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Al Qaeda Funded out of VP's Office

By - Matt Sullivan

Neocons in Cheney's Office Fund al Qaeda-Tied Groups.

This is just one of the revelations in "The Redirection," a recent Seymour Hersh piece in the New Yorker.

According to Hersh, two years ago, a meeting of "veterans" of the 1980s Iran-Contra scandal; the ones holding positions in the Bush administration, was convened by convicted felon and Deputy National Security Advisor, Elliott Abrams. At this meeting they discussed the "lessons learned" from the secret, and illegal drug running and arms dealing involving the Israelis, the Iranians, the Saudis, and the Contras. Apparently the principal "lesson" was; don't get caught.

In terms of getting around Congress, the conspirators concluded, the Iran-Contra operation had been a success -- and they would have gotten away with it if the CIA and the military had been kept out of the loop and the whole thing had been run out of the Vice President's office.

So in 2005 when some of those conspirators began running a similar operation, and wanted to avoid congressional scrutiny or public accountability of any sort, they did so directly out of Vice President Cheney's office. They dipped into "black pools of money," some of it likely siphoned from the billions of Iraqi oil dollars that have never been accounted for, or the 400 TONS of hundred dollar bills (\$18 Billion) sent to Iraq and disappeared.

Some of this illegal money was funneled to Sunni-dominated Lebanese government of Prime Minister Fouad Siniora to fund Sunni jihadi groups ("some sympathetic to al-Qaeda") and other groups associated with the fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood. All of this was supposedly being done as part of a "sea change" in the Bush administration's Middle Eastern policies aimed at rallying friendly Sunni regimes against Shiite Iran. Never mind that this is the exact opposite of the previous policy of "de-Baathification" and support of Ali al-

Sistani and the Shiites.

A cynical observer might just conclude that the US is supporting, arming and funding violent extremists on both sides. A cynical observer might note that the pentagon began openly

discussing resorting to the "Salvador Option" in 2004 when the occupation began to go sour. The "Salvador Option" refers to the use of US Special Forces trained death squads,

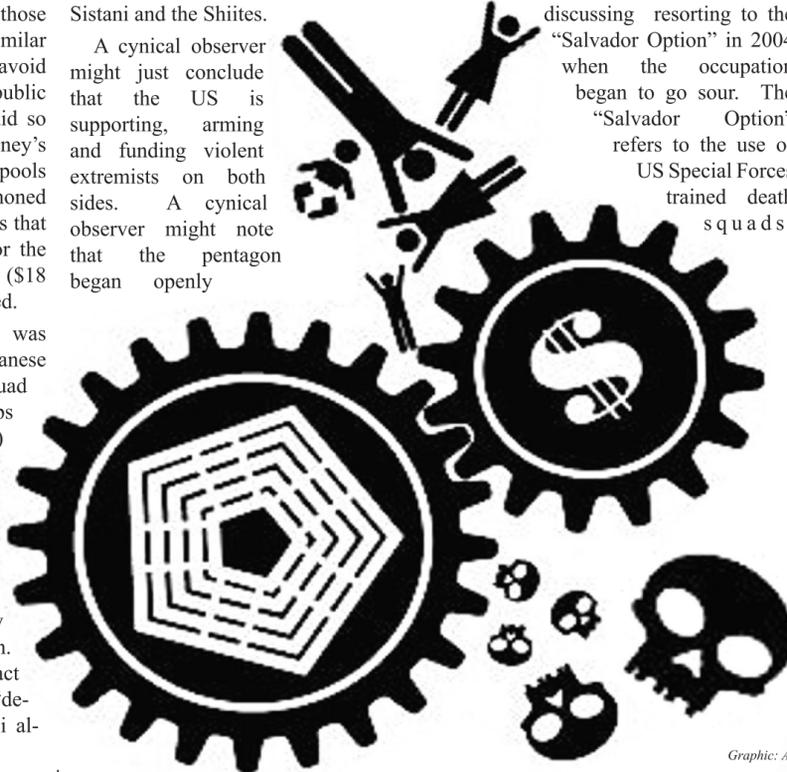
something that Elliott Abrams would be very familiar with.

In 2005 the FBI noted that many of the car bombs used in Iraq, including some that led to the deaths of Americans, were traced to cars stolen in the US. A cynical observer might conclude that the car-bombs must have been transported to Iraq by the US military, the only organization with that capability.

In September 2005, two undercover British SAS soldiers, who were captured by Iraqi police in possession of a large quantity of bomb making materials were quickly "rescued" from police custody by commandos using armored vehicles backed by helicopter gunships. A cynical observer might conclude that the Brits were up to no good.

A cynical observer might conclude that the complete destruction of Iraqi society and the decent into sectarian violence and chaos might just have been the neocon plan all along.

If so: Mission Accomplished.



Graphic: ANSWER coalition 3/17/07 march on the Pentagon

Fluoridation Questioned

Warnings: Keep out of the reach of children under 6 years of age. If more than used for brushing is accidentally swallowed, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center right away.

By - Elaine Sullivan

The FDA requires the above warning on every tube of fluoride toothpaste. We start putting toothpaste into the mouths of our children as soon as their first teeth emerge and most Americans drink water laced with fluoride their whole lives. Do you know anything about fluoride and why it is in our drinking water or what happens if a person ingests too much? Do you know where the fluoride in water comes from? It is a long and scary story.

Fluoride, like arsenic, mercury and lead, is an element that is naturally present throughout the earth's crust. Usually only small amounts of these elements are found on the earth's surface, but industry brings up huge quantities for producing and processing glass, pesticides, fertilizers, steel, aluminum, chemicals and metals. Fluoride is industry's largest pollutant and is by far one of the most toxic known; it is considered by the EPA to be more toxic than lead, but less toxic than arsenic. A small amount of fluoride may be present in water naturally, but the vast majority of fluoride consumed

is added to municipal water supplies. The most common form of fluoride added to water is hydrofluorosilicic acid which is an industrial by-product from the phosphate fertilizer industry. Unlike the fluoride used in toothpaste the hydrofluorosilicic acid used in water supplies is not pharmaceutical-grade quality. It is an unpurified, industrial-grade, corrosive acid.

It has long been known that too much fluoride produces mottling of the teeth; a whitish discoloration in mild cases, brown and pitted teeth in more severe cases. According to scientist and researcher H. V. Smith, "...mottling is a visible indicator of systemic fluoride poisoning, no matter how mild the mottling, it is an external sign of internal distress." This was the conclusion Smith reached in 1930. Allergist, Leo Waldbott, began his own investigations in 1952 and "...found that fluoride was no different from any other drugs and chemicals: some people were uniquely sensitive and suffered acute, painful, and debilitating allergy to small amounts of additional fluoride in their water." The EPA states on its website, "EPA has set an enforceable drinking water standard for fluoride of 4 mg/L (some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of this level over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones). EPA has also set a secondary fluoride standard of 2 mg/L to protect against dental fluorosis. Dental fluorosis, in its moderate or severe forms, may result in a brown staining and/or pitting of the permanent teeth. This problem occurs only in developing teeth, before they erupt from the gums. Children under nine should not drink water that has more than 2 mg/L of fluoride." Fluoride accumulates in the body, in the bones and teeth, over years of exposure and most of us are exposed to fluoride every day for our entire lifetimes.

In June of 2000, Dr. J. William Hirzy, representing the union of the professional employees of the EPA, testified before

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U.S. Behind Death Squads in Iraq

By- Louis Wolf

Even in the face of explicit, high-level advocacy of torture conducted by the U.S. military, by the CIA, and by civilian contractors alike, there is a naive and pervasive illusion among liberal circles in America, that the U.S. would never support death squads anywhere, least of all in Iraq.

A signature of daily life in Baghdad today is the wholly predictable daily appearance of dozens of mutilated bodies -- men, women and children -- showing the ubiquitous signs of grisly torture. Most recently, bodies are found by the dozens inside and outside of Baghdad, with clear evidence that electric or battery-driven drills were applied to skulls and kneecaps. One can only ask: What kind of beasts can do these things to another human being?

Death squads do not exist just to kill their prey. Nor just to scare and intimidate a target population. They do both of these in spades. But they are by definition a key component of policy-makers' overall

strategy. The list of countries where the U.S. hand in death-squad activities is or was known is a long one: Iran, Vietnam, the Philippines, Mozambique, Angola, Nigeria, Greece, Turkey, Yugoslavia, Guatemala, Chile, Bolivia, Uruguay, Brazil, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Haiti, among others.

In 1999 in Yugoslavia, U.S. and British military training and arms shipments helped to build up the secessionist Kosovo Liberation Army from a small force of 300 soldiers into a sizable guerrilla army-death squad that made the province of Kosovo ungovernable. The very chaos that the West did so much to create was then used as the pretext for bombing Yugoslavia.

One infamous CIA-supported death squad in Brazil was called the CCC [Commandos to Hunt Communists]. Judge Agamemnon Duarte acknowledged in 1972 that "...the American Secret Service was behind the CCC."

Guatemala's Movement for National Liberation (MLN) was founded by Mario

Sandoval Alarcon, and he became known as "The Godfather" of Guatemala's death squads, which marshaled some 3,000 paramilitary members. He once bragged: "I admit that the MLN is the party of organized violence. Organized violence is vigor, just as organized color is scenery and organized sound is harmony. There is nothing wrong with organized violence; it is vigor, and the MLN is a vigorous movement." In 1985, he was invited to Washington by Ronald Reagan, and even danced at the inaugural ball.

Uruguayan prosecutor Mirtha Guianze is presently studying a call to extradite Henry Kissinger for his complicity with eight former generals who were involved with OPERATION CONDOR death squad operations in Uruguay from 1973-1985.

An estimated 70,000 Colombians have been killed by government violence and some 3 million people have been forced from their homes during the last twenty-five years of fighting.

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Who Will Tell the People? It Isn't Cholesterol!

By - Bill Sardi

Doctors are breaking ranks to tell a story to the world. You may stand in disbelief as you read it here.

The sudden disclosure by a Harvard Medical School doctor in the British journal Lancet (Jan 20, 2007), that cholesterol-lowering drugs are of no benefit for three-quarters of the people who take them, has been followed by an even more stunning revelation in the New York Times where Dr. Arthur Agatston MD, a Florida cardiologist who is better known as the author of a diet book (The South Beach Diet), stated that "my patients don't have heart attacks any more." Dr. Agatston is not known as the cholesterol-lowering doctor, he is better known professionally for having developed the severity scoring sheet for calcification of the arteries, now known as the Agatston score. [New York Times, Jan. 24, 2007]

The skeptics of the cholesterol theory of heart disease are growing and Dr. Malcolm Kendrick of Aberdeen, Scotland, has just published a book, The

Great Cholesterol Lie, wherein he calls the cholesterol theory "an amazing beast" and cites an investigation conducted by the US Surgeon General's Office in 1988 that was launched to quiet the cholesterol nay-sayers. Dr. Kendrick says that investigation was cancelled 11 years later for lack of evidence. [Daily Mail UK, Jan 23, 2007]

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According to Dr. John Abramson, of Harvard Medical School, in his article titled "Are Lipid-Lowering Guidelines Evidence-Based?" in Lancet, no studies have shown statin cholesterol-lowering drugs to be effective for women at any age, nor for men 69 years of age or older, who do not already have heart disease or diabetes. Better than 50 adults have to take a cholesterol-lowering drug for 1 patient to avoid a mortal heart attack, and that figure only applies to high-risk patients. There is a vanishing benefit to

lowering cholesterol for healthy adults. Dr. Abramson calls for cholesterol treatment guidelines to be revised. [Lancet 2007; 369:168-169]

What to tell patients?

