

Conspiracy or Incompetence?

Media-mapping the Path of Corporate Futurism

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“Everything has changed”!

This was our defining meme of instant awareness invoked by 9/11. In 2006, this sentiment finally came home to roost, often during the spectrum of news discourse. Tougher questions had to be broached. Too many doubts were begged about flood relief failures; no-warrant phone-tapping; torturing “terrorist” POWs; criminal indictments of republican cadre; indefinitely imprisoning “enemy combatants” without charges; selling U.S. seaport management to Arabs; soaring oil prices; expediting another preemptive war --- now, with Iran; and W. Bush’s popularity shoots down like a doppelgänger to V.P. Cheney’s hunting accident. Perhaps all this *is* an omen...!

Then --- presto-change-o, media news reporting verged on being nearly accurate. In mainstream media certainly, and ‘alternative’ media as well. But from our vantage here, reportage of the above issues remain the corporate-fare: ‘human-interest,’ and cosmetic.

The actual issue, is just what direction is it that our W. Bush Administration has embarked upon? More importantly, why do media ‘experts’ hastily just speculate about this?

It’s fairly late in post-modern history to insist that *specialist* opinion rely on deductive models which delete politically incorrect facts. And among those ‘alternative’ community analysts I’ve heard, their consensus of perception offers *overly nuanced* details of uncertainty. They are conflicted. Time and again independent thinkers reply ambiguously to questions of where Bush-“incompetence” leads us: why W. Bush-‘studies in intelligence’ consistently appear to defy rational expectations? And yet, if irrational, according to whose worldview?

Among critics in the *reality based community*, ‘the lone gunman’ thesis explains the W. Bush Admin. as wrongful incompetency. This learned opinion is dependent on a presumption. That, since Bush et al were ostensibly elected --- they exhibit discernable popular *reality* and the consensus worldview. No, evidence shows that when they act, the institution of a *new reality* is intended. Thus, analysis now echoes the criticism re Gulf War-part one and George W.’s father. The problem with criticism is that it is still confusing *safety and danger*!

In other words, our ‘unembedded’ experts are seeking analyses that do not accurately describe *the system*. Their working hypotheses do not comport with *all* the data, and respective implications. This was critically forewarned before the first Gulf War, by a former program director at alternative radio KPFK, Los Angeles. On 29 Jan. 1990, Claire Spark, Phd. said, “‘we’ have systematically confused safety and danger... Because dominant institutions in late-capitalism can not accurately describe *the system*”. Not the system of pedestrian grade politics. Rather, those forces of expediency for whom W. Bush futuristically institutes his fast-track melding of corporate exigencies. I.e., those advocated by *the state*. This ‘second clinical opinion’ is thoroughly rooted in the intellectual history of the 20th century.

When All Else Fails – Pattern Recognition Works

Our historical understanding demands a peer review of both ‘alternative’ and corporate perspectives, inadequately reporting this era.

Meanwhile, the commercial and quasi-mainstream media (Lou Dobbs, David Corn, Keith Olberman, PBS/NPR, CNN et al) rose to the occasion of Bush’s reactive priorities. Their media inquisition of our infotaining ‘punditocracy’ became more persuasive. Media trivialized (declensed) an American ‘crisis of democracy’ into a serialized ‘product-placement’ of human interest; the Bush 2 era as reality-TV. It’s an untoward mood, you might call ‘crisis management’, creeping into the talk-show circuit.

But conventional media merely pays lip service to *free-thinking* criticism; in ‘alternative’ media as well. So, hesitation prevails in the calculation of what the ‘crisis of democracy’ means: democracy itself contradicts corporate imperatives in society.

Nature’s *blowback* in New Orleans is what coerced corporate media. Redoubtably, media distanced their allegiance from its genealogy with “the strong line of continuity running through all administrations, in the post-Cold War era”. Because media now functions as our de facto ‘ministry of newspeak’. Thomas Caruthers, Director of The Democracy and Rule of Law Project at the Carnegie Endowment, coined this phrase “strong line of continuity”: explaining how U.S. ‘democracy promotion’ is “schizophrenic” in such programs. However, Caruthers’ usage can also apply to establishment media in this period as well. In his 2005 talk entitled *Democracy and U.S. Foreign Policy*, Noam Chomsky has lectured on Caruthers’ valuable candor quoting him saying that, “democracy is promoted by the United States if, and only if, it conforms to security and economic interests”, (www.alternativeradio.org). Those same interests --- as promoted by corporate media --- now morph into our *Ministry of Newspeak*; the view of former CNN and ABC director/producer Danny Schechter (www.mediachannel.org).

Schechter’s theatrical documentary, *Weapons of Mass Deception*, deconstructs those networks who agitproped up the Iraq War; instead of reporting why the war helped promote a ‘democracy’ that “conforms to” the corporate “security interests” of Western investment (?).

Reacting to W. Bush’s penchant for impropriety, the media does feign deeper inquisition. Yet, Danny Schechter correctly observed, “the ‘media-frame’ has not changed as much as it should have changed, or could’ve changed”. In a word --- let’s leave the contentions of reportage on the issue of presidential *censure* or impeachment; for exploiting executive authority in domestic surveillance of anyone suspicious: e.g., rights activists like P.E.T.A. and *Greenpeace* (?). Now, commentators have rediscovered the political correction in suspecting it is Bush who is suspicious... *fear factor* is a path to social engineering.

A popular diagnosis of *the system* should always have a ‘second clinical opinion’. It also must be comprehensively deeper than that common even to ‘alternative media’. Although, credit here is given to alternative critiques by Danny Schechter, noted above. I quote Schechter from his commentary with Amy Goodman/Pacifica radio 23 Feb. 2006. Schechter advised that “we have to make *media* an issue... Let’s bring this issue... to the corporations. Because that’s what media companies are. It’s not just a government that is responsible for the war [‘on terror’]. It’s not just Bush.

“It’s also all the people who aided-and-abetted the war [effort]. In other words, everything sort of conflated and merged together in people’s mind. And fear was the response, and *fear* was what was intended”: for exploiting our survival mode, and thus neuter the ‘crisis of democracy’; as we shall explain.

Pre-WWII, the mode of engineering public conformity was achieved with radio, but especially movies. In his book, *Hollywood*, Gore Vidal reconstructs our history. Where the “dream factories” of film were recognized as a medium for public *trance*formation. Movies produced a startling effect, where the world was recreated in *virtual* reality; with a worldview contradicting the founding notion of what the U.S. is all about. The ‘mass audience’ was further controlled by merging movies with TV --- thus, returning us to Schechter’s media critique, above.

Ultimately, it took a hurricane to provoke the winds of changeling-media opinion. Because it’s vexatious for both ‘experts’ and their inquisitors when, in the course of human events, they must turn on those elite, to whom they prefer granting the benefit of the doubt. Do we ask, is it simply incompetence --- or, do the ends justify the means of ‘corruption and criminality’? Incompetence is not the same as criminal negligence. Not at all!

It appears myopia afflicts those former W. Bush ‘insiders’ who resigned to author books about the ‘culture of corruption’ (or incompetence?) of functionaries who are loyal --- but ‘out of the loop’? Their myopia is a double-bind which we shall address.

For now, we’re a sound-byte too late. And the ‘crisis of democracy’ is not just a theory of conspiracy forlorned. This “crisis” sums up the continuing political agenda today. This crisis itself was conceived by the “specialized class” of corporate intellectuals. Professor Noam Chomsky cited this history to radio host Ian Masters, KPFK, L.A., 23 Oct. 2005: “These are some of the policies that were taken in reaction to the *fear* that was elicited among elite sectors...by the 1960s. It’s the famous ‘crisis of democracy’. That’s a term, concept, developed by ‘liberal internationalists’; not the right wing.

“It was a crisis of democracy; there was *too much* democracy. People who were supposed to be passive and apathetic were entering into the political arena... getting organized...That’s a threat to power...

“[This] is something much more important that rarely gets cited, and should! That’s the study *crisis of democracy*, which was by... The Carter Admin., basically that’s where it was drawn from... And it lays it all out. Ya know, ‘look, we have to beat back this uprising of democracy’ --- this is *not* the right wing”! (www.ianmasters.org).

Today, media and the scholarly lexicon alike concede our “imperial presidency” is the plan of a “cabal”! Domestic planning by this cabal instituted National Security Agency phone-tapping without legal warrants; as well as other constitutional usurpations. Re the

constitutionality, this NSA surveillance *sans* warrants, prompted leading American journalist David Neiwert to abjure. He proposed that the NSA wire-tapping indicated “incipient fascism” in America, (www.dneiwert.blogspot.com). And yet, such a comment is, at best, a euphemism. History clearly illustrates how American fascism was “incipient” even in 1928! (See *You Can't Print That*, 1929; and *Facts and Fascism*, 1943 by George Seldes).

The beauty of our W. Bush r gime, though, is their overtly in-your-face theo-imperialism. It is so candidly taken credit for by Bush sympathizers, (see the *Washington Post*, p.A1, 21 Aug.2001). This makes our job a lot more edifying.

Of course, the more concessionary politicized voices, in commercial or even ‘alternative’ media, cannot be expected to call a spade-a-spade.

The Application of Media Ecology

Evidence offered here perhaps indicates a change further is looming, thanks to neo-conservatism and George W. ...but, first a tour of *the system* as it is mirrored, or product-placed in our media environment: a matrix for bonding society to *the system*. On a materialistic plane it is a form of co-dependency.

Vectors of *spin* (or counter-*spin*) in broadcast media are intended as *values* of persuasion. We know this and learn to sense it early, as we do playing with fire. *Value*-added infotainment moulds personal identity. And this we don't know, as a standard. Media exists as a social system, when audiences conform to their market-share (role) *the system* demands of them. And advertising is but one cofactor in various formulae for insuring this social standard.

