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A FIERCELY INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

Washington, D.C.

... the right of the people peaceably to assemble...

By - Matt Sullivan

The great spectacle of democracy once again graces the broad lawns and wide streets of our nation's capitol. The mass of Americans, discontented with the course of recent history, comes forth to petition the government in redress of grievances.

This Saturday, the 27th of January, a gathering is planned for the Washington Mall, and the Capitol area, of people seeking peace, an end to the current war and a change in the nations policies aimed at preventing future conflicts. But mostly, the peace marchers seek a change in the hearts of men.

This Saturday's peace march and protest has been organized by UnitedForPeace, but it is supported by a broad coalition of peace and social justice groups from the Quakers to the 9/11 truth movement.

The now familiar names will be there; Cindy Sheehan, of Gold Star Families for Peace, Medea Benjamin of Code Pink, Debra Sweet of World Can't Wait, Rabbi Lerner of the Tikkun Network of Spiritual Progressives, just to name a

Busses from as far away as Chicago and Boston will begin arriving the night before and by mid-day Saturday there are expected to be tens of thousands of peace marchers on the mall and march-

ing around the capitol.

The themes of the event are: Peace, Withdrawal from Iraq, Justice for Iraq, Palestinians, and all oppressed people, as well as accountability for the American administration. Impeachment may be the big news of this event. Congress should take note of the extent to which



Impeachment has advanced to the forefront of the public consciousness.

Congresswoman Cynthia McKinney proposed an impeachment bill in the last congress, which was ignored, but hers will certainly not be the last.

Even though Speaker Pelosi has said see **Peace** page 8

Newspaper Prints Truth!

and the Sorry State of Media Affairs that Makes this News

In a world where the "paper of record" can print one article after another touting imagined WMDs while it beats the drum for war; where the primary news outlet of the nations capitol acts as the stenographer of administration propaganda; the launch of a newspaper not afraid to print the truth is big news.

Newspaper readership in America is in sharp decline. Some blame that on the internet or competition from new forms of media, but it is just as likely that Americans are simply tired of being lied to. We think a real newspaper, not afraid to print the truth, can still succeed by informing the public and printing the news that other papers won't.

Rock Creek Free Press will not shrink from telling the truth, no matter how "out of fashion" that may be.

With so much of our "news" controlled by a few corporations with strong ties to defense industries, it is not surprising that news coverage is slanted to produce public opinions supporting policies that increase their profits. But even more insidious, the CIA has for decades run an extensive and effective

covert domestic and international propaganda operation at one time proudly referred to as "the Mighty Wurlitzer."

In the 1970's, the Church committee hearings, and later the Pike committee, revealed that the CIA, through project MOCKINGBIRD and other vehicles controlled at least 400 "journalists" and the CIA's budget for propaganda was at least \$265M. Among the creators of MOCKINGBIRD was Philip Graham of the Washing
ton Post.

But that was 30 years ago. More recent information is that those numbers have grown to thousands of journalists and

The US domestic propaganda effort is larger than AP, Reuters, CNN and the Washington Post combined; far larger.

The occasional propagandist scandal, such as Armstrong Williams who was paid \$241,000 by the Education Department to help promote President Bush's No Child Left Behind law on the air, or Jeff Gannon a.k.a James Gukert, the male prostitute who was paid to pose as a White House journalist and lob softball questions to Scott McClellan, are only the tip of an enormous disinformation iceberg.

Make no mistake about it, there is an information war underway. The battle field is the American media landscape, the prize is your mind but the ultimate casualty may be our country's ability to govern itself. A democratic society depends on an informed citizenry. If people are being systematically misinformed, then effective democracy becomes impossible.

Get informed. Turn off the TV. Get involved in your community. Study history. Learn how corruption and deceit has led to every war ever waged.

Surging Towards Iran

billions of dollars and far outstrips the

"news" budget of any major domestic

"news" operation.

By - Louis Wolf

The current national discussion of the term "surge" being used by the White House and Pentagon to justify the planned deployment in Iraq of some 21,500 additional troops on top of the 138,000 personnel already there is a classic *shell game*.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines "surge" as "to move with a surge or in surges" and "to rise suddenly to an excessive or abnormal value" (as with the stock market).

The numbers of the dead and the maimed, both American and Iraqi, surge every day. The official number of American dead, as of this writing, is 3,018 and the official number of injured is 22,834. The latter figure does not include either those suffering with post-traumatic syndrome disorder, or the

long-term effects of depleted uranium which has a shelf-life of 250,000 years and a half-life of 4.1 billion years. \$140 billion to prosecute this war, to which must be added \$35 billion as the cost of so-called "reconstruction"

A reliable estimate by Johns Hopkins University **Bloomberg School of Public Health** of the number of Iraqi civilian deaths since the U.S. invaded in March 2003 is approximately 654,000, or about 216 times the U.S. level.

The Pentagon admitted on January 11 that the 'troop surge' Bush is touting is expected to create added violence against American forces and may result in a significant doubling of American casualties. The official conclusion is that U.S. deaths may be over 6,000 by the end of 2007 and beyond 10,000 in 2008, with more than 100,000 either wounded or maimed for life.

The U.S. has spent approximately

which must be added \$35 billion as the cost of so-called "reconstruction efforts" to rebuild a fraction of what we have destroyed. Translated to more understandable terms, the Pentagon today expends \$1½ billion a week in Iraq, \$2.14 million a day, \$8.9 million an hour, or \$148,000 a minute.

Perhaps the most significant piece of the Iraq Study Group report issued publicly in December was the recommendation that the United States assist in privatizing Iraq's national oil industry, opening the country to private foreign oil and energy companies, in providing direct technical assistance for the "drafting" of a new national oil law, and assuring that all of Iraq's oil revenues accrue to the central government. The last of these is but a fig leaf.

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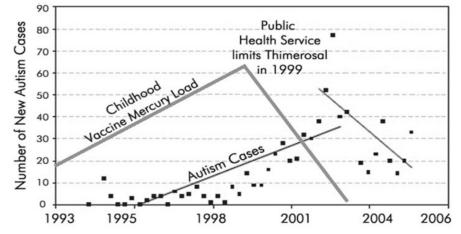
Vaccine Effectiveness, Risks Questioned

By - Elaine Sullivan

One of my early memories of stories that my mother told about her family centered on a photograph. This was a photograph of my grandmother's first child, Mary Lou. Mary Lou died when she was 4 months old of whooping cough. My grandmother's next two children died at 6 and 8 years of age of diphtheria. My mother, born in 1918, has told me stories of people in her small town that died of tuberculosis

for Disease Control and Prevention expanded the number of proscribed doses of thimerosal-containing childhood vaccines. Children, who used to receive 3 vaccines by age 5, now are getting 22, with a concomitant increase in exposure to mercury containing Thimerosal.

Studies done by Geier, et. al. showing that new cases of autism, as just one example of the neurological consequences of Hg exposure, have increased from the low level where



and influenza. So, it was natural for my mother, when she had children, to have us vaccinated against these terrible diseases.

When my son was born I, too, wanted to protect him from these diseases that had taken such a terrible toll on my family. Now I have learned that the very vaccines that are supposed to protect our children are making them terribly sick. A mercury-based preservative, thimerosal has been linked to the increase in autism, speech delays, attention-deficit disorder, hyperactivity and other neurological disorders.

Thimerosal is an ethylmercury-containing compound (49.6% mercury by weight). This compound was historically added to many vaccines as a preservative. Between the late 1980s through the 1990s the U.S. Centers

autism was practically unknown before 1990, to the point where 1 in 166 first graders is diagnosed with the condition in 2004. Autism, once rare, is now more prevalent than childhood cancer, diabetes and Down syndrome.

On July 7, 1999 a joint statement was issued by the U.S. Public Health Service and the American Academy of Pediatrics calling for the removal of thimerosal from all vaccines in response to concerns about the cumulative doses of mercury from vaccines. It is estimated that the last of the thimerosal containing vaccines expired in early 2003. However, thimerosal is still added to some formulations of influenza vaccine given to U.S. infants, as well as to several other vaccines given to older children and adults.

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9/11 Commission was the latest in a long series of U.S. government whitewashes

By - Wayne Madsen

So what did the 9/11 Commission tell us that we did not already know? Nothing. And that means the 9/11 Commission, just like all of its predecessors that were to investigate U.S. government conspiracies, did its job.

The one major hole in the entire 9/11 Commission Report is what actually occurred on September 11, 2001. Not one word as to why the entire multi-trillion dollar U.S. defense and intelligence infrastructure collapsed in a matter of a few hours. The only thing the 9/11 Commission managed to do was to argue why hundreds of billions of more dollars had to be spent on the bloated U.S. militaryintelligence complex. They did not need a 9/11 Commission to come up with the wish list for the national security state promoters. That list had been prepared for decades. It merely needed an incident like 9/11 to become reality.

The history of presidential commissions appointed to "get to the bottom

of things" has been one of covering things up. The Warren Commission, named by President Lyndon Johnson to investigate President John F. Kennedy's assassination was the first major faux investigation of modern times. Most of the members of the commission had severe conflicts of interest in investigating the assassination, most notably Allen Dulles, who Kennedy had fired as CIA chief with the threat that Kennedy was going to tear the CIA into a thousand pieces after the Bay of Pigs fiasco.

Other dubious members included Georgia Senator Richard Russell, who was never happy with Kennedy's civil rights stance, and Gerald R. Ford, who had future ambitions to become Republican Speaker of the House (history shows he was in store for a much greater reward). The Assistant Counsel was Arlen Specter, someone who would write the book on cover-ups and serve as an excellent role model for Phil Zelikow, the Executive Director of the 9/11 Commission.

The Rockefeller Commission, chaired by Vice President Nelson Rockefeller in 1975, examined CIA activities within the United States, including Watergate matters, but it did not produce any information that was not already known through media reports. The commission was stacked with those having ties to the intelligence community, including Rockefeller himself, John T. Connor, chairman and CEO of Allied Chemical; former Treasury Secretary C. Douglas Dillon; General Lyman Lemnitzer, former NATO Supreme Commander; and former California Governor Ronald Reagan (who would also later be rewarded with the presidency). The Executive Director was David Belin, who just also happened to have been an Assistant Counsel for the Warren Commission. It is amazing how those wishing to write history tidy up all the loose ends.

