

Military, Deep State and the American Innocence

Like fish in the water, Americans have lost the ability to notice the pervasive and omnipresent propaganda.

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While only 11% of Americans trust Congress, a whopping 74% [have](#) a “great deal or quite a lot of” trust in the military, which also vastly outperforms newspapers (23%) and even the U.S. Supreme Court (37%). Similarly, the CIA and the FBI [get](#) an “excellent” rating from 58% of Americans. While reverence to military is quite common all over the world – perhaps related to evolutionary fear – it behooves us to be a bit more critical and objective. Like the Old Testament characters who never asked Moses for evidence regarding the burning bush, Americans blindly accept all verdicts from the intelligence agencies. The rise of the colossal military and the “Deep State” are new phenomena in American history, and a dispassionate scrutiny underscores the need for more vigilance on our part.

Military-industrial complex – Eisenhower

While many Americans consider it heretical to question the U.S. military, none other than a five-star military general and U.S. president *did just that*. In an [extraordinary farewell speech](#) in 1961, Eisenhower went on national TV and [said](#), “we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.”

Such a speech would now be derided as a conspiracy theory and even labeled as treasonous.

CIA – Truman

Guess who thought that the CIA had turned into an American Gestapo? Harry Truman, the US president who created the CIA. He [said](#) in his [biography](#), “Those fellows in the CIA don’t just report on wars, they go out and *make their own (wars)*, and there’s nobody to keep track of what they’re up to. They spend billions of dollars on stirring up trouble. The CIA has become a *government all of its own*.”

Former Director of the CIA, William Colby, described CIA’s culture in his [memoir](#) as follows: “cult of intelligence ... that held itself to be above the normal processes of society, with its own rationale and justification, beyond the restraints of the Constitution ...”

Election meddling and coups by the CIA

Since World War II, the CIA has [meddled](#) in more than 80 foreign elections around the world

(doesn't include coups and regime changes!).

The US Senate's Church Committee in 1975 documented several instances of US meddling in other nations. The operations [included](#) suitcases of cash to bribe politicians and voters, [manuals](#) for psychological warfare, sensational fake news, organized mass protests, armed violent oppositions etc.

Starting in the 1980's, the Deep State refined its plans for regime changes, resorting to the use of sophisticated NGO's such as the USAID, NED and Open Society Foundations of George Soros, which all specialize in mass propaganda and color revolutions.

When asked a few months ago, if we still meddle in other countries' elections, CIA director James Woolsey grinned and [responded](#), "yum, yum, yum."

There are incontrovertible proofs for some of the coups, thanks to declassified CIA documents - for example, the overthrow of democratically elected leaders in [Iran](#) in 1953 and in [Guatemala](#) in 1954.

Assassinations

Recently released "[JFK Files](#)" from the CIA archives show [detailed plans](#) to assassinate Fidel Castro that included exploding cigars and tuberculosis-laced diving suit. Other leaders targeted in these [documents](#) include General Trujillo of Dominican Republic and Patrice Lumumba of Congo.

William Blum has done extensive research and [documented](#) numerous foreign assassinations - successful and attempted - by the CIA and/or the US military.




Theoretically, nothing stops the killing machine in operating within the US. Even intellectuals like [David Talbot](#) - founder of Salon magazine and editor of *Time Magazine* - are convinced that some from the top echelons of the CIA assassinated JFK.

President Truman also seemed to suggest the same when he [wrote](#) an extraordinary op-ed in Washington Post *one month after JFK's assassinations* saying that CIA's covert operations must be terminated.

By the way, the phrase "conspiracy theorist" was [invented by the CIA](#) in 1967 to discredit anyone challenging the official narratives!

Coddling dictators and tyrants

Right now, the U.S. arms/funds about [3 in 4 of all dictators](#) around the world! How's that for spreading freedom and democracy? The U.S. has supported and installed numerous brutal tyrants and authoritarians all over the world in the last century. Suharto in Indonesia, for example, killed two million people, but was loved by the West, since he let western corporations exploit his people and plunder his country. 

Nazis and Jihadists

After the defeat of Hitler, the U.S. [recruited](#) more than 1000 Nazis, including high-ranking officials, to work against the Soviet Union.

Under *Operation Paperclip*, the CIA [brought](#) numerous Nazi scientists into the U.S.

As I explain in my [book](#), *Deconstructing the Syrian War*, the U.S. has trained, armed and funded Islamic terrorists in Afghanistan, Chechnya, Libya, Syria etc. to wage proxy wars.✖

Drug Trafficking

From 1950 to 1975, the CIA – using a fleet of planes and helicopters known as *Air America* – was involved in massive heroin trafficking from the *Golden Triangle* area in Myanmar, Thailand and Laos.



After the Vietnam War, the Deep State in the 1980s used heroin in Afghanistan to fight the USSR and [cocaine in Central America](#) to fight leftist leaders. According to [Gary Webb](#), the CIA also imported cocaine into the U.S.

In 1998, a Congressman entered into [official records](#) a shocking document called “*A Tangled Web: A History of CIA Complicity in Drug International Trafficking*” that summarizes CIA’s nefarious drug activities from 1947 to 1996.

Since the US invasion of Afghanistan after 9/11, opium cultivation there has exploded. Correlation or causation? As a NY Times investigation [revealed](#) in 2009, the biggest Afghan drug dealer was on the CIA payroll.