Dr. James M Wright of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, co-author with Dr. Abramson, thinks physicians should be honest with their patients about the lack of evidence for the use of cholesterol-lowering drugs in low-risk patients.

Says Dr. Wright: "If you take a male who is 50 years old, a smoker, with high blood pressure, who eats the worst diet in the world... then if I were an honest physician, I would tell him that maybe he should be taking a statin. And if he asked how much would that reduce his risk, I would have to tell him that it would only reduce his risk by 2% over the next five years. If he understood that information, he would say, You're expecting me to take a pill everyday for five years? And it's going to cost me two dollars a day?"

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You're crazy! I'm not going to do it." If physicians were truly honest with their patients, the doctor says, "I think there probably would be very few people being treated for primary prevention with a statin drug." [HeartWire Jan. 27, 2007]

The cholesterol theory of cardiovascular disease is far from explaining what causes most heart attacks and strokes. Some 500,000 Americans die of a sudden-death heart attack annually with low-to-normal cholesterol.

Dr. Harumi Okuyama of Nagoya City University in Japan, writing in the World Review of Nutrition and Dietetics, says the direction of modern medicine needs to move away from the cholesterol hypothesis of coronary heart disease. Once cases of genetic/familial high cholesterol are removed from population statistics, he claims that high cholesterol is not found to be a causal factor for coronary heart disease. High total cholesterol is not positively associated with high coronary heart disease mortality rates among general populations more than 40-50 years of age, says Dr. Okuyama.

Okuyama points out that higher total cholesterol levels are associated with lower cancer and all-cause mortality rates where the incidence of familial high cholesterol is low (~0.2%).

He notes that the rate of heart attacks differs by approximately 4 to 8-fold at the same total cholesterol level in some populations. Dr. Okuyama says while Western countries have accepted the cholesterol theory of heart disease and the use of statin drugs, "little benefit seems to result from efforts to limit dietary cholesterol intake or to total cholesterol values to less than approximately 260 mg/dL." Dr. Okuyama says there is an urgency to change the direction of current medical practice away from cholesterol-controlling medications. [World Review Nutrition Dietetics, Basel, Karger, 96: 1-17, 2007]

Is it calcium?

It was cardiologist Dr. Stephen Seely who in wrote, in his treatise entitled "Is calcium excess in western diet a major cause of arterial disease?" published in the International Journal of Cardiology in 1991, that excess calcium intake is a major cause of atherosclerosis in Western countries.

He contended that young adults need only 300-400 mg of calcium daily, and older adults need even less. In countries where the daily calcium intake is 200-400 mg, arterial diseases are non-

existent and blood pressure does not increase with age.

Dr. Seely said, in countries where the daily calcium intake is 800 milligrams (USA, New Zealand, Scandinavian countries, Ireland), arterial disease is the leading cause of mortality. Dr. Seely pointed out that cholesterol only represents 3% of arterial plaque, while calcium makes up 50%. [International Journal Cardiology 1991 Nov; 33 (2): 191-8]

Don't think the American Heart Association (AHA) isn't paying attention. After six years of debate, the AHA has finally approved CT scanning for arterial calcifications for high-risk individuals. Just a few years ago the AHA dismissed the use of CT scanning for any reason, so this is a big change.

The accumulation of calcium plaque in coronary arteries continues despite aggressive cholesterol reduction (~53% LDL cholesterol) with a statin drug. [Heart 2006; 92:1207-1212]

Dr. Stephen Seely recommended the best remedy for this problem would be prevention, by reducing calcium consumption only to the level needed by the body. "This could be achieved only by drastic cuts in consumption of milk. Failing that, we could utilize nature's own calcium antagonist, IP6 phytate

...excess calcium intake is a major cause of atherosclerosis in Western countries

-- International Journal of Cardiology

(rice bran extract)," he said. The author argues that currently available calcium antagonist drugs are less desirable. IP6 phytate is available as a dietary supplement, extracted from rice bran by Tsuno Foods & Rice Co. in Wakayama, Japan, and sold under various brand names (Source Naturals, Jarrow Formulas, Purity Products). (For instruction on how to conduct a rice bran cleanse, search under this term at www.knowledgeofhealth.com)

Prevalence of Coronary Artery Calcification by age and sex

Coronary Artery Calcification Begins Earlier in Males

With Onset of Menopause, Women Lose Calcium From Bones and Increase Their Risk For Cardiovascular Disease by 360%

Other natural antidotes to arterial calcifications include vitamin K, vitamin D and magnesium.

Groups who consume the highest

amounts of vitamin K from dietary sources exhibit more than a 50% reduction in coronary heart disease mortality and aortic calcium scores.

[Journal Nutrition 134: 3100-05, 2004] Vitamin K is naturally rich in spinach, broccoli and turnip greens.

Vitamin D has also been shown to be correlated with the absence of extensive arterial calcification. [Circulation 96: 1755-60, 1997] But the public is going to have to overcome mistaken advice usually offered by health professionals about vitamin D.

Most physicians, pharmacists and dieticians will warn the public away from so-called high-dose vitamin D supplements because of the false notion that vitamin D actually induces calcifications. But this effect has only been demonstrated in animals at lethal doses (~2.1 million units of vitamin D). [Current Opinion Lipidology 18(1):41-6, 2007]

Dr. Reinhold Vieth, PhD, at the University of Toronto, says the toxicity of vitamin D doesn't begin till 40,000 units are consumed. [American Journal Clinical Nutrition 1999 May; 69(5):842-56] Dr. Vieth notes that an hour of total-body skin exposure to unfiltered sunlight in the summer at a southern latitude would produce about 10,000 units of vitamin D without any known side effects. He says the risk for toxicity is remote.

Vitamin D is a vitamin/hormone produced in the skin upon sun exposure. It is widely known that more heart attacks occur in winter months when vitamin D levels are low.

Dr. Joe Prendergast, a practicing endocrinologist in Redwood City, California, now treats his patients with 5000 units vitamin D and a blood-vessel widening amino acid (arginine) to successfully reverse hardening of the arteries. Vitamin D's anti-calcifying effects are working for this doctor's patients.

Magnesium is a natural calcium blocker and is another natural antidote to arterial calcification. [The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition 2004 Oct; 23(5):501S-505S] Magnesium is rich in foods like almonds, spinach and pumpkin seeds. Magnesium oxide in dietary supplements is poorly absorbed and other forms (citrate, glycinate, malate) should be consumed.

The most convincing evidence

The most convincing evidence for the calcium theory of heart disease is this. In a study of adults over age 55 years, coronary artery calcifications were ranked by the Agatston scoring method. Blood pressure, cholesterol, smoking and blood sugar, all common risk factors for cardiovascular disease were measured over a 7-year period along with the calcium artery scores. Disturbingly, 29% of the men and 15% of the women who had no cardiovascular symptoms and exhibited no other common risk factors (elevated cholesterol, hypertension, etc.), had extensive coronary artery calcification. [European Heart Journal 25: 48-55, 2004] This is alarming. These patients had a low-to-normal cholesterol number and mistakenly thought they were at low risk for a heart attack

An angiogram (an x-ray/dye photo of coronary arteries), commonly used by cardiologists, cannot detect calcifications. Ultrafast computed tomography (CT scanning) and intravascular ultrasound can measure arterial calcification. Better than 90% of patients who experience a heart attack have coronary artery calcifications.

Modern medicine has never been able to explain why some 45-60 percent of patients with hospital admissions for a heart attack have a "normal level" of cholesterol. [Atherosclerosis 149: 181-90, 2000; Medical Hypotheses 59: 751-56, 2002] If your cholesterol is low-to-normal you are still at great risk to have a mortal heart attack. But if your calcium artery Agatston score is zero, your risk for a mortal heart attack is almost zero. [Cleveland Clinic Journal Medicine 49: Supp 3 - S-6-11, 2002]

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Death Squads from Pg 1

The current problems for Colombia's president, Alvaro Uribe, began with the surrender last year of Salvatore Mancuso, the former AUC leader. Uribe brokered a peace deal with the paramilitaries during his first term guaranteeing leaders of the AUC would face no more than eight years in jail for their wanton crimes. This includes Mancuso, who admitted to personally carrying out more than 300 murders.

But problems began to deepen when Mancuso produced a copy of the so-called "Ralito Agreement" signed by leaders of the AUC, eleven members of the Colombian Congress, two provincial governors and five city mayors. As a result, in mid-February, the country's Supreme Court ordered the arrest of six congressmen, including Alvaro Araújo, the brother of the foreign minister, over alleged links to the AUC. Shortly afterward, Foreign Minister Maria Consuelo Araújo resigned, fanning suspicions that the AUC links reached to the highest levels of government.

Weeks ago when George Bush traveled briefly to Colombia he embraced his counterpart Alvaro Uribe, calling him "a personal friend." Right-wing paramilitary militias responsible for death squad killings and deep involvement in drug operations have been allegedly allied with Uribe's army chief, Gen. Mario Montoya, though legal charges have not yet been laid against Montoya. The general in turn, has become a Pentagon darling, and a close partner in the \$700 million a year PLAN COLUMBIA which is itself only a small fraction of the \$3.9 billion multi-year U.S. aid program, 80% going to the military and police.

Montoya was praised in 2001 by Marine General Peter Pace, Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman as then-director of regional military command for Latin America, at the same time Montoya was organizing a counter-narcotics program — with massive U.S. financial backing.

But a new CIA document emerged in late March indicating that an "allied Western intelligence agency" reported in January that in 2002, Colombian police, army and paramilitary forces had collaborated in Operation Orion, that sent 3,000 Colombian army soldiers and police, supported by heavily-armed U.S.-supplied helicopter gunships, through a vast shantytown area controlled by Colombia's largest left-wing rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

Ever since, there have been reports that as the army swept through, the paramilitaries remained, and launched killings, disappearances and other crimes. Recently, Colombian Sen. Gustavo Petro, a political opponent of Uribe, charged that 46 people completely disappeared during the operation.

The informant cited in the CIA document reported that in jointly conducting the operation, the army, police and paramilitaries had signed documents spelling out their plans. The signatories, according to the informant, were Montoya; the commander of an area police force; and paramilitary leader Fabio Jaramillo, who was a subordinate of Diego Fernando Murillo Bejarano, the head of the paramilitaries in the Medellin area.

Today, there are still 22 different rightwing paramilitary groups operating and killing on the ground, some still chin-deep in the cocaine trade. Only one, the United Self Defense Forces of Colombia or Autodefensas Unidas de Colombia (AUC), has been designated an "International Terrorist Organization" by the Department of State.

Kevin Turner, a Colombia expert at Nottingham University, said: "If a connection is made between the U.S. Government's support and the paramilitary organizations or their political representatives, then the US could be perceived to be indirectly supporting a terrorist organization."

In Iran, according to a former CIA official, funding for armed separatist groups operating in the country is paid from the CIA's top-secret budget. The aim, claims Fred Burton, an ex-State Department counter-terrorism agent, is "to supply and train" these groups "to destabilize the Iranian regime."

The largest and most well known of the anti-government organizations is Mujahedin-e Khalq (MEK), operating out of Iraq. For years, MEK had launched cross-border attacks and terrorist acts

against Iran with the support of Saddam Hussein. Officially designated a terrorist organization by the U.S. State Department in 1997, and disarmed of heavy weaponry by the U.S. military six years later, Washington has since come to view MEK in a very different light. Three years ago, U.S. intelligence officials suggested looking the other way as the MEK rearmed, and to use the organization to destabilize Iran, a recommendation that clearly has been accepted.

