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Fighting the "Psyopocracy"

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It is a hard thing to combat because it's not a physical enemy but rather messages that lodge themselves in millions of people's minds. And that is what makes it so dangerous, writes Consortium News' Caitlin Vogan.

Former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, U.S. Army General Henry Shelton, chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and Senator John Warner (R-Va.), at Pentagon press conference. (Photo by Chris Hondros, Getty Images)

By **Joe Lauria**

Caitlin Vogan, the executive producer of *Consortium News'* refocused **CN Live!**, recently visited a new home to describe her role in psyops, or psychological operations: psyopocracy. According to Wikipedia:

> **"Psychological operations (PSYOP)** are operations to convey selected information and indicators to audiences to influence their emotions, motives, and objective reasoning, and ultimately the behavior of governments, organizations, groups, and individuals.
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> The purpose of United States psychological operations is to induce or reinforce behavior perceived to be favorable to U.S. objectives."

William Casey, C.I.A. director under Ronald Reagan, said: "We'll know our disinformation program is complete when everything the American public believes is false."

This the American people are continuously subject to a number of psychological operations otherwise known as "fake news."

U.S. intelligence officials hoped journalists disinformation to create a false narrative that is intended to mislead the public and cover-up what is actually taking place. The constant reinforcement of those lies becomes entrenched in the public mind and after time comes to be accepted as unquestionable truth.

Here's an explanation of how the U.S. does it, from Vogan:

Through such operations, the American people were led to believe for years that the United States was winning in Vietnam, when it was actually losing the Pentagon Papers proved.

Since then, many examples have followed of completely false stories being planted into people's minds to start a war against, for the false WMD narrative in Iraq through the most infamous.

Today the war people are being fooled about is in Ukraine. Sometimes a psyop doesn't need to be inventing false information, so much as leaving out what's true.

The American people, and by extension people around the world, have been led to believe that an unprovoked Russian madness started the war last February.

Blind Faith (Alex Gakuba/Creative Commons)

That's because they are purposely not told that the war actually began in 2014 after a U.S.-backed coup in Kyiv led Russian speakers in Donbass to declare independence, after which the coup government militarily attacked them.

Other facts are removed from the story, such as Russia's proposal treaties with the U.S. and NATO last December that would have prevented Russia's intervention in the Ukrainian civil war.

Robert Parry, the founder of this website, in March 2017 wrote the article, "How CIA Flooded the World with Psyops," in which he reported for the first time:

> "Newly declassified documents from the Reagan presidential library help explain how the U.S. government developed its sophisticated psychological operations capabilities that – over the past three decades – have created an alternative reality both for people in targeted countries and for American citizens, a structure that expanded U.S. influence abroad and quieted dissent at home.
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> The documents reveal the formation of a psyops bureaucracy under the direction of Walter Raymond Jr., a senior CIA covert operations specialist who was assigned to President Reagan's National Security Council staff to enhance the importance of propaganda and psyops in undermining U.S. adversaries around the world and ensuring sufficient political support for foreign policies inside the United States."

So many people are subject to psyops that telling the truth becomes a formidable task. You become the one that is out of step. You are the one that seems to be mad.

Consortium News' mission since 1995 has been to fight against psychological operations that have come to rule over Americans, convincing them of a false reality of events, such as that their nation is motivated by humanitarian and democratic principles in the world. And that the Ukraine war was unprovoked.

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Paul Grenier
April 7, 2022 at 10:09 pm

I know this is half-true, half false, but it is nonetheless mostly brilliant as an essay. You have perfectly captured the essence of the U.S. political machine.

Tinsley
April 7, 2022 at 10:09 pm

Love about "kakopsyopocracy"! A combo of kakistocracy & psyopocracy. It perfectly encapsulates the fact that the majority is also victim by the insert dumpsyop among us and nobody knows that the most psychologically crippled are the ones masterminding these ongoing psychological operations.

michael888
April 7, 2022 at 10:09 pm

Someone should mention the "moderniation" of the Smith Mundt Act, which made domestic propaganda (MSM) safe at the discretion of the State Department. Also, the rise of the Internet with the expansion with these psyops globally. One present Peter Hitchcock's subtle and much more advanced and powerful than what the Gestapo and Stasi had.

The influence of the MSM and the Deep State in Twitter and throughout social media is an important feature of control, and a huge.

Common Sense
April 7, 2022 at 10:09 pm

The mainstream media in Germany act in exactly the same way as in the U.S., with the same results within the public.

ronin
April 7, 2022 at 10:09 pm

Great Article, you are on Instrumental, and I better think again. We are all Instrumental in one way or another whether this world would be the paradise it could be or whether it has been the hell it is. We have made it...

Anon
April 7, 2022 at 10:09 pm

Joe McCarthy... Nonsensemake has ionizer enjoy unique exposure from CN's the fight against disinformation. Crazy quote regularly familiar... Prunk Soup (q?) Orbian recognized TRUE...
Senate discussion VOLTERIAN proposed DECLARATION. Most Important stories as yet unaddressed... Guess by point. Alinsky Cop City Right Now nutcrum SEQUI NE MALL...
Jesse Ventura

Bill
April 7, 2022 at 10:09 pm

Ronin, amen to the most effective, under-reported, political psyop for decades has been "pol practice can't even propaganda potentially by lie, to determining effect... hope to prove the deeply ficktional of those other psyops." Ronald Reagan said "I believe TINA is false, and have done its damage, as Biden assents to, "nothing will fundamentally change"

Noah Kapsesh
April 7, 2022 at 10:09 pm

It's a lie. Our morning news badge had an article saying CIA was aiding sabotage inside Russia. At 7am the article was gone.

ciclan
April 7, 2022 at 10:09 pm

Sky 24 Ukrainian Tv had certified all the way back to 2k. "Special Forces Insider: The CIA Is Directing Sabotage Attacks in Russian Territory" posted Tuesday, Dec 27, 9:45 pm.
It has vaporized today.

shamtrad
April 7, 2022 at 10:09 pm

"The entire Democratic Party is unmoshing Cop psyop designed to fall any attempt to reshape income and wealth inequality, poverty, wars, infiltration, money in politics, surveillance, government secrecy, police militarization and corporate monopolization of the economy." Ronald Reagan said "I believe TINA is false, and have done its damage, as Biden assents to, "nothing will fundamentally change" with this psyopocracy made little better for women and marginalized groups."
>>> a psyop from now.

