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Journalists Doing Somersaults Norman Solomon: media watchdog; syndicated columnist ("Media Beat"); author of over 10 books "Today, just six corporations have a forceful grip on America's mass media."

December 21, NewsWithViews. If given much consideration, one can discern that the power of the news rests with these head-haunchos who determine what we should be told, how, by whom, and when, and certainly what slant or outright untruths and disinformation should be passed on to us. Therein lie two key problems: The global media giants kick us in our pants every time we turn on a radio or TV channel, surf the Net, read a newspaper, magazine, or book by feeding us only what they want us to know, and not what is authentic. Thus, our opinions are built solely on their propaganda. Who Owns What Here is a small smattering of who owns what; only half are American properties. The big six consist of: Also operating under this media mogul are high speed cable, online services in addition to AOL, i. CompuServe, Interactive Services, and Netscape, etc.. Records, Reprise, Atlantic Jazz, Elektra, and 47 other labels. They also possess stores in over 30 countries, as well as theme parks, and various consumer products. The company partners with other media ownerships, such as Sony. Online shopping, 15 amusement parks, hotels, cruise lines, stores, their own merchandise, and communications tools belong to this titanic company. News Corporation owns magazines, studios, and partially the L. Lakers, an Australian rugby league, U. VIACOM This company, as is true with other media tycoons, owns some properties outright, while many are held in a percentage ownership. Under their deeds fall five Paramount Parks. Redstone; , employees; appx. They also own Universal Pictures, parks, sports, health care technology, and transportation. Media owners not only manipulate the content of the news, but they also control their distribution, circulation, products and merchandise. These handful of omnipotent producers, through their books, TV and radio stations, have propagated murder, sadism, sex, witchcraft, greed, Satanism, deceit, and a multitude of other immoral commodities and show-n-tells. This worldwide cartel that pedals what we hear, read, think, touch, desire, does so not to help civilization become better citizens - more courteous, considerate, helpful, protective of one another - but rather to rot our minds, destroy our principles and ethics, and line their pockets. On this note, author Ben Bagdikian states, "What is at stake is democracy itself. World-famous author Noam Chomsky tells us, in his article, "What Makes Mainstream Media Mainstream, [6] how the media controls our lives, giving us whatever misinformation or disinformation they deem appropriate. Overall, in the big picture, we need to keep awake us to how the world really fits together as determined by the media moguls and the Elite, many of whom own much of that very same media. To them, our importance is marginal at best and only if we are compliant, and work for their betterment. We are mere peons, laborers, slaves to their global government, the New World Order, not for our benefit, but rather for the almighty, dictatorial wealthy. By believing the media, and behaving accordingly to their directives, we are consenting to the shredding of our Constitution; the clobbering of our rights; the subjugation of our American sovereignty; the corruption of our government; and the loss of our privacy while allowing ourselves to be tracked and traced. In our minds that they have tainted, we are agreeing to surrender our children to the village to raise them since we are lousy parents, horrible disciplinarians, religiously-oriented, and morally conservative. Most notably is that the media has us disbanding Christianity while forcing us to accept soaring of paganism and Satanism; and partake in malevolence, sin and wickedness. Countless members of the media some respected and others ridiculed belong to secret societies that convene purposefully for initiating an agenda that will work for the Elite and for their strides for global governance, and use their possessions as a fulcrum in advancing the New World Order. It is not just an American media coercion but rather a transcontinental collusion for this one-world society, and how we are being duped on just about everything we believe and think. Chomsky, for example, says, [8] " Adds Chomsky, "The media believes that the general population are ignorant and meddling outsiders. In , half-a-dozen corporations owned the media outlets that control most of the news and information flow in the United States. Only six big corporations internationally

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own all the media. This is the push for globalization, a one-world federation. The Elite should not dominate media in our republic form of government. The selected few determine for us what we should know. Be wary of what you read, what you watch, what you see, and what you hear. The New Media Monopoly; [www](#). Do not reproduce any part of this without the permission of the author. Hayes has a doctorate in the humanities, world literature and writing, with a concentration in eschatology Bible prophecy and politics , and also has earned two masters in education and science. She speaks worldwide and has appeared on dozens of national radio and TV shows. Currently she is completing a full-length book on "Globalism and the Loss of Sovereignty" in all aspects of our lives - from parenting and education to religion, economy and politics. See the section under "religion" at [www](#).

