

Report To The U.S. Congress:

The Use Of White House Resources To Attack American Citizens With Social Media Assets Owned By Campaign Financiers



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Forward

A number of parties have come forward to report that they were attacked using economic, media, career, electronic, psychological, social and strategic information tools.

The attacks were too sophisticated, too elaborate and too complex for any party but a large state entity to undertake.

Because these attacks on U.S. citizen/taxpayers were within domestic borders and because they threatened the lives, liberties and pursuit of happiness of citizens whose only “crime” was to report a crime, the press became interested.

Victims were encouraged to investigate the source of the attacks and the modern internet allowed much faster investigation and the introduction of many victims who were able to join forces.

The results led back to a single conclusion.

This document studies example incidents, tactics, overviews and considerations manifested by the illicit actions of rogue government employees.

Hacked By The White House

Silicon Valley campaign financiers from Google, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Tesla, and related groups, are the primary financiers of the Obama campaign. They are also the primary financial and political beneficiaries of the Obama Administration. They are also exclusively egotistical fraternity-house white males with disturbing hubris and territoriality issues. As they learned in their frat houses, “any slight or competition must be met with devastating counter-measures in order to preserve the herd”. They have provided most of the key staffing for the Obama Administration. With those kinds of credentials, it is no wonder that the aggressive attacks on any person who questions the Obama Administration is targeted with socially and economically lethal “hit jobs” using Google, Gawker Media and off-contract In-Q-Tel operatives.

The key tactics used against U.S. taxpayers who reported crimes by White House staff and White House campaign financiers

- Bribery of contracting officers and agents to damage competitors and only award the bad guys
- Internet server manipulation and website spoofing. Manipulation of online payment transaction systems to cut off competitors revenue. Redirecting PayPal orders to stop income
- Job database manipulation and slander to cut off employment options for competitors or witnesses. Placing “red flag” marks on every hiring manager database to prevent target from working
- Stone-walling any requests for disability benefits
- Hacking of competitors/witnesses devices
- Crashing the targets credit rating and cutting off loan options
- Theft of patent materials
- Denigrating and blacklisting the target with NVCA and all investor groups
- Threats and possible murders of whistle-blowers
- Ordering crony's and allies to black-list competitors/witnesses
- Bribery of public officials to direct funds and contracts to them and away from competitors/witnesses competing products
- Massive internet “troll”, “clickfarm” and “blogger-for-hire” online attacks
- Production of media character assassination campaigns
- Embezzlement
- Placing moles or planted front trolls inside of match.com, okcupid and other online dating services to harass targeted citizens
- Placement of sabotage moles, working for them, in competitors/witnesses companies to sabotage their plans and report internal data to competitors
- Honey traps
- DNS re-routing of all internet connections of competitors/witnesses
- Sending targets web searches to spoofed websites with manipulated information

- Hacking of every electronic device near target
- And more...

Most disturbingly, the following materials were leaked by a whistle-blower in order to show the depth of the tactics used to harm U.S. citizens who White House staff feel have slighted them:

2.5 *Operation methods/techniques.* All of JTRIG's operations are conducted using cyber technology. Staff described a range of methods/techniques that have been used to-date for conducting effects operations. These included:

- Uploading YouTube videos containing "persuasive" communications (to discredit, promote distrust, dissuade, deter, delay or disrupt)
- Setting up Facebook groups, forums, blogs and Twitter accounts that encourage and monitor discussion on a topic (to discredit, promote distrust, dissuade, deter, delay or disrupt)
- Establishing online aliases/personalities who support the communications or messages in YouTube videos, Facebook groups, forums, blogs etc
- Establishing online aliases/personalities who support other aliases
- Sending spoof e-mails and text messages from a fake person or mimicking a real person (to discredit, promote distrust, dissuade, deceive, deter, delay or disrupt)
- Providing spoof online resources such as magazines and books that provide inaccurate information (to disrupt, delay, deceive, discredit, promote distrust, dissuade, deter or denigrate/degrade)
- Providing online access to uncensored material (to disrupt)
- Sending instant messages to specific individuals giving them instructions for accessing uncensored websites
- Setting up spoof trade sites (or sellers) that may take a customer's money and/or send customers degraded or spoof products (to deny, disrupt, degrade/denigrate, delay, deceive, discredit, dissuade or deter)
- Interrupting (i.e., filtering, deleting, creating or modifying) communications between real customers and traders (to deny, disrupt, delay, deceive, dissuade or deter)
- Taking over control of online websites (to deny, disrupt, discredit or delay)
- Denial of telephone and computer service (to deny, delay or disrupt)
- Hosting targets' online communications/websites for collecting SIGINT (to disrupt, delay, deter or deny)
- Contacting host websites asking them to remove material (to deny, disrupt, delay, dissuade or deter)

2.18 *Behavioural science needs.* Staff identified various areas of behavioural science support that their effects and online HUMINT operations might benefit from. These mostly referred to social psychology, and included:

- Psychology of relationships (including online social interactions)
- Cultural impact on social interactions
- Psychology of trust and distrust
- Psychological profiling
- Developing realistic online aliases/personalities
- Psychology of persuasion
- Mass messaging
- Marketing/branding of YouTube videos
- Plausible excuses for not being able to communicate or interact with target online (or face-to-face)
- Effective delay tactics and “hooks” when dealing with online customers
- Online criminal behaviour (e.g., child exploitation, fraud)
- Youth behaviour online
- Online business operations

Psychology-Based Influence Techniques

3.2 Theories and research in the field of social psychology may prove particularly useful for informing JTRIG's effects and online HUMINT operations. The following topics would be particularly relevant for *social influence*:

- Social cognition (including social perception and attribution)
- Attitudes
- Persuasive communications
- Conformity
- Obedience
- Interpersonal relationships
- Trust and distrust
- Psychological profiling

In addition, the application of social psychological ideas to marketing and advertising would be useful.

3.6 *Obedience* is a direct form of social influence where an individual submits to, or complies with, an authority figure. Obedience may be explained by factors such as diffusion of responsibility, perception of the authority figure being legitimate, and socialisation (including social role). Compliance can be achieved through various techniques including: Engaging the norm of reciprocity; engendering liking (e.g., via ingratiation or attractiveness); stressing the importance of social validation (e.g., via highlighting that others have also complied); instilling a sense of scarcity or secrecy; getting the "foot-in-the-door" (i.e., getting compliance to a small request/issue first); and applying the "door-in-the-face" or "low-ball" tactics (i.e., asking for compliance on a large request/issue first and having hidden aspects to a request/issue that someone has already complied with, respectively). Conversely, efforts to reduce obedience may be effectively based around educating people about the adverse consequences of compliance; encouraging them to question authority; and exposing them to examples of disobedience.

3.7 *Conformity* is an indirect form of social influence whereby an individual's beliefs, feelings and behaviours yield to those (norms) of a social group to which the

These tactics are modernized techniques of the German Stasi secret police who terrorized Germany with their nearly psychotic desire to control all thought. The Obama Administration's manipulations of public information via the Google Monopoly, coordinated by campaign financiers Eric Schmidt and Larry Page has reached into every facet of American's lives.

In every case, it was not just an example of "bad luck" or an "unfortunate set of coincidences", the level of sophistication of the attacks clearly prove that illegal and illicit retribution tactics were engaged in against U.S. citizens in violation of the U.S. Constitution. In each case, the attacks served only one purpose. It was an illegal purpose: to exact emotional revenge on a party who had affected the profits and political position of a campaign financier or their in-government lackeys.

ATTACKED: White House Hit Jobs on U.S. Taxpayers As Revenge For Doing The Right Thing

By Andrew Wist

Here is what happens when you accidentally piss off a White House staffer or their insane Silicon Valley campaign billionaires.

They decide to ignore that bothersome piece of paper, called the *U.S. Constitution*, and, instead use the Italian policy book called *The Vendetta*. Lois Lerner, and IRS hit-jobs, were just a small sample of what the hit-team, crafted by the notorious Sidney Blumenthal, had to offer. In one case, as described by a victims investigators:

“They had In-Q-Tel, which is, directly, financially, politically, staffing, beneficiary and operationally connected to John Doerr, Elon Musk, The White House, Eric Schmidt and campaign financing for the same campaigns; run an attack on our client.

In-Q-Tel used its sister organization: The New America Foundation, which is, directly, financially, politically, staffing, beneficiary and operationally connected to John Doerr, Elon Musk, The White House, Eric Schmidt and campaign financing for the same campaigns. NAF is a giant lobby group designed to manipulate policy directions in order to benefit Silicon Valley VC’s.

They timed this with media hit-jobs produced by Gawker Media, which is, directly, financially, politically, staffing, beneficiary and operationally connected to John Doerr, Elon Musk, The White House, Eric Schmidt and campaign financing for the same campaigns.

In-Q-Tel gets part of its money from taxpayers, and part of its money from the U.S. Government, via the CIA and the State Department (via Hillary Clinton). This makes it a triple felony for In-Q-Tel to use federal funds, as well as CIA resources, to undertake business and political hit-jobs, and character assassinations, against U.S. citizens within the domestic borders of the United States. It also violates the United States Constitution.

The White House got pissed off that a few companies had created products which competed with the products of John Doerr, Elon Musk, Steve Jurvetson and, Eric Schmidt; the financial backers of Reid, Feinstein and Obama, ie: The White House’s cash cow.

So Robert Gibbs, David Axelrod, David Plouffe, Rahm Emanuel, and other senior White House staff, got together with Musk’s and Doerr’s people and sent out some hit-jobs on our client, in total violation of the law, ethics, and decency.”

The Corbett Report, Alex Jones, and many other independent media outlets have waxed on about the evils of In-Q-Tel, and political hit jobs. It is now well documented, in the media and sunshine filings, that In-Q-Tel funded much of Silicon Valley’s web related start-ups.

In-Q-Tel is not a spy group as much as it is an “I wish I was a spy” group for Harvard and Yale graduates who love to create financial trouble. The frat house attitude of these people, seems to be just like any frat house: “Greed is good. Revenge is required. To hell with the rules”.

The rabid approaches to social control, manifested by the In-Q-Tel investments, white papers and hidden camera web videos, shows a culture of elitism that makes Martha’s Vineyard white-bread matrons pale in comparison.

Are In-Q-Tel people insane? Probably not. Are they sociopathic control freaks? Maybe. The five tons of cocaine found on In-Q-Tel’s “Cocaine 1” airplane were quite astonishing for a 501 C 3 non-profit charity, like In-Q-Tel, to be hauling around.

Their commercial contract, with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, to run dirty tricks against U.S. opponents was a bit surprising.

Their founders families strange deaths,, and departures, and rape issues at their start-ups LucidWorks, Palantir and others, were also surprising and no less bizarre.

In-Q-Tel does zero-oversight dirty tricks tech, and spy work, for politicians and the campaign billionaires, of those politicians. Want a private, congress-invisible, email server?; a plane full of cocaine?; 100,000 fake troll bloggers to counter-act an opponent’s campaign...? You know who to call.

CBS News Reporter Sharyl Attkisson Claims Existence of Obama Enemies' List for Google Attacks

Cheryl Attkisson details the attack on her by the White House. **Sharyl Attkisson** (born January 26, 1961)[1] is an American [author](#) and formerly an [investigative correspondent](#) in the Washington bureau for [CBS News](#). She had also substituted as anchor for the *CBS Evening News*. She resigned from CBS News on March 10, 2014 after 21 years with the network.

by Paul Bond



Sharyl Attkisson- Courtesy of Harper Books

"I kind of assume I'm on a list. I don't think I'm the only one"

Sharyl Attkisson is an investigative journalist who became the story when she quit CBS News after two decades amid allegations that the network refused to run some of her stories that were critical of President **Barack Obama**. Ahead of the Tuesday release of her book *Stonewalled: My Fight for Truth Against the Forces of Obstruction, Intimidation, and Harassment in Obama's Washington*, she spoke to *The Hollywood Reporter* about her struggles with CBS executives and her assertion that her computers were hacked, possibly by Obama operatives.

Read more [Michael Bay in Talks to Direct Benghazi Movie '13 Hours' \(Exclusive\)](#)

THR reached out for a response from CBS News, but the organization declined to comment.

Who did you tell at CBS that your computers were hacked?

The first person I spoke to was Washington bureau chief **Chris Isham**.

Did he believe you?

He appeared to.

Did CBS care? Did they do anything about it?

God, you know, there's a lot of people there. He seemed to care. He hired a separate computer forensics firm to look at the computers. They, too, agreed that there had been highly sophisticated remote intrusion of my computers. They decided to dig deeper and embark upon a process that spanned a number of months, during which time the situation with the Associated Press and the government spying on Fox News reporter **James Rosen** was disclosed, as well as **Edward Snowden's** NSA information.

Did they ever find out who hacked your computers and spied on you?

I don't believe their computer forensics team concluded who spied on me.

Did they ask anybody in the Obama administration if they were the culprits?

Not to my knowledge. Executives discussed with me that they assumed that was the case. And we discussed how to proceed with that information and what we could do about it.

So what did you do about it?

It seemed to fall off the radar after the forensics report was delivered to CBS. And so I hired a — I have a legal and forensics team that began work.

Did they conclude anything yet?

Yes. Her work is still very much active, but they have told me they have evidence of highly sophisticated remote intrusions into my personal and work computers by someone using software proprietary to a government agency.

CBS executives suspect that the government hacked your computer, and CBS computers, but there's been no accountability? CBS just dropped the matter?

As far as I know, although what they told me was they wanted to heavily pursue it and find out who

was responsible. I discovered on my own they have a computer security specialist working for CBS. ... But nobody ever questioned me, came to my house, checked the security of my system, asked me for more information, or followed up with me.

Do you believe that people working for the president of the United States hacked your computer and spied on you?

The way you phrase the question makes me want to couch it a little bit. I have been told by two computer forensics experts that a highly sophisticated entity using abilities outside non-government resources, using software proprietary either to the DIA, CIA, FBI or NSA made repeat remote intrusions into both my computers over a period of time. And we have evidence of a government computer connection into my computer system.

And why do you think they would target you as opposed to more partisan voices, like Rush Limbaugh or Glenn Beck?

The question carries the assumption that they haven't targeted others. I kind of assume I'm on a list. I don't think I'm the only one, along with James Rosen and the Associated Press, that garnered special attention. There's probably a list of people.

So an enemies list, like in the Nixon administration?

I've been told there is such a list, yes.

And who do you suspect is on that list?

Well, there's an internal email that indicated reporters who were working with leakers in government agencies or perceived as enemies of the White House are being targeted. So I think that's probably accurate — anybody that they perceive as harmful to their agenda or working with leakers and whistleblowers, which I did a lot of.

Do you have sources who told you the names on that list? Is Rush Limbaugh on that list, for example?

Another reporter told me — I can't remember who — that they thought he was on some sort of target list, but I don't know that to be the case. I have someone who told me the existence of a list but not the names on it.

You're being accused of being a partisan right-winger. Have you reported negative stories about

conservatives?

Most of my reporting has not been political in nature. Some of the stories that were politicized, I don't consider political stories, but they were made out to be by people who obviously didn't want them reported, and I would put Fast and Furious and Benghazi in that category. But other stories include the one I won an investigative Emmy Award for last year, which was a series of stories from the time I went undercover to investigate freshmen Republican fundraising. I also did a story that MSNBC's **Rachel Maddow** complimented in a seven-minute-long segment, exposing Congressman **Steven Buyer**, a Republican from Indiana, and his possible and allegedly fraudulent charity, which was followed shortly thereafter by his resignation from Congress.

Did your colleagues give you grief about your negative stories on Obama?

Not my reporter colleagues.

But you have said your bosses kind of shut down a lot of your reporting?

Some of them did. It was very complicated. All of them encouraged my reporting initially, and then as time went on some of them encouraged it and some of them discouraged it.

Who were the ones discouraging it?

Nobody ever discouraged it to my face, they just would not run the stories or would have other stories they wanted to put on every time the stories were offered. That was CBS News with **Scott Pelley** and his executive producer **Pat Shevlin** primarily, but there may have been others.

You've said they did this because of liberal bias?

I'm not sure I've ever said that. But I think there was a complex list of reasons why a lot of stories did and didn't make it on the air the last couple of years. But in a general sense, I noticed a tendency to avoid stories that would draw pushback from people they didn't want to have pushback from, whether it's corporations, advertisers or politicians.

Has CBS ever cared about pushback from politicians before, or only under this administration?

I don't know how these same people would have acted under a different administration. They came in shortly after the Obama administration [began].

Do you think CBS was unlikely to run negative stories about President George W. Bush for fear

of pushback?