The next whitewash commission was the Tower Commission appointed by former Rockefeller Commission mem-

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The broad outlines of this proposal for a new Iraqi law, which went largely ignored by mainstream U.S. media, are reliably reported to have been authored as long as three years ago by one Phillip Carroll. Carroll is a former executive of Shell Oil and the oil servicing firm, the Fluor Corporation, and was specially hired for the job by the White House. Working collaboratively with the British government, this new bill will directly benefit Exxon, Shell and British Petroleum-Amoco, enabling them to generate huge profits from Iraq's oilfields, which has the world's second largest oil reserves.

The proposed measure--named as an innocent sounding "hydrocarbon law"---affirms once and for all that a root motive for the war since the beginning has been to gain control of Iraq's petroleum for U.S. and British interests. This motive has long been vociferously denied in both Washington and London, each of whom have claimed their sole intention was to build "democracy" in the post-Saddam era.

In the face of a large and glaring defeat at the polls in November and a massive shift of public opinion against the war, alongside the official legalization of torture, the use of CIA contracted aircraft to "render" (kidnap) and transport foreign and U.S. nationals to other countries for the purpose of torturing them, the creation and maintenance by the CIA of secret prisons ("black" sites) in a half-dozen foreign countries, the elimination of habeas corpus and large-scale surveillance of and spying on lawful citizens in the U.S., among others, illustrates the desperation of the White House.

By design, the so-called "surge" is to be accompanied by an aggressive imposition of virtual martial law in Baghdad, in Anbar province, and in other major cities. New defense secretary Robert Gates has just named Lt. Gen. David H. Petraeus as the senior Army commander in Iraq replacing Bush's formerly trusted Generals George W. Casey, Jr. and Gen. John Abizaid. The latter two had publicly expressed doubts about the "surge" or any other kind of major escalation. Formerly a leading officer of the 101st Airborne Brigade, Petraeus has just completed the urgently drafted and newly-minted Army counterinsurgency manual, still

To assuage Bush and Cheney's growing desperation, the agenda of Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, directed at every turn by top U.S. generals and CIA controllers, is to order the Shiitecontrolled "security forces," armed militias and other local death squads to launch wholesale house-to-house

searches in Sunni areas as part of a justlaunched U.S. "pacification" program, strikingly similar to the CIA's infamous Operation Phoenix in Vietnam. Another more appropriate name for this kind of operation is ethnic cleansing.

In closing, we must see these developments as part of a larger, even more ominous picture. It is well known that Bush, Dick Cheney and Condoleezza Rice (and previously Donald Rumsfeld) are quite openly considering further military intervention, this time against Iran. It is thought that in the likely event of opposition from the Joint Chiefs of Staff against such a new war, which would stretch the U.S. military to its limits, the adventurous White House might be willing to 'outsource' the operation to Israel. Tel Aviv is already known to be actively considering a "low-level" nuclear strike upon strategic targets inside Iran. Noted Washington investigative journalist Robert Parry writes: "[G]iven Israel's powerful lobbying operation in Washington and its strong ties to leading Democrats, an Israeli-led attack might be more politically palatable with the Congress."

analyst Keith The MSNBC Olbermann observes about the Iran option: "Only this president - only in this time, only with this dangerous, even messianic certitude - could answer a country demanding an exit strategy from Iraq, by offering an entrance strategy for

Helen Thomas, the dean of the White House press corps who has reported on nine successive presidents, states flatly: "I'm covering the worst president in American history."

These and other moves by Bush & Company, in the Middle East and in many other areas of the world, must be understood within the context of the White House's intense fascination with the military doctrine of "Fullspectrum dominance." It was first advanced in a May 30, 2000 Pentagon document setting forth a new military doctrine for the 21st century, Joint Vision 2020. As defined by Wikipedia, fullspectrum dominance is "a joint military structure [that] achieves control over all elements of the battlespace using land, air, maritime and space based assets. Full spectrum dominance includes the physical battlespace; air, surface and subsurface as well as the electromagnetic spectrum and information space." The U.S. already has 890 military bases in 132 countries across the globe.

Remember the ever popular arcade game, Pac-Man? Pac-Man was and still is the little yellow guy who consumes an endless quantity of pixilated dots. And he never grows tired.

Robert Gates, the new US Secretary of Defense, has a 30 year history of treason and deceit. He was the principal bag-man in the 1980 "October Surprise" where arms were exchanged for Iran's promise to keeping American hostages captive long enough to assure Ronald Reagan's election. In 1987, evidence of Gates involvement in the drug running and arms dealing "Iran-Contra" affair was enough to scuttle his nomination to head CIA.

By funding Osama Bin Laden's operations, training camps, weaponry and political influence from 1979 (even before Russia invaded Afghanistan), Robert Gates personally founded the concept of al-Qaeda, which has now been named our principal enemy (some would say "patsies") in the "War on Terror".

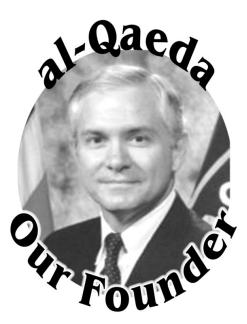
With such a history it seems unlikely that his reign at Defense will bring peace and prosperity to the American people.

the Iran-contra affair. The commission was chaired by former Republican Texas Senator John Tower who hailed from the same state as George H. W. Bush, a major conspirator in Iran-contra. The Tower Commission Report, issued in 1987, let Reagan off the hook and was quite easy on Vice President George H. W. Bush. One of the reasons for the soft glove treatment of Bush was the fact that among the members of the Tower Commission was Brent Scowcroft, the former National Security Adviser under Gerald Ford (remember that Ford was a member of the Warren Commission - more tidiness). Who was Scowcroft's aide on the Tower Commission? One Stephen J. Hadley, now National Security Adviser, the job Scowcroft held under Ford (Warren Commission) and George H. W. Bush (who pardoned those identified as major perpetrators in the Tower

ren Report.

The "investigation commissions" in recent U.S. history are tied at their umbilical cords. The same players and the same pabulum for the public are their trademarks. We have truly come full circle from the Warren Commission to the 9/11 Commission.

Wayne Madsen is a Washington au-



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ber Ronald Reagan in 1986 to examine

Which brings us to the latest coverup commission: the 9/11 Commission. Members included co-chairman Lee Hamilton, who acted as a gatekeeper while House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI) chairman in curtailing a meaningful investigation of Iran-contra, BCCI, and the Savings & Loan collapse. George W. Bush's first selection as 9/11 Commission chair was none other than Henry Kissinger, whose fingerprints were all over the abuses cited in the Rockefeller Commission Report. Commission member Fred Fielding was a White House deputy counsel for Richard Nixon (Watergate) and counsel for Ronald Reagan (Iran-contra). He is now replacing Harriet Miers as White House counsel for George W. Bush. 9/11 Commission Executive Director Phil Zelikow was a longtime associate of the University of Virginia's Miller Center, which has written extensively defending the first government cover-up, the War-

thor and journalist. He is editor of the WayneMadsen Report (www.waynema dsenreport.com) and author of Jaded Tasks: Brass Plates, Black Ops & Big

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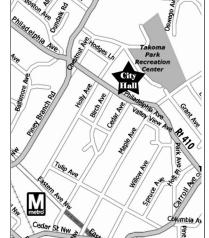
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Experts from the national 9/11truth movement will be on hand to discuss the film and answer your questions. Don't miss this opportunity to find out what everyone has been talking about.



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Should you or your children be exposed to the influenza vaccine containing thimerosal? That is a cost/ benefit calculation that each parent must make for themselves. You must weigh the potential danger of thimerosal on the one hand vs. the benefit of the flu vaccination on the other.

The problem is that you will be hard pressed to find evidence for the effectiveness of the flu vaccine. And what few studies there are do not show it to provide much protection against the

According to an article by Mark R. Geier, et. al. in the Journal of American Physicians and Surgeons 2006 "The CDC determined that immunization with the 2003-2004 influenza vaccine offered negligible population protection against developing influenza-like illnesses, and that in some of their methods of analysis there were results, which ..., indicated that influenza vaccination was associated

with an increased risk of developing influenza-like illnesses." Another study, conducted by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, looked at influenza-related mortality in the over-65 age group in the U.S. over the past three decades has shown an increase in the death rate despite a concurrent jump in vaccine rates in that group.

And yet, the CDC recommends that children aged 6 months to 5 years old, pregnant women, people 50 years of age and older, people of any age with certain chronic medical conditions, and people who live in nursing homes and other long term care facilities should get an annual flu vaccination.

We question why the CDC would recommend annual flu vaccination given the known dangers of thimerosal and in the absence of any conclusive evidence of benefit from the vaccine.

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Progressive Democrats of America Strong in Maryland

By - Mike Hersh

Progressive Democrats of America (PDA) is promoting Rep. Jim McGovern's (D-MA) petition to cut off funding for the War, and will conduct protests against Lockheed Martin in Bethesda demanding the stop making cluster bombs and depleted uranium weapons. PDA has also met with Members of the House and Senate demanding an end to the war and a start of impeachment hearings.

If you live in Maryland and the D.C. area, PDA needs your help. We'll keep moving ahead on setting up a state-wide coordinating board for PDA. We need representatives from every Congressional District in Maryland and we want a diverse membership to help address issues confronting all Marylanders, working with local activists, County and State Legislators on strategy for health care, environment, voting, ending the death penalty and other issues. We're holding meetings with elected officials, Maryland Democratic Chairperson Terry Lierman and other activists hoping to establish Progressive Caucus in the Maryland Democratic Party.

PDA was extremely effective in 2006 in Maryland. Every candidate endorsed by PDA either won or out-performed expectations.

PDA National Board Member and newly-elected State Senator Jamie Raskin announced his intention to have a progressive convention held in Montgomery County. PDA friend and Maryland Democratic party chair Terry Lierman has said he wants a Maryland State Convention. These are 2 great ideas which could work well together. This year, we could hold a Progressive Convention under PDA leadership in Maryland, and use alliance to help Terry put together a Maryland State Convention in 2008.

Once set up, the Progressive Caucus in Maryland could facilitate election of more progressive candidates locally and state-wide, and can also help organize a Progressive Caucus among state legislators in Annapolis led by Jamie and fellow progressives. We can get that underway in Montgomery County in a matter of months, then work with PDA National Vice Chair Steven Shaff, Congressional Candidate Donna Edwards in Prince George's County, Senate Candidate Kweisi Mfume and other friends in Baltimore to rock the

state. Some of this may come as news to some of these people, but we're not putting any words in their mouths - just thinking about them and hoping we can work together to achieve shared objectives.

