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## Special US Prisons for Political Prisoners Made Permanent

By WILL POTTER / GREENISTHENEWRED.COM

Secretive political prisons for "domestic terrorists" called Communications Management Units (CMU) have been operating for more than three years on US soil. In April the federal Bureau of Prisons quietly submitted a proposal to make the experimental units permanent: a process that, by law, should have occurred before they were ever opened.

As a quick introduction, there are two Communications Management Units, or CMUs, in the country. They radically restrict prisoner communications with the outside world to levels that rival, or exceed, the most restrictive facilities in the country, including the "Supermax," ADX-Florence. [For more information on CMUs and who is housed there: "Secretive US Prison Units Used to See PRISONS p. 4

The WikiLeaks Story

## Iraq War Vet: "We Were Told to Just Shoot People, and the Officers Would Take Care of Us"

By DAHR JAMAIL / TRUTHOUT

On Monday, April 5, WikiLeaks.org posted video footage from Iraq, taken from a US military Apache helicopter in July 2007 as soldiers aboard it killed 12 people and wounded two children. The dead included two employees of the Reuters news agency: photographer Namir Noor-Eldeen and driver Saeed Chmagh.

The US military confirmed the authenticity of the video.

The footage clearly shows an unprovoked slaughter, and is shocking to watch whilst listening to the casual conversation of the soldiers in the background.

As disturbing as the video is, this type of behavior by US soldiers in Iraq is not uncommon.

Truthout has spoken with several soldiers who shared equally horrific stories of the slaughtering of innocent Iraqis by US

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## "COLLATERAL MURDER" Spinning Away Murder In Iraq

By GORDON DUFF / VETERANS TODAY

MSNBC, in an excellent video, has put out both sides of the story on the 2007 "video game murder" in Iraq. The most telling aspect of this story isn't just that we now know our own Army leaked the video or that many others like it exist — it is the lengths we go to using "surrogates" to spin away murder. Years of lies droning on, filling the American airwaves have made senseless and fantasy based explanations for daily issues, be they war, health care or the president's birth certificate subject to "conspiracy theory." What so many Americans have awakened to is that our real conspiracies are all formulated "at the top" where money and power seek to control public opinion through disinformation. Now we are being told black is white on a video we can actually see.

I wish to thank WikiLeaks and the people

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## Tortured For Nothing: The Story of Abu Zubaydah



By ANDY WORTHINGTON / THE PUBLIC RECORD

The story of Abu Zubaydah — a Saudi-born Palestinian whose real name is Zayn al-Abidin Muhammad Husayn — has always been absolutely central to the "War on Terror." Seized in a house raid in Faisalabad, Pakistan on March 28, 2002, he was immediately touted as "al Qaeda's chief of operations and top recruiter," who would be able to "provide the names of terrorists around the world and which targets they planned to hit." He then pretty much vanished off the face of the earth for four and half years.

In September 2006, he resurfaced in Guantánamo, when President Bush announced that he was one of 14 "high-value detainees," previously held in secret CIA prisons, whose existence had been resolutely denied by the administration until that point.

In a speech on September 6, 2006, Bush finally conceded that "a small number of suspected terrorist leaders and operatives captured during the war [on terror] have been held and questioned outside the United States, in a separate program operated by the Central Intelligence Agency," and claimed that when Abu Zubaydah, whom he described as "a senior terrorist leader and a trusted associate of Osama bin Laden," became "defiant and evasive" after his capture, "the CIA used an alternative set of procedures. These procedures were designed to be safe, to comply with our laws, our Constitution, and our treaty obligations. The Department of Justice reviewed the authorized methods extensively and determined them to be lawful."

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## Behavioral Scientists Study State Crimes Against Democracy

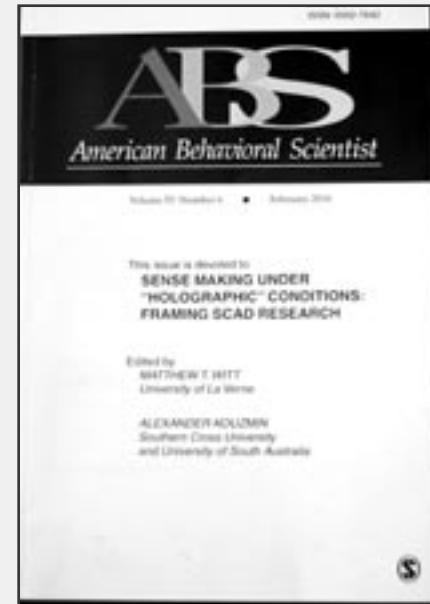
By PETER PHILLIPS AND MICKEY HUFF / PROJECT CENSORED

New research in the journal *American Behavioral Scientist* (Sage Publications, February 2010) addresses the concept of "State Crimes Against Democracy" (SCAD). Professor Lance deHaven-Smith from Florida State University writes that SCADs involve high-level government officials, often in combination with private interests, who engage in covert activities for political advantages and power. Proven SCADs since World War II include McCarthyism (fabrication of evidence of a communist infiltration), Gulf of Tonkin Resolution (President Johnson and Robert McNamara falsely claimed North Vietnam attacked a US ship), burglary of the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist in an effort to discredit Ellsberg, the Watergate break-

in, Iran-Contra, Florida's 2000 Election (felon disenfranchisement program), and cooked intelligence on WMDs to justify the Iraq War.

Other suspected SCADs include the assassination of Lee Harvey Oswald, the shooting of George Wallace, the "October Surprise" near the end of the Carter presidency, military grade anthrax mailed to Senators Tom Daschle and Patrick Leahy, Martin Luther King's assassination, and the collapse of World Trade Center Building 7 on September 11, 2001. The proven SCADs have a long trail of congressional hearings, public records, and academic research establishing the truth of the activities. The suspected SCADs listed above have substantial evidence of covert actions with countervailing deniability that tend to leave the facts in dispute.

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## Health Chiefs Admit: We Blundered Over Swine Flu Governments stuck with millions of unused vaccines. WHO Appoints H1N1 Cover-Up Committee

By JAMES CORBETT / THE CORBETT REPORT

Reports that the WHO is appointing an 'independent' committee to investigate its own conduct in the H1N1 panic of 2009 has been tempered by the fact that one of the committee's members, John Mackenzie, was in fact one of the advisors who urged the WHO to declare a pandemic in the first place. He also has ties to vaccine manufacturers, making him part of the very charge being investigated: that the WHO relied on advisors with a financial interest in declaring a pandemic regardless of the facts on the ground.

Evidence continues to mount that

the WHO declared a pandemic for the relatively mild H1N1 outbreak last year in order to trigger billions of dollars of automatic vaccine contracts for the benefit of WHO advisers with connections to Big Pharma. In the face of growing opposition and a loss of credibility due to the conflicts of interests among key WHO advisors, WHO Director Margaret Chan called Monday (April 12) for a "frank, critical, transparent, credible and independent review of our performance" before entering a closed-door meeting with the "independent experts." No photographers were allowed inside and press was allowed only occasional access to the meeting.

Hopes for a genuinely independent

investigation into the scandal were quickly dashed, however, when it was discovered that one of the group's members, Professor John Mackenzie of Curtin University in Australia, was a member of the very panel that advised the WHO to declare the H1N1 pandemic. In fact, Mackenzie is already on record with his assessment of his own actions: "I think we did everything right," he told *Der Spiegel* earlier this year.

Clues to the likely findings and recommendations of the group in Geneva can be derived from other comments Mackenzie made to the German paper: "The system of pandemic levels needs to be revised," he was quoted as saying. "We

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## Police Provocateurs Behind Domestic "Terrorists" Again

*The Manufactured Menace From Michigan, Take Two*

By WILLIAM NORMAN GRIGG

When the stranger materialized a few years ago, nobody really knew much about him. He seemed like a suitably sympathetic figure and quickly ingratiated himself by offering whatever help he could. No task was too menial for him, and he had a way of finding just what the group, Michigan's Hutaree militia, needed right when it was required.

Most importantly, he seemed to share the Hutaree's antipathy toward the government. If anything, he was just a bit more emphatic than the rest in denouncing official corruption and endorsing violent "direct action" against the state. He seemed eager to shepherd the group in a more militant direction, eagerly out-bidding every expression of outrage and hostility. One of his favorite recurring

themes was the idea that a criminal state could only be fought through the use of criminal means.

When the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) staged an armed raid to arrest several members of the group, the helpful stranger was nowhere to be found. He did leave a parting gift, however, in the form of detailed allegations recorded in a federal indictment alleging that the group he had infiltrated on behalf of the JTTF was involved in extensive criminal activity — most of which was either suggested or directly facilitated by him — and an ambitious plot to wage war against the United States Government.

In broad outline, this is what most likely happened within Michigan's Hutaree militia during the past couple of years, a period during which — as federal

authorities now admit — the group was infiltrated by both an undercover FBI agent and a "cooperating witness."

One of the FBI's plants, significantly, "posed as someone who could provide the group with custom-made explosives," observes the *Detroit News*.

That revelation is critical, since it means that the alleged plot to manufacture of improvised explosive devices — referred to, with hysterical hyperbole typical of the Regime's pronouncements, as "weapons of mass destruction" — was quite possibly instigated by the FBI's informant/provocateur.

The "Hutaree Conspiracy" was the second installment in the FBI's ongoing Homeland Security Theater in Michigan. The Bureau's campaign against the Masjid Al-Haq mosque in Dearborn followed

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## Organ Trafficking Israeli General Arrested

By WAYNE MADSEN

Echoing the famous line from the movie "Casablanca," Israeli police say they are "shocked" to find organ trafficking in their country.

Last month Israeli police arrested six people, including reserve Israeli Defense Force (IDF) General Meir Zamir, for organ trafficking. A Palestinian woman from Nazareth was flown to Azerbaijan to have her kidney removed on a promise of \$100,000 from the Israeli organ trafficking ring. However, the woman never received the money after her kidney was removed. An 18-year old male was flown to the Philippines by the Israeli ring in order to have his kidney removed with a promise of \$80,000.

Reprising the role of Inspector Louis Reynaud in "Casablanca," Israeli Police

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## Geo-Engineers Plan Climate Experiments

Could a Ban of Transparent Reporting at the Asilomar Conference be an Attempt to Cover-Up World-Wide Contamination From Stratospheric Aerosol Geo-Engineering Programs?

By MICHAEL J. MURPHY

Geo-Engineers gathered once again in Pacific Grove, California at the Asilomar International Conference on Climate Intervention Technologies meeting to develop norms and guidelines for what they say will be "controlled experimentation" on geo-engineering the planet. While many claim that stratospheric aerosol geo-engineering (SAG), programs are in full-scale deployment, organizers of this meeting showed a lack of transparency by either denying or holding reporters to a high set of rules which limited what information was brought to the attention of the public. While we might never know how much information from the conference was suppressed in articles and reports, we do know some of the information that was not included. The issue of current SAG deployment and the use of aluminum in these programs seemed to be missing from reports and articles that came out of the conference.

Mauro Oliveira, webmaster of <http://www.geoengineeringwatch.org/> said that aluminum became a concern to many after the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) meeting, February 18-22, 2010 in San Diego, CA, when independent journalists sent shockwaves

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## Breast Cancer Deaths Lower In Areas Without Mammograms

By S. L. BAKER / NATURALNEWS

A 2005 study concluded that a push in Denmark to screen large numbers of women for breast cancer with mammography had reduced breast cancer deaths in Copenhagen by a whopping 25 percent. Sounds like proof that regular mammograms are truly life-savers, right? Wrong. Scientists from the Nordic Cochrane Center in Copenhagen and the Folkehelseinstituttet in Oslo have re-examined this pro-mammogram study along with additional data and come up with an entirely different conclusion.

First, they found that the scientific validity of the 2005 study doesn't hold up because the research was deeply flawed. Even more important: the new report shows

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need to fine-tune phase 6 so that the severity of the disease is also taken into account." Analysts are expecting the review to find that the WHO was a victim of fog of war and loose definitions for a pandemic and that no individual will be held responsible for the billions of dollars that have been spent around the world on vaccines that governments are now giving away and may ultimately have to throw out.

Also at issue is why the WHO changed its definition of a pandemic virus just as it was considering whether the emerging swine flu may fit those criteria. A definition available on the website before the panic specifically listed "enormous numbers of deaths and illness" as a criterion for declaring a pandemic. By April, the definition had been changed to allow specifically for "mild" pandemics.

The cover-up committee is being formed ahead of the final report of the ongoing Council of Europe investigation into the scandal. Just last month, the Council released a draft report of its investigation into the affair, delivering a blistering critique of the WHO and its motives for declaring the H1N1 pandemic:

"Some members of these advisory bodies evidently have professional links to certain pharmaceutical

interests – notably through receiving extensive research grants from the big pharmaceutical giants – so that the neutrality of their advice could be contested. To date, WHO has failed to provide convincing evidence to counter these allegations and the organization has not published the relevant declarations of interest."

