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Bombshell from London Think-Tank There is No al Qaeda Threat!

Report: The presence of western troops in Afghanistan is actually fuelling national resistance.

By ERIC MARGOLIS / TORONTO SUN

London-based International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) is the world's leading think tank for military affairs. It represents the top echelon of defense experts, retired officers and senior military men, spanning the globe from the United States and Britain to China, Russia and India.

I've been an IISS member for over 20 years. IISS's reports are always authoritative but usually cautious and diplomatic, sometimes dull. However, two weeks ago the IISS issued an explosive report on Afghanistan that is

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CIA Links to Ground Zero Mosque

By MARK AMES

So far, the debate over the proposed Islamic center near Ground Zero has unfolded along predictable lines, with the man at the center of the project, Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, drawing attacks from the right painting him as a terrorist sympathizer with ties to Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood.

But meanwhile, links between the group behind the controversial mosque, the CIA and the US military establishment have gone unacknowledged.

For instance, one of the earliest backers of the nonprofit group, the Cordoba Initiative, that is spearheading the Ground Zero mosque, is a 52-year-old Scarsdale, New York, native named R. Leslie Deak. In addition to serving on the group's board of advisors since its founding in 2004 by Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, Deak was its principal funder, donating

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Bones to Pick with Obama

By RUSS BAKER

Barack Obama is on the road these days, speaking against the special interests and elites, and defending the middle class. He is talking about equity and openness. He wants to end tax cuts for the wealthiest.

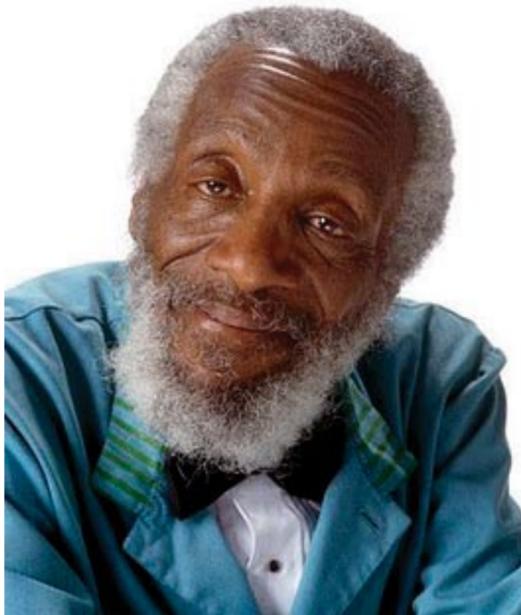
Given Obama's rhetoric, one might think that in his appointment recently of a new chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, he'd have turned to someone with special sensitivity to the plight of the average American.

Obama said he did just that. In naming his choice, Austan Goolsbee, the president declared:

"He's not just a brilliant economist; he's someone who has a deep appreciation of how the economy affects everyday people, and he talks about it in a way that's easily

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Dick Gregory on Hunger Strike for 9/11 Truth



WTC 1, 2 and 7: Justice and 9/11 Demand Accountability. Forensic Evidence Indicates Presence of Controlled Demolition Material.

By DICK GREGORY / REDACTEDNEWS.COM

It was so painful for me as my wife Lil and I watched the events of September 11, 2001 on television. Seeing a plane hit the World Trade Center (WTC) North Tower at 8:46, and then a second plane hit the South Tower at 9:02. Shortly, we saw the firefighters and other first responders courageously going into the buildings hoping to extinguish the fires, but it was impossible to foresee what followed.

Then we watched in shock as nearly a dozen people were jumping from the upper floors to their deaths.

We felt profound horror at 9:59 as the South Tower cascaded in freefall into its own footprint, and then 29 minutes later when the North Tower came down in the same impossible freefall way.

The new forensic evidence which has been released by Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth demonstrates the presence of controlled demolition material in the World Trade Center buildings One and Two.

Just one week after September 11, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Christine Todd Whitman declared "I am glad to reassure the people of New York and Washington, DC that their air is safe to breathe and their water is safe to drink" and that we "... need not be concerned about environmental issues as [we return to our] homes and workplaces."

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Blackwater/Xe Conducting False-Flag Terror Attacks in Pakistan

By WAYNE MADSEN

WMR has learned from a deep background source that Xe Services, the company formerly known as Blackwater, has been conducting false-flag terrorist attacks in Pakistan that are later blamed on the entity called "Pakistani Taliban."

Only recently did the US State Department designate the Tehrik-i-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), also known as the Pakistani Taliban, a terrorist group. The group is said by the State Department to be an offshoot of the Afghan Taliban, which had links to al Qaeda before the 9/11 attacks on the United States. TTP's leader is Hakimullah Mehsud,

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Vitamin D Proven Far Better Than Vaccines Against Flu

By MIKE ADAMS, THE HEALTH RANGER / NATURALNEWS

If scientists discovered something that worked better than vaccines at preventing influenza, you'd think they would jump all over it, right? After all, isn't the point to protect children and adults from influenza?

A clinical trial led by Mitsuyoshi Urashima and conducted by the Division of Molecular Epidemiology in the Department of Pediatrics at the Jikei University School of Medicine Minato-ku in Tokyo, found that vitamin D was extremely effective at halting influenza infections in children. The research appears in the March 2010 issue of the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* (Am J Clin Nutr, March 10, 2010).

The results are from a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study involving 334 children, half of which were given 1200 IUs per day of vitamin D3. In other words, this was a rigorous

scientific study meeting the gold standard of scientific evidence.

In the study, while 31 of 167 children in the placebo group contracted influenza over the four-month duration of the study, only 18 of 168 children in the vitamin D group did. This means vitamin D was responsible for an absolute reduction of nearly 8 percent.

Flu vaccines, according to the latest scientific evidence, achieve a 1 percent reduction in influenza symptoms. This means vitamin D appears to be 800% more effective than vaccines at preventing influenza infections in children.

To further support this, what really needs to be done is a clinical trial directly comparing vitamin D supplements to influenza vaccines with four total groups:

Group #1 receives a vitamin D placebo
Group #2 receives real vitamin D (2,000 IUs per day)

Group #3 receives an influenza vaccine injection

Group #4 receives an inert injection

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Gwyneth Paltrow was diagnosed with Vitamin D deficiency which causes osteopenia (bone loss). Paltrow was prescribed high dose vitamin D and told to spend more time in the sun. (Good advice!)

When Cameras Are Outlawed, Only Outlaws Will Have Cameras!



By MARK NESTMANN / SOVEREIGN SOCIETY

If you witness police misconduct and record it as a video on your phone or camera, you won't be welcomed as a hero. In several US states, you could be subject to a long prison sentence.

In recent years, dozens of videos documenting police misconduct have been posted on YouTube. But prosecutors haven't generally punished the offending cops. Increasingly, they're arresting the individuals who posted the videos.

The charge? Illegal wiretapping. Yes, wiretapping – what the NSA does with impunity and without a warrant is illegal for us to do when we witness police abuse.

At least two states – Massachusetts and Illinois – make it illegal to record

any on-duty police officer in any situation. It doesn't matter if the officer is in the process of beating someone to death. It doesn't matter if the recording is in your own home, and the police have just busted down your door in an illegal search. If you record the interaction, you can go to prison.

In ten other states, "all parties" must consent in order for a private person to make a recording of a conversation or personal encounter. Since a police officer acting abusively isn't likely to give you permission to record the event, if you do so, you could be violating the wiretap statute – and be subject to a long prison sentence.

In Illinois, for instance, a street

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Brothers Walk SF to DC

Protest Corporate Personhood



Laird and Robin Monahan

When Laird Monahan first heard of the Supreme Court decision in Citizen United last January he was devastated. "I was so demoralized and despondent, I almost came to tears. Then I became angry and told my wife that I couldn't sit at home any longer writing letters and signing petitions. She encouraged me to do what I had to do." For Laird, this was a call for physical sacrifice.

It didn't take Laird, now 70, and his brother Robin, 67 long to decide what to do—they would walk from San Francisco's Golden Gate to the Lincoln Memorial and take their message to anyone who would listen: "Allowing unlimited corporate money to dominate the political process, including the election of judges, the Supreme Court was silencing the voice of the people and delivering a fatal blow to democracy."

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Time for Helicopter Ben to Drop Some Money on Main Street

By ELLEN BROWN / TRUTHOUT

The Federal Reserve is proposing another round of "quantitative easing," although the first round failed to reverse deflation. It failed because the money went to banks, which failed to lend it out. To reverse deflation, the money needs to be funneled directly to state and local economies. The Fed may not be authorized to "monetize" state bonds, but it *could* buy bonds issued by state-owned banks.

In 2002, in a speech that earned him the nickname "Helicopter Ben," then-Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke famously said that the government

could easily reverse a deflation, just by printing money and dropping it from helicopters. "The US government has a technology, called a printing press (or, today, its electronic equivalent)," he said, "that allows it to produce as many US dollars as it wishes at essentially no cost." Later in the speech he discussed "a money-financed tax cut," which he said was "essentially equivalent to Milton Friedman's famous 'helicopter drop' of money." You could cure a deflation, said Professor Friedman, simply by dropping money from helicopters.

It seems logical enough. If there is insufficient money in the money supply

(deflation), the solution is to put more money into it. But if deflation is so easy to fix, then why have the Fed's massive attempts to date failed to do the job? At the Federal Reserve's Jackson Hole summit on August 27, Chairman Bernanke said he would fight deflation with his whole arsenal, including "quantitative easing" (QE)—purchasing long-term securities with money created on a computer. Yet, since 2008, the Fed has added more than \$1.2 trillion to "base money" doing just that, and the economy is still in a serious deflationary spiral. In the first quarter of this year, the money supply

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FDA Censorship of Nutritional Science Threatens the Health of All Americans

By MIKE ADAMS / THE HEALTH RANGER NATURALNEWS

Concerned about breast cancer? There are three nutrients that virtually eliminate your risk of the disease, even if you carry "breast cancer genes." Wondering how to cure arthritis? A combination of four different nutrients virtually eliminates arthritis symptoms. Afraid of diabetes? Five different

nutrients, all available right now, can help prevent diabetes for mere pennies a day.

And that's just the beginning... Nutritional cures exist for nearly every major disease, but the FDA doesn't want you to know about them. So it has censored truthful, scientifically-proven information about these substances in order to keep you ignorant about nutritional cures.

When one US company offering cherry concentrates began linking to government-funded studies that concluded cherries reduce the symptoms of arthritis, they received a threatening letter from the FDA, demanding they remove the links from their website or face "criminal prosecution."

Similarly, the FDA went on the attack to censor the truth about walnuts, claiming that "walnuts are unapproved drugs" when they are accompanied by truthful, scientific descriptions about their benefits for heart health.

Diamond Foods, a distributor of walnuts, posted a collection of peer-reviewed scientific evidence on its website that described the health benefits of walnuts. In return, here's part of the utterly illogical set of demands Diamond Foods received from the FDA which claim that "walnuts are drugs"...

"Based on our review, we have concluded that your walnut products are in violation of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the Act) and the applicable regulations in Title 21, Code of Federal Regulations (21 CFR). ...Based on claims made on your firm's website, we have determined that your walnut products are promoted for conditions that cause them to be drugs because these products are intended for use in the prevention, mitigation, and

treatment of disease. ...Because of these intended uses, your walnut products are drugs within the meaning of section 201 (g) (1) (B) of the Act [21 U.S.C. 321(g)(B)]. Your walnut products are also new drugs under section 201(p) of the Act [21 U.S.C. 321(p)] because they are not generally recognized as safe and effective for the above referenced conditions. Therefore, under section 505(a) of the Act [21 U.S.C. 355(a)], they may not be legally marketed with the above claims in the United States without an approved new drug application."

In other words, telling the truth about walnuts turns you into a criminal according to the FDA. And if you tell the scientifically-validated truth about how walnuts can help reduce high cholesterol, that act magically transforms your walnuts into unapproved drugs.

And much the same is true when you're talking about green tea or pomegranates or superfoods. If you dare discuss the health benefits of any food or natural substance while you are selling such items, you will be branded a criminal by the FDA, threatened with criminal prosecution and potentially have your company raided by the FDA along with armed law enforcement agents with guns drawn.

Only junk foods are good for you

At the same time the FDA is attacking health foods, it openly allows ridiculous health claims on processed dead junk foods. Prito-Lay potato chips, for example, are allowed to carry claims that they are "heart healthy."

So while genuinely healthy foods like walnuts and pomegranates cannot make health claims, processed dead foods like potato chips may openly carry FDA-approved health claims!

Are you following this yet? Real food is bad for you. But junk food is good for you. That's what the FDA wants you to believe.

The FDA, you see, doesn't want you to learn the truth about healthy foods. This agency wants you to remain as ignorant as possible about the scientifically-validated health benefits of natural foods, supplements and super foods while allowing you to be inundated with false and misleading health claims on processed dead junk foods like potato chips.