I was on Capitol Hill recently with PDA National Board members Cindy Sheehan and David Swanson and allies like Code Pink and Gold Star Families for Peace, the Democracy Cell Project, and many others. We were lobbying to end the war and start investigations, mainly on the House side.

Congress might be able pass restrictions on war spending, but Bush could veto the bill. Or he could sign and then ignore it. Congress already passed a law prohibiting spending for permanent bases in Iraq, but Bush is flouting that law. It would make sense to investigate this as an illegal use of funds. Stopping any escalation legally could be difficult, but we may be able to prevent it by mobilizing public opinion against it. The Republican senator's aide seemed to indicate his boss is wavering on that. A few other Republican senators -- Sen. Arlen Specter and Sen. Richard Lugar -- have voiced skepticism that escalation would accomplish anything. So if the Joint Chiefs of Staff, our troops in the field, retired generals and congressional Democrats and Republicans alike all oppose the "Bush Push," why would Bush do it? Perhaps more importantly, how can we help prevent it?

Short of cutting off all funds, placing constraints on newly appropriated funds may not have much if any impact. It could be that only a complete cut-off of funding or impeachment will be effective. PDA is leading the way by building a coalition demanding peace and accountability.

PDA's leadership bridges the peace and impeachment efforts, bringing together organizations and activists who support one or the other into a strong coalition. PDA's inside-outside approach knits together congressional and grassroots efforts to end the war, bring our troops home, and hold Bush, Cheney and others accountable. We accomplished a lot. Still, lobbying is a long-term process. Please get involved and stay involved. PDA is organizing for peace and progress in Maryland. You can get involved with PDA and find our planned events at: www.pdamerica.org

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"Look, our strategy is to create chaos, to create a vacuum... We will export death and violence to the four corners of the earth in defense of our great nation." George W. Bush

"The easiest way to gain control of a population is to carry out acts of terror. [The public] will clamor for such laws if their personal security is threatened". - Josef Stalin

"If Tyranny and Oppression come to this land, it will be in the guise of fighting a foreign enemy." - U.S. President James Madison

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Cynthia McKinney

Impeachment is on the Table

George W. Bush has given us an Administration of superlatives. Those who tell us that impeachment is "off the table" want those superlatives to continue because impeachment is the one sure way to stop them. In the end, we are forced to conclude that for those in power, impeachment just makes no cents.

The most careless with the Constitution:

George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, and Condoleezza Rice lied to the American people and violated their oaths of office. Congress should immediately put impeachment on the table to stop the high crimes of this Administration.

The most lawless:

This Administration has violated several international treaties and conventions which constitute international and US law. Among them are the Torture Convention and the Geneva Convention. Extraordinary renditions have been carried out for the express purpose of torture. Bush Administration leaders authorized spying on American citizens illegally. Our bank accounts, medical records, faxes, telephone conversations, and e-mails are not private as long as Bush stays in office.

The most corrupt:

The sitting Vice President collects a paycheck from the same company that gets billions of dollars in no-bid contracts. The sitting Secretary of Defense ordered millions of dollars worth of Tamiflu as a treatment for "bird flu" while he owned stock in the corporation that made the drug. Without impeachment, Americans can expect such corruption to continue and maybe even to worsen.

The most arrogant:

George W. Bush has used more signing statements than any President in the country's history. These signing statements basically say that Bush is not going to abide by the laws he signs into effect. Unchecked by impeachment, we can expect even more reckless arrogance from this Administration.

The most violent:

Not that war against Afghanistan and Iraq is enough. This Administration is hankering for war against Iran and is threatening Syria, too, but has already bombed Somalia. In fact, Executive Orders signed by this President set the stage for an expansion of Bush's wars. Skirmishes along the Iran and Syria borders have already occurred. In addition, Bush removed an

elected President from office in Haiti and regularly threatens another one in Venezuela. We can only expect more war and more bellicosity from this Administration if it is not stopped by an impeachment action.

The biggest economic disaster::

The American economy is tanking with rising deficits, joblessness, homelessness, income inequality, and general economic insecurity. While the Democrats focus on a minimum wage increase, they really should have delivered a livable wage increase. Without impeachment, this Administration is free to visit more economic insecurity to the people of this country.

The most reckless and incompetent:

In utter and complete disregard for human decency, let alone its responsibility to save the lives of American citizens, the Bush Administration failed miserably on and after September 11th and again during and after Hurricane Katrina. If September 11th was a "failure of imagination" (as the 9/11 Commission termed Administration failures) and Hurricane Katrina was a "failure of initiative," (as the House Select Committee on Katrina labeled Administration failures) then the American people can't survive another Bush failure. The American people need impeachment instead. By taking impeachment off the table, the Democrats reward phenomenal failure, incompetence, and recklessness, contempt for American law and the Constitution.

The biggest disaster facing the entire planet:

George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, and Condoleezza Rice have helped to engulf the world in war. Not only have they ravaged the United States, but the entire global community suffers every day they are in power.

Failure to impeach gives solace to those in the Bush Administration who sully the good name of our country and who take advantage of the goodness of the American people. For those who tell us that Impeachment is off the table, I ask "Whose side are you on? War is a racket, and there is no profit in peace! But I and millions of others still sing the songs of peace." Unfortunately, the George W. Bush Administration will continue its assault on the values, pocketbooks, and the Constitution of the American people if it remains unstopped by Congressional action on impeachment.

I say ... IMPEACHMENT NOW!

Bush Administration Confesses

to Torture and War Crimes

For the last 5 years the Bush Administration has repeatedly admitted to committing acts of torture, illegal detention, rendition and other violations of the Geneva Convention and US law. As noted by Karen Greenberg, Executive Director of the Center for Law and Security at the NYU School of Law, these confessions have come in the form of the very memos and opinions which sought to justify and condone administration actions.

For example, on September 25, 2001 Deputy Assistant Attorney General John Yoo wrote in a footnote, "In the exercise of his plenary power to use military force, the President's decisions are for him alone and are unreviewable." Really? Is it even possible that the decisions or actions of a president could be "for him alone" and unreviewable? Isn't that the very definition of dictatorship?

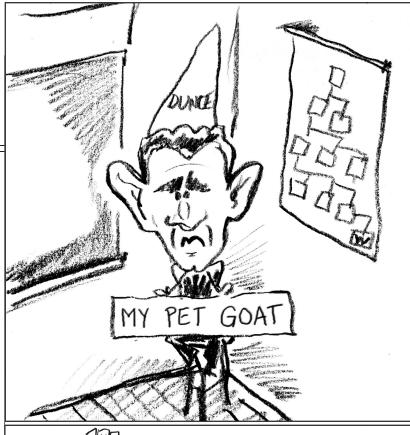
The Bush administration has used this idea of unreviewability to try and cover the atrocious acts that they have condoned, pushed for, and committed. In a series of memos, the Office of Legal Counsel began asserting that none of the administrations acts to come could ever be brought before the bar of justice or the oversight of anyone. Through these memos the Bush administration tried to exempt itself ahead of time from the laws it was about to break. They declared the Geneva Conventions suspended in relation to Afghanistan. In an

attempt to skirt the Geneva Convention, the Office of Legal Counsel, redefined the Taliban as a failed state, and Al Qaeda as a "non-state entity" which allowed the administration to define the prisoners at Guantanomo Bay as "enemy combatants" instead of POWs. In this way the prisoners were stripped not only of the protections they should have had under the Geneva Convention, but also of the protections accorded by US law for POWs.

The Bush administration went further in August of 2002, by redefining torture as "serious physical injury such as death" and asserting "...that customary international law does not bind the President or the US Armed Forces in their decisions concerning the detention conditions of al Qaeda and Taliban prisoners." This paved the way for the mistreatment of prisoners at Abu Ghraib and Guantanomo and the "ghost" prisons set up around the world. Acts that were once considered torture were now called "counterresistant coercive interrogation techniques." The Bush administration also attempted to de-humanize the detainees themselves by characterizing their statements as lies, and false accusations inspired by Al Qaeda training manuals, while offering no evidence.

The US administration also sought to protect

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Same as it Ever Was

"Why of course the people don't want war ... But after all it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy, and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship ... Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is to tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country." -Hermann Goering, Nazi leader.

Controlled Blunders Will Create the Islamic Empire

By - Khalid Rosenbaum

The U.S. government is willing to acknowledge supporting the Mujahadeen in Afghanistan because there was an anticommunist justification. The U.S. openly supports Saudi Arabia and the Gulf countries, because they are stable and have precious oil. What about all the other countries of the Islamic Crescent?

The U.S. supported Iran's fundamentalists through the 1980s to help free hostages and after they were released. Robert Dreyfus in his book "Devil's Game" details U.S. Cold War support for Islamic groups and governments, such as the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt. According to US documents, the stated purpose for the support was to counter the influence of the Soviet Union. In Palestine, U.S. support for Hamas was justified to counter the influence of the Fattah movement and Arafat.

But after the Cold War ended and the excuses were no longer valid, the policy of supporting Fundamentalists Islamic Congressman Jim continued. McDermott admitted on CNN's

Crossfire (9/10/2002) that the U.S. supported the Taliban's installation under Clinton during the 1990s. According to a 2006 RAND report, CIA support for the Taliban in Pakistan is still strong. At the same time U.S. soldiers are fighting them in Afghanistan; the CIA is funding and training them in Quetta. Does this make sense?

Most Americans readily accept a confession of government incompetence, because they do not believe supporting fundamentalism would benefit America. creating a Union of Islamic States (UIS) does benefit the American elites and England's financial Lords which is why it is being covertly pursued. When pan-Islamicism forms, the standard liberal explanation will be, "U.S. blunders contributed, but it was the natural tendency of the Muslim resurgence that created it."

What is really the natural tendency of Middle East leadership?

There are three kinds of governments in the Middle East. First, there is the parliamentary secular democracy, almost always with socialist and nationalist leanings, such as the Mossadeq government in Iran before the famous 1953 CIA coup. Second, there is the secular dictatorship or monarchy, usually again with socialist leanings. Examples of these regimes are Saddam Hussein of pre-invasion Iraq, Mubarak in Egypt, Assad in Syria and the Shah in Iran. The U.S. supported many of these governments enthusiastically while simultaneously supporting the third type, Fundamentalist Islamic states such as Saudi Arabia and present day Iran.