The ‘content’ of media will incessantly roil in flux. Yet, the stability in media is its bias: an ambience of ‘perception management’, programmed into your preferred source. It's a faculty for managing the ‘public mind’, within our corporate themed environment. The *massage* will guide you safely along your learned ‘reality tunnel’ of awareness. Media *is* now our environment. Mind-managers know this; but it has not sunk in as a social percept of pop-tradition. So too, the Los Angeles *Daily News* reported on 7 November 2001, “the country is still conditioned to look to television for stability”. Or, to quote commercial radio KFWB, Los Angeles (6/17/06), “remember, if it's not entertaining it's not news”!

Thus, the current events broadcast about the W. Bush Admin. could not be better suited for testing the collective discernment of public awareness, re what consumers *know* that they know (?). Aforementioned Danny Schechter's career experience concluded: “what's in the media is what people know; what's not in the media they don't know”. Schechter describes what he calls the “media-ocracy” of our media paradigm, in his book *When News Lies*.

The public mostly interacts in a passive role with this middle-authority, or ‘middleman’, as Schechter defines media-ocracy. I.e., basically the values of the corporate state of affairs interface, via media, to our society. *Passively* --- even though this is the public's very own drama of cognition: our environ*media* complex. It's a symbiosis with technologies (i.e., media). And, as such, media are extending our senses, producing psychic social effects.

Media is only partially content. This is why Marshall McLuhan also forewarned that “the medium [or media] is the message”, the message is not exclusively the message. And synergetically or symbiotically, this is why media can be so invaluable as a behavioral psy-op agency.

As a professional, Danny Schechter thus advises the following. “[F]ocus attention...on the role the media played, the collusion and complicity of the media in doing more selling [the war] than telling, more jingoism than journalism. That’s the lesson of the Iraq War. If we had a *State Media* in our country --- how would it be any different than what we watched day after day”...? Yes, media is a symbiotic loop of repetition. Recycling between corporate-media values --- and --- the broadcast political priorities of corporate *reality*, as represented by Pres. Bush. E.g., we consumed 9/11 fears, as media *repeated* the instant-replay of ‘orange alert’ paranoia into a structured reality no one can put their finger on. And Schechter’s lesson also instructs, “[t]he last thing you learn about, in the media, *is* the media --- often”.

Media Has Services and Disservices

Now, there’s a paradox in Schechter’s prescription, about how media *spin* breeds a societal obligate to global corporate marketeering. The paradox is that his empirical motives are actually reinventing the wheel; that is, re media studies. ‘The rest of the story’ is equally insidious. In professor Marshall McLuhan’s classic book *War and Peace in the Global Village* (1968, p.149), he anticipated our crisis of media vis-à-vis this war today. He said, “there is a rather tenuous division between war as education and education as war...It is simple information technology [media] being used by one community to *reshape* another one...We simply impose upon them the patterns that we find convenient to ourselves...” (Emphasis added). Didn’t Sec. of Defense Donald Rumsfeld say America’s current role was to “remake the face of the Middle East”? And since this was the first war documented in real-time digital satellite feeds --- the control model was the ‘embedding’ of reporters for info access. This way, *reality* is “fixed around the policy of military action”, as the Downing Street memo in England revealed, re W. Bush’s preexisting Iraq War plans.

Corporate media enjoys using the disservice of information media-overload, as if a drug, eliciting ‘watcher’s’ amnesia. Remember, *media* are extensions of our *selves*, not just infotaining content. User attention span is easily conditioned to brief sound-byte (content) rhythms.

Charting trajectories of *consumer* (citizen) *perception* is our model here for critiquing voices in media. (*Consumer* is meant in a philosophically materialist sense; not material accumulation and greed). Because, especially in the 21st C, Media-R-Us. *Wireless* has persuaded society to become autonomous media transformers. But, as an enculturating social system, media is definitively *corporate*: “a group of persons treated by the law as an individual having rights or liabilities, or both, distinct from those of the persons composing it”. (*Webster’s Dictionary*).

Clearly, by the standard definition, the *corporate* (company) units comprise people organizing their loyalties and contentions in *their* interests. Not in consumer interests.

The goals and social influence, due to corporate expansion and lobbying, are not decided democratically by the state. It is close to being the other way around, due to corporate funded ‘capital intensive’ politics. The futile efforts at reforming corporate campaign funding confirm this gross manipulation of the state, by the corporate collective. The ‘military-industrial complex’ calls such manipulation “political engineering”:e.g., consciously sub-contracting B-2 bomber parts out to congressional district locations of firms *in every state*. Thus, the “new confluence of power in America” by ‘*the military-industrial complex*’. The corporate planners decide “where the parts should be made to gain the most possible influence, it’s that strategic”! These observations about democratic decisions being “compromised by corporate factors”, are those of Eugene Jarecki, director of the recent film ‘*Why We Fight*’,

(www.sonyclassics.com/whywefight). Clearly, this would be a massive coordinated campaign of economic forcefulness.

Such an exemplar of corporate planning, itself, is not a process the state requires corporations to decide democratically. *The nature of corporate planning is not democratic*. And as consumers, we are always societally consuming projected messages by the corporate media-presence --- like it or not.

Today, this is our digitized environment. And our motive here signifies *media ecology*. It's wise to be consumers aware of our awareness. It is wiser yet, even when devoting attention to 'alternative' media, e.g., the BBC, Pacifica Network, or *Air America*. Bias goes with all territories.

The bottom line of coexisting in a media environment, is asserting your own *ecology* within it. If we don't manage our own perceptions, corporate "perception management" will insert *Altered States*. For some 'watchers', one genera of projected perceptions are *real*; an alternative set of broadcast perspectives may be perceived as *not real*. In the arena of politics, *perception is reality!* So --- what *is* real? Where you fit in may be your stage of apprehension.

An authoritative insight into such media affects, of course, is the human-scale analogy. The following example was affirmed decades before our electronic environment proliferated. In 1911, this gnosis was attributed to Rudolph Eucken. He was quoted observing that "man is the meeting-point of various stages of reality". TV is a fair technological simile for this "meeting-point," due to the tactile imposition TV, in *High Definition*, presents. Today, it is mixed-corporate media that creates, alters and destroys *realities*.

'Americanization of the Subconscious'

So now that all this is institutionalized into our psycho-social fabric, actual progress will be made when consumers --- not authorities --- decide the role of media in society. Until then --- the Machiavellian *cum* Orwellian *presti-digitization* of consumer opinion will prevail. And 'experts', like all the rest of us, are victims acquiescing to it.

Likewise, I have often remarked it is good George W. Bush is president! This is because he is blatantly uncompromising in symbolizing *the order* of priorities within his worldview. For most Americans --- the only practical means for persuading their civic responsibility (attention), is a government confrontation in their wallet and in their face. George W.'s agenda is overtly and exactly that. Given the plethora of corporate/state interlocking indicators above, and more --- Bush makes it totally clear, as to the direction our *system* has navigated: it has become, not a Republic, but the corporate state! And all criticism overlooking the implications of this is inadequate.

We shall detail this hidden ground of the W. Bush *modus operandi*. But Bush does not symbolize a reality, or worldview, or cosmology that would any way be disarmed by his removal. As former U.S. Marine/U.N. weapons inspector Scott Ritter documents in his book *Iraq Confidential* (2005), the Iraq War was prepared for by Pres. Clinton. The W. Bush paradigm can only be transcended: via heightened conscious awareness, *en masse*. A little too 'new agey' perhaps? How about, as Einstein instructed: "the significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them". (www.fixingamerica.org). Anyone simply arguing a traditional political remedy, to prevailing Bush policies, will be unable

to reconcile common sense with the prerogatives of corporate growth/influence. ‘*Republicrats*’ exist to protect the corporate state.

In other words, it’s an asset that the New American Century of W. Bush, et al, is much more clearly *overt*. This, as opposed to the “off the shelf” death squad culture of President Reagan’s *covert*-action management style; or, as with Vietnam. But even W. Bush himself is scripting a charade of global theatre.

Example: While authoring profiles of W. Bush Admin. officials, Pulitzer prized author Ron Susskind discerned the Bush expedient. Through Bush’s orchestrated culture of “assertion”, as Susskind reports it, “this *idea* of an ability to alter *reality* through confidence and certainty, and a kind of tactical forcefulness, is right at the heart of the administration”.

In an *Esquire* magazine piece, Susskind quoted a “senior advisor” to Pres. Bush. This “advisor” explained the protocol of creating new realities: as a journalist, Susskind’s role represented “the *reality* based community”. And this societal group believes that problem solving emerges from their study of “discernable reality”. But the “advisor” emphasized the change in how the game is now played. Susskind was told, “The world doesn’t really work that way any more... When we act, we create our own *reality*, a new reality”.

“Essentially”, the W. Bush “advisor” said, “you [Susskind] will study what we do. And while you’re studying that new reality, we’ll act and create another one... We are historied actors and you will be left to study what we do”. (Ron Susskind reported this on *To the Point*, KCRW Radio, 29 Oct. 2004, Los Angeles).

This specific language, used to illustrate how Bush planners stage-manage their agenda, also expresses their rapport with power media; media that colludes with corporate intentions, on the stage of global theatre. Or, as McLuhan foretold in his book *Take Today* (1972), “the familiar idea of ‘making the news’ now yields to making the world itself”. Perception *is reality*; ‘perception management’ is crucial to corporate expansion projections.

Another stage in our apprehension of where W. Bush leads us, is the following dynamic. A pattern, also running through successive administrations, is that they act when planning insures their pursuit of many contingencies, simultaneously. Since so many Bush cabinet members are closely allied to military-industrial contractors --- we might describe W. Bush’s direction as ‘business as usual’. Pacifica Radio journalist Ian Masters (KPFK, Los Angeles) often retorts, “the Bush Administration is a public relations operation disguised as a government”! Yes, but a p.r.-operation advertising what? I guess our job is to fill in the blanks... If Ian Masters is accurate, it would be wiser still to realize (not rationalize) that the corollary is also true: the war --- i.e., Iraq 2, Iraq 1, Panama to rège change Noriega, Iran-Contra, Vietnam etc. --- *the wars are business conducted by other means*. Terror-ism supplanted Communism as our new 21C organizing principle. There never was to be a ‘peace dividend’! And the hidden ground to the New American Century begins here to condense.