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Chapter 2 : Gianni DeVincent Hayes, Ph.D -- Just the Facts, Ma'am

7 Norman Solomon, "*Journalists Doing Somersaults: Self-Censorship and the Rise of the Corporate Media State*," as it appeared in *Russ Kick's You Are Being Lied To*. 8 Noam Chomsky, from a talk at Z Media Institute, June ; also appearing in *Russ Kick's You Are Being Lied To*.

Risen and to safeguard the freedom of journalists to maintain the confidentiality of their sources. The Obama administration is insisting that Risen name his confidential source -- or face imprisonment. Without protecting confidentiality, investigative journalism required for accountability and democracy will wither and disappear. The newspaper added that Risen "might be sent to jail or fined if he refuses to identify his sources or testify about other details of his reporting. As Ellsberg puts it, "We would know less than we do now about government abuses, less than we need to know to hold officials accountable and to influence policy democratically. Charging that the administration has launched "an assault on freedom of the press," the petition tells Obama and Holder: Stop trying to restrict them. Without whistleblowers, there is no truth. Whistleblowers are heroes to the American people. The premise of deriving power from the people would appear to be a quaint notion to most within the three branches. Instead they now view us as subjects that must bend to their will rather than the other way around. Everything else is public relations. Please keep that promise. You become more like Nixon daily! President Obama, you have been a huge disappointment. I expected better from you. You know better than this. Without this, no leads, informants or whistleblowers will be motivated to come forward. Reporters should not be imprisoned for doing their job. Evidently it was a load of campaign bull pucky, making you just another politician who says whatever it takes to get elected. In other words, you and your administration are a complete sham. As for your constitutional scholarship, it would appear to be in the service of undermining the Constitution a la Bush and Cheney. Remember John Peter Zenger! We must not shoot the messenger -- we must raise the bar for conduct and probity! What amazes me is that we condemn other countries for stifling freedom of the press, then turn around and do the same thing to advance our own purposes. Are we proponents of democracy and a free press or not? You must stop harassing and persecuting journalists and their sources who are providing a vital public service in prying open the activities of governments that are illegitimately concealed from the public. If the public is not informed of state actions executed in their name, they cannot evaluate and render consent to those actions through the vote. This secrecy therefore subverts democracy, and you must stop using police powers to destroy the whistleblowers who enable government accountability to the public. That will cripple the free press. Bush especially and the current administration, I do not trust my own government to tell me the truth anymore. Freedom of the press is my only chance [to] find out what the truth is. Free press is the basis of our constitution. We need an effective shield law rather than persecuting journalists and news organizations for reporting the news. Your administration has done everything in its power to subvert Freedom of the Press by jailing whistleblowers and reporters who uncover wrong doing. You bring the whole concept of democracy into disrepute and set a bad example for the rest of the world. Keep our press free. Risen to reveal his sources will only make such reporting even rarer. Is this your deliberate intent? Freedom of the press is one of the cornerstones of our democracy and should never be trampled on by government. Quit this crap about trying to make a reporter reveal his or her sources. We need good reporting a lot more than lousy stinking politicians trying to shut up the truth. Obama was supposed to be a Constitutional lawyer and swore to uphold it. I thought the Attorney General was supposed to also protect the Constitution. It seems you both have abandoned those duties. Prove you hold the Constitution as the authority from which you derive your own and cease this persecution of a reporter who epitomizes one of the crucial things the Constitution stands for -- a truly free press. James Risen is a hero who will go to jail before revealing his source and the fact that you want to throw him in jail is the real crime here. I consider myself a moderate, but your aggressive pursuit of journalists and whistleblowers strikes fear in my heart. Your use of intimidation to weaken the press is