We are told that the natural tendency of Muslims is to move towards the third type, Islamic Governments. The proof is in plain sight, we're told, with the elected Muslim Brothers in Egypt, Hamas in Palestine, the Taliban in Afghanistan, emergence of Shiite power in Iraq, and the Hezbollah in Lebanon. But the US has been covertly supporting the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas, and the Taliban. Just recently during June of 2005, Condoleezza Rice told the Egyptian President to open Egypt's elections. Before then, the Brotherhood had been refused see Islamic Empire Pg.6

Death Penalty for the September Criminals

the outset that I oppose the death penalty. I oppose it on both moral and practical grounds. I think killing people is a barbaric act in which no state should engage (that admonition applies as well to states engaging in aggressive war). As a practical matter, I think we deceive ourselves if we think our criminal justice (sic) system is perfect enough that it will not occasionally (or routinely) execute the innocent.

That said, and while I would prefer it were otherwise, our criminal justice system does include execution among its We must criminal sanctions. insist, therefore, that it be reserved for only the most heinous and egregious offences because

I want to make it clear from executing someone for a lesser offence, while the perpetrator of a much greater crime is spared, would be even more intolerable. So, while I oppose the death penalty and I suggest that it should never be used, if it is to be used, it surely must be applied only to those who commit the most heinous, gruesome and cruel acts imaginable. I can think of no more cruel and heinous act than the greatest crime in American history, the murder of 3,000 innocent people on September 11.

> There has never been a crime so foul, so barbaric, so inhumane, in all of American history. Not only were all those people killed on September 11, but the lies that followed were used to launch aggressive wars that have claimed

the lives of hundreds of thousands more. The myth of 9/11 has been used by an authoritarian tyrant as the excuse for gutting the constitution and the bill of rights.

If anyone in the U.S. government aided in these attacks, either directly by planning and carrying them out, or indirectly by shutting down the national defenses systems, then that person is guilty of high treason and mass murder. We must not flinch from our duty as citizens, to demand that the most heinous crime be answered with the most serious penalty the law allows.

In the mean time, I urge for the abolition of capitol punishment.

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9/11 Report Fails High School Physics Test

By - Matt Sullivan

When I talk to people about the building collapses on 9/11/2001, most people have never even heard about the destruction of World Trade Center Building No. 7, the 47 story steel office tower that fell into its own footprint at 5:20p.m. on the evening of 9/11/2001. But even people who know about building 7 will indicate that they don't feel competent to have an opinion about the plausibility of the official explanation for the twin towers collapse. They will say things like "I'm not a structural engineer." or "I'm no architect."

I contend that you don't have to be a structural engineer or architect to see that the official story, to the extent that there is one, is strictly impossible. Even knowledge of basic High School physics is enough to prove that the official explanation can not be squared with the rapidity of collapse or the plumes of concrete dust observed on

Newton's law of gravity tells us exactly what to expect from falling bodies. A falling object experiences a constant acceleration of 32ft/sec². We can calculate that the time it would take for an object to fall from the top of one of the 1350ft WTC towers is 9.2 seconds without accounting for air resistance. When air resistance is included, for example, for a brick falling from that height, we would expect it to take about 12 sec. This is very close to the approximately 10 seconds it took for the towers to fall as reported in the official Kean-Hammilton-Zelikow report or the 13 to 15 seconds as independently measured from observation of various videos of the collapses. The bottom line is that the towers fell at essentially free fall speed.

Another fundamental law of physics is the conservation of energy and it applies to falling bodies as well. An object, as it falls, converts its gravitational potential energy (due to height above ground) into kinetic energy (speed). If that object has to use some of its energy for something else, like pushing air out of the way, then

enough to slow the free fall time from but just fall. 9.2 seconds to 12 seconds.

collapse, to the extent there is one,

way and together they fall on the next floor below, and so on. The falling floor must use a considerable amount of its energy to break loose the floor below. In addition, to account for the observed dust plumes, the crashing together of the floors has to crush the concrete floor slabs into a fine powder and that takes a very substantial amount of energy as well. Additional energy is then required to eject those tons of crushed concrete at high speed in all directions because that's what was observed on 9/11. All of this energy must be subtracted from the original potential energy of the falling floor, which means there is much less energy available as kinetic energy(speed) so the floors must be falling much slower than they would otherwise.

How much slower? You don't have to be an engineer to realize that the energy required

and blow it out of the buildings at high speed is many times more energy than is required just to move air out of the way; perhaps hundreds or thousands of times as much. If the energy required to move air out of the way of a falling brick could increase the fall time from 9.2 sec. to 12 sec, then the requirement to not only move air, but also crush concrete, and eject tons of crushed concrete dust laterally at high speed, should have increased the fall time considerably.

The fact that the buildings were observed to fall at essentially free fall speed, means that all of the gravitational potential energy of the building was in

there will be less energy available as fact converted to the kinetic energy of kinetic energy so it will take a bit longer falling. The fall speed accounts for all to reach the ground. As we've seen in of the gravitational potential energy the example of a brick falling from the available. There is no gravitational top of the tower, even just the energy energy left to break steel, crush required to move air out of the way is concrete, eject dust or do anything else

The Conservation of Energy Law In the "official" explanation of the forces us to conclude that there had to be some additional source of energy. the floor above gives way and crashes Some source of energy to pulverize the into the floor below it, which gives concrete and send it in all directions



to crush the concrete into fine powder at high speed as a fine powder. Some additional energy to knock out the heavy steel beams that had supported the building for 40 years so that the top of the building could free fall, unimpeded, to the ground in just over 10 seconds.

> What was the source of the additional energy? Since the 9/11 commission neglected to investigate the mater, that has been left to your imagination. Clearly we need a new and independent investigation of what really happened on 9/11/2001 because the official explaination can not pass the test of even basic laws of science.

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911Truth.org: An Overview

Educating about 9/11 Truth. As the leading portal of the September 11th research community and truth movement, 911Truth.org and its staff members have accumulated vast practical experience in investigation and in campaigns for education, visibility, media, lobbying, street action and litigation.

Linking to New York and the People. 911Truth.org honors and follows the September 11th families who fight for full disclosure; the first responders who paid the ultimate price; the Ground Zero workers who risked their health in the aftermath of the disaster; the New Yorkers and others who were primary targets of the trauma and psychological warfare of 9/11/2001; the researchers who are rigorous in logic and relentless in running facts to ground; the whistleblowers and eyewitnesses speaking out against the September 11th coverup; and all citizens of courage who are ready to come forward in the fight for justice and truth.

Leading a Political Transformation. We understand that September 11th was an international disaster that sparked a negative global transformation, and that control of its interpretation partly determines how one views the world. 911Truth.org looks not to create a new conspiracy industry, but to achieve full disclosure of hidden realities that affect all of our lives, that we may finally be sovereign as a democratic people. We work to win the hearts and minds of the people.



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Information, Networking & Resources for the 9/11 Truth movement

Patriots Question 9/11

These are a few of the notable Americans, mostly conservative, mostly Republican, many senior military, who do not believe the Bush administration's official conspiracy theory regarding the attacks of 9/11/2001.

Rep. Curt Weldon - Former Ten-term Republican Congressman from Pennsylvania. "I am not a conspiracy theorist, but there is something desperately wrong, Mr. Speaker. There is something outrageous at work here. This is not a thirdrate burglary of a political campaign headquarters. This involved what is right now the covering up of information that led to the deaths of 3,000 people, changed the course of history, led to the invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan, and has disrupted our country, our economy and people's lives."

Senator Max Cleland – U.S. Army (ret) awarded Silver Star and Bronze Star for bravery in Viet Nam. Resigned in protest from the 9/11 commission 12/03. "One of these days we will have to get the full story because the 9-11 issue is so important to America. But this White House wants to cover it up."

Senator Mark Dayton \neg (*D - Minnesota.*) "They [NORAD] lied to the American people, they lied to Congress and they lied to your 9/11 Commission. ... For almost three years now NORAD officials and FAA officials have been able to hide their critical failures that left this country defenseless during two of the worst hours in

Paul Craig Roberts, PhD – Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury under Ronald Reagan, "Father of Reaganomics", Former Associate Editor of the Wall Street Journal. "We know that it is strictly impossible for any building, much less steel columned buildings, to "pancake" at free fall speed. Therefore, it is a noncontroversial fact that the official explanation of the collapse of the WTC buildings is false." "There are not many editors eager for writers to explore the glaring defects of the 9/11 Commission Report. One would think that if the report could stand analysis, there would not be a taboo against calling attention to the inadequacy of its explanations."

Catherine Austin Fitts – Assistant Secretary of Housing under George H.W. Bush. "The official story could not possibly have happened... It's not possible. It's not operationally feasible... The Commission was a whitewash."

Major General Albert Stubblebine, U.S. Army (ret) – Commanding General of the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command. Former head of Imagery Interpretation for Scientific and Technical Intelligence. 32-year Army career. "One of my experiences in the Army was being in charge of the Army's Imagery Interpretation for Scientific and Technical Intelligence during the Cold War. 1 measured pieces of Soviet equipment from photographs. It was my job. I look at the hole in the Pentagon and I look at the size of an airplane that was supposed to have hit the Pentagon. And I said, 'The plane does not fit in that hole'. So what did hit the Pentagon? What hit it? Where is it? What's going on?"

Col. Robert Bowman, PhD, U.S. Air Force (ret) – Director of Advanced Space Programs Development under Presidents Ford and Carter. U.S. Air Force fighter pilot with over 100 combat missions. (PhD in Aeronautics and Nuclear Engineering, Cal Tech). "A lot of these pieces of information, taken together, prove that the official story, the official conspiracy theory of 9/11 is a bunch of hogwash. It's impossible. ... There's a second group of facts having to do with the cover up. ... Taken together these things prove that high levels of our government don't want us to know what happened and who's responsible."

Col. George Nelson, U.S. Air Force (ret) – Former U.S. Air Force aircraft accident investigator and airplane parts authority. 34-year Air Force career. "... not one piece of hard aircraft evidence has been produced in an attempt to positively identify any of the four aircraft. On the contrary, it seems only that all potential evidence was deliberately kept hidden from public view."

Major Douglas Rokke, PhD, U.S. Army (ret) ¬ Former Director U.S. Army Depleted Uranium Project. 30-year Army career. Regarding the impact at the Pentagon on 9/11/2001 "When you look at the whole thing, especially the crash site void of airplane parts, the size of the hole left in the building and the fact the projectile's impact penetrated numerous concrete walls, it looks like the work of a missile. And when you look at the damage, it was obviously a missile."