### If You Read *The Creek* You Already Knew

**The Creek reported last June in an article titled "Swine Flu Fizzles", and in nearly a dozen subsequent articles, that the H1N1 swine flu pandemic was a WHO fabrication designed to fatten the wallets of the drug makers and increase the power of the WHO.**

Taking such a reserved position, the Organisation has joined other bodies, such as the European Medicines Agency (EMEA), which likewise, have still not published such documents." (Paul Flynn, "The handling of the H1N1 pandemic: more transparency needed," *Parliamentary Assembly, Social, Health & Family Affairs Committee*, March 2010)

The Council of Europe committee inquiry was spearheaded by Wolfgang Wodarg, the former chair of the Council's health committee, who made waves last year for saying that the WHO faked the pandemic to make money for vaccine manufacturers. The committee is expected to be quite critical of the

WHO, leading many to speculate that the WHO-sanctioned group in Geneva is an attempt to get ahead of the damage and issue a limited hangout on the issue.

The independent group finished its meeting on April 14. No word yet as to whether they will address the fact that flu vaccines actually

increase the risk of contracting H1N1 or what the effect might be if a vaccine-pushing WHO ignores this information.

The H1N1 panic started last March, with the WHO estimating as many as two billion infections and millions of deaths. Newly released data show that the 2009 flu season was actually much less deadly than the regular flu season.

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## Breast Cancer Deaths Lower In Areas Without Mammograms

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there's no evidence mammography itself was the reason behind any reduction in breast cancer deaths. In fact, deaths from breast cancer were lower in areas where women didn't undergo those screening tests.

The Danish research team looked at annual changes in breast cancer deaths in two Danish regions where breast cancer screening programs were offered to the public and compared this to data collected in non-screened regions throughout the rest of the country. To get a broad picture of the trend toward more or less breast cancer mortality, they analyzed breast malignancy rates in the decade before the screening was started and also looked at the ten years after screening was introduced.

The results showed that breast cancer deaths declined by 1% in women between the ages of 55 and 74 in the areas where regular mammography was frequently used. However, breast cancer rates went down more — 2% per year — in women of the same age living in non-screened areas. And this trend was the same in younger women, too. For those between the ages of 35 and 54, breast cancer mortality went down by 5% per year in the screened areas but it

went down more, 6% per year, in the non-screened areas during the same time frame.

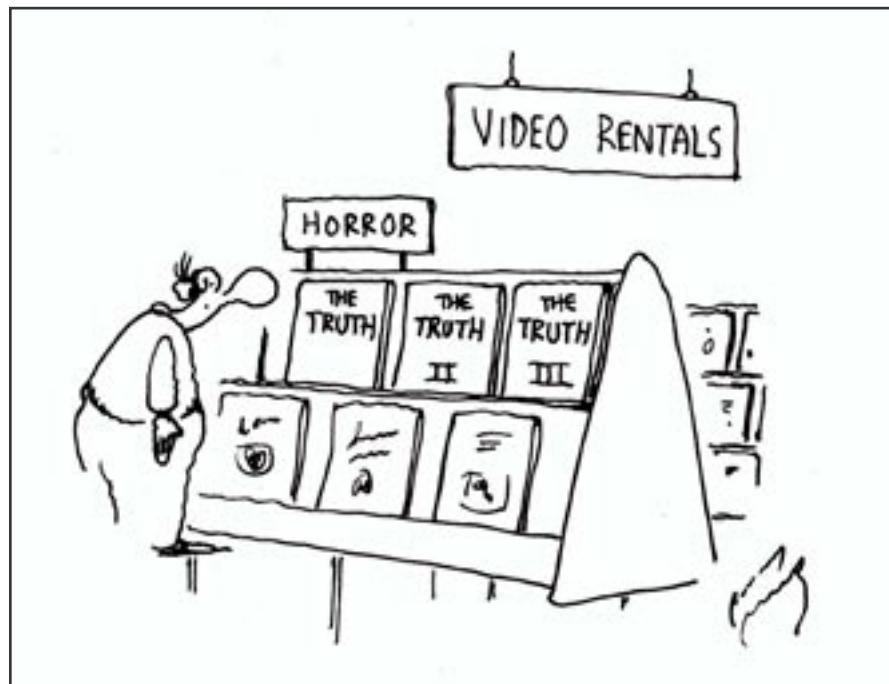
The researchers noted that there's no evidence that the drops in cancer deaths in the women screened for breast cancer had anything to do directly with mammograms, either. "We were unable to find an effect of the Danish screening program on breast cancer mortality," the researchers concluded in their study which was just published in the *British Medical Journal (BMJ)*. "The reductions in breast cancer mortality we observed in screening regions were similar or less than those in non-screened areas and in younger age groups, and are more likely explained by changes in risk factors and improved treatment than by screening mammography."

The *BMJ* study also noted that for women in the oldest age group (75-84 years), there was virtually no breast cancer mortality difference between those who were in areas where breast screening was pushed on the public and in non-screened areas. As NaturalNews has previously reported, even elderly women in the US, who are not expected to live long because they suffer from severe dementia are often regularly subjected to the expense, discomfort and added x-ray exposure of mammography.

Two members of the same Danish research team that published the *BMJ* study also published an additional paper in the March 2010 edition of the Polish medical journal *Polskie Archiwum Medycyny Wewnętrznej (Pol Arch Med Wewn)*. It directly addressed the balance between the supposed benefits and known harms of cancer screening programs. "By attending screening with mammography some women will avoid dying from breast cancer or receive less aggressive treatment. But many more women will be over-diagnosed, receive needless treatment, have a false-positive result, or live more years as a patient with breast cancer," they concluded.

Moreover, as readers of NaturalNews are aware, studies over the past few years have actually implicated mammograms in causing some breast cancers to develop in the first place. For example, a study published in the *Archives of Internal Medicine* in 2008 found that the start of screening mammography programs throughout Europe has been associated with an increased incidence of breast cancer ([www.naturalnews.com](http://www.naturalnews.com)).

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## Organ Trafficking Israeli General Arrested

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Superintendent Ahron Galor was quoted by BBC, "We ran an undercover investigation and we were shocked by the proportions of this." However, there was evidence for the past several years that Israel was engaged in illegal organ trafficking and even organ theft from Palestinians killed by Israeli troops.

On February 22, 2008, WMR reported: "Francis Delmonico, MD, in a paper presented at a February 21 seminar at the Cato Institute in Washington in opposition to organ trafficking and marketing for organ sales . . . decried the fact that Israel is outsourcing kidney and liver transplants to Colombia and the Philippines. Israel has, in the past, been a center for dubious human organ trafficking operations. It is also the case that Palestinian prisoners in Israel have sought to sell their kidneys to feed their children. The Israel Medical Association is opposing a bill that would allow the donors of certain organs to be reimbursed by the



Last summer five rabbis were arrested, along with the mayors of Hoboken, Secaucus and Ridgefield, the Jersey City deputy mayor, and numerous other politicians. Among the charges: organ trafficking. Israel has admitted that in the 1990s, its forensic pathologists harvested organs from dead bodies, including Palestinians, without permission of their families.

state. The group claims this will 'open the door' to organ sales."

On September 8, 2009, WMR reported: "After the Swedish newspaper *Aftonbladet* published an exposé of the Israeli Defense Forces harvesting the organs from young Palestinians killed by its forces in the West Bank, Israel's propaganda machine, which has its tentacles in the world's largest

media companies and the Pentagon, went to work on demonizing Sweden . . . *Aftonbladet* and Sweden were accused of being 'anti-Semitic,' a familiar mantra from the Israelis when their human rights policies are criticized. The Swedish government rejected a demand by Israeli expansionist Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to condemn the *Aftonbladet* report on organ harvesting and trafficking by the Israelis . . . Israel turned up the heat on Sweden. *Aftonbladet's* editor Jan Helin was accused of being a 'Nazi.' Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt was dis-invited from visiting Israel."

The Zamir organ trafficking ring advertised kidneys for sale at \$140,000. With the arrest of Zamir, the *Aftonbladet* report stands vindicated as the arrest proves a link between the IDF and Israeli organ harvesting from Palestinians. After the arrest of the initial six people, two others were arrested, including a resident of Herzliya, the headquarters of Mossad.

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## Geo-engineers Plan Climate Experiments

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around the world after breaking the story of scientists discussing the plausibility of spraying 10 to 20 megatons of aluminum into the sky in stratospheric aerosol geo-engineering (SAG) campaigns. Francis Mangels, a retired USDA/USFS biologist commented on the use of aluminum by saying, "although aluminum is an abundant element, it does not exist naturally in the environment in free form. Dispersing massive amounts of ultra-fine aluminum particulates as proposed by geo-engineers into the stratosphere would have unquantifiable human health and environmental impacts." When scientists were asked about the risks associated with the use of aluminum sprayed as an aerosol in SAG programs, they admitted that they have only begun to research aluminum and have published nothing. They also admitted that something terrible could be found in the future that they don't know about. Also, when asked about deployment of current programs, scientists denied that any SAG programs have been deployed. This contradicted the findings of many who claim that SAG programs are well underway and that high amounts of aluminum and other harmful substances from these programs are being found resulting in the devastation of ecosystems and the health of people around the world.

Like the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) meeting, the Asilomar geo-engineering conference hosted some of the world's leading geo-engineers, environmental groups and scientists who gathered to discuss various issues relating to SAG. Unlike the AAAS meeting, reporters were either denied attendance or restricted by a strict set of rules, which included a ban on daily reporting, quoting, and recording anything from the meeting without the consent of presenters. Stewart Howe was one of the reporters denied access to the conference. Howe helped break the story about aluminum when he was sent to the AAAS meeting in San Diego to report for Infowars. He feels that he was denied access because of this and his reporting of evidence that suggests SAG programs are in full-scale deployment. Howe said, "due to the devastating effects of aluminum and world-wide claims of current deployment, transparent reporting of this could devastate the entire SAG agenda, compromising billions of dollars in contracts." He went on to say that it was apparent that this meeting had no intentions that this meeting had no intentions of being transparent.

Whereas many reporters were denied access to this event, some "privileged" journalists did have the opportunity to attend. Although some of the articles about the conference appeared to be critical of geo-engineering, most largely ignored the use of aluminum and other serious issues that could have impacted or challenged the damaging components of the SAG agenda. By their compliance with the strict, non-transparent guidelines of the conference, the



reporting journalists not only helped keep some of the meeting secret, they also helped hide the fact that geo-engineers are "planning" to use aluminum in SAG programs.

Some articles also falsely reported that geo-engineers are planning on using sulfur in the various SAG campaigns. This contradicts articles written by some reporters who attended the AAAS meeting and quoted scientists as stating that they initially considered using sulfur for the program; however, aluminum is more effective and will be the ingredient considered for use. To date, scientists have not corrected the journalists who falsely reported the use of less damaging sulfur instead of harmful aluminum as being an ingredient for SAG programs.

Let's look at this issue a little more closely. People from around the world are witnessing white trails behind airplanes and believe them to be a product of SAG programs that scientists deny exist. People are also reporting test results of high amounts of aluminum, barium and strontium in their snow, rain and soil where the alleged spraying is occurring. These are the exact substances that scientists are "considering" implementing into the various SAG programs discussed at the AAAS meeting. Shockwaves were sent around the globe after the AAAS meeting because of reports that led many to believe that the destruction of ecosystems and the massive amounts of aluminum found in the snow, rain and soil are in fact from SAG programs which have already been deployed. As a result of these reports, many around the world are asking questions about the current deployment and the dangers of using aluminum in these

programs. And finally, journalists are restricted from reporting certain facts from this conference that could be damaging to the SAG agenda.

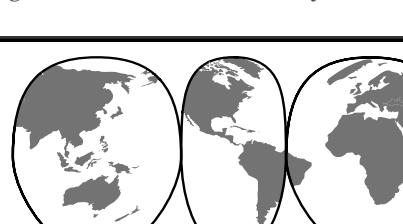
Could transparent reporting of certain facts threaten the current and future deployment of SAG programs around the world? Could denying independent reporters the freedom to openly report on this meeting be an attempt to cover-up allegations that SAG programs are in full-scale deployment and are also destroying ecosystems around the world with the use of aluminum?

Is it possible that the reporters who were allowed into this meeting were invited for the purpose of protecting the corporate and political interests of those involved with SAG programs? What would the political and monetary implications be for those who have vested interests in SAG if the larger public was made aware of the multiple environmental and health effects of spraying megatons of aluminum into our environment?

Whatever the reason for this lack of transparency and denial of information, we the public need to hold both reporters and scientists to a higher degree of professionalism, transparency and ethical consideration when it comes to these and other issues of public interest. The future of our health and environment is dependent upon it.

More information and videos on the subject of geo-engineering/chemtrails can be found on Michael Murphy's blog at <http://truthdigproductions.blogspot.com/>. I can also be reached at [whtgfi@hotmail.com](mailto:whtgfi@hotmail.com).

(Ed. note: Readers can find additional information, speeches and reports at the conference's official website [www.climateresponsefund.org](http://www.climateresponsefund.org))



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## As The Pen Is Censored And Its Might Extinguished, Paul Craig Roberts Is Signing Off

*During times of universal deceit, telling the truth becomes a revolutionary act*

-- George Orwell

By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS

There was a time when the pen was mightier than the sword. That was a time when people believed in truth and regarded truth as an independent power and not as an auxiliary for government, class, and race, ideological, personal, or financial interest.

Today Americans are ruled by propaganda. Americans have little regard for truth, little access to it, and little ability to recognize it.

Truth is an unwelcome entity. It is disturbing. It is off limits. Those who speak it run the risk of being branded "anti-American," "anti-Semitic" or "conspiracy theorist."

Truth is an inconvenience for government and for the interest groups whose campaign contributions control government.

Truth is an inconvenience for prosecutors who want convictions, not the discovery of innocence or guilt.