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contributing to the dismantling of our democracy. This is a Vladimir Putin approach to government. You know damn well that the People want these people honored! Bravo to James Risen for having the courage to resist this onerous government intimidation. The founding fathers believed that we could only keep this republic if we have free press and an informed public. Stop the suppression of information. Free access to information is not an optional ingredient. Information is the lifeblood of a democracy. Journalists must not be forced to name their sources if we are to know the truth. This seems like something that happens in totalitarian countries. And a free press is vital to keeping us informed. Drop this case, and uphold the principles of our Constitution. Boston, MA "The press should be free to do its job! If an administration has nothing to hide it has nothing to fear. We are fighting for freedom of the press. Stop being enemies to us people. Protect the freedom and independence of the press. Drop the case against James Risen. James Risen is right. I know this is what this corrupt government wants but over our dead bodies. Risen did in this instance, was not criminal. Stop the strong arm tactics. The increasing punishment of journalists is pushing our world and news into a scary age of non-information. Safeguard the confidentiality of journalists and their sources.

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Chapter 3 : An Assault From Obama's Escalating War on Journalism | HuffPost

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not know-nothing propagandists like Rush Limbaugh. However, none of them opted to join the festivities. Their ghettoization appears to be self-imposed to a large extent. David Loye Appendix A: The walls and furnishings of the room in which you sit. Yet you know as sure as before us have thought about the object we are looking at. What makes you so sure that they exist? Nothing but your memory. Nothing else at all. You know that your office, if you are away from it, still form of global intelligence which would soon emerge among human awaits your entry. You can picture the roads you use to get to it, visubeings. However, this image has a hidden twist. Individual things in your desk are placed. The greater in a year or twoâ€”few of whom, if any, are currently in the room with the spryness of a massive enterprise, the more internal communi you. You also know we sit on a planet called the earth, circling an cation it takes to support the teamwork of its parts. For example, in incandescent ball of sun, buried in one of many galaxies. Only in the chambers of your mind. The limbic system is also an intense monitor of others,⁶ In an effective learning machine, the connections deep inside far outkeeping track of what will earn their praises or their blame. By using number windows to the outside world. In a typical session, she showed college students a logical researchers suspect. Memory is the core of what we call reality. Think about it for a second. We see only what the others see, the thousands who were here in the past, those who will come in the future. Still others realized with total clarity which lines were identical, but lacked the nerve to utter an unpopular opinion. The words of just one determined speaker had penetrated the most intimate sanctums of the eye and brain. Not only did they remember the nonexistent blond vividly, but when they were shown the video a second time, they had a hard time believing that it was the same incident they now recalled so graphically. It was really weird. It was when Solomon Asch published a classic series of experiments in which he and his colleagues showed cards with lines of different lengths to clusters of their students. Two lines were exactly the same size and two were clearly notâ€”the dissimilar lines stuck out like a pair of basketball players at a Brotherhood of Munchkins brunch. During a typical experimental run, the researchers asked nine volunteers to claim that two badly mismatched lines were actually the same, and that the real twin was a misfit. Now came the nefarious part. The researchers ushered a naive student into a room filled with the collaborators and gave him the impression that the crowd already there knew just as little as he did about what was going on. Then a white-coated psychologist passed the cards around. One by one he asked the pre-drilled skills to announce out loud which lines were alike. Each dutifully declared that two terribly unlike lines were duplicates. By the time the scientist prodded the unsuspecting newcomer to pronounce judgement, he usually went along with the bogus consensus of the crowd. In fact, a full 75 percent of the clueless experimental subjects bleated in chorus with the herd. Asch ran the experiment over and over again. When he quizzed his victims of peer pressure after their ordeal was over, it turned out that many had done far more than simply going along to get along. They had actually seen the mismatched lines as equal. Their senses had been swayed more by the views of the multitude than by the actuality. Another series of experiments indicates just how deeply social suggestion can penetrate the neural mesh through which we think we see a hard-and-fast reality. Students with normal color vision were shown blue slides. But one or two stooges in the room declared the slides were green. In a typical use of this procedure, only 32 percent of the students ended up going along with the vocal but totally phony proponents of green vision. Even the students who had refused to see green where there was none a few minutes earlier showed that the insistent greenies in the room had colored their perceptions. They rated the new slides more green than pretests indicated they would have otherwise. More to the point, when asked to describe the color of the afterimage they saw, the subjects often reported it was red-purpleâ€”the hue of an afterimage left by the color green. Afterimages are not voluntary. They are manufactured by the visual system. Some did it out of self-doubt. Six-month-olds can hear or make every sound in virtually every human language. Those nerve cells stay alive which demonstrate that they can cope with the quirks of strangers, friends, and family. The 50 percent of neurons which remain unused are literally forced to commit preprogrammed cell death¹⁵â€”suicide. This tyranny of belonging punishes perceptions which fail to coincide with those of the majority. Unconsciously, the conversationalists began to coordinate their finger movements, eye blinks, and