Capt. Russ Wittenberg, U.S. Air Force – Former Air Force fighter pilot with over 100 combat missions. Commercial pilot for Pan Am and United Airlines for 35 years.. Had previously flown the actual two United Airlines airplanes that were hijacked on 9/11. "The government story they handed us about 9/11 is total B.S. plain and simple." ... "For a guy to just jump into the cockpit and fly like an ace is impossible - there is not one chance in a thousand," Regarding Flight 77, "It's roughly a 100 ton airplane. And an airplane that weighs 100 tons all assembled is still going to have 100 tons of disassembled trash and parts after it hits a building. There was no wreckage from a 757 at the Pentagon. ... The vehicle that hit the Pentagon was not Flight 77. We think, as you may have heard before, it was a cruise missile."

Lt. Col. Karen U. Kwiatkowski, PhD, U.S. Air Force (ret) - Former Political-Military Affairs Officer in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. 20-year Air Force veteran and eye-witness to the Pentagon attack. "Beyond this strange absence of airliner debris, there was no sign of the kind of damage to the Pentagon structure one would expect from the impact of a large airliner. This visible evidence or lack thereof may also have been apparent to the secretary of defense, who in an unfortunate slip of the tongue referred to the aircraft that slammed into the Pentagon as a "missile".

Barbara Honegger – Senior Military Affairs Journalist at the Naval Postgraduate School, former White House Policy Analyst under Reagan. "The US military, not al Qaeda, had the sustained access weeks before 9/11 to also plant controlled demolition charges throughout the superstructures of WTC 1 and WTC 2, and in WTC 7, which brought down all three buildings on 9/11. ... Only a military aircraft, not a civilian plane flown by al Qaeda, would have given off the "Friendly" signal needed to disable the Pentagon's anti-aircraft missile batteries as it approached the building. ...Only the US military, not al Qaeda, had the ability to break all of its Standard Operating Procedures to paralyze its own emergency response system."

Capt. Gregory M. Zeigler, PhD, U.S. Army – Former U.S. Army Intelligence Officer "I knew from September 18, 2001, that the official story about 9/11 was false. ... anomalies poured in rapidly: the hijackers' names appearing in none of the published flight passenger lists, BBC reports of stolen identities of the alleged hijackers or the alleged hijackers being found alive, the obvious demolitions of WTC1, 2, and 7, the lack of identifiable Boeing 757 wreckage at the Pentagon ...

William Christison – Former National Intelligence Officer and Director of the CIA's Office of Regional and Political Analysis. 29-year CIA veteran. "I now think there is persuasive evidence that the events of September did not unfold as the Bush administration and the 9/11 Commission would have us believe. ... An airliner almost certainly did not hit The Pentagon. ... The North and South Towers of the World Trade Center almost certainly did not collapse and fall to earth because hijacked aircraft hit them." "We very seriously need an entirely new very high level and truly independent investigation of the events of 9/11. I think you almost have to look at the 9/11 Commission Report as a joke and not a serious piece of analysis at all. It gave the administration what it wanted to support their official story on what happened on the date of September 11 and that's all they cared about. ... It's a monstrous crime. Absolutely a monstrous crime."

If you are an active or former senior member of the military, intelligence services, or government, who has publicly expressed concerns about the 9/11 Commission Report, and would like your comment added to this list, please email your information to: Alan Miller Email: alan.miller@PatriotsQuestion911.com

The Bill of Rights

The Conventions of a number of the States having, at the time of adopting the Constitution, expressed a desire, in order to prevent misconstruction or abuse of its powers, that further declaratory and restrictive clauses should be added, and as extending the ground of public confidence in the Government will best insure the beneficent ends of its institution;

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, that the following articles be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as amendments to the Constitution of the United States; all or any of which articles, when ratified by three-fourths of the said Legislatures, to be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the said Constitution, namely:

Amendment I

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

Amendment II

A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.

Amendment III

No soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

Amendment VII

In suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise reexamined in any court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

Amendment VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Amendment IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.



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Pundits of Disaster

Right-wing Pundits Get it Wrong Every Time

Case in point: David Brooks, New York Times columnist and media pundit has not

made a correct prediction about American foreign policy in living memory. Classic Brooks;

"If it succeeds, Iraq really will be a beacon of freedom in the Middle East. The Americans who have died in Iraq will have given their lives in a truly noble cause." Oct. 7, 2003

"Come on people, let's get a grip. This week, Chicken Littles like Ted Kennedy and Robert Byrd were ranting that Iraq is another Vietnam. Pundits and sages were spinning a whole series of mutually exclusive disaster scenarios: Civil war! A nationwide rebellion! Maybe we should calm down a bit." April 10, 2004

"I still believe that in 20 years, no one will doubt that Bush did the right thing." April 17, 2004

"[Deputy Defense Secretary, Paul] Wolfowitz will be the subject of fascinating biographies decades from now, while many of his smuggest critics will be forgotten." March 8, 2005

"At the very moment that American gloommongers are opting for panicked withdrawal, there's been a pileup of good news on Iraq: the improved training of Iraqi troops, the more effective counterinsurgency strategies, the booming Iraqi economy, the vastly improved White House communication strategy, the amazing confidence of the Iraqi people and, most of all, this glorious election." Dec. 18, 2005

William Kristol, editor of the Weekly Standard, was formerly known as "[Dan] Quail's Brain", but more recently as

"Nostrudumbass", for his unfailingly wrong predictions.

"We committed ourselves to reshaping the Middle East, so the region would no longer be a hotbed of terrorism, extremism, anti-Americanism,

and weapons of mass destruction. The first two battles of this new era are now over. The battles of Afghanistan and Iraq have been won decisively and honorably. But these are only two battles. We are only at the end of the beginning in the war on terror and terrorist states." April, 2003

"American and alliance forces will be welcomed in Baghdad as liberators. Indeed, reconstructing Iraq may prove to be a less difficult

task than the challenge of building a viable state in Afghanistan." Feb. 2, 2002

Fred Barns also of the Weekly Standard:

"[T]he good news is contrary to what you hear in the media, it gets easier

now. The war was the hard part. The hard part was putting together a coalition, getting 300,000 troops over there and all their equipment and winning. And it gets easier. I mean, setting up a democracy is hard, but it is not as hard as winning a war." April 10, 2003

"It is a last-ditch -- I think it is a desperate effort by these terrorists. It's not representative of a significant guerrilla force that's fighting the United States there." Oct. 24, 2003

"I think he [Rep. John P. Murtha (D-PA)] is just plain wrong in some of the things he said. And I certainly disagree with some of the others. But here is what he is wrong about, Brit. You raised one of them. And that is, he says the war is intensifying. It's not intensifying." Nov. 17, 2005

Then there is New York Times columnist

Thomas Friedman, for whom a glorious future for Iraq, while it may be flat, is always just six months away:

"The next six months in Iraq—which will determine

the prospects for democracy-building there—are the most important six months in U.S. foreign policy in a long, long time." Nov. 30, 2003

"It might be over in a week, it might be over in a month, it might be over in six months." June

"What we're gonna find out, Bob, in the next six to nine months is whether we have liberated a country or uncorked a civil war." Sep. 3, 2004

"Iraq will be won or lost in the next few months." Nov. 28, 2004

"I think we're in a six-month window here." Sep. 25, 2005

"I think the next six months really are going to determine whether this country is going to collapse into three parts or more or whether it's going to come together." Dec.18, 2005

"We're at the beginning of I think the decisive I would say six months in Iraq." Dec. 20, 2005

"The only thing I am certain of is that in the wake of this election, Iraq will be what Iraqis make of it—and the next six months will tell us a lot." Dec. 21, 2005

"I think that we're going to know after six to nine months whether this project has any chance of succeeding." Jan. 23, 2006

"I think we're in the end game there, in the next three to six months." Jan. 31, 2006

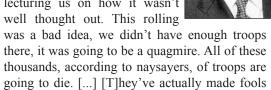
"The next six to nine months are going to tell whether we can produce a decent outcome in Iraq." March 2, 2006

"I think we're in the end game in the sense it's going to be decided in the next weeks or months whether there's an Iraq there worth investing in." April 23, 2006

"Well, I think that we're going to find out, Chris, in the next year to six months—probably sooner—whether a decent outcome is possible there." May 11, 2006

Finally we have FOX News bobble-head Sean Hannity. It is actually hard to find decent quotes for Sean, since his rambling disjointed utterances are hardly intelligible when viewed in the printed transcript. But here are a couple of gems:

"[T]he proof will be in the pudding. Because they're going to see that their country is a lot freer, they'll have more liberty. [...] You keep mentioning these same naysayers [...]they were lecturing us on how it wasn't well thought out. This rolling



"We're close to being finished [in Iraq]." Nov. 21, 2005

of them themselves." April 10, 2003

That last one actually turned out to be true, though not in the way he intended.

Why Has the Greatest Crime in U.S. History Never Been Criminally Investigated?

and other Unanswered Questions about September 11, 2001

been quietly building support. While many ideas and theories have been put forth about what happened in that fateful day, the main thrust of the movement is to push for a new investigation of 9/11 to answer the many still unanswered questions such as:

The Warnings: Why did the administration ignore warnings, some specific as to date and place, from at least 11 foreign intelligence services delivered to Washington prior to 9/ 11? Why were several prominent Americans, including top military brass, warned not to fly on 9/11?

Missing Air Defense: Why was established procedure not followed to intercept any of the hijacked planes on 9/11? Why did the defense missiles on top of the Pentagon not fire at the attacking plane as it flew toward the Pentagon? (Had they been disabled?) If the defense failures were due to incompetence, why was no one reprimanded or fired? Was air defense lacking because of the military exercises underway on the morning of 9/11?

Pilots of the Hijacked Planes: could an inexperienced pilot have successfully flown a heavy commercial airliner on his first try? Why were some of the alleged terrorists trained at U.S. military bases and CIA flight schools?

The Alleged Hijackers: Why is it that at least six of the hijackers who were supposed to have died on 9/11 are alive and well, giving interviews and living in the Middle East? If no Arab names were on the passenger manifests released by the airlines following 9/11, how could names and photographs of the alleged hijackers have been broadcast around the world within hours of the attacks? Why were no airline tickets or recipts ever presented as evidence?

The Money: If "follow the money" is the

For five years the 911truth movement has time-honored criminal investigative technique for uncovering criminal collusion, why did the 9/11 Commission elect to drop the pursuit of mainstream-documented leads such as the \$100,000 wire transfer from the head of Pakistan's intelligence service to alleged lead hijacker Mohammad Atta several days before the attacks. Why was the extreem level of options trading activity in American and United Airlines stock in the days before 9/11, a clear indication of foreknowledge of the attacks, never persued?