They might have been just as likely to be fearful of stories that drew controversy or pushback from corporate entities, charities, politicians, whatever the special interest might be.

Since when has CBS ever been afraid to air controversial political stories? It ran those memos claiming Bush was trying to avoid the Vietnam War. That wasn't controversial?

CBS is hundreds of people, and they've changed over the years. It's not a monolithic organization that has one viewpoint, and that's why for everything you try to put into a box there are exceptions. For example, they assigned me to cover Benghazi, that wasn't my idea. And they were very enthusiastic about the story for a period of time. Why they changed on that, I tried to figure out many times and I can't say; I can only say what my experiences were.

You must have a theory as to why, right?

They simply didn't want stories on any controversies, whether that involved corporations, advertisers, charities or other special interests. They were not impossible to get on the air, but very difficult. So we just concluded that there was not the same appetite as there had been in the past.

You're acting like it was a monetary decision on the part of CBS, like it didn't want to risk its advertising. But these were government stories we're talking about.

No, I'm trying to explain to you it wasn't just government stories, although that's what the media tended to focus on.

OK then, name the corporations that wanted to kill your stories.

I don't think any corporations killed my stories. I said CBS had a tendency, in the last couple years especially, to appear to want to avoid controversies or stories that they felt would get pushback from certain corporations and politicians and special interests and charities.

Can you tell me the names of these corporations, charities and politicians?

I hate to tick them off because I feel like the story should be told in some context for legal reasons, but I think that you can pull some ideas from the book.

Does CBS go after liberal policies that are failing with as much gusto as they do conservative policies that are failing?

Well, whether something's failing is a matter of somebody's opinion. But I would say, as **Lisa Myers** has observed, as *USA Today* has observed, the media in general has been less enthusiastic about government accountability under the Obama administration. And I concur with those observations.

Why is that the case?

In my view, trying to avoid the pushback, and the fallout, and the headaches that come with doing stories on whatever the topic may be that the powers-that-be don't like.

So, in journalism today, it works to bully the reporters and they'll lay off? "Speak truth to power" — that saying from the 1960s — that doesn't apply to journalism anymore?

Reporters want to, as you say, "speak truth to power," but it's harder to get those types of stories past the gatekeepers.

So what good is CBS News if it's just going to bow down to the bullies who tell them to shut up?

Those were your words, but I think they do a great job on some controversies and investigations. *60 Minutes* still does some great work. So I'm not saying there aren't very good journalists and work being done, but on the whole, as many other journalists have observed recently and publicly, the media is not as good at holding the powers that be accountable, for whatever reason.

And that reason has nothing to do with political bias?

It's a complex set of factors involving politics, relationships with corporations and advertisers and, at times, just the idea that they'd rather not have the headache of doing a story that they have to defend.

You seem to be going way out of your way not to label the media biased. But in your book you talk about how one of your bosses insisted on labeling conservative analysts but not labeling the liberal ones, and if they really didn't like an analyst, they'd label him or her "right-wing." So if that's not bias, what is it?

I didn't say that nobody is ever biased. I'm not trying to be cagey. It's not one factor at play ... I never told CBS when I wanted to leave that I thought anybody was liberally biased. I never argued that point. People kind of drew that conclusion because it served a certain narrative on both sides. It served the narrative of conservatives who were happy to feel like someone was spilling the family secret and it served the narrative of liberals who didn't like some of my reporting and thought it could be explained away if I were a right-wing conservative. So everybody sort of adopted that line, and that's something

that I never said.

So whose rule was it at CBS that analysts who were conservative be labeled as such and analysts who are liberal not be labeled?

I'm not going to name her. And it was some time ago, but she did say after I brought it up, she'd think about it, and she agreed that what I brought up was a good point and she changed — at least with me — what she'd been doing.

And who at CBS got mad at you for going on Laura Ingraham's radio show because Ingraham is right wing?

I don't want to say her name, either.

It sounds like you criticize Obama officials by name but you won't say names when you're criticizing CBS. Why the double standard?

I said a lot of names in the book, and I have my reasons why. ... I described it in the book as I wished to describe it.

Did anybody at CBS get mad when reporters went on liberal outlets, like MSNBC?

I can only speak for myself. I saw other reporters go on conservative and liberal outlets and I never heard that they received blowback. So I don't know if it was just me. But in my experience, they did tell me to not go on the *Laura Ingraham Show*.

Just the *Laura Ingraham Show* or all conservative shows?

That's a good question. At the time it was just, "Don't ever go on her show again." And then they denied other interview requests on both liberal and conservative outlets after that — a lot, but not all the time.

Are there any celebrities mentioned in your book?

Sheryl Crow and **Sinbad**. I traveled with them on a trip to Bosnia with **Hillary Clinton**. They were entertaining the troops. But first lady Hillary Clinton and her daughter were on a work trip and I was there covering it. I mention them briefly in light of the fact that I did the story that exposed that Mrs. Clinton's account that we'd been fired at by snipers was not true. I mentioned that Sinbad and Sheryl Crow were on the plane with us.

Was there any pushback on your Hillary-Bosnia report?

No. That sort of highlights the changes that had occurred because that was a different executive producer who, as far as I know, is actually friendly with the Clintons but nonetheless was very gung-ho on the story because he was — like most journalists — able to get outside of his own friendships and belief systems and just be a newsman.

Who at CBS did you tender your resignation to?

The first time I tried to leave, a year before I left, I had my agent call CBS president **David Rhodes**.

What was your interaction with David Rhodes like?

Well, for most of my tenure at CBS he was very supportive. We met privately a lot about how he wanted my stories to get exposure.

When did that change?

As I tried to leave, there were some tense times. But it ended up cordial.

Why did you want to leave?

The bottom line is, the last couple of years it was clear for me that there was nothing meaningful left for me to do at CBS, and I just wanted to move on. They had plenty of talented reporters but, for what I did, investigative and original reporting, there was no appetite for that.

What are your politics personally?

I don't talk about my politics, but I would say I'm like a lot of Americans. I'm mixed. I can honestly see two valid sides of a debate. That's not to say I don't have positions and thoughts on things, of course I do, but I don't let those things get in the way of my work.

The primary issues in your book are Benghazi, Fast and Furious, the alleged green energy scandals and Obamacare. Which of those four needs further reporting?

Wow. There's a great deal of reporting to be done on all of them. I can't pick one. At CBS, I would have continued on all of them, if I was able to.

It sounds like you've been telling me that journalists at CBS who don't toe a certain line have something to fear there. Is that the case at other networks, too?

I'm not sure we have anything to fear. It's just that if you want to keep working there, you may not be doing what you want to do. In my case it was not being willing to do what they wanted me to do, or disagreeing with it so much that I just would rather move on. I don't think reporters are fearful, per se, but I think they will tell you at the other networks that it's getting more difficult to get original and hard-nosed stories on, especially if they don't fit with the narrative that the gatekeepers in New York are trying to portray.

You were accused by some at CBS of agenda-driven news stories against Obama. Has anyone at CBS ever accused a reporter of agenda-driven stories against Sarah Palin, or George W. Bush, or anyone prominent on the right?

When I did stories that clearly were not positive toward Republicans, I was never accused of being a crazy liberal or having an agenda. That only happened when I did stories that were perceived as being negative toward Democrats.

Did your executive producer, Patricia Shevlin, accuse you of not being supportive enough of green energy because of your stories about taxpayer money given to Solyndra before it went bankrupt?

She never told me that — that was her answer to another executive who raised the question: "Shouldn't we be doing these stories on evening news?"

Why is that anecdote about Shevlin significant?

She is a well-known liberal ideologue who let that get in the way of her decisions and judgment. Whether people will say that to you or not, that was the consensus. That was discussed sometimes daily at CBS.

You also said somebody hacked your TV. How would you know? Why would someone want to hack someone's TV?

I didn't say that. What I said was the anomalies that were occurring in my house all seemed to be associated with my FiOS line. ... I think that the work that they were doing to get into my computer system may have interfered with the other systems in the house.

The progressive watchdog group Media Matters for America is leading the charge against you, it

seems.

Media Matters has acknowledged targeting me, yes. Not with a computer intrusion, just with trying to discredit the stories I did as much as possible.

Do you think they were paid to do so?

They said they weren't, but the question has certainly crossed my mind.

Do you know of any occasions where Media Matters was given money earmarked to targeting somebody?

David Folkenflik of NPR told me they were paid to target Rush Limbaugh. He may have misspoken on that, because someone told me it may have been Glenn Beck. He gave me two instances in which they were paid to target. He also said that they were paid to target Fox News. I'm not sure if that's correct. It was just another reporter relaying that information to me.

(Media Matters president **Bradley Beychok** told *THR*: "Media Matters has never taken a dime to target Sharyl Attkisson." Update Nov. 7, 1:17 p.m: Folkenflik said: "Not quite what I said. I don't know of any instances in which Media Matters donors 'earmarked' specific money to 'target' someone per se, but the question almost misses the point. That's what they do. Media Matters's liberal donors and founders always intended the organization to subject Fox News and Limbaugh to intense scrutiny as well as other news coverage that they considered suspect. Glenn Beck was added later to the list as his profile rose.").

Do you think Media Matters has libeled you?

That's a good question. I haven't had a legal review of what they've said. I actually read little to zero of what they write. They have definitely said many, many, false things. But I'm not sure it qualifies as libel under the law.

They're a media watchdog. They tell the truth about what the media is reporting, right?

I don't think they have an obligation to, no. Anyone can say they're a media watchdog and then give their opinions ... most people understand it's a propaganda blog. They are very close to the Obama administration, Hillary Clinton and Democratic interests.

What does the press think of Media Matters?

Like anybody that reaches out to us, we may take under consideration an idea that they propose. But I never get asked about their conservative counterparts, such as Media Research Center or Accuracy in Media. In my experience, no one ever takes their criticism as if it is something legitimate to be answered, but when Media Matters says something, many people in the media almost treat them as a neutral journalism organization.

Is that biased?

That probably is the result of an unintentional bias.

As we're talking, I got an email from Media Matters that says a video you released of your computer being hacked is probably just a stuck backspace key.

It's what I would call a video anecdote, something that happened along the way. It has nothing to do with the forensic evidence and the analysis. It's just something interesting, a punctuation mark of things that were happening. And, certainly, I expect Media Matters to say that the backspace key was held down.

What story were you working on when your backspace key started operating by itself?

I was preparing questions for my interview with Ambassador **Thomas Pickering** about Benghazi and the Accountability Review Board.

So of all the stories you did that were seen as negative against Obama, Benghazi was the one that really irritated them?

I think green energy got under their skin first, and the remote intrusions into my computer predated Benghazi.

From what you told me thus far, it sounds like you're accusing CBS of cowardice more than liberal bias. Is that correct?

I haven't used that word, ever. CBS is hundreds of people. It's not a monolithic organization. That's the hard part about trying to make a statement or draw conclusions. I would use the word "fearful," rather than "cowardice." Some people in the decision-making process, not necessarily reporters at the ground level, but some of those deciding what goes on television have become very fearful of the sponsors and would just prefer to avoid conflict and controversy, which means you're not going to do a lot of original investigative reporting.

You mentioned your former boss David Rhodes. His brother is Ben Rhodes, a security adviser to the president. Is there at least an appearance of a conflict of interest there when he's telling you to lay off Benghazi while his brother works for the president?

David didn't tell me to lay off Benghazi, and I don't really have an opinion of his relationship with his brother, and how that might have affected things.

Did anyone tell you to lay off Benghazi, or did they just stop using your stories on TV?

They started not using my stories. I don't know what goes on in the decision-making process, but in general the shows' producers and managing editors and so on would be the ones that decide what goes on the broadcasts and what doesn't. I certainly had people joining me at CBS and pushing for stories to get on television that didn't get on. And they were stopped, as far as I was concerned, somewhere in New York.

What reasons did they give you for not airing your stories?

They would just say — and they didn't talk to me personally, this was to senior producers — they would just say things like, "There is no time on the show for it tonight," "That's a great story but maybe we'll get to it tomorrow," "Not today, but tell us when there are other developments, we'll consider it again."

Why would the administration blame the murders in Benghazi on a YouTube video if that was untrue?

Some of the information the administration is withholding from public release involves a meeting or meetings that occurred in which this was presumably discussed. So we can only wonder, but the body of evidence that's come out in the two years since would lead a reasonable person to conclude they wanted to steer the public's direction away from the idea that this was definitely an act of terror, technically on U.S. soil if it was U.S. property overseas. It occurred on the president's watch, very close to an election, at a time when he had claimed Al Qaeda was on the run.

But that reason sounds fairly pathetic and unworthy of such a huge lie. Doesn't it?

From whose viewpoint? I mean, it's apparently important enough for them to deflect opinion, and I'm not sure if that is indeed why they did it, that's just the best reason most of us can come up with, looking at the evidence that has come out since. Maybe there is a better reason why they did it, I don't know. I have a feeling we won't ever have the full story.

What news network do you think you'll land with next?

I certainly haven't decided I'll ever work at another network or even necessarily work full-time again. When I decided to leave CBS, the discussion I had with my husband was, I have to be prepared to walk out and not work anywhere ever again, and we were fine with that.

Have you had offers?

Yes, but I don't want to discuss them.

Media Matters and others say that you're pushing a media-is-biased narrative to curry favor with conservatives.

Anyone who knows much of anything about me knows that I don't curry favor with people. Period.

Being targeted, allegedly, by the Obama administration, and your stories allegedly being shunned at CBS — were those ultimately good things for you?

I don't think those were pleasant things, but where I sit today I would say, "Fine, I'm exactly where I ought to be." And I will tell you, before all this stuff happened, I did hope to, and thought I would, work the rest of my career at CBS doing as much as I had been doing over most of the last 20 years. It didn't work out that way, but I'm not sorrowful over it. ... I think there is a cultural change in journalism that's going on — a turn away from the kind of reporting that just holds the powers-that-be accountable. It's not just a CBS thing.

The major news networks are just afraid of the powerful all of a sudden?

Well, when you put it that way, it makes it sound silly, and that's what I've written about in the book. I don't think there was a sudden switch.

Nobody was saying that the media was afraid of George W. Bush, now all of a sudden they are afraid of Barack Obama?

There were times when people said that — inside CBS, after RATHERGATE.

Were there some depressing days for you at CBS toward the end?

I was very disheartened when my producer and I would have great stories, and in some cases, whistleblowers we convinced to go out on a limb and tell their story, only to then have to go back to

them and say nobody's interested. So, we've had to do that more times in the past few years than I've had to do in the previous 30.

An Obama spokesman called you "unreasonable." Are you?

I'm probably one of the most reasonable reporters out there. But their definition of unreasonable is when they answer a question, if it doesn't make sense or if it contradicts other facts, I don't just accept it and go away.

What haven't I asked you about that you think is important to mention?

A couple people have told me that CBS News has started a whisper campaign to say that I'm paranoid, crazy and a liar.

Are you paranoid?

I'd like to think not. It's just a good word they use to discredit and "controversialize" reporters and stories they don't like.

Assuming this whisper campaign against you is true, who is orchestrating it?

I was told that Chris Isham, the bureau chief in Washington, was a part of it.

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Sharyl Attkisson's Story: DOES THE WHITE HOUSE PUT "HITS" ON CITIZENS?... YEP...

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To: Schultz, Eric

Sent: Tue Oct 04 07:46:06 2011

Subject: No stories

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From NYT, AP, Reuters, WaPo, NBC, Bloomberg ...

I'm also calling Sharryl's editor and reaching out to Scheiffer. She's out of control

Document Dump Shows DOJ Worked With White House To Target 'Out of Control' Sharyl Attkisson For Fast and Furious Coverage [Katie Pavlich](#) | TOWN HALL

A Department of Justice document dump to government watchdog [Judicial Watch](#), made public yesterday, shows former DOJ Spokeswoman and Holder Flack Tracy Schmalzer talking to the White House about "out of control" investigative reporter Sharyl Attkisson. Attkisson was covering Operation Fast and Furious for CBS News at the time.

An email was sent by Schmalzer to White House Deputy Press Secretary Eric Schultz on October 4, 2011 and shows she planned to call Attkisson's editor and longtime CBS anchor Bob Scheiffer to get a handle on her reporting.

Emails also show Schultz responding to Schmalzer with, "Good. Her [Attkisson] piece was really bad for the AG."

The specific story by Attkisson that Schmalzer and Schultz are referring to was about memos showing Holder was briefed about Operation Fast and Furious nearly one year before he claimed he'd heard about the program under oath in front of Congress in May 2011.