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nods. Psychologist Paul Ekman has demonstrated that the faces we make recast our moods, reset our nervous systems, and fill us with the feelings the facial expressions indicate. More important, both animal and human children cram their powers of perception into a conformist mold, chaining their attention to what others see. A four-month-old human will swivel to look at an object his parent is staring at. A baby chimp will do the same.

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Chapter 4 : Full text of "You Are Being Lied To"

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D November 12, NewsWithViews. Well, if you do, you have been duped. All let me repeat that: Quite frankly, it means that we hear and read only what they want us to know, and they do this through melding opposites to create a new form. Many know this as the Hegelian Dialectics, and it is an extremely and often dangerously effective tool for sucking us into falsehoods and misinformation, and thus shaping our thinking and our lifestyles. I am bothered by this deceptive truth and abusive disinformation. Mainstream media are not only owned by the ruthless, silhouette rulers, but they have their minions under their thumbs as well. Nope, not the Dan Rathers, nor the Barbara Walters, nor a host of other much entrusted reporters will give us the bona fide facts even though we have come to rely on them. But these people have bosses and those bosses are the very owners of the media. Nearly every major event and movement has been pre-destined to happen and pre-determined on how the media would report it. In these secret societies are selected members of the mass media who deliver the news to us. The media owners lay out a script for what reporters are to tell us, and how and when. We are being outright snookered and persistently lied to. The Elite are no dummies. Instead, they own in whole or in part such other entities as sports teams, amusement parks, movie screens, music groups, satellite and cable networks, cable wires, toy companies, Blockbuster and other video and music stores, shopping networks, retail stores, beverage firms, communications companies, computer services, appliances and weapons, websites, water industries, cartoons, mobile phones, resort areas, video games, and other media in whole or part. Who are some of these big guys holding our heads on the chopping bloc? This is akin to making love to a skeleton. My first caveat is to warn never to believe everything you read on the Net, but after you have scoured all the mainstream media products, and even some buried info, then go online and research and go on a journey for the ultimate in authenticity. And even then still be selective. At least, however, varying accounts do get published online that the media would never present to us in any trustworthy words or modes. You see how the media, the Elite, have put us in a headlock? They have the power; we are the peons. If they put out something they want us to know in their terms and the general public makes a big to-do about it which also seldom happens, then the reporter takes the fall for it. Look what they do to us through subliminal messages, brainwashing, off-colored innuendos, culling up hate targets, through well honed mind control techniques via giving us the news, the movies, the magazines, and the TV programs they want us to have; not what is the truth, and thus leaving us without any true choices. Boy have they ever fooled us. In , half-a-dozen corporations owned the media outlets that control most of the news and information flow in the United States. Only six big corporations internationally own all the media. This is the push for globalization, a one-world federation, the New World Order. Enter Your E-Mail Address: And what are you reading these days? You see it; do you believe it? In essence, the media control us, twist and yank us, play with our minds, laugh at us, all the while enslaving us. Discern what you read, listen closely to what you hear. Welcome to Socialist America, and thank you, media, for bringing us to it. The Kingdom, The Power, and the Fury" at www. Gianni DeVincent Hayes is an internationally recognized author of 14 royalty-published books www. She speaks worldwide and has appeared on dozens of national radio and TV shows. Additionally, she is a screenwriter. She is working on a third website on the art of writing. She has her own radio show, "New World Order Disorder," on www. Book her for speaking engagements.