Either Peace or War Are Socioeconomic Systems; Ours is War and this Necessitates Serial Conflicts

Many media commentators and former ‘insiders’ have boldly said the Iraq War is irrational and destructive to *our system*. This means to actually address the issue on *the possibility and desirability of peace?* In this moment the answer is clear, since Iraq rages on and

W. Bush has planned to bomb Iran. Yet, only a historically complete description of *the system* answers the questions: about the possibility and desirability of peace; plus, the direction of Bush's agenda? The long answer is --- "It is the incorrect assumption that war, as an institution, is subordinated to the social system it is believed to serve..."

"[T]he fact that a society is organized for any degree of readiness for war supercedes its political and economic structure. War itself is the basic social system, within which other secondary modes of social organization conflict or conspire"¹. This is why Pres. Eisenhower exposed the military-industrial complex.

In Feb. 2006 the W. Bush Admin.'s successive fits of controversy flared over the Dubai Ports World deal about Arabs managing U.S. seaports. Reporter Pratap Chatterjee (www.corpwatch.org) astutely condensed the bottom line of this deal: "this is the most key thing... it's about the military, it's about business". Logically, pragmatically, and paradigmatically --- mass quantities of nuanced trivia are unnecessary for further understanding the war. 'The War on Terror' is about the 'social/political engineering' of business. Thus, our issue here is whether Bush's planning provokes controversy by delegating: to planners who are unqualified; just don't know any better --- are incompetent? Or, do W. Bush policies symbolize an encrypted narrative of corporate momentum? Our purpose here is to reject the historical narrative manufactured by W. Bush as deceptive revisionism.

Describing the system as 'business as usual', or quoting neo-conservatives that America is candidly 'imperialist', is too elementary. *Imperialism* is a tactic --- for cornering the markets, globally. The system we must describe is corporatism. Only this logically defines the immediate 'no-bid' contracts awarded to M-IC corporations for managing/rebuilding Iraq or New Orleans. These two dissimilar areas of involvement confirm both the military and "nonmilitary functions of the war system"², as business. And the *no-bid* pattern of contracting shows (when they can get away with it) that the M-IC corporate enterprise is not always capitalistic, either. Capitalism must be competitive to qualify as such. And it is this very billion dollar magnitude of non-competitive profitability, from the state, that redefines our political economics, *the system*. These state contracted corporations have morphed the economic phenomenon of their "capitalistic" enterprise into a *social phenomenon*. Thus, we see serial patterned interventions (e.g., the Iraq occupation), that are increasingly necessary for this mode of corporate involvement to achieve the unrestricted growth projected.

Historical Memory Designates

The Definitions; Not Opinion!

Historical memory clearly confirms these current events as comprising a pattern of *conceptual continuity*. Evidence like the British Downing Street Memos, and books by former Bush appointees, confirm that Iraq War plans were preexisting to 9/11. The war-contracting to the corporate sector would be invaluable to those plans.

If, as weapons inspector Scott Ritter writes in his book, the Iraq War was to remove Saddam Hussein; if the war was not for any reason alleged by W. Bush; if Saddam Hussein played no role in 9/11; if 9/11 itself was morphed into a *myth* by media misreporting --- then *official incompetence* by Bush et al is a faulty 'expert' analysis. I.e., in a rational world, there was no *issue* for which starting a war was our goal in winning.

Picking an unprovoked fight with your neighbor in the 'global village', then loosing the fight, would be just karma. But America's geo-strategic foothold in the Mid East is now much more entrenched for transnational corporate mobility. All this was strategically planned by a "cabal".

Cabal: The secret artifices of a few persons united in a close design; intrigue; a junto.

Artifice: An artful stratagem or trick.

Intrigue: To plot or scheme; contrive; to entangle; to perplex. The synonym of intrigue is *conspiracy*. (*Webster's Dictionary*).

Now our description of the *the system* begins in earnest. But not according to *media generated stereotypes*; the same *media* bluntly excoriated by 'alternative media' critics of their corporate counterparts.

The evidence --- is that the Bush Admin. is not a harbinger of ephemeral, sudden, planning doctrine; whims of incompetent bunglers. As Thomas Caruthers is quoted above, the "strong line of continuity" has led to the system of our 'cabal'. W. Bush et al are indeed incompetent at judiciously resolving intractable public policy issues; their *competence* is in persuading England to achieve prosecution of the war, etc. The *issue* is that the doctrines of their worldview, their cosmology, their paradigm are un-democratically corporatist. Corporate management values are not democratic, nor necessarily capitalistic, or conservatively moral. They are what they need to be for securing their worldview. To say the corporate paradigm of values, and ideological organization (i.e., think tanks), is not a conspiracy to 'refashion' social priorities in their New American Century image --- to offer this as an analysis, is merely a distinction without a difference! And it is not a proposition worthy of debate.

With *prima facie* irony, then, it became White House appointee Lawrence B. Wilkerson who rends the veil shrouding our system's nature! Wilkerson was Chief of Staff to W. Bush's Secretary of State, 2002-2005. Wilkerson's voluntary eye-witness testimony, for appreciating the enigma of Bush's National Security State variety, follows. The Administration itself is a microcosm of *the system* --- the macrocosm.

Wilkerson explained, "[i]n President Bush's first term, some of the most important decisions about U.S. National Security --- including vital decisions about postwar Iraq --- were made by a secretive, little-known cabal. It was made up of a very small group of people led by Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld", (Los Angeles Times, 25 Oct. 2005). In 2005, this insider catharsis was surely an 'October Surprise'. Wilkerson confirms the pattern recognition about 20th century America. And one figure of prominence who 'got it' was activist Harry Belafonte.

In an interview with Amy Goodman (16 Feb. 2006), Belafonte didn't beat around the bush. He said, the Bush Admin. was an "enormous conspiracy" to further its policies foreign and domestic.

Within the military-industrial nexus of doctrinal collusion, the above perception is poignantly posed by U.N. weapons inspector Scott Ritter: his book is entitled, '*Iraq Confidential, The Untold Story of the Intelligence Conspiracy to Undermine the U.N. and Overthrow Saddam Hussein*'. Such machinations named today were true of the Vietnam War.

Martin Luther King saw the connectedness in his 'Beyond Vietnam' speech of April 1967. King observed, "that Hanoi saw the United States *conspired* with [South Vietnamese Pres.] Diem... on the side of the wealthy", against the North.

Conflicts like these are the exemplars of U.S. and corporate internationalist conspiracy (i.e., management doctrine) that count. If corporate foreign profiteering is impeded, terror is invoked, governments are overthrown, personalities charismatically inspiring the 'crisis of democracy' are assassinated. These military actions to secure economic goals are crimes. Any political paradigm, systematically organized to routinely command these punitive contingencies, is a conspiracy of force. America's management pattern is this:

The battleship *Maine* is sacrificed in Havana Harbor as a provocation, and America starts the Philippine conflict in 1901.

Pearl Harbor: in 2000 the book *Day of Deceit*, by Robert B. Stinnett, documents irrefutably "that a plan to push Japan into war was initiated at the highest levels of the U.S. Govt.", resulting in *Pearl Harbor*. And "ample warning of the attack was on FDR's desk". Congruent with this provocative *beginning*, the current historical consensus affirms the atomic *ending* of war with Japan was also provocative and not at all necessary.

The 1950's: America contrived serial foreign subversions, all for insuring economic influence and 'global reach'; e.g., CIA collusion to assassinate Patrice Lumumba of the Congo; an overthrow of the Iranian regime to implant Shah Palevi, 1953; CIA overthrows Guatemalan Govt., leading to genocidal murder of natives, 1954.

'What goes around, comes around' in *the 60s*: CIA fails in coup against Cuba; the assassination of JFK. In her new book, *Farewell to Justice* (2005), Temple Univ. Professor Joan Mellen confirms CIA "organization" of JFK's murder as per newly declassified docs; the bogus Gulf of Tonkin incident escalates Vietnam.

The 1970s brought U.S. materiel and accord to mass murder in East Timor; the CIA overthrows Salvador Allende's Chilean Govt. and he is assassinated, 1973; the covert rebalancing of the drug-trade among competing illicit opiate cartels, from Southeast Asia, into Latin America. This paved the way for CIA collusion with the drug trade and Iran-Contra covert war.

Reagan's 80s covertly escalates the JFK policy for U.S. advocacy of systematic Central American death squads and torture --- the Contra War against Nicaragua. This destabilization by Reagan's doctrine of plausibly deniable death-squad-politics, was terror against '*economic*

targets'. A number of Reagan's same autocrats are resurrected in W. Bush's Admin. and the excuse for such pathological policies was to stop the global 'Communist conspiracy'. *The conspiracy that counts* is their doctrinal collusion to perpetrate covert-actions and destabilizations worldwide, i.e., 'the third option'. Most media critics have not reconciled this with the preexisting Iraq War plans. Analysis that omits this emphatic pattern presents a disinforming historical context.

Reviving a Historical Memory Lapse on Why the Nicaragua Model Applies to Iraq

As an 'economic target', Nicaragua threatened U.S. 'National security' when it pursued an economic/ideological identity independent of U.S. corporate demands. Likewise, for up to 14 coups contrived during these post-WWII decades.

Precisely in the same way W. Bush et al are accused of lying to congress, about motives for an Iraq war in 2003 --- the Reagan Admin. lied to justify the Contra-Nicaraguan War. Former CBS newsman Saul Landau co-authored a booklet quoting 85 Reagan lies, from 1982-1985. This booklet was titled *In Contempt of Congress*, distributed by the Institute for Policy Studies. The singular point of relevance re Reagan-Iran/Contra policy, is the documented pattern recognition for mapping the same economic/war pattern today.

As an expert on Nicaragua, Saul Landau accounts for the media failures, then, as now. He criticized the press for not reporting the Contra War in its proper historical patterning: "There is no history of the U.S. invasion, six times, of Nicaragua; of the 25 years U.S. troops spent occupying Nicaraguan territory". The obvious connection here is the prediction by Donald Rumsfeld, that America may be prosecuting the Iraq-'War on Terror' 8, 10, 15 years or more? The problem of history in 2006 is the same as Landau understood professionally in the Reagan era: contrived claims of 'National Security'. Landau summed it up well, "and every time you see 'National Security', you know it's anti-Democratic. In fact, every time you see 'National Security', those two words, and you hear an official pronounce it --- you can be almost certain that a *major* criminal activity is under way. Or, if it's not under way, it's being covered up"!