Per Chomsky — the public has been hacked the serial from Cold War to Ukraine, and Russia, and Vietnam. Cold War: It's as if there's NO bottom between US/Ukraine/NATO/Bloom that happened prior to Feb. 24, 2022. The origin is Sept 2020 — Biden, Biden Biden! Biden's motive is to remove Putin, and the Ukraine war is the CONTROLLED deal, as Ukraine is his first step. Ukraine had only been standing for two months and Sept 2020 Biden's Ukraine Corruption Scandal — Biden's Ukraine Corruption Scandal — Biden's Ukraine Corruption Scandal ..... The story Matthew was not authorized by the CIA ... "Oh, Ok, so you're Psyop Matthew?"
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Walter
December 27, 2022 at 14:07

In Antigone we read> "?? ????? ?????? ???? ?????? ???? ?????' ??? ?????? ???? ???? ???? ????" , which inclines some, perhaps, to understand Director Casey's quote given above by Sister Valerie as a willful deliberate choice to create a conflict couple between reality and delusion…

Antigone rendered in English> "evil appears as good in the minds of those whom god leads to destruction".

Recalling Norbert Wiener coinage of non popular term "feed-back"…the Rayghun Regime and Casey & cohorts created a feedback machine that heterodynes and have engulfed themselves thereby.

recalling Burroughs…Hustlers of the world beware the one mark you cannot beat, the mark inside…

Withal, the ruling elite have made for themselves a vast funeral pyre…

John Cleary
December 27, 2022 at 12:44

"The empires of the future are the empires of the mind"

Guillermo Calvo Mahé
December 27, 2022 at 12:19

Unfortunately, Psyops, really crystalized by George Creel acting under orders from then president, Woodrow Wilson, are, in fact coupled with tangible things such as censorship and abuse of the criminal justice system in order to stifle dissent and facilitate enforced compliance (authoritarianism). Indeed, they are used as precursors to abuse of the so-called state monopoly on the use of force domestically, and internationally, to circumvent democracy and sovereignty through military intervention, both obvious and circumspect. They are the reality against which people from Benjamin Franklyn to George Orwell have warned us for centuries, but which we, in our role as the three deaf, dumb and silent simians, continuously ignore.

W. R. Knight
December 27, 2022 at 11:02

""Psychological operations (PSYOP) are operations to convey selected information and indicators to audiences to influence their emotions, motives, and objective reasoning, and ultimately the behavior of governments, organizations, groups, and individuals."

AKA propaganda. It's been around forever and used by every nation/empire – but Americans have mastered it.

torture this
December 27, 2022 at 10:41

At first, I read, "psychocracy". That description works pretty well, too.

Common Sense
December 29, 2022 at 09:41

Me too :)

And you are right with you conclusion ^^

Drew Hunkins
December 27, 2022 at 10:31

The psyopcracy also destroys family unity and friendships. Sad to say.

Carolyn L Zaremba
December 27, 2022 at 12:08

Indeed it does. I have been shunned by several people who I considered friends because I refuse to support the "madman Putin" fantasy. When I attempt to inform them of how they are believing total lies, they look at me as though I have three head, or unfriend me on social media, or ignore me on the street. I am punished for being a truth teller. Look at how many people still believe that the lies about Julian Assange are true. That was a MAJOR psyop, one that continues. Even in so-called "progressive" San Francisco, it's hard to get anybody to show up at rallies in support of freeing Assange. People still look at me and say, "But he's a rapist, isn't he?" They have no idea how that idea was forced into their heads, apparently.

Drew Hunkins
December 28, 2022 at 13:24

I had a family member raise stand up and raise their fist to me inside a busy restaurant after I said too many Americans are brainwashed against Russia.

It's tragic what's going on.

Rob Roy
December 27, 2022 at 13:21

Drew Hunkins,
True. I've lost family members and friends because they've bought the propaganda line to a degree that prevents any discussion on the subject of Putin, Russia, Ukraine. Any negative talk of this warmongering USA is also forbidden. Israeli apartheid? Forget that subject, too. If it weren't for CN and other truth tellers, I would be very lonely.

Gary P. Supanich
December 27, 2022 at 14:46

You are not the only one suffering this fate, I am afraid to say.

Drew Hunkins
December 28, 2022 at 13:25

I had an extended family member stand up and raise their fist to me inside a busy restaurant after I said too many Americans are brainwashed against Russia.

It's tragic what's going on.

Lois Gagnon
December 28, 2022 at 20:05

This is the most brainwashed era I can think of in my 70 year life. It's like "Invasion of the Body Snatchers." Liberals especially seem to be living in an alternate reality. Thank goodness for CN and my truly lefty activist friends for keeping me sane.

Valerie
December 27, 2022 at 04:12

"William Casey, C.I.A. director under Ronald Reagan, said: "We'll know our disinformation program is complete when everything the American public believes is false.""

I believe we have arrived at this juncture. "Mission accomplished"

W. R. Knight
December 27, 2022 at 11:05

Not quite. But I do believe everything said by the administration is false.

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