And can you guess the point of all this? It's fairly obvious, isn't it? The point is to keep Americans in a never-ending state of chronic degenerative disease that will result in a windfall of profits for the drug companies the FDA actually serves.

This is why natural food producers aren't allowed to even link to scientific articles about their foods. The FDA, you see, is in the business of censoring nutritional science.

Can't tell the truth about green tea, either

On August 30, 2010, the FDA sent warning letters to manufacturers of green tea beverages, warning them about making health claims about green tea. One such beverage made by Canada Dry carried a claim that the drink is "enhanced with 200 mg of antioxidants from green tea and Vitamin C."

In its threatening warning letter, the FDA insisted that green tea and Vitamin C "are not nutrients with recognized antioxidant activity."

Huh? Vitamin C isn't an antioxidant? That's funny, because outside the halls of the FDA offices, vitamin C has antioxidant activity and properties. The laws of chemistry, apparently, are suspended within the FDA's jurisdiction. All the universal laws of physics cease to exist when the FDA is in charge, and they are instead replaced with the FDA's distorted opinions of what those laws should actually be. Antioxidants don't exist. Vitamins are inert substances. Foods contain no medicine. Only pharmaceuticals have biological effects within the human body. These are the far-fetched laws of the universe according to the FDA.

In its never-ending march on nutritional science, the FDA also went after Lipton teas, whose website linked to four scientific studies concluding that green tea has a cholesterol-lowering effect. The FDA warned the Lipton Company to remove the links, claiming that they were "misleading" and were effectively making claims that Lipton tea could treat a "disease."

But what if green tea really can help prevent a disease and the FDA just doesn't want you to know about it? That's actually the case with many plant-based nutrients that have powerful protective effects against disease. But according to the FDA's official position, there is no such thing as a food, nutrient or supplement that can prevent or treat any disease.



Vitamin D Proven Far Better Than Vaccines Against Flu

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by nearly two-thirds.

More than six out of ten children who would have normally been infected with influenza, in other words, were protected by vitamin D supplementation.

The study also revealed that vitamin D strongly suppressed symptoms of asthma. In children with a previous asthma diagnosis, 12 of those receiving no vitamin D experienced asthma attacks. But in the vitamin D group, only 2 children did.

While this subset sample size is small, it does offer yet more evidence that vitamin D prevents asthma attacks in children, and is entirely consistent with the previous evidence on vitamin D which shows it to be a powerful nutrient for preventing asthma.

Vaccine pushers aren't followers of real science

Now, given that vitamin D3 shows such a powerful effect in preventing influenza — with 800% increased efficacy over vaccines — shouldn't CDC officials, doctors and health authorities be rushing to recommend vitamin D3 before flu season arrives?

Of course they should. But they won't. Because for them, it's not about actually preventing influenza and it never has been.

The vaccine pushing camp is primarily interested in using influenza as an excuse to vaccinate more people regardless of whether such vaccines are useful (or safe).

Even if vitamin D offered 100% protection against all influenza infections, they still wouldn't recommend it.

Why? Because they flatly don't believe in nutrition! It runs counter to their med school programming which says that nutrients are useless and only drugs, vaccines and surgery count as real medicine.

The vaccine pushers, you see, aren't followers of real science.

You could publish a hundred studies proving how vitamin D is many times more effective than vaccines and they still would never recommend it.

They are promoters of medical dogma rather than real solutions for patients. They promote vaccines because... well... that's what they've always promoted, and that's what their colleagues promote. And how could so many smart people be wrong, anyway?

But that's the history of science: A whole bunch of really smart people turn out to be wrong on a regular basis. That's usually how science advances, by the way: A new idea challenges an old assumption, and after all the defenders of the old (wrong) idea die off, science manages to inch its way forward against the hoots and heckles of a determined dogmatic resistance.

This attitude is blatantly reflected in a quote from Dr. John Oxford, a professor of virology at Queen Mary School of Medicine in London, whose reaction to this study was: "This is a timely study. It will be noticed by scientists. It

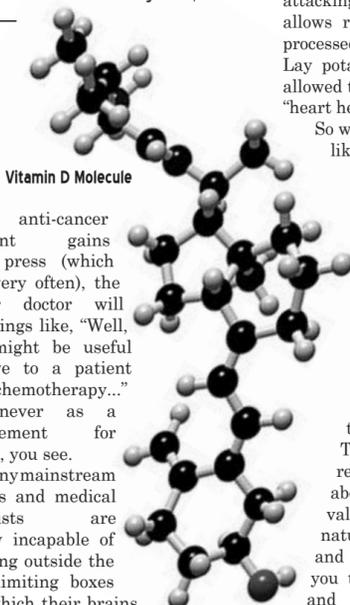
"The fact that an opinion has been widely held is no evidence whatever that it is not utterly absurd; indeed in view of the silliness of the majority of mankind, a widespread belief is more likely to be foolish than sensible."

— Bertrand Russell

fits in with the seasonal pattern of flu. There is an increasing background of solid science that makes the vitamin D story credible. But this study needs to be replicated. If it is confirmed we might think of giving vitamin D at the same time as we vaccinate."

Did you notice his concluding remark? He wasn't even considering the idea that vitamin D might replace vaccines. Rather, he's assuming vitamin D only has value if given together with vaccines!

You see this in the cancer industry, too, with anti-cancer herbs and nutrients. Any time



Vitamin D Molecule

an anti-cancer nutrient gains some press (which isn't very often), the cancer doctor will say things like, "Well, this might be useful to give to a patient after chemotherapy..." but never as a replacement for chemo, you see.

Many mainstream doctors and medical scientists are simply incapable of thinking outside the very limiting boxes into which their brains have been shoved through years of de-education in medical schools. When they see evidence contrary to what they've been taught, they foolishly dismiss it.

Medical journals as guardians of ignorance

Medical journals largely function not as beacons of scientific truth but as defenders of pseudoscientific dogma. To have your paper published in most journals, your paper must meet the expectations and beliefs of that journal's editor. Thus, the advancement of scientific knowledge reflected in each journal is limited to the current beliefs of just one person — the editor of that journal.

Truly pioneering research that challenges the status quo is almost always rejected. Only papers that confirm the presently-held beliefs of the journal's editorial staff are accepted for publication. This is one reason why medical science, in particular, advances so slowly.

Studies that show vitamin D to be more effective than vaccines will rarely see the light of day in the scientific community. It is to the great credit of the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, in fact, that it accepted the publication of this paper by Mitsuyoshi Urashima. Most medical journals wouldn't dare touch it because it questions status quo beliefs about vaccines and influenza.

Medical journals, you see, are largely funded by the pharmaceutical industry. And Big Pharma doesn't want to see any studies lending credibility to vitamins, regardless of their scientific merit. Even if vitamin D could save America billions of dollars in reduced health care costs (which it can, actually), they don't want vitamin D to receive any scientific backing whatsoever because drug companies can't patent vitamin D. It's readily available to everyone for mere pennies a day.

In time, it will be recognized as superior to vaccines for seasonal flu, but for now, we must all suffer under the foolish propaganda of an industry that has abandoned science and now worships a needle.

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Vitamin C doesn't prevent scurvy. Vitamin D doesn't prevent rickets. Vitamin B3 doesn't prevent pellagra, according to the FDA. Vitamins are biologically useless substances unless they're patented by drug companies, in which case they are magically transformed into "therapeutic chemicals" that may be sold to patients at monopoly prices.

The FDA actually believes that fresh, unprocessed foods have no health benefits whatsoever. That's why no health claims are allowed on such things. But dead processed foods like breakfast cereals can prevent disease, according to the FDA. That's why the agency has allowed such products to carry a multitude of health claims.

It's all part of the FDA's censorship of science about nutrients, foods and supplements. Rather than promoting real scientific knowledge, the FDA is censoring the science to keep the public as ignorant as possible.

In this way, the FDA is an enemy of nutritional literacy because it aims to keep people in the dark about the health benefits of foods, supplements and nutrients.

And because nutritional literacy is crucial to the long-term survival of America, the FDA, through its campaign of enforced nutritional illiteracy, is effectively an enemy of America. The agency has already accomplished incalculable harm to America's population and her economy. And the FDA is just getting warmed up! Now it wants to "step up its enforcement" of so-called "false" food labeling. This is just a cover story to clamp down on truthful health claims the FDA wants to censor.

It is through scientific censorship policies like those practiced at the FDA that America may fall to ignorance, disease and medical bankruptcy. The FDA is actually accelerating America's downfall by isolating people from the nutritional knowledge that could prevent disease, reduce health care costs and save billions of dollars in unnecessary medical costs.

For example, can you imagine the cost savings alone if we as a nation could prevent just one percent of all cancers? According to the National Institutes of Health, cancer cost the USA \$228.1 billion in 2008. That's nearly a quarter of a trillion dollars.

Now imagine the savings if we could find a miracle nutrient that could reduce all cancers by three-quarters? That would save America \$171 billion per year (not to mention saving human lives at the same time).

And here's the good news: Such a nutrient already exists! It's cheap, safe and readily available. But the American Cancer Society won't talk about it, the FDA won't approve it and your doctor almost certainly won't recommend it. Want to know what it is? According to new research conducted at the Creighton University School of Medicine in Nebraska, supplementing with Vitamin D and calcium can reduce your risk of cancer by an astonishing 77 percent.

How to end the FDA's reign of ignorance and censorship of nutritional science

First off, I highly recommend reading Jonathan Emord's outstanding book on this subject entitled *Global Censorship of Health Information*. This is a hugely important book on the subject from one of the industry's intellectual giants: attorney Jonathan Emord.

Secondly, if you're in the US, support the Free Speech about

Science Act, a new effort to end FDA censorship over truthful, scientifically-validated health claims for vitamins, foods and nutritional supplements.

Finally, recognize that we are beginning to defeat the FDA in court. In particular, the Alliance for Natural Health recently emerged victorious against the FDA in court over the agency's effort to censor truthful information about how selenium can reduce your risk of cancer.

Now we need more companies to stand up to FDA tyranny and take this rogue agency to court in order to stop its campaign of censorship and oppression against the natural products industry.

Just to be clear about what is a valid health claim

Just to be clear, in no way am I advocating that natural products companies should be able to just think up whatever health claims they want and emblazon their product packages with such things. We need to insist that health claims be "scientifically validated."

For example, if a cherry company could cite five studies published in peer-reviewed scientific journals concluding that cherries can help ease the symptoms of arthritis, then it should be perfectly acceptable for that company to place corresponding claims on its packaging: "Cherries have been shown to reduce the symptoms of arthritis." (With an appropriate citation on its website that points to the qualifying scientific studies.)

Almost everyone who believes in common sense would agree that this is a sensible approach to allowing health claims on foods and supplements. Yet the FDA's position is that foods and supplements are not allowed to carry any health claims — even if such claims are scientifically validated and true!

The FDA absurdly insists that no food, no herb, no vitamin and no supplement can possibly have any biological effect on the human body... and if it does, then that magically transforms it into a "drug" requiring \$400 million in testing and clinical trials before it can be approved by the FDA. And even then, it would only be available by prescription.

Do you see the catch-22 here? It's sort of like the old "floating witch" test in the witchhunt days: If you float, you're a witch and you get burned at the stake. If you sink, you die but you are declared innocent.

The FDA pulls the same thing with nutritional supplements: If it doesn't work, then it's inert and will be tolerated. But if it actually works, then it's now a "drug" and will be outlawed as an "unapproved drug."

I'm not making this up. This is precisely how the FDA operates at present.

It's a logic trap that I believe has been specifically designed to discredit the entire nutritional supplements industry while promoting the "benefits" of pharmaceuticals — most of which we now know were falsified through pure scientific fraud, by the way.

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The True Cost of the War

By PAUL CRAIG ROBERTS

Obama's "end of Iraq war" speech must have shattered any remaining belief in him. Forced to appease both his supporters and the warmonger right-wing, who denounce him as a Muslim and a Marxist, Obama resorted to Orwellian DoubleSpeak. He could only announce an end to the war by praising the president who started it and the troops who fought it. Yet, as most earthlings, if not Americans, surely know by now, the war was based on a lie and on intentional deception. The American troops died for a lie.

President Obama spoke of the cost to Americans of liberating Iraq, but is Iraq liberated, or is Iraq in the hands of American puppet politicians and still occupied by 50,000 American troops and 200,000 private mercenaries and "contractors," governed out of the largest embassy in the world, essentially a fortress?

President Obama did not speak of the cost to Iraqis of being "liberated." The uncounted Iraqi deaths, estimates of which range from 100,000 to 1,000,000, most being women and children, were not mentioned. Neither were the uncounted orphaned and maimed children, the four million displaced Iraqis, the flight from Iraq of the professional middle class, the homes, infrastructure, villages and towns destroyed, along with whatever remained of America's reputation.