The meaning we focus upon in Landau's critique is the same emphasis Noam Chomsky was stating 20 years ago --- our *actual* American history is "well worth paying attention to, if you want to learn something about ourselves".

America has corporatized the perpetration of doctrinal necessity for régime destabilization, covert-action, low intensity wars, political assassination, torture, and overt war making as with Iraq 1 and 2. This is a conspiracy of unconstitutional, anti-Democratic, systemic -- never necessary --- contrived war. It is the business of corporatized war! Without it the M-IC need not exist. And, critically speaking, any hypothesis of explanatory expertise --- about what W. Bush is doing in Iraq --- must explain all the data! A lot of the data is cyclic or revised doctrine. It represents "the strong line of continuity running through all administrations, in the post-Cold War era".

It is necessary to nurture a sense of 'free-thinking' to fully apprehend any degree of conspiratorial analysis. Not to mention overcoming those perceptual boundaries consumers are ensconced in, via media exaggeration. 2005 Nobel Prize Laureate Harold Pinter certainly

recognized such implications, re America's 'cooperative communication', in criminally causing varieties of war. Pinter did not use the word 'conspiracy', but, artfully, he didn't have to. In his acceptance speech for receiving his Nobel Prize (Dec. 7, 2005), Pinter also used U.S. low intensity warfare in Nicaragua, as a model for critiquing America today. I've heard no other analyst of W. Bush do this. Pinter said: "The tragedy of Nicaragua was a highly significant case. I choose to offer it here, as a potent example of America's view of its role, in the world, both then and now."

Harold Pinter devoted his Nobel acceptance speech to discerning truth. And his model was historical truths about U.S. '*foreign affairs*'. Pinter clearly seized his opportunity, "to look at the recent past. By which I mean the United States' foreign policy, since the end of the Second World War. I believe it is obligatory upon us, to subject this period to at least some kind of even limited scrutiny.

"My contention here is that the United States' *crimes* in the same period have only been superficially recorded; let alone documented; let alone acknowledged; let alone recognized as *crimes* at all! I believe this must be addressed. And that the truth has considerable bearing on where the world stands now..."

Question: Why have I heard virtually none of the 'specialists' or commentators in major media say this about *where* W. Bush now directs *the system*? This enigma is evidence for the fact --- as quoted above --- that Americans can not accurately describe their system, because "'we' have systematically confused safety and danger". They are conflicted.

Harold Pinter also recognized a subtle reinforcement for this American inability to identify itself for *the path* it has taken. Pinter said, "I put it to you, that the United States is without doubt the greatest show on the road!...It's also very clever. As a salesman, it is out on its own... It's a scintillating stratagem: language is actually employed to keep thought at bay." Pinter wisely commented here on the power of media (TV) to shapeshift imagination with its hypnotic *plenum*; the media-logos of persuasion.

The Media-Memory of Unprecedented Public Service!

And with Pinter's issue of keeping "thought at bay", we arrive at our thread of emphasis here --- describing the system. America's public policy crisis of 'safety and danger' will not be apprehended *for what it is*, without free or wholly independent thought (criticism). Our 'system' of media-managed enculturation now *engenders* those cues especially instrumental in higher education. This *model* of persuasion is rooted in a psychology of aberrant parent-child rearing. We are concerned with the political application of this: 'the double-bind'.

In this regard, I credited above the scholarship of Claire Spark, PhD. (radio KPFFK, L.A.). Dr. Spark historically traces this 'double-bind', as an impediment to true critical thought in America. And Spark maps a historical pattern of this educational disaffection, running *Right* through 20th Century *opposition politics*. I.e., the 'double-bind' is a principal template for the 'reality' of American intellectual cohesion. If you can recognize it, you see it always: the boundaries of consensus (popular) opinion, comprising the fabric of American loyalty/identity. The public is overdosed with symbols (and spin) throughout media. The authors of these

cues/symbols are, as Spark described in one of her programs, “rather like parents or professors putting their children into double-binds: ‘do grow up and be your own person. But don’t diverge from my values, and objectives, and methods [of criticism] or, I’ll really reject you’”.

This condensed illustration is something Spark herself experienced within academia, while pursuing her doctorate in history, at UCLA, prior to Gulf War I.

In 1988-90, Spark produced/hosted a radio series entitled, *How Do We Know When We Are Not Fascists?* It was a synthesis of “psychological warfare in America since the Bill of Rights was won”. Space limitations here preclude all institutional citations and correlations being presented.

Briefly, a philosophical institution itself has affected ‘thought control’ in our Democratic society (as Noam Chomsky has verified in his scholarship). And ‘the double-bind’ is thus a template of conformity for ordering socio-political management. This is one of the perceptual norms explaining American political apathy. ‘The bind’ persuades the public --- especially professionals --- that they learn to espouse only those truths which cannot contradict order; they adopt only that degree of ‘independent’ thought never to be threatening public loyalty to capital powers.

This culture of ‘thought control’ has modified its cues and symbols of persuasion at different times. Dr. Spark said, “There were several programs at first, in which I reviewed a provisional synthesis for counter-revolutionary propaganda since the [Revolutionary era of The Age of *Enlightenment*, in the late 1700’s]”.

This history is necessary for understanding why corporate *doctrines*, of management in Govt. today, *are not* an extreme anomaly of temporary “incompetence”. Those critics who are obviously “out of the loop”, but settle on “incompetence” to reckon W. Bush’s agenda --- either have short term memory loss, or are in denial. Like the saying goes, ‘there’s nothing new under the sun except the history you should be aware of’.

Science and *literacy* threatened the classes of 18th Century Euro-Society with chaos. Technology and the entrepreneurial class brought chaos to social order with *liberal forces*. Conservative *traditions* of ideology were disrupted by Industrial Revolution. Thus, counter-Revolutionary propaganda was started by aristocrats and the Church, to control both *free thinking* and democratic movements. It is the principle of *free thinking* that insists authority be taken in a peer reviewing of imprecise criticism today.

The Key-Stone value of *Enlightenment* history, for us today, is an opportunity for *ordinary people* that was not possible, nor practical before the *Enlightenment*. As Dr. Spark explains, “[o]rdinary people reading the texts (of the Bible or of society) could compare the ‘official’ readings [by patristic fathers] with their own. Their rulers, or representatives in democratic governments, would have to prove their loyalty to voters, by accurately representing... *the system* they served”... “It was this *idea* that there should be no intermediary inserting himself between Bible reader and texts, that under girded democratic demands. Ordinary people could read scriptures for themselves. *People* had the capacity to grasp and

interpret the world. We do not rely on charismatic individuals to do our thinking for us. But demand to see the facts...

“Today, we carry that demand in the democratic aspiration for self management”...

In France, the revolutionary middle class used *their* liberal opportunity for self-management to become *capitalists* of industrial revolution. And in America, as in Europe, “[t]he science bequeathed by the puritan revolutionaries brought permanent turmoil” and disorder to Western culture. Because the *lower classes* became exploited workers, and they ultimately made worker revolts. Thus, ‘what goes around comes around’ returned to challenge the revolutionary bourgeoisie *cum* capitalists.

The worker class made legitimate demands in “[t]he language of science and universal reason;” which was the same tactical weapon, used against the feudal monarch and religious social orders, by the pre-capitalist revolutionary bourgeoisie.

Originally, the bourgeoisie were a *progressive* class. In time, then, as capitalists dealing with worker revolts, this class would “return now to the psychological terrorism, irrationalism, and elitism used by the church and the aristocracy, in order to stop socialist” progress, within the burgeoning industrialized class system. This formerly progressive, revolutionary class, became reactionary, proto-fascist, or fascist. The bourgeoisie resorted to the corporatism of the past; their opportunistic materialism reverts to the old idealism. Dr. Spark emphasizes, “Intellectuals allied to the bourgeoisie [capitalists] can no longer describe the system accurately. Science and technology abandon their mission to liberate mankind from toil. Machines manufacture war”, through the 1900s into WWI.

Prof. Noam Chomsky clarifies the post-WWII scene. In his talk *Media Control, The Spectacular Achievements of Propaganda*, Chomsky contrasts workers vs. war, or, you could say unions vs. business: “After the war came the decline of unions, and a very rich working class culture...associated with the unions...was destroyed. And [America] did move to a business-run society at a remarkable level...” Thus, the U.S. war system, e.g., Vietnam etc., has “worked pretty well, actually. When you have total control over the media, and the educational system, and scholarship is conformist...you can get that across,” (www.laindiemedia.org).

In this formative era where American identity was increasingly *business* dominated, there were other competing philosophies (materialists or idealists) over the persuasion of public *thought* --- the ‘public mind’ --- itself. These all became counter-enlightenment traditions, and anti-democratic. The strategies of these factions also became systematic. So much so, that today society cannot recognize their plight; i.e., confusing safety and danger. As Dr. Spark explains, “for our tools have been stolen. We can no longer describe what is happening to us. We have been purged of modernity.” In other words, the *free-thinker* ‘historical memory’ has been symbolically scapegoated, as being a liberalizing threat to old traditions (habits) of order.

The Corollary to ‘*The Medium is the Message*’ is:

The Revolution was Definitely Televised:

All Media has Services and Disservices

Now, we have the new world order that is actually the same old counter-*Enlightenment* order, but shapeshifted as the *new reality* of safety from terror-*ism*. Dr. Spark makes a point to emphasize this ideological issue: “one of the major features of conservative ideology in this country, is the equating of fascism and communism”. By using such word plays in media, the *Right* imprints the ‘double-bind’.

“The double-bind results from the mis-naming of experience...It is a lack of correspondence between the word, and the reality it purports to describe”: In other words, the psy-op regimentation by virtualizing *reality* via linguistic media-imagistics --- this is better than the strong-arm of MKULTRA ever was! This is also why Nobel playwright Harold Pinter, above, said of America, “It’s a scintillating stratagem: language is actually employed to keep thought at bay”.