Keep in mind that in 2011, when this email exchange occurred, the White House had denied any discussion about Operation Fast and Furious with the Department of Justice. This email not only proves they were jointly targeting Attkisson, but working together to mitigate the scandal. At one point during her pursuit of Fast and Furious Attkisson was screamed at by Schultz, who used profanity, over the phone.

It seems top brass over at CBS gave into DOJ pressure. Attkisson left CBS News last year after 20 years of working at the outlet, citing difficulty in getting stories critical of the Obama administration on the air.

In addition to going directly to the bosses of reporters for intimidation purposes, during her tenure Schmalzer regularly worked with far left smear machines like Media Matters to [attack other reporters and DOJ whistleblowers](#).

Internal Department of Justice emails obtained by The Daily Caller show Attorney General Eric Holder's communications staff has collaborated with the left-wing advocacy group Media Matters for America in an attempt to quell news stories about scandals plaguing Holder and America's top law enforcement agency.

Emails sent in September and November 2010 show Schmalzer working with Media Matters staffer Jeremy Holden on attacking news coverage of the New Black Panther Party voter intimidation scandal.

Holden attacked former DOJ Civil Rights Division attorneys J. Christian Adams and Hans von Spakovsky on Sept. 20, 2010 for what he called an attempt “to reignite the phony New Black Panther Party scandal.”

Throughout the email exchanges TheDC obtained through the FOIA request are numerous examples of Gertz and other Media Matters staff sending the full text of Media Matters blog entries attacking the DOJ’s political opponents in the media.

Among others, Gertz sent Schmalzer attack pieces he wrote about Townhall Magazine’s Katie Pavlich, who also authored a book on Operation Fast and Furious; Breitbart.com writers Joel Pollak and Ken Klukowski; Fox News Channel’s William LaJeunesse, Judge Andrew Napolitano, Megyn Kelly, Martha MacCallum, Bill Hemmer, Bill O’Reilly and Sean Hannity; Sipse Street Irregulars blogger Mike Vanderboegh; DirectorBlue blogger Doug Ross; National Review’s Andrew C. McCarthy; and this reporter. Schmalzer left DOJ in February 2013. Under a court order, DOJ turned over 42,000 pages of Fast and Furious documentation to Judicial Watch last week. The documentation was held for years under President Obama's claim of executive privilege. Because of the vast amount of information, [Judicial Watch](#) is asking the public for help reviewing them and with [looking for evidence of wrongdoing and corruption](#).

Attkisson recently published a book, Stonewalled: My Fight for Truth Against the Forces of Obstruction, Intimidation, and Harassment in Obama's Washington, about her experiences.

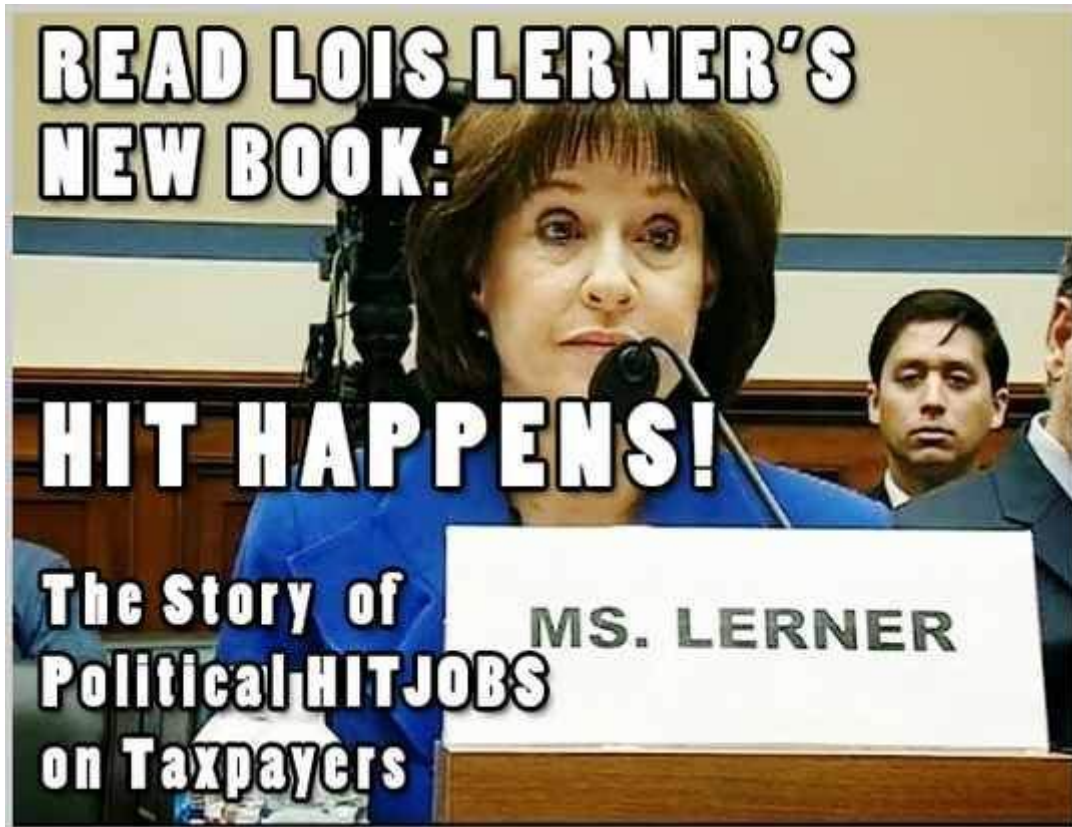
READ THE ORIGINAL EMAILS ABOUT COORDINATING ATTACKS ON ATTKISSON BY WHITE HOUSE AND DOJ STAFF (Download the following files provided by congressional investigators):



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The Lois Lerner Attacks On The Public



Kimberly Strassel points out that the FEC began targeting a conservative 501(c)(4) group at the request of Obama lawyer Bob Bauer (husband of Mauist Anita Dunn) and on behalf of the Obama campaign in 2008. In 2009, the FEC then requested information from Lois Lerner at the IRS and she willfully complied. The problem is that the FEC didn't have authority to make that request and the IRS didn't have authority to share that information:

WSJ – Congressional investigators this week released emails suggesting that staff at the Federal Election Commission have been engaged in their own conservative targeting, with help from the IRS's infamous Lois Lerner. This means more than just an expansion of the probe to the FEC. It's a new link to the Obama team.

In May this column noted that the targeting of conservatives started in 2008, when liberals began a coordinated campaign of siccing the federal government on political opponents. The Obama campaign helped pioneer this tactic.

In late summer of 2008, Obama lawyer Bob Bauer took issue with ads run against his boss by a 501(c)(4) conservative outfit called American Issues Project. Mr. Bauer filed a complaint with the FEC, called on the criminal division of the Justice Department to prosecute AIP, and demanded to see documents the group had filed with the IRS.

Thanks to Congress's newly released emails, we now know that FEC attorneys went to Ms. Lerner to pry out information about AIP—the organization the Obama campaign wanted targeted. An email from Feb. 3, 2009, shows an FEC attorney asking Ms. Lerner “whether the IRS had issued an exemption letter” to AIP, and requesting that she share “any information” on the group. Nine minutes after Ms. Lerner received this FEC email, she directed IRS attorneys to fulfill the request.

This matters because FEC staff didn't have permission from the Commission to conduct this inquiry. It matters because the IRS is prohibited from sharing confidential information, even with the FEC. What the IRS divulged is unclear. Congressional investigators are demanding to see all communications between the IRS and FEC since 2008, and given that Ms. Lerner came out of the FEC's office of the general counsel, that correspondence could prove illuminating.

IT GETS DEEPER...KEEP READING...

The Cleantech Crash Hit Jobs

CBS News 60 Minutes did an episode called “THE CLEANTECH CRASH”, You can see the story at:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/cleantech-crash-60-minutes/>

- The famous economic fiasco that brought America the spectacular failures of Solyndra, Ener1, Fisker, Abound, and many more, cost taxpayers trillions in losses

Charges in a law enforcement “***Demand for Prosecution Notice***” tell the inside story:

“Multiple individuals, who had an acrimonious relationship with defendants, suddenly turned up dead, while being in perfect health the day prior. Most of them had recently reported misdeeds by the defendants. Their friends and families have publicly implied that they were murdered to keep them quiet. One victim: Solar and hydrogen CEO – Gary D. Conley, was found shot in the head. Surveillance video, from all properties leading to the shooting site, have been subjected to a “failed hard drive”. A Wall Street Journal Reporter, Tesla whistle-blowers, A blogger, multiple Google insiders, and many more, suddenly turned up, mysteriously, dead. Every single one of them had a connection to the defendants. Financial, covert stock exchanges, witness, surveillance and communications records prove this.

A multi-million dollar character assassination, defamation and economic sabotage program was undertaken by the defendants against plaintiffs. Defendants used Gawker Media, Google and In-Q-Tel/New America Foundation to operate these attacks. Defendants had a financial and political interest in Gawker Media, Google and In-Q-Tel/NAF. Gawker Media, Google and In-Q-Tel/NAF shared staff and executives with defendants. Gawker Media, Google and In-Q-Tel/NAF conduited campaign funding to the defendants. Staff from Gawker Media, Google and In-Q-Tel/NAF are still employed by the defendants, and continue to operate the attacks. Gawker Media, Google and In-Q-Tel/NAF and defendants have cross promoted each other in the media and in government negotiations in self-dealing arrangements. Google and In-Q-Tel have conduited billions of dollars of campaign financing, stock, search manipulation and other assets to a huge numbers of Senators, agency heads, law enforcement bosses, Sacramento administrative officials and White House staff. Financial, covert stock exchanges, witness, surveillance and communications records prove this. Plaintiffs engaged in a five year electronic “sting-operation”, which has generated electronic data which also proves the hacks, internet manipulations, DNS re-routing and other electronic portions of the attacks by defendants. The FBI, NSA, DIA, and other agencies, have similar data evidence.

Defendants ordered their staff to manipulate, hide, shred, sabotage, stone-wall or take no action on grant, contract and proposal applications, by plaintiffs, while at the same time promoting and approving inferior proposals for inferior competing products owned by the defendants Cartel. Financial, covert stock exchanges, witness, surveillance and communications records prove this.

The FBI raided one of the defendants assets. Multiple investigation agencies have found, in the records of that asset, ownership, stock manipulation and government contract corruption which traces directly back to the defendants. Financial, covert stock exchanges, witness, surveillance and communications records prove this.

Goldman Sachs has been charged with multiple crimes, against U.S. citizens, by the U.S. Government and state investigators. Goldman Sachs had the key banking relationship and financial strategy role for almost every defendant and made many billions of dollars, at taxpayer expense, off of misdeeds, in this case, by defendants. Goldman Sachs, and their mouthpiece promotion agencies Deloitte and McKinsey consulting, who also staffed the defendants, claimed that their scheme, in published white papers and news reports, circulated in Washington, DC and Sacramento, California, would lead to “Trillions of dollars in exclusive profits” for the Cartel. It is not inconceivable to comprehend how defendants may have engaged in murders, bribery, character assassination and other crimes, in order to gain, over a trillion dollars of, corrupt profits. Financial, covert stock exchanges, witness, surveillance and communications records prove this.

Defendants placed “moles” (people who covertly worked for defendants) inside of plaintiffs companies in order to sabotage plaintiffs efforts and report internal business intelligence data back to defendants which they could use to damage, or circumvent plaintiffs. One defendant: Kliener Perkins, is known to have placed multiple moles. Financial, covert stock exchanges, witness, surveillance and communications records prove this.

California Controller Bill Lockyer, and State Tax Officials, rigged exclusive tax waivers and tax kick-backs for defendants while denying those same favors for plaintiffs. Over 12 California state agencies also gave defendant-controlled, side-by-side, crony corruption schemes: Tesla and Solyndra, hundreds of millions of dollars of political favors for failed technologies while denying those same resources to plaintiffs, whose technologies have become world leaders. Plaintiffs were “Lois Lerner'd” in retribution. Financial, covert stock exchanges, witness, surveillance and communications records prove this. California State Officials worked with Senator Diane Feinstein to promulgate these kick-back deals, in which the Feinsteins operated multiple criminal conflicts of interest leading them to tens of millions of dollars in ill-gotten profit. Senator Feinstein, personally, ordered the sabotage of some plaintiffs to protect her profiteering scam in this Cartel.

The defendants owned, and controlled, through shell companies, false charities and front groups, mining contracts in countries that were being invaded by the U.S. The defendants promoted acceleration of war efforts in order to profiteer on the chemicals, mined from those war ravaged countries, for exploitation in Tesla and Solyndra under the guise of: “It's for “green products” don't question it”; in order to “sucker” taxpayers.

Defendants made hundreds of millions of dollars in profits by skimming cash off the top of incoming government grant and loan money and, duplicitously, also taking tax profits when those same companies went bankrupt. Agency enforcement officers, who were supposed to prosecute all of the crimes listed herein, held stock profits in many of the defendants companies and had a vested interest in seeing plaintiffs fail.

Defendant Elon Musk is documented as having engaged in multiple financial crimes, stock market manipulations, state and federal documentation lies and illegal campaign finance payola. State and

federal officials have ordered a “hands-off” protection racket for Musk because his poor control of his hubris is known to be capable of easily linking all of the defendants together. Financial, covert stock exchanges, witness, surveillance and communications records prove this. “

While the document goes on, at great length, documenting additional charges, the point is clear. Even without this clear summation, any member of the public can peruse news stories from 2007 to 2010 to see that all of these events did, indeed, happen and draw the connections to make these charges highly credible. Readers, voters and agencies are encouraged to conduct their own, independent research on this facts. Volumes of research material exist in libraries, news archives, federal reports, lawsuit filings and public testimony.

How Can The Public Fight Back Against Such Attacks?

Your adversaries will hire private investigators known as “Opposition Researchers”. Regular people call them “hit-men”. From the famously vindictive [Sidney Blumenthal](#), to the notorious [Richard Berman](#), to unknown college kid junior “hit-men” in training; when they come for you it will be harsh, massively financed and driven by the madness of power-hungry campaign technology billionaires. Your saving grace, though, will always be this: The “bad guys” are forced to operate in darkness and stealth, once exposed to the light, they will wither and crawl away. In this new *Age of Transparency*, the ability to shed light on bad guys is more potent than ever! Look to major journalists, social networks and carbon-copy every law enforcement agency, so everyone knows what is going on, and so that no single entity can “stone-wall” or cover-up.

1. Cooperate with every law enforcement agency request. Every law enforcement agency will have an interest in terminating felony-grade law-breaking.
2. When they seek to destroy your reputation. Prove them wrong in public. In our case, the volume of [great references](#) and [broadcast news acclaim](#), posted on this site, counters any credibility attacks. They will try to spin the phrase “scam” or “not credible” into their attacks. Prove them wrong with the facts. Offer to meet them in any federal court or live TV debate to prove the facts. If the “bad guys” are involved in crime, be sure to show those facts in your public debate, so that people consider the source of the attacks. It isn’t possible to take a considered read of our references and proven deliverable documentation and not realize that any “scam” attack media/blog clips are fabricated by the attackers. In our case, we have seen law enforcement records and investigator documents proving severe felony-level crimes were engaged in by the people suspected of attacking our Team. We are extremely confident about who will be looking bad when everything is all-said-and-done. In today’s total information world, you can hire thousands of services that can track the off-shore tax evasion accounts, escort services, political bribes and illegal PAC groups, kick-backs, insider trading and other criminal actions that any criminal billionaire, that is attacking you is involved in. If you find such information, help the law enforcement people by delivering it to all of them. The level of felony crimes, these kinds of people get involved in, are “felony-grade embezzlement and racketeering matters”, according to the FBI. They are going to get in pretty big trouble. In the cases where they used taxpayer money to stage their crimes, they are going to get in Super Big trouble.
3. Sue them. There are now contingency law firms who will cover the costs of going after big bad guys in exchange for a percentage of the judgement. For example: Many people, and countries, have now proven that Google rigs it’s search engines to harm it’s adversaries. If Google did that to you, the technical proof now exists and you can win in court and get compensated for the damages they caused you.

4. Watch out for “moles”. Crazy rich people have private eye’s and ex-employees that they pay to get a job at your company. They pretend that they are helping you, then they sabotage your effort. Consider past jobs that future employees had with your attackers.

5. Watch the news coverage for exposes about crimes that your attackers are suspected of being involved in and contact others that were harmed by the attackers. Form a support coalition with others that were damaged by the attackers.

6. Read about who does hired character assassinations, and how they do it, at [THIS LINK](#) and watch for the early signs of the attacks.

