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## JAIL FOR HILLARY?

• Evidence shows how FBI covered for Clinton crimes

By John Friend

**M**ore evidence is coming to light demonstrating how top officials and bureaucrats working in the FBI covered for Hillary Clinton during the 2016 presidential election, ensuring this career criminal would not be punished for gross negligence and other blatant criminal acts committed during her long tenure in public office. But an ongoing congressional investigation could put an end to that and finally force the prosecution of the Clinton crime family.

In a Dec. 14 letter submitted to FBI Director Christopher Wray, Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Wisc.), who serves as chairman of the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, details key edits made by FBI officials and bureaucrats to former FBI Director James Comey's public statements declaring the exoneration of Mrs. Clinton for transmitting classified information via an unsecured, private email server, which sparked much controversy at the time.

Mrs. Clinton had been accused of not only illegally transmitting classified information via her own private email server but also of covering up these criminal actions by destroying evidence and manipulating top officials and bureau-



crats investigating the matter.

Johnson's letter sheds more light on the arguably criminal actions of main FBI insiders, who were determined to protect then-candidate Clinton while undermining GOP candidate Donald Trump, who was and remains a vocal critic of Mrs. Clinton's criminal actions.

Johnson's Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee is currently investigating the FBI and its former director, James Comey, focusing particular attention on the manner in which it conducted the inquiry into Clinton's many criminal actions.

The letter details a coordinated effort by pivotal FBI officials and insiders who worked under Comey to essentially decriminalize Mrs. Clinton's blatant and demonstrably criminal ac-

tions by editing key legal terms and phrases, withholding important information, and downplaying the central role various intelligence agencies played in the investigation into Clinton's email scandal. Some legal experts have gone so far as to argue that the congressional probe could lead to charges being filed against Mrs. Clinton.

As part of Johnson's investigation into the FBI's handling of the Clinton investigation and ultimate exoneration of the former Democrat presidential candidate, the FBI submitted documents to the Senate committee, including an early draft of Comey's public statement, which was eventually delivered on July 5, 2016, "clearing Clinton of criminal wrongdoing in her use of a private email server," the letter reads.

Johnson's letter explains how senior FBI officials, including Peter Strzok, E.W. Priestap, and Jonathan Moffa, edited the legal language in Comey's draft statements to "change the tone and substance of Director Comey's statement in at least three respects."

The edits were designed to "reduce Secretary Clinton's culpability in mishandling classified information" as well as to entirely remove references to "the intelligence community's role in identifying vulnerabilities related to Secretary Clinton's private email server" and "downgrade the likelihood that hostile actors had penetrated Secretary Clinton's private server."

Critical legal language was edited as well, including removing the use of "gross negligence" when describing Clinton's actions and substituting that phrase with "extremely careless." Gross negligence is a legal term often invoked by prosecutors when charging an individual with criminal wrongdoing. ★

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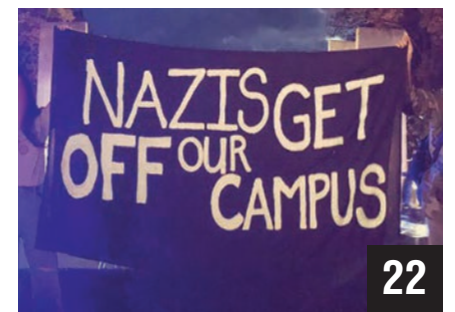
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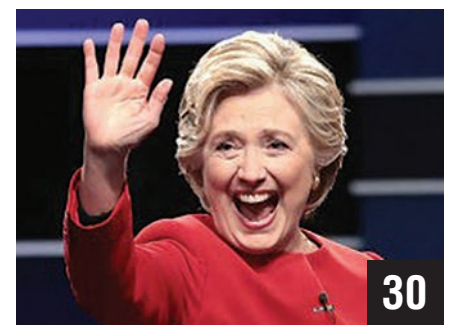
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## 2018: Breaking the Grip of the Credit Card Kahunas

**A**s AFP goes to press on Dec. 28, it's not even the new year, but already things are looking brighter for us—a good sign for things to come in 2018.

Regular readers know well the troubles we faced in 2017. It all started back in the winter of 2017 when multi-billion-dollar tech companies began targeting us because they didn't like what we published. One shut down our online advertising account. Another kicked us out of its online retail marketplace. A few months later, a credit-card company came after us, cancelling our credit-card processing account. And then, over the summer, our advertisers were targeted by a radical left-wing activist group funded by George Soros and Hillary Clinton, shaming one established bookseller into cancelling a longtime ad campaign they had been running with us.

It seemed like every time we poked our head up in 2017 we got slapped.

But what none of these simpletons realized is that their repeated attacks didn't bury us or force us out of business as they had hoped to do. Instead, they actually made us stronger by forcing us to re-think how we do business in every way.

The year's not over, but we have already begun working on new programs that will not just provide more payment options for subscribers and supporters, but will also save us money in the long run and insulate us in the event other radical activists, banks or multinational corporations take swipes at us. These new alternatives include ways for people to pay by electronic checks that debit di-



rectly from the customer's bank account, by cryptocurrencies like bitcoin, ethereum, and litecoin, and by new peer-to-peer payment systems that streamline and simplify how people can send money to family, friends, and businesses.

For too long, credit card companies, banks, and government watchdogs have had too much control over how and where people spend their money. Moreover, the overuse of credit cards has made even small transactions absurdly expensive. When you take into account all of the high-rate finance charges, the costly transaction fees, and the pricey security features, credit card companies and banks often make as much as 20%-30% of a product's actual selling price. It's astounding, really, when you think about it.

Even more troubling is the growing problem of censorship. More and more, tools that

were created to combat rampant fraud are being used to censor individuals and businesses that offer politically incorrect books, DVDs, websites, and other intellectually "dangerous" media. Radical activists with big mouths and even bigger bank accounts have exploited the control over money to limit what we can read and watch—a dangerous trend that would have our founding fathers rolling over in their graves.

Thankfully, this is all changing courtesy of new systems and technologies that allow people to bypass banks and major credit cards and go directly to the individual or company to, for example, purchase a book or DVD or even to buy a subscription to a newspaper like AMERICAN FREE PRESS.

The truth is, this is all changing in 2018 because organizations and individuals have been forced to get creative when it comes to keeping their operations afloat. And creativity fueled by necessity is at the heart of the American Dream.

As we wrap up this first issue of 2018, we are entering the new year feeling positive about our future and with a sense that, whatever may be thrown at us and whoever may try to shut us down, we can—and we will—work around it. We have great plans for the future, so we say, Happy New Year to all of our supporters out there. Here's to 2018! ★

—CHRISTOPHER J. PETHERICK  
Executive Editor

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# News You May Have Missed

## Purge the Deep State

Rep. Francis Rooney (R-Fla.) recently called for a “purge” of “Deep State” operatives from the FBI and Department of Justice (DOJ) on national news. “I’m very concerned that the DOJ and the FBI, whether you want to call it ‘Deep State’ or what, are kind of off the rails,” Rooney told MSNBC’s Hallie Jackson. “I think the American people have very high standards for government agencies, and to see these kinds of people . . . undermine my confidence that the agencies don’t respect the Constitution and will put the ends before the means. . . . We’ve seen a lot of ends before means culture, both out of the Obama administration, from Hillary Clinton with her \$84 million of potentially illegal campaign contributions, the Clinton Foundation and Uranium One. People need a good, clean government.”

## ISIS Defeated

Iraq and Syria have both declared victory over Islamic State (ISIS) in recent weeks, after a year that saw the two countries’ armies, a range of foreign allies, and various local forces drive the fighters out of all the towns and villages that once made up their so-called caliphate. The U.S. military has been boasting that they were behind the defeat of the radical Islamists, but, in truth, it was Russia working with pro-Iranian militias in Syria and in Iraq that made the most headway, according to multiple international reports.

## U.S. Trained ISIS

General Valery Gerasimov, the chief of the Russian General Staff, recently accused the United States of training ISIS fighters in Syria in an effort to destabilize that country. According to Gerasimov, the U.S. military has been working with radical Islamists at a U.S. military base in Tanf, a strategic Syrian highway border crossing with Iraq in the south of the country. The U.S. denies the charge, claiming instead that the large numbers of radicals seen there are actually being trained to fight ISIS. But can you really believe U.S. military and government spokesmen?

## Democracy Disaster

Wise men say democracy always leads to mob rule, and it seems democracy in the U.S. has already reached the tipping point, as shown by the disaster in Memphis, Tenn., where the usual bad guys moved swiftly to remove statues of Nathan Bedford Forrest and President Jefferson Davis. The city government pulled a fast one to thwart the Historical Commission by selling, dirt cheap, the two public parks where the Confederate monuments stood, to a nonprofit called Memphis Green-space. Memphis’s Chief Legal Officer Bruce McMullen explained the organization has the legal power to remove the historical monuments, which the city does not have, and said the statues will be stored in an undisclosed location for security reasons.

## War on Christmas

You know those Salvation Army people who ring a bell and collect donations for the needy in a red bucket? One such good guy was recently attacked outside a Walmart for wishing “Merry Christmas” to passersby. Some Scrooge “haymakered me, got me down on the ground, and we started wrestling. At that point, I’m fighting for my life,” said Rev. Jamie Wolfe Sr. Salvation Army Lt. Steve Palakis, a 14-year veteran, commented: “The store says they love him, and he’s been the best bell ringer they’ve ever had, so an attack that’s unprovoked is very surprising and very unfortunate.” The attacker fled and is still at large, but police hope to track him down with the help of surveillance videotape.

## Problem with Whiteness

For the second year in a row, the University of Wisconsin-Madison is allowing a class called “The Problem with Whiteness” to be taught. The African Cultural Studies course seeks to teach students to “understand how whiteness is socially constructed and experienced in order to help dismantle white supremacy,” according to its online description. Ironically, the class is taught by a white professor named Damon Saj-

nani, who is also a “rapper” and has made a career out of criticizing his ethnicity. When asked about the course by a reporter, Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker had one word to say about it: “Goofy.”

## Artificial Intelligence

Google’s artificial intelligence, called AlphaZero, developed by the company’s DeepMind lab, developed in only four hours a “superhuman performance” in chess. Having been programmed with the rules of chess, but no strategy, AlphaZero played 100 games against the world champion chess program, Stockfish, winning 28 games; the other 72 games ended in a draw. David Kramaley, the CEO of chess science website Chessable, said, “We now know who our new overlord is. It will no doubt revolutionize the game, but think about [how] this could be applied outside chess. This algorithm could run cities, continents, universes.”

## Big Gains

The richest people on Earth became \$1 trillion richer in 2017. That was more than four times last year’s gain, as stock markets surged to reach record highs.

## Falsely Accused

Lisa Bloom, a famous women’s rights lawyer who is Gloria Allred’s daughter, offered to pay a woman a cool \$750,000 to make sexual misconduct allegations against Donald Trump during the wind-up months of the 2016 presidential race, according to press reports. That particular woman finally declined to take up the offer, but Ms. Bloom also tried to pay off other women who made or considered making such allegations against Trump during the campaign. Ironically, only after she was publicly shamed did Ms. Bloom drop as a client Harvey Weinstein, a horrendous sexual predator, alleged rapist, and Democrat donor.

## Boondoggle

From 2008 to 2012, the House of Representatives’s Office of Compliance (OOC) paid more than \$342,225 in U.S. taxpayer money in settle-

ments and “awards” for sexual harassment and discrimination charges against House members, it was recently revealed by the Committee on House Administration. The payouts were made to women who had accused congressmen of making lewd and unwanted sexual advances toward them.

## Acid Attack Zones

There are parts of London and elsewhere in Britain where you better not go if you are a non-Muslim, lest you be splashed with acid or some other corrosive substance. “The UK now has one of the highest rates of recorded acid or some other corrosive substance attacks per capita in the world, and this number appears to be rising,” states Assistant Chief Constable Rachel Kearton, a National Police Chiefs spokesperson. Acid attacks in Britain soared more than 500% from 2012 to 2016, with a whopping 469 such attacks recorded in 2016.

## Mass-Murdering Tyrant

Following the recent ouster of Robert Mugabe, the mass-murdering tyrant of Zimbabwe, a white Zimbabwean farmer, who had been evicted by Mugabe many years ago, has returned to a hero’s welcome as the first to get his land back under the new president. Just days before Christmas, Robert Smart made his way back to his Lesbury farm about 125 miles east of Zimbabwe’s capital, Harare, to cheers and song by dozens of workers and community members. “We have come to reclaim our farm,” sang black women and men, rushing into the compound, who were seeking employment. Ever since whites were driven from power in Rhodesia and the name was changed to Zimbabwe, the country has been a wreck. Now that Mugabe is gone, and the new leadership is willing to work with both whites and blacks, there is optimism that such reforms will signal a new hope for the country. According to ZANU-PF party official Obert Mpofu, Mugabe’s “wife and close associates” had “taken advantage of his frail condition to usurp power and loot state resources”—the same thing Mugabe has done for a generation.

# Pentagon Officially Confirms Government's Interest in UFOs

By S.T. Patrick

After decades of denials, chuckles, and ad hominem attacks on anyone questioning whether or not the United States government has engaged in the study of UFOs, the silence is broken.

Until now, it was easy to label amateur and professional UFOlogists as “the tinfoil hat crew” or “crackpots.” However, the Pentagon has now officially confirmed the existence of a \$22 million program that collected, analyzed, and categorized “anomalous aerospace threats”—or “UFOs” in the more common vernacular. According to information released in late December by *The Washington Post*, the Advanced Aviation Threat Identification Program was just another instance of what has been a long-term government investigation into the UFO phenomenon.

The investigations date back to the 1950s and 1960s, as UFOlogists such as Stanton Friedman, a nuclear physicist by trade, have known for years. Friedman, educated at the University of Chicago, has written *Crash at Corona* (1992) about the Roswell incident and *Top Secret/Majic* (1997) about the Majestic 12 (MJ-12) program that was formed by an executive order signed by Harry Truman.