Chapter 5 : Race, Leaks and Prosecution at the CIA

A century later, men and women in many countries are still facing imprisonment, physical attacks and even death for daring to engage in independent journalism. When it comes to muzzling the press, the planet's hall of shame is crowded.

It takes some nerve to give a book that title, eh? It came to me very early in the process, when this collection was just a germ of an idea. We are being lied to. For the purposes of this book, the definition of "lie" is an elastic one. Sometimes it means an outright falsehood told in order to deceive people and advance the agenda of the liar. Sometimes the lie can be something untrue that the speaker thinks is true, otherwise known as misinformation as opposed to disinformation, which is something untrue that the speaker knows is untrue. A related type of lie-a "meta-lie," perhaps-occurs when certain institutions arrogantly assume that they have all the answers. These institutions then try to manipulate us with a swarm of smaller individual lies. Which more or less leads me to my next point: As a wise soul once noted, all you have to do is find a single white crow to disprove the statement, "All crows are black. Judith Rich Harris is still building the case that peers matter more than parents, but she has soundly laid to rest the notion that parenting style is by far the most important influence on who a child becomes. No, not exactly, but David Thomas can show that 1 those "holy" codes also appear in War and Peace, The Origin of Species, and a Supreme Court decision, and 2 you can find almost any word or name you want to find if you torture the text enough. Thomas Lyttle does show us that licking toads will not, indeed can not, get you high, and Michael Zezima definitively reveals that both sides committed atrocities during World War II. Meanwhile, Charles Bufe demonstrates that the founders of Alcoholics Anonymous lifted their ideas wholesale from the evangelical Christian group they belonged to. They even admitted it! Such cases of positive proof are in the minority, though. Basically, the pieces in this book show that the received wisdom-the common knowledge-is often wrong. But the first step is to realize that the "answers" that are being handed to us on a silver platter-or, perhaps more often, shoved down our throats-are often incorrect, incomplete, and usually serve the interests of the people promoting those so-called answers. What you do about it is up to you. David Loye Contents Appendix A:

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Chapter 6 : Journalists Should Expose Secrets, Not Keep Them - Media Monitors Network (MMN)

Norman Solomon's weekly column on media and politics is distributed to newspapers by Creators Syndicate. His latest book is "The Habits of Highly Deceptive Media: Decoding Spin and Lies in Mainstream News."

And the silence underscores the arrogance. And in these latter roughly six months of the year, MSNBC ran nearly 5, percent more segments that mentioned Russia than segments that mentioned Yemen. Or why worry if the anti-Russia drumbeat is worsening the risks of a global conflagration? Yet no response has come from them or network executives. But the network and its prime-time luminaries Maddow and Hayes refused to respond despite repeated requests for a reply. At the same time, the anti-Russia mania also services the engines of the current militaristic machinery. The most profound dangers from what Rachel Maddow and company are doing is what they least want to talk about—how the cumulative effects and momentum of their work are increasing the likelihood that tensions between Washington and Moscow will escalate into a horrendous military conflict. Even at the height of the Cold War during the s, when Soviet Communists ruled Russians with zero freedom of speech or press, most U. Now, across most of the U. Consider the assessment from the head of a first-rate research organization in the nuclear weapons field, the Los Alamos Study Group. Its executive director, Greg Mello, said: Trump is not supplying that. In part the fault for this comes from Democrats—who, allied with the intelligence community and other military-industrial interests, insist that the U. There is no organized senior-level opposition to the new Cold War, which is intensifying week by week. This document reflects, and is just one of many policies embodying, the new and very dangerous Cold War. This is the world we cover. Because of people like you, another world is possible. There are many battles to be won, but we will battle them together—all of us. Common Dreams is not your normal news site. We want the world to be a better place. If you can help today—because every gift of every size matters—please do.

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Chapter 7 : Full text of "Psychology & Social Dynamics"

You Are Being Lied To rejects this intellectual balka-nization, and, in doing so, brings together contributors who ordinarily wouldn't appear in the same book.