All of this was left out of the picture that Obama painted of America's "commitment" to Iraq, which brought Iraqis "peace" and liberated Iraqis from Saddam Hussein in order that a destroyed Iraq can now be an American puppet state and take its orders from Washington.

As it is impossible for the US government to any longer pretend that the invasion of Iraq was necessary to save America from weapons of mass destruction and al Qaeda terrorists, the US government's justification for its massive war crime has come down to removing Saddam Hussein, who, like the Americans, tortured his opponents.

Does anyone on earth, even among the most moronic of the flag-waving American super-patriots, believe that the bankrupt United States government spent three trillion borrowed dollars to remove one man, Saddam Hussein, in order to free Iraq from tyranny? Anyone who believes this is insane.

Saddam Hussein would have resigned for far less money had it been offered to him.

Do Americans see the irony in the "saving Iraq from tyranny" excuse? The greatest price of the neoconservative war against Iraq is not the \$3 trillion or the dead and maimed American soldiers and their broken families. The greatest price of this evil war is the destruction of the US Constitution and American civil liberties.

The Bush/Cheney/Obama National Security State has eviscerated the Constitution and civil liberty. Nothing remains. The fascist Republican Federalist Society has put enough federal judges in the judiciary to rule that the president is above the law. The president doesn't have to obey the law against spying on American citizens without warrants. The president doesn't have to obey US and international laws against torture. The president doesn't have to obey the Constitution which mandates that only Congress can declare war. The President can do whatever he wants as

long as he justifies it as "national security."

The President's part of the government, the unaccountable executive branch, is supreme. The President can announce, without being impeached, his decision to murder Americans abroad and at home if someone somewhere in the unaccountable executive branch regards such American citizens as "threats."

Murder first. No accountability later.

The executive branch has exercised unilateral, unaccountable power to deep-six the US Constitution, with little interference from the judiciary and with support from Congress. The executive branch has declared foreign opponents of America's illegal invasions and occupations of their countries to be "terrorists," subject neither to the laws of war nor to the criminal laws of the US and, therefore, subject to indefinite torture and detention without charges or evidence.

This is the legacy of the Bush/Cheney regime, and this criminal regime continues under Obama.

America's "war on terror," a fabrication, has resurrected the unaccountable dungeon of the Middle Ages and the raw tyranny that prevailed prior to the Magna Carta.

This is the true cost of "liberating" Iraq, that is, of turning Iraq into an American puppet state that sells out its people for America's interests.

Who will now liberate Americans from the Bush/Cheney/Obama/neoconservative tyranny?

President Obama asserts that America's war crimes have come to an end in Iraq, but Obama asserts the power to export America's war crimes to Afghanistan in order to reign in what the CIA director says are "fifty or less" al Qaeda members remaining in Afghanistan. Bankrupt Americans will now be saddled with another three billion dollars of debt in order to chase after "fifty or less" alleged terrorists. To cover up this extraordinary waste of borrowed money, Obama, following the dishonest practices of prior American regimes, equated al Qaeda with the Taliban, a home-grown movement of hundreds of thousands of Afghans seeking to unify the country.

The least expensive way to combat "terrorists" would be to stop trying to create an American empire in the Middle East and Central Asia and to stop imposing American puppet states on indigenous populations.

The bought-and-paid-for-European-puppet states, which preen themselves with their superior morality, fall in line with Washington, obeying their American master who fills their pockets with dollars. The West, having fought tyranny since the Magna Carta, now imposes tyranny both on itself and on the rest of the world.

If Hitler and Stalin had prevailed, what would be the difference? Is the Obama regime going to shoot the "enemies of the state," condemned without trial or evidence, by shooting them in the front of the head instead of in the back of the neck, as was the practice in the Lubyanka?

What other difference is there?

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Holt: FBI Anthrax Investigation to be Subject of New GAO Probe

By MATT SULLIVAN / RCFP

Congressman Rush Holt (D-NJ) has announced that the Government Accountability Office (GAO) is opening an inquiry, with hearings and subpoena power, into the FBI's investigation of the 2001 anthrax attack. "In the wake of the bungled FBI investigation, all of us — but especially the families of the victims of the anthrax attacks — deserve credible answers about how the attacks happened and whether the case is really closed," Holt said in a statement Wednesday (9/15).

"Specifically, the GAO will seek to answer the following questions: 1) What microbial and technical forensic methods did the FBI use to conclude that Bruce Ivins was the perpetrator of the 2001 anthrax attack; how reliable and reproductive were those methods; and were the methods validated? 2) What scientific concerns and uncertainties, if any, remain? 3) What agencies, including intelligence agencies, are responsible for monitoring high containment laboratories in the U.S. and abroad; how do they monitor these laboratories; and how effective is their monitoring?"

The bio-attacks were yet another blow to the nation which was attempting to deal with the aftermath of 9/11 just a month earlier. Capitol Hill was evacuated, government mail deliveries were re-routed and the Congress was effectively shut down. The planned Congressional investigation of 9/11 was put on hold and any Congress member who was having doubts had little choice but to sign-on to the new "PATRIOT" act legislation. In fact, the congressional targets of the anthrax mailings were Senators Pat

Leahy and Tom Daschle — two of the principal opponents of the Patriot Act.

Five people died and 17 others were sickened in the attack — the worst bio-terrorism event ever on US soil.

The FBI's investigation of the Anthrax attack has been marred by incompetence and controversy from the beginning. The Bush administration initially tried to blame Iraq for the attack, claiming that "bentonite" was found in the samples. Both assertions were later retracted. The investigation focused for years on the "wrong" suspect, Steven Hatfill, and the FBI was eventually forced to pay \$4.6 Million in civil damages for violating his privacy.

The FBI's eight year investigation of the Anthrax attacks closed last year with dubious results. The blame was pinned solely on a low level Ft. Detrick bioweapons lab employee, Bruce Ivins, who conveniently "committed suicide" just before he was to be accused.

Ivins' co-workers and other experts in the field pointed out that Ivins had neither the expertise nor equipment to produce the weaponized spores used in the attack. Readers of *The Creek* know that this paper has been critical of the FBI's conclusion from the outset. We welcome the GAO investigation but expect that their efforts will be thwarted with claims of the need for secrecy for "National Security".

Obama administration officials said the President would veto any legislation calling for a formal congressional investigation, saying it would be "redundant."



Dismantle America's Military Behemoth

By JACOB G. HORNBERGER

An article in the September 12th issue of *The New York Times* provided an interesting analysis of the Egyptian military, one that holds some important lessons for America.

The article described the military in Egypt as "the single most powerful institution in an autocratic state facing its toughest test in decades, an imminent presidential succession." The military, which has been the recipient of almost \$40 billion in US foreign aid for the past 30 years, has made it clear that it will not permit anyone to assume the presidency "without ironclad guarantees that it would retain its pre-eminent position in the nation's affairs."

The paper pointed out the big role that the military and military-industrial complex have come to play in Egyptian life: "The Egyptian military has turned into a behemoth that controls not only security and a burgeoning defense

industry, but has also branched into civilian businesses like road and housing construction, consumer goods and resort management."

When he was leaving office in January 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who had been an army general in World War II, issued a fascinating warning to the American people:

"This conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience. The total influence — economic, political, even spiritual — is felt in every city, every State house, and every office of the Federal government. We recognize the imperative need for this development. Yet we must not fail to comprehend its grave implications. Our toil, resources and livelihood are all involved; so is the very structure of our society.

"In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether

sought or unsought, by the military industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.

"We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together."

In other words, Big Government was a necessary evil because of the Cold War. Once the Communist threat was vanquished, Big Government proponents argued, we could dismantle the standing army and the military-industrial complex.

Alas, however, it was not to be. When the Soviet Union disintegrated in 1991, along with the Berlin Wall, the time had

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Real vs. Fake Crises: Concealing the Risk of an All-Out Nuclear War

By MICHEL CHOSSUDOVSKY / GLOBAL RESEARCH

We have reached a turning point in our history. The US and its allies are preparing to launch a nuclear war with devastating consequences.

During the Cold War, the concept of "mutual assured destruction" (MAD) was put forth. An understanding of the consequences of nuclear war largely contributed to avoiding the outbreak of war between the US and the Soviet Union.

Today, in the post-Cold war era, no such understanding prevails.

The specter of a nuclear holocaust, which haunted the world for half a century has been relegated to the status of "collateral damage."

This military adventure in the real sense of the word threatens the future of humanity.

While one can conceptualize the loss of life and destruction resulting from present-day wars including Iraq and Afghanistan, it is impossible to assess or fully comprehend the devastation which would result from a Third World War, using "new technologies" and advanced weapons systems, until it actually

occurs and becomes a reality.

A sequence of US-sponsored wars characterizes a period of our history euphemistically referred to as "the post-War era." The US-led war in Afghanistan has been ongoing, in various stages, for thirty-one years. Iraq has been under US and allied military occupation for more than seven years (not counting Iraq War I or years of US sanctions).

We are living history but at the same time we are unable to comprehend the events which shape our future and which are currently unfolding in front of our very eyes.

The details of ongoing war preparations in relation to Iran have been withheld from the public eye. (See Michel Chossudovsky, "Preparing for World War III, Targeting Iran", *Global Research*, August 1, 2010, and "Towards a World War III Scenario? The Role of Israel in Triggering an Attack on Iran," August 13, 2010).

The media is involved in acts of camouflage. The devastating impacts of a nuclear war are either trivialized or not mentioned. Meanwhile, public opinion has its eyes riveted on what might be described as "fake crises."

A Third World War is no longer

a hypothetical scenario. Already in 2007, President Bush had hinted in no uncertain terms that if Iran did not comply with US demands, we might "reluctantly" be forced into a World War III situation:

"We got a leader in Iran who has announced that he wants to destroy Israel. So I've told people that if you're interested in avoiding World War III, it seems like you ought to be interested in preventing them from having the knowledge necessary to make a nuclear weapon. I take the threat of Iran with a nuclear weapon very seriously...." (George W. Bush, October 17, 2007).

Real vs. Fake Crises

In an utterly twisted logic, World War III is presented as a means to preserving World Peace.

Iran is blamed for refusing to abide by the "reasonable demands" of "the international community."

Realities are twisted and turned upside down. Iran is being accused of wanting to start World War III. Inherent in US military doctrine, the victims of war are often heralded as the aggressor.

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U.N. WATCH

UN Millennium Development Goals: Meager Results

By CARLA STEA / RCFP

United Nations: September 7, 2010

Ten years after the United Nations adopted the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), a recent report indicates abysmal failure to reach or even approach its initial goals. The MDG Report, released with massive publicity and fanfare on June 23, 2010 reveals how global problems have actually worsened. In many instances the global problems the MDG's were touted to alleviate have actually deteriorated.

Another United Nations division, the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, identifies the crucial failure in concept and vision of the MDGs. This failure explains why, after ten years, two-thirds of the time originally allotted to reach their goals, the MDGs have achieved, at best, paltry results, as revealed in the following 2010.

MDG Goal 1: Target: Achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all, including women and young people.

Result: Deterioration of the labor market, triggered by the economic crisis has resulted in a decline in employment.

Since the economic crisis, more workers find themselves and their families living in extreme poverty.

Target: Halve, between 1990 and 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger.

Result: Hunger may have spiked in 2009, one of the many dire consequences of the global food and financial crises. Progress to end hunger has been stymied in most regions. In some regions, the prevalence of underweight children is dramatically higher among the poor.

Goal 2: Ensure that by 2015 children everywhere, boys and girls alike, will be able to complete a full course of primary schooling.

Result: Hope dims for universal education by 2015. Sub-Saharan Africa and Southern Asia are home to the vast majority of children out of school. Inequality thwarts progress toward universal education.

Goal 3: Target: Eliminate gender disparity in primary and secondary education, preferably by 2005, and in all levels of education no later than 2015.

Result: Poverty is a major barrier to education, especially among older girls.

Women are overrepresented in informal employment, with its lack of benefits and security. Top-level jobs still go to men — to an overwhelming degree.

Goal 4: Target: Reduce by two-thirds between 1990 and 2015 the under-five mortality rate.

Result: Child deaths are falling, but not quickly enough to reach the target. Recent success in controlling measles may be short-lived if funding gaps are not bridged.

Goal 5: Target: Improve maternal health.

Result: most maternal deaths could be avoided. Giving birth is especially risky in Southern Asia and sub-Saharan Africa, where most deliver without skilled care. Inequalities in care during pregnancy are striking. Poverty and lack of education perpetuate high adolescent birth rates. Use of contraceptives is lowest among the poorest women and those with no education.

Goal 6: Target: Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS. Achieve by 2010 universal access to treatment for HIV/AIDS for all those

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who need it.
Result: The rate of new HIV infections continues to outstrip the expansion of treatment.

Target: Have halted by 2015 and begun to reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases.