According to Stanton, who in 1984 received anonymous documents detailing the MJ-12 roster and activities, the program was created in direct response to the Roswell, N.M. UFO crash of 1947. Created to investigate and recover alien (unknown) spacecraft, MJ-12 included such luminaries as Sidney Souers and Hoyt Vandenberg, the first two directors of central intelligence; Roscoe Hillenkoetter, the first director of the CIA; James Forrestal, the first secretary of defense; Vannevar Bush, who headed the Office of Scientific Research and Development (OSRD) during World War II; Donald Menzel, a noted skeptic who Friedman claims was a true believer, and others.

To his credit, Friedman has uncovered as many hoaxes as he has validated incidents he believes to be real. Some of the MJ-12 documents originally made available to Friedman were ones he invalidated as hoaxes. That, however, does not deter his avid belief that other documents, as well as the program itself, were real. Friedman points out that it is a common practice in top secret intelligence to include a smattering of hoax documents alongside real ones.

MJ-12 was not the only government project

“Either the U.S. government is really interested in UFOs, or the extraterrestrial angle has been used as a cover story.

looking at UFOs after Roswell.

Project Blue Book was a series of United States Air Force studies on unidentified flying objects. It lasted from 1952 to 1970. By the time it had ceased, Project Blue Book had collected 12,618 UFO reports, most that the National Reconnaissance Office characterized as flights of formerly secret reconnaissance planes such as the U-2 and the A-12.

Annie Jacobsen, a former contributing editor to *The Los Angeles Times*' magazine, is an author specializing in what has been called “war, weapons, security, and secrets.” She has written *Area 51: An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base* (2015), *Operation Pa-*



Signs warn the curious to stay out of “Area 51,” officially known as Homey Airport and Groom Lake, located within the Nevada Test and Training Range. Stories about what happens there are legend.

perclip: *The Secret Intelligence Program that Brought Nazi Scientists to America* (2014), and *The Pentagon's Brain: An Uncensored History of DARPA, America's Top Secret Military Research Agency* (2015), a finalist for the 2016 Pulitzer Prize in History.

Ms. Jacobsen tackled the UFO question regarding Area 51 in a way that may be more controversial than the alien back-engineering theory that has persisted since KLAS-TV Las Vegas journalist George Knapp popularized the phrase “Area 51” while interviewing Bob Lazar in 1989.



Lt. Col. Philip J. Corso, the chief of the Pentagon's foreign technology desk in the U.S. Army, alleged before his death that there was a top-secret group known as Majestic 12. Others offer compelling evidence that all known Majestic 12 documents are clever forgeries.

Lazar claims to have back-engineered alien spacecraft while briefly working at Area 51.

Ms. Jacobsen's thesis is that Area 51, located in the Nevada desert, has been a vital site for national security and weapons development since its inception. Stealth technology, such as the CIA's A-12, was developed at Area 51. Early U-2 tests were also conducted at the base. Area 51, Ms. Jacobsen writes, was strategically important during the era of Sputnik, the Bay of Pigs, the lunar landing, and the Vietnam War. It was where America's most important espionage projects were tested and analyzed. Back-engineering was performed at Area 51, Ms. Jacobsen details, but it was a Soviet MiG and not an alien space craft.

Ms. Jacobsen likens the Roswell crash to the opening shot of the Cold War. She dismisses the alien theories altogether while hypothesizing that the supposed aliens recovered outside of Roswell were actually human guinea pigs, the result of American experimentation gone awry. The UFO rumors, then, were cover stories for the grisly experiments that were conducted on humans.

The official line was to deny even the existence of Area 51, though warning signs, motion- and sound-detection devices, and Wackenhut security lined its outer rim. Government interest in UFOs, Roswell, and Area 51 has leaked in both news and biography. Upon retirement, former CIA director Adm. Roscoe Hillenkoetter served on the board of directors of the National Investigations Committee for Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), which lobbied against government cover-ups of UFO information from the 1950s through the 1970s.

What we now know is that Area 51, the base also known as “Dreamland,” has been used since the dawn of the Cold War to test aviation that pushed the limits of sight, sound, and detection. Though the Nevada desert can be barren, desolate, and dry, something is, indeed, out there. ★

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# President Sets Record on Judicial Nominees

By Richard McCarty

One of President Donald Trump's most important promises in last year's election campaign was to appoint conservative justices to the Supreme Court, and he followed through on that promise by appointing Neil Gorsuch to the nation's highest court. That was a major win, but it has been followed by a string of less-heralded victories as well.

When Trump took office, there were 105 federal judicial vacancies, an unusually high number, but the high number of vacancies existed for very good reasons. In 2013, then-Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and the Democrat majority decided to end the filibuster for district and appellate court judgeships. They then proceeded to ram through President Barack Obama's liberal judicial nominees. Unsurprisingly, GOP senators were furious at this breach of Senate protocol, and, of course, Obama continued to refuse to make any serious attempt to compromise with Republicans.

Once Republicans retook the Senate in 2014,

With 12 appellate court appointments, Trump has set a record for the first year of a presidency.

they decided to make the Democrats pay for their games and slowed the judicial confirmation process. After Justice Antonin Scalia died in early 2016, Obama recognized that Republicans were unlikely to confirm a young, staunch liberal nominee to the Supreme Court. For this reason, Obama selected Merrick Garland, a bland liberal nearing retirement age, but it was too little, too late.

With Scalia's death taking place in an election year, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) and Senate Judiciary Chairman Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) refused to consider Garland's nomination. The American people would decide which party would replace Scalia, a conservative icon.

Trump seized on the opportunity and released the names of judges he would consider for the Supreme Court if he were elected president. In May 2016, he published a list of 11 conservative

judges. Four months later, he updated the list adding 10 more conservatives to it. Gorsuch was one of the latter group.

Just last month, Trump once again updated his list of potential Supreme Court nominees adding five more names, and Trump may soon have to pore over his list to select another nominee. With three justices over the age of 79, another retirement could take place in the very near future. The average age of the last three retirees was 78.

Since March, Trump has been nominating dozens of conservatives to the lower courts. As with Gorsuch, these nominees have been routinely praised by conservative and libertarian organizations. So far, 21 of Trump's lower court nominees have been confirmed.

Of these 21 appointees, 12 were appointed to appellate courts, six were named to district courts, and three were appointed to a specialty court, the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. While 12 appellate court appointments might not sound like much, it is, in fact, a record for the first year of a presidency. ★

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By John Ellis

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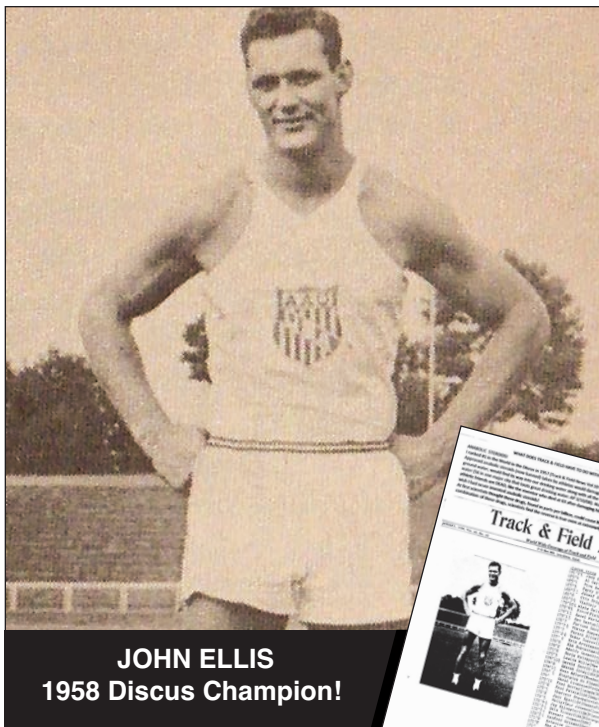
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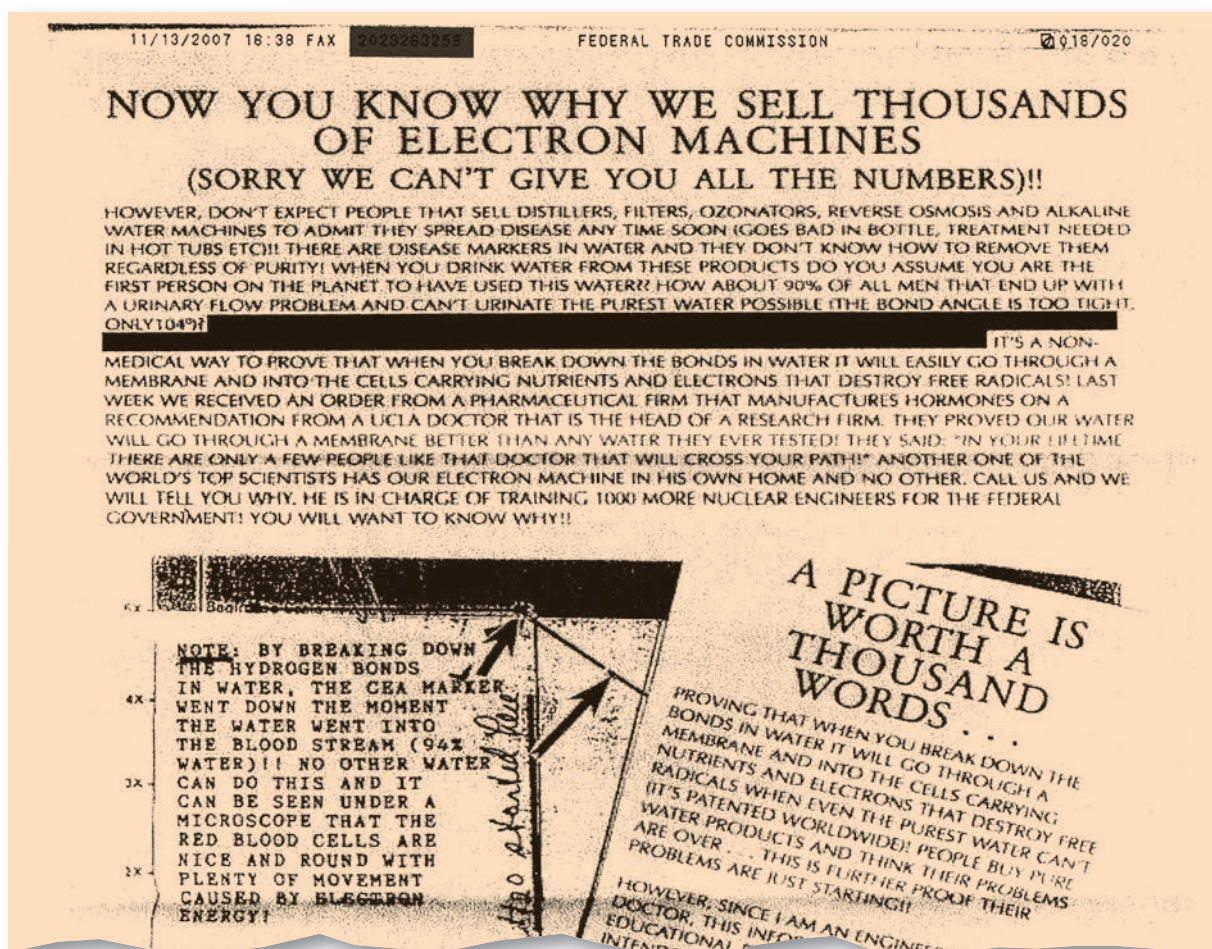
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# Who Wants War With Iran?

• Consequences of war against Persia devastating

By Patrick J. Buchanan

Shortly before Christmas, President Donald Trump was the beneficiary of some surprisingly good news and glad tidings. On Dec. 17, Vladimir Putin called to thank him and the CIA for providing Russia critical information that helped abort an ISIS plot to massacre visitors to Kazan Cathedral in St. Petersburg.

Dec. 18 found polls showing Trump at his highest in months. Stocks soared 200 points at the opening bell in anticipation of pre-Christmas passage of the Republican tax bill. The Dow has added a record 5,000 points in Trump's first year.

And the Russiagate investigation may have busted an axle. Though yet unproven, charges are being made that Robert Mueller's sleuths gained access to emails from the Trump campaign illicitly. This could imperil prosecutions by Mueller's team, already under a cloud for proven malice toward the president. Recall: Daniel Ellsberg, who delivered "the Pentagon Papers" to *The New York Times*, walked free when it was learned that the White House "Plumbers" had burgled his psychiatrist's office.

President Trump has his UN ambassador out on the frontlines agitating for war instead of peace.

With things going Trump's way, one must ask: What was UN Ambassador Nikki Haley doing in early December at what looked like a prewar briefing at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in D.C.?

Looming behind Ms. Haley was part of what was said to be an Iranian missile fired at King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh.

Though the rocket had Iranian markings, it was not launched from Iran, or by Iranians. Houthi rebels, for two years victims of a savage war waged by the Saudis—using U.S.-made planes, missiles, bombs, and drones—say they fired it at the Riyadh airport in retaliation for



NIKKI HALEY

what the Saudis have done to their people and country. If so, it was a legitimate act of war.

Indeed, so great is the Yemeni civilian suffering from a lack of food and medicine, and from malnutrition and disease, Trump himself has told the Saudis to ease up on their air, sea, and land blockades.

As there is no evidence as to when the Houthis

## U.S. Whitewashes Extent of Yemen Genocide

By Rep. Ron Paul

It's remarkable that whenever you read an article about Yemen in the mainstream media, the central role of Saudi Arabia and the United States in the tragedy is glossed over or completely ignored. A recent *Washington Post* article purporting to tell us "how things got so bad" explains to us that, "it's a complicated story" involving "warring regional superpowers, terrorism, oil, and an impending climate catastrophe."

No, *Washington Post*, it's simpler than that. The tragedy in Yemen is the result of foreign military intervention in the internal affairs of that country. It started with the "Arab Spring" which had all the fingerprints of State Department meddling, and it escalated with 2015's unprovoked Saudi attack on the country to re-install Riyadh's preferred leader. Thousands of innocent civilians have been killed and millions more are at risk as starvation and cholera rage.