Truth is inconvenient for ideologues.

Today many whose goal once was the discovery of truth are now paid handsomely to hide it. "Free market economists" are paid to sell off-shoring to the American people. High-productivity, high value-added American jobs are denigrated as dirty, old industrial jobs. Relics from long ago, we are best shed of them. Their place has been taken by "the New Economy," a mythical economy that allegedly consists of high-tech white collar jobs in which Americans innovate and finance activities that occur offshore. All Americans need in order to participate in this "new economy" are finance degrees from Ivy League universities, and then they will work on Wall Street at million dollar jobs.

Economists who were once respectable took money to contribute to this myth of "the New Economy."

And not only economists sell their souls for filthy lucre. Recently we have had reports of medical doctors who, for money, have published in peer-reviewed journals concocted "studies" that hype this or that new medicine produced by pharmaceutical companies that paid for the "studies."

The Council of Europe is investigating big pharma's role in hyping a false swine flu pandemic in order to gain billions of dollars in sales of the vaccine.

The media helped the US military hype its recent Marja offensive in Afghanistan, describing Marja as a city of 80,000 under Taliban control. It turns out that Marja is not urban but a collection of village farms.

And there is the global warming scandal, in which climate scientists, financed by Wall Street and corporations anxious to get their mitts on "cap and trade" and by a U.N. agency anxious to redistribute income from rich to poor countries, concocted a doomsday scenario in order to create profit in pollution.

Wherever one looks, truth has fallen to money.

Wherever money is insufficient to bury the truth, ignorance, propaganda, and short memories finish the job.

I remember when, following CIA director William Colby's testimony before the Church Committee in the mid-1970s, Presidents Gerald Ford and Ronald Reagan issued executive orders preventing the CIA and US black-op groups from assassinating foreign leaders. In 2010 the US Congress was told by Dennis Blair, head of national intelligence, that the US now assassinates its own citizens in addition to foreign leaders.

When Blair told the House Intelligence Committee that US citizens no longer needed to be arrested, charged, tried, and convicted of a capital crime, just murdered on suspicion alone of being a "threat," he wasn't impeached. No investigation pursued. Nothing happened. There was no Church Committee. In the mid-1970s the CIA got into trouble for plots to kill Fidel Castro. Today it is American citizens who are on the hit list. Whatever objections there might be don't carry any weight. No one in government is in any trouble over the assassination of US citizens by the US government.

As an economist, I am astonished that the American economics profession has no awareness whatsoever that the US economy has been destroyed by the off-shoring of US GDP to overseas countries. US corporations, in pursuit of absolute advantage or lowest labor costs and maximum CEO "performance bonuses," have moved the production of goods and services marketed to Americans to China, India, and elsewhere abroad. When I read economists describe off-shoring as free trade based on comparative advantage, I realize that there is no intelligence or integrity in the American economics profession.

*It is pointless to complain of war  
and a police state when one accepts the  
premise upon which they are based.*

Intelligence and integrity have been purchased by money. The transnational or global US corporations pay multi-million dollar compensation packages to top managers, who achieve these "performance awards" by replacing US labor with foreign labor. While Washington worries about the Muslim threat, Wall Street, US corporations and "free market" shills destroy the US economy and the prospects of tens of millions of Americans.

Americans, or most of them, have proved to be putty in the hands of the police state.

Americans have bought into the government's claim that security requires the suspension of civil liberties and accountable government. Astonishingly, Americans, or most of them, believe that civil liberties, such as habeas corpus and due process, protect "terrorists," and not themselves. Many also believe that the Constitution is a tired old document that prevents government from exercising the kind of police state powers necessary to keep Americans safe and free.

Most Americans are unlikely to hear from anyone who would tell them any different.

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I was a contributor to the *New York Times* and a regular feature in the *Los Angeles Times*. Today I cannot publish in, or appear on, the American "mainstream media."

For the last six years I have been banned from the "mainstream media." My last column in the *New York Times* appeared in January, 2004, coauthored with Democratic US Senator Charles Schumer representing New York. We addressed the off-shoring of US jobs. Our op-ed article produced a conference at the Brookings Institution in Washington, D.C. and live coverage by C-Span. A debate was launched. No such thing could happen today.

For years I was a mainstay at the *Washington Times*, producing credibility for the Moonie newspaper as a *Business Week* columnist, former *Wall Street Journal* editor, and former Assistant Secretary of the US Treasury. But when I began criticizing Bush's wars of aggression, the order came down to Mary Lou Forbes to cancel my column.

The American media does not serve the truth. It serves the government and the interest groups that empower the government.

America's fate was sealed when the public and the anti-war movement bought the government's 9/11 conspiracy theory. The government's account of 9/11 is contradicted by much evidence. Nevertheless, this defining event of our time, which has launched the US on interminable wars of aggression and a domestic police state, is a taboo topic for investigation in the media. It is pointless to complain of war and a police state when one accepts the premise upon which they are based.

These trillion dollar wars have created financing problems for Washington's deficits and threaten the US dollar's role as world reserve currency. The wars and the pressure that the budget deficits put on the dollar's value have put Social Security and Medicare on the chopping block. Former Goldman Sachs chairman and US Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson is after these protections for the elderly. Fed chairman Ben Bernanke is also after them. The Republicans are after them as well. These protections are called "entitlements" as if they are some sort of welfare that people have not paid for in payroll taxes all their working lives.

With over 21 percent unemployment as measured by the methodology of 1980, with American jobs, GDP, and technology having been given to China and India, with war being Washington's greatest commitment, with the dollar overburdened with debt, with civil liberty sacrificed to the "war on terror," the liberty and prosperity of the American people have been thrown into the trash bin of history.

The militarism of the US and Israeli states, and Wall Street and corporate greed, will now run their course. As the pen is censored and its might extinguished, I am signing off.

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## Have a Nice World War, Folks

By JOHN PILGER

Here is news of the Third World War. The United States has invaded Africa. US troops have entered Somalia, extending their war front from Afghanistan and Pakistan to Yemen and now the Horn of Africa. In preparation for an attack on Iran, American missiles have been placed in four Persian Gulf states, and "bunker-buster" bombs are said to be arriving at the US base on the British island of Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean.

In Gaza, the sick and abandoned population, mostly children, is being entombed behind underground American-supplied walls in order to reinforce a criminal siege. In Latin America, the Obama administration has secured seven bases in Colombia, from which to wage a war of attrition against the popular democracies in Venezuela, Bolivia, Ecuador and

Paraguay. Meanwhile, the secretary of defense Robert Gates complains that "the general [European] public and the political class" are so opposed to war they are an "impediment" to peace. Remember this is the month of the March Hare.

According to an American general, the invasion and occupation of Afghanistan is not so much a real war as a "war of perception." Thus, the recent "liberation of the city of Marja" from the Taliban's "command and control structure" was pure Hollywood. Marja is not a city; there was no Taliban command and control. The heroic liberators killed the usual civilians, poorest of the poor. Otherwise, it was fake. A war of perception is meant to provide fake news for the folks back home, to make a failed colonial adventure seem worthwhile and patriotic, as if The Hurt Locker were real and parades of flag-wrapped coffins through the Wiltshire town of Wootton

Basset were not a cynical propaganda exercise.

"War is fun," the helmets in Vietnam used to say with bleakest irony, meaning that if a war is revealed as having no purpose other than to justify voracious power in the cause of lucrative fanaticisms, such as the weapons industry, the danger of truth beckons. This danger can be illustrated by the liberal perception of Tony Blair in 1997 as one "who wants to create a world [where] ideology has surrendered entirely to values" (Hugo Young, the *Guardian*) compared with today's public reckoning of a liar and war criminal.

Western war-states such as the US and Britain are not threatened by the Taliban or any other introverted tribesmen in faraway places, but by the antiwar instincts of their own citizens. Consider the draconian sentences handed down in London to scores of young people who protested

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## Satire

### The Only Good Terrorist . . .

### Hit Squads To Believe In

BY ROBERT S. BECKER / INFORMATION CLEARING HOUSE

Aligning himself with presidents Kennedy, Nixon, Reagan, and at least one Bushwhacker, President Obama joined an American pantheon that has sanctioned all sorts of overseas shenanigans in the name of national security. Now that's legacy bipartisanship with a vengeance. Literally.

What sets Obama apart from these notables is not just deciding to terminate an American citizen, a nasty terrorist hiding out in Yemen, but making the endgame so public. Even the notorious Bush staffer John Yoo never explicitly defended political murder by design. The ex-constitutional law teacher promised transparency — and here it is. I for one endorse taking the fight over there, and without those costly, labor-intensive, endless wars. Behold the empty Bush boast rewritten: "Wanted: Dead or Dead."

Consider, before you object, the incredible efficiency, savings and self-limiting collateral damage. If not quite painless, like mock suicide in M.A.S.H., political assassination is a great idea whose time has come — and will come again.

#### Par for Peace Prize Winners

Sure, legal fussbudgets like Salon's Glenn Greenwald yammer about constitutional improprieties, authorizing shooters to take out unindicted, untried citizens whose alleged crimes neutralize once-inherent rights. Considering that today's progressives can't even influence Democratic Supreme Court nominees, even this brilliant columnist isn't likely to make Obama quake.

There's no first-time breakthrough here, as presidents galore have okayed secret contracts on enemies, nefarious at times to dispatch entire governments, whether democratically-elected or not (Chile? Iran? Iraq?). Just this weekend the blast-from-the-past, fellow warrior Peace Prize winner, Henry Kissinger, was implicated in a 1970's assassination plot against South Americans, proving this dream, too, never dies. [[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/04/10/new-evidence-implies-h\\_n\\_533036.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/04/10/new-evidence-implies-h_n_533036.html)]

#### Hit Squads for the Ages

For the record, Dick Cheney stands out as the first V.P. with his own privately-run Hit Squad — and with his interminable enemy list, who's shocked? Fearing evil creeps with nukes under every rock, he did what every patriot has to do: scorn the law and manipulate staff, intelligence and military forces. Give him credit for getting away with

murder, so to speak, brashly outing a covert CIA analyst, Valerie Plame, to get at her husband for his anti-war positions. When in doubt, blame 9/11 and WMDs not yet found.

Others can focus on Obama's inevitable midterm gains for this certainly makes him the baddest socialist-Muslim-foreign-born president ever. Whacking terrorists also trumps any negatives accruing from recent gestures towards cutting nukes, driving the manic fringe manic. I wager wingnut birthers tone down nonsense about race and "non-citizenship" since rubbing out bloody Islamic traitors nearly makes him "one of us." Maybe Obama is kin to Clarence Thomas, after all. Terrorist endings justify any means, and government by assassination fits perfectly the fringe war cry, "Shoot first, never ask questions, just like W."

For some Obama voters, an official assassination plan sounds like more gloomy news, another right turn for the surging Obama team. Not at all, for what better exhibits decisive change "to believe in?" And from an emboldened commander-in-chief defending the U.S. of A. "by any means necessary," as brother Malcolm said.

Now we know, this president won't be tied down by ideology, right or left, judicial precedence or likely international hubub — and just when Europeans thought cowboy shoot-em-ups ended with W. Surprise! Trust me: there'll be no Congressional inquiry on this ploy, with already diminishing media attention except from MSNBC deviants. No, sir, political terminations not for prime time are a done deal, and final reviews, if any, will be slow to ooze out.

#### Think: Torture Evolved

Oddly enough, this assassination program finally settles whether Obama the anti-terrorist was simply more of the same Bush-Cheney secrecy-rendition-torture-incarceration-secret-prison stuff. In fact, official dry-gulching goes demonstrably beyond torture, which only accidentally-on-purpose incites death. If the Geneva Conventions are just rough guides, not legal mandates per the Bush White House, and if torture restrictions evaporate when victims die, then why not save everyone a lot of trouble by blowing away insurgent enemies? Or better yet, have our clowns send in the drones.

Think of the incredible efficiency, delighting every Christian militia, for you can rub out terrorists so noxious you don't need to wait for their active combat. You not only throttle costly investigations, but write off high-priced outsourced teams when capture and interrogation are the goals — plus forget

expenses from local permits, duties, fees or taxes, and shooters may well deserve bounties.

Further, secret agents come in small, focused teams so our casualties should be virtually nil. Better still, if you drone your target into smithereens, forget visas or passports, let alone a nod from local warlords. All in all, the US Olympic Hit Squad is efficient and saves time and money—government at its best, the kind even a rightwinger applauds.

#### The Only Good Terrorist . . .

And once some unspeakable enemy of civilization has been executed, the savings mount up. You don't have to bury him (or her), nor dead children nor fellow travelers (no innocent lives with a terrorist). Further, since public responsibility is vague at best, deduct any "friendly fire" insurance payable to routine civilian victims.

Afterwards, the cost-benefit ratio really soars, for if done well, you're home free. And I mean free — nada for jail time, multiple transport, due process, arraignment, indictment, objections by smart-ass defense lawyers, trials, witnesses, depositions, or complicated testimony. And there's more: zero fuss about the kind of court or jury, thus no dread about the judge, conviction, or decade-long appeals. No Supreme Court review. Never has such simplicity of purpose met judicial shock and awe: the mission here gets accomplished, no questions asked. Don't indict, terminate.