Result: Poverty continued to limit use of mosquito nets. Children from the poorest households are least likely to receive treatment for malaria.

Goal 7: Target: Halve by 2015 the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation.

Result: With half the population of developing regions without sanitation, the 2015 target appears to be out of reach.

Goal 8: Target: By 2020 to have achieved a significant improvement in the lives of at least 100 million slum dwellers.

Result: Slum improvements, though considerable, are failing to keep pace with the growing ranks of the urban poor. The situation is even more critical in conflict-affected countries, where the proportion of urban populations living in slums increased from 64 percent to 77 percent between 1990 and 2010.

MDG 8 would appear to hold the potential for fulfilling the other seven MDGs: Target: Develop a global partnership for development.

MDG 8 receives the least attention, and its implementation would require a transformation of the global financial architecture, which is

anathema to many of the developed nations, whose "elites" benefit so hugely from the status-quo.

The disconnect between two United Nations agencies is glaringly revealed by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs Report released on June 29, 2010, one week following the 2010 MDG report. This second report, entitled, "Retooling Global Development," states:

"Restarting the pattern of growth that led to the present crisis will only lay the seeds for future, possibly more harmful crises. The crisis suggest that globalization as we know it is not sustainable and needs to change direction. While the global number of poor living on less than \$1.25 a day decreased from 1.8 billion in 1990 to 1.4 billion in 2005, nearly the entire reduction was concentrated in (communist) China. In sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, the number of poor actually increased. With few exceptions, income inequalities within countries have also escalated since the early 1980's. Redressing this global economic divergence, to prevent it from becoming a source of tension and insecurity will be a major challenge in the decades ahead, warns the survey."

"In the light of these major challenges, the World Economic and Social Survey 2010 says the crisis provides an opportunity to reexamine and reform the system of global governance so that the economic interdependence can be harnessed to overcome poverty instead of being the

source of instability and the driver of increasing economic and political inequities."

Page 20 of this report states: "The Millennium Development Goals provide no more than a set of targets, which though they may provide a focus for a coherent strategy, do not as such offer any guidance on what combination of policies would be most effective in fostering the simultaneous achievement of those goals."

MDG Architect

Jeffrey Sachs, author of "The Millennium Development Goals," deplores the failure to meet the target MDG goals. Yet he ignores the key linkage which would give powerful incentive and impetus for the developed world to overcome their sluggish indifference to helping the vast number of impoverished people throughout the world. Sachs lacks scientific evidence that reducing global poverty would create a safer and more secure world for everyone, for the wealthiest as much as for the poorest. Ted Turner tried to make this argument in a speech he gave at the United Nations on April 1, 2008, but Turner was also unable to cite any rigorous scientific study as evidence to prove his argument. Frequent front-page articles of *The New York Times* feature descriptions of the opulent lives of the grossly wealthy "elite" of countries such as Mexico and India, a tiny minority who live luxuriously in concrete gated enclaves, adjacent to the vast majority of destitute people who exist in squalor next to those concrete protective walls. The grossly wealthy wear bullet-proof clothing, their children prohibited from venturing outside these privileged gilded cages, as the risk of their being kidnapped for ransom, or murdered, increases exponentially with the widening gap between the bloated wealth of the tiny minority "elite" and the desperation of the unjustly impoverished majority of slum dwellers.

Jeffrey Sachs is a mesmerizing speaker and seems to have undergone a 180-degree reversal from his position in 1992, when, as a colleague of Russia's Anatoly Chubais, and a strident advocate for "shock therapy" for the Russian Federation, he publicly denounced

the Russian people for sloth-like dependence upon the free health care, education and job security which had been provided by the Soviet Union, and which he and his free-market brigade had contrived to demolish, leaving the vast Soviet people's wealth to be privatized by oligarchs, East and West. Having contributed to the destruction of the economic infrastructure necessary to support human life in Russia, and elsewhere. Today, 18 years later, Sachs is now apparently an advocate for the restoration of such life-sustaining measures. It was recently reported that following a lunch Sachs had with George Soros, Mr. Soros gave Sachs a \$50 million donation for his endeavors.



Jeffrey Sachs

Jeffrey Sachs' turning point may have come with Russia. "It is desirable," wrote the Harvard historian Richard Pipes" for Russia to keep on disintegrating until nothing remains of its institutional structures." As described by Naomi Klein in *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*, "On October 4, 1993 Yeltsin ordered a reluctant army to storm the Russian White House, setting it on fire and leaving charred the very building he had built his reputation defending just two years earlier. Communism may have collapsed without the firing of a single shot, but Chicago-style capitalism required a great

deal of gunfire to defend itself. Yeltsin called in five-thousand soldiers, dozens of tanks and armored personnel carriers, helicopters and elite shock troops armed with automatic guns - all to defend Russia's new capitalist economy from the grave threat of democracy." (page 288, Klein). "Yet his economic policies and the wars he waged in order to protect them contributed significantly to the Chicago School crusade death toll which has been mounting steadily since Chile in the seventies. The larger massacres Yeltsin precipitated have taken place in slow motion, but their numbers are much higher - the 'collateral damage' of economic shock therapy." "In the absence of major famine, plague, battles, never have so many lost so much in so short a time. By 1998, more than 80 percent of Russian farms had gone bankrupt and roughly 70 thousand state farms had closed, creating an epidemic of unemployment. In 1989, before shock therapy, two million people in the Russian Federation were living in poverty, on less than \$4.00 a day. By the time the 'shock therapists' had administered their 'bitter medicine' in the mid-nineties, 74 million Russians were living below the poverty line. This means that Russia's 'economic reforms' can claim credit for the impoverishment of 72 million people in only eight years. According to Vladimir Gusev, a Moscow academic, 'The years of criminal capitalism have killed off 10 percent of our population.' Between 1992, the first year of shock therapy and 2006, Russia's population shrank by 6.6 million people. Three decades ago, Andre Gunder Frank, the dissident Chicago economist, wrote a letter to Milton Friedman, accusing him of 'economic genocide.' Many Russians describe the slow disappearance of their fellow citizens in similar terms today. This planned misery is made all the more grotesque because the wealth accumulated by the elite is flaunted in Moscow as nowhere else outside of a handful of oil emirates." (Naomi Klein, *The Shock Doctrine*, pages 299-301).

Klein continues: "Sachs admires Keynes, but he seems uninterested in what made Keynesianism finally possible in his own country: the messy, militant demands of trade unionists and socialists, whose growing strength turned a more radical solution into a credible threat, which in turn made the [1930s] New Deal look like an acceptable compromise. This unwillingness to recognize the role of mass movements in pressuring reluctant governments to embrace the very ideas he advocates has had serious ramifications. For one, it meant that Sachs could not see the most glaring political reality confronting him in Russia: there was never going to be a Marshall Plan for Russia because there was only ever a Marshall Plan because of Russia. When Yeltsin abolished the Soviet Union, the 'loaded gun' that had forced the development of the original Marshall Plan was disarmed. Without it capitalism was suddenly free to lapse into its most savage form, not just in Russia but around the world."

Thirty years ago, on August 27, 1980, at the United Nations Eleventh Special Session on Economic Development: "Toward a New International Economic Order," Joaquim Chissano, then Foreign Minister of Mozambique addressed the General Assembly, stating: "The existing economic order is profoundly unjust. It runs counter to the basic interests of the developing countries...we see the perpetuation of underdevelopment in Africa, Asia and

Latin America. The peoples of those continents are forced to face hunger, starvation, poverty, nakedness, disease and illiteracy increasingly. We denounce any kind of economic prosperity or independence for part of mankind built on the dependence, domination and exploitation of the rest of mankind.... the developing countries have warned the world about the need to take measures to eliminate the main obstacles to emancipation and progress of the peoples struggling for a proper standard of living which would meet the basic needs of life... During the colonial period we were branded as rebels and insurgents when we demanded the restitution of our status as human beings. When we demanded independence we tried to talk peaceably with our masters, but no one would listen. The dialogue of force was imposed upon us. We took up arms. Much blood was spilt. But only in that way were we able to win."

Twenty-nine years later, at the 64th Session of the United Nations General Assembly General Debate, on September 24, 2009, Stjepan Mesic, President of the Republic of Croatia stated: "Our world is finally still dominated by an economic model which is self-evidently exhausted and has now reached a stage where it is itself generating crises, causing hardship to thousands and hundreds of thousands of people. If one attempts to save this already obsolete model at any cost, if one stubbornly defends a system based on greed and devoid of any social note worthy of mention, the result can be only one: social unrest harboring the potential to erupt into social insurrection on a global scale."

Today, religious fanatics and terrorist organizations are recruiting foot soldiers among the vastly increasing victims of extreme poverty, victims vulnerable to terrorist recruitment precisely because they have no choices in life, no control over their own lives, and nothing to lose. Suicide bombings are a daily occurrence throughout Asia, Africa and the Middle East, and the global insurrection against which Croatian President Mesic presciently warned is becoming a reality. Neo-Nazism is polarized in the Baltic countries, and elsewhere in Europe, as the global economy resembles that of the 1930s.

If we compile and total the many millions of people who died of torture, murder and starvation as a result of the imposition of Milton Friedman's capitalist economic policies throughout the world, the number of human deaths would vastly exceed the number of people who died in the Soviet Union as a result of Stalin's policies during Communism. The genius Andre Gunder Frank accused Milton Friedman of "economic genocide," and that term aptly describes our current global financial system. It perpetrates genocide, as a means of maximizing and monopolizing profits. And the suicide bombers in the "interest" of extremist religion are the flip side of this economic system which so readily disposes of human life in the interest of greed.

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Real versus Fake Crises:

Concealing the Risk of an All Out Nuclear War

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World War III is upheld as a bona fide humanitarian undertaking which contributes to global security. In a bitter irony, those who decide on the use of nuclear weapons believe their own propaganda. President and Commander in Chief Barack Obama believes his own lies.

Neither the War nor the worldwide economic depression are understood as part of an unprecedented crisis in World history. Ironically, the dangers to humanity of an all out nuclear war do not instill fear and public concern.

Instead, fake "crises" — e.g. a global warming, a worldwide flu pandemic, a "false flag" nuclear attack by "Islamic terrorists"—are fabricated by the media, the governments, the intelligence apparatus and the Washington think tanks.

An understanding of fundamental social and political events is replaced by a world of sheer fantasy, where "evil folks" are lurking. The purpose of these "fake crises" is to obfuscate the real crisis as well as to instill fear and insecurity among the population:

"The whole aim of practical politics is to keep the populace alarmed ... by menacing it with an endless series of hobgoblins, all of them imaginary... The urge to save humanity is almost always only a false face for the urge to rule it." (H. L. Mencken)

While the real danger of nuclear war is barely acknowledged, these "fake crises" are invariably front-page news.

• Mass unemployment, foreclosures and poverty are not characteristic of a (social) crisis.

• The legalization of torture and targeted political assassinations is not part of a (constitutional) crisis. Torturing and killing potential terrorists are intended to "make the world safer".

• War waged on humanitarian grounds is considered a "solution" to a crisis rather than its cause.

Economic Depression is not

mentioned because the economic recession is said to be over. In other words there is no economic crisis.

Three Types of Fake Crises

1. A Nuclear Attack on America by al Qaeda

"Sooner or later there will be a nuclear 9/11 [by Islamic terrorists] in an American city or that of a US ally... A terrorist nuclear attack against an American city could take many forms. A worst case scenario would be the detonation of a nuclear device within a city. Depending upon the size and sophistication of the weapon, it could kill hundreds of thousands or even millions of people." David Krieger, "Is a Nuclear 9/11 in Our Future?" Nuclear Age Peace Foundation, October 6, 2003.

The nuclear threat comes from "non-State" organizations,

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— H. L. Mencken

with limited advanced weapons' capabilities rather than from known nuclear powers (nuclear States).

2. A Global Public Health Emergency - A Global Flu Pandemic

"As many as 2 billion people could become infected [H1N1] over the next two years — nearly one-third of the world population." (World Health Organization as reported by the Western media, July 24, 2009, emphasis added)

"Swine flu could strike up to 40 percent of Americans over the next two years and as many as several hundred thousand could die if a vaccine campaign and other measures aren't successful." (Official Statement of the US Administration, Associated Press, July 24, 2009).

"The US expects to have 160 million doses of swine flu vaccine available sometime in October", (Associated Press, July 23, 2009)

"Vaccine makers could produce

4.9 billion pandemic flu shots per year in the best-case scenario", (Margaret Chan, Director-General, World Health Organization (WHO), quoted by Reuters, July 21, 2009).

3. The Perils of Global Warming

"The headline figures are: 300,000 deaths and 300 million people affected every year [by global warming]" (Greenpeace, "Deaths and displacement due to climate change set to grow." June 5, 2009)

"Climate change is life or death. It is the new global battlefield." (Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace Laureate)

"Two thousand scientists, in a hundred countries, engaged in the most elaborate, well organized scientific collaboration in the history of humankind, have produced long-since a consensus that we will face a string of terrible catastrophes unless we act to prepare ourselves and deal with the underlying causes of global warming. (Al Gore, speech at National Sierra Club Convention, September 9, 2005).