We are told that U.S. foreign policy should reflect American values. So how can Washington support Saudi Arabia—a tyrannical state with one of the worst human rights records on Earth—as it

commits what by any measure is a genocide against the Yemeni people? The UN undersecretary-general for humanitarian affairs warned just last week that Yemen faces "the largest famine the world has seen for many decades with millions of victims." The Red Cross has estimated that a million people are vulnerable in the cholera epidemic that is raging in Yemen.

And why is there a cholera epidemic? Because the Saudi government—with U.S. support—has blocked every port of entry to prevent critical medicine from reaching suffering Yemenis. This is not a war. It is cruel murder.

The United States is backing Saudi aggression against Yemen by cooperating in every way with the Saudi military. Targeting, intelligence, weapons sales, and more. The U.S. is a partner in Saudi Arabia's crimes in Yemen.

Does holding hands with Saudi Arabia as it slaughters Yemeni children really reflect American values? Is anyone even paying attention?

The claim that we are fighting al Qaeda in Yemen and thus our involvement is covered under the post-9/11 authorization for the use of force is without merit. In fact, it has been reported numerous times in the mainstream media that U.S. intervention on behalf of the Saudis in Yemen is actually a boost to al Qaeda in the coun-

try. Al Qaeda is at war with the Houthis who had taken control of much of the country because the Houthis practice a form of Shi'a Islam they claim is tied to Iran. We are fighting on the same side as al Qaeda in Yemen.

Adding insult to injury, the U.S. Congress can't be bothered to even question how we got so involved in a war that has nothing to do with us. A few conscientious members of Congress got together recently to introduce a special motion under the 1973 War Powers Act that would have required a vote on our continued military involvement in the Yemen genocide. The leadership of both parties joined together to destroy this attempt to at least get a vote on U.S. aggression against Yemen. As it turns out, the only members to vote against this shamefully gutted resolution were the original members who introduced it. This is bipartisanship at its worst.

U.S. involvement in Saudi Arabia's crimes against Yemen is a national disgrace. That the mainstream media fails to accurately cover this genocide is shameful. Let us join our voices now to demand that our U.S. representatives end U.S. involvement in Yemen immediately! ★

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acquired the missile, or where, the question arises: What was Ms. Haley's motive in indicting Iran? Was this part of a new propaganda campaign to drum up support for America's next big Mideast war? There are reasons to think so.

Ms. Haley went on: "It's hard to find a conflict or a terrorist group in the Middle East that does not have Iran's fingerprints all over it." But Iran is Shiite, while al Qaeda, which allegedly brought down the twin towers with the help of 15 Saudi nationals, is Sunni. So, too, are ISIS, Boko Haram in Nigeria, al-Shabab in Somalia and Islamic Jihad. Most Mideast terrorist groups are Sunni, not Shiite.

As for these Mideast "conflicts," which did Iran start? We started the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. NATO started the war in Libya. The U.S. helped trigger the horrific Syrian civil war by arming "rebels." Only when President Bashar Assad looked like he was about to fall did Russia and Iran intervene on his side.

As for the "Shiite crescent," from Tehran to Baghdad to Damascus to Beirut, who created it? Under Saddam Hussein, Iraq was Sunni dominated. It was the Americans who overthrew him and brought Shiite power to Baghdad.

In Syria, it was U.S.- and Sunni-backed "rebels," allied at times with al Qaeda, who drew Iran and the Shiite militias in to save Assad.

And the Israelis called the Shiite Hezbollah movement into being by invading and occupying South Lebanon in 1982. As Yitzhak Rabin ruefully said, "We let the Shia genie out of the bottle."

Are we now to fight a new Mideast war against a larger enemy than any of the others we have fought, to clean up the bloody mess we made of the region by our previous military interventions? Before we march, with Ms. Haley as head cheerleader, Trump should consider the likely consequences for his country, the Middle East, and his presidency.

A war in the Persian Gulf would send oil prices soaring and stock markets plummeting, even as it would split us off from our major allies in Europe and Asia. The Airbus-Boeing deal to sell Iran 300 commercial aircraft would be dead.

While the U.S. would prevail in an air, naval, and missile war, where would the troops come from to march to Tehran to "democratize" that nation? Do we think a bloodied revanchist Iran would be easier to deal with than the one with which John Kerry negotiated a nuclear deal?

Would Hezbollah go after U.S. soft targets in Beirut? Would Iraqi Shiite militias go after Americans in the Green Zone? Would the Shiite majority in Bahrain and the oil-rich northeast of Saudi Arabia rise up and rebel?

And who would our great fighting Arab ally be? Jared Kushner's new friend: a 32-year-old Saudi prince who has become famous for putting down \$500 million each for a chateau near Versailles, a yacht on the Riviera, and a painting by Leonardo da Vinci. ★

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# 2017 Ends Up as a Banner Year for Israel & the Zionist Lobby

By Philip Girdaldi

President Donald Trump's first commutation of a prison sentence occurred last week, just before Christmas. It involved the CEO of a kosher meat-packing plant located in Iowa who had been sentenced to 27 years in prison after being convicted of money laundering. The ex-prisoner, now that he has been freed, was Sholom Rubashkin, an ultra-orthodox Jew who is reported to have at least 10 children.

The White House explained that the sentence had been too severe for a victimless crime involving an individual with no criminal record. The president's office also noted that many prominent individuals had called for a reduction in Rubashkin's sentence.

The prosecutor in the case disputed that assessment, noting that Rubashkin had forged documents and diverted money. He was convicted of 86 counts of financial crimes including bank fraud, mail and wire fraud, and money laundering. He had done terrible damage to others by his actions.

Media reports also revealed that Rubashkin employed 386 illegal immigrants in his plant and that he had helped the illegals obtain false identity papers. The workers lived in "housing" consisting of crowded trailers provided by the company and also were fed by it. Their housing and food were deducted from what they were paid.

In addition, the fraud was quite a big deal. It ultimately resulted in a \$27 million loss for the lender.

Accusations of child labor law violations also surfaced.

Trump's decision to use his first commutation on this scoundrel is curious. The media reported that scores of politicians, legal authorities, and Jewish religious organizations had been lobbying for Rubashkin to be released from prison, suggesting a major and well-funded effort to get to folks whose voices might be listened to, reminding one of Israeli and Jewish lobbying campaigns in the past.

As the Trumpster does not do "compassion," one has to believe that the commutation was political in nature. The Republicans have been courting Orthodox Jews for some time, as they have large families, conservative values, and tend to veer in a rightward direction when they vote. In the Jewish media, there has been concern that the traditional progressive reformed or non-religious Jew with small families and a tendency toward assimilation has been dying out numerically and is being replaced by the hard-right Orthodox like Rubashkin.

Trump is also surrounded by Orthodox Jews,

Regarding the two UN votes, Haley warned that the White House would be "taking names."

including his daughter and son-in-law as well as by his senior appointees to the Middle East. It would be interesting to learn who exactly was giving advice and who exactly was being pandered to when the president decided to commute Rubashkin's sentence.

The commutation marked just one development in an active week for Israel and for narrowly perceived Jewish interests, suggesting that the White House had been hijacked at some point after Thanksgiving and moved to Jerusalem.

As has by now become traditional, America's redoubtable United Nations Ambassador Nikki Haley led the charge, resulting in numerous Internet suggestions that she is really the ambassador for Israel based on what she has been saying and doing since taking office.

This past week, facing major defeats in both the UN Security Council and General Assembly, Ambassador Haley was even more than usual cheerleading on Israel's team. Indeed, her speech before the General Assembly vote started out with: "To its shame, the United Nations has long been a hostile place for the state of Israel. . . . I've often wondered why, in the face of such hostility, Israel has chosen to remain a member of this body. And then I remember that Israel has chosen to remain in this institution because it's important to stand up for yourself. Israel must stand up for its own survival as a nation; but it also stands up for the ideals of freedom and human dignity that the United Nations is supposed to be about."

It was a complete lie in terms of what Israel really stands for. Similar points were made in Ambassador Haley's two speeches before the UN Security Council, where the U.S. was on the wrong side of a 14-1 vote. Her only defense of possible U.S. interests is her assertion that the United States can place an embassy wherever it wants, which is manifestly untrue both in practical terms and under international law.

Regarding the two UN votes, Ambassador Haley notoriously warned that the White House would be "taking names" of those who voted against U.S. interests. She accused those countries of being "disrespectful." Ambassador Haley's bias is perhaps not surprising, as her



Rabbi Sholom Rubashkin hugs his lawyer after learning he'd received a pardon from President Trump.

speechwriter is Jessica Gavora, the wife of leading neoconservative journalist Jonah Goldberg. Ambassador Haley has stated that "nowhere has the UN's failure been more consistent and more outrageous than in its bias against our close ally Israel." On a recent visit to Israel, she was celebrated by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Haley's love of Israel is sometimes ridiculous. In February, she blocked the appointment of former Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad to a diplomatic position at the United Nations because he is a Palestinian. In a congressional hearing she said the administration would "support Israel" by blocking any Palestinian from senior UN positions.

At various UN meetings Ambassador Haley has repeatedly and uncritically complained of institutional bias toward Israel, asserting that the "days of Israel bashing are over" without ever addressing the issue that Israeli treatment of the Palestinians and its abuse of the relationship with Washington might in part be responsible for the criticism leveled against it.

My point is that the Rubashkin case and the persistence of Ambassador Haley reveal that the White House clearly has an institutional bias to favor issues that might be regarded as Jewish as well as for Israel, without any regard for the broader interests of the United States of America and its people. This has got to stop.

We all understand what a powerful and well-funded lobby is capable of, but the needs of the American people, not of some Jews and Israel, must actually come first if Trump is to be anything but a failure in his presidency. ★

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# Feminists a Threat to Women & Men, Says Columnist

By Paul Craig Roberts

Recently, I read two feminist rants against men. Not all men, just white heterosexual men. It is not always easy for an old male like me to understand what feminists are saying, but I try.

One seems to be saying that women live in a society that puts in power men who believe that violence against women is acceptable. Elevating her accusation to a fact, the writer says that women should not have to prove their case when they bring sexual harassment and assault charges, much less prove their “personal validity to even be making a case against a man.”

Is the writer saying that any irate woman should have the right to impugn a man with an unchallenged charge? Do men and American society believe that violence against women is acceptable? I think not, unless the violence is committed by police. Americans seem to accept police violence against men, women, children, the handicapped, and the family dog.

The other writer says women have to sell themselves to live. She, despite a degree from a prestigious university, went to work as a stripper, lap dancer, and apparently as a prostitute. She blames men for her poor decisions.

To be clear, I sympathize with anyone who finds themselves in the position that survival requires the sacrifice of their self-esteem. This happens to people everywhere all over the world. It is not an unique experience of women.

The woman who was a stripper writes, “What I learned in the strip club taught me more about the realities of being a woman in the 21st century than anything else has done.” It was there, she writes, that she learned that her handicaps in life were her intelligence and sharp tongue, and “that while men dictated the terms of my existence, women were complicit in maintaining systemic inequality.” Complicit women, she writes, “sliced off parts of her soul” just as did men.

What caught my attention was her reference to “being a woman in the 21st century.” How different that is from being a woman in the pre-feminist era that I experienced. It was feminists who denounced men for putting women on a pedestal and worshipping them. The inculcated respect that men showed women, doffing their hats in their presence, standing when women entered the room, opening doors for them, helping to seat them at tables, never using a four-letter word in their presence, and never ever striking a woman, an action that would isolate a man and deprive him of male friends.

In my day, no one struck a woman. It was be-



yond the pale.

It was the feminists who said that putting women on a pedestal was the male’s way of disempowering women. What ignorant nonsense. The most powerful members of my family were my grandmothers, mother, and aunts. Little decisions they left to the men. The big decisions they made.

Feminists said that women had to reject the pedestal and come down into the male world and prove their worth. It never occurred to feminists that women had more worth and more power on the pedestal.

Feminists taught women to be promiscuous. *Cosmopolitan* magazine taught women to find physical fulfillment with as many sexual partners as they could.

A number of years ago I wrote about young men telling me that they would like to get married, but every woman they knew had been in bed with all of their classmates. They said they would feel funny having friends at their wedding who’d had sexual experience with their bride.

Corporations contributed to worsening the position of women that feminists initiated. In my day women were protected by families being in the same place. Any man who abused his wife would be confronted by his father and mother, his wife’s father and mother, his and her grandparents, his brothers and sisters, his wife’s brothers and sisters, his aunts and uncles, her aunts and uncles, and by the cousins of both.

What the corporations did was to bust up this protective environment by sending their employees to some distant location where the husband and wife were isolated from family. Kids grew up never knowing their grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, people they might see one or twice a year. Isolated from the normal support systems, families broke apart, and the divorce rate soared.

A society that lowers everything to survival and to profit destroys women and men. That is what feminists should be complaining about.

But feminism has succumbed to identity politics and can only generate hatred of men who find women appealing.

Judging by the growth of homosexuality, there is a reduction in the number of men who find women appealing. Consequently, feminism is complicit in the destruction both of the status of women and of Western society. ★

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# The Truth You'll Never See in the Media

• Columnist wants to know why we can't talk about Jewish power in America

By Dr. Kevin Barrett

I recently interviewed America's leading progressive rabbi, Michael Lerner, about Trump's recognition of Occupied Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. Obligatory disclaimer: I like Lerner and respect his courage. He has contributed to two of my edited books, *9/11 and American Empire v.2: Christians, Jews, and Muslims Speak Out* and *We Are NOT Charlie Hebdo: Free Thinkers Question the French 9/11*, and taken considerable heat for doing so.

But I think the good rabbi is in denial about Jewish power in general, and the importance of Jewish media domination in particular.

When I brought up the subject, he said: "I think you're mistaken about the causation. American Jews represent about 1.5% of the population of the United States. The major force that pushes the Republican Party, and elements of the Democrat Party, are the Christian fundamentalists. They are someplace between 30 and 40 million. There are at least five or six times as many of them as there are Jews. I think it's a mistake to exaggerate Jewish power. The United States would be taking the same stance if Israel had no Jews in it and Israel was simply another country that was willing to play ball with the U.S."

