

War and the Danger of “False Flags”: When Governments Apply the Old Schoolyard Bully Trick: “He Hit Me First!”

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The Schoolyard Bully Is Still Using His Old Trick

The schoolyard bully is caught standing over the skinny, bloodied kid lying on the ground.

The teacher asks what happened.

The bully yells: “He hit me first!” Then he grabs his nose and pretends that he’s hurt.

This tactic is so common that there are [3.6 million](#) Google hits for the phrase “bully pretends to be the victim”.

Wikipedia [notes](#):

Victim playing by abusers is either:

- diverting attention away from acts of abuse by claiming that the abuse was justified based on another person’s bad behavior (typically the victim)
- soliciting sympathy from others in order to gain their assistance in supporting or enabling the abuse of a victim

It is common for abusers to engage in victim playing.

It’s the oldest trick in the book ... but Americans are still falling for it.

Governments from Around the World Admit They Use the Bully’s Tricks

It’s not just individual bullies ... governments use the bully’s trick, as well.

Indeed, governments from around the world *admit* they’ve used the bully’s trick:

- A major with the Nazi SS [admitted](#) at the Nuremberg trials that – under orders from the chief of the Gestapo – he and some other Nazi operatives faked attacks on their own people and resources which they blamed on the Poles, to justify the invasion of Poland. Nazi general Franz Halder also testified at the Nuremberg trials that Nazi leader Hermann Goering [admitted](#) to setting fire to the German parliament building, and then falsely blaming the communists for the arson

- Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev [admitted](#) in writing that the Soviet Union's Red Army shelled the Russian village of Mainila in 1939, and declared that the fire originated from Finland as a basis launching the Winter War four days later
- Israel [admits](#) that an Israeli terrorist cell operating in Egypt planted bombs in several buildings, including U.S. diplomatic facilities, then left behind "evidence" implicating the Arabs as the culprits (one of the bombs detonated prematurely, allowing the Egyptians to identify the bombers, and several of the Israelis later confessed) (and see [this](#) and [this](#))
- The CIA [admits](#) that it hired Iranians in the 1950's to pose as Communists and stage bombings in Iran in order to turn the country against its democratically-elected prime minister
- The British Prime Minister [admitted](#) to his defense secretary that he and American president Dwight Eisenhower approved a plan in 1957 to carry out attacks in Syria and blame it on the Syrian government as a way to effect regime change
- The former Italian Prime Minister, an Italian judge, and the [former head of Italian counterintelligence](#) admit that [NATO, with the help of the Pentagon and CIA, carried out terror bombings in Italy and other European countries in the 1950s and blamed the communists, in order to rally people's support for their governments in Europe in their fight against communism](#). As one participant in this formerly-secret program stated: ["You had to attack civilians, people, women, children, innocent people, unknown people far removed from any political game. The reason was quite simple. They were supposed to force these people, the Italian public, to turn to the state to ask for greater security"](#) (and see [this](#)) (Italy and other European countries subject to the terror campaign had joined NATO before the bombings occurred). And watch [this BBC special](#)
- As admitted by the U.S. government, recently declassified documents show that in the 1960's, the American Joint Chiefs of Staff signed off on a plan to *blow up AMERICAN airplanes* (using an elaborate plan involving the switching of airplanes), and also to *commit terrorist acts on American soil*, and then to blame it on the Cubans in order to justify an invasion of Cuba. See the following [ABC news report](#); [the official documents](#); and watch [this interview](#) with the former Washington Investigative Producer for ABC's World News Tonight with Peter Jennings.
- 2 years before, American Senator George Smathers had [suggested](#) that the U.S. make "a false attack made on Guantanamo Bay which would give us the excuse of actually fomenting a fight which would then give us the excuse to go in and [overthrow Castro]".
- And Official State Department documents show that - only nine months before the Joint Chiefs of Staff plan was proposed - the head of the Joint Chiefs and other high-level officials [discussed](#) blowing up a consulate in the Dominican

Republic in order to justify an invasion of that country. The 3 plans were not carried out, but they were all discussed as serious proposals

- A U.S. Congressional committee [admitted](#) that – as part of its “Cointelpro” campaign – the FBI had used many provocateurs in the 1950s through 1970s to carry out violent acts and falsely blame them on political activists
- The South African Truth and Reconciliation Council [found](#) that, in 1989, the Civil Cooperation Bureau (a covert branch of the South African Defense Force) approached an explosives expert and asked him “to participate in an operation aimed at discrediting the ANC [the African National Congress] by bombing the police vehicle of the investigating officer into the murder incident”, thus framing the ANC for the bombing
- An Algerian diplomat and several officers in the Algerian army [admit](#) that, in the 1990s, the Algerian army frequently massacred Algerian civilians and then blamed Islamic militants for the killings (and see [this video](#); and Agence France-Presse, 9/27/2002, French Court Dismisses Algerian Defamation Suit Against Author)
- Senior Russian Senior military and intelligence officers [admit](#) that the KGB blew up Russian apartment buildings and falsely blamed it on Chechens, in order to justify an invasion of Chechnya (and see [this report](#) and [this discussion](#))
- According to the [Washington Post](#), Indonesian police admit that the Indonesian military killed American teachers in Papua in 2002 and blamed the murders on a Papuan separatist group in order to get that group listed as a terrorist organization.
- The well-respected former Indonesian president also [admits](#) that the government probably had a role in the Bali bombings
- As reported by [BBC](#), the [New York Times](#), and [Associated Press](#), Macedonian officials admit that the government murdered 7 innocent immigrants in cold blood and pretended that they were Al Qaeda soldiers attempting to assassinate Macedonian police, in order to join the “war on terror”.
- Although the FBI now admits that the 2001 anthrax attacks were carried out by one or more U.S. government scientists, a senior FBI official says that the FBI was actually [told to blame the Anthrax attacks on Al Qaeda by White House officials](#) (remember what the anthrax letters [looked like](#)). Government officials also confirm that the white House [tried to link the anthrax to Iraq](#) as a justification for regime change in that country
- Similarly, the U.S. [falsely blamed Iraq](#) for playing a role in the 9/11 attacks – as shown by a [memo from the defense secretary](#) – as one of the [main justifications](#) for launching the Iraq war. Even after the 9/11 Commission [admitted](#) that there was no connection, Dick Cheney [said](#) that the evidence is “overwhelming” that al