> The Plane Crashes: How could one of the hijacker's passports emerge from the wreckage of the Twin Towers and be found intact on the streets of New York? Why was debris from the Pennsylvania plane scattered over an area of several miles, and not confined to the 10 by 30 ft foot hole where the official story says the plane crashed? Why were no large plane parts found at the crash site? Why are the 9/11 plane crashes the only ones in modern U.S. history not to have been investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board? Why were none of the thousands of serial umbered parts ever presented as proof of the identy of the aircraft?

> Collapse of the Twin Towers: What caused the massive explosions in the basements of the Towers before the planes even hit (which registered as small earthquakes at Colombia University) and the hundreds of explosions reported by witnesses before and during the buildings collapses? How is it possible for the Towers to completely collapse in the same amount of time it would take for a brick to fall through air from the same height? How were the concrete floors, walls, computers, furinture and other materials atomized into dust? How could brief jet fuel fires have caused the buildings' collapse when no steel building has ever collapsed due to fire in the entire history of architecture?

World Trade Center 7 Collapse: Why did this 47-story steel office building, which was not hit by any plane, collapse completely in 6.7 seconds at 5:20 p.m. on 9/11? What did its owner Larry Silverstein mean when he said the decision had been made to "pull" the building? Was WTC 7 wired with explosives prior to 9/ 11? If so, were explosives also planted in the Twin Towers prior to the attacks?

The 9/11 Commission and Its Report: Why, if it had nothing to hide about the attacks, did the Bush Administration resist 9/11 families' call for an investigative commission for an unprecedented 441 days. Why was administration insider Philip Zelikow, who had co-authored a book with Condi Rice, and whose CV states that his expertise is in the creation and maintenance of public myth, appointed to direct the Commission? Why did Bush and Cheney refuse to testify in public, under oath, to the Commission? Why did the Commission members accept the official conspiracy theory as their operating premise and say early-on that they would not investigate what happened on 9/11 and who was responsible. Why was the distruction of World Trade Center Building 7 not mentioned in the report?

False Flag Operation: Was 9/11 a "false flag" operation, used throughout history to generate public support for political objectives by deliberately creating a terror incident and blaming the attack on a designated enemy, thus serving as a justification for war?

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parliamentary seats. Now they hold a share of power thanks to Rice. A similar situation happened with Hamas when Bush asked for open elections in Palestine. Is this caused by the natural tendency of Muslims to support religious

The last time religious leaders ruled across the Middle East was during western colonialism. Before WWII, religious monarchs such as those still in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait occupied almost every nation in the region, and all were pawns of either France or Britain.

The west lost control of the Middle East immediately after WWII when monarchies were overthrown and replaced with secular socialist democracies. The CIA quickly replaced many new democracies with dictatorships, starting with Iran in 1953. For most of these countries, there was no Islamic base after WWII to restore a religious government, so an intermediary dictator was installed. In order to gain cooperation from the people, the regime often had socialist leanings, as in the case of Saddam Hussein from the socialist Baathist party. Health care and universities were almost free in Egypt, Syria, Libya, and Saddam's Iraq. Women generally had access to good jobs and higher education.

while supporting these dictatorships, the West covertly supported an Islamicist opposition, and in some cases, these Islamicists have already come to power. The support is usually a two-path approach. The first path is direct covert support of Islamicists, always with the excuse of fighting Communism, or under the cover of policy blunders. Path two is to publicly support the opposition to Islamicism, so secularists will inadvertently help the West restore a religious government.

In Iraq, the U.S. is in the process of replacing a secular dictator with an Islamic government. This will attributed to "missteps" and incompetence on the part of the U.S. but the current chaos in Iraq is clearly the result of what the Pentagon called the "Salvador Option." According to online Newsweek (1/14/2005), "The Pentagon may put Special-Forces-led assassination or kidnapping teams in Iraq." The death squad attacks on religious sites and markets should be familiar to our ambassador to Iraq, John Negroponte, because he was running these same types of operations in Latin America under Reagan.

Finally we come to Iran, the most important player of the US game. A June 24, 2005 London Financial Times article titled, "US hawks rooting for hard-line Iranian candidate" stated that while Dick Cheney is secretly supporting the religious candidate, Bush was publicly supporting the progressive candidate. Bush's opposition and rhetoric has had the effect of helping Ahmadinejad gain power and influence throughout the Middle East. Now stepping in to save Bush in his Iraq war blunder is James Baker, Robert Gates, Blair, and the Study Group. Their plan involves Iran gaining influence over Iraq. Back in May 2004, it was revealed that Ahmed Chalabi's loyalties were to Iran, yet we continued to support Chalabi's installation to leadership in Iraq.

During the Iran-Contra affair, the weapons destined for Iran were funneled through Israel. An August 28, 2002, Yahoo.com headline read, "Germany holds up Israeli military shipment said headed for Iran." The excuses have run out, but the UIS (Union of Islamic States) is just around the corner.

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History's Lessons

By - WinterBoy

In case you think the present deplorable political situation in Washington is unique, rest assured it is not. In the earliest days of the republic the Adams administration eerily foreshadowed our present dilemma.

1798 John Adams, America's second President, leads the conservative Federalist party- ideologically similar to today's GOP. Vice-President Thomas Jefferson calls the Federalists the party of "the rich and the well born." Although Adams isn't one of the super-rich, he basks in their approval and adopts royallike pomp and formality.

Benjamin Franklin Bache, grandson of Benjamin Franklin, speaks out against Adams' policies through his newspaper, the Aurora, one of about 20 independent newspapers openly questioning the President's vision of governance. Federalist newspapers respond forcefully. Noah Webster writes that Jefferson's Democratic-Republicans are "the refuse, the sweepings of the most depraved part of mankind from the most corrupt nations on earth." Others characterize the Democratic-Republicans as "demoncrats", "momocrats and all other kinds of rats." The Aurora 's criticisms send President Adams and his First Lady into a self-righteous frenzy. Abigail Adams writes that the Democratic-Republicans are engaging in "unpatriotic abuse, deception, and falsehood," insisting that Bache be punished, since his comments could even plunge the nation into a "civil war." Federalist senators and Congressmenwho control both legislative houses along with the presidency- pass four laws that become known as the Alien and Sedition Acts, surprisingly similar to the 'Patriot Act' of the 21st century. The day Adams signs the Acts, VP Thomas Jefferson leaves Washington in protest. He and James Madison continue to protest the Acts and work toward repealing them.

President Adams orders 'unpatriotic' opponents arrested. He throws Ben Franklin's grandson Bache into jail- before the laws even become effective- where he dies of yellow fever while awaiting trial. New York TimePiece editor John Daly Burk is next, and his

paper is forced to shut down. In all editors of seventeen of the twenty or so progressive newspapers are arrested; ten are convicted and imprisoned, their newspapers subsequently folding. Knowing that Jefferson will mount a challenge in 1800, Adams and the Federalists hatch a plot to undermine the next election. William Duane- who both takes over Bache's newspaper and marries his widow- publishes evidence of the plot. Adams has Duane arrested and hauled before Congress on Sedition Act charges. VP Jefferson intervenes, allowing Duane to "consult his attorney." Duane goes into hiding until the end of the Adams' presidency.

1799 On February 15, Federalist Congressman Roger Griswold savagely attacks Vermont's Congressman Matthew Lyon, who had spoken against "the malign influence" of the Federalists, serving only the interests of the rich and "acting in opposition to the interests ... of their constituents" on the House floor with a hickory cane, while across the nation Federalist mobs and Federalistcontrolled police and militia attack Democratic-Republican newspapers and shout down and threaten individuals who dare speak out against John Adams. When an unbowed Congressman Lyon writes an article pointing out Adams' "continual grasp for power" and suggesting that Adams has an "unbounded thirst for ridiculous pomp...and selfish avarice," Federalists convene a federal grand jury and indict Congressman Lyon for bringing "the President and government of the United States into contempt." Lyon, who had served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, is led through the town of Vergennes, Vermont in shackles. He later runs for re-election from his 12x16-foot jail cell, however, and handily wins his seat. "It is as well. The Federalists lose their hold quite a new kind of jargon," Lyon writes on Congress, and begin a 30-year slide from jail to his constituents, "to call a into total disintegration- later to be Representative of the People an Opposer of the Government because he does not, as a legislator, advocate and acquiesce in every proposition that comes from the Executive."

As John and Abigail Adams make a trip home to Braintree, MA in their

customary fashion- a parade full of costume, ceremony and fancy carriages, with firing cannons and ringing church bells- a drunken citizen, Luther Baldwin, says to his tavern-mates, "There goes the President and they are firing at his arse," adding that, "I do not care if they fire thro' his arse!" The tavern's Federalist owner overhears the remark and turns the man in to Adams' police: The hapless drunk is arrested, convicted, and imprisoned for uttering 'seditious words tending to defame the President and Government of the United States." The Alien and Sedition Acts reflects the new attitude Adams and his wife bring to Washington, a take-noprisoners style of leadership in which no opposition or dissent is tolerated. As Adams waxes belligerent with the French (to the delight of American citizens), and pushes for a war that neither side really wants, the Sedition Acts quash any whisper of dissent.

In sharp contrast to his predecessor George Washington, the new Republic's second President- Adams- succeeds in creating an atmosphere of fear and partisan division, and brings out the worst in his conservative supporters.

1800 The Alien and Sedition Acts cause the Democratic-Republican newspapers to become more popular than ever, and turn the inebriated and jailed Luther Baldwin into a national celebrity. Federalist popularity begins to wane. Jefferson beats Adams in the election. In what comes to be known as 'The Revolution of 1800' or 'The Second American Revolution,' Thomas Jefferson frees all the men imprisoned by Adams. He even reimburses the fines they'd paid- with interest- and grants them a formal pardon and apology. As President, Jefferson exposes Adams as a poseur and tool of the powerful elite. The corruption within Adams' Federalist Party is revealed reincarnated as Whigs and even later as Republicans.

With any luck, the todays Republican party will be returned to the ignomy from which it came.

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Thomas Jefferson On Impeachment

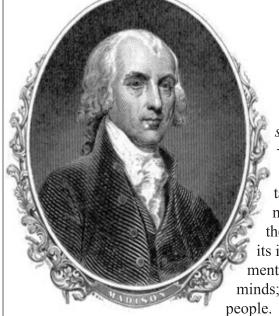
Thomas Jefferson was very clear in his idea that impeachment was to be used liberally as a check and restraint against excesses of the Executive:

An elective despotism was not the government we fought for, but one which should not only be founded on true free principles, but in which the powers of government should be so divided and balanced among general bodies of magistracy, as that no one could transcend their legal limits without being effectually checked and restrained by the others."