I countered by citing the work of Professor James Petras, whose work on Jewish-Zionist power in the United States extends the insights of Professors Walt and Mearsheimer. Petras has described a "Zionist power configuration" (ZPC). According to Petras, the ZPC consists of dozens of billionaires, hundreds of millionaires, 500,000 loyal letter-writing and phone-calling foot soldiers, and many dozens of interlinked heavily funded major Jewish organizations. Additionally, available data suggests that at least half of key mainstream media positions, the most important of which is "owner," are occupied by Jews, most of whom evince loyalty to Israel.

Thanks to the power of the ZPC, roughly half the money funding federal election campaigns comes with Zionist strings attached. That is why, as Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D-Ga.) has vividly described, newly elected congressional representatives are forced to sign an oath of loyalty to Israel. If they refuse to sign, as she did, the ZPC uses its vast resources to eject them from Congress.

Lerner told me "the American people support Israel" and their support has nothing to do with Jewish-Zionist power in the United States. I told him that Americans' support for Israel is entirely the product of the media brainwashing machine.

"You're wanting to blame the Jews!" he protested. "Not all Jews," I countered. "Jewish elites!" He didn't agree. He said pro-Palestine people have



Is Rabbi Michael Lerner correct when he admonishes people for indicating the religious affiliations of Jewish politicians and media magnates? Rabbi Lerner posits that 30 to 40 million fundamentalist Christians have more influence over the pro-Israel policies of the U.S. than do the 1.5% of the U.S. population that is Jewish. He has a point; however, scholar James Petras says that groups representing Jewish interests are much better unified, organized, funded, and active, thus increasing their effectiveness in lobbying for those issues.

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Rabbi Lerner says that it would end up better for the suffering Palestinians to couch the Israel problem in humanitarian, as opposed to religious, terms.

done a terrible job influencing public opinion, and that my approach exemplified that terrible job. I interrupted him, saying, "If Muslims bought up the same share of the media that Jews own now, we would very quickly do a much better job."

"That is playing right into the hands of the right wing in the Jewish world," he said. "You're helping the right wing by doing that, by making it sound as though Jews are the problem, which is how you've been speaking here."

"No," I repeated, "the Jewish elite is the problem." "You are helping keep the Palestinian people powerless by this kind of discourse," he said. "By telling the truth?" I asked.

"Abandon that," the Rabbi insisted. "Stop focusing on the Jews! Focus on the humanity of the Palestinian people, how they are being hurt. Do

not blame this on Jews when, as I said, at least six times as many Christian fundamentalists identify themselves as Christian Zionists."

By the end of the interview, I was thoroughly confused about the rabbi's position. Was he arguing that the ZPC described by Petras doesn't exist? Was he claiming that Jews with loyalty to Israel are in fact not overrepresented in power positions in mainstream media? Or was he admitting that they were, but denying the media's power to influence public opinion? Or was he simply telling me to shut up and stop talking about it—which would amount to an implicit admission that my statements were true?

According to a 2003 article by John Whitley, "seven Jewish Americans run the vast majority of U.S. television networks, the printed press, the Hollywood movie industry, the book publishing industry, and the recording industry." Whitley names the names, pointing out that they "collectively control ABC, NBC, CBS, the Turner Broadcasting System, CNN, MTV, Universal Studios, and the biggest record studios."

Petras's research in *The Power of Israel in the United States* is equally convincing—and disconcerting. I cannot find convincing rebuttals. So why can't we talk about this? ★

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# Hollywood Butchers Real History

• New movie on famed Pentagon Papers ignores role of CIA-controlled editors

By S.T. Patrick

In the new film “The Post,” Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg have once again crumpled up real history in favor of boosting the legend of a mainstream American institution. Their previous attempt, “Parkland,” which was a failure at the box office, propped up the questionable work of both Vincent Bugliosi and the Warren Commission. This time the deific canonization by two of Hollywood’s most powerful players is reserved for executive editor Ben Bradlee and publisher Katherine Graham of *The Washington Post*.

In 1971, Daniel Ellsberg, a military analyst working for the RAND Corporation, released to *The New York Times* what would commonly be known as “the Pentagon Papers,” a top secret study of American decision-making in Vietnam. The released report cast doubt on the U.S. government’s honesty regarding its Vietnam War policy. It was White House Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman who emphasized the substantial importance of the release to President Richard Nixon, who initially did not grasp the Ellsberg releases as a matter of grave importance.

“To the ordinary guy, all this is a bunch of gobbledygook,” Haldeman told Nixon on June 14, 1971. “But out of the gobbledygook comes a very clear thing. . . . You can’t trust the government, you can’t believe what they say, and you can’t rely on their judgment. And the . . . implicit infallibility of presidents, which has been an accepted thing in America, is badly hurt by this, because it shows that people do things the president wants to do even though it’s wrong, and the



**DANIEL ELLSBERG**  
Famed whistleblower.



**H.R. HALDEMAN**  
Chief of staff.



**JOHN MITCHELL**  
Attorney general.



**ROBERT McNAMARA**  
Defense secretary.

president can be wrong.”

Attorney General John Mitchell sent a telegram to the *Times*, demanding that they stop publication of “the Pentagon Papers,” but the *Times* refused and continued the publication. The government then sued to halt publication. Though the paper eventually won *New York Times Co. v. United States* at the Supreme Court, an earlier appellate court had ordered the publication to be halted.

Correctly anticipating federal legal action against *The New York Times*, Ellsberg had distributed “the Pentagon Papers” to over 30 newspapers and private contacts. It was a guerrilla strategy based upon information-by-attrition. Although *The Washington Post*, featured in the new movie, was one of the papers that received the distributed report, they were neither more nor less important to the story than any of the others.

Jim DiEugenio of *KennedysAndKing.com* wrote, “Once Ellsberg made his decision to go

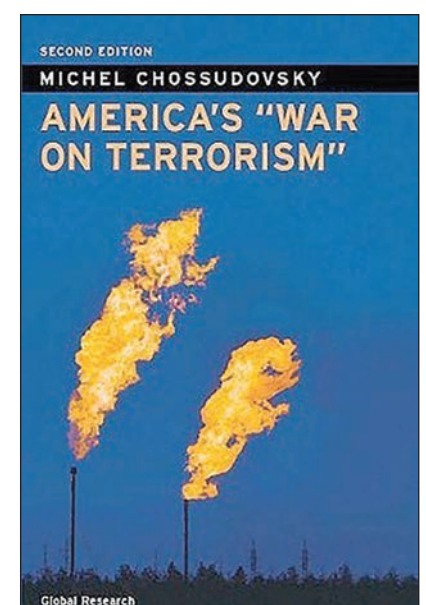
public with the [LBJ Secretary of Defense] Robert McNamara-commissioned top-secret history, it was just a matter of how many newspapers would pick up the story after *The New York Times* initially published it.”

DiEugenio pointed out that in Ellsberg’s 457-page *Secrets: A Memoir of Vietnam and the Pentagon Papers* (2002) Bradlee is mentioned only once and Graham is not mentioned at all. “The Post” obviously did not use Ellsberg’s *Secrets* as source material for the script.

*The Washington Post* is no stranger to playing the public relations and media saturation games in order to create the mythology that it owned a consequential story. Though similar reporting was being done by the *Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, and others—often before *The Washington Post*—the official story of Watergate is now synonymous with the *Post*’s Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, whose account became a best-selling book and a major motion picture.

## America’s “War on Terrorism”

**NEW!** In this new and expanded edition of Michel Chossudovsky’s bestseller, the author blows away the smokescreen put up by the mainstream media, that 9/11 was an attack on America by Islamic terrorists. This expanded edition, which includes 12 new chapters, focuses on the use of 9/11 as a pretext for the invasion and illegal occupation of Iraq, the militarization of justice and law enforcement and the repeal of democracy. According to Chossudovsky, the “war on terrorism” is a complete fabrication based on the illusion that one man, Osama bin Laden, outwitted the \$40 billion-a-year American intelligence apparatus. The war on terrorism is a war of conquest. Globalization is the final march to the New World Order, dominated by Wall Street and the U.S. military-industrial complex. September 11, 2001 provides a justification for waging a war without borders. Washington’s agenda consists in extending the frontiers of the American empire to facilitate complete U.S. corporate control, while installing within America the institutions of the Homeland Security State. Chossudovsky peels back layers of rhetoric to reveal a complex web of deceit aimed at luring the American people and the rest of the world into accepting a military solution which threatens the future of humanity. Softcover, 387 pages, \$25 plus \$4 S&H inside the U.S. (Email us at [Bookstore@americanfreepress.net](mailto:Bookstore@americanfreepress.net) for international S&H.)





Owner Katharine Graham poses with son Donald Graham (left) and Executive Editor Ben Bradlee in 1991. The *Post* has long been claimed to be a conduit for fake news and propaganda. DENNIS COOK/AFP

Critics of *The Washington Post* have long asserted that the newspaper has been used as a cover-up asset for U.S. intelligence.

Woodward, for example, was portrayed by *All the President's Men* as a hungry, young reporter who had been an outsider writing about filthy restaurants. In reality, Woodward had worked at the Pentagon under Adm. Thomas Moorer. According to "Watergate.com," Woodward ran the communications center and was responsible for the delivery of messages from the Pentagon to the White House and the National Security Council. While performing these duties, Woodward nurtured a connection with Gen. Alexander Haig, who some researchers claim later provided Woodward with some of the in-

formation attributed to "Deep Throat," Woodward's anonymous source.

In recent years, Accuracy in Media (AIM) has criticized the *Post's* lack of transparency regarding the ties of Jeff Bezos to the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the National Security Agency. Bezos, the founder, chairman, and CEO of Amazon.com, purchased the *Post* for \$250 million in 2013. He has also brokered for Amazon a \$600 million contract with the CIA.

Last December, the *Post* was the preferred outlet for anonymous CIA leaks regarding Trump and Russia. An unnamed source told the *Post* that a secret CIA report had concluded that Russia interfered in the 2016 election for Trump.

Glenn Greenwald of online news source "The



A new movie about the *Post* is loaded with even more fake news than the pages of the famed CIA-controlled paper.

Intercept" wrote about the "explosive story that, in many ways, is classic American journalism of the worst sort: The key claims are based exclusively on the unverified assertions of anonymous officials, who in turn are disseminating their own claims about what the CIA purportedly believes, all based on evidence that remains completely secret."

In April, critics blasted the *Post* for allowing a lobbyist from Raytheon—which manufactures Tomahawk cruise missiles—to publish pro-war editorials without disclosing his background. After the missile strikes in Syria, Raytheon's stock skyrocketed.

Whether influencing Hollywood productions in an attempt to disfigure credible history or allowing the infiltration of anonymous CIA influences, *The Washington Post* has a problem that is both historical and current.

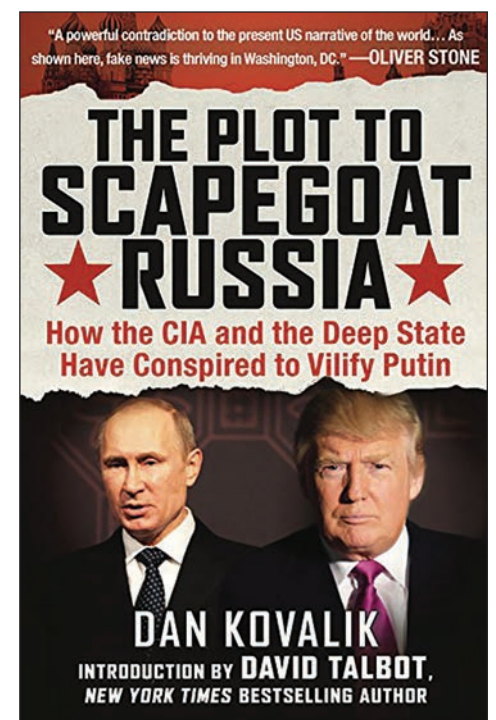
In their perpetual drive to be the paper of record on every story that traversed the Graham dynasty, it is now apparent that the *Post*—the newspaper and its depiction on film—is an untrustworthy media source for those who actually prefer their truth to be truthful. ★

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# *The Plot to Scapegoat Russia*

*How the CIA and the Deep State Have Conspired to Vilify Putin*

**NEW FROM AFP!** By Dan Kovalik, introduction by David Talbot. Since 1945, the U.S. has justified numerous wars, interventions, and military build-ups based on the pretext of the Russian Red Menace, even after the Soviet Union collapsed at the end of 1991 and Russia stopped being Red. In fact, the two biggest post-war American conflicts, the Korean and Vietnam wars, were not, as has been frequently claimed, about stopping Soviet expansion, but about maintaining old colonial relationships. Similarly, many lesser interventions and conflicts, such as those in Latin America, were also based upon an alleged Soviet threat, which was greatly nonexistent. And now the specter of a Russian Menace has been raised again in the wake of Donald Trump's election. *The Plot to Scapegoat Russia* examines the recent proliferation of stories, usually from American state actors, manipulating the threat of Russia, and the long history of which this episode is but the latest chapter. It will show readers: 1) the ways in which the U.S. has needlessly provoked Russia, thereby squandering hopes for peace and cooperation; and 2) how Americans have lost out from this missed opportunity, and from decades of conflicts based upon false premises. *The Plot to Scapegoat Russia* is one of the timeliest reads of the year. Softcover, 240 pages, \$19 plus \$4 S&H inside the U.S. (Outside the U.S. email bookstore@AmericanFreePress.net.) Mail your order to AFP, 16000 Trade Zone Avenue, Unit 406, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774. Call 1-888-699-6397 toll free, Mon.-Thu. 9-5 to discuss what credit card options we can offer.