7. To understand the process, watch some of the movies about how the bad guys sabotage: Francis Coppola’s: **Tucker, A Man and His Dream**; Greg Kinear’s: **Flash of Genius**, and read some of the history of the “tech take-downs” at [THIS LINK](#) <http://wp.me/P1EyVm-xH>

8. Stay on the “side of the Angels”. Good eventually wins over evil. In this new “Age of Transparency”, evil is losing faster than ever.

9. As punishment against you, rich political campaign backers will try to have their federal lackey’s change the law to hurt you. If you are a tech group, for example, the “bad guys”, might organize to suddenly try to change the patent laws so that your business is destroyed. When billionaires put bribes in the right pockets, they accomplish sweeping policy change. Don’t let that happen. Expose the “who” and the “why” in such tactics.

10. Consider Quid-Pro-Quo. In many countries the rule is: “if they do it to you, you have every right to do it back to them”

11. Watch out for “honey traps” in your activities and in on-line sites. Read the Snowden/Greenwald reports on what “Honey Traps” are.

12. The Bad Guys are usually very involved in politics because they like to control things. In order to control politics they own many stealth tabloid publications where they can order attack stories written about you. Some of these kinds of people own **famous online media tabloids** (ie: Gawker Media Group) and **stock tip publications** which are really just shill operations for their agendas and attacks. Identify these publications and partner with every person, or company, who they have coordinated attacks on in the past. Read about their attacks on inventor Mike Cheiky, Gary D. Conley, Aaron Swartz, Stan Meyer, Preston Tucker **and hundreds of other innovators** (<http://wp.me/P1EyVm-xH>) that they wanted “out of the way”.

13. Certain “special interests” own, and control, the content on Google, Reddit, Hearst Publications, Motley Fool and other “publication outlets”. You will only see glowing reports about the “bad guys” on

those. You will see no negative reports about the “bad guys”, allowed on those sites, and every bad report about you will be manually up-ranked and locked into the top slot on their page in order to damage you. The down-side for the bad guys, though, is that the internet remembers everything. You can now prove, in court, showing technical and historical metric data, that they intentionally locked and damaged you and you can get compensated for the damages.

14. Every single troll blog comment, every pseudo attack article about you, everything is already tracked back to the actual author. The NSA have done it, that is well known. NO amount of TOR, or VPN on top of VPN or stealthing software can hide a troll attacker any more. What is only now becoming known is that the official, and also the independent hacker, Chinese and Russian spies have got almost all of that information too. Hackers have broken into Sony, The White House, All of Target, All of the Federal Employee Records, everything. In a court case you can now, legally, subpoena NSA records to sue the attackers. Others, hearing of your filed case, may just show up and give you the information. Attackers cannot hide behind anonymity any more. Those who were blogging that you “*sleep with goats*” and “*eat unborn children*” can now be found out and delt with.

15. Do you have on-line stores and paypal or credit card accounts that take payments at those stores? Trying to make a little cash on the side? Confused about why you never get any orders? The attackers have DNS-re-routed your stores and payment certificates, spoofed your sites and turned off all of your income potential from those on-line options in order to damage your economic potential. Illegal? Yes. Happening to people every day? Yes. Get professional IT services to document the spoofs, and re-routes, and sue the operators of those tactics that are attacking your revenue stream.

16. It costs \$50,000.00 to bribe a Senator. Some of these tech billionaires earn that much in 3 minutes. Beware of your Senator. Senators take stock options in tech companies as bribes, watch for linkages. See the **60 Minutes** Episode called: **Congress Trading On Insider Information.**

17. Want a job? Forget about it! The bad guys went into Axciom, Oracle, SAP, and all of the Human Resources and Recruiter databases, and put “red flag notices” on your profile. You will get some great first interviews, but when they run your back-ground check, you will never hear back from that interviewer again. You got “HR Black-listed”, in retribution, for accidentally bothering a campaign billionaire. Hire an HR service to look and print out your false “red flag” HR data-base inserts and use those as evidence in your lawsuit.

18. (This one, submitted by a Washington Post reporter): They will anonymously put all of your email addresses on blacklists, and watch-lists, so that you can’t use services like craigslist, cafe press, zazzle or other on-line services to make money. If you try to open any accounts on those services, you either won’t be able to create an account or, you will get an account, but all of your orders will get “spoofed” into oblivion so you can’t make any money. The attackers believe that by causing you as much economic hard-ship as possible, they can get retribution for what-ever they have perceived that you have done to offend them. Again, use an IT forensic services group to get the data to show this is happening, trace it, and sue the perpetrators.

19. Their actions provide the proof. When you look out on the internet and add up the pronouncements of “scam”, “sleeping with goats”, etc. The volume of attack items proves that no mere mortal, or company, could have acquired that much media unless it was placed there by very wealthy parties. Everyone now knows that the web is controlled. The volume of attacks can often prove that those attacks are fabricated. Additionally, IP Trace Routing and digital tracking now can prove the attackers manipulation of your data, email and website traffic. One of your best sets of evidence will come from the attackers, themselves. The bad guys always leave a digital trail of bread-crumbs leading right back to themselves. You can hire an IT company to build a “tracking array” comprised of hundreds of websites which are bait to catch them in the act. Regarding: Paranoia vs. documented evidence. If you, and others have experienced the tactics, and the police have recorded the tactics being used against you, it isn't paranoia to be cautious.

In one case, the attackers contracted a character assassination article and then called the HR office of the victims employer and said: "hey look at this, this guy works for you" and got them fired the same day without explanation.

The attackers then posted negative links in all of the HR database services so the victim would have a hard time getting new work.

They will author a character assassination blog, article or letter and then call your employers HR department and say: "Hey, did you see this thing about one of your employees, and you will be mysteriously fired the next day. Then they will post links and references to it in all of the employment databases to make it very hard for you to get another job.

The upside is that anybody who denies you a job because of this can be subpoenaed, all of their phone calls and files can be subpoenaed, their workmates can be subpoenaed. If you can find that you lost any income or work because of anything the character attackers did, you can sue them and win.

How The Politicians Ate Their Own Children

BY Andrea Hunter

When U. S. Senators Harry Reid and Dianne Feinstein realized they could each make billions of dollars, personally, via their family stock holdings and campaign funds, they didn't waste a minute stabbing their own constituents in the back to get at that cash.

California and Nevada Green Car Companies, Solar Companies, Energy Technology Companies, Green Builders and Transit Companies were hacked off at the knees because they competed with the stock assets that Reid and Feinstein had acquired in their kick-back deals.

These other applicants were all "GREEN COMPANIES": supposedly the Democrat's favorite things. It doesn't matter, though, how green your company was, if it was in the path for the green cash from Tesla or Solyndra. Two of the favored companies who paid the kick-backs to federal officials.

Is the argument from Feinstein's office that: "there just wasn't enough money left at the Department of Energy" true? No, it is a 100% out-right lie. The Federal GAO, the people that watch for corruption, state that there has always been, and still is, billions, and billions and billions of dollars, set aside EXCLUSIVELY for these companies, that was never used. In Fact, there was always more than enough money to fund every single applicant.

Staff from ZAP Motors, Redwood Solar, Aptera and dozens of other companies have specifically stated that Harry Reid, Dianne Feinstein and their Chief's of Staff, personally wrote to them, spoke with them and lied to them.

Under Eric Holder, Feinstein and Reid buddy Eric Holder, refused to take any action. Now it is Lynch's turn.

Harry Reid sabotaged the applicants for Department of Energy Funds if they competed with Kleiner Perkins companies who were funding the campaigns of Reid and Feinstein.

Further, Recent disclosures, such as the following, shed disturbing light on the depths of this criminal; behavior:

Did the LA TIMES Article actually disclose an organized crime operation involving some very famous people? SHOCKER THEORY!!!

The LA TIMES just ran an article which exposes Elon Musk's funding system, based on Government hand-outs. Musk rushed to hold a press conference to claim the amount of taxpayer cash, he has received, was "just a pittance". Few, though, find over FIVE BILLION DOLLARS of tax waivers,

credits, employment freebies, buildings, exclusive contracts, and other taxpayer provided goodies, to be "a pittance" in these tough times.

While it is true that Musk has now received more taxpayer hand-outs, than any individual in American history, one could argue that he is just a lucky business man.

But, just for the purpose of theoretical discussion, what if some of the darker theories about Musk's coincidental windfalls have some merit?

Let's jump right to the most sinister interpretation of things.

One of the whispered rumours, on the web holds that in 2007, right when Musk's silent partners, Eric Schmidt and John Doerr started, practically, living at the White House in a lobbying frenzy, the Democrats finally acknowledged that they really were the party of the poor, because they were flat broke. So some of them came up with the idea of creating a Department of Energy fund called the "ATVM Fund", loading it up with \$25 Billion kick-back dollars of taxpayer cash, awarding it only to Schmidt/Doerr/Musk related companies, and shutting out all of their competitors.

Indeed, history shows that the fund actually was created. It really got \$25 Billion, in a unique legal manner, which made the \$25 Billion irrevocable. Schmidt/Doerr/Musk's buddy: Steven Chu, was put in charge of it. He hired their friends to staff his office.

See where this is going?

So, per this theory, Musk is actually a kick-back conduit, protected by the White House, to spiff the DNC campaign funds...according to this theory. Which is just a theory. It couldn't really happen, right? The White House wouldn't prop up a guy just to keep him quiet and keep kick-back cash flowing.. right?

So this theory is kind of ironic because, in an amazing coincidence, everything that Musk get's involved in, is exactly stuff that the White House is promoting.

In an even more bizarre coincidence, to pull a scam like this off, the Schmidt/Doerr/Musk Cartel would need the help of U.S. Senators Reid and Feinstein, the most beloved American politicians in history. This whole theory must have come out of the fact that Reid and Feinstein made billions of dollars off of Schmidt/Doerr/Musk Cartel stock investments and campaign contributions, but, that was, of course just another funny coincidence. They even ran, and built, some of the properties that these Department of Energy "winners" companies sat upon. But, again, coincidence!

The main reason one might cast doubt on this theory is that there are so many hard facts to prove it, that it is just too good to be true... right?

These "internet crazies" and these "theorizers" point to actual facts like the one where all of the profitable chemicals that Tesla and Solyndra were going to buy and sell in volume were controlled by the investors in Kliener Perkins and commodity-managed by their partners: Goldman Sachs. That's just another funny coincidence.

The “theorizers” point to the fact that Musk’s companies have poor business volume, but show a profit whenever there is bad news thanks to Kleiner rushing out to “Flash Boy” purchase Tesla stock, with an automated stock buying system, in order to pump the stock. Federal, and private investigator, records show that this actually happened. It has also been proven that only Google, Reddit and the other Kleiner-controlled web-news-media mask all negative Musk/Tesla news in perfect synchronization with the stock pumps, when no other publications on the planet do. Again, these are just coincidences. If people were consciously doing those kinds of things it would be mobster-ism on a Godfather-class scale. But, that couldn’t have happened.

Then..get this; “rumour people”, who seem to just be ecstatic about all of these coincidental, highly suspect things, go off on yet another “FACT”. They point out that originators of the scam, from the White House side, had to be Emanuel, Plouffe, Axelrod, Rattner and Gibbs. Then they go on to point out that Emanuel, Plouffe, Axelrod, Rattner and Gibbs suddenly quit the White House at the peak of their career for reasons that don’t make sense. The fact that one of them was indicted for stock market fraud only goes to strengthen their case, but, again—these things happen.

So, even if this really had happened, the brave and fearless protector of ethics and morality: Mr. Eric Holder, would have cracked right down on his friends here—who he knew personally, and had dinner with, and had the same lawyers with—oh,.. well.. but anyway. Eric would have jumped on them, right? The White House wouldn’t order the Justice Department and the FBI to ignore Elon Musk, John Doerr and the Silicon Valley Cartel as a kick-back protection order, now would they?

Mobsters kill people. Rajeev Motwani, David Bird, Gary D. Conley, 3 Tesla engineers and a large bunch of others did, certainly, die under mysterious circumstances, and they were all people that this cartel would want dead, but to say that these billionaires are off murdering their adversaries using mysterious CIA stealth murder tricks is overly intriguing.

Of course, as we all now know, every single one of those companies in the ATVM Fund scam grabbed the cash, paid their CEO and Goldman Sachs insiders off-the-top, and immediately went bankrupt in the largest government-funded sequential business-failure suite in history. While some argue that a secret GOP Task Force discovered the plot and forced all of the Kleiner Cartel DOE “Winners” to collapse, in punishment, this is probably another coincidence.

Here is the main argument against this theory, Mobsters are big greasy looking guys with bulbous broken noses and slicked back pompadours. These Musk and Kleiner people wear khaki’s and black turtlenecks. KHAKE’S for god-damn sakes!! You never saw a mobster in khaki’s, right?

They shouldn’t have used a Federal agency as the scam front. They should have used a family foundation, like Hillary did.

Key Points Of The Cleantech Crash Attacks:

The media, investigators and law enforcement have documented collusion and conspiracy efforts by the Silicon Valley Cartel. One such case is known by, and web searchable under, the keyword search: “AngelGate:.. Another such case is known by, and web searchable under, the keyword search: “Silicon Valley Cartel No Poaching Conspiracy”. Another such case is known by, and web searchable under, the keyword search: “Micheal Arrington Honey Trap”. Another such case is known by, and web searchable

under, the keyword search: "Elon Musk Taxpayer Money". Another such case is known by, and web searchable under, the keyword search: "Solyndra Corruption". Another such case is known by, and web searchable under, the keyword search: "Ray Lane Tax Evasion". Many other news stories and cases exist relative to this Cartel. Over 40 law enforcement agencies have over 60 case numbers involving this Cartel. Additional search terms include: "60 Minutes The CleanTech Crash", "60 Minutes The Lobbyists Playbook", "60 Minutes Congress Trading on Insider Information", "NVCA Corruption", "Kleiner Perkins Founder Nazi Comment", "Kleiner Perkins Khosla closes california beach", "John Doerr corruption", "Kliener Perkins Sex Abuse", many other third-party case and Cartel corruption investigation confirmation references are available.

At the U.S. Patent Office database search engine located at:

<http://patft.uspto.gov/netahtml/PTO/search-bool.html> , when you search the Defendants names, you see that they do not have a single patent, or invention, listed where they are the sole inventor. In some cases their names appear among an inventors list of multiple engineers but in each case the other engineers claim to be the actual inventors and that Defendants were simply the investors for those engineers who insisted on putting their names on the filing. Plaintiffs, on the other hand, have been awarded dozens of patents as sole inventors and documented by the media, The U.S. Government, and law enforcement as the first to design, engineer, demonstrate and seek to market those products.

In almost each, and every case, Plaintiffs exploited Defendants patents, ideas and products and made many billions of dollars in profit from those exploitations without ever compensating Plaintiffs. In the vast number of such cases, Defendants, or their agents, asked to look at the business plans, and confidential information from Plaintiffs, under the pretext of "possibly being investors" and then directly copied those products or passed them over to their Cartel associates to copy and exploit them without compensation.

Defendants sent individuals to Plaintiffs who were their "Moles". Moles are individuals who secretly work for the Defendants and pretend to be seeking to help the Plaintiffs while spying on, sabotaging and misdirecting the Plaintiffs to the advantage of the Defendants.

Hackers and federal investigators have acquired substantial internal documents, recordings, emails and other data from Defendants files, which indicates crimes.

Defendants hired contractors, and used investigative services, with which they have a financial and management relationship, to hack, spoof, redirect, and otherwise manipulate the electronic communications and connections of Plaintiffs in order to harass, damage, and spy on, Plaintiffs. Electronic testing arrays were assembled by Plaintiffs IT security and private investigation experts to trap and document these electronic harassment attacks by Defendants. In one such investigation, Plaintiff's team created over 100 Weebly and Wordpress websites for various topics, that other web sites had gotten high traffic on, and posted ads on each one, hosted with many different hosting companies. In each and every case, not a single PayPal payment was received, even though millions of users, in traffic, were reading the sites. No ad link referrals were passed to the ad affiliate provider service bureaus, proving that the Cartel was relinking, and spoofing, the spine connections and DNS routing of the sites on a very vast scale.

In one instance , when Plaintiffs acquired the first patents for, demonstrated, received funding for, began marketing and received favorable feature broadcast news and major print media acclaim for one

technology, Defendants, and their agents solicited Plaintiffs to show them the business plan, copied the technology, sabotaged Plaintiffs efforts, and made tens of billions of dollars off of the duplicate technology. Records show that Defendants had no project in development, related to Plaintiffs technology, until after they had acquired the Plaintiffs business plans.

In another case, Plaintiffs received world acclaim for a developing a technology that Defendants asked to look at and did examine under the guise of "maybe we might invest in you". Defendants have now invested many billions in launching that technology for themselves, after waiting for the expiration date on Plaintiff's first patents to expire.