Accusing MEK of past involvement in repressive measures by Saddam, the current Iraqi government wants to close down Camp Ashraf, located well outside of Baghdad, where many of the MEK fighters are stationed. But the camp operates under the protection of the U.S. military. American soldiers even chauffeur MEK leaders. The Iraqi government is unlikely to get its way, as the MEK claims to be the primary U.S. source for intelligence on Iran.

U.S. officials "made MEK members swear an oath to democracy and resign from the MEK," reveals an intelligence source, "and then our guys incorporated them into their unit and trained them." Reliance on the MEK began under Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld at the direction of Vice President Dick Cheney, and soon MEK soldiers were being used in special operations missions in Iran. "They are doing whatever they want, no oversight at all," said one intelligence official of the MEK's American handlers.

As we are told every day by the White House spinmeisters, Washington is busily "building democracy" in Iraq. During November 2003, the Bush White House created a 'commando squad' melding together sectarian militias drawn from five major factions. Funded, trained and armed by U.S. occupation forces, and provided with a "state-of-the-art command, control and communications center," the new commando units were tasked to go after 'their political competitors.' This initiative flowered into Sunni vs. Shia and Shia vs. Sunni killings.

"Do you remember the right-wing execution squads in El Salvador?" an ex-senior U.S. intelligence official said to investigative journalist Seymour Hersh in January 2005. "We founded them and we financed them... We're going to be riding with the bad boys."

In the El Salvador of the 1980s during the Reagan administration, death squad activity was rampant. As foremost CIA historian William Blum observed, "[T]he CIA and the U.S. military played an essential role in the conception and organization of the security agencies from which the death squads emanated. CIA surveillance programs routinely supplied those agencies with information on, and the whereabouts of, various individuals who wound up as death squad victims." During the eight-year Reagan term, more than 300,000 people were killed in Central America, and many thousands were driven into exile.

In January this year, Newsweek published an article entitled "The Salvador Option" reporting that the Pentagon was considering a 'Salvador Option' in Iraq. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld quickly denied the report, but it was clear the Option was already well-advanced on the ground.

As the Counsellor to the U.S. Ambassador for Iraqi Security Forces, James Steele was tasked to work with the new elite counterinsurgency force known as the Special Police Commandos, nicknamed "the Wolf Brigade," operating under the operational control of the Interior Ministry, and believed to number about 5,000 members. They travel in white police Toyota Land Cruisers, wearing flak vests and helmets, and are armed with 9mm Glock pistols. Glock sidearms are used by many U.S. law enforcement agencies and have been supplied to Iraqi security forces by the Pentagon.

Having been part of a small Special Forces unit in Vietnam, Steele worked from 1984-86 in El Salvador with the Fourth Brigade training and developing special forces units, including the infamous Treasury Police, which functioned as untouchable death squads.

People were not just killed — they were decapitated, their heads placed as grisly exhibits on spikes dotting the landscape. Men were disemboweled, their genitalia stuffed into their mouths. Women were raped and their wombs removed and covered their faces. Children were

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Cynthia McKinney

Voting for Complicity

Well, it seems that George Bush and Democratic Leaders were right. They confidently told us that not only would Democrats fund the surge, but that the Democrats would not stop action in Iran, too.

Now, we are not surprised when the unelected, illegitimate Administration of George Bush ignores us, but we are shocked that the Democratic majority in Congress chose war over us as we say Bring our troops home now!

The answer is clear: Our country has been hijacked.

What about a livable wage for America's workers?

What about the right of return for Katrina survivors?

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

Why is impeachment "off the table"?

Our country is bankrupt yet this institution, the Pentagon, has "lost" 2.3 trillion dollars!

I want that money back . . . For jobs . . . for health care . . . for education . . . for our veterans!

The Democrats have become so timid they won't even repeal the Bush tax cuts as a strategy to deal with a bankrupt nation. Seems the story is the same: more money for war, but we can't feed the poor. It's hard to believe, but now the

Democrats are full partners in George Bush's wars. And by funding his wars, the Democratic Congress is explicitly complicit.

Complicit in war crimes!

Complicit in torture!

Complicit in crimes against humanity!

Complicit in crimes against peace!

The FBI spied on us; Condoleezza, Dick, and George lied to us.

In 1957, Dr. King observed that "Both political parties have betrayed the cause of justice." And so it must be repeated today. Our beloved America is dividing again into two Americas. Our struggle is for nothing less than the soul of our country. We want an America that is respected in the commonwealth of man; we want our values to shine like a beacon throughout the world.

As an American of conscience, I hereby declare my independence from every bomb dropped, every threat leveled, every civil liberties rollback, every child killed, every veteran maimed, every man tortured. And I sadly declare my independence from the leaders who let it happen.

We will not stop. We will win. We will take our country back!

Remarks in front of the Pentagon March 17, 2007

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George Bush's Blue Dress



Dick Cheney's DNA



WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO? IMPEACH ME?

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Lancet Study 655,000 Iraqi Dead Confirmed Accurate

Last October the British medical journal, the Lancet, published a report on the number of "excess deaths" in Iraq since the 2003 invasion. The number was 655,000 excess deaths, over 600,000 of them from violence, mostly gunshot wounds.

The number the Lancet reported was more than ten times the "official" estimate of civilian deaths. The Bush administration immediately criticized the report as "not credible" for using "flawed methodology".

Now, documents obtained by the BBC under the Freedom of Information Act prove that the chief scientific adviser at the ministry of defense, Sir Roy Anderson, accepted the methods used in the survey. "The study design is robust and employs methods that are regarded as close to 'best practice' in this area," Said Anderson.

So it's official, the U.S. led invasion and occupation of Iraq has killed more than 655,000 civilians.

Does Freedom Have a Future?

The president and the Pentagon now wield the omnipotent power to arrest, torture, and execute any American they label an "enemy combatant." It is impossible to overstate the significance of this power. It has totally upended the relationship of the military and civilian in the United States. The assumption of this particular power easily constitutes one of the most monumental revolutions of liberty and power in history. It is a revolution that every American must confront now, not later. If people wait until later to

confront the expanded use of this power, it will be too late, because by that time it will be too dangerous to do so.

As long as this particular power is permitted to stand, there is no possibility for Americans to be considered a free people. A necessary prerequisite for restoring freedom to our land is the removal of this power from the arsenal of government officials.

Jacob Hornberger, founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation.

Verboten! The forbidden topics of political discourse.

As Americans we used to pride ourselves (rightly or wrongly) on having a free press, where the issues of the day could be aired. While that pride has tarnished in recent years, there are a number of topics too controversial, too "hot" for the American media to cover honestly; or cover at all. Whoever mentions any of these issues in public is likely to be shouted down or removed by security.

Class Warfare: The very observation that classes exist in America must be denied. Sure, some people are wealthy while others are poor, but that doesn't mean there are classes in America; does it? While studies show that movement from the lowest quintile of wealth to the highest quintile is nearly impossible; that doesn't mean the class structure is rigid; does it?

But the really "verboten" concept is that the classes are in conflict. For the last two decades, but especially in the last 6 years, government economic and tax policy have been altered to favor the rich and to disadvantage the poor. A notorious example of this would be the Bush administration sponsored changes to tax law which have dramatically lowered taxes of the wealthy or the recent attempts to eliminate the estate tax which is paid by only the richest of the rich Americans; those who have already seen their wealth increase dramatically since 2000, while almost everyone else has seen purchasing power fall.

Is this class warfare? Well it might be warfare if it wasn't completely one sided. The wealthy, and corporate interests, with their strangle hold on the political process, are waging a relentless attack on working class Americans; but if one points out that this is class warfare they would be immediately denounced. Class warfare is Verboten!

Nazi comparisons: Unarguably the Nazi party and it's leader (he who must not be named) had a profound and lasting impact on most of the twentieth century and up to the present day. Yet, to make such a basic observation, or worse, to compare the Fuehrer to any modern counterpart, is to break one of the strongest taboos of journalism.

Instead of honestly assessing the rise of the Nazis and attempting to draw lessons that might be useful in the present, we are told to ignore this painful chapter of history, make no comparisons, (move along... nothing to see here...) Never mind that the current political situation in the US is ripe for comparisons to pre-war Germany.

Never mind that the grandfather of our current Fuehrer, Prescott Bush, was Hitler's American banker, and was convicted under the "Trading with the Enemy Act". Never mind that Ford, GM, IBM, and countless other American corporations collaborated with, supported, and reaped huge profits from, Nazi Germany. Never mind that after the war the US government swept-up thousands of high ranking Nazi scientists, bureaucrats, and technicians and installed them in positions within the American military and academic and political institutions through operations such as PAPERCLIP and the "Rat Lines." These facts must not be mentioned. Nazi comparisons are Verboten!

Israeli Influence in American Politics

The fact that Israel and the Israel lobby exerts a tremendous effect on the American political system should come as a surprise to no one. Yet, when two noted academics published a research paper describing and measuring that influence they were roundly attacked. John Mearsheimer and Stephen Walt' essay, *The Israel Lobby*, simply points out a few indisputable facts. Israel is the largest recipient of US aid by far; over \$3 billion annually, and uniquely, Israel is not required to account for how the money is used. The US routinely provides military support to Israel in the form of weapons, intelligence, signals intercepts, satellite imagery and more. The relationship is so tight that many high ranking Pentagon and National Security officials hold dual Israeli/US citizenship. Washington routinely provides Israel with diplomatic support by using the US veto in the Security Council and by blocking any international or regional initiative opposed by Israel. The diplomatic cost of this support for Israel, Walt and Mearsheimer point out, is quite high and results in increased tension in the Middle East. The humanitarian costs, for Palestinians and others, of unconditional support for Israeli policies, are also high.

Given these costs, Walt and Mearsheimer conclude that US policy would not support Israel nearly to this extent, were it not for the profound influence of AIPAC and the Israel lobby. Their conclusion is neither shocking nor unexpected; yet it must be denounced. Discussion of Israel's influence on American foreign policy is Verboten! And the simple observation that Palestinians are held captive in their own homeland by the Israeli occupation forces in a de-facto Apartheid state, as President Jimmy Carter discovered, that is Verboten as well.

The classic Verboten topic: Conspiracy

A conspiracy occurs any time two or more people get together to commit an illegal act. Conspiracy is one of the most common charges that prosecutors make. There's conspiracy to defraud, conspiracy to murder, even conspiracy to pick pockets. So why is it that the term "conspiracy theory" has such negative connotations? Why is calling someone a "conspiracy theorist" akin to calling them a "whack-job", a nut, someone not worthy of serious consideration?

The power of the pejorative is especially surprising given that the "conspiracy theorists" have been so often proven right. The House Committee on Assassinations in 1978 did conclude that the Kennedy assassination was in fact a conspiracy. The California energy crisis of 2001, we now know from the Enron tapes, was a deliberately orchestrated conspiracy. The presidential election theft in Florida in 2000 was accomplished through a conspiracy of Katherine Harris, Jeb Bush, John Bolton, and the RNC (with help of the compliant media). The stampeo to war with Iraq, we now know, was whipped-up by fake intelligence promoted by conspirators Bush and Blaire; a conspiracy that has claimed hundreds of thousands of innocent lives, and will ultimately cost in excess of two trillion dollars.