# Murdered Woman's Memorial Removed by Minneapolis Police

By John Friend

Police in Minneapolis have removed a makeshift memorial created by a white nationalist group to honor and commemorate the tragic death of Justine Damond. The Australian-born woman was killed earlier this summer by a Somali-born police officer in a controversial and bizarre shooting. The memorial (shown at right) had been set up following press reports that the police officer, who shot the innocent woman, would likely not be prosecuted for the terrible act.

Ms. Damond, an Australian woman who was married to an American man, was inexplicably shot by Minneapolis police officer Mohamed Noor after she called 911 to report a woman screaming outside her home in mid-July. Noor fired at Ms. Damond when she approached his police cruiser that fateful night, resulting in her tragic death. As this newspaper reported at the time, Noor refused to cooperate with investigating officials, and numerous complaints had been filed against him.

Supporters and relatives of Ms. Damond have been critical of the investigation of her unnecessary death and the failure of officials to charge Noor with a crime. "We are deeply concerned about the possibility that the initial investigation was not done properly and with . . . integrity," John Ruszczyk, Ms. Damond's father, recently stated. As AFP goes to press, no formal charges have been brought against Noor.

Identity Evropa, a California-based white nationalist and activist group, created a memorial for Ms. Damond days before Christmas, only to have



it torn down and removed by Minneapolis police.

"One family will be having an incomplete Christmas this year," Identity Evropa noted in a tweet from its official Twitter account. "Identity Evropa activists created a shrine for Justine Damond at the 5th Precinct in Minneapolis, Minn., where her Somali-born killer—whom a judge recently decided not to charge—was assigned." The tweet includes photos of the shrine, which has since been dismantled.

John Elder, a police department spokesman, explained to Minnesota Public Radio recently that the memorial was immediately removed as soon as officials learned of its creation. "We cannot allow any memorial and anything like that to be put up at that location," Elder stated.

Jacob Frey, the newly elected mayor of Minneapolis, also condemned the memorial created by Identity Evropa, which was designed to not only commemorate the bizarre and truly tragic death of Ms. Damond, but to also highlight vio-



JUSTINE DAMOND

lence committed by immigrants and the blatant racial double standards on display when it comes to police violence.

"Identity Evropa and those who share their values have no place in our city," Frey said. "Hate has no place in Minneapolis. Period." Black Lives Matter activists and other radical leftist groups regularly create makeshift memorials and other shrines to victims of "police brutality" and rarely receive condemnation or official resistance from political leaders. White nationalist and right-wing groups, on the other hand, are almost immediately condemned and targeted when engaging in this form of activism.

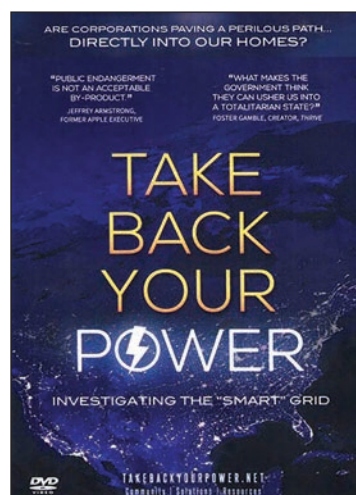
Identity Evropa also created a similar memorial in San Francisco for Kate Steinle, a young white woman who was tragically killed by an illegal alien on July 1, 2015 while walking along Pier 14 in the Embarcadero district with her father. Ms. Steinle was shot and killed by Jose Inez Garcia Zarate, who had been deported numerous times from the U.S. only to illegally re-enter the country. In a controversial ruling, Zarate was recently acquitted of homicide in the shooting death of Ms. Steinle.

That makeshift memorial created by Identity Evropa was also removed at the behest of officials in San Francisco. ★

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# Judge Declares Mistrial in Bundy Case

• Important information that could help defendants was hidden from defense team

By Mark Anderson

**A**round 50 supporters of the Bundy family on the morning of Tuesday, Dec. 20 left the U.S. District Court-house in Las Vegas in a state of elation. Judge Gloria Navarro ruled to declare a mistrial in the current proceedings involving longtime Bunkerville, Nev. rancher Cliven Bundy, his sons, Ryan and Ammon, and Ryan Payne.

These four defendants have become emblematic of the plight of ranchers resisting onerous federal land controls. They were joined in the spring of 2014 by hundreds of protesters, who arrived from across the nation and gathered near Bundy's ranch in Clark County, in southern Nevada, to exercise their First and Second Amendment rights.

These stalwart souls protested the actions of Bureau of Land Management agents, as well as armed FBI agents and contractors, who had arrived to impound Bundy's cattle over allegations of unpaid grazing fees on public lands.

The impoundment attempt, on April 12, 2014, was unsuccessful.

But while the government turned tail and retreated that day, a 16-count federal indictment was eventually handed down. Cliven, Ammon, and the two Ryans were among nearly 20 individuals initially indicted in this now-legendary federal case, which hasn't gone well for prosecutors ever since the first of several planned trials started in February 2017.



AMMON & RYAN BUNDY

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It's obvious to all who have been watching that the Bundys have been targeted simply because they refused to kow tow to the police state.

The government, despite spending millions of taxpayer dollars, has seen its case steadily deflate to the point where, as of now, the only remaining piece is for the prosecution and the defense to deliver briefs, by 5 p.m. Dec. 29, to Judge Navarro. Those briefs will consist of arguments to enable the judge to decide whether or not to fully dismiss the case.

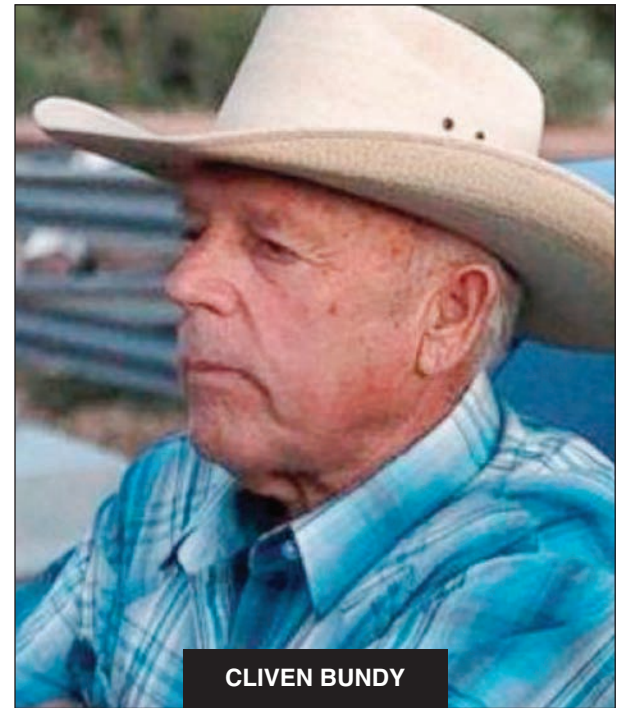
The mistrial happened just before 9:30 a.m. Pacific Time on Dec. 20, as, “Navarro told the jury to ‘Go home. . . . It's over,’” recounted Roger Roots, a legal expert and author who has observed firsthand virtually every Bundy trial proceeding.

After Judge Navarro reviews the briefs, an open hearing will be convened at 9 a.m. on Jan. 8. That day, if she rules for dismissal “without prejudice,” the indictment remains in force and federal prosecutors technically could reset the trial of Cliven and the three others, reportedly for Feb. 26. But if she rules for dismissal “with prejudice,” then the indictment is dissolved.

A dissolved indictment would mean the government would have to go to the trouble and expense of convening a new grand jury in order to seek a new indictment—which would constitute “double jeopardy” and, therefore, a constitutional violation. Roots does not believe the government would even try to get a new indictment if it were to face such a high legal hurdle.

Judge Navarro's findings for a mistrial were founded on the fact that the prosecution had committed at least five *Brady v. Maryland* violations, including: failing to disclose to the defense the existence of surveillance cameras, including those trained at the Bundy homestead; not disclosing the fact that concealed snipers were stationed around the area at the time of the 2014 standoff; not disclosing the existence of maps of the snipers' positions; and, among other things, not disclosing threat-assessment reports, which include government admissions that Cliven and company are not dangerous people.

In a dramatic twist, family patriarch Cliven Bundy, as a matter of principle, stayed in prison despite a court ruling at a recent detention release



CLIVEN BUNDY

hearing that allowed him to go home under house arrest. He has been jailed since early 2016 while suffering from health problems. Bundy based his decision on the fact that a few remaining defendants are still in jail awaiting a final trial, scheduled to take place sometime in 2018.

Ryan Bundy stated: “My father's position on not coming out is that he's an innocent man. He's not guilty of any crime. And the standard in America is that we are innocent until proven guilty. It's the government's responsibility and it's their duty and their obligation to provide that proof. We shouldn't have been in jail, not one day.”

Ryan and Ammon Bundy, as well as Ryan Payne, all were recently released under house-arrest rulings, after an equally grueling amount of time behind bars. Sibling Mel Bundy was similarly released.

During a recent on-the-air interview, Cliven's daughter-in-law Briana, who is Mel's wife, told “Free Speech Zone” host Jim Lambley of KSDZ-FM “The Twister” out of Nebraska that in the almost two years that Cliven Bundy has been behind bars, several more grandchildren were born, yet he still chose to remain in jail to stand for the others still imprisoned.

Roots, who's cautiously optimistic, said that given the mistrial ruling, the final few defendants behind bars have a dramatically improved chance of never going to trial.

“Cliven won't go home until this case is all the way over,” he remarked, moved by the patriarch's ironclad principles. ★

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# The Deep State's Gift to You: 24/7 Unending Surveillance

By John W. Whitehead

**T**he Deep State wants to give America the gift that keeps on giving: never-ending mass surveillance. If this power-hungry cabal gets its way, the government's power to spy on its citizens will soon be all-encompassing and permanent.

As it now stands, Section 702 of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act—the legal basis for two of the National Security Agency's (NSA) largest mass surveillance programs, "PRISM" and "Upstream"—is set to expire at the end of 2017.

"PRISM" lets the NSA access emails, video chats, instant messages, and other content sent via Facebook, Google, Apple, and others. "Upstream" lets the NSA worm its way into the Internet backbone—the cables and switches owned by private corporations like AT&T that make the Internet into a global network—and scan traffic for the communications of tens of thousands of individuals labeled "targets."

Section 702 has been used as an end-run around the Constitution to allow the government to collect the actual content of Americans' emails, phone calls, text messages, and other electronic communication without a warrant.

Under Section 702, the government collects and analyzes over 250 million Internet communications every year. There are estimates that at least half of these contain information about U.S.



THE NSA's PRISM and Upstream surveillance programs are clearly unconstitutional.

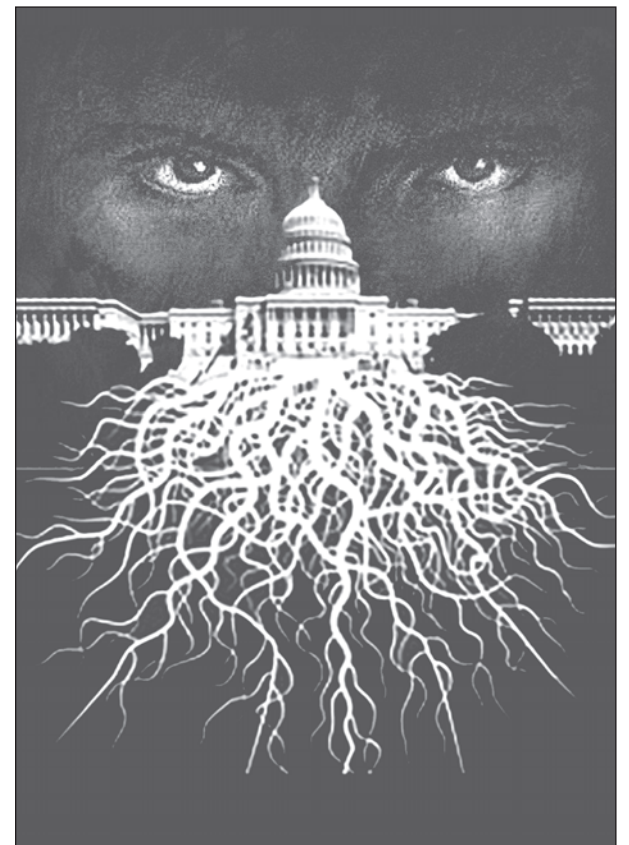
residents, many of whom have done nothing wrong. This information is then shared with law enforcement and "routinely used for purposes unrelated to national security."

Mind you, Section 702 gives the government access to the very content of your conversations (phone calls, text messages, video chats), your photographs, your emails.

So beware of what you say, what you read, what you write, where you go, and with whom you communicate, because it will all be recorded, stored, and used against you eventually, at a time and place of the government's choosing. Privacy, as we have known it, is dead.

For all intents and purposes, we now have a fourth branch of government.

This fourth branch came into being without any electoral mandate or constitutional referendum, and yet it possesses superpowers, above



and beyond those of any other government agency save the military. It is all-knowing, all-seeing, and all-powerful. It operates beyond the reach of the president, Congress, and the courts, and it marches in lockstep with the corporate elite who really call the shots in Washington, D.C.

The government's "technotyrranny" surveillance apparatus has become so entrenched and entangled with its police state apparatus that it's hard to know anymore where law enforcement ends and surveillance begins.

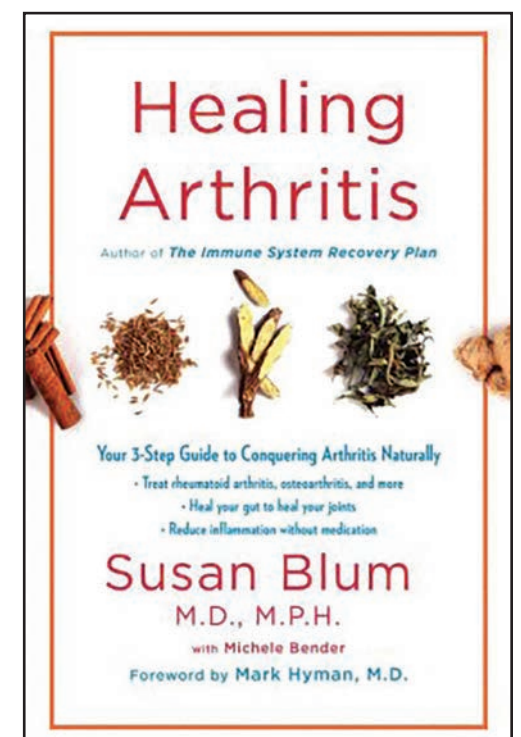
The short answer: They have become one and the same entity.