In another case, according to investigators and law enforcement, Defendants bribed, conspired with, and exchanged beneficial mutual assets with, multiple U.S. Senators, and their staff, to have those Senators take blocking and sabotage actions against Plaintiffs and on behalf of Defendants.

In one case, at the request of State and Federal officials, Plaintiffs produced a technology which had the goals of creating American jobs, providing a safer solution for an industrial need, using domestic resources, being long-term upgradeable, addressing the domestic security danger of seeking to not acquire resources from foreign nations in conflict, and solving a number of other domestic needs. Plaintiffs produced the technology and won extensive media and industry acclaim, federal patent awards, a Congressional commendation, a federal grant and other acknowledgements. Unbeknownst to Plaintiffs, Defendants had arranged a kick-back scheme with government officials and contractors over foreign mining rights to be exploited in their competing technology. The afore mentioned Senators, and federal agency heads, were benefitting via campaign funding and insider trading in exchange for carving out exclusive rights, contracts and monopolistic market paths for the Defendants technology, while sabotaging Plaintiffs technology in self-interest. History has shown that Defendants technology has been proven to be inferior, toxic, self-explosive, subject to short life spans, a national security risk and incapable of providing a single one of the domestic advantages listed above. Defendants went to "war" against Plaintiffs, in order to seek to denigrate Plaintiffs technology for their own profits.

Defendants Cartel hired media tabloid services, bloggers and mass blogging "troll farms" to produce a character assassination, brand defamation and HR database sabotage program in order to engage in retribution and economic destruction activities against Plaintiff, when Plaintiff began reporting the crimes and abuses. This resulted in extensive economic and personal loss to Plaintiffs. Because Defendants owned and controlled the majority of the technology which operated the global internet, they were able to inflict malicious, substantial, permanent and devastating damage on Plaintiffs. The Cartel then took the character assassination hatchet jobs and had their associates, at Google, lock the links to them on the top lines of the front page of Google so that the damage would be maximized. They had Google refuse to comply with legal removal notices. They FAXed and emailed the attack articles to Plaintiff's clients and employers in order to get them fired, or to terminate any job interviews or proposal submissions. The Cartel used their resource ownership at Axcion, Palantir, Recorded Future, LucidWorks, Oracle & SAP database services, to embed "red flag notices" and defamation slander on all background checks and HR hiring inquiries relative to Plaintiff's in order to make certain Plaintiff's could not acquire jobs or income.

Defendants have demonstrated an ongoing, strategic and increasingly vindictive program of intellectual and economic property theft, misappropriation and sabotage in order to avoid paying for products that they have now made nearly \$100 Billion dollars off of. Defendants have now lobbied

Congress to over-throw U.S. Patent laws in order to make it impossible for Plaintiffs, and others in Plaintiff's position to use U.S. Patent rights to recover their damages from the theft and sabotage of things that Plaintiffs personally invented. Defendants have spent nearly a billion dollars seeking to bribe and influence elected officials to remove domestic inventor patent rights, entirely out of sheer greed.

Defendants have manipulated California state officials in the tax, economic development, and contracting groups in order to get exclusive incentives, cash and government perks for their projects, while having those officials terminate, or block those same resources for Plaintiffs.

Defendants have manipulated Federal officials in the tax, economic development, and contracting groups in order to get exclusive incentives, cash and government perks for their projects, while having those officials terminate, or block those same resources for Plaintiffs. In all cases, history has shown Plaintiffs technology to have been superior to Defendants copy-cat or competing versions.

In a portion of the sabotage attempts against, Plaintiffs, Defendants had news articles published which said that Plaintiffs technology would never work, yet Plaintiffs copied the technology and it was found to work exactly as Plaintiffs had stated it would. In no case has any technology, invented by Plaintiff failed to operate. In every case, every technology first created, designed, engineered and demonstrated by Plaintiffs is now operational, globally, and generated billions of dollars for other entities, a large number of which are owned or controlled by Defendants.

Defendants used, what the SEC refers to as "Flash Boy Technology" as well as "skimming", "stock pumps", "DOE valuation hype pumps" and other stock market manipulation schemes in order to acquire unjust gains from the stock market as well as what U.S. Treasury investigators called "unjust gains at the expense of taxpayers" by not only taking profits off-the-top, from federal loans and awards, but then using the losses from those same companies, that suddenly, and mysteriously, went bankrupt, to gain profits on their tax forms. Defendants stated, to Cartel members, at the Montgomery Securities Conference in San Francisco, on camera and microphone, that they had targeted Plaintiffs technology for termination and that their competing effort would be focused on.

Defendants have a record of engaging in threats and intimidation against competitors and those who report their crimes. This case will present evidence by the families, friends and witnesses of those who also suffered such attacks, and worse. Whistle-blowers who had discussed the Cartel activities are now dead, under suspicious circumstances. At least one Plaintiff has been infected with some sort of heavy metal toxicity poisoning. The number of dead bodies associated with The Cartel seems to exceed the limits of "simple coincidence".

The White House Ordered “Hit Jobs” on Families Across America

By Arnold Schwimmer

You remember when the term “Cleantech” popped up, back when Barack Obama was getting elected, right?

You have certainly heard about how all of those companies funded by the Obama Administration suddenly went bankrupt, and failed, right after they got hundreds of billions of dollars of taxpayer cash. Solyndra, Abound, Fisker, Ener1, Abongoa, Ivanpah, Sun Edison, etc. Every single one of those cash hand-out “winner/failures” was a campaign financier to the Obama Administration. Their funding was a kickback to the handful of men that financed the Obama campaign. The goal of the kick-back scam was for their investors, including Goldman Sachs, to skim cash off the top of the deal in a blatant Ponzi Scheme at taxpayer expense.

Every single independent, non-Obama campaign financing company who applied for the funds from the U.S. Department of Energy had a “hit job” put on it, operated by the Obama Administration.

That’s right. You can check the public records. It is now an inarguable fact: hundreds of qualified domestic companies, and their workers with families, were attacked, lied to, stone-walled, black-listed, harassed and intentionally forced out of business so that they would not compete with the “dirty dozen” campaign financiers. These companies were defrauded by the White House and the U.S. Department of Energy into spending their savings based on false promises and false hopes from federal officials. These officials knew they were lying to the public. The State and Federal officials lied anyway.

Rahm Emanuel, Valarie Jarrett, David Axelrod, Denis McDonough, Steven Rattner, Robert Gibbs, Bill Daley and David Plouffe knew they were lying, they knew they were breaking the law and they were employed in the West Wing of the White House while they staged these crimes. They knew that Attorney General Eric Holder would protect them and ensure that no Department of Justice inquiry ever got launched into the matter. They knew that their puppet: Steven Chu, who ran the U.S. Department of Energy, along with his staff at the DOE, would follow their marching orders and hand out money, like water, to Google’s Silicon Valley cartel of campaign investors. They knew that Chu and the Google NVCA Cartel would black-list and attack any American who tried to compete with the campaign investors companies.

The Silicon Valley mob, that got the monopoly money exclusively handed to them, are Elon Musk, Eric Schmidt, Larry Page, Steve Jurvetson, John Doerr, Steve Westly, Tom Steyer and the boys club of Palo Alto, California's frat house.

It was a mobster operation. The only thing missing was the horse head in the bed.

The White House keeps Tesla Motors going because Elon Musk spent so much of his federal cash buying insane self-aggrandizing personal promotion. By creating the world's largest "troll army" of purchased internet hype, Musk accidentally set up a Streisand Effect which, if activated in reverse, could destroy the White House. All of the rest of the payola recipients have been going out of business. They already grabbed their cash in skims off-the-top when the U.S. Treasury transferred the cash. They don't give a hoot about actually selling any green technology. They already scavenged their cash, stock warrants, hookers and NetJets back when the money first moved from the feds.

By maliciously and purposefully killing the companies, domestic innovation and potential of the hundreds of very qualified applicants who were fooled by the feds into thinking they had a chance, the government officials gutted the heart of the nation. The Obama "Cleantech" project cost America more jobs than it created by many magnitudes. The blockades, stone-walls, financing constrictions and global financial black-lists that the Department of Energy created, and operated, against the domestic companies who did not know they were supposed to pay bribes, is staggering.

When Eric Schmidt, Elon Musk and John Doerr told the White House: "Don't fund a single one of our competitors or we will cut off your campaign financing and internet search engine and mood manipulation rigging.." They were dead serious. Ask Gary D. Conley. Ask Rajeev Motwani.

The statements above are made with authority and assurance because I have spoken to, or read confirmed documentation by vast numbers of individuals who witnessed all of the occurrences above.

All of these things happened and hundreds of people have been pleading with the Department of Justice, the GAO, The SEC, The Official of the Special Counsel and other agencies to hold a public hearing and let them relate their facts.

Google had nearly 500 White House meetings to tell the White House what to do and got a trillion dollars of taxpayer cash and put hundreds of its people in the U.S. Government in this Cleantech Scam. Those Google people fly around in private jets, order hookers like pizza delivery and have a personal launderer come to pick up their clothes each morning.

In Indiana a single mom named Betty does not understand how you can "order hookers like pizza". She can't even afford to order actual pizza. Her husband was working at a company called Bright Automotive. Bright Automotive was competing with a company that Google covertly holds huge amounts of stock in and who Google has invested nearly a billion dollars of search engine rigging in: Tesla Motors. The White House was ordered by Google to "Kill Bright; they are getting too close to market..". David Axelrod called Steven Chu at the U.S. Department of Energy and told Chu to terminate Bright Automotive. The deed was done and Tesla never had to worry about Bright pushing

Tesla's purchased market edge. The stress and the shock of suddenly losing the funding that every American, news story and associate had been told was a sure thing, was shattering to Betty's ex-husband. He could no longer afford to support the family. He had committed to a home for the family, and baby number two, based on a promising future with Bright Automotive. He went bankrupt and had to shoulder the entire loss. It destroyed their lives.

There are thousands of Betty's in the ruins of Obama's Solyndra and Ivanpah kick-back schemes. The wasteland of ruined lives, families and dreams reaches from coast-to-coast. Not a single person from the Obama Administration has reached out to these families or tried to make amends. The "maybe if we don't acknowledge it, it will go away" concept is as failed as Solyndra's \$535 million dollar loss to taxpayers. The internet is here and history will never forget the travesty and shame of the lies that Obama's staff used to defraud all of these companies, and the families that they supported.

The “RATF*CKING” Of the American Voters: The Crime Without A Penalty

- Using the resources of taxpayer cash and public offices, an increasing number of Americans are being attacked and destroyed by their own elected officials
- Over 1000 companies offer criminally evil attack-and-destroy services, against voters, to politicians
- No laws prevent such attacks and politicians won't put any laws in place because they use these attacks so much

Ratfucking is an American slang term for political sabotage or dirty tricks. It was first brought to public attention by Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein in their book *All the President's Men*.

Background Woodward and Bernstein's exposé *All the President's Men* reports that many staffers who had attended the University of Southern California such as Donald Segretti, Tim Elbourne, Ronald Louis Ziegler, H. R. Haldeman and Dwight Chapin had participated in the highly-competitive student elections there. UPI reporter Karlyn Barker sent Woodward and Bernstein a memo "Notes On the USC Crowd" that outlined the connection. Fraternities, sororities and underground fraternal coordinating organizations such as Theta Nu Epsilon and their splintered rival "Trojans for Representative Government" engaged in creative tricks and underhanded tactics to win student elections.^{[1][2]} Officially, control over minor funding and decision-making on campus life was at stake but the positions also gave bragging rights and prestige. It was either promoted by or garnered the interest of major political figures on the USC board of trustees such as Dean Rusk and John A. McCone.^{[3][4]} It was here that the term *ratfucking* had its origin. It is unclear whether it was derived from the military term for stealing the better part of military rations and tossing the less appetizing portions away or if the military adopted the phrase from the political lexicon.

The term was made famous in Australia after the phrase was attributed to then Prime Minister Kevin Rudd at the 2009 Copenhagen Climate Change Summit.^[5]

Usage in the U.S. militaryThe term *ratfucking* (*rat* in this case is shorthand for *ration*) is the unofficial slang term used by soldiers in the U.S. Army to mean the targeted pillaging of MREs (Meals Ready-To-Eat), which the U.S. military calls *field stripping*. It refers to the process of opening a case of MREs, of which there are twelve in a box, then opening up individual MRE packages, and removing the desired items (generally and other sweets), and leaving the unenticing remainder. It is a common but generally

frowned-upon practice.[6]

Other usagesAn early use of the term (as "rat-fuck") appears in Edmund Wilson's "The Twenties" in an entry dated February, 1922.[7]

A more benign use of the term "ratfucking" was commonplace in Southern California (and possibly other) college slang in the late 1950s to at least the early 1960s, meaning a prank. Around that time, Tony Auth was the cartoonist for the UCLA Daily Bruin. One of his cartoons showed a large, inebriated rat suggesting to another rat, "Let's go PF-ing tonight!", a play on ratfucking or "RF-ing". The lead story in the January 6, 1961, California Tech, Caltech's student newspaper, was headlined, "Tech Scores First Televised RF". The article chronicled the Great Rose Bowl Hoax, which had just taken place. A political context was irrelevant to such usage; at the end of the article, an Editor's Note both explained and bowdlerized: "RF (for Royal Flush) is a contemporary college colloquialism for a clever prank."

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THE "BURN NOTICE"

From a letter to The White House:

Dear President Obama:

You are familiar with the fact that your staff, including, Mr. Emanuel, Plouffe, Daly, Strickland, Holder, Chu, Gibbs, Axelrod, Carny, McDonough, Rattner, and others, all of whom, suddenly, quit their federal jobs, when exposed, did a bad thing.

They arranged with campaign financiers, including Mr. Musk, Westly, Jurvetson, Schmidt, Doerr, and others, to exchange government contracts, tax waivers, grants, stock valuation increases, stock holding assets and tax credits for campaign support.

This has come to be known as the "CleanTech Scandal". It has been deeply documented in numerous lawsuits; the 60 Minutes Episode called: "The CleanTech Crash"; Many published GAO investigations; the in-progress FBI case which began with the FBI Solyndra raid; Over 100,000 news stories which deal with the following keywords: "Corruption, steven chu, department of energy Solyndra"; U.S. Senate ethics investigation documents, and thousands of other published, and broadcast materials. In fact, there is now, so much published evidence, proving that this scandal took place, that it is impossible to deny. There are now millions of pages of evidence, and hours of recordings that provide irrefutable proof.

To date, federal, and news, investigators have documented over a "trillion dollars in losses to taxpayers" from this incident.

We are the victims of this scandal. We are the companies, and individuals, that your Administration invited into the program, so it would look good, in the beginning. Your staff, knew, though, from Day One, that the money had already been set-aside for Mr. Musk, Westly, Jurvetson, Schmidt, Doerr, and others. The money was hard-wired, ahead of time. All of our time and money, spent at the request of your people, was worthless, and your people knew it, and lied to our faces.

While your people knew it all along, we sure hope you didn't know it. That would just be a very sad situation for The Nation.

So all of us were lied to, and forced to spend our time and money on a federal program that we were never going to be allowed to help with. Bright Automotive, Aptera, Brammo, Zap, XPV, and all of the rest, were just being used as a cover for a game that was already rigged.

You owe us our expenses for the damages your people cost us because of those lies and abuses.

As if that wasn't bad enough, when we cooperated with federal investigators, who were looking into these abuses of taxpayer resources, your people put hit-jobs on us. Your offices, and campaign financiers, ordered their associates: Media Matters, Gawker Media, In-Q-Tel, New America Foundation, Think Progress, Google, and others, to attack us. Your people tried to wipe us out, in retribution for helping the cops. The attacks were ten times worse than the whole "Lois Lerner"-type attacks.

That was pretty unkind.

You owe us for the losses suffered from these character assassination and employment database attacks. Your people made sure all of us could not work again. We plan to use our free time to prevent these kinds of abuses, starting with the 2016 elections.

On top of all that, you, personally, owe us an apology. These were your people, on your watch. The buck stops at the Oval Office. We look forward to your phone call. DOJ has our numbers.

Sincerely,

The Victims, and their families, from the "Cleantech Crash"

RAPED BY WASHINGTON: A TECHNOLOGY TALE

XYZ Company (not their actual name) was one of many, solicited by the U.S. Government to help America create new jobs, national security enhancements and new energy options.

In the process, XYZ experienced, within the highest levels of Washington, DC: fraud, lies, organized crime, hit-jobs and an epic abuse of the public trust. They saw the theft of taxpayer dollars, by federal officials and corrupt campaign billionaires.