"The ultimate concern is that if runaway global warming occurred, temperatures could spiral out of control and make our planet uninhabitable... this is the first time that a species has been at risk of generating its own demise... The dinosaurs dominated the earth for 160 million years. We are in danger of putting our future at risk after a mere quarter of a million years." (Michael Meacher, Former UK Minister for the Environment, quoted in *The Guardian*, February 14, 2003).

The American Inquisition

Heralded as the "real threat", these fake crises constitute a cover-up of the "real crisis".

The objective is to distort the facts, create an atmosphere of fear and intimidation as well as quell popular dissent and resistance against the established political and economic order. We are dealing with an inquisitorial environment. In the words of Monty Python: "Nobody expects the Spanish

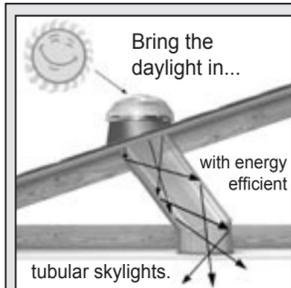


Pythons perform the Spanish Inquisition skit

Inquisition! [Read the American inquisition] Our chief weapon is surprise [Read insecurity] ...surprise and fear...fear and surprise.... Our two weapons are fear and surprise...and ruthless efficiency.... Our three weapons are fear, surprise, and ruthless efficiency... and an almost fanatical devotion to the Pope [Read the US government].... Our four...no... Amongst our weapons... Amongst our weaponry...are such elements as fear, surprise.... I'll come in again."

The fear campaign underlying a fake crisis is intended to obfuscate the real crisis — including the danger of nuclear war — as well as disarm all forms of meaningful resistance and opposition.

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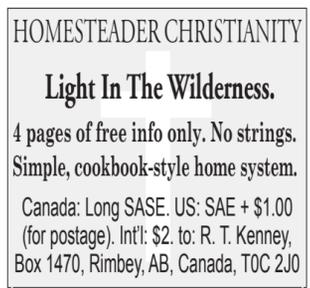
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Time for Helicopter Ben to Drop Some Money on Main Street



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actually shrank at a record annual rate of 9.6 percent.

Cullen Roche at *The Pragmatic Capitalist* has an answer to that puzzle. He says that as currently practiced; QE is not really a money drop. It is just an asset swap:

"[T]he Fed doesn't actually 'print' anything when it initiates its QE policy. The Fed simply electronically swaps an asset with the private sector. In most cases it swaps deposits with an interest bearing asset."

The Fed just swaps Federal Reserve notes (dollar bills) for other assets (promissory notes or debt) that can quickly be turned into money. The Fed is merely trading one form of liquidity for another, without raising the overall water level in the pool.

The mechanics of how QE works were revealed in a remarkable segment on National Public Radio on August 26, describing how a team of Fed employees bought \$1.25 trillion in mortgage bonds beginning in late 2008. According to NPR:

"The Fed was able to spend so much money so quickly because it has a unique power: It can create money out of thin air, whenever it decides to do so. So ... the mortgage team would decide to buy a bond, they'd push a button on the computer - 'and voila, money is created.'

"The thing about bonds, of course, is that people pay them back. So that \$1.25 trillion in mortgage bonds will shrink over time, as they get repaid. Earlier this month, the Fed announced that it will use the proceeds from the mortgage bonds to buy Treasury bonds — essentially keeping all that newly created money in circulation. The decision was a sign that the Fed thinks the economy still needs to be propped up with extraordinary measures."

"Extraordinary measures" was a reference to Section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act, which allows the Fed in "unusual and exigent circumstances" to buy "notes, drafts and bills of exchange" (debt instruments) from "any individual, partnership or corporation" satisfying its requirements. The Fed was supposedly engaging in these extraordinary measures to "reflate" the money supply and get credit flowing again. Yet, the money supply continued to shrink. The problem, as Roche explains, is that the dollars were merely being swapped for other highly liquid assets on bank balance sheets. That this sort of asset swap will not pump up a collapsed money supply has been shown not only by the Fed's failed experiments over the last two years, but by two decades of failed QE policy in Japan, an economy which remains in the deflationary doldrums. To reverse deflation, it seems, QE needs to be directed somewhere else besides the balance sheets of private banks. What we need is the sort of helicopter drop described by Bernanke in 2002 — one over the towns and cities of the real economy.

There is another interesting lesson suggested by two decades of failed QE: it might actually be possible for the government to "print" its way out of debt, without triggering the dreaded hyperinflation long warned of by pundits. Swapping dollars for debt hasn't inflated the circulating money supply to date because federal debt securities already serve as forms of "money" in the economy.

The Textbook Money Multiplier Model ... and Why It Is Obsolete

Beginning with some definitions, QE is explained in Wikipedia like this:

"A central bank ... first credit[s] its own account with money it has created ex nihilo (out of nothing). It then purchases financial assets, including government bonds, mortgage-backed securities and corporate bonds, from banks and other financial institutions in a process referred to as open market operations. The purchases, by way of account deposits, give banks the excess reserves required for them to create new money, and thus a hopeful stimulation of the economy, by the process of deposit multiplication from increased lending in the fractional reserve banking system."

"Deposit multiplication" is the textbook explanation for how credit expands as it circulates through the economy. In the textbook model, banks must retain "reserves" equal to 10 percent of outstanding deposits (including deposits created as loans). With a 10 percent reserve requirement, a \$100 deposit can support a \$90 loan, which gets deposited in another bank, where it becomes an \$81 loan, and so forth, until a \$100 deposit becomes \$1,000 in credit money.

The theory is that increasing the banks'

reserves will stimulate this process, but both the Federal Reserve and the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) now concede that the process has not been working in the textbook way. (The BIS is "the central bankers' central bank" in Basel, Switzerland.) The futile effort to push more money into bloated bank reserve accounts has been compared to adding more apples to shelves that are already overstocked with apples. Adding more reserves to a banking system that already has more reserves than it can use has no net effect on the money supply.

The failure of QE either to increase bank lending or to inflate the money supply was confirmed in a March 24 paper by Federal Reserve Vice Chairman Donald L. Kohn, who wrote:

"The huge quantity of bank reserves that were created [by QE] has been seen largely as a byproduct of the purchases [of debt instruments] that would be unlikely to have a significant independent effect on financial markets and the economy. This view is not consistent with the simple models in many textbooks or the monetarist tradition in monetary policy, which emphasizes a line of causation from reserves to the money supply to economic activity and inflation."

The textbook model is obsolete because banks don't make lending decisions based on how many reserves they have. They can always get the reserves they need. If customers don't walk in the door with new deposits, the bank can borrow deposits from other banks, something they can now do at the very low Fed funds rate of 0.2 percent (one-fifth of one percent). And if those deposits are not available, the Federal Reserve itself will supply the reserves. This was confirmed in a November 2009, BIS working paper called "Unconventional Monetary Policies: An Appraisal," which observed:

"[T]he level of reserves hardly figures in banks' lending decisions. The amount of credit outstanding is determined by banks' willingness to supply loans, based on perceived risk-return trade-offs, and by the demand for those loans. . . .

"The aggregate availability of bank reserves does not constrain the expansion [of credit] directly. The reason is simple: ... in order to avoid extreme volatility in the interest rate, central banks supply reserves as demanded by the system. From this perspective, a reserve requirement, depending on its remuneration, affects the cost ... of loans, but does not constrain credit expansion quantitatively. ... [A]n expansion of reserves in excess of any requirement does not give banks more resources to expand lending. It only changes the composition of liquid assets of the banking system. Given the very high substitutability between bank reserves and other government assets held for liquidity purposes, the impact can be marginal at best."

Again, one form of liquidity is just substituted for another, without changing the overall level in the pool.

If bank reserves do not constrain bank lending, what does? According to the BIS paper, "the main ... constraint on the expansion of credit is minimum capital requirements." These capital requirements, known as "Basel I" and "Basel II," were imposed by the BIS itself. It is interesting that the BIS knows the main constraints on bank lending are its own capital requirements, yet it is talking about raising them, in an economic climate in which lending is already seriously impaired. Either the BIS is talking out of both sides of its mouth, or its writers don't read each other.

A Solution to the Federal Debt Crisis?

Another interesting aside arising from all this is the suggestion that the government could actually print its way out of debt — it could print dollars and buy back its bonds — without creating inflation. As Roche observes:

"[QE] in time of a balance sheet recession is not actually inflationary at all. With the government merely swapping assets, they are not actually 'printing' any new money. In fact, the government is now essentially stealing interest bearing assets from the private sector and replacing them with deposits. ... [T]his policy response would in fact be deflationary, not inflationary."

Roche concludes, "the inflationistas have been wrong and the USA defaultistas have been horribly wrong." The inflationistas are the pundits screaming that QE will end in hyperinflation, and the defaultistas are those insisting that the US must eventually default

on its debt. Representing both camps, for example, is Richard Russell of Dow Theory Letter, writes:

"In my opinion, the US MUST default on its debt. There are two ways to default. One is simply to renege on the debt.... The other way to default on the debt is to inflate it away. I'm absolutely convinced that this is the path that the US will take. If the US inflates enough, then over time (many years) the devalued dollar will tend to reduce the power of the debts."

The failed QE experiments in Japan and the US suggest, however, that there is a third alternative. Printing dollars to pay the debt (referred to by Russell as "inflating the debt away") might actually eliminate the debt without creating inflation. This is because federal bonds and Federal Reserve Notes are interchangeable forms of liquidity. Government securities trade around the world just as if they were money. A \$100 bond represents a claim on \$100 worth of goods and services, just as a \$100 bill does. The difference, as Thomas Edison said nearly a century ago, is merely that "the bond lets money brokers collect twice the amount of the bond and an additional 20 percent, whereas the currency pays nobody but those who contribute directly in some useful way.... Both are promises to pay, but one promise fattens the usurers and the other helps the people."

The Fed's earlier attempts at QE involved swapping \$1.25 trillion in mortgage-backed securities (MBS) for dollars created on a computer screen. As noted in the aforementioned National Public Radio segment, many of those securities have come due and have gotten paid off, putting cash in the Fed's till. The Fed now proposes to use this money to buy long-term Treasury debt rather than MBS. That means the Fed will, in effect, be buying the government's debt with dollars created on a computer screen. The privately-owned Federal Reserve is not actually an arm of the federal government, but if it were, the government would thus be printing its way out of debt — just as Helicopter Ben proposed in 2002. Recall that he said, "The US government has a technology, called a printing press" — the US government, not the central bank that has done all the QE to date.

Running the government's printing presses to pay its bills has not seriously been tried since the Civil War, when President Lincoln saved the North from a crippling war debt at usurious interest rates by printing greenbacks (US notes). Other countries, however, have tested and proven this model more recently. They include Germany, which pulled itself out of a massive financial collapse in the early 1930s by printing a form of currency called "MEFO bills"; and Australia, New Zealand and Canada, all of which successfully funded public works in the first half of the 20th century simply by advancing the credit of the nation. China, Malaysia, India, Argentina, Guernsey, Jersey (two British dependencies), and other countries have also revived their economies at critical times by this means. The US government could do this, too. It could print dollars (or type them into electronic bank accounts) and spend the money on the sorts of local public projects that would put people back to work and get the economy rolling again.

How to Reverse a Deflation: Do a Helicopter Drop on the States

The government could pay its bills by issuing greenbacks as Lincoln did, but it probably won't, given the current deadlock in Congress. Today, only the Federal Reserve chairman seems to be in a position to act unilaterally, without asking anyone's permission. Chairman Bernanke could execute his own plan and generate the credit needed to get the economy churning again, by aiming his QE tool at the states. After all, if Wall Street (which got us into this mess) can borrow at 0.2 percent, underwritten by the Fed as "lender of last resort," then state and local governments should be able to as well. Chairman Bernanke could credit the Fed's account with money created *ex nihilo* (out of nothing) and swap it for state and municipal bonds at the Fed funds' rate.

A "state" might not qualify as an "individual, partnership or corporation" under Section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act, but a state-owned bank would. Bruce Cahan, an attorney and social entrepreneur in Silicon Valley, California, proposes that the Fed could diversify its role by buying long-term bonds in existing or newly-chartered, state-owned banks. These banks, which would have a mandate to serve state and local communities, would more quickly and accountably lend for in-state purposes than private banks do now. They could be required to use accepted transparency accounting standards to trace how the proceeds of their loans flowed into the economy. Local needs would thus determine how best to jumpstart and keep alive businesses and households that the "too big to fail" megabanks no longer want to fund on fair credit terms. Adding a state-owned bank would also bring competition to regional banking markets such as that of the San Francisco Bay area, which are now dominated by out-of-state megabanks. By funding state-owned banks, the Fed could inject "liquidity" where it is most needed, in local markets where workers are hired and real goods and services are sold.