#### Gripping Hollywood Plots

Sure, top dogs from high in the White House to the bottom rung of the Pentagon can take private credit, even bragging rights, and years later there'll be movie versions galore. Who doesn't love a clean kill of a really bad guy, without enduring political static, as from commonplace civilian massacres. It makes you wonder why Cheney didn't make this national policy, with fanfare, parades, and medals of honor for hit men eager to volunteer.

Except for the victim, who's of course fully vetted with a guaranteed, error-free investigation (nothing like Gitmo attendees), downsides for secret, private executions are hard to find. Cheap, targeted, efficient, no fuss, no muss, no bother — political assassination rocks. What's not to like?

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## Special US Prisons for Political Prisoners Made Permanent

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House Muslim, Animal Rights and Environmental Activists."

On April 6, the Bureau of Prisons submitted a proposed rule (Docket No. 1148-P), listed in the *Federal Register*. Under the Administrative Procedures Act, there is now a required public comment period for responses to this proposal.

The public notice comes after the Center for Constitutional Rights and the American Civil Liberties Union each filed lawsuits challenging the constitutionality of the secretive facilities, where political prisoners have been transferred without notification, without explanation, and without opportunity for appeal. [See "5 Things You Should Know About America's 'Little Guantánamo'."]

### Following The Law In Hindsight

The submitted proposal is clearly a response to these lawsuits, and an acknowledgment that the Communications Management Units (CMU) were opened secretly and illegally. Now government officials are trying to cover their tracks and follow the legal process in hindsight.

It is a positive development that the government is recognizing, and being forced to defend — prison facilities kept hidden from the public. There is the possibility of placing true checks and balances on the government's power to create experimental units that are unparalleled in the federal prison system.

However, this step in the right direction is negated by the Bureau of Prisons' proposal to actually make these secretive prisons even more inhumane.

### Increasing Restrictions

The lawsuit by the Center for Constitutional Rights argues that the facilities are unconstitutional for a variety of reasons, including the fact that they are cruel and inhumane. The extreme restrictions on inmate communications, including

not allowing them to hug family members at the few visits they are allowed, go against a body of research and official government policy on prisoner treatment. Generally, the government encourages contact visits by family because they improve prisoner behavior, increase morale, and further rehabilitation.

"I haven't been able to hug my husband, or even hold his hand, for two years," said Jenny Synan, the spouse of a CMU prisoner and a plaintiff in the lawsuit. "This proposed rule does not explain how prohibiting a husband from holding his wife's hand or keeping a father from hugging his daughter, is necessary for prison security."

The new proposal includes even more restrictions, including:

- "Written correspondence may be limited to three pieces of paper, double-sided, once per week to and from a single recipient;
- Telephone communication may be limited to a single completed call per calendar month for up to 15 minutes;
- And visiting may be limited to one hour each calendar month.

### More Power, Less Oversight

It should be noted that all federal prisoners have their communications monitored. And there are already policies in place for dangerous inmates who need additional monitoring.

The most prevalent of those policies are called Special Administrative Measures, or SAMs. SAMs are authorized by the attorney general based on information from the FBI and US Attorney's office.

This new proposal lowers the threshold for such special restrictions. According to the proposal, it allows for prison officials to act on "evidence which does not rise to the same degree of potential risk to national security or risk of acts of violence or terrorism which would warrant the Attorney General's intervention by issuance of a SAM."

The government is arguing two

competing claims simultaneously: (1) That Communications Management Units are needed because the inmates are heightened security risks, and (2) That traditional oversight is too cumbersome because these inmates are not dangerous enough.

The aim is, admittedly, to place more unchecked power in the hands of lower-ranking government officials.

### Political Prisons

If, according to the Bureau of Prisons, these inmates "do not rise to the same degree of potential risk to national security," who is housed here?

Inmates and guards at the CMUs call them "Little Guantánamo." They have also been described as prisons for "second-tier" terrorists.

The proposal confirms this, saying: "One important category of inmates which might be designated to a CMU is inmates whose current offense(s) of conviction, or offense conduct, included association, communication, or involvement, related to international or domestic terrorism."

It references past behavior as grounds for inmates being transferred there, but as I have reported, and as the recent lawsuits make clear, many of these inmates have no disciplinary history and no communications violations. Furthermore, these individuals were not the 9/11 hijackers or what most people think of as terrorists. They are prisoners like Daniel McGowan, who destroyed property as part of the Earth Liberation Front in the name of defending the environment.

The Bureau's proposal makes clear that the CMUs are intended to keep these cases isolated, and to keep political prisoners with "inspirational significance" from communicating with the communities and social movements of which they are part.

These secretive prisons are for political cases the government would rather have out of the public spotlight.

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## Behavioral Scientists Report Study of State Crimes Against Democracy (SCADs)

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The term "conspiracy theory" is often used to denigrate and discredit inquiry into the veracity of suspected SCADs. Labeling SCAD research as "conspiracy theory" is an effective method of preventing ongoing investigations from being reported in the corporate media and keep them outside of broader public scrutiny. Psychologist Laurie Manwell, University of Guelph, addresses the psychological advantage that SCAD actors hold in the public sphere. Manwell, writing in *American Behavioral Scientist* (Sage 2010) states, "Research shows that people are far less willing to examine information that disputes, rather than confirms, their beliefs . . . pre-existing beliefs can interfere with SCADs inquiry, especially in regards to September 11, 2001."

Professor Steven Hoffman, visiting scholar at the University of Buffalo, recently acknowledged this phenomenon in a study "There Must Be a Reason: Osama, Saddam and Inferred Justification." Hoffman concluded, "Our data shows substantial support for a cognitive theory known as 'motivated reasoning,' which suggests that rather than search rationally for information that either confirms or disconfirms a particular belief, people actually seek out information that confirms what they already believe. In fact, for the most part people completely ignore contrary information."

Sometimes even new academic research goes largely unreported when the work contradicts prevailing understandings of recent historical events. A specific case of

### SCAD Examples

- Stolen Elections
- False-Flag Terror
- Assassination
- Disinformation
- Provocateurs
- Political Arrest

unreported academic research is the peer reviewed journal article from *Open Chemical Physics Journal* (Volume 2, 2009), entitled "Active Thermitic Material Discovered in Dust for the 9/11 World Trade Center Catastrophe." In the abstract the authors write, "We have discovered distinctive red/gray chips in all the samples. These red/gray chips show marked similarities in all four samples. The properties of these chips were analyzed using optical microscopy, scanning electron microscopy (SEM), X-ray energy dispersive spectroscopy (XEDS), and differential scanning calorimetry (DSC). The red portion of these chips is found to be an unreacted thermitic material and highly energetic." Thermite is a pyrotechnic composition of a metal powder and a metal oxide which produces an aluminothermic reaction known as a thermite reaction and can be used in controlled demolitions of buildings.

National Medal of Science recipient (1999) Professor Lynn Margulis from the Department of Geosciences at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst is one of many academics who supports further open investigative research in the collapse of the World Trade Center towers. Margulis recently

wrote in the *Rock Creek Free Press*, "all three buildings were destroyed by carefully planned, orchestrated and executed controlled demolition." Richard Gage, AIA, architect and founder of the non-profit Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth, Inc. (AE911Truth), announced a decisive milestone February 19, 2010 at a press conference in San Francisco, CA. More than 1,000 architects and engineers worldwide now support the call for a new investigation into the destruction of the Twin Towers and Building 7 at the World Trade Center complex on September 11, 2001.

Credible scientific evidence brings into question the possibility that some aspects of the events of 9/11 involved State Crimes Against Democracy. Psychologically this is a very hard concept for Americans to even consider. However, ignoring the issue in the context of multiple proven SCADs since World War II seems far more dangerous for democracy than the consequences of future scientific inquiry and transparent, fact-based investigative reporting. Anything short of complete, open discourse based on all the evidence about these critical issues in our society relating to the possible continuation of State Crimes Against Democracy is simply a matter of censorship.

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## Tortured For Nothing: The Story of Abu Zubaydah

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This was a reference to the CIA's torture program for "high-value detainees," which was first publicly revealed when a memo that purported to redefine torture so that it could be used by the CIA, written by Justice Department lawyer John Yoo and issued in August 2002, was leaked in the wake of the Abu Ghraib scandal in 2004.

However, another narrative had already appeared to challenge the one put forward by the President. In June 2006, Ron Suskind's book *The One Percent Doctrine* was published, which explained, as I described it in an article a year ago, that:

Zubaydah "turned out to be mentally ill and nothing like the pivotal figure they supposed him to be," in the words of Barton Gellman, who reviewed Suskind's book for the *Washington Post* in 2006. He "appeared to know nothing about terrorist operations," and was, instead, the "go-to guy for minor logistics — travel for wives and children and the like..."

Suskind described how, through a close scrutiny of his diaries, in which FBI analysts found entries in the voices of three people — a boy, a young man and a middle-aged alter ego — which recorded in numbing detail, over the course of ten years, "what people ate, or wore, or trifling things they said," Dan Coleman, the FBI's senior expert on al-Qaeda, told his superiors, "This guy is insane, certifiable, split personality."

Since then, more and more compelling evidence has emerged to demonstrate that Abu Zubaydah

was indeed nothing more than a "safehouse keeper" with mental health problems, who "claimed to know more about al-Qaeda and its inner workings than he really did," and a "kind of travel agent" for would-be jihadists, who "was not even an official member of al-Qaeda." This included Abu Zubaydah's own testimony at his Combatant Status Review Tribunal at Guantánamo in 2007, when he stated that he was



Abu Zubaydah was tortured, but knew nothing, so he made it up (torture is most effective at producing false confessions).

Given all these facts — that the Bush administration implemented torture for use on a man whose importance was hideously overstated, which led to no useful intelligence and a hideous waste of the agencies' time — Abu Zubaydah's story is one of the most distressing examples of hubris in the whole of the Bush administration's brutally inept "War on Terror," but his story has not come to an end, of course, and his continued detention, and the Obama administration's attempts to justify it, continue to throw up new revelations, as was made clear just last week when a court submission filed by the government in September 2009 was unclassified.

In response to 213 requests by Abu Zubaydah's lawyers for discovery in his habeas corpus petition, the government itself provided the most comprehensive rebuttal to date of the kind of claims put forward by the Bush administration in defense of its torture program, and, specifically, its claims regarding Abu Zubaydah, on the basis that requests for discovery are only relevant when they refer to claims made by the government. In seeking to turn down the



Safe house in Faisalabad where Abu Zubaydah was arrested

tortured by the CIA to admit that he worked with Osama bin Laden, but insisted, "I'm not his partner and I'm not a member of al-Qaeda."

Moreover, following on from Ron Suskind's explanation of how "The United States would torture a mentally disturbed man and then leap, screaming, at every word he uttered," further confirmation was also provided that his torture yielded no significant information and led only to vast amounts of the intelligence agencies' time being wasted on false leads.

A year ago, summing up the results of Zubaydah's torture, a former intelligence official stated, bluntly, "We spent millions of dollars chasing false alarms."

In addition, the details of the torture program that was specifically developed for use on Abu Zubaydah

have also been revealed — primarily through a leaked International Committee of the Red Cross report, based on interviews with the "high-value detainees," including Abu Zubaydah, and also through other Justice Department "torture memos" released by the Obama administration April 2009. The grim list of techniques includes waterboarding (a form of controlled drowning), confinement in tiny, coffin-like boxes, prolonged sleep deprivation, prolonged isolation, and the use of violence and stress positions, sustained nudity, loud music and noise.

lawyers' requests, the government revealed that it "has not contended ... that Petitioner was a member of al-Qaeda or otherwise formally identified with al-Qaeda" and "has not contended that Petitioner had any personal involvement in planning or executing either the 1998 embassy bombings in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, or the attacks of September 11, 2001."

Instead, the government now claims that the ongoing detention of Abu Zubaydah "is based on conduct and actions that establish Petitioner was 'part of hostile forces and 'substantially supported' those forces," and that he "facilitated[the] retreat and escape of enemy forces" after the US-led invasion of Afghanistan in October 2001.

In response, as Jason Leopold reported for Truthout:

Zubaydah's attorneys claim that "the persons whom [Zubaydah] assisted in escaping Afghanistan in 2001 included women, children, and/or other non-combatants" and that the government has evidence to support those assertions. The lawyers also questioned the government's history of falsehoods about their client.

"The Government's accounts frequently have been at variance with the actual facts, and the government has generally been loath to provide the facts until forced to do so," said Zubaydah's attorney, Brent Mickum, in an interview. "When the

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## The WikiLeaks Story SPINNING AWAY MURDER IN IRAQ



Apache Longbow



Namir Noor-Eldeen, Reuters Journalist, killed.

were there no troops anywhere near the site of the incident but, in fact, directing them to find the area took some time. The "convoy" was not only not going there; they didn't even know how to find "there" even with the help of an Apache Longbow helicopter with advanced geo-navigation systems.

6. Iraq is an Islamic Republic and subject to Islamic law. Islamic law requires all citizens to assist any sick or wounded person. Every American soldier knows this and, frankly, many Americans have benefited from this. Any Muslim who stops to help another is performing a religious duty, an act of similar importance to prayer itself. Attacking a Muslim for aiding the sick or injured is a criminal act in any Islamic country and, frankly, should be everywhere. The Americans who directed the murderous attack on the unarmed people who stopped to help the single severely wounded man were attacked, not only in direct violation of American rules of engagement but Islamic law as well.