This is their story.

Like the others, who experienced the same abuse, they are a team of engineers. They are the kinds of folks who invent and build "the next big thing". They have received decades of issued patents, awards,

contracts with famous clients, and been on TV for their accomplishments. They had a huge stack of reference letters, and customer orders, that they personally hand-delivered to top Washington, DC officials to show the market demand for what they were to work on. They received a Congressional Commendation in the Iraq War Bill. They had “street cred”. Popular Science, NPR and Network news applauded them.

In XYZ’s case, The U. S. Government asked them to deliver “the next big thing”. Unfortunately for XYZ, their technology threatened to put a rigged multi-billion dollar, insider, criminal commodity scam, set up by corrupt senators and Silicon Valley campaign financiers, out of business.

XYZ did not know this, when everything began.

XYZ, and their peers, witnessed White House staff, Department of Energy officers, U.S. Senators and sociopathic Silicon Valley billionaires, engage in crimes with impunity, audacity and a complete disregard for ethics.

They, and staff from Bright Automotive, ZAP Automotive, Fischer, Aptera, Elio, Eco Motors, and many, many, other companies, were encouraged to spend extensive amounts of their time, and money, on what, they were all told by top State and Federal officials, was a sure thing. They did not realize that they were all playing against a rigged deck that had been “hard-wired” for a few campaign financiers, from the very start. They had their dreams, companies, life savings (And maybe some of their peers) killed off by a Corrupt program operated by the heads of the Department of Energy, under the direction of senior White House officials.

There was more than enough money to fund all of the applicants – so there was no possibility of the fund running out of money. Any excuses about “not enough money” by Steven Chu, and his staff, have been shown to have been lies in order to protect the Silicon Valley Cartel from having any competitors. There are still unspent billions of dollars sitting in the fund, half a decade later.

All of those applicants, in the top-tier final-round groups, had exceeded the technical, and financial, qualifications by many magnitudes, beating Tesla, Solyndra and Fisker many times over. Any excuses about “not being technically qualified”, by Steven Chu, and his staff, have been shown to have been lies, in order to protect the Silicon Valley Cartel from having any competitors. Evidence now shows that Chu had his staff, and contractors: McKinsey, Argonne Labs, Deloitte and IBM Consulting, rig the review process to favor campaign financiers stock and sabotage their competitors.

In one case, Steven Chu told an electric car company, which competed with Silicon Valley campaign financiers, that they were disqualified because they had not planned to use enough gasoline!!!! Rejections by Chu and his staff got even more ludicrous from there.

Most of Chu's picks failed. They went bankrupt, got raided by law enforcement, and were investigated for stock manipulation fraud, lied on their financial reports and were all connected to the same campaign financiers. Funny coincidence.

In fact, news analysts always asked why Chu didn't spread the risk by awarding even a single funding approval to any company who was not one of his business associates holdings? Energy Secretary Moniz, known around Washington as "Chu Too", still, laughingly, orders the Department of Energy press office to send out monthly stories proclaiming the Green Energy CleanTech program "not that big of a failure". That cover-up pitch has worn so thin that the media now responds with overt derision and belly laughs. The Department of Energy Program has now set the world record, (for all of recorded history to date) for government funding for the most failures, in the shortest timeframe, with the biggest taxpayer losses in history!

History has also proven that the Department of Energy only awarded funds to Silicon Valley campaign financier-approved holdings, and sabotaged any other applicant, particularly any that competed with John Doerr, Elon Musk, Eric Schmidt, Steve Jurvetson and the "Silicon Valley Cartel" of campaign purchasers.

The entire Department of Energy ATVM and LGP funding programs, and a portion of the TARP program was used to pay kick-backs to campaign finance billionaires.

It turned out that XYZ technology had put Steven Chu's, Diane Feinstein's, Harry Reid's and White House Staff's personal stock profits at risk (A criminal, and moral, conflict of interest in the first place). Those people, and their backers, had rigged the funding for the lithium battery and indium solar chemicals in which they controlled the profit stream. They didn't like any technology which showed up the failures of the monopolized mineral mining deals they had picked, so they sabotaged every other energy technology.

Unfortunately, they picked the wrong horse. Lithium blows up when it gets wet. Millions of dollars of millionaire wet-dream Fisker sports cars turned into piles of ash, in spectacular fireballs of destruction, when they got damp from storms. Lithium explodes, on its own, spontaneously, for no apparent reason. Aircraft have crashed because their lithium batteries turned into fireballs, killing the crew. Boeing lost vast amounts of money when it had to redo its lithium batteries because they kept igniting. Tesla's burst into flames from bumps in the road. A recent Tesla crash killed the driver and burned him into an unrecognizable lump. Getting the lithium from Bolivia and Afghanistan has gotten quite a lot of people killed, including U.S. soldiers. To get it, you need to invade another country. The mining deals, to process the lithium minerals are under investigation for their connections to the Russian mafia and Goldman Sachs criminal commodity market manipulation. When lithium "goes thermal", in its daily

fire incidents around the world, it releases toxic vapors which have been proven to cause brain damage, lung damage, liver damage, fetal damage and neurological toxicity. The “we smell smoke” issues, in many trains and planes, is often someone’s lithium ion cell phone battery going off. Lithium battery fires have set children, senior citizens, homes and offices on fire. Tesla lithium battery partner: Panasonic, is under global investigation for corruption. Lithium battery factories poison the workers, and nearby villages, to death.

While Chu’s Silicon Valley financiers joined up with Goldman Sach’s to flood Washington, and Wall Street, with articles saying that “*Afghanistan is the Saudi Arabia of lithium*” and “*Trillions of dollars of lithium in Afghanistan for the taking*”... the pitch turned out to be a poorly researched scam to try to get jobs for Russian mining companies. Many, now feel, that Russians may have trumped up the pitch about what a sweet deal “taking over Afghanistan” was. Main stream news report that the U.S. loss from Afghanistan, to U.S. taxpayers as of today, is six trillion dollars, and climbing. Chu’s handover of federal cash to so many Russian owned, Silicon Valley-partnered, companies with investors who are now on FBI “Watch-Lists” raises many eyebrows. While Kleiner Perkin’s “Troll farms” flood the internet with “Elon Musk is a Genius”, “Oil Sucks”, “Batteries are Good” spam, the public has gotten wise to the grift.

So: Yah, that whole lithium thing may not have been thought out very well.

Of course the same mining deals, and monopoly skims, applied to indium. The mining chemical that, now fiasco’d, Solyndra and Abound Solar needed. The FBI and law enforcement shut them down and they are still being reviewed for embezzlement and kick-backs. The Solyndra disaster was particularly painful for Senator Feinstein’s family who owned the stock, employment service, leases, real estate contracts, supplier holdings, construction company and other kick-back “perks” for both Solyndra and Tesla.

So the Silicon Valley scam of “monopolize-one-energy-chemical” thing was a bust and the whole lithium thing blew up, literally.

Steven Chu and the Silicon Valley billionaires hate oil, but they didn’t hate it enough to not try to copy it. They thought: *‘the oil companies have this one chemical, called petroleum, we will get us one chemical and control it, and kill oil, and be all ‘not oil’*. They saw the “treasure maps” about the “trillions of dollars” of these mining chemicals and wanted those trillions in their pockets. They were willing to do anything to get it.

Science doesn’t work like that.

Greed overcame technical reality, and the great “Cleantech” rush turned into the “Cleantech Crash”

(Per the 60 Minutes tv show).

To keep XYZ out of the funding, and prevent them from competing with the campaign financiers. Chu first said, in a recorded conversation, he would waive the fee he was going to charge them (Federal lawyers question the legality of charging citizens for federal awards in the first place). Then he assigned his top staffer to respond to them to give feedback to their investors who were loaning the money to pay that “fee”. The staffer promised, in writing, to respond. XYZ called him, faxed him, Fed-ex’d him and messenger’d him and he never got back to XYZ with the critical information the investors needed in order to release the funds for the “fee”. His secretary, on multiple occasions, even stated that he was *“in the next office and would get right back to you”*.

The day after the deadline for the “fee”, Steven Chu’s top staffer finally responded, in writing, and said, “oh, you missed the deadline” , “you are out of the program”. He had intentionally waited until after the arbitrary deadline in order to cut off the XYZ application. Alas, for DOE, XYZ had another application in process, and that one became part of a federal crime investigation that brought down some of the biggest names in politics.

XYZ, and the other applicants, experienced huge numbers of lies, misrepresentations, manipulations, “missing hard-drives”, “lost” documents, stone-walling and actual attacks.

Because they filed a complaint, the Campaign Financiers, and, likely, White House staff, hired their associated front groups: Gawker Media, Media Matters, Google and In-Q-Tel to run retribution hit-jobs on those who complained

One company, in the same boat, published this damning letter in the media:

*Secretary Steven Chu
U.S. Department of Energy
Washington, D.C.
Dear Secretary Chu,*

Today Bright Automotive, Inc will withdraw its application for a loan under the ATVM program administered by your department. Bright has not been explicitly rejected by the DOE; rather, we have been forced to say “uncle”. As a result, we are winding down our operations. Last week we received the fourth “near final” Conditional Commitment Letter since September 2010. Each new letter arrived with more onerous terms than the last. The first three were workable for us, but the last was so outlandish that most rational and objective persons would likely conclude that your team was negotiating in bad faith. We hope that as their Secretary, this was not at your urging. The actions – or better said “lack of action” -- by your team means hundreds of great manufacturing and technical

jobs, union and non-union alike, and thousands of indirect jobs in Indiana and Michigan will not see the light of day. It means our product, the Bright IDEA plug-in hybrid electric commercial vehicle, will not provide the lowest total cost of ownership for our commercial and government fleet customers, saving millions of barrels of oil each year. It means turning your back on a bona fide step forward in our national goal to wean America away from our addiction to foreign oil and its implications on national security and our economic strength. In good faith we entered the ATVM process, approved under President Bush with bi-partisan Congressional approval, in December of 2008. At that time, our application was deemed "substantially complete."

As of today, we have been in the "due diligence" process for more than 1175 days. That is a record for which no one can be proud. We were told by the DOE in August of 2010 that Bright would get the ATVM loan "within weeks, not months" after we formed a strategic partnership with General Motors as the DOE had urged us to do. We lined up and agreed to private capital commitments exceeding \$200M – a far greater percentage than previous DOE loan applicants. Finally, we signed definitive agreements with state-of-the-art manufacturer AM General that would have employed more than 400 union workers in Indiana in a facility that recently laid-off 350 workers. Each time your team asked for another new requirement, we delivered with speed and excellence. Then, we waited and waited; staying in this process for as long as we could after repeated, yet unmet promises by government bureaucrats. We continued to play by the rules, even as you and your team were changing those rules constantly – seemingly on a whim. Because of ATVM's distortion of U.S. private equity markets, the only opportunities for 100 percent private equity markets are abroad. We made it clear we were an American company, with American workers developing advanced, deliverable and clean American technology.

We unfortunately did not aggressively pursue an alternative funding path in China as early as we would have liked based on our understanding of where we were in the DOE process. I guess we have only ourselves to blame for having faith in the words and promises of our government officials. The Chairman of a Fortune 10 company told your former deputy, Jonathan Silver, that this program "lacked integrity"; that is, it did not have a consistent process and rules against which private enterprises could rationally evaluate their chances and intelligently allocate time and resources against that process. There can be no greater failing of government than to not have integrity when dealing with its taxpaying citizens. It does not give us any solace that we are not alone in the debacle of the ATVM process. ATVM has executed under \$50 million of transactions since October of 2009. Going back to the creation of the program, only about \$8 billion of the approved \$25 billion has been invested. In the meantime, countless hours, efforts and millions of dollars have been put forth by a multitude of strong entrepreneurial teams and some of the largest players in the industry to advance your articulated goal of advancing the technical strength and clean energy breakthroughs of the American automotive industry. These collective efforts have been in vain as the program failed to finance both large existing companies and younger emerging ones alike. Our vehicle would have been

critical to meet President Obama's stated goal of one million plugin electric vehicles on the road in 2015 and his commitment to buy 100 percent alternative fueled vehicles for the Federal Fleet. So, we are not the only ones who will be disappointed. The ineffectiveness of the DOE to execute its program harms commercial enterprise as it not only interfered with the capital markets; it placed American companies at the whim of approval by a group of bureaucrats. Today at your own ARPA-E conference, Fred Smith, the remarkable leader of FedEx, made the compelling case to reduce our dependence on oil; a product whose price is manipulated by a cartel which has caused the greatest wealth transfer in our history from the pockets of working people and businesses to countries, many of whom are not our allies.

And yet, having in hand a tremendous tool for progress in this critically strategic battle -- a tool that drew the country's best to your door -- you failed not only in the deployment of funds from ATVM but in dissipating these efforts against not just false hope, but false words. For us, this is a particularly sad day for our employees and their families, as well as the employees and families of our partners. We asked our team members on countless occasions to work literally around the clock whenever yet another new DOE requirement came down the pike, so that we could respond swiftly and accurately. And, we always did.

Sincerely,

Reuben Munger

Mike Donoughe
CEO, COO

Of course the Department of Energy got sued, for running a corruption operation, by applicant's trying to gain a modicum of justice and get their damages covered. All of those applicants discovered that the news head-lines about: "no justice left in America", may be true. In one lawsuit the feds dismissed the case because, according to the court, there is no law that prevents the Department of Energy from engaging in corruption. Nice!

No law enforcement, or regulatory entity, at the State or Federal level, seems to want to upset the pig trough of kick-backs and corruption. It is hard for the FBI, or the SEC, to stomach putting their own bosses in jail.

XYZ had the customers, the factories, the suppliers, the jobs and every advantage. So did all of the hundreds of other domestic companies, that experienced these attacks and manipulations. But Japanese

and Russian companies got some of the cash because they were partners with the Silicon Valley campaign financiers and those campaign financiers, directly, got handed the rest of the money that went out.

In Tesla's (Solyndra's financial and real estate sister) case, the "fee" was entirely waived for Tesla. Even though Tesla had the worst debt-ratio of any applicant; horrible credit ratings per Treasury; no design; inaccurate price models; a BOM that was \$100K over budget per car; no factory; lawsuits with its founders, exploding batteries, many technical problems, no experience and few customers; to mention only some of the vast numbers of red flags; Tesla was hand-held through Steven Chu's program and handed cash without any questions. Major papers have recently outed Elon Musk as the biggest taker of government kick-backs in history: over \$6 Billion of "payola" from taxpayer's pocket's to billionaire Musk's bank vaults, protected from investigation, at the highest levels.

So, it didn't hurt that Steven Chu was nominated, and placed in Office, by Tesla's owners and investors.

Every single item of technology that XYZ, and the sabotaged applicants, built; worked. The big players, that Steven Chu funded, copied them and now sell copies of their products globally, proving that they work. They, laughingly, tell the applicants they stole from to "sue them if you think you can afford the millions of dollars of legal expenses" to go after a Kleiner Perkins, Google or the rest.

In the simplest terms:

A group of companies and individuals were invited by federal officials to participate in a Department of Energy program.

The effort, they were requested to assist with, was intended to support national public needs for jobs, energy and industry.

During this project, a number of companies saw, and reported to federal authorities, an organized crime activity engaged in by some federal officials. You will notice, in the news, that the D.O.E CleanTech program was suddenly halted, for many years, even though it had billions of dollars of extra money still in the bank.

The crimes turned out to be very large, and involved massive amounts of taxpayer money.

In retribution for reporting the crimes, senior federal officials put "hit attacks" on the people who reported these crimes.

The "hit" attacks included: Job sabotage, employer sabotage, character attacks using fake bloggers and attacker-controlled tabloids, internet search engine manipulation, investor black-listing, back-ground database manipulation on Axciom and similar services, honey-traps, and similar revenue and brand destruction defamation tactics.

Federal law enforcement officials were ordered to avoid prosecution of some of the federal officials. Some federal law enforcement senior staff have now been charged, by the U. S. Senate, with running "cover-up" operations.

Senate, GAO, and hundreds of national media investigations have confirmed via published investigation files and reports, in detail, that these crimes took place and remain un-prosecuted.

A very large number of senior federal officials have resigned over this matter. Very few have been prosecuted.

The attacks on the citizens and tax-payers who reported these crimes, continues to this day...

If that sounds too wild to be true: remember "Watergate", Snowden, The Madoff Caper, The Tuskegee Syphilis Study, The MKUltra Program, The Banking Industry manipulations and the fact that you have actually seen hundreds of epic political crimes in the news, that were incredible in scope and moral failure. You can read more details about the crime(s) here: <http://www.xyzcase.com>

Remember, these were people that were willing to risk everything in order to acquire hundreds of billions of dollars, and political power, in personal gain.