Ellen Brown, J.D., in her latest book, *Web of Debt, analyzes of the Federal Reserve and "the money trust."* Her eleven books include *Nature's Pharmacy*, co-authored with Dr. Lynne Walker, and *Forbidden Medicine*.

Blackwater/Xe Conducting False-Flag Terror Attacks in Pakistan

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said to be 30-years old and operating from Pakistan's remote tribal region with an accomplice named Wali Ur Rehman. In essence, this new team of Mehsud and Rehman appears to be the designated replacement for Osama Bin Laden and Ayman Zawahiri as the new leaders of the so-called "Global Jihad" against the West.

However, it is Blackwater/Xe cells operating in Karachi, Peshawar, Islamabad and other cities and towns that have been the perpetrators, according to our source who witnessed the US-led false-flag terrorist operations in Pakistan. Bombings of civilians are the favored false flag event for the Blackwater/Xe team and are being carried out under the orders of the CIA.

However, the source is now under threat from the FBI and CIA for revealing the nature of the false flag operations in Pakistan. If the source does not agree to cooperate with the CIA and FBI, with an offer of a salary, the threat of false criminal charges being brought

out by a secret Blackwater-XE/CIA/Joint Special Operations Command with a forward operating base in Karachi. The XE Services component was formerly known as Blackwater Select, yet another subsidiary in a byzantine network of shell and linked companies run by Blackwater/Xe on behalf of the CIA and the Pentagon. On December 3, 2009, the Pakistani newspaper *Nawa-i-Waqt* reported: "Vast land near the Tarbela dam has also been given to the Americans where they have established bases for their army and air forces. There, the Indian RAW [Research and Analysis Wing] and Israeli Mossad are working in collaboration with the CIA to carry out extremist activities in Pakistan."

The bombing of a CIA base in Khost, Afghanistan last December was blamed on the TTP but may have actually involved the covert Xe/CIA program to stage false-flag attacks, and something went drastically wrong with the operation that resulted in the deaths of seven CIA personnel, including the Khost station



for aiding and abetting terrorism looms over the source.

The Blackwater/Xe involvement in terrorist attacks in Pakistan have been confirmed by the former head of the Inter Services Intelligence (ISI), General Hamid Gul, according to another source familiar with the current Blackwater/Xe covert operations. In addition, Pakistani ex-Army Chief of Staff, General Mirza Aslam Beg, reportedly claimed that while serving as president, General Pervez Musharraf approved Blackwater/Xe carrying out terrorist operations in Pakistan. Blackwater has been accused of smuggling weapons and munitions into Pakistan.

Earlier this year WMR reported that "intelligence sources in Asia and Europe are reporting that the CIA contractor firm XE Services, formerly Blackwater, has been carrying out 'false-flag' terrorist attacks in Afghanistan, Somalia, the Sinkiang region of China, Pakistan, Iran, and Iraq, in some cases with the assistance of Israeli Mossad and Indian Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) personnel. . . . A number of terrorist bombings in Pakistan have been blamed by Pakistani Islamic leaders on Blackwater/Xe, Mossad, and RAW. Blackwater/Xe has been accused of hiring young Pakistanis in Peshawar to carry out false flag bombings that are later blamed on the Pakistani Taliban, also known as Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan. One such bombing took place during the Ashura procession in Karachi last month. The terrorist attacks allegedly are carried

chief. The TTP was also linked to the failed Times Square "bombing" last May.

Responsibility for the recent bomb attack of a pro-Palestine Shi'a rally in Quetta that killed 54 people was claimed by the Pakistan Taliban, but it was actually carried out by one of the Xe covert cells in the country, acting in concert with the CIA, Israeli Mossad, and Indian Research and Analysis Wing (RAW). The ultimate goal is to destabilize Pakistan to the point where it has no choice but to allow the Western powers to secure its nuclear weapons and remove them from the country in a manner similar to the procurement by the West of South Africa's nuclear weapons prior to the stepping down of the white minority government in the early 1990s.

WMR has been informed that any American, whether or not he or she holds a security clearance, is subject to US national security prohibitions from discussing the US-sponsored terrorist attacks in Pakistan. In one case, a threat was made against an individual who personally witnessed the Xe/CIA terrorist operations but is now threatened, along with family members.

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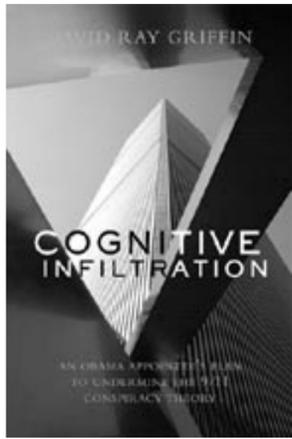


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Book Review

Cognitive Infiltration:

An Obama Appointee's Plan to Undermine the 9/11 Conspiracy Theory



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Shortly after taking office on January 20, 2009 President Obama appointed Harvard law professor (and personal friend) Cass Sunstein to the post of administrator of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. In June 2009, Sunstein published an essay in *The Journal of Political Philosophy* entitled "Conspiracy Theories: Causes and Cures," in which he provided an "analysis" of conspiracy theories, viewing them, as his title indicated, as "caused" by "informational isolation" and requiring "cures", i.e., elimination. The article led to an outcry by civil libertarians of all political stripes, who especially singled out for protest Sunstein's call for covert "cognitive infiltration" by government agents of organizations the government deems "conspiracist".

Because Sunstein explicitly states that "9/11 conspiracy theories" are his main focus, virtually all interpreters have agreed that Sunstein's call for what is essentially another Cointelpro Operation is directed specifically against the 9/11 truth movement. (Cointelpro, or "Counter Intelligence Program", was the FBI's name for its high-priority operations to infiltrate, provoke, undermine and disable civil rights, socialist, antiwar, black power and Native American movements during the late 1950s and the 1960s.) The fantastic picture Sunstein paints of the 9/11 truth movement as "harmful," "dangerous," and likely to resort to "terrorism" suggests that he is serving a function similar to Philip Zelikow's during the Bush/Cheney years; in his own way, Sunstein too is a "myth-maker."

In his new book, *Cognitive Infiltration*, David Ray Griffin has provided the first truly adequate response to Sunstein's deeply-flawed and legally-questionable arguments. Griffin penetrates the obfuscation and phony scholarship employed by Sunstein to create the illusion of a rational critique of the 9/11 truth movement's alternative account of the events of September 11, 2001. Griffin presents a series of ten theses put forward by Sunstein, and shows that each is fundamentally flawed. Further, he demonstrates that Sunstein is unable to avoid numerous self-contradictions, either explicit or implied, that together amount to an internal, hidden counter-argument to his own position, which Griffin, in a novel and entertaining approach, brings out as an ironic "esoteric" meaning of Sunstein's essay.

Griffin demonstrates that Sunstein is completely unable to refute the major positions of the 9/11 truth movement, and doesn't actually even try to do so. Instead, Sunstein has produced a pseudo-scholarly fake

"analysis" as a basis for a call for the government to infiltrate and neutralize the movement through activities which create "cognitive diversity," clearly not the least bit different from the FBI's Cointelpro operations. But in so doing Sunstein has provided Griffin the means to demonstrate yet again that defenders of the official account of 9/11 actually cannot proceed by using reason and fact. They are forced to resort to disinformation, suppression of evidence, lies, illogic, threats and intimidation, always with the same result: failure. The more people study the events of 9/11, the more certain they become that the government and its media outlets are lying.

Sunstein's essay appears to reveal that the government response to its ongoing failure will be to resort to illegal activities directed against people who are speaking out about the highest crimes carried out in the corridors of power. The remarkably inept manner in which he makes his case suggests, however, that providing a rationale for such a future policy may not have been his real intention. Rather, it seems plausible that his purpose is to suggest that such actions have not even been considered before, let alone implemented, when in fact such operations have been ongoing since 9/11.

Griffin's *Cognitive Infiltration* is a lucid and compelling exposure of the contempt held by the official defenders of the 9/11 myth for dissenters who have seen through their Big Lie. These officials expect that no one will be able to penetrate the murk of Sunstein's latest defense of the pretext for the US wars of aggression in Afghanistan and Iraq, now covertly expanding into many other countries. But with David Ray Griffin's book, everyone who is concerned with bringing their carnage and criminality to a stop, as well as to reverse the rapid erosion of civil liberties in this country, will have no difficulty remaining clear-headed in the face of the "cognitive infiltration" carried out by the holders of high office and their agents.

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[Editors Note: David Ray Griffin has been in the hospital. He was recovering from major back surgery and serious complications. He is expected to make a full recovery, but it will take some time. Our best wishes go to Dr. Griffin and his family. - Ed.]

By WILLIAM N. GRIGG

No man is a hypocrite in his pleasures, Dr. Samuel Johnson informs us. In a somewhat similar vein, the Regime's post-9/11 "counter-terrorism" stings have avoided the official fiction that Muslim terrorism is inspired by a hatred for our "freedom." The preferred bait to lure marginalized Muslims — many of whom have little commitment to the faith, no detectable terrorism-related skills, and abundant personal problems — is outrage over the Regime's imperial foreign policy.

As Scott Horton of the invaluable Antiwar Radio has pointed out, the scripted patter of federal provocateurs doesn't focus on America's refusal to submit to Sharia Law, or our decadent popular culture. In seeking to attract potential recruits, the Regime's agents invoke the plight of besieged Muslims in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, the West Bank, and elsewhere — people whose sufferings are either inflicted or underwritten by Washington.

A key admission of this fact is found in the official press release announcing the arrest of the so-called "Newburgh 4," a group of ex-convicts from New York accused of plotting to bomb a synagogue in the Bronx and attack military aircraft at a nearby Air National Guard base.

The four accused in the plot — James Cromitie, Onta Williams, David Williams, and Laguerre Payen — were approached by veteran federal agent provocateur Shahed Hussein, a career criminal with convictions in both the US and his native Pakistan. Hussein was paid a huge sum by the federal government to act as a terrorism "facilitator" — a term that was actually used by the assistant US Attorney in his opening statement at the ongoing trial of the "Newburgh 4."

As attorney Steven Downs points out in a study of the "preemptive prosecution" of Muslims by the federal government, when Hussein (who called himself "Maqsood") materialized at the Newburgh mosque in June 2008, "His son was so obvious that the real Muslims there would have nothing to do with him, but he was able to attract Cromitie (and later the other three) with offers of money and friendship."

Despite the fact that Cromitie wasn't particularly devout, Hussein was able to radicalize him by dwelling on the human cost of Washington's war on Afghanistan.

According to the informant that his parents had lived in Afghanistan and that he was upset about the war there and that many Muslim people were being killed in Afghanistan and Pakistan by the United States Military forces. [He] expressed interest in returning to Afghanistan and spoke to [the provocateur] about how if he, Cromitie, were to die a martyr; he would go to paradise."

It's reasonable to suspect that the devotion expressed by Cromitie and his friends had at least something to do with the material blandishments offered by Hussein, such as at least \$25,000 apiece (and as much as \$250,000 to one of them) if they cooperated in his plot to plant a bomb at a synagogue and fire Stinger missiles at military planes.

Posing as a wealthy terrorist recruiter, Hussein cut an impressive figure: He drove a BMW and other federally-provided

luxury vehicles, and his targets were understandably eager to catch some of the money he was willing to throw around. They had no money, no jobs, no cars, and no training. One was a drug addict, another being treated for mental illness. Cromitie, who had been

wanted to bail out of the plot when he detected a federal "tail" while en route to pick up the (disabled) Stinger missiles. He was aware that he and his colleagues were being watched. However, for some reason Cromitie didn't connect that fact to the way he had been cast

One predictable result, as noted in a report on "homegrown terrorism" compiled for the Bipartisan Policy Center by veteran Establishment drones Tom Kean and Lee Hamilton, is "the increasingly prominent role in planning and operations that US citizens and residents have played" in jihad-related activities.

This doesn't refer only to the FBI's prefabricated terrorist "plots," but also to involvement by American Muslims in foreign armed insurgencies against the US military and Washington's proxies.

"The conventional wisdom has long been that America was immune to the heady currents of radicalization affecting both immigrant and indigenous Muslim communities elsewhere in the West," observes the report. "That has now been shattered by the succession of cases that have recently come to light of terrorist radicalization and recruitment occurring in the United States.... As the ranks of US recruits have grown, the new frontlines have become the streets of Bridgeport, Denver, Minneapolis, and other big and small communities across America."

Referring to the abortive Times Square car bombing, Hamilton and Kean insist that it "was not a one-off event perpetrated by a lone wolf, but rather is part of an emerging pattern of terrorism that directly threatens the United States and presents new challenges to our national security."