Yes, our media landscape has been ceded to media provocateurs using *spin*-mines of war-clips for popular consumption. That’s fairly close to being the perpetual TV-war of Orwell’s *1984*. And corporate advertising did affect “the decisive role of consumerism in defeating socialism in America”. Yet, Claire Spark’s analysis here is also drawn upon her study of declassified documents of the *Psychological Strategy Board*. This agency was “founded in 1951 to coordinate psychological warfare operations in the U.S. Govt. These documents suggest that Americans may have been more incorrigibly skeptical --- and may still be --- than the mind-managers would have preferred”.

As affirmed earlier, the pattern of historical measures taken to guide our national sentiment, in a preconceived direction, is not by default, and not debatable. Evidence is evidence. The evidence indicates: a ‘planned and concerted effort’ of collaboration, coordination, cooperation, communication, collusion, cronyism and corporatism. This is ideologically co-opting our three branches of Govt. in 2006. It is *the conspiracy* operating like all effective, pro intelligence schemes definitively do: on a need to know basis; and existing factions agree to disagree. Of course, critics/skeptics even in well meaning media will not ‘go there’. It’s scary! Such media voices have “confused safety and danger”. The *danger* is *Right* here at home, not Iran or Cuba etc. The reason why it is scary is because there really is only one word for it. This is why Dr. Spark titled her KPFK radio series *How Do We Know We Are Not Fascists?* And a truly prescient series it was, given the imprecisely paid lip service to ‘Christian-Fascists’ and ‘Islamofascists’, today.

Claire Spark discovered, with the audience response to her series that, generally, people lacked a clear applied knowledge for defining fascism. Her listeners had “various definitions” for fascism. And for many, fascism had almost lost its meaning. This author finds the same is true today, 17 years later, maybe more so!

‘Fascism’, Spark said, “was constantly being used as a synonym for every kind of repression and brutality...given the poor way history is transmitted through the media, and in many of our educational institutions”. In the experience of this author, the word association you get when using the term ‘Fascism’ is a knee-jerk response: fascism means Nazis and Hitler and not much more.

In America, fascism actually assumes a guise rather close to the form taken originally in Italy. This, then, is the way Benito Mussolini conceived and realized fascism --- *The Corporate State*.

Corporate Futurism

Definition: The system of economic fascism is not what people believe --- or want to believe --- they understand. The best clarification comes directly from the figure founding the first formal application as fascist Italy of October 1922.

First, however, a few words about *Fascism on the Home Front* as investigative journalist George Seldes titled chapter one of his 1943 book, *Facts and Fascism*. Seldes reported, “[t]he time will come when people will not believe it was possible... [that] when it comes to relating foreign Fascism with native American Fascism there is a conspiracy of silence in which the Office of War Information [WWII], the American press, and all forces of reaction in America are united...

“[W]e must not be fooled into believing that American Fascism consists of a few persons, some crackpots... The real Fascists of America are never named in the commercial press. It will not even hint at the fact that there are many powerful elements working against...democracy...

“I call these elements Fascist. You may not like...labels but technically as well as journalistically and morally they are correct”. One of the very few professional documentarians of historical fascism in America, from the time of Mussolini himself, is George Seldes. And the America of W. Bush is 65 years past the proto-fascism Seldes forewarned, and onto concretizing *The Corporate State* that is actual fascism.

Since Seldes wrote his many books on this history, the ‘continuing trajectory’ of American culture has led to “how the right wing is turning America into a one party state”. This conclusion was drawn 27 June 2004 by KPFK (L.A.) radio host Ian Masters. Masters is also confident that the Right Wing is “very deliberate, systematic and ideological in what they do”.

Such perceptions leave an impression of corporate interests persuading the Right to research, compile, interpret, discuss, contrive, collude, organize, invest, advertise and mobilize many degrees of Rightists “*to concur or work to one end; act in harmony*”. This is the conspiracy that counts. As with the defining of the ‘double-bind’ above --- skeptics are cautioned to avoid mis-naming of experience or observation, and thus perpetuating a *disinforming* correspondence between the word (conspiracy), and the reality it purports to define!

Ian Masters’ disservice is an apparent reticence to comprehensively correlate “what they do” to “what they” *did*, in all preceding administrations --- of both parties --- and acknowledge the pattern. The second Iraq War is no different than any prior military prosecution of foreign destabilization. How hard is this to figure out? Instead, on 12 June 2005, Masters expressed a common perspective, “there’s a lot of stuff that goes out... like, that Bush was behind 9/11... I have a lot of problems with that. Because I think Bush is a complete incompetent! And the truth of the matter is... his decisions have been idiotic, and particularly this Iraq war. So, it’s diverting us from the *real* problem. Which is that Bush is an incompetent, which I think he is far more

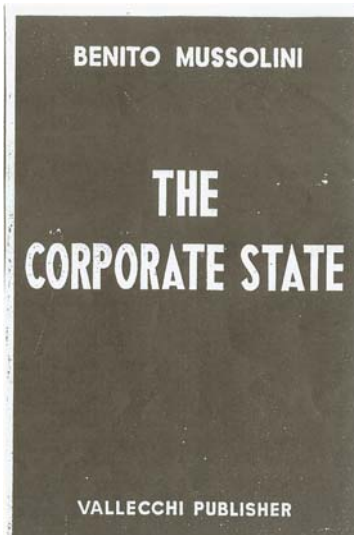
indictable for --- than some evil genius who's able to manipulate a bunch of Saudis".
(www.ianmasters.org).

This critique prevails among left-liberals. As a thesis it is only logical or rational in an environment where conspiratological analyses are politically incorrect; or, as a function of temporal myopia and specialization. Specialization precludes comprehensive thinking.

W. Bush's preexisting intentions for preemptive Iraq war can be recognized: he furthers the "strong line of continuity running through all administrations, in the post-Cold War era". Noam Chomsky quotes Thomas Caruthers, authoritatively, on this above. This is our *path of corporate futurism*... The path was blazed since the 1920s by corporate mind-managers towards the neo-fascism of 2006.

The day after W. Bush's father was elected president --- an inspired response was published down in old Mexico way. The relativity was resonant with George W. himself. So it was, the theme was cast in Nov. 1988, when novelist Carlos Fuentes wrote his column in the influential newspaper *Excelsior*. Fuentes remarked, that "the overwhelming election of Bush was another brick in the road to fascism"!

The 'authorial intent' for this path, of course, was paved by Benito Mussolini. In 1933, Mussolini clearly and concisely placed on the record the definitive tenets of fascism. This record took the form of four speeches published in 1938 entitled, *The Corporate State*. Mussolini addressed the Italian National Council of Corporations, Nov. 14, 1933.



Briefly, the applied provisions of *The Corporate State* are as follows.

Of the important conditions required for "the corporate solution", Mussolini states: there must be "a single political party, in order that political discipline may exist along side economic discipline and that the bond... may unite everyone". With this, the "[p]olitical power creates wealth, and wealth in its turn strengthens political action" --- to corporate advantage.

Mussolini said, "I feel certain that Italian bureaucracy...will collaborate with the corporations in future as it has done in the past". He also said, "I see no drawback to the practice of their advisory powers"...

"Corporations mean regulated economy and therefore also controlled economy... [American "regulated economy" is managed by the Federal Reserve. This corporate banking 'individual' is not *Federal* (Govt.) in any way. This is also an exemplar of how *reality* is mis-named.]

"Corporations supercede socialism and supercede liberalism, they establish a new synthesis..."

“Fascist corporate economy is the economy of individuals of associated groups and of the state...

“Corporate economy respects the principle of private property...

“Corporate economy also respects private initiative...

“Corporate economy introduces order...

“The corporate state considers that private enterprise... is the most effective... instrument in the interest of the nation”.

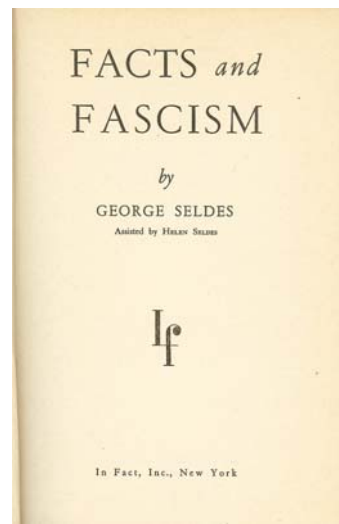
Thus, “[c]orporations constitute the unitary organization of all forces of production”. And the corporate state provides “a form of expression for our doctrinal views”. It is clear, therefore, that these provisions are very aligned with what American Republicans have intended to implement during the W. Bush era! Correlations will follow an affirmative ‘second opinion’. Whereas, the *Right* pursues a systematic consolidation of corporate PAC monies, for insuring the political uniformity best described --- quoting Mussolini, above --- as “a single political party, in order that political discipline may exist alongside economic discipline”...

‘The Real Sense of the Term’

At the time of Mussolini’s speech, quoted above, Italian fascism had existed for 10 years. In that year, 1933, a non-politicized critique of fascism was authored by Dr. Paul Einzig, entitled *The Economic Foundations of Fascism*. Dr. Einzig disclaimed: “The author wishes to emphasize that in writing this book he has pursued no political object. He belongs to no political party”. Einzig also prefigured a purpose that this author (R.K.) has intended for this article here: accurately distinguishing the essential “ideas which form the substance of fascism in the real sense of the term”. Apropos of Claire Spark’s discovery, quoted above, that people had “various definitions” for fascism. “And for many, fascism had almost lost its meaning”. Now it is clear people were never meant to clearly understand fascism in the first place. Society has been overdramatically overdosed with TV exposés on Nazi (“Fascist”) Germany. All the while diverting attention from the Trojan-horse of corporate fascism being institutionalized right here at home.