How this affects you?: It lost billions of your tax-dollars via an organized criminal venture, hurt your families health by cutting off resources, cost jobs that some of your family may have held, diluted due process and broke the public policy system. The public services you were expecting, are not there, because so much money was lost on this scam.

The details have now been published by tens of thousands of main-stream publications and in court and criminal charges filings. A dramatic number of federal officials have been presented with the facts, and then immediately quit their jobs. Multiple books, videos, surveillance elements and emails have documented the corruptions.

After half a decade of preparation, a league of private and journalism investigators and a massive public development effort involving Congress, Agencies, Newspaper Editors, Insiders and the Public has been produced and now EVERYTHING is KNOWN and DOCUMENTED by a vast number of parties. APEX team hired former FBI, CIA, DOJ, and Senate Investigators to go figure out what really

happened. Now the results are in, and those investigation facts are in the hands of all jurisdictional entities.

- Some of the team were plucked from their jobs, in the middle of a work-day, because the attackers had sabotaged Axcium, InBloom and related HR databases, inserting fake, damaging information. (Note: InBloom database service has since been terminated and the CEO of Axcium was forced to quit and the company is now under vast investigations)
- On-going job searches were blockaded via attacker manipulation of Axcium, InBloom and over 30 other HR back-ground check and job research databases.
- Credit ratings suddenly shifted via attacker manipulation.
- Team members were exposed to toxins in a manner similar to the Litvenko Poisoning case.
- Approved, and finalized, contracts were suddenly terminated, for no logical or historically precedented reason.
- Attack articles were generated, and promoted, by attacker owned and controlled entities.
- The Google search engine staff have been found, by investigators, to have been in communication with the attackers.
- The Google search engine investors have been found, by investigators, to have been in communication with the attackers.
- Google engaged in industrial espionage by requesting company data from the target under false pretenses.
- The Google search engine staff and investors have been found, by investigators, to have conspired, for competitive and political business reasons, with known third parties in order to equally benefit from such attacks.
- The Google search engine staff have been found, by investigators, to have rigged The largest search engine search engines and data processing in order to lock defamatory videos and links in a fixed top position in order to intentionally and maliciously harm the target.
- The Google search engine refused to comply with cease and desist and removal notices in a concerted effort to damage the target.
- Senate investigators have found proof that The Google search engine has previously rigged The Google search engine search engines and data processing in order to lock defamatory videos and links in a fixed top position in order to intentionally and maliciously harm other targets.
- Other lawsuits, by other parties, have retained technical SEO, algorithm and network investigators who have found proof that The Google search engine has previously rigged The Google search engine search engines and data processing in order to lock defamatory videos and links in a fixed top position in order to intentionally and maliciously harm targets.

The Trade-craft of Character Assassination

CHARACTER ASSASSINATION, AND CAREER HIT-JOBS, BY HIGHLY PLACED POLITICAL ENTITIES USING TAXPAYER MONEY

Government sponsored character assassination delivered by Google, Gawker Media, IN-Q-Tel and New America Foundation; all of whom are financially, politically and operationally connected. Eric Schmidt ran and funded New America Foundation; Ran Google; Partnered and funded In-Q-Tel; hired, along with his associate: Elon Musk, In-Q-Tel executives; Worked with Gawker Marketers along with In-Q-Tel; was, himself and Google, funded by In-Q-Tel; funded the top 4 political campaigns, that all of those parties aggressively supported; and managed a business plan, that ran between all of those efforts, to ruin competitors and those who did not think like him, in any way possible.

Using the largest character assassination engine ever created. The Large Hadron Collider of defamation, Schmidt and his little Cartel went to work on enemies of his ideology. These were hit-jobs, using taxpayer dollars, against American born taxpayers, inside America, on U.S. soil because some politician or, campaign backer billionaire, wanted to hide their crimes.

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By Bob Unruh

Journalist Glenn Greenwald, through whom document-leaker Edward Snowden previously rattled the entire National Security Agency, is now confirming Western intelligence networks strategize to place “trolls” on the Internet to undermine, discredit and destroy critics.

[In an article posted on website Greenwald help create called the Intercept](#), Greenwald reports secret documents from the GCHQ – the United Kingdom’s version of the NSA – reveal “how western intelligence agencies are attempting to manipulate and control online discourse with extreme tactics of deception and reputation-destruction.”

He cites documents from the “previously secret” Joint Threat Research Intelligence Group in the U.K., which describe injecting “all sorts of false material onto the Internet in order to destroy the reputation of its targets” and to use “social sciences and other techniques to manipulate online discourse and activism to generate outcomes it considers desirable.”

“To see how extremist these programs are, just consider the tactics they boast of using to achieve those ends: ‘false flag operations’ (posting material to the Internet and falsely attributing it to someone else), fake victim blog posts (pretending to be a victim of the individual whose reputation they want to destroy), and posting ‘negative information’ on various forums.”

The document lists a “Disruption Operational Playbook” and subheadings titled “Infiltration Operation, Ruse Operation, Set Piece Operation, False Flag Operation, False Rescue Operation, Disruption Operation, Sting Operation.”

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Regarding how to “discredit a target,” the instructions include, “Set up a honey-trap, change their photos on social networking sites, write a blog purporting to be one of their victims, email/text their colleagues, neighbors, friends etc.”

[Sam Rolley at the Personal Liberty blog](#) wrote that his organization for years has been “warning readers that the well-connected and ruling elite, displeased by this newfound proletariat freedom, have been prolific in attempts to undermine and marginalize information provided by any media outlet unwilling to obey the same unspoken rules that govern the content choices of major media outlets.”

“Now, thanks to the efforts of National Security Agency whistleblower Edward Snowden and journalist Glenn Greenwald, readers no longer have to take the word of ‘paranoid’ bloggers who relate tales of paid government trolls lurking in comment sections and other concentrated top-down efforts to muddy the information provided by alternative media,” Rolley said.

He warned that the “most disturbing confirmation provided in the newly publicized intelligence documents is that spy agencies in Western nations with free speech guarantees have been given carte blanche authority from political leadership to target private individuals and organizations deemed uncooperative with the will of the state with ruthless online reputation-destruction efforts.”

Greenwald said the discussion of many of the techniques “occurs in the context of using them in lieu of ‘traditional law enforcement’ against people suspected (but not charged or convicted) of ordinary crimes or, more broadly still, ‘hacktivism,’ meaning those who use online protest activity for political ends.”

Rolley said it takes “no stretch of the imagination – even for those who have resisted considering the possibility of malevolent intent on government’s part – to assume that the mission of organizations like the NSA and GCHQ is ultimately more about quelling citizen dissent than stopping citizen bloodshed at the hands of terrorists.”

“The mere existence of documents like those published this week,” Rolley said, “provides that the nefarious and long-suspected Internet activities of Western propagandists are not just plausible – they have very likely occurred in the comment sections and social media posts of articles like the one you are reading now.”

WND columnist Eric Rush highlighted the outrageous idea of government agents trying to destroy the reputations of critics.

“It is worth noting that in 2008, Cass Sunstein, an Obama adviser and the White House’s former head of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs ... wrote a paper proposing that the U.S. government engage teams of covert agents and independent, ideologically kindred surrogates to employ *precisely the aforementioned methods* to achieve their objectives,” Rush said.

Greenwald said the “point is that, far beyond hacktivists, these surveillance agencies have vested themselves with the power to deliberately ruin people’s reputations and disrupt their online political activity even though they’ve been charged with no crimes, and even though their actions have no conceivable connection to terrorism or even national security threats.”

Greenwald said the British organization, GCHQ, in response to his questions, said only that it does not comment on intelligence matters.

“Furthermore,” the agency said, “all of GCHQ’s work is carried out in accordance with a strict legal and policy framework which ensures that our activities are authorized, necessary and proportionate, and that there is rigorous oversight, including from the Secretary of State, the Interception and Intelligence Services Commissioners, and the Parliamentary Intelligence and Security Committee.”

“Whatever else is true,” Greenwald wrote, “no government should be able to engage in these tactics: what justification is there for having government agencies target people – who have been charged with no crime – for reputation-destruction, infiltrate online political communities, and develop techniques for manipulating online discourse?”

WND previously has reported on leftist trolls operating online, including those with thousands of postings that would be unlikely to come from someone submitting comments during free time.

The report at the time said the trolls were performing a “disinformation” function typical of counter-intelligence efforts by intelligence agencies to confuse political enemies and refute or deflect opposing political views that are less susceptible to refutation by more traditional methods of debate and

argumentation.

Typically, trolls operating on WND forums were defending Obama by posting specious and diversionary arguments with the goal of changing the subject and obscuring topics that could damage Obama, such as his birth records, life narrative, political history and policy preferences, including his current positions as president.

One was found to have posted nearly 4,800 comments over a two-year period. Another operated under different user names used various email addresses and nine different IP addresses to post 15,200 comments over 787 days on WND.com and FoxNews.com, as well as several smaller news websites, some of which had a local focus or interest.

The report confirmed many of the trolls banned from participating in WND forums appeared to have been operating on a professional level.

Read more at <http://www.wnd.com/2014/02/govt-handbook-for-internet-trolls-uncovered/#lZFg1EdYRI9iTSC8.99>

Who Is Google's covert partner: Gawker Media and Nick Denton? Let's take a look at how the international news media answers that question:

Gawker Media: Hypocrites vs. Douchebanoes

by [Matt Forney](#) For TAKI MAG.com

In 2002, a **failed** British journalist named Nick Denton started *Gawker*, a **bitchy** gossip blog run out of his Manhattan apartment. Over 10 years later, *Gawker* and its sister sites have become the biggest names in clickbait “journalism,” pulling down millions of visitors a month and making its owner a millionaire several times over. The secret to Denton's success? He took the aggressive, **lynch mob mentality** of British tabloids, which **specialize in ruining people's lives**, and injected it into [America's comparatively placid, Oprahfied media market](#).

In particular, *Gawker*, *Jezebel*, *Valleywag*, and their sister sites specialize in witch hunts: digital vigilantism against those who fail to keep up with leftist orthodoxy. [Geoffrey Miller](#), [Pax Dickinson](#), [Justine Tunney](#), [Violentacrez](#): the list of people whom *Gawker* has garroted for “racism” or “misogyny” could fill a phone book. With an army of Twitter twits behind it, Gawker Media truly is the moral majority of the left, **instigating mob action** against those who sin against the religion of *tolerance*. *Gawker's* provocations are even encouraging real-world violence now, as *Valleywag's* overfed man-baby of an editor Sam Biddle [eggs on attacks against San Francisco tech workers](#) from the safety of the East Coast.

http://www.corruptionnewsdc.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/SPIES-WHO-WENT-ROGUE_-THE-IN-Q-TEL-STORY.102d.mp4

“Which makes the revelation that Denton has been allowing trolls to terrorize his female employees all the more delicious.”

For the past few months, 4chan has been engaged in a trolling operation against *Jezebel*, [posting pictures of rape and gore porn in the comments section](#). Despite the fact that these shocking and disgusting images are stressing out staffers to the point where they're developing PTSD, Denton has

steadfastly refused to do anything about the problem. *Jezebel*'s staff recently snapped and [posted an open letter on the site](#) demanding that Gawker Media do something, calling 4chan's trolling "a very real and immediate threat to the mental health of *Jezebel*'s staff and readers."

Fat chance of this happening, however. [As others have pointed out](#), Gawker Media's business model depends on getting clicks; indeed, [their writers are paid according to how many page views their articles get](#). Since comments help drive traffic to websites, fighting 4chan's rape porn trolling will reduce *Gawker*'s profitability. Not only that, [Google itself ranks web pages according to how many comments they have](#), as comments are extremely difficult to fake. Fewer comments means a lower page rank, which translates into less search traffic and less money for Denton to blow on exotic vacations with his boy-toy hubby. If Gawker Media was willing to testify in federal court as to [why they should be allowed to rip off their interns](#), you can bet your bottom peso that they aren't going to do jack about this.

Gawker Media Attack Specialist Adrian Covert of San Francisco. Now under 24/7 electronic surveillance for "suspicious activities"

And there's the punch line. Gawker Media, the company that gets people fired from their jobs for making "sexist" jokes, has been creating a hostile work environment for its women staffers for *months*. They're the leftist equivalent of a priest who rails against homosexuality only to be caught molesting altar boys in the confessional booths. In staying silent on this for so long, Dodai Stewart, [Lindy West](#), and *Jezebel*'s other star employees have shown themselves to be frauds. They don't care about feminism, "fat shaming," or whatever cause they're screeching about today; all they care about is money and power. And now we have the proof.

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Terror– John Cook of Gawker; now of Greenwald – NOT CIA'S FRIEND!Gawker Tries to Reveal Identity of CIA Agent Behind Bin Laden KillBy [Jana Winter](#)

FoxNews.com

May 1: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, along with with members of the national security team, receive an update on the mission against Usama bin Laden in the Situation Room of the White House.APThe Gawker website is under fire for trying to expose the CIA agent who may have helped lead the effort to kill [Usama Bin Laden](#) — despite efforts by the U.S. government and media to keep his identity secret for security reasons.

Using red arrows pointing to a full-length picture and close-up photos of the possible agent, Gawker reporter [John Cook](#) on July 6 wrote a piece under the headline “Is This the Guy Who Killed Bin Laden?” The story has since sparked an angry response from former intelligence agents — as well as Gawker's own readers — who say Cook's post was irresponsible and could have deadly consequences.

“This whole business of exposing people is a real serious matter. It's not entertainment, some people may think it is, but it's not ... There are real people out there that are going to be killed because of this,” said Charles Faddis, a former CIA operations officer who spent 20 years working international hot spots and who headed the CIA's Terrorist Weapons of Mass Destruction Unit before retiring in 2008.

“I don't have a lot of patience for this,” added Faddis, speaking about attempts to out the identity of a CIA operative. “This is serious, this is really serious. It's completely irresponsible.”

Some Gawker readers also weren't amused. A commenter named "Myrna Minkoff" wrote in response to Cook's story:

"If this is the guy who tracked down Bin Laden, I can think of no better way to thank him for his outstanding civil service than by outing him on a highly trafficked web site and putting his career, his life, the lives of his loved ones in danger. Hooray!"

Another commenter "joelydanger" wrote:

"Consider that the next time you decide to write another article that tries to glorify DEVGRU, the CIA, or anyone and anything else used on the mission. You're causing harm and danger to the very people you're claiming to be heroes."

But Cook insisted he didn't compromise anyone's security by posting the photos.

"I do not believe my post put anybody in physical danger," Cook said in an email response to several questions posed by FoxNews.com. "I do not believe that people whose photographs are distributed by the White House as part of its public relations efforts have a reasonable claim to ask that no one speculate as to who they are."

Cook was referring to a series of official White House pictures taken from the Situation Room during the raid on Bin Laden's compound in Pakistan. The most famous of those photos, seen on televisions, newspapers and websites around the world, showed [President Obama](#), Vice President Biden, Secretary of State [Hillary Clinton](#), Defense Secretary [Robert Gates](#) and other officials watching a live feed of the raid.

Barely visible in that photo is the right jacket arm and the bottom of a necktie that appear to belong to a tall man standing behind Gates. Other pictures taken in the Situation Room during the raid, posted on the White House Flickr feed, show full-on shots of a tall man whose jacket and tie appear to match those of the man standing behind Gates in the earlier photo.

On July 5, the Associated Press published an extensive article on a CIA agent who led the hunt and eventual takedown of Bin Laden. The article referred to the agent only as "John," explaining: "The Associated Press has agreed to the CIA's request not to publish his full name and withhold certain biographical details so that he would not become a target for retribution."

Later that same day, the website Cryptome, a [Wikileaks](#) competitor that publishes leaked, sometimes classified documents and information, used clues from the AP article to home in on photos from the

[White House](#) Flickr feed and other AP photos that might show “John.” The article noted that “John” appeared just out of frame in the famous photo.

The following day, Cook picked up the Cryptome info and published the photos from the White House Flickr feed, beneath the “Is This the Guy Who Killed Bin Laden?” headline. Cook’s post also included an AP file photo of CIA Director Leon Panetta leaving a briefing on Capitol Hill, where the man who may be “John” is seen in the background.

“Of course, it could be a random staffer who happened to be in both locations with John,” Cook wrote. “Or it could be the guy who iced bin Laden.”

The New York Observer posted a story late Tuesday that claimed to have confirmed the identity of the CIA agent, starting with the AP article and the Situation Room photo, and it posted photos online of the man it said was the agent.

Cook said he and his Gawker editors discussed potential safety concerns before publishing the information and photos.