Now people are hailing your dedication to the principle of journalistic independence. For many, you will always be the courageous reporter who went to jail. And in this era, what other time is there? And they remember that officials who helped to funnel disinformation into your articles grew fond of going on television to cite them as evidence that the Iraqi regime was a menace to the world. But you were no overnight sensation. Your type of zeal about war was long apparent to those who cared to look. Judy, we all know that memory can be foggy. But a transcript can help bring it back. Norman Solomon, rate for us how the coverage has been so far in this adventure that we have in Yugoslavia. I would rate the fourth estate as functioning more like a fourth branch of government. We just saw this Pentagon briefing in the last half-hour, where the Pentagon officials did their thing, which was video games trying to depict the dropping of 2,000 pound bombs as though it was just some kind of blip on screens. Now generals are going to talk in terms of collateral damage, degrade, bombing campaign, air campaign, to try to use euphemisms, to turn this into something where Americans can distance [themselves] from the destruction being wrought in our name with our tax dollars. But all those phrases I just mentioned were used by reporters without any reference to the underlying meanings underneath those euphemisms. So I would have to rate the journalists of this country very poor in covering this war, and frankly it dovetails with the strategy that has been implemented by the White House and the State Department and the Pentagon. They have retreated to the briefing rooms and the TV studios with non-stop propaganda. We can expect that from government officials. We should demand more of that from the press. Do you agree or disagree? I mean, if you look at, certainly, my newspaper, you see reports from all over the world, not just from the Pentagon briefing room. And I think that, if anything, this was a war that was kind of prompted by public outrage to the pictures that were shown on CNN, to the stories that were told in The New York Times and other papers. That, too, is a form of manipulation of the press. May I agree with my friend, Judy? Let me say this: In the end, they can say what they want. Norman, is that necessarily wrong that certain pictures are put on because of the prompting of the White House and the Pentagon? There are other pictures that need to be seen, including ones of the devastation underneath the bombs, which are being reported by the London Independent today, by and other news agencies around the world SCHORR: Schorr going on and on on the air or in print day after day, year after year, about the fact that the U. No, what we need is independent journalists, not those who serve as functionaries for the propaganda machinery in Washington. I think the problem is selectivity. So is the suffering of the Kurds in Turkey. Judith Miller are we seeing enough of what the damage that is being caused in Belgrade to the Serbs? Have we seen enough of that? I think we have. It seems to me that Americans are being told that this bombing was brought about by Mr. It is a huge problem for the world. All right, let me jump in here and take a break for a second. Do you believe everything you see? The poll taken this week shows 47 percent now favor the use of ground troops in the Yugoslavia conflict if air strikes are not effective, compared with just 31 percent on March. The reason they give for that support, 67 percent say to help the refugees. Well, Daniel Schorr, I think that that is a great example of how our thoughts are manipulated, if you will, by what we see. Let me give you an example: The question of fairness is, Americans have to make informed decisions so they can vote; are we able to make informed decisions from what we see? The Oval Office has a man in it who is making policy not to show those pictures to the American people. Judith, is the window on the world tinted red, white, and blue? The White House objects. The fact of the matter is the concentration right now on Yugoslavia and on Kosovo is because the United States is at war there, and that is our preoccupation at the moment. I would like to be in different places. I have stood with the Kurds, as they flooded out of Iraq. Read more by Norman Solomon.

Chapter 8 : The Konformist - You Are Being Lied To

1, Norman Solomon, "Journalists Doing Somersaults: Self-Censorship and the Rise of the Corporate Media State," as it appeared in Russ Kick's *You Are Being Lied To*. 2, For additional information on media ownership, see Dr. Hayes' article, "Media: The Kingdom, The Power, and the Fury" at calendrierdelascience.com and calendrierdelascience.com