The police state has passed the baton to the surveillance state.

## Healing Arthritis

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This hasn't fazed President Trump who, much like his predecessors, has thus far marched in lockstep with the dictates of the police state.

For months, the Trump Administration has been actively lobbying Congress to reauthorize Section 702 in its entirety. Now, according to *The Intercept*, Trump is actively considering a proposal to establish his own global, private spy network that would circumvent official U.S. intelligence agencies and answer directly to the White House.

If approved, this would be yet another secret government agency carrying out secret surveillance and counterintelligence, funded by a secret black-ops budget that by its very nature does away with transparency, bypasses accountability, and completely eludes any form of constitutionality. As if we weren't being spied on enough already.

On any given day, the average American is now monitored, surveilled, spied on, and tracked in more than 20 different ways by both government and corporate eyes and ears.

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Yet warrantless mass surveillance by the government and its corporate cohorts hasn't made

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It's time to let Section 702 expire or reform the law to ensure that millions of Americans are not victimized.

America any safer. And it certainly isn't helping to preserve our freedoms. Frankly, America will never be safe as long as the U.S. government is allowed to shred the Constitution.

Now the government wants us to believe that we have nothing to fear from its mass spying program because they're only looking to get the "bad" guys who are overseas. Don't believe it. Warrantless mass surveillance of American citizens is wrong, un-American, and unconstitutional.

Clearly, the outlook for reforming the government's unconstitutional surveillance programs does not look good.

As I make clear in my books, whenever the rights of the American people are pitted against the interests of the military/corporate/security complex, "we the people" lose. Unless Congress develops a conscience—or suddenly remembers that they owe their allegiance to the citizenry and not the corporate state—We the People are bound to lose big.

It's time to let Section 702 expire or reform the law to ensure that millions and millions of Americans are not being victimized by a government that no longer respects its constitutional limits.

Mark my words: If Congress votes to make the NSA's vast spying powers permanent, it will be yet another brick in the wall imprisoning us within an electronic concentration camp from which there is no escape. ★

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# Climate Change Issue Manipulated to Advance the New World Order

By Mark Anderson

**T**he Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy—which held a Paris summit only days after its early-December North American Climate Summit in Chicago—is taking even more countermeasures against President Trump’s mid-2017 decision to forgo national-level involvement in the 2015 Paris Agreement.

Fresh out of that “One Planet Summit” Dec. 12 in Paris, the covenant, in so doing, is working tightly with California, whose governor, Edmund G. “Jerry” Brown, evidently fancies himself as a virtual U.S. president, despite the clear U.S. constitutional provision [Art. I. Sect. 8] that negotiating international pacts and treaties is not the domain of the states and their sub-units.

Indeed, California, in symphony with the covenant, is fixated on substituting state and local action for national action—on an international scale.

Just for starters, Brown and the covenant want all participating cities, non-profits, select business interests and other entities to bring detailed descriptions of their commitments to fight “climate change” to yet another major event—the 2018 Global Action Summit in California, to take place Sept. 12-14 in San Francisco.

While these activist mayors and their state and local associates acknowledge that national governments negotiated the 2015 Paris Agreement, they maintain that the agreement’s main

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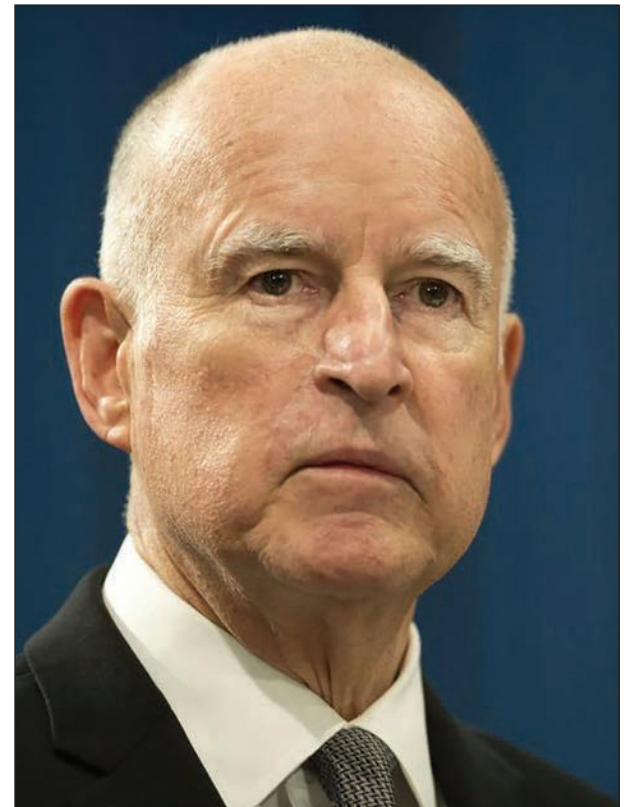
The Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy is taking even more steps to thwart Trump.

goal—to limit global temperature increases to under 2 degrees Celsius—“can only be achieved if ‘sub-national’ state and local leaders, businesses, scientists, students, nonprofits, and others step up,” as a California news release explained, amid recent trips by Gov. Brown to work with national leaders overseas.

Brown announced the California summit at the Global Citizen Festival in Hamburg, Germany in July. “The summit will be the first time a U.S. state convenes people from around the world to support the international Paris Agreement,” his press office clarified at the time.

Back in June, Gov. Brown was named Special Advisor for States and Regions ahead of the 2017 UN Climate Change Conference (COP 23) by a national leader, Fiji Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama, who’s COP 23’s president.

This followed Brown’s meetings, with Chinese President Xi Jinping, no less, during a week-long trip to China. Brown also met with



**California Gov. Jerry Brown**—a devout follower of the new climate change religion—is working with mayors across the country to thwart the president’s reversal of U.S. “global warming” doctrine.

Germany’s top national environmental official, Minister Barbara Hendricks, in San Francisco.

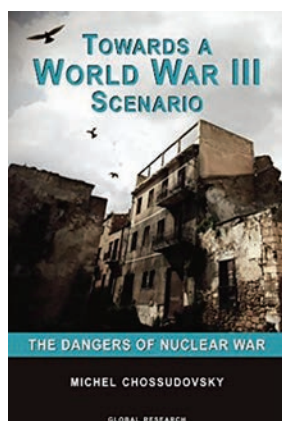
Moreover, the 2018 San Francisco summit is seen as a means of strengthening the push for emissions-reduction targets that will be set at the 24th UN “Conference of the Parties” (COP 24), slated for December 2018.

Notably, the California summit will build on those recent Chicago and Paris summits, to further solidify the idea that national-level input is considered a mere formality in briskly sewing to-

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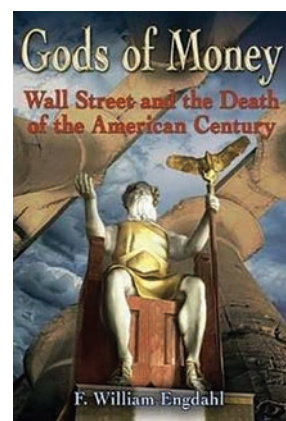


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gether a preconceived worldwide consensus on the assumed “reality” that man-made climate change comes from industrial, agricultural and other routine atmospheric emissions.

At COP 24, these leaders plan to set goals for a five-year period that starts in 2020, sparking a “groundswell of climate action” to impress upon national leaders that they must “further decarbonize the economy,” Gov. Brown’s office also announced.

“Cities, states, and businesses are leading the way on climate change because they understand the economic and health benefits of action,” former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who heads the mayoral covenant, was quoted as saying by Brown’s office. “After President Trump announced U.S. withdrawal from the Paris Agreement, we created a new effort, ‘America’s Pledge,’ to keep our nation on track to uphold our commitment.”

America’s Pledge is just one item signed at the North American Climate Summit, held Dec. 4-6 in Chicago. The Chicago Climate Charter was signed there as well, calling for participating cities to undertake policies to meet or exceed the Paris emissions limits.

Then, at the One Planet Summit in Paris less than a week later, two major press bulletins were issued:

One announced a new World Bank partnership with the Global Covenant of Mayors, calling for \$4.5 billion in U.S. dollars to be lent, “to ensure 150 cities have the funds to implement initiatives to . . . fight climate change.”

The other stressed that, two years after the Paris Agreement’s ratification, three new initiatives and partnerships “will accelerate the implementation of the Paris Agreement in cities and local governments across the world.”

The second one includes the One Planet Charter, described as “a new commitment campaign that will help cities swiftly implement actions to ensure Paris Agreement goals are met.”

It also involves “breakthrough partnerships” with the EU, the European Investment Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, representing an additional expansion of debt to help fill “the urban financing gap” to enable cities to battle “climate change”—another major plank in what’s shaping up to be a revolutionary offensive that eerily mirrors the revealing April 1974 “Foreign Affairs” article by Council on Foreign Relations fellow Richard Gardner, entitled the “Hard Road to World Order.” To wit:

“In short, the ‘house of world order’ would have to be built from the bottom up rather than from the top down . . . . An end run around national sovereignty, eroding it piece by piece, will accomplish much more than the old-fashioned frontal assault.” ★

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# Globalists May Get Golden Boy Into Top-Level Intelligence Spot

By Mark Anderson

**D**id Sen. Tom Cotton (R-Ark.)—one of five current U.S. officials who attended the Bilderberg group’s 2017 meeting in June in Chantilly, Va.—get the coveted “Bilderberg boost”?

Some six months after that Bilderberg meeting, Cotton, the youngest-ever U.S. senator, suddenly became the most likely top nominee to head the Central Intelligence Agency, of all places.

And while President Donald Trump’s controversial consideration of nominating Cotton for the top CIA post is no secret, Cotton’s attendance at the 65th Bilderberg meeting, along with Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) and three White House officials, never made mainstream headlines.

Trump has denied he has plans for shaking up his cabinet, but reports indicate Cotton may be called upon to replace Mike Pompeo as CIA director, because the former Kansas GOP congressman is being looked at to replace Rex Tillerson as secretary of state.

Bilderberg was founded with CIA money as an offshoot of the post-WWII European (consolidation) Movement, as documented by British professor Richard Aldrich. It meets annually, inviting the world’s richest and most powerful for a weekend in late spring at a five-star private resort.

Former and current foreign intelligence personnel and their central-banking allies are among those who attend Bilderberg every year, along with European royalty, major industry captains, the head of NATO, high-tech gurus bent on monopolizing the flow of world information, and select media whose editors and top writers attend but leave their notebooks and journalistic scruples at the door, per Bilderberg’s tradition.

Bilderberg meetings often feature future political leaders shortly before they become household names. Bill Clinton attended in 1991 while governor of Arkansas. Tony Blair was there two years later while still an opposition member of Parliament. All the recent presidents of the European Commission attended Bilderberg meetings before they were appointed.

Considering the internationalist, interventionist pedigree of Bilderberg’s former and current steering committee personnel and the group’s longtime extreme secrecy regarding its networking and planning role in fostering world government, it certainly matters if Bilderberg’s “talent spotters” see Cotton as a “rising star” with whom they can collaborate.

Cotton, like Graham, is an unrelenting pro-Zionist, neo-conservative warmonger. Those among his critics with intelligence backgrounds believe he sorely lacks CIA-relevant experience and would have trouble leaving his clash-of-civilizations ideology at the door in Langley.

Backed during his Senate bid with nearly \$1 million from pro-Zionist media shill William Kristol, Cotton won his Senate seat after serving just one House term, showing he’s already leap-frogging in the corridors of power. He strongly favors withdrawing U.S. support for the Iran nuclear deal signed under the Obama White House. Moreover, Cotton supports a confrontational policy against Russia, and disregards Palestinians’ rights amid their virtual captivity under Israeli military rule.

Considering Cotton’s attendance at Bilderberg—whose core members are ardent free-traders and support the recent creation of a new, separate EU army to partner with NATO to “up the ante” versus Russia—putting the Harvard-educated former Army soldier into the nation’s top intelligence post would bring with it a plethora of risks. ★



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# Anti-White Racism Hits Virginia Tech

• Student-teacher finds out the hard way how the left is crushing freedom of speech

By John Friend

In perhaps a sign of better things to come in the years ahead, Americans of all ages and backgrounds continue to buck the shackles of political correctness despite the consequences of simply expressing their First Amendment rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

Mark Neuhoff, a master's student at Virginia Tech University pursuing a degree in English, who also has worked as a graduate teaching assistant (GTA) at the university, is one such example.

Neuhoff, originally from the Chicago area, received his undergraduate degree in English at Northern Illinois University in 2013 and then served a two-year stint in the U.S. Army as a linguist. He left the Army in 2015 and eventually enrolled in the master's program at Virginia Tech, where he agreed to also serve as a GTA.

As soon as Neuhoff arrived on campus at Virginia Tech last summer, he realized he was in hostile territory, especially as a Trump supporter and unabashed critical thinker operating in a leftist, politically correct university environment, which the vast majority of college campuses in America have degenerated into.

"I came to Virginia Tech as a GTA last August, right in the middle of election season," Neuhoff explained to this reporter in a recent interview. "My peers and professors openly bashed Trump and, thus, being a Trump supporter, I felt quite out of place. I sought out likeminded Trump sup-



MARK NEUHOFF

porters and America-firsters on Facebook, gaining a large crowd of friends who responded favorably to my posts."

Neuhoff's personal Facebook posts and his online associations attracted the attention of both radical left-wing activists at Virginia Tech and local antifa members, who led a vicious campaign against the young man in an attempt to get him expelled from the university and fired from his GTA position.