Dr. Einzig introduced his book by observing that “most people outside Italy have only very vague, and frequently distorted, notions of what is going on there... It is difficult to account for this ignorance and indifference towards developments which may eventually affect the welfare of everybody. It is even more difficult to explain the lack of adequate efforts in this country to enlighten the public...” Meanwhile, 73 years elapse. Our journalists wonder out loud if W. Bush’s obviation of constitutional checks and balances, with the Unitary Executive Doctrine, means ‘incipient

To be sure, Dr. Einzig only described *economic* fascism in Italy, not political fascism. Adding, that “[t]he pseudo-experiment witnessed in Germany... can contribute no material to the appreciation of... economic fascism”. said, “there was a fundamental difference... Between Fascism and German National [Biological] Socialism...



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important, therefore, that the economic system of fascism should not be judged in the light of the German experiment". Mussolini himself says in the above citation, "[c]orporate economy rises at a particular moment in history when the two concomitant phenomena of capitalism and socialism have yielded all they could give..."

"There is no doubt that, in view of the general crisis of capitalism, the corporate solution will force itself to the fore everywhere..."

It is not ironic then, that in his book *Facts and Fascism*, George Seldes documented proto-fascism in America with facts from the U.S. Congressional record. Seldes can now be seen to have proven Mussolini prophetic in the final quote above: "There is only one major difference between the fascism practiced by the National Association of Manufacturers and the fascism practiced by... Mussolini: the latter established by force what the former either wholly or partly succeeded...by other means". In 2006 the "other means" continue, in the guise of collusion between expedient neo-cons (new-deceivers) and Christ-Dominionists.

Seldes quoted Harvard history professor Gaetano Salvemini, "'a new brand of fascism' threatens America, 'the Fascism of corporate enterprise in this country'. He believed that 'almost 100% of American big business' is in sympathy with the 'philosophy' of...Mussolini; the bond...said the professor..., lies in the respect of American industrialists for the axis methods of coercing labor".

Lastly, Seldes quotes U.S. Ambassador William E. Dodd, from a Federated Press release, 7 Jan. 1938: "'Fascism is on the march today in America..."

'A clique of U.S. industrialists is hell-bent to bring a fascist state to supplant our democratic government, and is working closely with the régime in Germany and Italy'". The 'long march' culminates today, as 'fascism' surfaces (12 May 2006) on MSNBC, CNN or other mass media to describe W. Bush policies.

Volumes have been published on this since the pioneering by George Seldes. Yet, only a few lecturers like Noam Chomsky or Howard Zinn will correlate such history into contemporary criticism that is consistently presented. The problem is, our media 'experts' censor by omission. It's not in their consciousness to describe the strong trajectory of continuity that the corporate state pursues. It would be an occupational hazard to do so.

Now, for the sake of argument (i.e., entertainment and entrainment) debates are produced. Debates make good public relations spectacle. And a fair survey of CEO bios will show a range of right-libertarian-left reps comprising the corporate interlock group. But since globalism is already a fact, CEOs actually are agnostic, amoral and apolitical, collectively. Thus, *the system* itself is defined by the very limits that a debate can provide for advertising it: thesis vs. antithesis. In our case today --- 'the projection of U.S. military power into the 21st century and beyond', for securing privileged global resource management, has two options: either the Northern Industrial Alliance plan (i.e., the *occidentric* corporate interlock of globalism, Samuel P. Huntington). Or, globalism that claims a "better balance" by pursuing the liberal ideal of western civilization --- the system of "permissive cornucopia", Zbigniew Brezezinski.

At present, the W. Bush Admin., and the authoritarian Christian Right, have achieved or pursued a number of clear indicators for the instatement of economic corporate fascism. They wish to devolve America into a society of consumerist intolerance. However, as Harvard professor Salvemini discerned above, the fascism that has grown in America is “a new brand of fascism”. 21st Century corporatism is a neo-fascism. Instead of a Mussolini-like coup d'état, America has succumbed to the Trojan-horse of a hostile stock buyout takeover. Because America was already the land of the constitutionally liberal and free. Today, the fascism is not in response/reaction to an insurgent labor class.

The working class tend to be liberal democrats. But even in 1988, analyzing George Bush Sr.'s election showed that the rates of working class voting outside the south, and worker unionization, had both been cut in half, since the 1950s. Technology has made it easier to co-opt public policy with corporate globalization, and industry exportation or job ‘outsourcing’.

The Corporate State in 21C today, is globally the *social phenomenon* of corporate consolidation; the expansion into subsidiaries instead of monopoly. Competition is indemnified, no-bid contracts with the state are necessary; political dissent is subsumed into human-interest data overload, and homogenization, in corporate media; the perceptions of society are standardized with the illusion of individual choice, when ‘democracy’ is redefined to mean *capitalism*. All this is the ‘double-bind’ of misnaming experience so that ‘capital intensive’ politics steals the show: It’s a spectator sport.

Even in 1990, author Gore Vidal explained serious declines in U.S. voter turnout in terms of corporate influence. An interviewer for KPFK radio (Los Angeles) insisted on evoking deeper reasoning for this, and Vidal replied: “Well what on earth are you going to vote for, if there’s nobody to vote for!? There’s no difference between the Democratic party and the Republican party! They represent money, they represent corporations --- that’s it... they’re all paid for by the corporations”...

Hauntingly, in 2000 and 2004 courageous dissenter Ralph Nader would pronounce this same critique of partisan cloning. Nader would be excoriated for throwing the election to W. Bush, by running for president. Alas --- Nader’s democratic dissent is vindicated in 2006: at least two major books are published on how W. Bush’s elections were stolen.

The Corporate State is a ramification of the M-IC/National Security State Pres. Eisenhower forewarned. But like *de’ja voodoo*, it is Mussolini who foresaw and described why the “super-capitalism” of post-WWI would morph into post-modern neo-fascism, today. Whatever indices Mussolini used to diagnose the “abnormal” *growth* of globalism, they are now exponentially exaggerated. He said, “[t]he very size of the enterprises oversteps the capacity of man”. Thus, the human-scale is now a social-vector to be terraformed throughout the global resource environment. Media affected this paradigm shift of public weather (attitude) modification, via automation. And “the successor to the ‘public’” [is] “the mass audience”. Marshall McLuhan said this, and he also observed, “the mass audience...can be used as a creative participating force. It is, instead, merely given...passive entertainment. Politics offers yesterday’s answers to today’s questions.

“A new form of ‘politics’ is emerging, and in ways we haven’t yet noticed”. (*The Medium is the Massage*, p.22).

Capitalism is presumed to be economic. So Mussolini understood that capitalism ceases to be an economic phenomenon, “[w]hen its very size turns it into a social phenomenon”. After WWI the “degree of [capitalistic] magnitude rises from the million to the billion”. Today the magnitude is in the trillions. *Free-trade*, non-subsidized, competition does not sustain such corporate magnitude. And so our wheel-horse of economy is the war system of military-industrial contracting, plus the raw minerals required. Simple! Mussolini is therefore correct when he assessed that such an “enterprise... [then] falls like a dead weight into arms of the state”. In Iraq we see M-IC contractors offered no-bid contracts worth billions. “Political engineering” insures against contract cancellation. Policy critics cry foul when discovering no-bid contracts, but the point is they are reportedly offered. E.g., National Guard Major Tammy Duckworth reports with her officer’s knowledge of no-bid contracts in our Iraq War. Duckworth is a candidate for congresswoman, in Illinois. While campaigning, she confirms the knowledge about KBR/Halliburton receiving no-bid contracts for military services, in Iraq. Duckworth emphasizes this as a mismanagement of the war (www.ianmasters.org, 11 June 2006).

Our globalist M-IC war system evokes economic fascism via ‘capital intensive’ politics. Weapons inspector Scott Ritter, quoted above, revealed the bottom line in his Los Angeles talk of 6 Dec. 2005: re the *National Security Strategy of the U.S. for 2020* --- “We know that in Sept. 2002 the W. Bush Admin. put into motion a strategy that...would divide the world up into strategic spheres of interest; that we would manage on a *unilateral basis*, without regard to coalitions, to allies, to international law...

“And [they have] a policy of regional transformation of the Middle East...our control of that oil...allows us to control the global economic growth...

“Why is 2020 important? Because by 2020 we want to be able to turn on-and-off the Chinese economy, on-and-off the Russian economy, and other economies. So that *we* dictate the pace of growth”. In other words, Scott Ritter is describing the long range globalist corporate *planning* of development *itself* --- not American development: extra-national development. *Now* --- the Iraq War makes sense! The ‘expert’ analysis that the Iraq War is the ultimate act of “incompetence”, believes America is supposed to be fighting the war to win it. But from the long range planning-paradigm Ritter outlines, the value of the war is to *have* it. The value is not winning or loosing. The war is an expedient or means to facilitate the planning for the New American Century. The plan continues after W. Bush leaves office... The next big thing is the North American Union: “do you think maybe somebody should take a vote, if we’re going to merge Canada, Mexico and the United States”?, Lou Dobbs, 21 June 2006.

And simply an election will not alter this momentum!

Ordo ab Chao; Novus ordo Seclorum

The problem for American voters is not so much the Iraq War, but their historical pattern that NAC plans are aligned with. KPFK radio host (L.A.), Jerry Quickley is to be commended for presenting scholarly affirmation that “more and more, a pattern emerges”.

On 16 Nov. 2005, Quickley interviewed Professor Mark Levine (Modern Middle Eastern History, U.C. Irvine, Calif.). Levine discerned: “the pattern is quite troubling and, again, can only point to our experience being in Iraq. When I was there, and I would talk to Iraqis who worked with the Americans... some of the people would tell me, ‘you know what --- the U.S. can’t be *that* incompetent! There has to be some reason behind this chaos’.

“And this helped me develop this idea of ‘a managed chaos’, or a sponsored chaos in Iraq; that really makes sense, if you look at it from the long term. Because the U.S. can not be this incompetent in Iraq.