Propaganda and Psy Ops

CIA’s [Operation Mockingbird](#) was an extensive operation to infiltrate and control all the major news organizations. Over the decades, the CIA and the Pentagon have [actively participated](#) in over 800 major movies and 1000 TV shows to make sure that the right (propaganda) message reaches the audience!

Declassified documents on [MK-Ultra](#) and other mind-control and brainwashing programs and experiments – LSD and numerous other drugs, hypnosis, electric shock etc. – are right out of a sci-fi horror movie.✖

Wars and lies

Remember all the deceit and fearmongering that convinced us to go to Iraq war after 9/11?

- Saddam was [trying](#) to buy Uranium
- He had [reconstituted](#) nuclear weapons;
- There will be “[mushroom cloud](#)” in the U.S.
- He had biological weapons in [mobile labs](#)
- He could [launch](#) chemical weapons against Israel and British soldiers (in Cyprus) in just 45 minutes



Through innuendos and bold lies, the Establishment convinced [70% of Americans](#) that Saddam was responsible for 9/11 and even the [Anthrax attack](#) that followed.

Go back in history, there are many such lies, including the Gulf of Tonkin claim that helped

the U.S. launch the Vietnam War.

Wars and Corporatism

Every American should read General Smedley Butler's amazing [testimony](#) titled, "War is a Racket."



John Perkins' [book](#), "*Confessions of an Economic Hit Man*" is another must read to understand how banks and corporations drive geopolitics, coups, regime changes and wars in the 21st century.

False flag Attacks

Somehow, it's psychologically hard for people to think that their government might stage false flag attacks. However, as recently declassified documents show, the CIA had many such ideas - [killing](#) boatloads of Cuban refugees or blowing up ships and then blaming Fidel Castro; carrying out "terror campaigns" - [their own words](#) - with bombs in Miami and Washington D.C. to frame Castro; and buying Russian planes to [attack](#) U.S. soldiers to start a war with the Soviet Union. Shockingly, these plans got approved all the way up to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and only got stopped by JFK or his brother.

There are convincing evidence to prove the CIA carried out similar false flag attacks - [Operation Gladio](#) - in Europe in the 1950's through the 1970's to blame the communists and shift the political landscape to the right.

In recent years in Libya, Syria and Ukraine, false flag attacks were [used](#) to launch the regime change operations. Wild accusations such as the Novichok poisoning in the U.K. by Russia also bear all the hallmarks of fake or false flag attacks.

Torture and Human Experiments

While our politicians are skilled at crying crocodile tears over human rights abuses by our geopolitical adversaries, the CIA [runs](#) secret torture prisons in many countries to avoid scrutiny. Sometimes we do it ourselves, like in Guantanamo or Abu Ghraib, Iraq.

According to a [1994 government report](#), hundreds of thousands of Americans were subjected to unethical radiological, chemical, biological and medical experiments between 1940 and 1974. The U.S. military even [conducted](#) biological warfare testing on the entire city of San Francisco!

Nuking 1200 Cities

Another deeply held American belief is that our elites always hold high moral standards, value lives and are compassionate. In September 1945, merely one month after Nagasaki and Hiroshima, the U.S. military drew up [plans](#) to drop 204 *atomic bombs* on 66 *cities* in the USSR, who was our ally during World War II and still an ally at that time!

Then a decade later, in 1956, the U.S. military had [detailed plans](#) to drop 2,000+ atom and hydrogen bombs on 1,200 *cities* in Russia, China and Eastern Europe. This would have immediately *killed 500 million people*, 99% innocent civilians. Think about what kind of evil

monsters and sociopaths would come up with such genocidal ideas. Also, if they had carried out their psychopathic plan, the [nuclear fallout](#) might have ended the entire human race.❌

Perpetual Wars

Since 9/11, the U.S./NATO wars have already [cost](#) \$5.6 trillion and [killed](#) 5 to 7 million people, but clever propaganda hide or justify such atrocities. In the 1990s, *half a million* Iraqi children died from U.S. sanctions, which Sec. of State Madeleine Albright [said](#) was “worth it.”❌

Wars and conflicts are [extremely profitable](#) for the military-banking-intelligence complex, which uses the soldiers as pawns. 2.7 million Americans have fought in Iraq and Afghanistan since 9/11; and more than 400,000 of them [suffer](#) from PTSD.

If diplomacy, free trade and fair wages become the norm, we wouldn’t [need](#) 800 military bases in 140 countries to prop up friendly dictators, bully competitors, and enforce the Ponzi scheme of the Petrodollar regime.

The unsustainable Empire thrives because we cannot question or challenge it.

Mass Surveillance

In the land of the free, Americans don’t mind NSA spying on them. While many assume that it’s to protect us from *terrorists*, Edward Snowden revealed that the mass collection of phone calls has been [going on](#) since 1985. If the spooks have dirt on every single American, it’s no wonder that no politician speaks out against the Orwellian nightmare.

The attacks on Wikileaks and Julian Assange also reveal how much the Deep State hates transparency and accountability.

Conclusion

The zeitgeist in America demands blind support for military, defense industry and the intelligence community. Like fish in the water, Americans have lost the ability to notice the pervasive and omnipresent propaganda. However, we owe it ourselves to be more knowledgeable and objective in processing and reacting to information. We also need to be more cynical about our government and the mass media. Freedom, liberty and prosperity are not achieved and maintained through willful ignorance, blind allegiance and naïve faith.

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