Jefferson's rules for the House of Representatives, Section 603, state:

Inception of impeachment proceedings in the House: ... there are various methods of setting an impeachment in motion: by charges made on the floor on the responsibility of a Member or Delegate; by charges preferred by a memorial, which is usually referred to a committee for examination; by a resolution dropped in the hopper by a Member and referred to a committee; by a message from the President; by charges transmitted from the legislature of a State or territory or from a grand jury..."

"I know of no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. This is the true corrective of abuses of constitutional power."



James Madison On War

James Madison, from his volume of Political Ob-

War is the parent of armies; from these proceed debts and taxes; and armies; and debts and taxes are the known instruments for bringing the many under the domination of the few. In war, too, the discretionary power of the Executive is extended; its influence in dealing out offices, honors and emoluments is multiplied; and all the means of seducing the minds; are added to those of subduing the force, of the people. The same malignant aspect in republicanism may

be traced in the inequality of fortunes, and the opportunities of fraud, growing out of a state of war, and in the degeneracy of manner and of morals, engendered in both. No nation can preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare.

War is in fact the true nurse of executive aggrandizement. In war, a physical force is to be created; and it is the executive will, which is to direct it. In war, the public treasuries are to be unlocked; and it is the executive hand which is to dispense them. In war, the honors and emoluments of office are to be multiplied; and it is the executive patronage under which they are to be enjoyed; and it is the executive brow they are to encircle. The strongest passions and most dangerous weaknesses of the human breast; ambition, avarice, vanity; the honorable or venal love of fame, are all in conspiracy against the desire and duty of peace.

Republican War Critics

Not all members of the president's party have supported his war. A number of notable Republican lawmakers have opposed the president's war based on the constitutional provisions which give the congress sole power to declare war.

Lincoln Chafee (R-RI) voted against the war, but that was not enough to save him from the anti-republican tsunami in the 2006 polls. Chafee, it is safe to say, lost his seat not because of his vote against the war, but in spite of it.



Chuck Hagel (R-NE)

Among the presidents most vocal critics recently is Chuck Hagel (R-NE) who recently called Bushes plan to escelate the war "the most dangerous foreign policy blunder in this country since Vietnam.'

Senator Hagel is not alone.

Rep. Ron Paul, who recently announced he will run for president in 2008, is a most unusual Republican. In fact, many Republicans don't consider him one of their own. Paul professes a limited government, libertarian ideology. His regular votes against almost all proposals for government spending, initiatives, or taxes, and his frequent dissents in otherwise unanimous votes



Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX)

have irritated some of his Republican colleagues and have earned him the nickname "Dr. No". For example he was one of only three Representatives voting against the No Child Left Behind Act.

Congressman Paul advocates a strict noninterventionist foreign policy. He voted against the Iraq War Resolution and continues to criticize the US presence in Iraq, and what he charges is the use of the war on terror to curtail civil liberties. He has also broken with his party by voting against the Patriot Act in 2001 and again in 2005, and is very opposed to a military draft. Ron Paul recognizes that only congress, not the president, has the constitutional authority to declare war.

Democratic Warmongers

Unfortunately, many Democratic lawmakers have been all too eager to go along with the president's warmaking. Some, such as John

Kerry, have even critisized him for not waging war agressivly enough. Democratic Warmongers especially deserve our scorn. In 2002, just a few months before the US invasion of Iraq, Joe Lieberman became honorary co-chair of the Committee to Liberate Iraq, an advocacy group created by Kristol, Perle,



former CIA director James Woolsey, Eliot Cohen, and other promi- war resolution in October 2002., and has supported every funding nent neo-conservatives. In 1998, he co-sponsored with Republican Senator John McCain the Iraq Liberation Act, which made the ouster of Saddam Hussein official US policy.

Since 2004, he has served as co-chair of the Committee on the Present Danger, another influential, mainly neo-conservative group created, in Lieberman's words, "to fight a war of ideas against our Islamist terrorist enemies, and to send a clear signal that their strategy to deceive, demoralize and divide America will not succeed". Other board members are Woolsey, Perle, Cohen and Gaffney.

Hillary Clinton voted in favor of the Iraq



Senator Clinton (D-NY)

increase and escalation of the war since. While she recently said she "wouldn't have voted that way" if she knew everything she knows now, she hasn't called for a pull-out any time soon.

We single out Lieberman and Clinton, but 28 Democratic senators in all voted in October 2002, to authorize the war even though there was massive proof of administration deceit and while UN inspectors on-the-ground in Iraq were finding no

evidence of banned weapons.

The fault for this war lies not with any one party, but with a political system that values the prospects for the next election over human life, justice and the rule of law. The constitution entrusts the authority and the responsability for declairing war to the congress alone.

This Day in History

For January 27

1756 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart born: prolific and influential composer in the Classical Era with more than 600 compositions including symphonic, concertante, chamber, piano, operatic and choral music.

1880 Thomas Edison patents electric incandescent lamp (not really): Edison did not invent the light bulb nor was he first to patent the design. Joseph Swan received a British patent in 1878 and later sued Edison and won in a British court. In 1883 the US patent Office ruled that Edison's patents were based on prior work of William Sawyer. Why does Edison get all the credit? He owned the power company that later became General Electric.

1915 US Marines occupy Haiti: Strategically important after the building of the Panama Canal. Pres. Wilson sent troops to protect U.S. interest. The troops occupied Haiti for 19 years and were finally pulled out in 1934 by FDR.

1926 US Senate agrees to join World Court: World Court rejects initial entry because of conditions imposed by Senate.

1951 US begins 126 nuclear tests in Nevada: During the 1950's, the mushroom cloud could be seen from 100 miles away, including the city of Las Vegas, where the tests became tourist attractions.

1969 Spies hung in Baghdad: Nine apparently innocent Jews were publicly hanged in Baghdad's 'Liberation Square,' accused of spying for Israel.

1973 US & Vietnam sign cease-fire, ending longest US war & military draft; Vietnam Peace Day

The

American Constitution

As the hearing concluded, the

detainee, who cannot be iden-

tified publicly under military

rules, had a question. He is a

citizen of Pakistan, he noted. He

was arrested on a business trip

to Thailand. On what authority

or charges was he even being

held? "That question," a Marine

colonel presiding over the panel

answered, "is outside the limits

of what this board is permitted to

consider." NYTimes 12/31/06

in English common law in 1305. The words come from Latin and mean "you have the body", which refers to the opening sentence of

government jailer bring a prisoner before the court to review the justification imprisonment. for his "Habeas" holds important, some would say sacred, place in the pantheon of rights because without the right against arbitrary imprisonment, all other rights fall away. The existence of "Habeas" is the necessary precondition in law for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

If the government can arrest a person off the street,

and lock that person away without the oversight of the court then there is no opportunity for that person to appeal to any of the rights enumerated in the bill of rights. For example the first amendment, the right to freedom of speech, does you no good if there is no one to hear you. The second amendment, the right to bear arms, clearly is not going to be allowed in prison. The third amendment against troops being quartered on your property; how would you know? The fourth, against unreasonable search... bend

Habeas Corpus, the "Great Writ" first appears over. The fifth, against self incrimination, it only has effect while your head is under water. The sixth provides for a speedy and public trial, and the Seventh for a trial by jury; but without a writ by which the court can request that the habeas there is no trial. The eighth forbids cruel

> and unusual punishment but in secret prisons the cruel becomes the usual. None of your rights have any force in a secret prison. As for Amendments nine and ten, rights retained by the people or the states... clearly you have no rights if you are rotting in a secret prison in an undisclosed location with no access to counsel or the court.

The Military Commissions act, signed by President Bush in 2006, guts the habeas right. Some have argued that

the Military Commissions act, only eliminates habeas for non-citizens, but realize, if there is no mechanism to force a judicial review of confinement then there is no opportunity for a prisoner to prove his citizenship.

Wthout the writ of habeas, a government, cloaked in secracy, may operate outside the rule of law, where any person can be disappeared off the street and never heard from again.

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itself from any future international prosecution for war crimes under the auspices of the new International Criminal Court. Bush has pushed for immunity from prosecution through his Military Commissions Bill. Bush stated "I'm asking that Congress make it clear that captured terrorists cannot use the Geneva Conventions as a basis to sue our personnel in courts – in U.S. courts. The men and women who protect us should not have to fear lawsuits filed by terrorists because they're doing their jobs." The laws of this country and the Geneva Convention were set up to protect not only the prisoner but also the ones holding the prisoner. If these laws were followed, no one "doing their job" would be at risk of being sued by "terrorists".

As Bush's term of office comes to a close, the issuing of presidential pardons must surely be on his mind. The Bush administration continues to claim justification for crimes already committed and immunity for crimes yet to be committed. They have twisted the language and laws of this country in an effort to thwart any attempt at accountability. Karen Greenberg writes, "The time has come, after five years, to restore language, law, and accountability to the American ethos by insisting that declarations of immunity be seen for what they are: Confessions about actions that are both reviewable and unpardonable."

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PEACE MOVEMENT MUST MAKE 9/11 TRUTH THE LEADING EDGE OF FIGHT AGAINST IRAQ-IRAN-SYRIA WAR

By - Webster G. Tarpley

The escalation announced in Bush's January 10 television speech was much bigger than many expected: the threats he made against Iran and Syria threaten a wider US aggression, quite possibly carried out with nuclear weapons. In addition to his 21,000 extra GIS, Bush is sending an additional carrier battle group and Patriot missiles to the Gulf. Admiral Fallon, the new Centcom commander, is a carrier admiral trained in air attacks, not land warfare. John "Death Squads" Negroponte, Rice's new deputy at the State Department, is said to be assembling a team of private contractors to prepare the attack on Iran. Russian intelligence reports indicate that there are four US missile-firing submarines in the Gulf. The London Sunday Times says that the Israeli air force is actively drilling for a sneak attack on Iranian military facilities at Natanz, Isfahan, and Bushehr. The ING international banking group is telling its clients that the Israelis may attack Iran in February or March. February 17 or March 18, the preferred sneak attack times of the new moon, may thus mark the beginning of a regional Middle East war, a war tending to slide into World War III.