Some of Neuhoff's friends and online associ-

ates attended the Unite the Right rally last summer in Charlottesville, Va. Readers of this paper will recall the rally, legally organized by conservatives and leading members of right-wing groups, was sabotaged by local and state officials in Virginia while hysterically demonized by the hostile fake-news media and radical leftist activist organizations.

Although Neuhoff himself did not attend, local antifa members and left-leaning activists at Virginia Tech attempted to tie him to the rally and pointed to his controversial Facebook posts to denounce him as a "racist" and "white supremacist," weaponized buzzwords used to slander and delegitimize individuals who express pro-white or nationalist views, as Neuhoff openly did on Facebook.

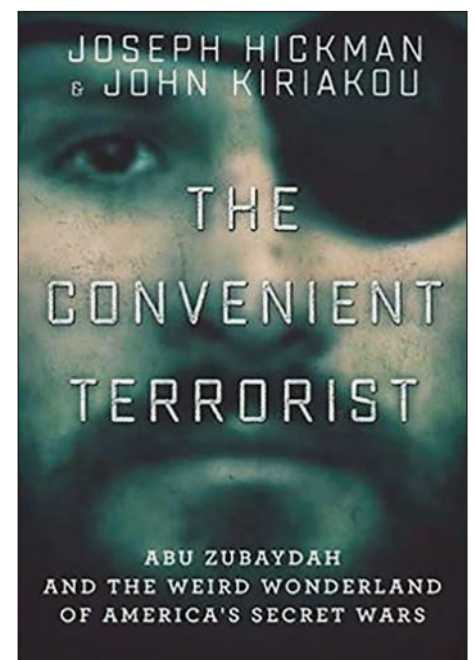
"After the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, I was doxxed [his personal information was posted on the Internet as an act of revenge] by antifa, despite not having attended the rally myself," Neuhoff continued. "A senior at my university, Tori Coan, a political activist and member of both the United Feminist Movement and Young Democratic Socialists, who previously protested Charles Murray, author of *The Bell Curve*, when he spoke at Virginia Tech, then instigated a campaign to get me fired, solely on account of my private Facebook posts."

On his personal Facebook page, where Neuhoff posted as "Mark Daniel" (his first and middle name), the young student expressed politically incorrect views, which included challenging the official narrative explaining WWII and the so-called Jewish Holocaust as well as supporting the notion that Western civilization was built by white Euro-

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**Leftists are funny—and incredibly intolerant.** Here agitators hold a sign demanding that “Nazis” leave the campus of Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va. unless, of course, they agree with prevailing politically correct ideology. Also funny, the faces of the protesters have been blurred to protect their identities from “evil racists” when it is in fact leftists that consistently threaten the physical safety of anyone who disagrees with them.

pean peoples and that, “Whites must be in control if we are to preserve Western culture,” as Neuhoff noted in one such post.

Such “controversial” perspectives are regularly demonized as “racist,” “hateful,” and potentially “violent,” and Neuhoff was immediately branded a “white supremacist” by his detractors.

“‘White supremacist’ and ‘racist’ are two terms that just mean ‘witch,’” Neuhoff told this newspaper. “Western countries at the moment are universally suffering from an epidemic of anti-white racism, and the approved attitude toward this dilemma is one of obedience and submission. Those who speak out to any extent are sinners. Everyone from Trump to Dylann Roof is a ‘white supremacist,’ with no gray area in between. I think that’s obnoxious. We live in a time of such rabid falsehood, the way our nation’s enemies skirt around their free speech dilemma is by portraying dissident speech as ‘hate speech,’ a nebulous term used to sideline a category of speech and opinion that is apparently promoting ‘violence,’ even though, such as in my case, nothing could be further from the truth.”

After the uproar on campus following the exposure of Neuhoff’s Facebook posts, the English Department at Virginia Tech commendably stood by Neuhoff, an action that generated even more outrage from the left, and did not cave in to the demands of the rabid left-wing campus radicals and antifa organizers who were calling for his ouster.

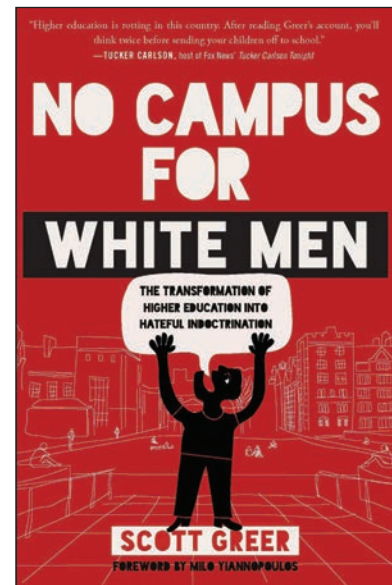
“When my department learned about this, I was informed that I had done nothing wrong, that my speech is protected, and that the university will provide me the resources they have available—specifically police protection—in case I wish it,” Neuhoff explained. “A month later, seeing that the university would not fire me for my private speech, Coan and a couple other people protested my university president’s state of the university address, chanting, “No Nazis! No KKK! No Fascist GTA!,” in reference to me. They were escorted out by campus police.”

Neuhoff continued: “At this time, a bunch of slanted fake-news stories proliferated detailing the false narrative that ‘Virginia Tech is defending white supremacy.’ Headlines attempted to malign Tech as having a ‘white supremacy problem.’ A black student group planned to protest one of the classes that I teach, which the campus police knew about in advance, so they escorted me to that class and successfully thwarted the protest. Later, in early November, with the university still failing to take action against me due to my private posts, there was a ‘march against white supremacy’ on the campus, which was recorded by local TV stations. That’s when I started to break my silence and really try to actively get my side of the story out there. I appeared on local news denouncing the fake news stories and clarified myself and my side of the story.”

Due to all the controversy, Neuhoff has decided not to teach this upcoming semester. Instead, Neuhoff said he “will be designing a free speech class for the English department with my chair, who is so passionate about free speech that she updated the English department’s website to reflect its commitment to free speech.”

He added: “Freedom of speech exists today in America, though only if you are expressing approved opinions. There’s no point even to have a law that protects the right to free speech if people are only allowed safely to express approved opinions. That law exists so that dissident, offensive speech is protected. Freedom of speech is such that you should be able to criticize the government, an individual, or a group and not suffer for it. It is so that we avoid the tyranny of the majority, so that a person expressing a minority opinion is not crucified for daring to speak against the prevailing orthodoxy.”

As free speech and open intellectual inquiry—concepts enshrined by the U.S. Constitution—continue to come under tyrannical assault in America, Neuhoff and Virginia Tech should be commended for their courage and determination in the face of such anti-American hostility. ★



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# 2017 a Tough Year for White People

• Since Trump election, whites have been attacked on multiple cultural, financial fronts

By Dave Gahary

What a year it's been for those of us unlucky enough to be born white. It used to be that white heritage was something to be proud of. Heck, it was white, northern Europeans who founded the greatest nation—unquestionably—to ever grace the planet Earth.

Whiteness, for lack of a better term, however, is not just limited to the great people who crossed the ocean to come to this new world from those northern European countries.

My father was born in what is modern-day Iran, and his mother, also Iranian, was blond-haired and blue-eyed. He came to this country and pulled himself up by his own bootstraps, following in the footsteps of those who subscribed to the Puritan work ethic. In fact, the Caucasian race includes some or all of the ancient and modern populations of Europe, the Caucasus, Asia Minor, North Africa, the Horn of Africa, Western Asia, Central Asia, and South Asia. Having lily-white skin is not the sole determinate of whiteness. It is, among other things, the adherence to the values, traditions, and trust in an almighty creator promulgated by America's founding white stock.

This writer knows from personal experience that readers of this newspaper are some of the most intelligent and informed people to be found anywhere, so it is certainly not necessary to rehash what some of the reporters here at AMERICAN FREE PRESS have written about this past year covering the war on whites.

Some of the latest examples, however, of how



A workman scrubs red paint that had been thrown on the statue of Thomas Jefferson on the campus of the University of Virginia.

all—yes, all—whites have a target on their backs deserve mentioning, because they encapsulate succinctly how, in one short year, the race that has brought more progress, development, and civility to the world, has been demonized to the point of being shunted aside immediately and denigrated by the media, corporate, and political classes, just for being white.

The first example of how being associated with anyone who is proud of their white her-

itage should be avoided at all costs comes from a suburb of Louisville, Ky., where Papa John's Pizza, the third largest pizza delivery and take-out restaurant chain in the country, with over 4,700 units worldwide, is located.

The chain was founded by 56-year-old "Papa" John H. Schnatter, who started in a broom closet in the back of his father's tavern, by selling his 1971 Camaro to purchase \$1,600 worth of used pizza equipment, a poster child for the American dream.

Sorry, Papa, not in today's America.

Seems "Papa" John committed the cardinal sin of speaking out against Obamacare in 2012, calling it a "lose-lose" for his company's franchisees and employees, arguing it would drive up pizza prices. In the America of yore—"white America," shall we say—this would simply be a businessman's opinion. But in today's multicultural America, his statement was met with fury. Boycotts were promised, causing the company's stock to slump almost 5%.

Schnatter got into further hot water with our media masters when he had the unmitigated gall to donate \$1,000 to Donald Trump's presidential campaign and then had the gumption to criticize the multimillionaire ingrates—over 70% black—of the National Football League (NFL) for their inappropriate "protests," which have hurt his business. Papa John's is the official pizza sponsor of the NFL.

"That's racist!" squealed the liberal left and their media arm, reporting widely that the semi-satirical "white supremacist" website "Daily Stormer" declared Papa John's to be the official pizza of the alt-right, along with an image of a pepperoni pizza with the meat slices aligned into a swastika. Although Papa John's released

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At right, a worker uses a cleanser on spray paint used to deface the pedestal of the Nathan Bedford Forrest tomb/equestrian statue in Memphis, Tenn. The mayor, determined to jettison the statue and legally desecrate the grave site of Forrest and his wife, sold the park for pennies to a private group on Dec. 21, allowing for removal of the monument.



a statement condemning “racists,” the negative coverage applied enough pressure to force Schnatter to step down as CEO of the company he created.

On Dec. 21, the same day “Papa” John announced his exile from the chief executive suite, *Los Angeles Times Magazine* had its cover graced by six Academy Award contenders for Best Actress. No problem there, except they were—yikes!—all white. That was just way too much for the liberal universe to bear. “Where are the Women of Color?!” they screamed. One of those on the cover was actress Jessica Chastain, who “joined the chorus of outrage over a racially homogeneous magazine cover.”

“It’s a sad look that there’s no WOC [Women of Color] in this pic of us promoting our female lead films. The industry needs to become more inclusive in its storytelling,” Ms. Chastain tweeted. “It’s terrible that I can’t think of at least five female lead films with WOC this year.”

Never mind that if non-white actresses were talented enough to get the roles and then get nominated they might be on the cover, or if all six were “women of color” no one would bat an eye. But heaven forbid that white talent exists and it dares to be advertised. This simply cannot be done in 21st-century America. It’s just too darned racist.

Here are just a few more examples of the targeting of white people and traditional white culture in 2017:

- The Christopher Columbus statue in Central Park, N.Y. was vandalized as “supremacist.”
- Statues of multiple Confederate soldiers have been defaced across the South and many have been removed under police protection in the middle of the night, alleging these men were only interested in keeping the institution of slavery alive. This included the desecration of the tomb/monument of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest and his wife in Memphis, Tenn.

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- White policemen have been under attack in multiple jurisdictions, allegedly for targeting innocent black people for extermination.

- A pro-white rally in Charlottesville, Va. was manipulated by city officials to make it look like whites there were violent racists and “neo-Nazis” resulting in retaliation against any groups not condemning the rally with loss of credit card processing services, website censorship and the cancellation of electronic payment methods.

- Leftist students at the University of Missouri are fighting to have a statue of Thomas Jefferson removed because he was a slaveholder.

- Plans moved forward to replace Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill because he was a slaveholder, and substitute Harriet Tubman, instead.

- Leftist students at the University of Texas have petitioned to have the equestrian statue of George Washington removed from campus because it made some feel “uncomfortable.”

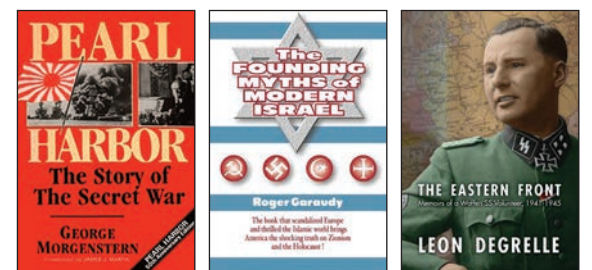
- A statue of Thomas Jefferson at the University of Virginia—the institution he founded—was defaced by leftist hooligans as “racist.”

- Hundreds of school names and street names were changed across America because they were named after “racist” whites.

- Dozens of bogus hate crimes were blamed on whites, but the media hardly ever reported the fact that the majority of the perpetrators were minorities looking to inflame the public.

- An unknown number of white students and teachers were reprimanded, fired or expelled for voicing politically incorrect opinions.

So, it’s settled. To be proud of one’s white heritage is to be a hater. Let’s see what 2018 has in store for the most-hated race on the planet. ★



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# Watergate Mysteries Remain 45 Years Later

• Some researchers believe John Dean and wife hold key to real reasons for break-in

By S.T. Patrick

**F**orty-five years after the two Watergate break-ins of June 1972, researchers are still tangling over who ordered the break-ins and why. Since 1984, revisionists have researched and formulated a theory that has changed how skeptical students of Watergate view the scandal that forced the resignation of Richard Nixon.

At a Hofstra University speech in 1987, former Nixon Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman summarized the conventional wisdom among reflective Nixon-era conservatives. “To this day I still don’t know why that was done,” Haldeman said, “and I don’t know anybody who does. Why they would hit the (Democratic) National Headquarters is beyond me, because nobody in that place knows anything anyway.”