7. Reports from the military indicate that false reports of a firefight involving ground forces was part of the action. In such cases, commendations and medals are often awarded. What will a search of the military records of all involved reveal? Were any medals or commendations awarded based on inventing an incident to obscure criminal activity? What does this do to every American veteran and every decorated combat veteran if we find commendations were awarded for these "acts?"

8. As no statements on the "load-out" of the Apache Longbow helicopters involved has been made, is it possible that Depleted Uranium ammunition, now being cited by the Department of Veterans Affairs as cause for numerous illnesses suffered by Gulf War veterans, being used in this engagement?

The internet is flooded with hundreds of videos, perhaps even thousands, demonstrating the prowess of advanced weaponry being used in an urban environment or against "insurgent" targets. Systems such as the Apache Longbow, designed for use against massed enemy armored divisions with massive cannons designed to obliterate enemy tanks and highly fortified positions, when used against sporadically armed irregular forces or unarmed civilians seems a misapplication of resources at minimum and, frankly, insanity when looked at carefully.

General Stanley McChrystal, who recognized that it was cheaper to hire insurgents at \$300 per month than to use \$5000 dollars worth of ammunition to kill one, showed not only amazing judgment but an appreciation for human life seldom seen in military leaders. Were the two armed personnel insurgents planning to attack an American convoy of Bradley fighting vehicles, using only two rifles and no extra ammunition or were these two security guards watching out for Reuters newsmen interviewing local leaders? Were the two armed men who were killed actually employed by the United States, as were others of their ilk in that neighborhood?

What of the unarmed people with them? Do insurgent groups typically only arm some and not all? Are weapons hard to get in Iraq? We all know better than this. What of the totally unarmed group? Were they actually killed for trying to help wounded, as the tape says? Do Americans pay millions to Boeing to build the Apache helicopter or thousands to General Dynamics to manufacture the ammunition, for such senselessness?

Do we spend millions training pilots for this kind of mission? Is there anything we could have done, spending so much money, misusing so many resources, to do as much damage to the reputation of the United States, the honor of her military forces and veterans and the security of our country?

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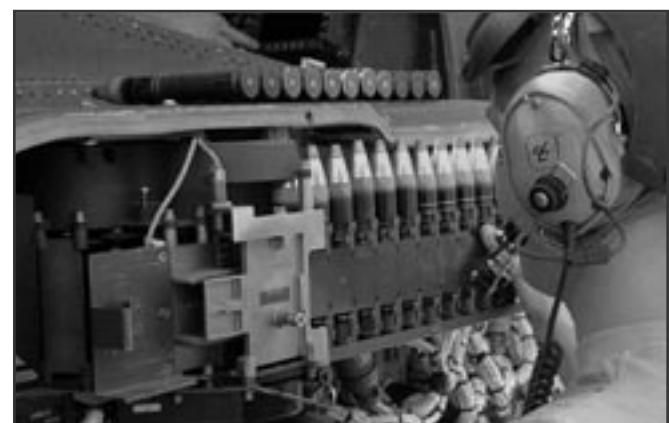
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of the United States military who leaked this film along with those who support realistic reforms that this film demands. Taking a moment to put some reality into the spin, misinformation and attempts at a cover-up, we can get a few facts out.

1. This film was made during the height of the surge. The area filmed is called a "hot zone." This explanation, through omission, is a lie. The primary activity of the surge was not combat but rather the realignment of the armed militias in the region through cash payments. If the two armed security people with the Reuters group were militia members, they were most likely employees of the United States government receiving a \$300-a-month stipend. Journalists are in far more danger in these areas than any other group, including American troops. The number of journalists kidnapped and murdered is astounding. These journalists would have had security personnel with them in that neighborhood.

Thousands of armed militia, real militia with heavy weapons and uniforms, in this area of Baghdad were working for the US at the time. Assuming that these two lightly armed people with the unarmed group were not either security personnel, protecting the others from criminal gangs or paid militia working for the US is not based on the reality of the period and the location, is unrealistic. No permission to fire could have been made against this group, largely unarmed, and not a threat to anyone. Lying to interfere with an investigation or to hide a crime, whether done by a reporter or member of the military is a felony.

2. Statements that the Apache helicopter was subject to attack by this group is untrue. We have failed to reveal that the helicopter was, based on the optics and pattern of fire, nearly one mile away. The M789 ammunition which should have been used has an effective range, capable of piercing tank armor, of 4000 meters, approximately 3 miles. The rationale



30mm cannon like the one in the WikiLeaks video. Each explosive shell weighs half a pound and is effective at three miles range.

given for the attack, that the Apache Longbow helicopters that were out of visual range, using their extremely sophisticated optics were about to be attacked by advanced weaponry of a size and type that only exists in science fiction, indicates a pattern of systematic deception between pilots and their controllers, deception meant to provide authorization for indiscriminate criminal activity.

American surveillance optics can read a car license plate from earth orbit. We can certainly tell a child in a car or a movie camera the size of a woman's purse from an RPG that is 6 feet long. Hitting a helicopter with a non-existent rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) hidden inside a camera bag, from a mile away, is utterly impossible. Also, hitting any target at long range with an AK-47, a weapon with a short range 7.62/39 cartridge is also impossible

3. Assuming that a group of men on the streets of a neighborhood filled with criminal gangs, gangs living on bribe money paid by Americans, gangs who make a living by kidnapping journalists and local citizens, who have an armed escort are "insurgents" is simply crazy. Iraqis living there are in far more danger than Americans and die by the dozens, sometimes hundreds, each week. It is still going on at even higher levels than with no Americans operating in the areas at all. The same people walk the same streets with the same guns today, in exactly the same way. It is how they stay alive. In America, we would call it a Second Amendment right.

4. The military and its "surrogates" have suggested the Apache was defending a nearby convoy from attacks from RPG 29s that they believed were inside the camera bags of the Reuters reporters. This is a photograph of an RPG 29:

5. The military has released a number of unsupported claims, one being that a convoy was in the area. Imagine a maze of small streets, an almost infinite maze. Not only

## Iraq War Vet: "We Were Told to Just Shoot People, and the Officers Would Take Care of Us"

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occupation forces.

"I remember one woman walking by," said Jason Washburn, a corporal in the US Marines who served three tours in Iraq. He told the audience at the Winter Soldier hearings that took place March 13-16, 2008, in Silver Spring, Maryland: "She was carrying a huge bag, and she looked like she was heading toward us, so we lit her up with the Mark 19, which is an automatic grenade launcher, and when the dust settled, we realized that the bag was full of groceries. She had been trying to bring us food and we blew her to pieces."

The hearings provided a platform for veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan to share the reality of their occupation experiences with the media in the US.

Washburn testified on a panel that discussed the rules of engagement (ROE) in Iraq, and how lax they were, to the point of being virtually nonexistent.

"During the course of my three tours, the rules of engagement changed a lot," Washburn's testimony continued. "The higher the threat the more viciously we were permitted and expected to respond. Something else we were encouraged to do, almost with a wink and nudge, was to carry 'drop weapons', or by my third tour, 'drop shovels'. We would carry these weapons or shovels with us because if we accidentally shot a civilian, we could just toss the weapon on the body, and make them look like an insurgent."

Hart Viges, a member of the 82nd Airborne Division of the Army who served one year in Iraq, told of taking orders over the radio.

"One time they said to fire on all taxicabs because the enemy was using them for transportation.... One of the snipers replied back, 'Excuse me? Did I hear that right? Fire on all taxicabs?' The lieutenant colonel responded, 'You heard me, trooper, fire on all taxicabs.' After that, the town lit up, with all the units firing on cars. This was my first experience with war, and that kind of set the tone for the rest of the deployment."

Vincent Emanuele, a Marine rifleman who spent a year in the al-Qaim area of Iraq near the Syrian border, told of emptying magazines of bullets into the city without identifying targets, running over corpses with Humvees and stopping to take "trophy" photos of bodies.

"An act that took place quite often in Iraq was taking pot shots at cars that drove by," he said. "This was not an isolated incident, and it took place for most of our eight-month deployment."

Kelly Dougherty - then executive director of Iraq Veterans Against the War - blamed the behavior of soldiers in Iraq on policies of the US government.

"The abuses committed in the occupations, far from being the result of a 'few bad apples' misbehaving, are the result of our government's Middle East policy, which is crafted in the highest spheres of US power," she said.

Michael Leduc, a corporal in the Marines who was part of the US attack on Fallujah in November 2004, said orders he received from his battalion JAG officer before entering the city were as follows: "You see an individual with a white flag and he does anything but approach you slowly and obey commands, assume it's a trick and kill him."

Bryan Casler, a corporal in the Marines, spoke of witnessing the prevalent dehumanizing outlook soldiers took toward Iraqis during the invasion of Iraq.

"... on these convoys, I saw Marines defecate into MRE bags or urinate in bottles and throw them at children on the side of the road," he stated.

Scott Ewing, who served in Iraq from 2005-2006, admitted on one panel that units intentionally gave candy to Iraqi children for reasons other than "winning hearts and minds".

"There was also another motive," Ewing said. "If the kids were around our vehicles, the bad guys wouldn't attack. We used the kids as human shields."

In response to the WikiLeaks video, the Pentagon, while not officially commenting on the video, announced that two Pentagon investigations cleared the air crew of any wrongdoing.

A statement from the two probes said the air crew had acted appropriately and followed the ROE.

Adam Kokesh served in Fallujah beginning in February 2004 for roughly one year.

Speaking on a panel at the aforementioned hearings about the ROE, he held up the ROE card soldiers are issued in Iraq and said, "This card says, 'Nothing on this card prevents you from using deadly force to defend yourself.'

Kokesh pointed out that "reasonable certainty" was the condition for using deadly force under the ROE, and this led to rampant civilian deaths. He discussed taking part in the April 2004 siege of Fallujah. During that attack, doctors at Fallujah General Hospital told Truthout there were 736 deaths, over 60 percent of which were civilians.

"We changed the ROE more often than we changed our underwear," Kokesh said. "At one point, we imposed a curfew on the

city, and were told to fire at anything that moved in the dark."

Kokesh also testified that during two cease-fires in the midst of the siege, the military decided to let out as many women and children from the embattled city as possible, but this did not include most men.

"For males, they had to be under 14 years of age," he said, "So I had to go over there and turn men back, who had just been separated from their women and children. We thought we were being gracious."

Steve Casey served in Iraq for over a year starting in mid-2003.

"We were scheduled to go home in April 2004, but due to rising violence we stayed in with Operation Blackjack," Casey said, "I watched soldiers firing into the radiators and windows of oncoming vehicles. Those who didn't turn around were unfortunately neutralized one way or another - well over 20 times I personally witnessed this. There was a lot of collateral damage."

Jason Hurd served in central Baghdad from November 2004 until November 2005. He told of how, after his unit took "stray rounds" from a nearby fire fight, a machine gunner responded by firing over 200 rounds into a nearby building.

"We fired indiscriminately at this building," he said. "Things like that

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happened every day in Iraq. We reacted out of fear for our lives, and we reacted with total destruction."

Hurd said the situation deteriorated rapidly while he was in Iraq. "Over time, as the absurdity of war set in, individuals from my unit indiscriminately opened fire at vehicles driving down the wrong side of the road. People in my unit would later brag about it. I remember thinking how appalled I was that we were laughing at this, but that was the reality."

Other soldiers Truthout has interviewed have often laughed when asked about their ROE in Iraq.

Garret Reppenhagen served in Iraq from February 2004-2005 in the city of Baquba, 40 kilometers (about 25 miles) northeast of Baghdad. He said his first experience in Iraq was being on a patrol that killed two Iraqi farmers as they worked in their field at night.

"I was told they were out in the fields farming because their pumps only operated with electricity, which meant they had to go out in the dark when there was electricity," he explained, "I asked the sergeant, if he knew this, why did he fire on the men. He told me because the men were out after curfew. I was never given another ROE during my time in Iraq."

Emanuele added: "We took fire while trying to blow up a bridge. Many of the attackers were part of the general population. This led to our squad shooting at everything and anything in order to push through the town. I remember myself emptying magazines into the town, never identifying a target."

Emanuele spoke of abusing prisoners he knew were innocent, adding, "We took it upon ourselves to harass them, and took them to the desert to throw them out of our Humvees, while kicking and punching them when we threw them out."

Jason Wayne Lemue is a Marine who served three tours in Iraq.

"My commander told me, 'Kill those who need to be killed, and save those who need to be saved'; that was our mission on our first tour," he said of his first deployment during the invasion.

"After that the ROE changed, and carrying a shovel, or standing on a rooftop talking on a cell phone, or being out after curfew [meant those people] were to be killed. I can't tell you how many people died because of this. By my third tour, we were told to just shoot people, and the officers would take care of us."

When this Truthout reporter was in Baghdad in November 2004, my Iraqi interpreter was in the Abu Hanifa mosque that was raided by US and Iraqi soldiers during Friday prayers.

"Everyone was there for Friday prayers, when five Humvees and several trucks carrying [US soldiers and] Iraqi National Guards entered," Abu Talat told Truthout on the phone from within the mosque while the raid was in progress. "Everyone

starting yelling 'Allahu Akbar' (God is the greatest) because they were frightened. Then the soldiers started shooting the people praying."

"They have just shot and killed at least four of the people praying," he said in a panicked voice, "At least 10 other people are wounded now. We are on our bellies and in a very bad situation."

Iraqi Red Crescent later confirmed to Truthout that at least four people were killed, and nine wounded. Truthout later witnessed pieces of brain splattered on one of the walls inside the mosque while large blood stains covered carpets at several places.