During a June 2010 court appearance in New York City, Faisal Shahzad, the accused would-be Times Square bomber, described himself as a "Muslim soldier" driven to violence as an "answer to the US terrorizing Muslim nations and the Muslim people," continues the report. He further promised that if Washington did not cease invading Muslim lands and did not withdraw from Iraq, Afghanistan, and other Muslim countries, more attacks on the United States would follow. Americans, Shahzad explained, "don't see the drones killing children in Afghanistan.... [They] only care about their people, but they don't care about the people elsewhere in the world when they die." In his view, this means that attacks on children and innocents are both justified and should be expected.

"While it is perhaps tempting to dismiss Shahzad's threats as the irrelevant ranting of an incompetent wannabe terrorist, he and his likely successors present the most serious challenge to the security of the US and the safety of its citizens since the September 11, 2001 attacks," conclude Hamilton and Kean.

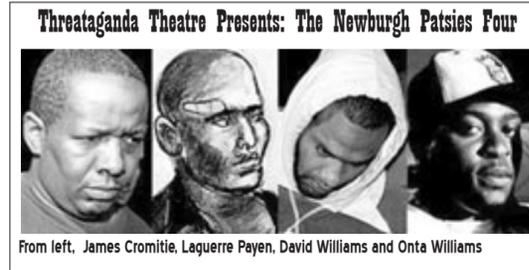
We shouldn't be surprised that Hamilton and Kean studiously avoid the obvious: The people running the Regime's security organs agree with Shahzad's analysis completely. They know that it is Washington's foreign policy, not the Koran, which inspires contemporary Muslim terrorism. Those people understand how to create and exploit enemies.

The all-but-unspeakable truth we should ponder on today's grim anniversary of 9/11 is that the Regime is willing to permit those enemies to slaughter Americans by the thousands in the service of its interests.

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History's Lessons

Blowback, Provocation, and Perpetual War



From left, James Cromitie, Laguerre Payen, David Williams and Onta Williams

sent to prison for drug dealing, was working a series of low-paying odd jobs.

The devoted Muslims attending the mosque wisely shunned Hussein's company after he described himself as a representative of a Pakistani terrorist group called Jaish-e-Mohammed. The four guys he managed to snag as patsies appeared to know next to nothing about the Muslim religion.

In fact, it was the petty crook the Regime hired to be a provocateur who had to teach Cromitie how to lead the members of his "jihadist cell" in prayer.

"Should I do that real quick?" asked "cell leader" Cromitie in a recorded exchange with Hussein.

"Lead it loud, so everybody can understand," replied Hussein, who was actually directing a performance rather than gathering evidence of a criminal conspiracy.

In similar fashion, Hussein "often seemed eager in the recordings to remind the men of their extremist sponsors while discouraging the idea that money should motivate them," observes a *New York Times* report of the trial. During meetings in the house rented by the FBI to serve as a mise-en-scene for the federally scripted production, Hussein repeatedly invoked Jaish-e-Mohammed, an organization completely unknown to the "conspirators" before the provocateur brought it up.

"It's not about money," insisted the Pakistani crook to the people he had targeted. "It's about Jaish-e-Mohammed." Actually, for Cromitie and the others, it was "about the money." They had no interest in, or inclination toward, terrorism until they had been seduced by promises of easy money to be earned in "paying back" those they considered responsible for attacking Muslims abroad.

As Hussein's FBI handler Robert Fuller noted, by way of reassuring security personnel at Stewart Air Force Base, Cromitie "would never try anything without the informant with him." Nonetheless, Hussein did everything he could to push a balking and puzzled Cromitie into an out-front role as the "leader" of the supposed plot.

"I'm not running the show, he's running the show," Hussein repeatedly told the others with respect to Cromitie's purported leadership.

"Ain't nobody running the show," an annoyed Cromitie exclaimed at one point in a recorded conversation. "Why do you keep saying that?"

Cromitie's sense of unease grew to such an extent that he actually

as the "leader" by the big-talking stranger who pushed him to the front of the supposed plot.

Despite the efforts to "brand" this supposed plot as a Jaish-e-Mohammed operation, the Feds now admit that none of the people involved had ties to actual terrorists. As the trial began, Assistant US Attorney David Raskin conceded that the case is "not going to be about al Qaeda, and it's not going to be about foreign terrorist organizations."

What this means, of course, is that the Feds are, once again, prosecuting people for allegedly taking part in a "plot" created by the Feds — a plot they were invited to join by a Federal asset who urged people to be angry over atrocities being committed overseas by the same Federal Government.

The "Newburgh 4" plot is so obviously an FBI production that US District Judge Colleen McMahon, who is presiding over the trial, admits to referring to it as "the un-terrorist case." It is hardly unique: This little melodrama was created from the same template used to create the "Fort Dix 5," the "Miami 6," the "Liberty City Seven," the so-called Michigan "Ummah" conspiracy, and other groups.

In each of those cases, the Feds dipped into their vast pool of criminally compromised informant-provocateurs, rented a meeting place, supplied the funding and hardware, and gathered a handful of pathetic flunkies into a telegenic terrorist "threat." Most importantly, the Feds, by way of their hired provocateurs, selected a grievance they knew would radicalize their recruits — a jihad to avenge the deaths of innocent Muslims abroad, not to punish infidels at home for their refusal to submit to Islamic rule.

In ritualized remembrances of Black Tuesday, no mention is made of what happened on that date eleven years before "The Day the World Changed." On that date the first President George Bush, invoking the supposed authority of the UN Security Council, outlined his vision of a "new world order" in an address before a joint session of Congress.

The path to global hegemony, as described by Bush pere, would run through the Middle East, and following it would mean slaughtering tens or hundreds of thousands of Muslims — through invasions, embargoes, and intermittent bombing campaigns. It also meant absorbing huge populations of Muslim refugees from Somalia, Iraq, and other countries blessed by Washington's peculiar armed humanitarianism.

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— John F. Kennedy, speaking to the American Newspaper Publishers Association

Bones to Pick with Obama

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understood”. Perhaps. But when you think of institutions that generate a deep appreciation of the plight of ordinary people, what do you think of? Surely not Skull and Bones.

In fact, Goolsbee, who is only 41 and therefore just two decades out of college, is a member of that exclusive Yale secret society that also produced so many bankers, members of the intelligence apparatus, and three generations in a row of Bushes. It's not like Skull and Bones is a large outfit—just 15 people are “tapped” for it every year.

Goolsbee doesn't want to talk about this. He demurred during an email exchange I had with him in 2008. The press itself is unsure of how to handle the matter, and usually doesn't mention it at all, or at most, in passing, as part of long biographical sketches.

Perhaps it's not fair to raise this issue. Perhaps secret societies are just trivial things, barely above fraternities. But they mean something to those who join—the

promise of special access and insider status. The public and the media have a right to question how membership might influence decisions and favors affecting another fraternity that is so good at gaming the system: Wall Street. And wonder who is left out.

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Order of the Skull and Bones

Bombshell from London Think-Tank There is No al Qaeda Threat!

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shaking Washington and its NATO allies. The report, presided over by the former deputy director of Britain's foreign intelligence agency, MI-6, says the threat from al Qaeda and the Taliban has been “exaggerated” by the western powers. The US-led mission in Afghanistan has “ballooned” out of all proportion from its original aim of disrupting and defeating al Qaeda. The US-led war in Afghanistan, says IISS, using uncharacteristically blunt language, is “a long-drawn-out disaster”. Just recently, CIA chief Leon Panetta admitted there were no more than 50 members of al Qaeda in Afghanistan. Yet US President Barack Obama has tripled the number of US soldiers there to 120,000 to fight al Qaeda.

The IISS report goes on to acknowledge that the presence of western troops in Afghanistan is actually fuelling national resistance. I saw the same phenomena during the 1980's Soviet occupation of Afghanistan.

Interestingly, the portion of the report overseen by the former MI-6 Secret Intelligence Service deputy chief, Nigel Inskster, finds little al Qaeda threat elsewhere, notably in Somalia and Yemen. Yet Washington is beefing up its attacks on both turbulent nations.

Abandoning its usual discretion, IISS said it was issuing these warnings because the deepening war in Afghanistan was threatening the west's security interests by distracting its leaders from the world financial crisis and Iran, and burning through scarce funds needed elsewhere.

The IISS's findings are a direct challenge to Obama, Britain's new prime minister, David Cameron, and other US allies with troops in Afghanistan. This report undermines the rationale used to sustain the increasingly unpopular conflict. It will certainly convince skeptics that the real reason for occupation of Afghanistan has to do with oil, excluding China from the region, and keeping watch on nuclear-armed Pakistan.

The report also goes on to propose an exit strategy from the Afghan War. Western occupation troops, IISS proposes, should be sharply reduced and confined to Kabul and northern Afghanistan, which is mostly ethnic Tajik and Uzbek.

Southern Afghanistan - Taliban country - should be vacated by Western forces and left alone. The Taliban would be allowed to govern its own half of the nation until some sort of loose, decentralized federal system can be implemented. This was, in fact, pretty much the way Afghanistan operated before the 1979 Soviet invasion.

Meanwhile, the war in Afghanistan is turning against the increasingly wobbly western occupation forces. The US-installed Afghan leader, Hamid Karzai, openly prepares for direct peace talks with the Taliban and its allies - in spite of intense opposition from the US, Britain and Canada.

Pro-government Afghan forces are increasingly demoralized. Only the Tajik and Uzbek militias, and Afghan Communist Party, both supported by India, Russia and Iran, want to keep fighting the Pashtun Taliban.

Taliban leader Mullah Omar last week proclaimed the western occupiers were rapidly losing the war. He may well be correct. Nothing is going right for the US-backed Kabul regime or its western defenders. Even the much-ballyhooed US offensive at Marjah, designed to smash Taliban resistance, was an embarrassing fiasco. Civilian casualties from US bombing continue to mount.

Europeans are fed up with the Afghan war. Polls report 60% of Americans think the war not worth fighting.

The IISS bombshell comes on the heels of the most dramatic part of the British Chilcot Inquiry into the origins of the invasion of Iraq. Baroness Manningham-Buller the former head of Britain's domestic security service, MI-5, testified that the Iraq War was generated by a farrago of lies and faked evidence from the Blair government. What we call “terrorism” is largely caused by the western invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq, she testified.

The truth about Iraq and Afghanistan is finally emerging.

Afghanistan may again prove to be “the graveyard of empires”.

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CIA Links to Ground Zero Mosque

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\$98,000 to the nonprofit between 2006 and 2008. This figure appears to represent the organization's total operating budget — though; oddly, the group reported receipts of just a third of that total during the same time period.

Deak describes himself as a “Practicing Muslim with background in Christianity and Judaism, [with] in-depth personal and business experiences in the Middle East, living and working six months per year in Egypt.” Born into a Christian home, Deak became an Orthodox Jew and married a Jewish woman before converting to Islam when he married his current wife, Moshira Soliman, with whom he now lives in Rye, NY.

Leslie Deak's resume also notes his role as “business consultant” for Patriot Defense Group, LLC, a private defense contractor with offices in Winter Park, Florida, and in Tucson. The only names listed on the firm's website are those of its three “strategic advisers.” These include retired four-star General Bryan “Doug” Brown, commander of the US Special Operations Command until 2007, where he headed “all special operations forces, both active duty and reserve, leading the Global War On Terrorism,” and James Pavitt, former deputy director for operations at the Central Intelligence Agency, where he “managed the CIA's globally deployed personnel and nearly half of its multi-billion dollar budget” and “served as head of America's Clandestine Service, the CIA's operational response to the attacks of September 11, 2001.”

Besides Pavitt, Brown and a third advisor, banker Alexander Cappello, the Patriot Defense Group is so secretive it doesn't even name its management team. Instead it describes its anonymous CEO as a former Special Forces and State Department veteran, the group's managing director as a former CIA officer experienced in counterterrorism in hostile environments and the group's corporate intelligence head as a “23-year veteran of the US Secret Service who worked on the personal security details of former Presidents Bush and Clinton.”

Patriot Defense Group's primary business involves leveraging its government connections and know-how. The firm is divided into two divisions: one that “focuses exclusively on the needs of the US military and law enforcement communities as well as the requirements of friendly foreign governments,” and a corporate division, which “provides business intelligence and specialized security services to corporate clients and high net-worth family enterprises.”

So, to recap: From 2006 to 2008, R. Leslie Deak worked as a “business consultant” to this super-secretive security contractor with ties to the CIA and counterterrorism forces, and in those same three years he also donated nearly \$100,000 in seed money to the foundation now advocating the construction of the so-called Ground Zero Mosque.

Interestingly, during the same three-year period during which the Deak Family Foundation was financing the Cordoba Initiative, Deak also donated a total of \$101,247 to something called the National Defense University Foundation. The National Defense University is a network of war and strategy colleges and research centers (including the National War College) funded by the Pentagon, designed to train specialists in military strategy. The organization recently announced a November 5 dinner gala in honor of Defense Secretary and former CIA chief Robert Gates. Sponsors include Northrup Grumman, Boeing, Lockheed Martin and the Patriot Defense Group.