Cruise missiles, ballistic missiles. Chemical and biological weapons. Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. President Bush has said Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. Tony Blair has said Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. Donald Rumsfeld has said Iraq has weapons of mass destruction. Richard Butler has said they do. The United Nations has said they do. The experts have said they do. You can choose who you want to believe. The White House says it can prove that Saddam Hussein does have weapons of mass destruction, claiming it has solid evidence. The White House insisted again today it does have solid evidence that Saddam Hussein is hiding an arsenal of prohibited weapons. They might fight dirty, using weapons of mass destruction – chemical, biological or radioactive. Saddam Hussein and al-Qaeda share the same goal: They want to see – both of them – both of them want to see Americans dead. And I was very struck by the acceptance, the tone of most of the media coverage, as the sabers was rattled, as the invasion of Iraq gradually went from possible to probable to almost certain. The president essentially giving Saddam 48 hours to get out of Dodge. War now seems all but inevitable. Short of a bullet to the back of his head or he leaves the country, war is inexorable. War is inevitable, and it is approaching inexorably. Is war with Iraq inevitable right now? Send us over there, guys. And in many ways, the U. They are the ones who should be consulted to understand the situation. If history is any guide, the opposite is the case: We will, in fact, be greeted as liberators. The notion that it will take several hundred thousand U. A country that can really finance its own reconstruction and relatively soon. National Security Advisers Ken Adelman and Richard Perle, early advocates of the war, said the war would be a cakewalk. There are reports that there is no evidence of a direct link between Baghdad and some of these terrorist organizations. There are known knowns. There are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns. That is to say, we know there are some things we do not know. Often journalists blame the government for the failure of the journalists themselves to do independent reporting. But nobody forced the major networks like CNN to do so much commentary from retired generals and admirals and all the rest of it. You had a top CNN official named Eason Jordan going on the air of his network and boasting that he had visited the Pentagon with a list of possible military commentators, and he asked officials at the Defense Department whether that was a good list of people to hire. In , President Lyndon Johnson falsely claimed that an attack on U. Routinely, the official story is a lie or a deception or a partial bit of information that leaves out key facts. In international waters in the Gulf of Tonkin, destroyers of the United States Navy are assigned routine patrols from time to time. Sunday, August the 2nd, , the destroyer Maddox was on such a patrol. Shortly after noon, the calm of the day is broken as general quarters sound. In a deliberate and unprovoked action, three North Vietnam PT boats unleash a torpedo attack against the Maddox. The official story about the Gulf of Tonkin was a lie. The destroyer was carrying out a mission of patrol in those waters, in international waters, when it was attacked. At that point, the facts were secondary. Marder, has there ever been a retraction by The Washington Post of its fallacious reporting on the Gulf of Tonkin? There was never any retraction. Bush saying that to an absolute certainty there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and that intelligence sources told him that clearly, which was not at all the case. The failure of American news media to check government distortion reached new heights when, on the eve of war, the highly respected Secretary of State Colin Powell appeared before the United Nations to make the case that there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. He is not developing the missiles for self-defense. These are missiles that Iraq wants in order to project power, to threaten and to deliver chemical, biological and, if we let him, nuclear warheads. Did Colin Powell close the deal today, in your mind, for anyone who has yet objectively to make up their mind? I think for anybody who analyzes the situation, he has closed the deal. This irrefutable, undeniable,