This type of indiscriminate killing has been typical from the initial invasion of Iraq.

Truthout spoke with Iraq war veteran and former National Guard and Army Reserve member Jason Moon, who was there for the invasion.

"While on our initial convoy into Iraq in early June 2003, we were given a direct order that if any children or civilians got in front of the vehicles in our convoy, we were not to stop, we were not to slow down, we were to keep driving. In the event an insurgent attacked us from behind human shields, we were supposed to count. If there were thirty or less civilians we were allowed to fire into the area. If there were over thirty, we were supposed to take fire and send it up the chain of command. These were the rules of engagement. I don't know about you, but if you are getting shot at from a crowd of people, how fast are you going to count, and how accurately?"

Moon brought back a video that shows his sergeant declaring, "The difference between an insurgent and an Iraqi civilian is whether they are dead or alive."

Moon explains the thinking: "If you kill a civilian he becomes an insurgent because you retroactively make that person a threat."

According to the Pentagon probes of the killings shown in the WikiLeaks video, the air crew had "reason to believe" the people seen in the video were fighters before opening fire.

Article 48 of the Geneva Conventions speaks to the "basic rule" regarding the protection of civilians:

"In order to ensure respect for and protection of the civilian population and civilian objects, the Parties to the conflict shall at all times distinguish between the civilian population and combatants and between civilian objects and military objectives and accordingly shall direct their operations only against military objectives."

What is happening in Iraq seems to reflect what psychiatrist Robert Jay Lifton calls "atrocious-producing situations." He used this term first in his book *The Nazi Doctors*. In 2004, he wrote an article for *The Nation*, applying his insights to the Iraq War and occupation.

"Atrocious-producing situations," Lifton wrote, occur when a power structure sets up an environment where "ordinary people, men or women no better or worse than you or I, can regularly commit atrocities.... This kind of atrocious-producing situation ... surely occurs to some degrees in all wars, including World War II, our last 'good war.' But a counterinsurgency war in a hostile setting, especially when driven by profound ideological distortions, is particularly prone to sustained atrocity - all the more so when it becomes an occupation."

Cliff Hicks served in Iraq from October 2003 to August 2004.

"There was a tall apartment complex, the only spot from where people could see over our perimeter," Hicks told Truthout, "There would be laundry hanging off the balconies, and people hanging out on the roof for fresh air. The place was full of kids and families. On rare occasions, a fighter would get atop the building and shoot at our passing vehicles. They never really hit anybody. We just knew to be careful when we were over by that part of the wall, and nobody did shit about it until one day a lieutenant colonel was driving down and they shot at his vehicle and he got scared. So he jumped through a bunch of hoops and cut through some red tape and got a C-130 to come out the next night and all but leveled the place. Earlier that evening when I was returning from a patrol the apartment had been packed full of people."

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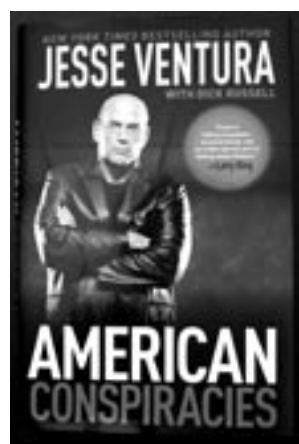
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## Book Review



## AMERICAN CONSPIRACIES

### Lies, Lies, and More Dirty Lies that the Government Tells Us

by  
Jesse Ventura  
and  
Dick Russell

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#### REVIEW BY MATT SULLIVAN

Navy SEAL, Vietnam veteran, professional wrestler, TV commentator, Governor of Minnesota and now star of his own reality TV show, "Conspiracy Theory," Jesse Ventura has led a quintessentially American life. Ventura has just released his fifth book, *American Conspiracies*, written with journalist Dick Russell.

Ventura has written a very personal account of his own journey from "true-blue American" and Navy SEAL to his present state of deep cynicism about government approved version of history. It is a story of awakening that, hopefully, mirrors the awakening that American society as a whole must go through if we are to reclaim our democratic republic.

Covering 14 crimes in 203 pages (one per chapter), *American Conspiracies* serves as a good introduction to the dark truths about American history that are ignored by both the mainstream media and high school history books.

Each chapter begins with a quick summary that outlines the main thesis of the conspiracy — the official line and Jesse's alternative take. Predictably, JFK gets the most detailed coverage at 22 pages, while Malcolm X and the "October Surprise" get the least: just nine pages each.

#### American Conspiracies Chapters

1. The First Not-A-Lone-Nut: John Wilkes Booth
2. The Big Money Plot to Overthrow FDR
3. The Kennedy Assassination: Biggest Cover-Up of My Lifetime
4. The Assassination of Malcolm X
5. The Murder of Dr. Martin Luther King
6. The Assassination of Robert Kennedy
7. Watergate Revisited: The CIA's War Against Nixon
8. The Jonestown Massacre
9. "October Surprise": The First Stolen Election
10. Your Government Dealing Drugs
11. The Stolen Elections of 2000, 2004 (And Almost 2008)
12. What really happened on September 11?
13. The Wall Street Conspiracy
14. The Secret Plans to End American Democracy

Ventura begins with the less controversial conspiracies, such as the assassination of Lincoln in 1865 and the plot to overthrow FDR in 1932. While heinous events in their time, today's readers are less likely to be upset about occurrences that happened so long ago. The business plot against President Franklin Delano Roosevelt is well documented, as Congressional hearings were held.

But when dealing with the dark underbelly of American history, Ventura can't put off controversy for long. His third chapter tackles an event that is burned into the consciousness of every American who was living in 1963: the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Rather than just recounting the facts, Ventura takes us along on his own personal journey of discovery. He describes his visit to the grassy knoll in Dallas as Governor of Minnesota and relates it to his meeting with then President of Cuba, Fidel Castro, in 2002.

Jesse broached the JFK assassination question during his meeting with Castro, but Castro was adamant that it was an inside job done by Americans and that neither Cuba nor the Soviets were involved. Ventura recalls that Castro said, "Why would I destroy my Cuba? If I had ordered Kennedy killed and the US found out, we wouldn't exist anymore." Likewise, Castro scoffed at the theory of Soviet involvement, telling Ventura that Kremlin leaders had told him, "You can talk to this man."

In his 2008 book, *JFK and the Unspeakable*, James Douglass reported that Kennedy was in dialog with Soviet leader Khrushchev, via a back channel of communications, and that JFK's emissary was meeting with Castro at the same time of the assassination.

Much of the rest of the JFK chapter covers familiar ground, such as the evidence for the existence of one or more Oswald "doubles."

Throughout the book, Ventura provides accounts of his personal journey from the unquestioning trust in official stories to gaining of the courage and wisdom to see things as

they are. For example, in the chapter on Malcolm X, Ventura describes the process that took him from fearing the "Black Radical," to regarding him as a hero. The author writes:

"Let me start with my perception of Malcolm X when I was growing up. I was terrified of him. He was this black man with an "X" attached to his name. The TV announcers portrayed him as some crazy revolutionary who wanted to kill every white man on the planet and take control. It was only when I read his autobiography in the late eighties or early nineties, and learned more about him and what he went through, that I came to look upon him as one of my heroes." (pg.44)

Like Martin Luther King, Malcolm X had a foreboding of his impending death. Two days prior to his assassination, he said: "It is a time for martyrs now, and if I become one, it will be in the cause of brotherhood..." Likewise, one day before his death, in one of his most impassioned speeches, Martin Luther King said: "I may not get there with you, but I have seen the mountain top..."

For me, one of the most important of the conspiracies covered by Ventura is the murder of Martin Luther King. Important not just because of who was assassinated — possibly the greatest American human rights figure of the

20th century — the story is significant because of all the conspiracies covered in this book, King's assassination is the one case where all the facts are known. The facts of his murder are extremely well documented, having been adjudicated in a court of law.

Ventura tells the story of King's assassination from his own unique point or view, relating the events to where he

was in his own life in 1968: high school football star, patriotic flag waving supporter of the war in Vietnam and a soon-to-be Navy SEAL. It was not until nearly 30 years later, in 1997, when the King family met the imprisoned "lone nut," James Earl Ray, and announced that they believed Ray was innocent of Dr. King's murder, that Ventura began to question the official story.

Thanks to the persistent search for the truth by the King family and their lawyer, William Pepper, there was a trial and the facts of this conspiracy are a matter of public record. In 1999, the King family brought a wrongful death civil suit against Loyd Jowers. After a month long trial, including 70 witnesses, the jury concluded that King had been assassinated by a conspiracy which included the Memphis police, organized crime, and the US Army.

We have a national holiday honoring MLK, yet most Americans are not aware of the most basic fact about his death, that he was killed by the US government.

*American Conspiracies* is but a sampler of the major conspiracies of the past 150 years. The book covers so much ground that a lot of detail had to be left out.

The book is more than just a catalog of treachery. By placing these conspiracies side by side, patterns begin to emerge. Patsies, cover stories, destroyed evidence, subverted investigations, and cover-up commissions are recurring themes.

Overall, Jesse Ventura's *American Conspiracies* is a good introduction to the concept of the Deep State — a shadow government that pulls strings that most people don't believe exist. If *American Conspiracies* is able to reach a wide audience of "true-blue Americans" and cause them to think more critically about the myths they are sold by the mainstream media, it will have served an important purpose.

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BY PROFESSOR FRANCIS A. BOYLE

It is now a matter of public record that immediately after the terrible tragedy of September 11 2001, US Secretary of War Donald Rumsfeld and his pro-Israel neoconservative Deputy Paul Wolfowitz began to plot, plan, scheme and conspire to wage a war of aggression against Iraq by manipulating the tragic events of September 11th in order to provide a pretext for doing so. Of course Iraq had nothing at all to do with September 11th or supporting al Qaeda. But that made no difference to Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz, their Undersecretary of War Douglas Feith, and the numerous other pro-Israel neocons inhabiting the Bush Jr. administration.

These pro-Israel neocons had been schooled in the Machiavellian/Hobbesian/Nietzschean theories of Professor Leo Strauss who taught political philosophy at the University of Chicago in its Department of Political Science for many years. The best exposé of Strauss's pernicious theories on law, politics, and government for elitism and against democracy can be found in two scholarly books by the Canadian Professor of Political Philosophy Shadia B. Drury: *The Political Ideas of Leo Strauss* (1988); *Leo Strauss and the American Right* (1999).

I entered the University of Chicago in September of 1968, shortly after Strauss had retired. But I was trained in Chicago's Political Science Department by Strauss's foremost protégé, co-author, and later literary executor Joseph Cropsey.

Based upon my personal experience as an alumna of Chicago's Political Science Department (A.B., 1971, in Political Science), I concur completely with Professor Drury's devastating critique of Strauss. I also agree with her penetrating analysis of the degradation of the American political process that has been inflicted by Chicago's Straussian neocon cabal. Strauss was a protégé of Nazi Law Professor Carl Schmitt, who justified every hideous atrocity that Hitler and the Nazis inflicted on anyone, including the Jews. Chicago's neocons are neo-Nazis.

The University of Chicago routinely trained me and innumerable other students to become ruthless and unprincipled Machiavellians. That is precisely why so many neophyte neocon students gravitated toward the University of Chicago or towards Chicago Alumni at other universities. Years later, the University of Chicago became the "brains" behind the Bush Jr. Empire and his Ashcroft Police State. Attorney General John Ashcroft received his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School in 1967. Many of his lawyers at the Bush Jr. Department of Injustice were members of the right-wing, racist, bigoted, reactionary, elitist, war-mongering, and totalitarian Federalist Society (aka "Feddies"), which originated in part at the neocon University of Chicago Law School. There, Barack Obama would teach constitutional law. Feddies wrote the USA Patriot Act (USAPA) I and the draft for USAPA II, which constitute the blueprints for establishing an American Police State. Meanwhile, the Department of Injustice's own FBI is still covering up the US governmental origins of the post-September 11, 2001 government-engineered anthrax attacks on Washington D.C. that enabled Ashcroft and his Feddies to stampede the US Congress into

passing USAPA I (Patriot Act) into law.

Integrally related to and overlapping with the Feddies are members of the University of Chicago Law School Movement of "Law-and-Kick-Them-in-the-Groin-Economics," which in turn was founded upon the Market Fundamentalism of the late Milton Friedman, now retired but long-time Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago. Friedman and his "Chicago Boys" raped, robbed, looted, plundered, and pillaged economies and their respective peoples all over the developing world, especially

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## History's Lessons

### Neo-Cons, Fundies, Feddies, and Con-Artists: Bush to Obama



Leo Strauss (1899-1973)

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Obama's own neo-cons. Top row: Elena Kagan, Dennis Ross,  
Bottom row: Larry Summers, Cass Sunstein, Rahm Emanuel

In *Ravelstein*, Wolfowitz appeared as Bloom's protégé Philip Gormak, leaking national security secrets to his mentor during the Bush, Sr. war against Iraq. Strauss hovered around the novel as Bloom's mentor and guru Professor Davarr. Strauss/Davarr is really the eminent grise of *Ravelstein*. With friends like Bellow, Bloom did not need enemies. On the basis of *Ravelstein* alone, Wolfowitz warranted criminal investigation by the FBI.