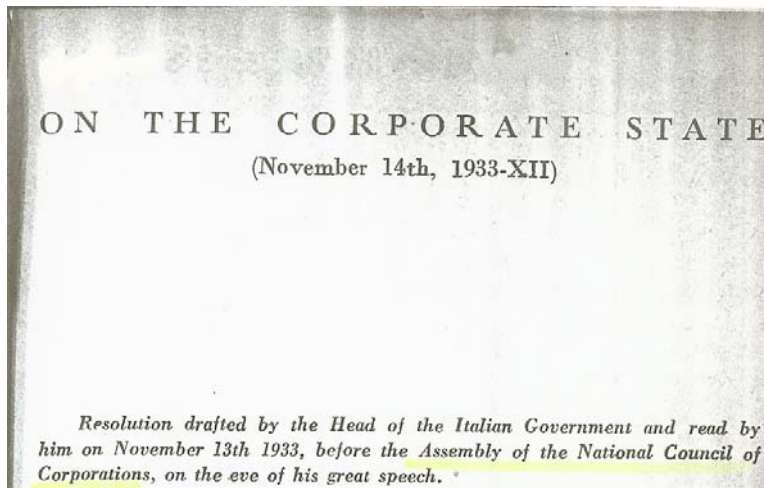
“What has happened there was so --- predicted, by anyone who had half a brain, any legitimate Middle Eastern scholar, the CIA, British Intelligence. Everyone said, ‘if you go in and do this you’re going to cause chaos, you’re going to increase terrorism’... and they did it anyway! Now, it can’t be because they’re masochistic.

“It had to be because that was a price they were willing to pay. And the problem is, that’s because they’re not the ones paying it. They are in fact profiting from it...

“They’re going to obfuscate as much as possible, because this is in essence a bigger smoking-gun than whether there were WMD...

“So, this comes to the heart of American democracy: corporations working behind our back to help plan a war... and how can we stop this from happening again”...

This issue of *planning* directs us towards recognizing the fascism of the American



Corporate State. Dr. Paul Einzig prefaced his book (above) by saying, “[h]e realized that there was no other system in which planning could be adopted so effectively as in a Corporate State”.

Of course, most people would not perceive the factor of *planning* as revealing.

If anything, *planning* is identified with communism: The ‘Five Years’ Plan’ of development. Truly ‘free-trade’ should be competitively unpredictable. But trade is not free. Trade is planned according to the WTO, NAFTA, CAFTA, and GATT Treaties. And Dr. Einzig correctly foresaw the trend: “outside Italy there are unmistakable signs that the present trend of

evolution is towards an economic system which, in substance if not in form, is likely to be very near that of Fascism. The need for planning is beginning to be recognized...

“In fact some [analysts]...suggest the introduction of a system that is fundamentally identical to the Corporate State, without even knowing that what they advocate is Fascism. Or, if they know it, they are afraid of calling a spade-a-spade”. Of course, these prophetic perceptions were advised in 1934. As quoted above, George Seldes reported books of evidence that fascism was being retrofitted to American economics via ‘capital intensive’ politics. The basic distinction is that Mussolini proudly proclaimed Fascism. In America, it is necessary to covertly conform the ‘mass audience’ to their ‘double-bind’. Thus, *reality* has been mis-named: capitalism means democracy; free-thought is actually circumscribed thought; the *Defense* Department preemptively starts war offensively; ‘anecdotal’ means fictitious; ‘apocryphal’ means fact; “the benevolent empire” (Robert Kagan) means ‘Salvadorization’/death squad tactics for eliminating your political opposition; Democrats express that “they hate America” when voicing a critique as opposition policy (Joe Klein of *Time Magazine*); when ‘Democracy’ means capitalism, globalized ‘trade’ combats terror with unilateral preemptive military action. Thus, ‘national security’ means to militarily impose our economic priorities on developing countries, overtly (Iraq) or covertly (Latin America); ‘facts’ are becoming indistinguishable from opinion; anarchy means violence and chaos. Media has made all this into *newspeak*.

Here is the index of criteria for describing W. Bush’s Corporate State (of fascism):

- 1.) Increasing tabulated evidence that various forms of voter fraud were used to predetermine W. Bush’s election in 2000 and 2004, (see Harvey Wasserman, editor, Columbus *Free Press*, Ohio, (www.freepress.org).
- 2.) The top priority of legislating substantial tax reductions, mostly for the wealthy corporate ownership and invested class.
- 3.) W. Bush’s preferred choice of statecraft becomes the *Unitary Executive Doctrine*: A little known protocol of inherent powers, where the president can interpret laws, as only he decides, independent of consultation with congress.
- 4.) Using 9/11 to justify wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and “on terror” (?). All *imperative* reasons for which have been exposed for being contrived: and *plans* for the Iraq War were preexistent and ready in the first place.
- 5.) W. Bush’s historically unprecedented, and aggressive use of ‘executive signing statements’. Where, through 2006 there were approximately 750 provisions of new congressional laws Bush *stated* he was not obliged to be bound to obey. Here, Bush circumvents both the veto authority or legislative compromise, plus, his responsibility to uphold enacted laws. Thus, the pursuit of ‘unfettered executive privilege’.
- 6.) Strategic use of *Unitary Executive Doctrine* in pursuit of globalist objectives of the ‘unipolar moment’ where America has no superpower competitors.
- 7.) The political tactic by W. Bush’s reactionary party for “how the right wing is turning America into a one-party state”, as Ian Masters broadcast 27 June 2004

(www.ianmasters.org). This tactic is called the “K Street Project” by Grover Norquist, close advisor to New Republican leaders. For the history of this project see *Welcome to the Machine*, (www.washingtonmonthly.com).

**“A Single Political Party, in order that political
discipline may exist along
side economic discipline”... Mussolini, 14 Nov. 1933**

Briefly --- K Street in Washington, D.C. is the location of “the...most important industry trade associations and corporate” lobbyist offices.

The “K Street Project” is an intentional plan, to *unify* the political loyalty of all lobbying firms on K Street, to the Republican Party agenda. The GOP initiative, to achieve a *unitary* wedding of corporate/trade association politics with Republican dominion is systematic. It began as political action committees in the 1970s.

This plan to limit corporate lobbying loyalty, as a political force controlled by a single party, culminates now as the “K Street Project”. Because there are both democrats and republicans, corporate lobbying offices previously needed to hire respective party lobbyists. Not any more --- if the GOP project succeeds --- and to a great degree it already has.

GOP success in preventing campaign lobbying funds from going to any democrats, was dependent on the republicans being elected to control all three branches of government. However, there now exist persuasive voting records showing that W. Bush did not actually win in 2000 and 2004. So, what does that say?

The Washington Monthly article on “K Street” says, “Republicans have brought a revolutionary change” --- like the public chagrin to 9/11: “Everything has changed”! Previously, lobbying firms hired lobbyists, and would obviously require loyalty to the corporate interests they’d represent. Now, those lobbyists “are being replaced by [GOP] activists...loyal first and foremost to the GOP”.

This illustrates how *all* corporate interests are not automatically aligned to this K Street trend towards a one-party reactionary government. But with ‘K Street’, more corporate sector constituents go along to get along, they pay to play *the system*. “The emerging GOP machine...is premised on a unity of interests between party and industry”. The bottom line: “The GOP has a chance to steer contracts towards politically connected firms”.

Given a few more administrations, for K Street to institutionalize, this ‘loyalty’ system may be candidly reported for what it is --- a one-party corporate dominion in government. This is what Mussolini defined: fascism pure and simple; albeit introduced covertly, American style. “The GOP...could usher in a new era of one-party government in Washington”, as it is put in the above cited article. A one-party overrule in government, of the world’s only superpower, is a logical step towards instituting global unipolar dominance --- or, one world government.

The difference between the 1930s and today is that American fascism has needed to be covert. Now, in the environment of ‘terror’-ism and civil rights infringement, the corporate reactionism is confident enough to be visible. The corporate mogul influence upon the GOP is

the conspiracy, instrumental in consciously manipulating our democratic system into a reactionary unitary-party system. This is not the folly of “incompetents”, this is the logical extension of the ‘Republicrat’ phenomenon. You can’t *promote democracy* as a one party system --- can you? So it was on 24 July 2005, radio host Ian Masters made his euphemistic reference to “corporatists who control the Republican Party”.

Presuming *all* the documented co-factors above to be common knowledge, Masters’ remark should be fleshed out to its logical conclusion. But this has not been done. And virtually all media commentators are unable to follow through as well.

The problem, then, is that *the system* is never accurately portrayed for what it is. This is disinforming. And our correlations here comprise the alternative American history.

On 5 Feb. 2006, Ian Masters evoked the classic, nearly archetypal lapse of continuity in deciphering *the system*, when interviewing Paul Craig Roberts. A conservative, Roberts was the Assistant Under Sec. of the Treasury to Pres. Reagan. The question is how to understand the Gulf war today:

Masters --- “in effect, what the president is saying is that we have this war ‘on terror’. The whole country is at war, as it was in WWI and WWII. In this case, the superpower [USA] is up against a cave-dweller [Osama Bin Laden].

“I don’t get the symmetry here?! I don’t know why we call it a war; I mean, to me it’s, ya know...”

P.C. Roberts --- “They have some other agenda! And they are not telling us what it is. They’re pretending its weapons of mass destruction, or that somehow the United States is threatened by Iraq. I mean it’s hilarious that people fall for this...”

“The whole thing is an absurdity! They have some agenda. *They don’t describe what their agenda is.* They tell us a bunch of lies and they whip up *fear* and disinformation!...”

Masters --- “well, tell me what you think their *real* agenda is, then, Paul Craig Roberts?”

P.C. Roberts --- “I don’t know what it is! I think, probably, it’s a confluence of many groups and agendas [E.g., neo-con/Israeli; Karl Rove’s propaganda; unaccountable power for police; more profits for the military-industrial complex; customers for private security firms]...”
(www.ianmasters.org).

Of the many, many pro specialist critiques presented by Ian Masters, on the direction of America today --- Paul Craig Roberts here was the most candidly accurate of all; generic and inferential though it may be.

And if there exists a “confluence” of agendas being pursued, as a number of contingencies simultaneously --- as Roberts suggests --- the reactionary forces are consulting, and coordinating, and organizing their respective roles “to concur or work to one end; act in harmony”. They *conspire!* Ian Masters’ ‘missed opportunity’ with P.C. Roberts was repeated on 4 June 2006. While reviewing the book *House of War*, author James Carroll rationally defined

the M-IC history of America as a “conspiracy”. Unbiased pursuit of Carroll’s connection was neglected as it is done in corporate media.