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incontrovertible evidence today, Colin Powell brilliantly delivered that smoking gun today. Colin Powell was outstanding today. He made a wonderful presentation. I thought he made a great case for the purpose of disarmament. It was devastating, I mean, and overwhelming. Overwhelming abundance of the evidence. Point after point after point with “ he just flooded the terrain with data. America has made its case. The Powell speech has moved the ball. I think the case is closed. But at the time, it was quite possible to analyze and debunk what he was saying. Even the purportedly antiwar New York Times editorialized the next day that Colin Powell had made a sober case, a factual case. And in point of fact, it was known at the time and said by many people who were not allowed on the networks, by and large. We were mute when he was doing that. Phil Donahue was an antiwar voice on MSNBC, one of the cable news channels, and a memo that was leaked as the Donahue show was canceled is very explicit. This guy puts antiwar voices on our network. The American people need to know there is no just cause for this war. Journalists, too many of them “ some quite explicitly “ have said that they see their mission as helping the war effort. It will make it more difficult to keep pace with the flag wavers at Fox or CNN, or whatever. And more broadly, news media are very worried, not only government pressure, but advertiser pressure, criticism from readers, listeners and viewers. You got to support them. It seems to me that the right thing to do for patriots when American lives are at risk and Americans are dying is to unite behind the troops until victory is won. I think unity, Bill, is essential at this time, or at least when the guns begin to fire. In addition to Phil Donahue, many other journalists have been silenced for crossing the mythical line known as objectivity. Today, NBC fired journalist Peter Arnett this morning for participating in an interview on Iraqi state-controlled television. Arnett criticized American war planning and said his reports about civilian casualties in the Iraqi resistance were encouraging to antiwar protesters in America. And that is a tip-off to just how skewed the media terrain is. We talked to several people who told us that various friends and relatives had died in the bombing there in that collateral damage. Five thousand killed that day back on Tuesday, September 11, their biggest crime, as civilians, going to work that day. And yet, we know statistically “ the best estimates tell us “ that more civilians were killed by that bombing in Afghanistan than those who died in the twin towers in New York. Free flows of information have been further blocked by a more general atmosphere of contempt for antiwar voices. The far-left element in America is a destructive force that must be confronted. Some Americans, sadly, not interested in victory, and yet they want us to believe that their behavior is patriotic. Go with Danny Glover and Susan Sarandon. You fit in perfect. Pay no heed to the peaceniks and the left-wing rock stars. These people are essentially useless. They are reflexively opposed to war. Millions and millions of useful people out there? While mainstream journalists have rarely called attention in real time to failure of news media to provide necessary information and real debate, they have repeatedly pointed to their own failures well after wars have been launched. During the course of this war, there was a lot of snap-to in press coverage: And yet, it seems something missing from this debate was a critical analysis of where it was taking us. Those of us in journalism never even looked at the issue of occupation. News media, down the road, will point out that there were lies about the Gulf of Tonkin or about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. We should have been more skeptical.

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The Disinformation Company Ltd. Lincoln Steffens, an influential American newspaperman said: I have seen the future and it works. Where does he get this stuff? He was kidnapped by U. However, I should really do some research into the facts before taking these accusations at face value. A coincidence or conspiracy, depending on how you look at it: Bush helped prevent the execution of confessed serial killer Henry Lee Lucas. God Save the President! Arkansas prisons sold tainted blood to Canadian hemophiliacs. Several witnesses who questioned the infrared film from the Waco incident became sick in suspicious ways. How the People Seldom Catch Intelligence: John Poindexter and General Richard Secord from entering the country for life due to their connections to drug trafficking. The Truck-bomb Hoax by Cletus Nelson rely heavily though not exclusively on confused media reports during and immediately after the events. Common sense would tell you that these are the least reliable times for sober reporting. Art and the Eroticism of Puberty by David Steinberg The first woman to run for president of the U. She was the first person persecuted under the Comstock Act, which prohibits sending obscene material through the mail. Apt Pupils by Robert Sterling Alvin Toffler points out in The Third Wave that the purpose of the schooling system was to train children to become industrial workers, as argued by Andrew Ure in Truman gradually increases the estimates of the number of Americans and Japanese who were saved by dropping the Atomic Bomb. On actual Communists in the U. It almost happened here. Wallace would have become President in Wallace told reporters at the time that he would consider Harry Dexter White and Laurence Duggan for appointment to Cabinet positions. Both men spent the war providing Soviet agents with sensitive government documents. The Truth About Jesus: Is He a Myth? Scientific, Statistical Proof of God? Or Just Another Lie? A Handbook and International Directory for Humanists, Freethinkers, Naturalists, Rationalists, and Non-Theists Environmentalism for the Twenty-First Century by Patrick Moore One of the founders of Greenpeace in the late s, Moore later became disappointed with the organization for being too radical, after it had accomplished the bulk of what it intended to do. Forbidden Archaeology by Michael A. Cremo Argues that human beings have existed for hundreds of millions of years, perhaps much longer. He is obviously one of the Krishna nuts that Gould has written about. Corliss This is just plain garbage! Susan Blackmore is very outspoken about drug legalization.