Conspiracies may be common; but pointing out that they exist is still Verboten!



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"Reasonable men adjust themselves to their environment. Unreasonable men attempt to change their environment to suit themselves. Therefore all progress is the work of unreasonable men." George Bernard Shaw

Texas Juvenile Justice Sexual Abuse Scandal Widens

U.S. Attorney, Attorney General implicated in cover-up

The Texas Youth Commission sexual abuse scandal has gone national. The scandal involves the Texas boys correctional system where boys as young as 10 are sent for minor offences and were they were systematically sexually abused by officials. Worse; the sexual abuse was excused and covered-up by officials throughout the justice system; including the highest levels.

For over two years Texas Ranger Brian Burzynski has been trying to get someone to listen to the abused children, trying to get them protection. Finally, on March 2, Gov. Rick Perry appointed Jay Kimbrough, his former chief of staff, to serve as "special master" to head the TYC investigation. On March 8, Ranger Burzynski, gave shocking testimony to the joint committee investigating the matter. On March 17, the TYC governing board resigned en mass.

The level of depravity involved is truly shocking. Boys at the Pyote school, were routinely roused from bed at night to engage in "sex parties" with guards

and other (paying?) pedophiles. Threats were used to keep the boys silent about their mistreatment, including the threat of increased sentences. Over half or the boys received increased sentences.

Texas Ranger Burzynski, says he attempted many times, beginning in early 2005, to get local, state and federal prosecutors to investigate allegations that teachers, administrators and guards had sex with minor male inmates. Burzynski presented a timeline asserting his investigation was, in turn, stonewalled by Ward County District Attorney Randall Reynolds, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

Sutton's office refused to bring a case because "None of the victims have claimed to have felt physical pain during the course of the sexual assaults which they described." Or this even more damning statement from Sutton's office: "As you know, consent is frequently an issue in sexual assault cases. Although none of the victims admit that they

consented to the sexual contact, none resisted or voiced any objection to the conduct." Is the US Attorney's office suggesting that underage youth detained at a state correctional school could give consent to pedophilia? Such statements are highly incriminating.

One can only hope that the abuse will be stopped and the abusers brought to justice, but the history of such investigations is not encouraging. In 1989 a similar institutional homosexual pedophile prostitution ring was found to be operating in Nebraska, the famous "Franklin Cover-up". In that case, boys and girls, some in foster care, some in institutions (including "Boys Town") were rented-out for sex with high ranking officials, including several visits to the Bush-Reagan White House.

Unfortunately, in the Franklin case, instead of the culprits being held to account, the victim-witnesses were accused of lying and the ones who refused to recant their story were convicted of perjury.

9/11: Looking for Truth in Credentials: The Peculiar WTC “Experts”

By - Kevin Ryan



When Matthew Rothschild, editor of the online magazine *The Progressive*, wrote an article called “Enough of the 9/11 Conspiracies, Already”, we all knew he was not talking about the conspiracy theory that the US government sells us to justify the expanding 9/11 Wars.[1] To the contrary, in writing that article Mr. Rothschild was selling that same theory himself. What he actually meant was that people should not question the US government’s story of terror because credentialed experts have been found to support it. But the fact is that the experts found to support the official conspiracy theory of 9/11 are predominantly those who profit from doing so. That’s not to say that all of these people were “part of the conspiracy”. But they are, whether consciously or not, a part of the cover-up. And that, of course, is the greater crime.

The Bush Administration employed a number of such credentialed experts to give us multiple explanations for the unprecedented destruction of three tall steel-framed buildings at the World Trade Center (WTC). Unfortunately, all of those explanations have proven to be false, and this fact reminds us that academic credentials don’t necessarily make a person more capable of, or more likely to, tell the truth.

Exactly how they could find so many experts on the fire-induced collapse of tall buildings is not immediately clear, considering such an event had never happened before. But it did help that the questions were quickly framed as being solely matters of structural engineering, a sub-field of civil engineering, because structural engineers cannot find work without continual government approvals. A Chemistry laboratory manager like myself can work without permits or licenses, but people can’t just go out and build a bridge or a tall building on their own. The extensive paperwork necessary to complete civil engineering projects is obtained by working closely with, and staying on good terms with, local and national authorities. That fact may not be enough to ensure vocal support for the official story of “global collapse”, but it has been enough to keep most structural engineers from publicly opposing the intransigent government stance on the WTC events.

From where, then, has the vocal support come within the engineering community? Matthew Rothschild points to some interesting characters when he says that “I made a few calls myself”, including to Gene Corley and to Mete Sozen. Additionally, Rothschild says that he consulted “some of the top building design and engineering firms”, like Skidmore Owings & Merrill, and Greenhorn & O’Mara. To emphasize just how solid the government’s story is, he adds that he “also contacted engineering professors at MIT and other leading universities in the country, and none of them puts any stock in the 9/11 conspiracy theories.”

What Mr. Rothschild failed to tell us is that Gene Corley and Mete Sozen not only created the reports that he is defending, but have also, for many years, worked for the US Department of Defense (DOD) through the Blast Mitigation for Structures Program (BMSP). Since 1997, this program has provided the DOD with expertise in explosives, and has been funded at \$10 million annually.[2] After 9/11, astronomical increases in DOD funding were likely to have benefited all DOD partners and programs, like DOD’s Nunn-Perry award winner, Greenhorn & O’Mara, and those involved with the BMSP. Of course, the DOD was probably already awash in black-budget funds prior to 9/11, as indicated by the missing trillions reported by the DOD on 9/10/01.[3]

Rothschild also failed to let us know that Skidmore Owings & Merrill (SOM), one of his independent engineering firms, is responsible for the architectural design

of the new Freedom Tower. SOM gained that contract at the personal insistence of Larry Silverstein, the original owner of WTC 7 and the WTC towers’ leaseholder. Mr. Rothschild may also not be aware that William Baker, a top executive at SOM, was involved in several of the official WTC investigations and reports that have been generated. In any case it is clear that the “Freedom Tower” would not be the publicity-rich project it is today if an alternative explanation forced us to rename it the “There Goes Our Freedom Tower”.

Getting back to those experts at BMSP, we see that DOD employs a number of consulting firms to help out Corley and Sozen, in what is called the Blast Mitigation Action Group (BMAG), including ARUP, ARA, SAIC, SGH, Thornton-Tomasetti and Weidlinger Associates.[4] It should be noted that most of these firms were major contributors to the various official explanations for collapse of the WTC buildings, as well as being government contractors in fields related to terrorism. Strangely, despite their overwhelming expertise in the use of explosives, none of their explanations for the WTC events had anything to do with explosives.

That’s not to say that these characters never deal with explosives, however, as

critical pieces of steel...were gone before the first BPAT team member ever reached the site.”[7] At the time of this destruction of evidence, Gene Corley was in charge of the investigation and his OKC partner Charles Thornton’s company was in charge of the site at Ground Zero.

In any case, it is clear that Rothschild’s primary experts have a long history of involvement in US government interests, and in highly questionable engineering reports. But surely the “engineering professors at MIT and other leading universities in the country” could not all be so tied to US government interests. There must be some objective members within the group of scientists supporting the Bush Administration’s theories, and some agreement among scientists around the world.

The truth is that interpretation of the events at the WTC does include some agreement from all parties. We all agree that no tall steel-framed building in history has ever collapsed uniformly at nearly free-fall speed into a pile of rubble for any reason whatsoever, outside of demolition. And we’re in agreement that the first three occasions of such an event supposedly occurred all on the same day, all in the same place. To round out a quick agreement, we can all safely say that these

that, later, with the help of many other PhD engineers, produced a report on the WTC disaster as part of an insurance claim by Larry Silverstein.[10] This Silverstein-Weidlinger investigation was based on extensive computer modeling and involved many of the same contractors that contributed to the government studies. Their final report told us that floor failure had nothing to do with the WTC disasters, but “that the failure of columns alone, independent of the floors, explains the collapses.”[11] At the time, Levy told us “There is no doubt left about the sequence of failure.”[12]

Unfortunately, the credentialed experts were wrong again. Until NIST’s final report came out in 2005, the “Pancake Theory” had replaced the column failure theory as the most widely accepted explanation for collapse. FEMA, along with a professor of Engineering from Northwestern, Zdenek Bazant, championed this theory of pancaking floors as the major explanation for the collapse of both towers, directly contradicting the Silverstein-Weidlinger report. This was strange, considering many of the same experts were involved in both the FEMA and Weidlinger investigations, including Gene Corley.

Amazingly enough, just last summer NIST finally admitted that the explanation could not involve pancaking floors either, by saying “NIST’s findings do not support the “pancake theory” of collapse”.[13] NIST’s findings, first reported in their final draft report of October 2004 and built over a period of several years, originally consisted of two considerably different stories for the two towers. But NIST modified this nine months later in their final, final draft report, giving just one story for both towers about “widely-dislodged” fireproofing and sagging floors pulling the external columns inward, with no mention of pancaking. Their final, final collapse initiation sequence, the essence of their report, is now known to be false in every aspect.[14]

Through the years, NIST and the other official investigators ignored the demolition hypothesis completely, as can be seen from their reports and archived presentations. That’s not surprising though, as the scientists working for FEMA and NIST, and therefore for the Bush Administration, would not likely lead their investigation toward a result that would limit or stop the 9/11 Wars. For example John Gross of NIST and Therese McAllister of Greenhorn & O’Mara, who not only co-authored the most important sections of NIST’s report, but were also primary authors of FEMA’s report, continue to act deaf, dumb and blind when it comes to evidence for the demolition hypothesis.[15] And we can imagine that all those “independent” contractors who contributed to the ever-changing story, who were also consulting firms for the DOD’s interesting Blast Mitigation Action Group, would be hard-pressed to offer an explanation that would require a less militarily focused solution.

The only supposedly independent corroboration that the Bush scientists at NIST could produce for their appalling pack of lies was from that old respected scientific institution, *Popular Mechanics*. This Hearst magazine is not, as most people know, a scientific publication in any way, shape or form. When they talk about Mechanics, they do not mean Quantum Mechanics or Statistical Mechanics, or even Classical Mechanics. *Popular Mechanics* (PM) is simply a gloss-covered advertisement for numerous consumer items ranging from ATVs to lawn mowers. You know – mechanics.

This hasn’t prevented many who cling to the official story from using PM as their scientific champion. For example, in his poorly researched hit piece against “conspiracy theorists”, British essayist George Monbiot foists *Popular Mechanics* upon us, saying they “polled 300 experts” to support their findings.[16] But science is not about popularity, and PM’s “poll” of “structural engineering/building collapse experts” actually consisted of only about 33 people, some of them listed as photographers, media-relations staff and spokespersons. Of those that were engineering-related, most were in some way related to OKC, FEMA, NIST or DOD, and many were responsible for the

	OKC	DOD or BMSP	FEMA WTC or Pent.	Weidlinger or Column	NIST	Popular Mechanics
Gene Corley	X	X	X	X	X	X
Thornton-Tomasetti	X	X	X	X	X	X
Levy / Weidlinger	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mete Sozen	X	X	X			X
Greenhorn & O’Mara	X	X	X		X	
ARUP		X	X	X	X	
Paul Mlakar	X		X			X
Hughes Associates			X	X	X	
William Baker / SOM			X		X	X
Jon Magnusson			X		X	X
Ryan Biggs			X		X	X
SGH		X	X		X	

The same small handful of “researchers” have produced most of the 9/11 studies used to ‘debunk’ 9/11 truth arguments.