THE 9/11 MYTH IS THE EXPLICIT BASIS OF ALL THE WARS

Bush's bedrock motivation for this pattern of lunatic escalation is the racist, militarist, and fascist official explanation of the events of September 11, 2001, especially as codified in the discredited Kean-Hamilton 9/11 commission report. The premise of Bush's argument in his escalation speech is this: "On September the 11th, 2001, we saw what a refuge for extremists on the other side of the world could bring to the streets of our own cities. For the safety of our people, America must succeed in Iraq." A few days later, Dick Cheney evoked the official nightmare vision of 9/11 in when he told an interviewer that legislators who want to cut the funding for the Iraq adventure are playing into the hands of Bin Laden and al Qaeda. Senator Lieberman, the most extreme Democratic warmonger, cited the official 9/11 myth not once but twice when he appeared on Meet the Press the Sunday after Bush's speech. On the day after Bush spoke, fascist talk show

host Rush Limbaugh spouted a lengthy 81% of Americans – including the most tirade about 9/11 and the 3,000 dead – a mandated by the notorious Karl Rove faxes, which are known to go out to the leading right wing extremists of the

Peace activists often ask why the 9/11 truth movement insists on making the truth about terrorist a central component of anti-war agitation. One answer is that we bring up 9/11 frequently because Bush and Cheney do – they incessantly

benighted and backward Republican sure indication that these themes were strongholds - thought that the US government was either hiding something or mostly lying about the events of 9/11. This extraordinary shift in public opinion reflects the success of the 9/11 truth movement over the past five years. This shift explains why the Bush-Rove demagogy of terror, which had traction in 2002 and 2004, simply did not work in 2006. It was only under these conditions that the Republican machine could be defeated. In this broad sense,



Protesters at the Lincoln Memorial, Fall 2006

parrot slogans about the "global war on terror" and "the lessons of 9/11." Bush claims that he is fighting terrorists in Iraq so that the US will not have to fight them over here. He raves that, if US forces pull out of Iraq, the terrorists will follow them back home and launch attacks on US territory. There can be no doubt that 9/11 is the foundation of Bush's castle of warmonger lying – the fountainhead, motivation, and legitimation of the entire policy of unilateral aggression. To ignore the centrality of 9/11 to Bush's every move is like trying to fight Hitler without mentioning anti-Semitism. Attacks on Bush that do not include 9/11 truth are simply impotent, and will not be effective.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE REPUDIATE THE OFFICIAL MYTH OF 9/11

The vast majority of the American people have repudiated Bush's demagogy of war and terror. Back in October, a CBS-New York Times poll showed that

the 9/11 truth movement was a critical component in creating the climate of opinion for Bush's defeat at the polls in November 2006. The challenge is now to bring US institutions – the political parties, the media, academia, etc. – into line with what the American people have already understood.

9/11: THE KEY TO DISMANTLING BUSH'S BASE OF SUPPORT

Only 12% of Americans support a surge in the abstract, but once Bush is brought into the question, support rises to almost one third - about 31%. Many of these are persons who are sincerely terrified by the notion of al Oaeda and Bin Laden as malevolent forces that want to come to their communities and kill them. Unless and until this belief can be challenged, these persons will continue to support Bush and his promises to protect them from the terrorists. (We note in passing that these persons have been shamefully betrayed by the leading left-liberal intellectuals, including Noam

Chomsky, Amy Goodman of *Democracy* Now, and The Nation magazine, all of whom obsessively parrot the Bush propaganda line.) These persons are largely impervious to antiwar and related arguments about genocide, torture at Guantanamo and Abu Ghraib, illegal rendition, wiretapping, surveillance, police-state totalitarianism, and related issues, which they dismiss with the comment that these are the necessities of self-defense forced upon the United States by an unprovoked attack by foreign terrorists. The only way to attrit and erode Bush's hard-core base of support is to bring home the leading facts of 9/11 truth: the 9/11 attacks did not emerge from the world of Bin Laden, Atta, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the laptop, and the cave in Pushtunistan; they were a deliberate war provocation and coup d'etat launched by the invisible government or rogue network which infests the highest levels the Pentagon, CIA, NSA, DIA, and other military and security agencies, all for the purpose of starting the War of Civilizations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and now Syria and Iran. These are revelations of the greatest explosive power, capable of tearing apart Bush's political base and opening the way for impeachment and removal from office. They are also capable of defeating the Hillary Clinton-Lieberman- Rahm Emmanuel-Lantos-Stenny Hoyer warmonger wing of the Democratic Party, removing the sabotage of impeachment from that

IMPEACH BUSH-CHENEY FOR 9/11 CRIMES

To override Bush's vetoes of bills defunding the Iraq war will require a two thirds majority of both houses of Congress. Impeachment takes only a majority of the House, but requires two thirds of the Senate. Bush can be declared mentally unfit for office by reason of insanity by half of the cabinet under the XXV Amendment, but it takes two thirds of both houses to make this stick if Bush protests that he is not insane. As long as Bush can retain 30% support, heavily concentrated in a handful of rural red states, he may be able to keep a block of senators sufficient to stay in office and wage war indefinitely. The only issue capable of cutting into Bush's 30% support is unquestionably 9/11.

The peace movement must demand a bill of impeachment for Bush, Cheney, Rice, Gonzalez, and others which includes 9/11 crimes - starting from the very strong prima facie case for misprision of treason, plus covering up for the CIA-DoD rogue network after the fact. It is therefore imperative that the peace movement fully assimilate the main points of 9/11 truth – points which are easily available in a series of books and internet web sites. Only in this way can peace agitation hope to obtain the necessary result – the removal of Bush-Cheney from office and the end of the Afghan, Iraqi, Somali, and any and all other US wars of imperialism, colonialism, and aggression.

KEAN-HAMILTON: A TISSUE OF LIES AND FABRICATIONS

The Kean-Hamilton report can easily be shown to be a tissue of lies and fabrications, and this can be done with facts that are officially acknowledged by the corporate media. The 9/11 commission covered up revelations about Able Danger, a US military intelligence operation that tracked the accused 9/11 patsies – most probably because it was supervising their movements. The 9/11 commission failed to discover a key June 2001 emergency meeting requested by CIA Director Tenet with NSC Director Rice. Most damning, Kean and Hamilton admit in their own jointly authored book that they were well aware that Pentagon and NORAD generals were committing perjury before the commission, but decided to do nothing about it. Ms. Pelosi's fanatical devotion to the 9/11 commission is thus a grave symptom of impotence and capitulation on the part of the new Democratic House leadership. As for presidential candidates, Giuliani is most identified with 9/11, followed by McCain in one sense, and the warmonger Hillary Clinton in another. Activists are now creating 9/11 truth squads to pose the necessary questions to presidential candidates in the upcoming primary season, and the peace movement is invited to join in.

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that impeachment is 'off the table' she may not be able to resist should the process spring organically from any of the sub committee investigations waiting in

Since Democratic lawmakers are reluctant to use the appropriations process to halt Bush's military escalation, they may find that the threat off impeachment is an alternative method to end the

Even more threatening to the administration than impeachment is the possibility that the ranks of the 9/11 truth movement will continue to swell. Already polls show that most Americans are skeptical of administration explanations of the events of 9/11. 84% of Americans don't buy the official conspiracy story (the one staring Osama binLaden) Even more ominous for the administration, over 20% of people think the attacks were actually planned and carried out by elements within the U.S. government.

Whatever the truth about the events of 9/11, these polls make it clear that most people think that the Kean-Hammilton-Zelikow 9/11 commission was a whitewash in the tradition of the Warren com-

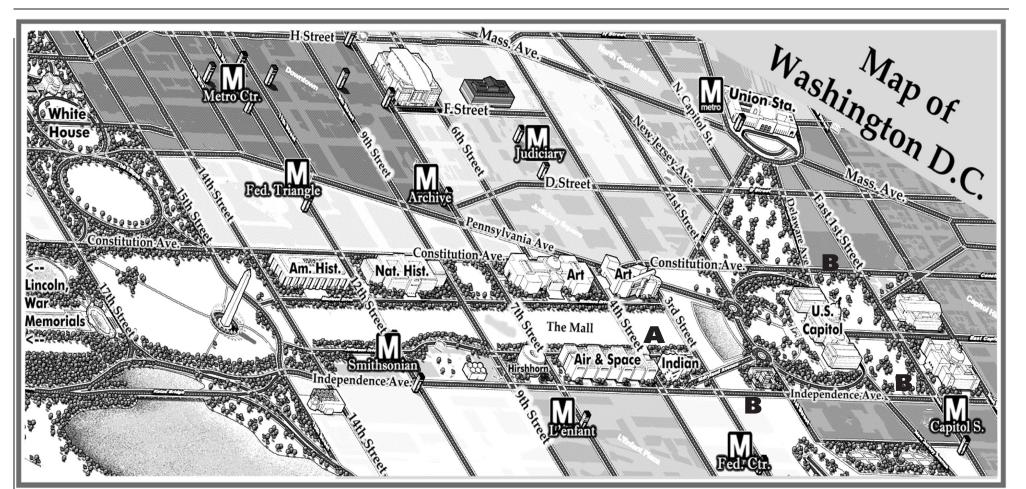
Local and national 9/11 truth groups will be in Washington for the rally to show support for efforts to stop the violence and as part of an outreach campaign to bring their message to the Peace camp. The local 9/11 truth group, dc911truth.org is sponsoring a number of 9/11 truth activities the weekend of the peace march. There will be a film and speakers to

speak on peace and false-flag terrorism at the Takoma Park City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday Jan. 27, after the peace march.

Speakers will include: Gabriel Day of the national 911truth.org, as well as local 9/11 truth advocates. The movie to be shown, TERRORSTORM, is one of the most popular on the internet where it has been downloaded tens of millions

Speakers at the Takoma Park City Hall event will discuss the history of state sponsored false-falg terrorism and its use as a war provocation. Free DVDs

of TERRORSTORM and other 9/11 related videos will be available at the event. Takoma Park City Hall is located at 7500 Maple Ave which is on RT 410, East-West highway in Takoma Park, MD, about 3 blocks east of the Takoma Park red line Metro station.



Activities Planned for January 27 Peace Rally

11:00 a.m. Gather on the Mall between 3rd and 7th streets.

1:00 p.m. March begins. Proceed in march around the capitol building and back to the Mall area.

6:00 p.m. Free movie: TERRORSTORM at Takoma Pk City Hall

A Assembly Area, on the Mall between 3rd and 7th Streets

B March route around the Capitol grounds.