Immediately after the Bush, Jr. administration's wanton aggression against Iraq, the University of Chicago chose the occasion to officially celebrate its Straussian neocon cabal responsible therefor, highlighting Wolfowitz, Ph.D. '72, Ahmad Chalabi, Ph.D. '69 (the CIA's Iraqi puppet), Abram Shulsky, A.M. '68, Ph.D. '72 (head of the Pentagon's special "intelligence" unit), Zalmay Khalilzad, Ph.D. '79 (Bush, Jr.'s roving pro-consul for Afghanistan and then Iraq), as well as faculty members Bellow, X '39, and Bloom, A.B. '49, A.M. '53, Ph.D. '55, together with Strauss. According to the June 2003 *University of Chicago Magazine*, Bloom's rant "helped popularize Straussian ideals of democracy." It is correct to assert that Bloom's book helped to popularize Straussian "ideas," but they were blatantly anti-democratic, Machiavellian, Hobbesian, Nietzschean, and elitist to begin with. Only the University of Chicago would have the unmitigated Orwellian gall to publicly assert that Strauss and Bloom cared one whit about democracy, let alone comprehended the "ideals of democracy."

Does anyone seriously believe that a pro-Israel Chicago/Strauss/Bloom product such as Wolfowitz could care seriously about democracy in the United States, let alone in Iraq? Or, for that matter, anyone in the Bush, Jr. administration? After they stole the 2000 presidential election from the American people in Florida and before the Republican-controlled US Supreme Court, some of whom were/are Feddies? Justice Clarence Thomas is a Straussian to boot. For eight years the neocons, Fundies, Feddies, and Con-Artists of the Bush, Jr. administration did everything humanly possible to build an American Police State.

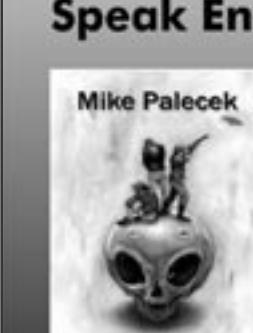
So far, University of Chicago Constitutional Law Teacher President Barack Obama has failed and refused to deconstruct and dismantle their totalitarian handiwork. To the contrary, the Obama administration has defended and justified in court almost every hideous atrocity that the Bush Jr. administration perpetrated on international law, human rights, civil rights, civil liberties, the US Constitution, and the Bill of Rights.

At the behest of its Straussian neocon Political Science Department, in 1979, the entire University of Chicago went out of its way to grant the "first Albert Pick Jr. Award for Outstanding Contributions to International Understanding" to Robert McNamara, who was personally responsible for exterminating 3 million Vietnamese and 58,000 American men of my generation. In other words, the University of Chicago itself maliciously strove to rehabilitate one of the greatest international war criminals in the post-World War II era. History shall always record that the University of Chicago gratuitously honored Bob "Half-an-Eichmann" McNamara.

Do not send your children to the University of Chicago, where they will grow up to become warmongers like Wolfowitz and totalitarians like Ashcroft! The University of Chicago is an intellectual and moral cesspool. As John D. Rockefeller, the Original Robber Baron and Funder of the University of Chicago once commented about his progeny: "It's the best investment I ever made." Still is.

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"Mike Palecek reminds me of many Americans who as children were so blasted with propaganda that they're devoting the rest of their lives to challenging the lies and all who tell them."  
- David Ray, American Poet

Small Towns. Prejudice. Dirty politics. Crazy people make more sense than the sane ones. Distorted reality.

Oh, of course it was written by Mike Palecek



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## The Manufactured Menace From Michigan, Take Two

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almost exactly the same script. The final act of that earlier melodrama was an October 28, 2009 FBI raid against several of the mosque's adherents that ended with the death of its imam, Luqman Ameen Abdullah.

Initial reports claimed that Abdullah was killed in a "shootout" or "exchange of gunfire" with the Feds in a warehouse allegedly containing stolen goods. The word "execution" might be a more appropriate description in light of the fact that Abdullah was shot at least twenty times, including an entry wound in his back and an oddly specific grouping in and around the genital region.

The imam allegedly provoked the federal fusillade by shooting one of the FBI's "K9 agents." Significantly, the official autopsy report – a document actively suppressed by the Dearborn Police Department for more than three months – describes a series of "lacerations" (also described by Wayne County Chief Medical Examiner Carl Schmitt as "puncture wounds") that are consistent with being mauled by a dog.

It's possible Abdullah shot the dog to protect himself. It's also possible that he never fired a shot, and the dog stepped in front of one or more round intended for Abdullah. The official FBI narrative is that "Freddy," the Belgian Malinois killed during the raid, "gave his life in the line of duty" on behalf of "his team." The dog was buried in a solemn ritual and his name was added to the FBI's "memorial wall."

We'll never know the exact circumstances of "Freddy" death. This much has been clearly established, however: Abdullah bled to death with his hands cuffed behind his back while the FBI took the time to arrange an emergency medical airlift for their attack dog.



Joint Terrorism Task Force search the Detroit mosque

The most favorable construction one can put on this set of facts is that the feds handcuffed a helpless man who had been perforated by at least twenty gunshots. A grimmer possibility is that he was handcuffed before he was shot. In either case, this juxtaposition – a handcuffed man bleeds to death while his assailants arrange emergency medical treatment for their dog – reeks of some malodorous combination of depraved indifference and concentrated malice.



Shooting took place in this FBI leased warehouse containing FBI supplied "stolen" goods.

Despite the fact that both the investigation of the mosque and the raid were conducted by the local Joint Terrorism Task Force, no terrorism-related charges were filed against any of the ten men listed in the criminal complaint. The charges include "conspiracy" counts arising from an alleged plot to receive and sell "goods that defendants believed were stolen from interstate shipments"; one count of mail fraud; three counts related to possession of firearms or body armor by a felon; and tampering with automobile VIN numbers.

Attendees of Abdullah's mosque included many men who had served time behind bars.

As a younger man, Abdullah was convicted of assault. Like many of his followers and countless thousands of others scattered across the country, Abdullah was converted to radical Islam within the world's largest and most lavishly funded madrassa – the federal prison system. His friends and supporters insist that Abdullah, despite his criminal history, was a caring, pious, and generous man. The mosque ran a soup kitchen and was involved in other forms of charitable outreach to the economically blighted neighborhood.

Abdullah was expansively hostile toward the government and deeply suspicious of the police – what rational person isn't? – But those who knew him well insist he consistently rejected aggressive violence of any kind.

"My father was a sharp-tongued individual," recalls Omar Reagan, a Los Angeles-based comedian and motivational speaker. "He would talk about his dislike of government – about how law enforcement wasn't protecting and serving the people. But speaking his emotions and acting on his emotions are two different things."

The "evidence" presented in the criminal complaint unsealed after Abdullah was killed shows that he encouraged his followers to acquire the skills to employ defensive violence to protect themselves from both private and government-employed criminals. He also explicitly and repeatedly refused to condone aggressive action against anyone.

FBI Counter-Terrorism Agent Gary Leone, the author of the affidavit, hurls speculative allegations with the exuberant glee of a caged monkey flinging feces at spectators.

In substantive terms, his criminal complaint deals with a small fencing operation. However, where "anti-government" groups are concerned, the FBI appears to suffer from an institution-wide case of Munchausen-by-proxy syndrome; this may be why the bureaucratic incentives under which Leone operates dictate that every molehill be described as if it were of Himalayan proportions. Accordingly, Abdullah and his followers are portrayed as nothing less than hardened battle-ready shock troops of the global jihad:

"The investigation has shown that Luqman Ameen Abdullah, Imam of the Masjid Al-Haqq ... is a highly placed leader of a nationwide fundamentalist Sunni group consisting primarily of African-Americans.... Their primary mission is to establish a separate, sovereign Islamic state ('The Ummah') within the borders of the United States, governed by Shariah law..... [Abdullah] regularly preaches anti-government and anti-law enforcement rhetoric. Abdullah and his followers have trained regularly in the use of firearms, and continue to train in martial arts and sword fighting.... Abdullah preaches that every Muslim should have a weapon, and should not be scared to use their weapon when needed."

Even if every word of that summation were accurate, none of what is described above constitutes a crime – a fact Leone tacitly acknowledged by declining to file terrorism or sedition charges.

Furthermore, the inflammatory dicta in Leone's complaint (which consumes 29 of the document's 45 pages) artfully misrepresents Abdullah's views regarding the legitimate use of violence, as those views were summarized by Leone's snitches within the mosque. The most striking example of Leone's dishonesty deals with an attempt by one of his assets to entrap Abdullah into endorsing terrorist violence.

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"Confidential Source S-3" alleges that Abdullah described how Abdul Samoor,

one of his followers, "printed out several things from the internet including Al-Qaeda training camp materials. Abdullah said he told Saboor to throw them away and cautioned him not to look at things on the internet." This – like most of the "evidence" assembled by Leone – was hearsay, but it actually works against the FBI's interest by underscoring Abdullah's refusal to endorse Islamic terrorism.

"S-3" also describes a conversation during a trip to Alabama in which Abdullah commented that he "didn't agree with bombing civilian targets such as buses, which occur in Israel and the West Bank, but said it is fine to bomb police stations."

The awkward diction here suggests that Abdullah was referring specifically to actions taken by Palestinians and drawing a distinction – for whatever it might be worth – between terrorist attacks on helpless civilians and what he perceived as defensive insurgent warfare against armed personnel carrying out a military occupation.



Luqman Ameen Abdullah, shot 20 times by FBI agents

One of the most critical disclosures offered by "S-3" deals with a reported conversation on June 19, 2009, in which the imam told an associate that he knew someone in his mosque, was "working for the FBI.... Abdullah said that he is hopeful that anyone who is working for the Feds will come to the mosque often to pray, will see the error of his ways, and admit he has been working with the Feds."

Abdullah's conciliatory remarks came on the same day he supposedly said that he would kill anybody "trying to gather information on him." Leone accounts for this contradiction by claiming that the wily imam knew he was being "listened to and targeted by law enforcement so he intentionally [made] conflicting statements in order to protect himself."

How can we tell which reported statements are sincere? Ah, this is easy, Leone would insist: We should dismiss anything that appears moderate and responsible as posturing, and assume that anything incendiary and self-incriminating represented Abdullah's genuine intentions.

The problem here is that all of the "consensually recorded" comments that are directly quoted in the criminal complaint are entirely innocuous. It is only when one of the confidential informants is paraphrasing Abdullah that we are barraged with shockingly detailed references to alleged criminal acts and criminal plots.

Furthermore, the "direct" quotes are not complete: Nearly all of them contain strategically placed ellipses indicating the removal of potentially critical details. Presenting them as direct evidence would be tantamount to perjury through selective editing. And as we've seen, even the accounts provided by Leone's pet provocateurs contain compelling evidence that Abdullah – whatever he may have planned or done – was not an aspiring terrorist.

Abdullah was infuriated by the wars of aggression being waged by the Regime in Afghanistan and Iraq. He was also convinced that the FBI was an enemy of American Muslims. Notwithstanding his passionate outrage, and despite Leone's efforts to depict him as an exponent of aggressive jihad, Abdullah – as described in the complaint – endorsed violence only for defensive purposes.

"They [are] smashing the Muslims all over the world and then we sit here like everything is all right," stated Abdullah in an October 10, 2008 conversation surreptitiously recorded by "S-3." "Just leave us alone. I mean, no. Everything isn't all right. Matter of fact, you better get up from over there and leave them people alone, man. You [are] wrong. It's no threat from the Muslims here. The Muslims here are saying, you know, 'Hey, just let us live here and [unintelligible], that's the only thing they [are] worried about.... That's no good, man."

For Leone, the take-away here is that Abdullah maintained "it is not all right to simply get along with kuffars," or non-Muslims – the insinuation being that Abdullah endorsed militancy and revenge. But Abdullah's discursive remarks actually read like a plea for Washington to desist from its aggression against Muslims abroad, and respect the wishes of American Muslims to be left alone. Those are the sentiments of someone weary of armed violence, rather than someone eagerly courting confrontation.

Abdullah's desire to be left in peace was captured in comments recorded by "S-3" on November 30, 2008. The conversation dealt with the activities of federal agents, who – according to Abdullah – were "just terrorizing the people."

"It's a whole organized effort," he asserted. "Organized effort to betray you. But not just you, other people too. It's not just, just Muslims"; it's also people like "McVeigh and them" – meaning, apparently, non-Muslim "anti-government extremists" targeted for infiltration and manipulation by the FBI.

"It's no question about, he [McVeigh] was involved in getting that stuff done," Abdullah continued. "Even though they [McVeigh and "others unknown"] did what they did, they probably was irked on, and supported in everything, by the FBI." After all, he pointed out, the "first World Trade Center bombing was the FBI."

Bear in mind that Abdullah was describing the FBI's documented history of orchestrating terrorist plots to an FBI informant-provocateur. I'm just cynical enough to suspect that this is what got him killed.

Within a few weeks of that conversation, FBI undercover operatives began a series of ten clandestine operations intended to entice members of Abdullah's congregation into a plot to steal and fence stolen property.

All of those staged pseudo-crimes were instigated by the FBI's assets, who also arranged for the "stolen" goods to be stored at a Dearborn warehouse that was rented by the FBI.

It was in that warehouse that Luqman Ameen Abdullah, a man once known as Christopher Thomas, an ex-con who understood how the FBI's infiltration and provocation racket worked, was shot at least twenty times before bleeding to death with his hands cuffed behind his back.