Corley and Sozen were two of the four members of the Oklahoma City (OKC) engineering investigation, along with Paul Mlakar and Charles Thornton. The work they did followed the damage estimates found within the Federal Emergency Management Administration’s (FEMA) OKC report, written by Greenhorn & O’Mara. Although none of these credentialed experts even toured the site at OKC, Corley and Sozen were able to produce an engineering report that was a highly questionable extrapolation of minimal evidence, primarily the size of a bomb crater, provided to them by the FBI.[5] Their report was created in support of the “One Guy, One Truck Bomb” political story that directly contradicted testimony given by several leading experts, including USAF General Benton Partin.

After spending 25 years dealing with explosive weaponry, General Partin independently studied the damage done to the Murrah building in the month before the evidence was destroyed, and made several strong statements to members of the US Congress. In July of 1995, General Partin wrote to Senator Trent Lott, stating, “The attached report contains conclusive proof that the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building...was not caused solely by the truck bomb. Evidence shows that the massive destruction was primarily the result of four demolition charges placed at critical structural points at the third floor level.” He added “No government law enforcement agency should be permitted to demolish, smash and bury evidence of a...terrorist attack without a thorough examination by an independent, technically competent agency.”[6]

When speaking about the unprecedented destruction of evidence, General Partin was referring to the demolition of the Murrah Building by Mark Loizeaux’s company, just five days after Partin made his strong statements directly to the US Congress. But Partin might as well have been talking about the WTC six years later, where much of the steel evidence was destroyed in the month before engineering investigators began inspecting the scene. It was noted by the House Committee on Science, as they reviewed early shortcomings of the WTC investigation, that, “Some of the

improbable events were the emotional basis for the passing of legislation that had already been written (e.g. the Patriot Act), and for the invasion of several strategically-important countries, the plans for which were already in the works.

From there, however, the views of the government’s credentialed experts diverge from those who are more interested in objectively seeking the truth. The initial facts of agreement should lead any objective person to seek a detailed investigation that leaves no hypothesis un-examined. But for the government’s credentialed experts, only one hypothesis was worthy of consideration, a fire-based failure of all three buildings that jibed with the overall official version of the events of that day.

In support of that fire-based triple play, the experts gave us a progression of false stories. The media gave us the first false story, with help from PhD engineers, some of whom were contributors to the official reports. Eduardo Kausel, an “engineering professor at MIT” and contributor to the WTC report generated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), suggested to us in *Scientific American* that this catastrophe was probably due to the jet fuel fires melting the steel in the buildings.[8] He was joined in this early theory by a handful of other PhD engineers and professors around the country, and by the US government’s top suspect - Osama Bin Laden. The US State Department still promotes the melting steel theory by promoting the alleged confession video of the alleged Bin Laden, which Matthew Rothschild finds convincing as well. In this confession video, the credentialed expert Bin Laden said -- “Due to my experience in this field, I was thinking that the fire from the gas in the plane would melt the iron structure of the building...”[9] Apparently Bin Laden’s plan was a complete failure after all, because even the experts now agree that jet fuel-accelerated office fires cannot melt steel (or Iron for that matter).

Another structural engineer who made early claims of melting steel, in the infamous 2002 *Nova* video “Why the Towers Fell”, was Matthys Levy. Mr. Levy was a principal at the BMAG consulting firm Weidlinger Associates

Weidlinger report, the Pancake Theory, or the NIST report.[17] It turns out that, when it comes to scientific explanations for terrorist acts, it’s a small world after all.

It’s in PM’s book, “Debunking 9/11 Myths”, that we find this survey. Here they include other figures like Forman Williams, although they fail to tell you that Dr. Williams was also a member of NIST’s top advisory committee, and therefore was defending his own work. Williams is presented by PM as a disinterested academic expert, but one must wonder how disinterested Williams was when the University of California San Diego received \$393 million in federal grants in 2005, the same year the NIST WTC report came out, with his own Engineering department receiving \$44 million of that sum.[18] Another of PM’s disinterested experts was Engineering professor Richard Fruehan of Carnegie Mellon University, an institute that received \$100 million in federal grants that same year, with Engineering and research grants accounting for approximately half of the total.

In the case of *Popular Mechanics*, we see people being quite openly deceptive in their strong support of the Bush Administration’s terror story. In their book they promote false claims that the government no longer supports, including the Pancake Theory. They also promote other, more ridiculous ideas including the claim that massive damage was done to the basement levels of a WTC tower by a bolus of jet fuel that meandered its way through several elevator shafts in the joggled elevator system, moving carefully around the elevators themselves and waiting all the while to explode in the sub-basements over 90 stories below. Additionally, PM repeats the false and ludicrous claim that the buildings were designed for airliner impacts, but not for jet fuel fires. In fact, John Skilling, the actual chief engineer of the WTC, made it clear in 1993 that jet fuel fires were considered in the structural design.[19]

In the forward to PM’s book, Republican Senator John McCain describes how he feels the truth behind September 11th is more mundane than “conspiracy mongers” would have us believe. Strangely, he refers us to the “banality of Nazi evil” to show that 9/11 was probably not an elaborate conspiracy. That is, according to McCain, 9/11 was probably NOT part of a simple plan by corporate-funded politicians to maintain and expand their power, but was instead the work of a small group of powerless fanatics whose plans to bring about worldwide totalitarian rule were held back only by our own cherished freedoms. That’s a tough bit to swallow, to be sure, but the idea that a Hearst publication would resort to the “banality of Nazi evil” is absolutely astounding. That’s because in writing this forward, Senator McCain joined an infamous group of Hearst publication authors, including Adolf Hitler and Hermann Goering, who wrote for Hearst, the latter until 1938.[20]

Those of us fighting for the truth about 9/11 owe it to the victims of the expanding 9/11 Wars, and to ourselves, to reveal these ongoing lies from corporate criminals and their credentialed “experts”. It is becoming increasingly obvious that those giving us one false story after another, while simultaneously ignoring much of the evidence of 9/11, might have more than just a cozy relationship with this government, and more than a benign past. It seems quite possible that some among those providing these explanations are knowingly complicit in the greater crime of a 9/11 cover-up.

It is also true that, like Matthew Rothschild, many of us simply want quick and easy answers, in order to relieve ourselves of any need to think about the facts of 9/11 and the changes in worldview that might be demanded of such an examination. The problem is, the easy answers have all been wrong, while at the same time the experts have ignored one fairly simple hypothesis that is now becoming obvious to many. It should be clear that this is because the credentialed experts we’ve been dealing with are all quite well invested in maintaining the official version of events.

Foornotes for this article can be found at www.globalresearch.ca.

Kevin Ryan was a manager at Underwriters Laboratories who was terminated in 2004 for pointing out that UL certified the steel used in the WTC to withstand fires of 2000 deg. for six hours, therefore fire could not have caused the collapses.

Did the BBC become “Part of the Conspiracy?”

by Allan Giles

In February, 2007, the BBC decided to air a documentary that carried a distinct air of propaganda, “9/11: the Conspiracy Files”. The documentary was part of an ongoing series investigating various “conspiracy theories”. Rather than address a host of serious questions about 9/11 that range from the utter meltdown of NORAD to the dubious nature of the origins of “al Qaeda”, the BBC instead chose to focus on the aspects of 9/11 skepticism that they could spin as faulty, and chose to play up insignificant, long-discredited rumors like the one about a lack of people of Jewish heritage killed in the WTC attacks.

By the end of the month, the BBC was hiding behind the fig leaf of “incompetence theory”, the same theory that the makers of “The Conspiracy Files” so generously extended to the Western oligarchic establishment just a few weeks before.

This scramble for insufficient cover was triggered by the discovery of reams of raw news coverage hosted online by the non-profit Internet Archive, located at the Presidio of San Francisco. The initial discovery of the material didn’t kick up much dust, but after a couple of days of careful viewing, one researcher noticed a jarring anomaly; an on the ground reporter for the BBC was telling the world that World Trade Center Building 7, (the Saloman Brothers building), had collapsed. The only problem is that WTC7 is clearly viewable outside the window, right behind the reporter’s head.

This live transmission was broadcast on the BBC World television service, which is a commercial cable venture not under the direct control of the BBC. However, the reporter, Jane Standley, is featured on the BBC News 24 transmission on 9/11, in front of the same window, but not exhibiting the same uncanny powers of precognition.

And it wasn’t just Jane; there was enough coherent thought at the New York point of transmission for the director of the live shot to make sure that the tech feeding copy into the news crawler at the bottom of the screen got the story right. Jane wasn’t winging it. The newsroom was informed.

And it wasn’t just BBC World. The BBC News 24 broadcast from the same period (sans Standley) also reflects remarkable foresight. Nearly an hour before the “collapse” of WTC7, News 24 is telling its audience that there are fears that another building is about to collapse. At six minutes to 5pm local time in NYC, News 24 announces the demise of Building 7 with the very specific identification of the “47 storey Saloman Brothers Building”.

However, announcing that a building is “about to collapse” is a far cry from “the 47 storey Saloman Brothers Building has collapsed”, well before it has actually collapsed. A review of the video recordings of the building’s demise denote a remarkably uniform collapse, with a section of the rooftop caving in, followed by the total, nearly perfectly vertical collapse of the entire building, strongly reminiscent of a controlled demolition.

On April 27th, 2005, radio host Bonnie Faulkner broadcast an interview on KPFA with Indira Singh, a woman who worked in and around Wall St., and the Twin Towers. On 9/11, she was supposed to be at a meeting in the WTC, but was running late. Singh was trained as an Emergency Medical Technician, and is an eyewitness to the chaos at Ground Zero after the collapse. Her interview strongly suggests that some people knew that WTC7 was going to be “brought down” - not a self-initiated collapse, just after lunchtime on 9/11;

Bonnie Faulkner: How long then, did you work as an EMT and what is it that you were doing?

Indira Singh: Well, there was so much chaos Bonnie... when I got there we were setting up triage sites very close to the area, the triage site that I was setting up was... to the East of Building 7, where Building 7 came down, and what we were expecting... as an EMT you’re trained for live survivors... and there were people on the pile, digging and looking for survivors, and what happened is, they would bring someone out to the nearest triage center, we would stabilize them, put them in an ambulance and send them further uptown.

So we were setting up triage as close to the pile as possible... on it, in many cases. So what we were doing was setting up different kinds of stations, I.V. stations, cardiac stations, wound stations, burn stations... just trying to have an organized space.



In a live report on 9/11 the BBC corespondent, Jane Standley, reports that WTC7 has collapsed, but the building is visible over her shoulder.

What happened with that particular triage site is that pretty soon after noon, after midday on 9/11, we had to evacuate that because they told us that Building 7 was coming down.

If you had been there, not being able to see very much, just flames everywhere and dark smoke, it is entirely possible... I do believe that they brought Building 7 down because I heard that they were going to bring it down, because it was unstable, because of the collateral damage.

That I don’t know, I can’t attest to the validity of that, all I can attest to is that by noon or one o’clock, they told us we had to move from that triage site, up to Pace University a little further away, because Building 7 was gonna come down, or being brought down.

Bonnie Faulkner: Did they actually use the words brought down, and who was it that was telling you this?



Indira Singh: The Fire Department, the Fire Department, and they did use the word, we’re gonna have to bring it down. And, for us, there observing the nature of the devastation it made total sense to us that this was indeed a possibility.