At the same symposium, Jeb Magruder, former deputy director of the Committee for the Re-Election of the President (CREEP), pushed the Hughes-Rebozo theory for the break-ins. Multimillionaire Howard Hughes, the theory states, gave \$100,000 to Nixon’s close friend Bebe Rebozo. The money was then used by the Nixon family, in part for furniture and jewelry. The break-ins were executed to find out what information DNC chairman Lawrence O’Brien may have had about the Hughes-Rebozo transaction, as well as to gather damaging information that may persuade O’Brien to withhold the information throughout the 1972 campaign.

Since the 1980s, a team of revisionist historians and researchers have developed a theory that puts former White House Counsel John Dean in the crosshairs of the Watergate debacle. And though Sen. Howard Baker (R-Tenn.) famously asked Dean what Nixon knew about Watergate and when he knew it, researchers now believe that the key to understanding the break-ins themselves lies with Dean, his wife Maureen, and Magruder.

Author Phil Stanford wrote *White House Call Girl: The Real Watergate Story* to detail the life of Heidi Rikan, who ran a call-girl operation at the luxurious Columbia Plaza Apartments, blocks from the Watergate complex. Stanford’s work built on and expanded the research of Jim Hougan’s *Secret Agenda: Watergate, Deep Throat, and the CIA* and Len Colodny and Robert Gettlin’s *Silent Coup: The Removal of a President*.

Ms. Rikan had gathered a crop of women new to the Beltway to entertain Democrat politicians in town on business. Typical for Washington, D.C. prostitution rings of the era, the Columbia Plaza setup was an intelligence-gathering operation that would be used for potential blackmail and political advantage. Private eye Lou Russell



served as security for Rikan at the apartments and has admitted tape-recording telephone conversations between Ms. Rikan’s girls and their clients at the DNC.

One of the Watergate burglars was found with a key belonging to the desk of secretary Ida “Maxie” Wells, the DNC contact who historians believe allegedly instigated the liaisons and whose desk may have contained the real names of the Johns that had used Ms. Rikan’s service.

Stanford found witnesses who tied Maureen (Kane) Biner to Ms. Rikan. “Mo” Biner would later date and then marry Dean. Arguably the most interesting pieces of evidence in the case are Ms. Rikan’s little black books. Unearthed by Ms. Rikan’s sister, the little black books contain the names of politicians, dignitaries, and athletes. Interestingly, one book contains home addresses and phone numbers for Maureen Kane and her mother, Irene. A later version of Ms. Rikan’s black book contains both home and office numbers for the Deans, as well as John Dean’s number at the White House.

Speculation has existed as to the nature of Maureen’s involvement with Ms. Rikan’s operation. Stanford confirmed to this writer that Ms. Rikan and Maureen were friends who partied and traveled together. In *White House Call Girl* he alludes to testimony from various sources that Maureen had been a high-level prostitute, but he denies having documented evidence.

According to Ms. Rikan’s attorney, Phil Bailey, Magruder was seeing “Candy Cane,” one of Ms. Rikan’s prostitutes. As Bailey was walking to-

ward Cane’s apartment one day, he saw a dark-haired man get into a chauffeured black sedan. When Bailey asked who the man was, Cane responded, “You weren’t supposed to see that. That’s the boss of bosses.”

Bailey later identified the man with Cane as Magruder, whose home phone number was also found in Rikan’s books.

Revisionist historians were not alone in doubting Magruder’s Hughes-Rebozo theory for the Watergate motive. Charles Colson, the former presidential counsel, told *The New York Times* that he was almost knocked off his chair when Magruder made the accusation at Hofstra.

Colson once embraced Magruder in a hallway as they served time together in federal prison. Colson wanted real answers to the “what” and “why” questions of the break-ins.

“What were we doing at the Watergate, Jeb?” Colson asked Magruder. “(Magruder) turned white as a sheet and wouldn’t tell me. Later, on the outside, I asked him again. Still he wouldn’t say.”

Magruder did eventually tell author Len Colodny that Dean ordered the break-ins. G. Gordon Liddy had also affirmed Dean’s involvement in testimony given when Ida Wells unsuccessfully sued him for statements he had made about her involvement.

The Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals summarized Liddy’s testimony: “Liddy stated that the burglars’ objective during the Watergate break-in was to determine whether the Democrats possessed information embarrassing to John Dean.”

Magruder, like Colson, would turn to the ministry after leaving prison. He was a Presbyterian minister from 1981 through his death in 2014.

John and Maureen Dean have spent decades defending their side of the Watergate story. Most notably, they sued Colodny. The case was settled out of court and terms were not released. Both parties claim victory to this day. The Deans have denied a close relationship with Ms. Rikan, they have denied that Ms. Rikan ran a call-girl ring, and they deny that the motive for the Watergate break-ins had anything to do with their relationship.

Dean frequently writes about political scandal, predictably comparing each scandal to Watergate and each president to Nixon. Dean’s cooperation with prosecutors on Watergate aided the indictments of administration officials who had once trusted him. To revisionist historians who continue to challenge the accepted view of Watergate, both Dean and Magruder had links to Ms. Rikan’s operation that had to be extracted from the DNC offices.

The near-unanimous opinion of former Nixon appointees is that Dean is a self-serving traitor. To media outlets such as MSNBC that hire him for political commentary to this day, he is the hero who brought down Nixon. ★

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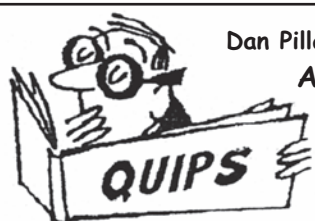
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# D.C. Takes Eyes Off Chinese Aggression

• Communist state continues massive military buildup in the South China Sea

By Richard Walker

While the Trump administration has been focused on the threat from North Korea, China has taken advantage of the situation by further militarizing the South China Sea by building bases across the area.

It is one of the world's most important shipping lanes, handling trillions of dollars of trade annually, and China claims the right to control most of it. To assert its control, beginning in 2012 China's military began to build large military structures on a disputed island. That effort has accelerated at an incredible rate, taking on greater momentum this year. The objective is to provide China with the military capability to strike at any adversary questioning its territorial claims and expanding naval and air roles in the area. China's adversaries include the U.S. and its allies, especially Australia, Taiwan, and the Philippines. China is engaged in a similar project in the East China Sea, threatening Vietnam's territorial rights.

It is in the South China Sea where a conflict is most likely to occur in 2018 if the pace of China's control of the area continues unchecked. Most experts agree that it is unwise for the Trump administration to turn a blind eye to China's military ambitions because it has been exploiting the continued U.S. focus on North Korea. Lately, it has been moving ahead with the construction of island facilities that have all the characteristics of formidable bases of operations that could enable China to control and limit all naval access to the region.

Satellite surveillance has confirmed that the Chinese have been building underground storage facilities on the disputed island, presumably as ammunition storage depots. They have also built runways to handle bombers and fighters. The most advanced radar, sonar, and surveillance equipment have been added to the mix.

While we at AMERICAN FREE PRESS have consistently raised alarm over the years about Chinese military ambitions, not enough congressional attention has been paid to the issue. Former Trump advisor Steve Bannon, however, is on record warning that we will be at war with China in five to 10 years. He pointed out that China was converting South China Sea islands into stationary aircraft carriers and missile sites. *The Guardian* described the Chinese military project as a potential war platform. And in a

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China continues to turn disputed islands into stationary missile sites and aircraft carriers.



Above, President Donald Trump and Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte shake hands during Trump's visit to the Philippines. At left, anti-China marchers in Vietnam protest the Chinese occupation of the Paracel Islands in the South China Sea, islands the Vietnamese say belong to their nation.

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the U.S. has naval facilities that would be vital in any conflict in the region. The country's ruler, the unpredictable and impetuous Rodrigo Duterte, has embraced China. That happened after Trump visited Manila where Duterte sang for him over dinner, and Trump praised him. Later, the Philippine strongman ran into the arms of the Chinese president.

The Chinese wooed him with the one thing he treasures most, and that is money. They promised him billions in aid and in investments in joint infrastructure projects. What they got in return was his view that the South China Sea's disputed areas belong to no one. That undercut the U.S. position that parts of the region were rightfully claimed by Japan and the Philippines.

While some may not consider India to have a stake in the South China and East China Seas dispute, its desire for freedom of navigation has made it an ally of the U.S. and Vietnam. For India, China's military ambitions threaten everyone in the region and countries must make a stand. India does a lot of business with Vietnam, Australia, and the Philippines, making the freedom of the seas significant to its economy, too. In any future conflict between the U.S., its allies, and China, it is likely India would be an American partner. ★

sign the rhetoric from China is becoming more belligerent, the paper quoted a Chinese diplomat threatening that China would seize Taiwan if U.S. craft dared dock in Taiwanese ports.

While President Donald Trump has talked about his close relationship with China's president, Xi Jinping, the Chinese Liberation Army has been busy consolidating its hold over the South China Sea.

As for the U.S. media, it has been relatively silent on the issue. But Australia and Japan have taken notice of China's behavior. Both allies have pressed the Trump administration to pay attention. The Japanese in particular have observed a steady increase in Chinese air and naval activity in the region. Australia may be close to 5,000 miles from China, but it views China's militarization with growing alarm. Australian exports of coal and other minerals pass through the South China Sea, and if China chose to restrict traffic it would severely damage the Australian economy.

There is one curious aspect to the ongoing crisis, namely the role of the Philippines where

# FBI Conspired to Stop Trump from Attaining Presidency

- Evidence mounts that James Comey was complicit in plot to protect Hillary and make sure Trump was ruined

By Patrick J. Buchanan

The original question the FBI investigation of the Trump campaign was to answer was a simple one: Did he do it? Did Donald Trump, or officials with his knowledge, collude with Vladimir Putin's Russia to hack the emails of John Podesta and the Democratic National Committee (DNC), and leak the contents to damage Hillary Clinton and elect Trump?

A year and a half into the investigation, and still, no "collusion" has been found. Yet the investigation goes on, at the demand of the never-Trump media and Beltway establishment. Hence, and understandably, suspicions have arisen. Are the investigators after the truth, or are they after Trump?

Set aside the Trump-Putin conspiracy theory momentarily, and consider a rival explanation for what is going down here: That, from the outset, Director James Comey and an FBI camarilla were determined to stop Trump and elect Mrs. Clinton. Having failed, they conspired to break Trump's presidency, overturn his mandate and bring him down.

Essential to any such project was first to block any indictment of Hillary for transmitting national security secrets over her private email server. That first objective was achieved 18 months ago. On July 5, 2016, Comey stepped before a stunned press corps to declare that, given the evidence gathered by the FBI, "no reasonable prosecutor" would indict Mrs. Clinton. Therefore, that was the course he, Comey, was recommending.

Attorney General Loretta Lynch, compromised by her infamous 35-minute tarmac meeting with Bill Clinton—to discuss golf and grandkids—seconded Comey's decision. And so Hillary walked. Why is this suspicious?

First, whether or not to indict was a decision that belonged to the Department of Justice, not Jim Comey or the FBI. His preemption of Justice Department authority was astonishing.

Second, while Comey said in his statement that Hillary had been "extremely careless" with security secrets, in his first draft, Clinton was declared guilty of "gross negligence"—the precise language in the statute to justify indictment.

Who talked Comey into softening the language to look less than criminal? One man was FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe, whose

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Donald Trump's questioning of the integrity of the U.S. intelligence community surely ired Comey.

wife, Jill, a Virginia state senate candidate, received a munificent PAC contribution of \$474,000 from Clinton family friend and big bundler Terry McAuliffe.

Also urging Comey to soften the fatal phrase "gross negligence" was key FBI agent Peter Strzok. In text messages to his FBI lover Lisa Page, Strzok repeatedly vented his detestation of the "idiot" Trump. After one meeting with "Andy" (McCabe), Strzok told Page an "insurance policy" was needed to keep Trump out of the White House.

Also, it appears Comey began drafting his exoneration statement of Hillary before the FBI had even interviewed her. And when the FBI did, Hillary was permitted to have her lawyers present.

One need not be a conspiracy nut to conclude the fix was in, and a pass for Hillary wired from the get-go. Comey, McCabe, and Strzok were not going to recommend an indictment that would blow Hillary out of the water and let the Trump Tower crowd waltz into the White House.

Yet, if Special Counsel Robert Mueller cannot find any Trump collusion with the Kremlin to tilt the outcome of the 2016 election, his investigators might have another look at the Clinton campaign. For there a Russian connection has been established.

Kremlin agents fabricated, faked, forged, or found the dirt on Trump that was passed to ex-British MI6 spy Christopher Steele, and wound up in his "dirty dossier" that was distributed to the mainstream media and the FBI to torpedo Trump. And who hired Steele to tie Trump to Russia? Fusion GPS, the opposition research outfit into which the DNC and Clinton campaign pumped millions through law firm Perkins Coie.

Let's review the bidding. The "dirty dossier,"



Former FBI Director James Comey has been discredited and embarrassed with revelations that he did almost everything in his power to prevent Donald Trump from winning the 2016 election and have Trump ousted from office when that effort failed.

a mixture of fabrications, falsehoods and half-truths, created to destroy Trump and make Hillary president, was the product of a British spy's collusion with Kremlin agents.

In Dec. 26's *Washington Times*, Rowan Scarborough writes that the FBI relied on this Kremlin-Steele dossier of allegations and lies to base their decision "to open a counterintelligence investigation [of Trump]." And press reports "cite the document's disinformation in requests for court-approved wiretaps."

If this is true, a critical question arises: Has the Mueller probe been so contaminated by anti-Trump bias and reliance on Kremlin fabrications that any indictment it brings will be suspect in the eyes of the American people?

Comey has been fired. FBI No. 2 McCabe is now being retired under a cloud. Mueller's top FBI investigator, Peter Strzok, and lover Lisa, have been discharged. And Mueller is left to rely upon a passel of prosecutors whose common denominator appears to be that they loathe Trump and made contributions to Hillary.

Attorney General Bobby Kennedy had his "Get Hoffa Squad" to take down Teamsters boss Jimmy Hoffa. J. Edgar Hoover had his vendetta against Dr. Martin Luther King. Is history repeating itself—with the designated target of an elite FBI cabal being the president of the United States? ★

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