Qaeda had a relationship with Saddam Hussein's regime, that Cheney "probably" had information unavailable to the Commission, and that the media was not 'doing their homework' in reporting such ties. Top U.S. government officials now [admit](#) that the Iraq war was really launched for oil ... not 9/11 or weapons of mass destruction (despite previous "lone wolf" claims, many U.S. government officials now [say](#) that 9/11 was state-sponsored terror; but Iraq was *not* the state which backed the hijackers)

- Former Department of Justice lawyer John Yoo [suggested](#) in 2005 that the US should go on the offensive against al-Qaeda, having "our intelligence agencies create a false terrorist organization. It could have its own websites, recruitment centers, training camps, and fundraising operations. It could launch fake terrorist operations and claim credit for real terrorist strikes, helping to sow confusion within al-Qaeda's ranks, causing operatives to doubt others' identities and to question the validity of communications."
- United Press International [reported](#) in June 2005:

U.S. intelligence officers are reporting that some of the insurgents in Iraq are using recent-model Beretta 92 pistols, but the pistols seem to have had their serial numbers erased. The numbers do not appear to have been physically removed; the pistols seem to have come off a production line without any serial numbers. Analysts suggest the lack of serial numbers indicates that the weapons were intended for intelligence operations or terrorist cells with substantial government backing. Analysts speculate that these guns are probably from either Mossad or the CIA. Analysts speculate that agent provocateurs may be using the untraceable weapons even as U.S. authorities use insurgent attacks against civilians as evidence of the illegitimacy of the resistance.

- Undercover Israeli soldiers [admitted](#) in 2005 to throwing stones at other Israeli soldiers so they could blame it on Palestinians, as an excuse to crack down on peaceful protests by the Palestinians
- Quebec police [admitted](#) that, in 2007, thugs carrying rocks to a peaceful protest were actually undercover Quebec police officers (and [see this](#))
- At the G20 protests in London in 2009, a British member of parliament [saw](#) plain clothes police officers attempting to incite the crowd to violence
- A Colombian army colonel has [admitted](#) that his unit murdered 57 civilians, then dressed them in uniforms and claimed they were rebels killed in combat
- U.S. soldiers have [admitted](#) that if they kill innocent Iraqis and Afghanis, they then "drop" automatic weapons near their body so they can pretend they were militants
- The highly-respected writer for the Telegraph Ambrose Evans-Pritchard says that the head of Saudi intelligence - Prince Bandar - recently [admitted](#) that the Saudi government controls "Chechen" terrorists

- High-level American sources [admitted](#) that the Turkish government – a fellow NATO country – carried out the chemical weapons attacks blamed on the Syrian government; and high-ranking Turkish government [admitted](#) on tape plans to carry out attacks and blame it on the Syrian government
- The former Ukrainian security chief [admits](#) that the sniper attacks which started the Ukrainian coup were carried out in order to frame others

So Common ... There's a Name for It



Painting by [Anthony Freda](#)

The use of the bully's trick is so common that it was given a name hundreds of years ago.

"False flag terrorism" is defined as a government attacking its own people, then blaming others in order to justify going to war against the people it blames. Or as Wikipedia [defines it](#):

False flag operations are covert operations conducted by governments, corporations, or other organizations, which are designed to appear as if they are being carried out by other entities. The name is derived from the military concept of flying false colors; that is, flying the flag of a country other than one's own. False flag operations are not limited to war and counter-insurgency operations, and have been used in peace-time; for example, during Italy's strategy of tension.

The term comes from the old days of wooden ships, when one ship would hang the flag of its enemy before attacking another ship in its own navy. Because the enemy's flag, instead of the flag of the real country of the attacking ship, was hung, it was called a "false flag" attack.

Indeed, this concept is so well-accepted that rules of engagement for [naval](#), [air](#) and [land](#) warfare all prohibit false flag attacks.

Leaders Throughout History Have Acknowledged False Flags

Leaders throughout history have acknowledged the danger of false flags:

"This and no other is the root from which a tyrant springs; when he first appears he is a protector."
– Plato

"If Tyranny and Oppression come to this land, it will be in the guise of fighting a foreign enemy."
– U.S. President James Madison

"A history of false flag attacks used to manipulate the minds of the people! "In individuals, insanity is rare; but in groups, parties, nations, and epochs it is the rule."
— Friedrich Nietzsche

"Terrorism is the best political weapon for nothing drives people harder than a fear of sudden death".

- Adolph Hitler

"Why of course the people don't want war ... But after all it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy, and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship, or a parliament, or a communist dictatorship ... Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is to tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same in any country."

- Hermann Goering, Nazi leader.

"The easiest way to gain control of a population is to carry out acts of terror. [The public] will clamor for such laws if their personal security is threatened".

- Josef Stalin

People Are Waking Up to False Flags

People are slowly waking up to this whole con job by governments who want to justify war.

More people are talking about the phrase "false flag" [than ever before](#).

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