Given the subsequent controversy over it, I don’t know. I’m not an engineer, all I know is that was my experience. We backed off a little bit to Pace University, there was another panic around 4 o’clock because, they were bringing the building down, and people seemed to know this ahead of time, so people were panicking again and running... I went back to One Liberty, which was further south of where I was before and there were triage sites set up in there... we were treating basically people who were on the pile digging for survivors, if there were any.

The thing is, if WTC7 was brought down in a controlled demolition, it was not done “on the fly” on 9/11. Controlled demolitions are planned weeks or even months in advance. A careful study of the building is made and experienced companies like Controlled Demolition, Inc. (CDI) apply their skills and professionalism as required.

Coincidentally, CDI is the company subcontracted to remove the demolished WTC buildings. Another coincidence, CDI was involved in the final demolition and clean-up of the Alfred B. Murrah building in Oklahoma City. (The damage done to the Murrah building by a single fertilizer bomb has been hotly contested by, among others, Brigadier General Benton K. Partin, an ordnance expert.)

When the story about the eerily-precient 9/11 newscast broke, the BBC was bombarded with emails wanting to know if the footage was authentic, and just what the hell was going on. Richard Porter, Head of News at BBC World issued a blog entry steeped in denial on February 27th, claiming that the BBC was not “actively participating in some sort of attempt to manipulate the audience” and “didn’t receive press releases or scripts in advance of events happening”.

Why, Mr. Porter, methinks thou dost protest too much!

Porter then went on to fan the flames of doubt even higher, “We no longer have the tapes of our 9/11 coverage (for reasons of cock-up, not conspiracy).”

Ah, the good old “cock-up”. NORAD’s flaccid response to multiple hijackings on 9/11 - “cock-up”. The casual issuing of US Visas to the hijackers, some of whom were monitored by the CIA, lived with an FBI informant, monitored by the NSA - “cock-up”. Yeah, we’ve heard THAT ONE before, Mr. Porter!

The emails and phone calls continued to flow in to the BBC, mainly fueled by British citizens who refused to believe that BBC World would lose their raw footage from the day that “changed everything”. Further, when footage from BBC News 24 surfaced, with a time-stamp, with a voice-over announcing the demise of WTC7 at 4:54 New York local time, it made Porter’s blog claim that, “We do have the tapes from our sister channel News 24, but they don’t help clear up the issue one way or another”, appear very questionable indeed.

Why the coy insistence that the BBC was not “Part of Conspiracy?” (the title of Porter’s blog entry). Why the denial that the News 24 footage didn’t help nail down the timing of the psychic broadcast, which it clearly does.

Mr. Porter, please forgive us for taking a huge grain of salt when you say, “this is where we have to end the story. I know there are many out there who won’t believe our version of events, or will raise further questions. But there was no conspiracy in the BBC’s reporting of the events. Nobody told us what to say. There’s no conspiracy involving missing tapes. There’s no story here.”

We’ll decide that, if you don’t mind.

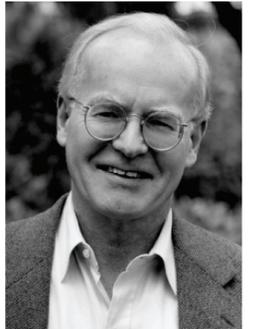


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What reviewers say:

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Considering how the 9/11 tragedy has been used by the Bush administration to propel us into immoral wars again and again, I believe that David Ray Griffin’s provocative questions about 9/11 deserve to be investigated and addressed.” -- Howard Zinn, Historian

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Fluoride from Pg. 1

the Subcommittee on Wildlife, Fisheries and Drinking Water in the U.S. Senate. This union is comprised of toxicologists, biologists, chemists, engineers, lawyers and other professional employees at the headquarters of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington D.C. The work performed by these professionals includes evaluation of toxicity, exposure and economic information for managements use in formulating public health and environmental protection policy. Dr. Hirzy testified that the union had voted to oppose fluoridation in 1997. Proposals were submitted to the U.S. Senate asking for a national review of the U.S. fluoridation policy by a Joint Select Committee of Congress. Hirzy stated that the new hearings should explore, at minimum, these points: 1) excessive and un-controlled fluoride exposures; 2) altered findings of a cancer bioassay; 3) the results and implications of recent brain effects research; 4) the "protected pollutant" status of fluoride within EPA; 5) the altered recommendations to EPA of a 1983 Surgeon General's Panel on fluoride; 6) the results of a fifty-year experiment on fluoridation in two New York communities; 7) the findings of fact in three landmark lawsuits since 1978; 8) the findings and implications of recent research linking the predominant fluoridation chemical with elevated blood-lead levels in children and anti-social behavior; and 9) changing views among dental researchers on the efficacy of water fluoridation

Dr. Hirzy went on to state, "In the interim, while this epidemiology is conducted, we believe that a national moratorium on water fluoridation should be instituted. And people who want the freedom of choice to continue to ingest fluoride can do so by other means."

So, why does the U.S. still fluoridate most of its water supply? As industry grew in the 1920s and 30s so did pollution. It didn't take long for the people working in the factories and those who lived near them to notice the detrimental effects on their crops, livestock, and families. Industry officials realized early on that the potential financial loss caused by the lawsuits they were sure would come would be devastating to industry. According to an article by Joel Griffiths in the Fall 1992 issue of *CovertAction Information Bulletin*; "As early as 1850, fluoride emissions from the iron and copper industries poisoned crops, livestock, and people. By the turn of the century, consequent lawsuits and burdensome regulations threatened the existence of these industries in Germany and England. They saved themselves by introducing the tall smokestacks which reduced damage by dispersing the fluorides and other toxins into the upper air." Griffiths goes on to say, "International reports of fluoride damage mushroomed in the 1933 when the world's first major air pollution disaster

struck Belgium's Meuse Valley: several thousand people became violently ill and 60 died. Prominent scientists, including Kaj Roholm, the leading authority on fluoride hazards, placed the blame on fluoride. Around the world scientists were beginning to regard fluoride as a poison and the trend toward its removal from the environment was potentially disastrous from industry's point of view."

In 1948 the second major air pollution disaster in history occurred here in the United States. It was caused by the accumulation of stagnant hydrogen fluoride gas from steel and zinc smelters in a narrow industrialized valley. Six thousand of the 13,000 residents of the Pennsylvania town of Donora became ill, and on the fourth day seventeen died. A leading forensic chemist, Philip Sadler, investigated the tragedy and reported strong evidence of acute fluoride poisoning.

Fluoride is a waste product from the production of iron, steel, aluminum, copper, lead and zinc; phosphates (essential for the manufacture of all agricultural fertilizers); plastics; gasoline; brick, cement, glass, ceramics, electrical power generation and all other coal combustion; and uranium processing. That accounts for a lot of industry, money and waste. As these different industries grew, especially during the build up to WWII, more and more toxic waste was being produced with no way to dispose of it. In 1931 a Public Health Service dentist named H. Trendley Dean was sent to certain towns in the West where drinking water wells contained high concentrations of natural fluoride. Dean was to determine how much fluoride people could tolerate without obvious damage to their teeth. Dean noticed that the teeth on the people who lived in these high-fluoride towns were often discolored and eroded, but he also reported that they appeared to have fewer cavities than average. Although Dean recommended further studies to determine whether low levels of fluoride in drinking water might reduce cavities without simultaneously damaging bones and teeth, fluoride polluting industries jumped on his observation and ran with it. Industries such as Alcoa, Reynolds Metals Company and others began a systematic campaign to not only downplay the dangers of fluoride, but to make the public think that fluoride was good for them.

Industry sponsored studies claim cavity reductions of about 50% but, most European countries no longer fluoridate their water and the percentage of cavities among European populations is no higher than in countries where the water is fluoridated. There are many other factors involved in whether or not a person is prone to cavities, such as, overall health, dental hygiene, diet, and genetics. The down side of fluoride exposure far outweighs any benefit and no study has been done showing the medical cost of health problems related

History's Lessons

America Slides into Fascism

1967 - Earling Carothers "Jim" Garrison, District Attorney for New Orleans put local businessman Clay Bertrand on trial in connection with the assassination of John F. Kennedy. Garrison was convinced that the Kennedy assassination was a CIA directed operation and was attempting to prove it. He presaged our current situation perfectly in the October 1967 Playboy interview:

PLAYBOY: Many of the professional critics of the Warren Commission appear to be prompted by political motives: Those on the left are anxious to prove Kennedy was murdered by a conspiracy within the establishment; and those on the right are eager to prove the assassination was an act of "the international Communist conspiracy." Where would you place yourself on the political spectrum--right, left or center?

JIM GARRISON: That's a question I've asked myself frequently, especially since this investigation started and I found myself in an incongruous and disillusioning battle with agencies of my own Government. I can't just sit down and add up my political beliefs like a mathematical sum, but I think, in balance, I'd turn up somewhere around the middle. Over the years, I guess I've developed a somewhat conservative attitude--in the traditional libertarian sense of conservatism, as opposed to the thumbscrew-and-rack conservatism of the paramilitary right--particularly in regard to the importance of the individual as opposed to the State and the individual's own responsibilities to humanity...

I was with the artillery supporting the division that took Dachau; I arrived there the day after it was taken, when bulldozers were making pyramids of human bodies outside the camp. What

I saw there has haunted me ever since. Because the law is my profession, I've always wondered about the judges throughout Germany who sentenced men to jail for picking pockets at a time when their own government was jerking gold from the teeth of men murdered in gas chambers. I'm concerned about all of this because it isn't a German phenomenon; it's a human phenomenon. It can happen here, because there has been no change, there has been no progress and there has been no increase of understanding on the part of men for their fellow men.

What worries me deeply, and I have seen it exemplified in this case, is that we in America are in great danger of slowly eroding into a proto-fascist state. It will be a different kind of fascist state from the one the Germans evolved; theirs grew out of depression and promised bread and work, while ours, curiously enough, seems to be emerging from prosperity. But in the final analysis, it's based on power and on the inability to put human goals and human conscience above the dictates of the State. Its origins can be traced in the tremendous war machine we've built since 1945, the "military-industrial complex" that Eisenhower vainly warned us about, which now dominates every aspect of our life. The power of the states and the Congress has gradually been abandoned to the Executive Department, because of war conditions; and we've seen the creation of an arrogant, swollen bureaucratic complex totally unfettered by the checks and balances of the Constitution.

In a very real and terrifying sense, our Government is the CIA and the Pentagon, with Congress reduced to a debating society. Of course, you can't spot this trend to fascism by casually looking around. You can't look for such familiar signs as the swastika,

because they won't be there. We won't build Dachaus and Auschwitzes; the clever manipulation of the mass media is creating a concentration camp of the mind that promises to be far more effective in keeping the populace in line. We're not going to wake up one morning and suddenly find ourselves in gray uniforms goose-stepping off to work. But this isn't the test. The test is: What happens to the individual who dissents? In Nazi Germany, he was physically destroyed; here the process is more subtle, but the end results are the same. I've learned enough about the machinations of the CIA in the past year to know that this is no longer the dreamworld America I once believed in. The imperatives of the population explosion, which almost inevitably will lessen our belief in the sanctity of the individual human life, combined with the awesome power of the CIA and the defense establishment, seem destined to seal the fate of the America I knew as a child and bring us into a new Orwellian world where the citizen exists for the State and where raw power justifies any and every immoral act. I've always had a kind of knee-jerk trust in my Government's basic integrity, whatever political blunders it may make. But I've come to realize that in Washington, deceiving and manipulating the public are viewed by some as the natural prerogatives of office. Huey Long once said, "Fascism will come to America in the name of anti-fascism." I'm afraid, based on my own long experience, that fascism will come to America in the name of national security.