Deak also sits on the NDU's board of directors, the chairman of which is Mark Treanor. Treanor was the former general counsel for Wachovia bank from 1998 through its collapse in 2008 and a major bundler of campaign donations for the McCain-Palin ticket in 2008. Wachovia, now owned by Wells Fargo, was recently fined \$160 million for laundering “at least \$110 million” in Mexican drug money between 2003 and 2008, while Treanor was Wachovia's general counsel, though the figure is likely higher since Wachovia admitted it didn't put any controls on at least \$420 billion—that's billion—in cash moved through its network of Mexico currency exchanges.

Which leads to another odd coincidence: Laundering money for drug lords is what brought down Deak & Co., the company

run by Leslie Deak's father, Nicholas Deak, years ago. The elder Deak, a former top intelligence commander during World War II for the OSS (the forerunner of the CIA), was the founder of Deak-Perera, which became for a time one of the world's biggest foreign currency and gold dealers. But in 1984, a Presidential Commission on Organized Crime accused the firm of acting as a money laundering operation for Columbia drug cartels, who reportedly brought sacks of cash containing tens of millions of dollars into Deak's Manhattan offices. By the end of 1984, Deak & Co. had declared bankruptcy, and a year later, Nicholas Deak was murdered in the company's headquarters at 29 Broadway by a deranged homeless woman.

After the firm went bankrupt and Leslie Deak was left on his own, the corporation was broken up and sold off in pieces. One company that traces its beginnings to the defunct Deak Empire is Goldline International, a business concern well known to fans of Glenn Beck as well as California investigators. Goldline is to



Leslie Deak and Moshira Soliman

Glenn Beck what General Electric was to Ronald Reagan: The Company sponsors Beck's TV and radio shows as well as his touring act, and Beck is its public face. The Los Angeles County District Attorney's office, along with the Santa Monica City Attorney's office, are currently investigating Goldline for defrauding customers by railroading gullible customers into buying their most debased products.

Speaking of Glenn Beck, it has been reported that Saudi Prince Al-Waleed bin Talal, the second-largest shareholder in News Corp., the parent company of Fox News, which airs Beck's program, is also a major funder of Imam Rauf's projects, as Jon Stewart viewers heard all about in a recent show.

Coincidences happen, of course. (For instance, Pamela Geller, the blogger who's become the leading voice denouncing the mosque project was once, bizarrely enough, associate publisher of *The New York Observer*.)

But add to this array of unexpected



connections the work of Imam Rauf on behalf of the US government — which includes serving as an FBI “consultant” and being recruited as a spokesperson by longtime George W. Bush confidante Karen Hughes, who headed up the administration's propaganda efforts in the Muslim world — and a compelling picture begins to emerge. Bush's favorite Imam, with backing from a funder with connections to the CIA, the Pentagon and the currency trading company that now sponsors rightwing firebrand Glenn Beck, proposes to build a mosque around the corner from the site of the most devastating terrorist attack ever visited on America. In the name of “cultivating understanding among all religions and cultures,” he puts forth a project that offends a majority of Americans and deals a significant setback to the broader acceptance of Muslim-Americans. It's a little like Billy “White Shoes” Johnson claiming the only reason he moonwalks after scoring a touchdown is to lower tensions on the football field and raise the other team's spirits.

Whether the Cordoba Initiative ever gets its way with the Ground Zero Mosque, it may well have a lasting legacy at odds with its stated intention: By damaging the very moderates and progressives who actually view New York, and the nation as a whole, as a tolerant melting pot, and strengthening the position of demagogues on both sides, it will almost certainly deal a setback to interfaith relations. It will also help to hobble the Democratic Party; which just might have been the point all along.

Either that or it's merely a coincidence that this controversy has erupted now, during crucial mid-term elections. In which case we can all go back to what we were doing before — either denouncing the Park51 Mosque as an affront to Americans, or championing it as a symbol of our fundamental rights — playing our accustomed roles in a drama that seems too perfect, somehow, to believe.

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When Cameras Are Outlawed, Only Outlaws Will Have Cameras!

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artist recorded his own arrest for selling artwork without a peddler's license. He now faces up to 15 years in prison.

Arresting police whistleblowers is a nationwide trend. And the courts approve. For instance, the Massachusetts Supreme Court upheld the conviction of a man arrested for recording a police encounter. Defendant Michael Hyde used the recording to file a harassment complaint against police. Instead, he was convicted of illegal wiretapping. While he was sentenced to only six months of probation, he could have faced a much longer prison term.

Cameras, in effect, are like guns. Point a gun at a police officer and you'll be arrested. Point a camera at a police officer and you'll be charged — and likely convicted — of illegal wiretapping.

The fact that wiretapping laws are being used against private citizens is richly ironic, because they were enacted to protect citizens against government oppression. These cases turn that notion on its head because those trying to protect themselves or others from official misconduct end up being prosecuted.

Since we're living in a surveillance society where the government continuously monitors our finances, our communications, and our movements, shouldn't we have the right to turn the tables and, in effect, "watch the watchers?" Yes, but police and the courts disagree.

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They can film you, but citizens who record police activities may face arrest and prosecution for wiretapping.

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Dick Gregory on Hunger Strike for 9/11 Truth

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Yet to this day, at least 900 first responders have since died as a result of the effects of toxic "dust" from the buildings and the some 3,000 human remains that enveloped lower Manhattan and which Mayor Rudolph Giuliani declared "We must clear the rubble". This "rubble" in fact constituted evidence from a massive crime scene, but was hauled away, first to Long Island, and then was eventually placed on barges and shipped to China.

One thing I know is that the official government story of those events, as well as what took place that day at the Pentagon, is just that, a story. This story is not the truth, but far from it.

I was born on October 12, 1932. I am announcing today [Sept. 10] that I will be consuming only liquids beginning Sunday [Sept. 11] until my eightieth birthday in 2012 and until the real truth of what truly happened on that day emerges and is publicly known.

We are calling on all people here and around the world to pray or meditate at 12:00 each day that the truth comes out.

Dick Gregory

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BACKGROUND

Dick Gregory: 60 Years of Political Action

By RCFP STAFF WRITERS

Richard Claxton "Dick" Gregory was born in 1932, in St. Louis, Mo. He began performing comedy in the mid-1950s while serving in the army.

Drafted in 1954 while attending Southern Illinois University at Carbondale on a track scholarship, Gregory briefly returned to the university after his



Dick Gregory with Martin Luther King Jr., New Politics Convention, Chicago IL. (Benedict J Fernandez, 1967)

discharge in 1956, but left without a degree because he felt that the university "didn't want me to study, they wanted me to run."

He moved to Chicago, where he became part of a new generation of black comedians that included Nipsey Russell, Bill Cosby, and Godfrey Cambridge.



Dick Gregory is a fan of the Creek

Gregory entered the national comedy scene in 1961 when Chicago's Playboy Club booked him as a replacement for white comedian, "Professor" Irwin Corey. His tenure as a replacement for Corey was so successful that the Playboy Club offered him a contract extension. By 1962 Gregory had become a nationally known headline performer, selling out nightclubs, making numerous national television appearances, and recording popular comedy albums.

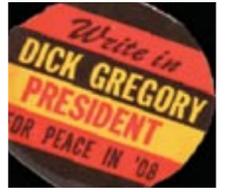
Through the 1960s, Gregory spent more time on social issues and less time on performing. He participated in marches and parades to support a range of causes, including opposition to the Vietnam War, world hunger, and drug abuse. Gregory ran for President of the United States in 1968 as a write-in candidate of the Peace and Freedom Party. He received 47,097 votes.

After the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, King, and Robert Kennedy, Gregory became increasingly convinced of the existence of political conspiracies. Gregory wrote books such as *Code Name Zorro: The Murder of Martin Luther King Jr.* (1971) with Mark Lane, world famous author, attorney and documentary filmmaker. Gregory and Lane's book on the assassination of Dr. King was recently released under another title, *Murder In Memphis*, as a trade paperback.

Gregory's activism continued into the 1990s. In response to published allegations that the CIA had supplied cocaine to predominantly African American areas in Los Angeles, thus spurring the crack epidemic, Gregory protested at CIA headquarters and was arrested. In 1992 he began a program called "Campaign for Human Dignity" to fight crime in St. Louis neighborhoods.

On October 30, 2000 Gregory was honored at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., to a sold out house with a tribute hosted by Bill Cosby, and special tributes by Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr., Stevie Wonder, Isaac Hayes, Cicely Tyson, Mark Lane, Marion Barry and many more.

Gregory and his beloved wife, Lil, have ten kids who have become highly respected members of the national community in a variety of fields. They are: Michele, Lynne, Pamela, Paula, Stephanie (aka Xenobia), Gregory, Christian, Miss, Ayanna and Yohance. The Gregory's had one child who died at birth but they have shared 49 years of historic moments, selfless dedication and tremendous personal love.



Candidate Gregory 1968

Dismantle America's Military Behemoth

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finally come to dismantle the huge military behemoth that had been constructed over the almost 5 decades of the Cold War. There was no foreign regime that had the military means or even the desire to invade and occupy the United States. The time had arrived to relieve the American people of the tremendous (and always growing) tax burden needed to fund the enormous military machine along with the grave danger it posed to the American people, as per Eisenhower's warning.

But the military and the military-industrial complex would hear nothing of it. Notwithstanding the demise of the Soviet threat and the end of the Cold War, they were as determined as the Egyptian military behemoth to preserve their pre-eminent position in American society.

Now, it's true that the military in the United States doesn't use its vast resources to engage in commerce and industry directly, as the one in Egypt

does. But it spends its money in a way that the Egyptian military cannot — by maintaining an enormous string of expensive overseas military bases in more than a hundred countries, as part of the biggest overseas military empire in history.

What happens if US troops are forced to suddenly exit Iraq and Afghanistan, thereby diminishing the threat of terrorist blowback against the United States? No problem — US officials are already preparing for that contingency, by falling back on the drug war as a way to preserve the existence of America's military behemoth.

Last week Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said that drug cartels in Mexico are looking more like "insurgencies" and pointed to the growing threat they are posing. She said that the situation is "looking more and more like Colombia looked 20 years ago."

In other words, if the "war on terrorism" starts to lose steam, there's

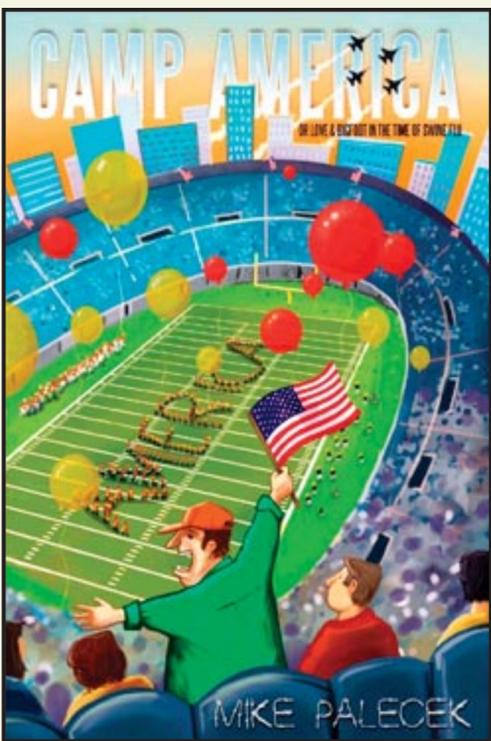
always the possibility of stationing US troops in Mexico to fight the drug war, thereby provoking them into retaliating with some sort of attack on US troops or even on federal officials or federal buildings in the United States.

Then, we've got a new excuse to keep the military behemoth in existence, along with a new round of illegal enemy combatants, indefinite detention, torture, kangaroo tribunals, denial of federal court trials, threats to national security, suspension of habeas corpus, illegal wiretapping, kidnapping, rendition, assassinations, etc., etc., etc.

The American people would be wise to heed the warning of President Eisenhower. There is no better time than now to dismantle America's military behemoth (as well as to legalize drugs). It's a necessary prerequisite to restoring a free and prosperous society and a limited-government republic to our land.

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New Mike Palecek Book



Mike Palecek reminds me of Socrates the gadfly who asked unwelcome questions, Diogenes with his lantern looking in vain for an honest man, Chekhov the man with the hammer challenging the complacent family to share their meal, Kerouac the ever on the move, somewhat hysterical searcher, and he 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. In this land where babies are brought by storks and buildings collapse due to unpatriotic bricks, we need the gadfly because no leader, preacher, guru, or saint will wake us up, though the Doomsday clock is ticking close to twelve.

— David Ray, American Poet, author of "Sam's Book" and "The Music of Time: Selected and New Poems"

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