Although nobody was killed when the FBI rolled up the Hutaee militia, the Bureau's campaign against that "Christian militia" was struck from the same template used against the Hutaee militiamen were seized at an FBI-controlled warehouse where they had gathered – unarmed – to attend what they had been told was a "memorial service."

The FBI's investigative accomplishments are criminally overrated, but in arranging ersatz terrorist plots it displays choreography skills that put the late Bob Fosse to shame. Recent events in Michigan suggest that the Bureau is staging a revival of its Hoover-era production, COINTELPRO. Don't feel left out; the chances are pretty good that the Bureau's touring troupe of provocateurs will visit your hometown sometime soon.

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## Have a Nice World War, Folks

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Israel's assault on Gaza in January last year. Following demonstrations in which paramilitary police "kettled" (corralled) thousands, first-offenders have received two and a half years in prison for minor offenses that would not normally carry custodial sentences. On both sides of the Atlantic, serious dissent exposing illegal war has become a serious crime.

Silence in other high places allows this moral travesty. Across the arts, literature, journalism and the law, liberal elites, having hurried away from the debris of Blair and now Obama, continue to fudge their indifference to the barbarism and aims of western state crimes by promoting retrospectively the evils of their convenient demons, like Saddam Hussein. With Harold Pinter gone, try compiling a list of famous writers, artists and advocates whose principles are not consumed by the "market" or neutered by their celebrity. Who among them have spoken out about the holocaust in Iraq during almost 20 years of lethal blockade and assault? And all of it has been deliberate. On 22 January 1991, the US Defense Intelligence Agency predicted in impressive detail how a blockade would systematically destroy Iraq's clean water system and lead to "increased incidences, if not epidemics of disease." So the US set about eliminating clean water for the Iraqi population: one of the causes, noted UNICEF, of the deaths of half a million Iraqi infants under the age of five. But this extremism apparently has no name.

Norman Mailer once said he believed the United States, in its endless pursuit of war and domination, had entered a "pre-fascist era." Mailer seemed tentative, as if trying to warn about something even he could not quite define. "Fascism" is not right, for it invokes lazy historical precedents, conjuring yet again the iconography of German and Italian repression. On the other hand, American authoritarianism, as the cultural critic Henry Giroux pointed out recently, is "more nuance, less theatrical, more cunning, less concerned with repressive modes of control than with manipulative modes of consent."

This is Americanism, the only predatory ideology to deny that it is an ideology. The rise of tentacular corporations that are dictatorships in their own right and of a military that is now a state within the state, set behind the facade of the best democracy 35,000 Washington lobbyists can buy, and a popular culture programmed to divert and stultify, is without precedent. More nuanced perhaps, but the results are both unambiguous and familiar. Denis Halliday and Hans von Sponeck, the senior United Nations officials in Iraq during the American and British-led blockade, are in no doubt they witnessed genocide. They saw no gas chambers. Insidious, undeclared, even presented wittily as enlightenment on the march, the Third World War and its genocide proceeded, human being by human being.

In the coming election campaign in Britain, the candidates will refer to this war only to laud "our boys." The candidates are almost identical political mummies shrouded in the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes. As Blair demonstrated mite too eagerly, the British elite loves America because America allows it to barrack and bomb the natives and call itself a "partner." We should interrupt their fun.

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## Whistle Blower Comes Forward With Solid Proof The Price Of Gold And Silver Are Manipulated By Major Financial Institutions

By MICHAEL SNYDER / BLN

For a long time many of us have had very serious suspicions that the prices of gold and silver were being highly manipulated. But now, thanks to the mind blowing testimony of one very brave whistle blower, the blatant manipulation of the world gold and silver markets is being blown wide open. What you are about to read below is absolutely staggering. The government that we are all trusting to guard the integrity of the financial system is failing to do that job. It turns out that the Commodities Futures Trading Commission has been sitting on solid evidence that the elite banking powers have been openly and blatantly manipulating the price of gold and silver. Even though they were basically handed a "smoking gun", they have done absolutely nothing with it. But now the information has gone public and the CFTC is red-faced.

Back in November 2009, Andrew Maguire, a former Goldman Sachs silver trader in Goldman's London office, contacted the CFTC's Enforcement Division and reported the illegal manipulation of the silver market by traders at JPMorgan Chase.

Maguire told the CFTC how silver traders at JPMorgan Chase openly bragged about their exploits - including how they sent a signal to the market in advance so that other traders could make a profit during price suppression episodes.

Traders would recognize these signals and would make money shorting precious metals alongside JPMorgan Chase. Maguire explained to the CFTC how there would routinely be market manipulations at the time of option expiries, during non-farm payroll data releases, during commodities exchange contract rollovers, as well as at other times if it was deemed necessary.

On February 3rd, Maguire gave the CFTC a two day warning of a market manipulation event by email to Eliud Ramirez, who is a senior investigator for the CFTC's Enforcement Division.

Maguire warned Ramirez that the price of precious metals would be suppressed upon the release of non-farm payroll data on February 5th. As the manipulation of the precious metals markets was unfolding on February 5th, Maguire sent additional emails to Ramirez explaining exactly what was going on.

And it wasn't just that Maguire predicted that the price would be forced down. It was the level of precision that he was able to communicate to the CFTC that was the most stunning. He warned the CFTC that the price of silver was to be taken down regardless of what happened to the employment numbers and that the price of silver would end up below \$15 per ounce. Over the next couple of days, the price of silver was indeed taken down from \$16.17 per ounce down to a low of \$14.62 per ounce.

Because of Maguire's warning, the CFTC was able to watch a crime unfold, right in front of their eyes, in real time.

So what did the CFTC do about it? Absolutely nothing.

But Maguire did not give up. He



sent several more emails to the CFTC detailing the open manipulation of the gold and silver markets.

The CFTC did not reply.

Finally he sent them a final email: "I have honored my commitment to assist you and keep any information we discuss private, however if you are going to ignore my information I will deem that commitment to have expired."

The reply by the CFTC?

"I have received and reviewed your email communications. Thank you so very much for your observations."

No action.

Fortunately, that was not the end of it. On March 25th, the CFTC held a hearing on alleged manipulation in the gold market by the major banking powers.

Maguire wanted to testify during that hearing but he was not invited.

But William Murphy, chairman of Gold Anti-Trust Action (GATA), was invited to testify. GATA has been compiling data on the manipulation of the gold and silver markets for quite a long time now.

Murphy was only given five minutes to deliver his testimony. He raced through his presentation so that he could get as much information on the record as possible.

Very curiously, the live television broadcast of the CFTC hearing suffered a technical failure the minute before Murphy began his testimony. The technical failure was corrected the minute after Murphy was finished.

Coincidence?

There were a lot of coincidences surrounding this hearing.

When Murphy finished his statement, the panel asked him for some hard proof of market manipulation. Murphy shocked the panel by revealing the name of Maguire and explaining how Maguire had informed the CFTC Enforcement Division of the market manipulation that was taking place by JPMorgan Chase. The CFTC panel seemed stunned by the revelation and seemed reluctant to learn any further and asked nothing else about it.

In another "coincidence", Maguire and his wife were subsequently injured and hospitalized when their car was struck by a hit-and-run driver in the London suburbs.

When a bystander who saw the "accident" tried to block the other driver from getting away, the other driver accelerated directly towards the witness, forcing him to leap out of the way to avoid being hit. The

hit-and-run driver's car then hit two additional cars as he left the area.

This time Maguire and his wife were fortunate.

In the past, other would-be whistle blowers that had evidence regarding the manipulation in the gold and silver markets died in "unusual accidents" before they were able to bring their evidence to light.

But there were even more "coincidences" surrounding this hearing.

A week before the hearing, the CFTC announced that they had had a fire in the room where its gold and silver records are held.

After the hearing was over, Murphy was contacted by a number of major media outlets for interviews.

Within 24 hours, every single interview was cancelled.

It appears that some very powerful people do not want this information to get out.

It also shows how corrupt the mainstream media has become.

There were additional bombshells that came out during the hearing as well.

During the hearing it was revealed that the gold manipulators have accumulated a huge short position in gold and that these huge short positions are "naked", which means that these positions are not hedged.

These massive short positions have put some of the largest financial institutions in the world in an extremely vulnerable position.

In addition, it has now come out that most "gold" that is traded is not backed by the actual metal itself. For years, most people have assumed that the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA), the world's largest gold market, had actual gold to back up the massive "gold deposits" at the major LBMA banks.

But that is not the case. There is very little actual gold in the LBMA system.

When people think they are buying "gold", unless they take actual delivery of the metal, they are just buying pieces of paper that say they own gold.

In fact, during the CFTC hearings, Jeffrey Christian of CPM Group confirmed that the LBMA banks actually have approximately a hundred times more gold deposits than actual gold bullion.

So what happens if everyone decides that they want actual physical delivery of their gold?

It would be such a mess that it is painful even to think about it.

The truth is that right now most of the trading activities on the London exchange are just paper for paper.

But people get into gold because they want to be in a real commodity.

In fact, there are thousands of clients around the globe who think they own huge deposits of gold bullion, and are being charged large storage fees on that imaginary bullion, but what they really own are a bunch of pieces of paper.

If there comes a time when everyone starts asking for their gold it is going to be a squeeze of unimaginable proportions.

Maguire explains this situation this way: "for 100 customers who show up there is only one guy who is going to get his gold or silver and there are 99 who will be disappointed, so without any new money coming into the market, just asking for that gold and silver will create a default."

The truth is that it is absolutely impossible for the LBMA to ever deliver all the gold and silver owed to the owners of contracts.

This type of fraud is not entirely unprecedented. For example, Morgan Stanley paid out several million dollars back in 2007 to settle claims that it had charged 22,000 clients storage fees on silver bullion that did not exist.

But the scale of the fraud going on now is even greater. The precious metals markets have been suppressed by the major financial institutions for years, and this has created the potential for a "squeeze" in the precious metals markets that could send the prices of gold and silver into the stratosphere.

You see, the reality is that there would be no gold left in the entire world if all the Gold ETFs (Exchange Traded Funds, i.e. paper gold contracts) asked for physical delivery.

In fact, Maguire claims that the naked short selling scam by the major financial institutions is well into the trillions of dollars, making it potentially one of the biggest financial frauds in history.

Maguire calls what has been going on "financial terrorism", and he accuses the financial institutions involved in this fraud of "treason" for putting national security at risk.

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## News Bites

### A Little Secret About Obama's Transparency

(LA Times) The Democratic administration of Barack Obama, who denounced his predecessor, George W. Bush, as the most secretive in history, is now denying more Freedom of Information Act requests than the Republican did.

An Associated Press examination of 17 major agencies' handling of FOIA requests found denials 466,872 times, an increase of nearly 50% from the 2008 fiscal year under Bush.

### Poverty Now Rampant: Half of US kids on Food Stamps

(NaturalNews) Almost half of all children living in the United States will receive food stamp assistance at some point before they turn 18, according to a study conducted by researchers from Cornell and Washington Universities and published in the Archives of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine.

Researchers analyzed 30 years worth of data from food stamp programs around the country, finding that nearly 50 percent of all children will receive food stamp assistance at least once during their childhood, if not multiple times.

The findings also show that poverty is more widespread in the United States than many people believe. Even those who are not living in abject poverty may be going without basic necessities or nutritious food, said family welfare specialist Olivia Golden. Poor nutrition in childhood can, in turn, cause health problems throughout life.

According to the USDA, 15 percent of US households were food insecure in 2008, compared with 11 percent in 2007. The figure is the highest ever since the department began collecting data in 1995.

### The Guy Who Stole All Our Money Now Wants Your Paycheck, Too

(George Washington's Blog) Ben Bernanke has funneled trillions of dollars worth of bailouts, guarantees and sweetheart deals to US (and foreign) banks.

This money was pick pocketed from the American people, directly (through government spending) and indirectly (increasing debt costs, future inflation, etc.).

Bernanke is now calling for tax increases and raising the possibility of reductions in entitlements such as Medicare and Social Security.

Tax increases means American workers keep less from each paycheck. Reduction in services means that money already paid to the government (through social security, etc.) will now instead be paid to the bankers to service the US debt.

### USDA Finds Major Problems with Toxins in Meat Supply

(AllGov.com) Consuming beef in the United States comes with the risk of ingesting toxins because of cracks in the federal government's meat inspection system. In a new report from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA), the inspector general said there is a "growing concern" related to the safety of the meat supply.

One big problem cited by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) is the fact that the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) has not established thresholds for many dangerous substances, including copper and dioxin, as well as nearly two dozen pesticides. As a result, federal meat inspectors are approving beef with harmful contaminants.

### Whistleblowers Uncover Corporate Fraud More Often than Regulators

(AllGov.com) Less than 7% of corporate fraud cases are uncovered by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), based on an academic study of 216 instances of criminal behavior by companies. The analysis ("Who Blows the Whistle on Corporate Fraud?") determined the group most responsible for uncovering corporate malfeasance was employees, or whistleblowers. They accounted for 17% of cases, while short sellers ranked second (14.5%), analysts third (13.8%) and the SEC only fourth at 6.6%.

When it comes to fraud cases in the health care industry, whistleblowers discovered 41% of corporate wrongdoing.

Whistleblowers aren't entirely driven by a sense of justice. The Federal False Claims Act entitles them to 15%-30% of the money recovered when the fraud is committed against the government, such as with Medicare.

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