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For more information about Jim Garrison and his investigation of the Kennedy Assassination read Joan Mellen's excellent new book; "A Farewell to Justice".

to fluoride. A 2006 report by the National Academy of Sciences concluded that the health effects associated with low-to-moderate doses of fluoride include: dental fluorosis; bone fracture; joint pain; eczema; reduced thyroid activity; bone cancer; IQ deficits; premature puberty; and dementia-like effects in animals. The report goes on to say that fluoride interferes with collagen formation, damages the kidneys, causes irreversible bone deformation, increases bone fractures, causes teeth to mottle, causes lower intelligence in children, has been found to inhibit the immune system's white blood cell's ability to destroy pathogens, and, synergistically with aluminum, causes nerve degeneration similar to Alzheimer's disease. It has been found that behaviors associated with lead neurotoxicity are more frequent in communities using silicofluorides than in comparable localities that do not use these chemicals. Some researchers have concluded that there is a mechanism by which fluoride can contribute to many neurological problems in children. Links of fluoridated water to decreased intelligence, increased incidence of ADD and ADHD, lower cognitive ability, poorer memory and other related problems, may be correct.

But the glass, pesticides, fertilizers, steel, aluminum, chemicals and metals industries make money selling their waste fluoride to municipal water supplies. Dr. Hirzy, in his Senate testimony gave evidence that fluoride is a protected pollutant. He stated

that, "...the classic example of EPA's protective treatment of this substance, ... is the 1983 statement by EPA's then Deputy Assistant Administrator for Water, Rebecca Hanmer, that EPA views the use of hydrofluosilicic acid recovered from the waste stream of phosphate fertilizer manufacture as, "...an ideal solution to a long standing problem. By recovering by-product fluosilicic acid (sic) from fertilizer manufacturing, water and air pollution are minimized, and water authorities have a low-cost source of fluoride..." In other words, the solution to pollution is dilution, as long as the pollutant is dumped straight into drinking water systems and not into rivers or the atmosphere."

In 1957 Alcoa announced the direct sale of sodium fluoride to cities and towns - for fluoridation of drinking water. A decade later, when it was found that phosphate fertilizer companies could sell fluorides from their smokestack scrubbers for even less money, Alcoa was priced out of the fluoride dumping market.

According to a 2006 study by Harvard University scientists published in a peer-reviewed journal, boys who drink water with levels of fluoride considered safe by federal guidelines are five times more likely to have a rare bone cancer than boys who drink unfluoridated water. The study, led by Dr. Elise Bassin, found a strong link between fluoridated drinking water and osteosarcoma, a rare and often fatal bone cancer, in boys. Studies by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and

the New Jersey health department also found increased rates of bone cancer in boys who drank fluoridated tap water. The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) has reported that the federal "safe" limit for fluoride in tap water did not protect children from dental fluorosis nor did it protect them from increased bone fractures. In March of 2006 the NAS recommended that the allowable limit for fluoride in tap water be lowered immediately.

We must ask: is the municipal water supply really the best place to dispose of industrial waste? Our children deserve better.

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Fighting 9/11 Disinformation

By - Matt Sullivan

I have to admit that when I first began researching the questions of 9/11 I found myself getting totally confused. I would think I found some truth only to come across evidence to the contrary. Or I would think I found a truthful site or a reputable source, only to be disappointed when that source turned out to be bogus.

In fact, what I was experiencing was an active and coordinated campaign of DISINFORMATION.

Disinformation will drive you crazy, after all, that is its aim. If the perpetrators can get you so confused and frustrated that you stop trying to figure out what happened and you give up searching for the truth; then they win.

Disinformation is the deliberate poisoning of the fact pool. It takes many forms. Governments have been practicing the craft for centuries and they are very good at it.

There is a whole lexicon of disinfo tactics but in the case of 9/11 disinformation, I've found that they use three main tactics:

1. Ignore it: For most Americans, if it's not on TV it doesn't exist. By studiously ignoring an issue the media can make it disappear. This has been spectacularly effective in the case of 9/11. Almost universally; main stream media avoid this topic like the plague. Only recently have cracks appeared in the main-stream TV blockade.

2. Attacking straw men: This classic debate tactic is to re-frame the opponents argument making it seem that some weak point or minor issue is crucial and then shooting it down. The aircraft "pods" are one example of this tactic.

3. Infiltrators and active disinfo agents: A disinfo agent pretends to be a truth seeker. He publishes some statements supporting 9/11 truth (usually on some minor topic) and, gains some credibility; usually with the support of other disinfo agents. He then attempts to discredit the movement by coming out with some outrageous statements or actions such as saying the planes were holograms, or holocaust denial, thereby throwing discredit onto the whole 9/11 truth topic. As we will see, the tendency of disinfo agents to rely on one-another for support, can be used to help uncover the disinfo networks.

For those who doubt that the criminal perpetrators of 9/11 would use active disinfo agents I should need only to mention COINTELPRO, the well documented, on-going, 50 year old program of infiltration and disruption of social justice organizations that has been conducted by the FBI and other government agencies. The perpetrators of 9/11 are obviously well financed and organized. They have gone to great lengths and expense to pull off this crime. Why would we expect their efforts to cease with the destruction of the towers? Their efforts continue in the form of a massive and coordinated disinformation campaign.

When I first got involved with 9/11 truth, I didn't know which websites to trust. After gaining some experience I was able to identify a few websites as being almost total disinformation. I soon realized that the links on such disinfo webpages were primarily to other disinfo sites while reputable 9/11 sites linked to quite a different set of websites.

The people behind 9/11 websites and the authors of books and articles they promote fall into two distinct camps. On one side we have: Paul Thomson, Jim Hoffman, Steven Jones, Barrie Zwicker, Webster Tarpley, Alex Jones, and David Ray Griffin...on the other side: Dave VonKleist, Rick Seigel, Jim Fetzer, Nico Haupt, Morgan Reynolds, Judy Wood, and David Shayler. You can't miss the fact that all the people supporting the most speculative evidence,

the space beams, holograms, pods, etc. are all supporting one another.

There is, in effect, not one 9/11 truth movement, there are two. One of them dedicated to finding the truth of 9/11 and educating the public; while the other group, the 9/11 Speculation Movement, is dedicated to spreading disinformation and confusing the public.

Overcoming the 9/11 Disinformation

To keep from becoming a victim of disinformation you've got to concentrate! Focus like a LASER on the pieces of unassailable evidence. For me that is the controlled demolition of WTC7. There is absolutely no question that WTC7 was brought down with explosives in a controlled way. It was witnessed by thousands of people, video recorded from a dozen different angles complete with sound recordings of the explosions. Even the building's owner, Silverstein, says on camera in a documentary that the building was "pulled". It takes WEEKS at a minimum, to plan and implement a controlled demolition of a skyscraper. That means the explosives in WTC7 were installed well in advance of 9/11. That is a fact. There is no way around it. The implication which follows from that fact is inescapable: 9/11 was an inside job. Everything else is just details.

So whenever you start to get confused or discouraged come back to your bedrock fact. For me it's WTC7. For you it may be the lack of a NORAD response, or the way the towers exploded. Whatever it is that convinced you beyond any doubt, that is your bedrock. Build on that.

The American Constitution

It's reasonable to expect that the people entrusted with the authority to eavesdrop on American citizens should have to be familiar with the constitutional limits of that authority. Unfortunately Gen. Hayden, at the time the head of the NSA, repeatedly demonstrated that he does not know the basic language of this key part of the Bill of Rights.

The subject came up when reporter Jonathan Landay of Knight Ridder attempted to preface a question by stating that "the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution specifies that you must have probable cause to be able to do a search that does not violate an American's right against unlawful searches and seizures." Hayden interjected: "Actually, the Fourth Amendment actually protects all of us against unreasonable search and seizure. That's what it says."

Landay politely corrected him, But Hayden insisted: "The amendment says 'unreasonable search and seizure.'" Landay went on to ask his question, which was whether the NSA, by bypassing the special court mandated by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, had "crafted a detour around the FISA court by creating a new standard of 'reasonably believe' in place of 'probable cause.'"

Hayden's response returned to the issue of the Fourth Amendment: "Just to be very clear, okay--and, believe me, if there's any amendment to the Constitution that employees at the National Security Agency is familiar with, it's the Fourth, alright? And it is a reasonableness standard in the Fourth Amendment.... I am convinced that we're lawful because what it is we're doing is

The Fourth Amendment

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

reasonable."

By showing that he was unaware of the "probable cause" language in the Fourth Amendment, Hayden revealed that his insistence that it was legal for the NSA to conduct warrantless surveillance was not based on even a nodding familiarity with the constitutional issues involved.

The most relevant precedent is United States v. United States District Court (Keith). Decided in 1972, Keith involved a prosecution for conspiracy to blow-up a CIA office. The Executive argued that in order to gather intelligence information that was "necessary to protect the nation from attempts . . . to attack and subvert the existing structure of the Government," it was constitutionally entitled to engage in electronic surveillance of American citizens without complying with the requirements of the Fourth Amendment. In Keith, the Supreme Court unanimously and unequivocally held that, even in national security investigations, the President had no constitutional authority to conduct electronic surveillance of American citizens on American soil without a judicially issued search warrant based on a finding of probable cause.

In reaching this decision, the Court carefully considered and emphatically rejected the Executive's demand for an exemption in national security investigations from the ordinary requirements of the Fourth Amendment.

It is clear that warrantless wiretaps are both illegal and unconstitutional. Demand that congress investigate.

9/11 Truth Movement Permeates Popular Culture

She's not a physicist, nor a structural engineer, but Rosie O'Donnell has something none of them can match, 30 million viewers. Despite an avalanche of criticism from the right, talk show host Rosie O'Donnell is pressing on with her calls for continued investigation of the events surrounding September 11.

In her blog she writes; "9/11 affected me deeply, as I know it did many Americans. The falling of the twin towers served to remind me that many of the assumptions Americans have about their lives are rooted in false feelings of security. In light of this reminder, I have begun doing exactly what this country, at its best, allows for me to do: inquire. Investigate. America is great in so many ways, one of which is the freedom to speak, and indeed think, freely. I have, of late, begun exercising the rights bestowed upon me by the democratic system I value, and the exercising of these rights has taken the form of an inquiry into what happened five years ago, an inquiry that resists the dominant explanations and that dares to entertain ideas that push me to the edge of what is bearable. I have



speaking out about 9/11. Meanwhile, main-stream propaganda outlets such as Fox "News" have been running in overdrive for weeks attacking Rosie, without any attempt to address the content of her statement, just like they did to Charlie Sheen last fall.

Activists on the ground in cities around the country report a sea-change in public opinion. Where a year ago 9/11 activists were frequently the object of scorn and ridicule, now they are greeted with thumbs-up and honks of approval from passing cars. As widespread discontent with the war in Iraq grows, more and more people are willing to look critically at how that war was sold to the public, including the role of 9/11 as justification for the attack

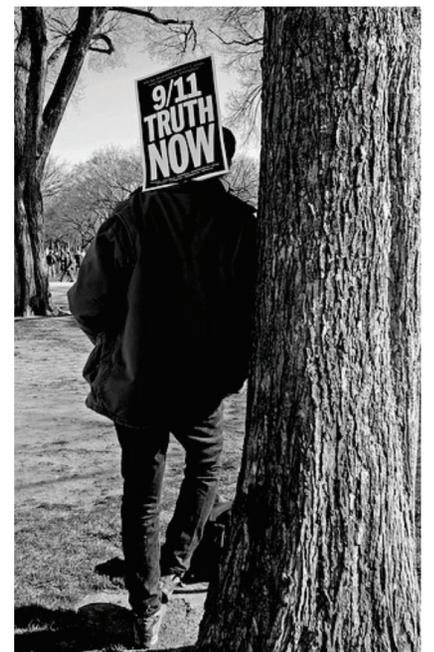
The concepts of 9/11 truth are seeping into popular culture as well. Terms such as "False-Flag" and NORTHWOODS, once obscure are now commonplace. 9/11 truth messages are finding their way into song lyrics and other popular culture.