America’s actual history is where ‘The killing of Care’ ritualizes ‘capitalism without tears’ onto a new level of global organizing principle.

Conclusion

On 18 April 2006, W. Bush proclaimed “I am the decider”! The centerpiece of his decisions is ‘an unbound war to reshape the entire world’. The pattern this fits into is still uncommon to most media. And by resorting to the myopia of mechanical reductionism, an application of the “incompetence” critique, to the Bush Admin., helps censor history by excluding definitive correlations. Here, we add the landmark correlations back into history:

Temple University professor Joan Mellen has recently published a definitive book on the JFK assassination, *Farewell to Justice* (2005).

In New York, on 24 Jan. 2006, Mellen gave an address, in which she sees clear connectedness between JFK and the new *Pearl Harbor* of 9/11. Prof. Mellen said, “I’d like to suggest that the truth about the Kennedy assassination...will help us understand how we arrived at a point where people, as respectable as New York attorney Martin Garbis, are comparing the current U.S. government with the rise of fascism, in the mid-20th Century”, (www.tucradio.org).

Our overview of this historical panorama, maps *The Path of Corporate Futurism* now governing USA. Just as the original *futurist* movement helped author an ideology for Mussolini’s era --- their fascism was a futurist techno-order to survive as the fittest; by valuing war as *neo-cons* now employ it, to dissolve old boundaries, only to implant older ones of politically controllable economics.

Our path now will either reverse progress, leading *back to the future* of political devolution, or, there may be a salvaging of whatever democracy remains safe from corporate control. This will not be the trendy demo for instant gratification.

Transcending the Paradox of Left-Right Convergence

Presently, a roiling debate exists among Democrat sympathizers. They propose reinventing their party as an opposition to the Republican “culture of corruption”. And yet, their own partisan critics concede that Democrats are afraid to clearly state what distinguishes how their values are substantively different from Republicans. Common sense should already discern the difference. But among most elected democrats seeking re-election, there is no corporatized difference, or debatable difference. Critics say the public ‘does not do’ a *nuanced* platform of how democrats are not republicans. The public just wants a simple understanding of what choices they have. The problem is that politicians will not speak of ‘*framing*’ the state of *the system*, as *the corporate state*, in the real sense of the term. Instead, they debate about distractions.

Meanwhile, the country was institutionally hijacked by corporatism. Mega-corps intend to manage social freedoms with increasing strictures of secrecy, for hiding the corporate agendas

that drive national security: i.e., centralizing the uni-polar guidance of a *Globalized*-interdependence upon mega-corporate subsidiaries --- in the guise of independent nation-states. By any other name, globalism is the one party economic path all societies must follow. Old traditions must become obsolete.

Harvard history Professor Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. wrote in his essay *The Challenge to Liberalism*, “liberalism is the philosophy of free society”. But in American society, liberal-freedom for individuals has been redefined to sanction the *raison d'état* of an *other* ‘individual’: the legal status identifying *the corporation*. Liberalism and freedom must flourish for science and *techonomics* (technology driven economy) to exist. In the hands of corporate-‘individuals’, however, freedom results in the political cancer of growth and power. Like Wal-Mart. The paradox, is that political progressives oppose corporate priorities as being extremely conservative. Actually, corporate innovation is liberal in the extreme. As traditional ways are not conserved, but devoured for corporate survival. Prof. Schlesinger said, “The liberal epoch failed conspicuously in one field, government”. And this is because greed and growth (*free-trade*) is not politically manageable by government. In the 60s, and resurging today, a backlash ensues against corporate *freedom*, now called neo-liberalism.

In 1977 a book was published entitled, *Will the Corporation Survive?* This book argued that “[t]he corporation, one of the most influential institutions in our society today, is under attack... Diverse factors contribute to this... Can the institution adapt in time to survive... What form will the corporation assume?”

Essentially, the “attack” on corporate social roles can be reduced to the issue of their social responsibility. Yet, given the reality of corporate political financing, such as the ‘K street’ protocol above, it is not ironic that this book identified the following as the greatest threat to the corporate sector. “Of all the current threats to corporate survival, none is as sensational, serious, and far-reaching as... the *illegal* campaign contribution”; the “*legal* campaign contribution” made in various countries; a “payment... to a political figure [for] a *specific service* rendered to the corporation”; and “corporate payments to foreign ‘agents’”.

In its reactive survival adaptation, corporatism has planned an offensive. When reconciling its survival with economic controls of the government, corporatism chooses to do this by “political engineering”; and this becomes the unofficial Corporate State; and this system is economic fascism: ‘*either you’re with us, or you’re against us*’ --- and according to W. Bush, his ultimatum here sums up the gestalt of our national debate.

Our purpose here is to transcend debate. Properly *framing* the one-party trend in American politics does not need debate. Electing even many more democrats is not going to change the M-IC dynamics of America. The Republican “message discipline” insuring Iraq’s occupied position on the geopolitical ‘unified command map’, proves President Eisenhower was prophetic: “The disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist” (!). It has been disastrous for our victims for 45 years now.

Thus, *America beyond capitalism* is not going to dislodge what persistently exists. And no political consultant would advise a candidate to describe this, so people can grasp whether there are any choices. They’re in a bind!

Dr. Paul Einzig prophetically anticipated the *American gothic* today. Re the pending fascism of our corporate state, he said, “they are afraid of calling a spade a spade”. And Dr. Claire Spark explained why this fear prevails: “This was the great achievement of Cold War-culture. It was to purge the kind of intellect that would simply say, as a matter of fact, ‘this is the structure of our society. This is how it works! Take your choice. Do you want to support it, or not’”? The system requires free trade, not *fair trade*.

To any rational observer, *the actual* American history clearly explains why democrats are no political opposition. Because democrats enjoyed majority political power for decades, and look where we now stand!

Not ironically, the emerging ‘Achilles’ tendon’ challenging *the system* in 21C, is the advocacy of awareness movement about how 9/11 actually came to pass. Once simply imparted to society at large, it can only democratize all political parties. This is the 9/11 truth movement. To any rational, or free-thinking person --- the actual forensic evidence contradicts the ‘official’ 9/11 account as a red-herring and a *media myth*. Indeed, this many faceted myth, with its plethora of illogical ‘facts’, can not rationally be defended. For more details than you need for heightened awareness, see www.911truth.org.



World Trade Center on fire September 11, 2001

The good news is that momentum is gaining for this consciousness raising movement. The memetic probes for accuracy in reporting 9/11, are now a

growing collective of academics called *Scholars for 9/11 Truth*. They are administered by BYU professors Jim Fetzer and Steve Jones. This scientific affirmation to bridge the credibility-gap about 9/11 can be found at www.st911.org. All members were inspired by Prof. Emeritus David Ray Griffin, author of *The New Pearl Harbor*.

Converging within this 9/11 nexus of conspiracy are the parameters of physics, philosophy, chemistry, theology, and the politics of *free-thought*. If nothing else, America was founded on the dissolving of traditional boundaries that hindered free-thought, in the eighteenth century. The landmark potential for 9/11 history, to revolutionize '*historical_memory*', should not be lost in these early days of this controversy. In our age of information, technology will aid a public reclamation of *all* history! Because the history of American public awareness is not the record taught in public education. Noam Chomsky revealed a historical mystery when quoting WWI historian Frederic Paxson, on his use of "historical engineering" to persuade the *public mind* against its own best interests. In a most practical sense, self-education will be crucial in overcoming the educational control device implementing the double-bind upon 'the public mind'.

Ultimately, the responsibility for the endemic threat to our Republic lies with American education. If any reader finds this a dubious summation, at best --- I encourage you to verify the following at a good library. The paragon of social and literary critics himself, H.L. Mencken, enjoined our confusion with typical authority, when critiquing Upton Sinclair: "That erroneous assumption is to the effect that the aim of public education is to fill the young of the species with knowledge and awaken their intelligence, and so make them fit to discharge the duties of citizenship in an enlightened and independent manner. Nothing could be further from the truth. The aim of public education is not to spread enlightenment at all; it is simply to reduce as many individuals as possible to the same safe level, to breed and train a standardized citizenry, to put down dissent and originality. This is its aim in the United States, whatever the pretensions of politicians, pedagogues and other such mountebanks, and that is its aim everywhere else... The notion that they were invented by American patriotism and ingenuity, and go back...to the first days of the New England Puritans --- this notion is, of course, only hollow nonsense... The public schools...originated in Prussia during the Eighteenth Century"³... Simple enough?

America has a lot to apologize to itself and others for --- but in the apostate words of Pres. George Herbert Walker Bush, "I'll never apologize for America, I don't care what the facts are"!!

To be sure, the fascism in America today is very aligned with the 'kinder, gentler fascist state', where America is portrayed by novelist Philip Roth. In Roth's 2004 novel, *The Plot against America*, he constructs an alternate history. Ironically (?), the America that ensues is the source of 'fears and smears' as it is in 2006: "scary in a quintessentially American way. There are no cattle cars, no concentration camps, just social programs" to help American multiculturalism assimilate into the one corporate-party of globally planned America.⁴ To the

degree our post-Cold War/ 9/11 world is an instant replay of social-controlling themes running through all of history --- 'everything' did not change at all with 9/11...

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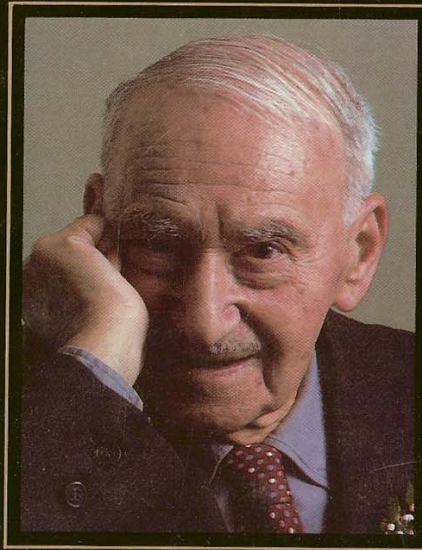
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