate of Somalia. Here the Shultz-neocon recipe would be to bomb and invade the country to make sure it stays destroyed. The Baker group thinks it has a better way: don’t conduct the adventure yourself, but get Ethiopian puppet troops to do it for you. All the US needs to provide is some bombing. This method of Baker’s has the added advantage of destroying Ethiopia as well as Somalia in the process. Shultz might want to invade Sudan, but Baker, mindful of the terrible fate of General Gordon at Khartoum, would rather find proxies to do the job for him.

As seen by the presence of Prince Charles and Al Gore, the Baker grouping is fanatically Malthusian. The Shultz group prefers to bomb its enemies. But the Baker-Prince Charles-Al Gore side relies on Malthusian population reduction for its genocide, especially under the banner of global warming, appropriate technology, and enforced technological backwardness. Famine, epidemics, and pestilence supervised by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, they contend, can do more to secure Anglo-Saxon world domination than bombs. The statistics support the Baker view: every day 40,000 persons die in this world from starvation, malnutrition, and diseases like diarrhea that can be cured for pennies. Warfare of all sorts kills 40,000 per month.

The Baker group evidently also has its eye on the death agony of the US dollar. Right now we may be in the early stages of hyperinflation, with the Dow and the price of gasoline at an all-time high, and the dollar at an all-time low to the Euro. We may be in a different kind of contraction, with the Wal-Mart chain reporting the lowest sales in 27 years. The sub-prime mortgage crisis



rolls on, as Greenspan’s real estate bubble bursts. The Baker argument seems to be that a world monetary crisis of the kind now at the door will require the illusion of multilateralism so that others can be forced to pay for the world economic depression created by Wall Street and London; the US is far too bankrupt for unilateralism to have a chance in monetary matters. The neocon phalanx in the Bush regime is dwindling: Rumsfeld, Libby, Perle, Wolfowitz, Feith, Cambone, Bolton, and Crouch are gone; scoundrel Karl Rove and the hapless “Gonzo” are heavily damaged. The impeachment bill against Cheney has been brought before the House by Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich, with indirect support from Congressman Murtha. Overseas, Aznar, Berlusconi, and Blair are gone or going, partly compensated by the arrival of puppet Sarkozy. In any case, Bush and Cheney might have until January 20, 2009 to stage a new 9/11, attack Iran, and start World War III. Part of the mix might be an Israeli attack on Lebanon or Syria in the summer of 2007. A brutal strategic confrontation with Russia is brewing over ABM sites in Poland and the Czech Republic, over the NATO puppet president in Ukraine, as well as over NATO’s project of an “independent” Kosovo

under KLA auspices.

On the other hand, the Bush-Cheney regime could collapse around September, currently thought to be the breaking point for Bush’s support for the Iraq war from Republicans in Congress. Bush’s escalation or surge is breaking down with vastly increased losses, but Republicans are seeking to deny defeat and save face while the GIs loose their lives. General David Petraeus, who currently plays the role of resident military yes-man in Baghdad, pledges he will state in late August if the surge is working. The answer is already clear: defeat, as Gen. Sir Michael Rose of the British Army has made clear. If September continues to bring bad news, the Republicans may be forced to turn against Bush to save their own hides from angry voters. We might even have the encirclement and pocketing of the US forces with their water, gasoline, food, and ammunition cut off, meaning Dunkirk if they are lucky, and Stalingrad if they are not. Right now Bush-Cheney will have to choose between retreat and flight forward into Iran (under the cover of a new 9/11, as Brzezinski has warned), with impeachment looming. If hyperinflation or a dollar panic are evident by then, we will have a convergence of crises of the first magnitude. But this will be only a phase of the breakdown crisis of the post-1945 world in the metropolises of our planet that seems destined to peak about 2015-2020.

In all this, the eternally treacherous British are keeping open the possibility of cutting loose from the USA and returning to splendid isolation as the path to world domination. The idea will not surprise readers of some recent sallies in the *London Economist*. If the British leave Basra and the US supply lines are cut there, dooming the US expeditionary force, the pattern of betrayal will be clear. The scenario of the US in chaos and civil war, while Britain appears more or less intact, is present in the film *V for Vendetta*, and in some other recent movies. Could London arrange to make the pound sterling the big winner in dollar panic? We should certainly recall that Henry Kissinger has now emerged once again, meeting with Cheney every two weeks and Bush once a month. Kissinger, it will be recalled, was a key part of that CIA-Wall Street coup d’état to wreck the US presidency as an institution which is known as Watergate. This is the Kissinger who once boasted that he had often worked more closely with the British Foreign Office than with his own State Department. And L. Paul “Jerry” Bremer, the first US proconsul in Iraq who made so many disastrous decisions that doomed the occupation before it even started, is of course a creature of Kissinger. Are Kissinger’s and thus Bremer’s British ties the key to a British stab in the back of the US in some upcoming military and monetary extremities? If so, the rough treatment accorded by Ike to Britain in 1956 at Suez, and which still rankles in London, will have been avenged.

In a press conference just before Memorial Day 2007, Bush signaled that he now supported the Baker-Hamilton Commission. Miss Rice has met with her Syrian and Iranian counterparts, as Baker-Hamilton had demanded, and appeared to accept the idea of a Sunni and Arab front of puppet states. US forces in Iraq have announced a political strategy of making deals with some leaders while they sought to eliminate others. The weak point of this strategy is Muktada Sadr and the resurgent Mahdi Army, whom the US wants to eliminate, but who have the power of cutting the US supply lines between Basra and Baghdad. The other wild card is the Shultz-Cheney hard core neocon group itself. Will they go quietly, or will they try to stave off the twilight of the neocon gods with a new 9/11 war provocation and/or another summer Middle East conflict, leading to war with Iran, and a planetary slide towards World War III? The betting here is that Bush’s embrace of “plan B-II” (Baker-Hamilton) for Iraq is a pure deception posture, designed merely to relieve the pressure from Congress and from the collapse of his popularity polls.

The only defense the average person has against any of this is to make 9/11 truth center stage during the open field or retail phase of presidential primary campaigning which ends February 5, 2008. 9/11 truth squads need to confront Giuliani and Hillary and the other twenty contenders on their complicity in the original 9/11 and in the new 9/11 that is being prepared. A self-incriminating answer caught on video tape once posted on the internet can become a ‘macaca’ moment, and knock out even the best-funded candidate. A few such moments, and the 9/11 myth comes tumbling down, opening the election contest to real issues of economic survival, and providing ways to weaken and break the hold of a degenerate ruling class on American life.

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