This summer could be a block-buster for 911truth, with at least two major movie releases. *Loose Change* (3), the latest version of the internet mega-hit independent documentary is expected to be released to hundreds of theaters. The film makers, Dylan Avery and Cory Rowe are getting script work from Dr. David Ray Griffin, and narration by Charlie Sheen with distribution through Mark Cuban's, Lankmark Theaters.

A new independent film; *Reflecting Pool*, may also see commercial release this summer. In this fictional drama a Russian investigative journalist (JK Baltazar) traces his journey from 9/11 skeptic to true believer, with actors playing the fictional counterparts of well known 9/11 witnesses and whistleblowers.

There can be little doubt that a "tipping-point" has been reached. As the 911truth meme seeps deeper into popular culture it is only a matter of time before it manifests on the national political stage as well. Already presidential candidates Kucinich (D-OH) and Ron Paul (R-TX) have made statements of support for renewed investigations.

2007 may prove to be the "Summer of Truth." After truth, the deluge.



9/11truth protester at the January 27, 2007 peace march in Washington DC

NEW FORT DETRICK "BIODEFENSE" LABORATORY MAY REFLECT A BUSH GERM WARFARE EFFORT

By - Sherwood Ross

Although no foreign power has threatened a bioterror attack against America, since 9/11 the Bush administration has allocated a stunning \$43-billion to "defend" against one. Critics are now saying, however, Bush's newest "biodefense" initiative is both offensive and illegal.

The latest development, according to the *Associated Press*, is that the U.S. Army is replacing its Military Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick, Md., "with a new laboratory that would be a component of a biodefense campus operated by several agencies." The Army told *AP* the laboratory is intended to continue research that is only meant for defense against biological threats.

But University of Illinois international law professor Francis Boyle charged the Fort Detrick work will include "acquiring, growing, modifying, storing, packaging and dispersing classical, emerging and genetically engineered pathogens." Those activities, as well as planned study of the properties of pathogens when weaponized, "are unmistakable hallmarks of an offensive weapons program."

Boyle made his comments to Fort Detrick as part of its environmental impact assessment of the new facility. Boyle pointed out in his letter that he

The attacks, and ensuing panic, led to passage of the BioShield Act of 2004. There is strong evidence, though, the attacks were not perpetrated by any foreign government or terrorist band but originated at Fort Detrick, the huge, supposedly super-safe biotechnology research center. Despite an intensive FBI investigation, no one has been charged with a crime.

Referring to the work undertaken at Fort Detrick, Mark Wheelis, Senior Lecturer in the Section of Microbiology of the University of California, Davis, told the Global Security Newswire(GNS) as far back as June 30, 2004, "This is absolutely without any question what one would do to develop an offensive biological weapons capability."

"We're going to develop new pathogens for various purposes. We're going to develop new ways of packaging them, new ways of disseminating them. We're going to harden them to environmental degradation. We'll be prepared to go offensive at the drop of a hat if we so desire," he told GNS.

Alan Pearson, director of the chemical and bioweapons

control program at the Center for Arms Control and Nonproliferation Studies in Washington, told the *Baltimore Sun* government scientists must tread carefully lest they wind up "in essence creating new threats that we're going to have to defend ourselves against."

Richard Novick, a New York University microbiology professor has stated, "I cannot envision any imaginable justification for changing the antigenicity of anthrax as a defensive measure." (That is, to create a new strain for which there is no known vaccine.)

Milton Leitenberg, a University of Maryland arms control advocate, told *The Washington Post* last July 30th, "If we saw others doing this kind of research (Fort Detrick), we would view it as an infringement of the bioweapons treaty. You can't go around the world yelling about Iranian and North Korean programs, about which we know very little, when we've got all this going on."

by Americans and largely run by ex-CIA operators. As Fuller observed wryly, "If there are militias in the Ministry of Interior, you can be sure that they are militias that stand to attention whenever a U.S. colonel enters the room."

According to another investigative writer, Chris Floyd, it is however, at least in part, now a joint U.S. and British effort. In February, the conservative pro-war London Sunday Telegraph made a new revelation as it identified the "Joint Support Group" for the first time. The story praised the secret warriors as "one of the [U.S.-U.K.] Coalition's most effective and deadly weapons in the fight against terror" by running "dozens of Iraqi double agents" and "members of terrorist groups."

The cardinal question is: Why would the U.S. create and support death squads in Iraq today? As previously stated, governments use death squads for purposes of policy. As this war just entered its fifth year, it has become clear that Washington does not want the war to end, but rather to keep it going.

One case allegedly involving U.S. military personnel suggests that the killings are not only by Iraqis working with the U.S. military. A report entitled "Tarniya: the Silent Agony," which was submitted to the Brussels Tribunal, contains a first-hand account by an agricultural worker who survived an attempted execution by a team of U.S. Special Forces. He and a colleague were abducted from the farm where they were working, taken to a secluded grove of trees where their throats were cut. They were left for dead, but one of them miraculously survived. Still uncorroborated, this account needs further investigation.

According to reports, a new secret militia run by the U.S. is the Facilities Protection Service. It has been responsible for some of the bombings in Baghdad. To boot, the Boston Globe wrote eighteen months ago: "The FBI's counter-terrorism unit has launched a broad investigation of U.S.-based theft rings after discovering that some of the vehicles used in deadly car bombings in Iraq, including attacks that killed U.S. troops and Iraqi civilians, were probably stolen in the United States, according to senior government officials."

Louis Wolf was editor of *Covert Action Quarterly* for 28 years.

One alarming example of such Federally-funded research reported in the October, 2003, issue of *New Scientist*, is the creation of "an extremely deadly form of mousepox, a relative of the smallpox virus, through genetic engineering."

The publication warned such research "brings closer the prospect of pox viruses that cause only mild infections in humans being turned into diseases lethal even to people who have been vaccinated."

Edward Hammond, director of The Sunshine Project of Austin, Tex., a non-profit working for transparency in biological research, said the recreation of the deadly 1918 "Spanish flu" germ that killed an estimated 40-million world-wide,

means "the possibility of man-made disaster, either accidental or deliberate, has risen for the entire world."

Richard H. Ebright, a Rutgers University chemist who tracks arms control issues, told *The Baltimore Sun* the government's tenfold expansion of Biosafety Level-4 laboratories, such as those at Fort Detrick, raises the risk of accidents or the diversion of dangerous organisms.

"If a worker in one of these facilities removes a single viral particle or a single cell, which cannot be detected or prevented, that single particle or cell can form the basis of an outbreak," he said.

The current expansion at Fort Detrick flows from a paper penned by President Bush. His Homeland Security Presidential Directive, HSPD-10, written April 28, 2004, states, "Among our many initiatives we are continuing to develop more forward-looking analyses, to include Red Teaming efforts, to understand new scientific trends that may be exploited by our adversaries to develop biological weapons and to help position intelligence collectors ahead of the problem."

Boyle said the Bush paper is "a smoking gun" fired at the BWC. "Red Teaming means that we actually have people out there on a Red Team plotting, planning, scheming and conspiring how to use biowarfare."

Boyle traces advocacy for aggressive biowarfare back to the neo-conservative Project for a New American Century(PNAC), whose members, including Paul Wolfowitz, later influenced President George Bush's military and foreign policy.

Before assuming his current post as World Bank head, Wolfowitz served Bush as deputy secretary of defense.



Anthrax letter being opened in glovebox.

Before the anthrax attacks on Congress, PNAC advocated "advanced forms of biological warfare that can 'target' specific genotypes may transform biological warfare from the realm of terror to a politically useful tool," Boyle wrote in *Biowarfare and Terrorism* (Clarity Press).

Biological warfare involves the use of living organisms for military purposes. Such weapons can be viral, bacterial, and fungal, among other forms, and can be spread over a large geographic terrain by wind, water, insect, animal, or human transmission, according to Jeremy Rifkin, author of *The Biotech Century*(Penguin).

Rifkin has written "it is widely acknowledged that it is virtually impossible to distinguish between defensive and offensive research in the field." And Jackie Cabasso, of Western States Legal Foundation of Oakland, Calif., noted, "With biological weapons, the line between offense and defense is exceedingly difficult to draw. In the end, secrecy is the greatest enemy of safety."

She added, "The U.S. is now massively expanding its biodefense program, mostly in secretive facilities. Other countries are going to be suspicious. This bodes badly for the future of biological weapons control."

Critics following the biowarfare trail at Fort Detrick, are wondering if President Bush --- who scrapped the nuclear proliferation treaty and then had the Pentagon design new nuclear weapons --- isn't also ignoring the BWC in order to create new germ warfare pathogens.

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The United States Army Medical Research Institute for Infectious Diseases, the biowarfare lab at Fort Detrick, Fredrick, Maryland

authored the 1989 U.S. law enacted by Congress that criminalized Biological Weapons Convention (BWC) violations.

The Fort Detrick expansion is but one phase of a multi-billion biotech buildup going forward in 11 agencies sparked by the unsolved Oct., 2001 anthrax attacks on Congress that claimed five lives and sickened 17.

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dragged across barbed wire as the parents were forced to watch.

Steele was joined by a second counterinsurgency veteran and former top DEA staffer, Steven Casteel as a senior advisor in Iraq's Interior Ministry, which these days is run by the CIA. Casteel had collaborated with a paramilitary group, Los Pepes, in the hunt for the cocaine king Pablo Escobar, who was finally shot and killed in December 1993. Los Pepes later joined forces with the AUC death squad.

The Special Police Commandos were handpicked and trained by the U.S. and deployed jointly with U.S. military, around Mosul and Samarra about a year ago. This strikingly correlates in time and place with the spike in regularized extra-judicial death squad operations.

The Commandos have purposely cultivated a frightening image in their balaclavas and black leather gloves as they openly brutalize people. Belying the myth that members are mostly Shia, many of the Commandos, including their leader Adnan Thavit, are Sunni Muslims. Thavit even launched a controversial John Walsh, "America's Most Wanted"-like television show on Baghdad's new U.S.-funded, state-run "Al-Iraqiya" station. The program is chillingly called "Terrorism in the Hands of Justice," where detainees who have obviously been tortured and with no access to a lawyer, make on-air 'confessions.'

There have been dozens of large-scale massacres since the Commandos were created. Most of the massacres have the hallmark of the Commandos, where the victims were seen being blindfolded by them and marched away. Their bodies were found with their hands bound behind their backs, most with a single shot to the back of the head, many showing obvious signs of torture such as beatings, broken skulls, burning, right eyeballs removed, and more. In other cases, the victims had been beheaded. Most of the dead are men, but some are also women and children.

As investigative reporter Max Fuller wrote, the vast majority of atrocities that the Pentagon and mainstream media have spun as 'rogue' Shiite and Sunni militias, were in reality the work of U.S.-trained and controlled commando units, 'advised'

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