“We came to the conclusion that it is highly unlikely that the White House would distribute for publication a photograph of a man whose life would be endangered if his photograph were ever published. Likewise, we decided that it is highly unlikely that such a man would publicly accompany the director of Central Intelligence, in the presence of AP photographers, to Capitol Hill to testify.”

But those White House photos do not identify the man in question, only noting that the group of people are “members of the national security team,” numerous Gawker commenters pointed out.

“You seem to have not noticed that they took great pains to make sure his face wasn’t in the shot and he was never identified by name,” Myrna Minkoff wrote, when another commenter challenged her criticism of the Gawker post.

Other commenters chimed in.

“Sure it’ll put him, his friends, and his family in danger regardless of whether or not he’s actually the guy, but it’ll generate some pageviews and advertiser revenue, and that’s the IMPORTANT thing, right?” wrote someone using the name “dgoat.”

“You should still be ashamed of yourselves.”

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Shots In The Dark: Why Gawker SucksI was just googling “Gawker **sucks**” and this came up making a very clear point of why I was googling this phrase in the first place. They’re not even funny.

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Oh my! Gawker’s Nick Denton’s ex boyfriend is not happy with his new boy toy.

By Christopher Koulouris For <http://scallywagandvagabond.com>

Frankly there’s nothing more delicious than watching someone famous for ripping people’s alive (yes journalism sucks these days) apart become his own parody on manners and gossip. That said there was a twinkle of relish when I came across **page 6**’s interesting expose on **Nick Denton**, the media zealot of **Gawker media** (which owns a smattering of salacious dribble including **gawker**,

jezebel, deadspin, lifehacker and jalopnik) who has suddenly found himself the scorn of a former jealous and one imagines scorned lover.

page 6: Gadfly Gawker Media head Nick Denton recently changed his Facebook status from single to “in a relationship,” but not everyone seems to be happy about it.

Sources say an angry ex of his new boyfriend tossed a brick through the window of Denton’s SoHo loft building recently, and has been causing enough further trouble that the police have been contacted.

Not to drift too much from Nick but I too was quite aghast when I decided to publicly note that I was no longer single but in a relationship on Facebook (for some reason I was quite surprised by the number of people who responded to what I perceived to be something really quite arbitrary and of little consequence in the world scheme of things, but yes people do pay attention it seems) which perhaps might explain the sudden attention that Mr Denton received when he publicly decided to note that he was in fact now no longer a pedophile or single.

Of course who also noted one assumes is a scorned former lover of the media titan who felt compelled enough to go smashing bricks into his former lover’s abode. And perhaps with good reason as it appears Mr Denton’s attentions have now turned to presumably a nimble agile and quite pretty young man (28 year old **Derrence Washington**) who it appears is an English actor here in NYC on tour (permanent tour one supposes).

What perhaps make the intrusion even more charming (not to suggest they are ever charming) is Mr Denton’s own acknowledgment that he is now being served the same dish he is well known famous for serving up on a regular basis.

When we asked Denton about the incidents, he told us via e-mail: “After that Hulk Hogan sex tape on Gawker, I can hardly complain about intrusion into my private life!

“Yep, love is messy,” he added.

Indeed love and gossip are quite messy but that said I’m betting Mr Denton is loving every minute of it. If I could suggest one thing Mr Denton, perhaps if you were to send a bouquet to the former lover it may temper their ire. I know it worked for me once. Oh dear...

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Billionaire industrialists are campaign backers who hire writers/bloggers (known as "shills") who sell their services as character assassins.

There is also a whole industry of character-assassins-for-hire today. They work for corporations, tabloids, investment groups and political organizations. The largest groups of them are in New York City and Silicon Valley. Their job is to destroy people and things. Their attacks on competing product innovations are the most prevalent. In the old days, it used to be cheaper to destroy your competitor than buy their stuff. Now, that is no longer true but they still try it anyway.

Good Inventors have built, patented, and launched some technologies that threatened billions of dollars of existing companies who were doing things the old-fashioned way. Some of them got unhappy and thought it might be cheaper to start trouble rather than pay for the technology that they later ended up copying. History has shown that the big-company-IP-theives were always wrong on that assumption, and that it was always cheaper in cash and bad PR recovery to have paid the inventor in the first place. Stealing IP never pays.

As part of the Playbook for attacking a new competing technology, the big competing entities hire digital THUGS to attack and seek to destroy the new, better, competing technology.

During the on-going IP theiving, a very aggressive group of companies launched a character attack on the inventors who "sort of reported them" to federal law enforcement agencies for stealing federal tax money, in the course of trying to control the market that the inventors had embarked on, and some of the bad-guy insider people got fired, some had to quit big government jobs and some got indicted (Over

\$25B+ in tax revenue is still missing and investigations are ongoing). It is the same five people, but they have spent millions of dollars on their character attack effort against the inventors. So far, the results are that they just keep getting in more trouble and the inventors they targeted get more jobs because the bad guys made such a stink. (It helps when a large number of Senators, major newspapers and federal prosecutors are backing the inventors up and when the bad guys found out that every communication they engaged in was under surveillance and archived.)

Because these are standard "Playbook" attack articles, the authors never interview those they are ordered to attack. In fact, they go to great lengths to make sure none of their targets are interviewed or allowed to provide counter-points in advance. They never allow the targets to fact-check the attack articles because they don't want any factual data in their articles. Their attacks are contrived to simply be malicious, fake, damaging efforts to seek to destroy the lives of their targets and curtail or impede business, delay financing and slow public policy efforts. While the inventors have assisted major press, citizens groups and federal agencies with investigations that have caught the bad guys engaged in crimes, the hired blogger and attack writers are ordered to seek to punish those inventor/advocates for doing the right thing. There are usually only a couple of nasty attack articles, but the bad guys spend vast amounts of money to replicate them everywhere they can, and artificially stick them to the top of search engines. Some bad guys that do this, pay off the investors in search engine companies to have those search engines results artificially manipulated in order to keep the negative attack information at the top of the results in order to maliciously cause as much damage as possible.

The decades of thousands of positive, factual, fair and unbiased articles and references about those the inventors they attack, and their projects, stand in stark contrast to the few attack articles by the same entity operating under a variety of pseudonyms.

These people, some of them associated with the highest levels of government, have hired a tabloid organization, which owns many tabloids under different names, as their covert mouthpiece, to publish character attacks and purchase synthetically manipulated search engine result rankings from friendly search engine owners (Now under investigation). Multiple well know politicians have been attacked in the same manner and each has now hired investigators to confirm algorithm manipulation.

Why is this point a big deal? Because small companies that sell their ideas have a large suite of issued patents, validated by millions of dollars of outside appraisal third-party review, which they designed and engineered. They don't "troll", these are their in-house products. It is their bread-and-butter. The U.S. Government, The international industrial press, executed NDA's, industry awards, published broadcast videos, documented presentations, patent documents, public demonstrations, published communications and other hard data prove, beyond question, that the handful of things that those other companies copied; were created first by them. In most of these cases, those few things just happen to have all been big hits in global markets.

Some of these inventors intellectual property is quite controversial because they were the first to create a few things that others, years later, copied and made billions of dollars on. Those others do not like people to know some of their things were not invented by them. They all feel that "Big companies can't steal from small inventors and get away with it, with impunity."

When major companies in a few large industries get caught stealing IP assets, violating the law, or both; they get unhappy and hire "Swift-Boat"-type cyberbully attack bloggers. The authors of those attack articles are also most of the commenters in the comments-section under each article, commenting under hundreds of different fake names. It is an honor that the bad guys wish to acknowledge the effectiveness of these inventor's by attacking them with a malicious PR strike. It is good to know that they think their inventions and public policy efforts are that productive.

Law enforcement agencies, public policy law firms, constitutional lawyers and media investigators have now begun to successfully prosecuted those who sell their services as character destroyers.

Most intelligent people would not judge someone based on one read of a tabloid article no less credible than the rags at a supermarket check-out stand about actresses weight problems. Alas, some readers are not very smart and do not think to seek counter-point viewpoints.

The references, track-record and durability of the inventors that are attacked speak for themselves as positive credibility.

These product designers have always started a company to commercially sell the products they developed entrepreneurially, or, their products were produced for a corporate client or agency. Sometimes, though, a big copy-cat group floods out those start-up ventures with counter-marketing, so the inventor is forced to market the IP assets to create an effective ROI for their investors. A smart inventor always arranges for their investors and partners to be routed to their ROI by either selling the product in retail or commercial markets or selling/licensing the IP.

A savvy inventor has no intention of ending up like Philo Farnsworth, Robert Kearns, Preston Tucker or the folks in this link. They intend to be alive and enjoying the benefits of the things they built so they will always fight for fairness, against the bullies who take things, who believe they are too big to be spanked.

The Copy Cat Playbook

If you make something that actually makes a difference in the world, it will often be attacked by the

people who make the thing that it competes with.

The standard Playbook play they will use against you is:

A. Big company hears about a competing effort

B. Big company orders a hit on competing effort

C. Hit-team thugs, working for big company, launch counter-measure campaign consisting of:

1- Attack articles creating non-existent questions about the new technology are generated in Gawker Media or similar assets

2- Attack articles character-attacking the creators of the new technology are generated Gawker Media or similar assets and locked-in on Google

3- Phone calls, and fake negative "whitepapers" to potential investors in the new technology to leverage them from investing

D. After stalling competing effort, big company copies competing technology directly or sets up "front company" they later "acquire".

The people attacking you want to minimize your power to achieve. They will use every dirty trick in the book to stop you from affecting their profits if you have a product or service that is actually good. For example; they will author a character assassination blog, article or letter and then call your employers HR department and say: "Hey, did you see this thing about one of your employees", and you will be mysteriously fired the next day. Then they will post links and references to it in all of the employment databases to make it very hard for you to get another job.

The upside is that anybody who denies you a job because of this can be subpoenaed, all of their phone calls and files can be subpoenaed, their workmates can be subpoenaed. If you can find that you lost any income or work because of anything the character attackers did, you can sue them and win.

Professional character assassins will create fake business accounts at, or bribe the staff of:

TalentShield
BeenVERified
GIS BackGround Checks
CVCertify
Social Intelligence
Dun And Bradstreet
EquiFax
Infortal
Kroll Backgrounds
Onesource
Checkpeople

...and numerous other database companies and input nasty lies, misrepresentations and red flag data in order to prevent you from ever getting hired again. This is a felony, though, and if you can find more than two cases of false input you have the start of good evidence for an arrest and to win a lawsuit. Search, find the bad data and file city, state and federal police reports and charges on those who did it to you. If any of your employers got a call from one of the attackers providing false information in an attempt to get you fired, or layed off, as we all now know, every communication in the world has been tracked for the last 10 years so it will be easy to catch them, now, with a subpoena.

BLACKLISTED- THE EXPOSE ARTICLE ON TARGETING -

Extreme Attack Techniques are Deployed by Corporations, Investor Groups and Political Groups as shown in the documentation at link below:

How Washington DC Politicos Have Reporters “HIT” and Intimidated!

Character assassination From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

This article **relies largely or entirely upon a [single source](#)**. Relevant discussion may be found on the [talk page](#). Please help [improve this article](#) by introducing [citations](#) to additional sources. *(December*

2011) **Character assassination** is a deliberate and sustained process that aims to destroy the credibility and [reputation](#) of a person, institution, social group, or nation.[1]

Agents of character assassinations employ a mix of open and covert methods to achieve their goals, such as raising [false accusations](#), planting and fostering rumours, and manipulating information.

Character assassination is an attempt to tarnish a person's [reputation](#). It may involve [exaggeration](#), misleading [half-truths](#), or manipulation of facts to present an untrue picture of the targeted person. It is a form of [defamation](#) and can be a form of *ad hominem* argument.

For living individuals targeted by character assassination attempts, this may result in being rejected by his [community](#), [family](#), or members of his or her living or work environment. Such acts are often difficult to reverse or rectify, and the process is likened to a literal [assassination](#) of a human life. The damage sustained can last a lifetime or, for historical figures, for many centuries after their death.

In practice, character assassination may involve [doublespeak](#), spreading of [rumours](#), [innuendo](#) or deliberate [misinformation](#) on topics relating to the subject's morals, integrity, and reputation. It may involve [spinning](#) information that is technically true, but that is presented in a misleading manner or is presented without the necessary context. For example, it might be said that a person refused to pay any [income tax](#) during a specific year, without saying that no tax was actually owed due to the person having no income that year, or that a person was sacked from a firm, even though he may have been made redundant through no fault of his own, rather than being terminated for cause.

In politics In politics, perhaps the most common form of character assassination is the spread of allegations that a candidate is a liar. Other common themes may include allegations that the candidate is a bad or unpopular member of his family, has a bad relationship with his spouse or children or is not respected by his colleagues. Another theme claims that the person routinely engages in disturbing, socially unacceptable behavior, such as [sexual deviancy](#). The person may also be portrayed as holding beliefs widely considered despicable within society, such as supporting [racism](#) or other forms of [bigotry](#).

Charging an opponent with character assassination may have political benefits. In the [hearings for Clarence Thomas' nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States](#), supporters claimed that both [Clarence Thomas](#) and [Anita Hill](#) were victims of character assassination.[2]

The International Society for the Study of Character Assassination (ISSCA) specializes in the academic study and research of how character attacks and assassinations have been executed in both history and during contemporary times.[3]

Character assassination in a totalitarian regime[[edit](#)]The effect of a character assassination driven by an individual is not equal to that of a state-driven campaign. The state-sponsored destruction of reputations, fostered by political propaganda and cultural mechanisms, can have more far-reaching consequences. One of the earliest signs of a society's compliance to loosening the reins on the perpetration of crimes (and even massacres) with total impunity is when a government favors or directly encourages a campaign aimed at destroying the dignity and reputation of its adversaries, and the public accepts its allegations without question. The mobilisation toward ruining the reputation of adversaries is the prelude to the mobilisation of violence in order to annihilate them. Official dehumanisation has always preceded the physical assault of the victims.[1]

See also[[edit](#)]

- [Mudslinging](#)
- [Black propaganda](#)
- [Fair Game \(Scientology\)](#)
- [Pittura infamante](#)
- [McCarthyism](#)
- [Hollywood blacklist](#)
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The primary tool in politics is the character assassination tactic. It builds up as the elections get closer. If you are not deeply disturbed by the following, then you might want to re-examine your awareness -

Below is how some campaign managers operate. This is actually how they think. This is used by ALL of the political parties. This is a widely distributed "**Political Operative's Hit List**" of tactics that are in common use by campaigns today:

" Never mention the name of the opposing party. Refer to the Candidate by name, only, in order to minimize their status."

" Turn every fact into a negative. Everything you discover about the official or person you are targeting must be massaged into something that is bad. Turn every aspect into something awful. All facts have two sides to the story, your job is to interpret the bad side and then make it sound as bad as possible."

" The average American has the intellect of a child or an ape. They are easily persuaded by the loudest voice, the most colorful object and the generalized movement of masses without respect to logic or circumspection. They will watch endless hours of "reality television" as long as it depicts

equally stupid people. They will watch toilet humor movies with frat house prank actors forever as long as the actors are as childish as the audience is. It is easy to brainwash them into buying a product, needing a needless service or doing something they otherwise might not naturally do. Their willingness to think and consider all sides of a thing is very limited. Use flash, avoid substance, never be specific about anything and you win the election every time."

" Use only our internal newspaper wire service, it will send out a political clipsheet every week, to thousands of "thought leaders," and cartoons, editorials, and articles to 200,000 newspapers. Rural newspapers are so desperate for copy that many will print whatever our Service sends them, including documents that are basically press releases disguised as editorials endorsing whatever political position we advance. "

" Pretend that you are the Voice of the People. Use radio ads, sponsored by a false-front group with the word "Citizens" or "taxpayers" in the name. "

" Attack, attack, attack. You can't wage a defensive campaign and win! "

" Keep it simple. Rhyming is a good tactic for the majority. The low intellect voter's love rhymes. Never explain anything. The more you have to explain the more difficult it is to win support. "

" Humans are insanely easy to brainwash. Say the same thing over and over again. We have to get a voter's attention seven times per slogan to control their intentions. Anybody that hears the same thing seven times is programmed to it for life. "

" Subtlety is your enemy. Words that lean on the mind are no good. They must dent it. Simplify, simplify, simplify. A wall goes up when you try to make Mr. and Mrs. Average American Citizen work or think. "

" Find any idiotic grammar or geography mistake a person said and play it over and over until the public thinks that their mix-up of the name of a state was a call to eat babies. Make every mistake sound like a federal crime"

" Fan flames. A good political engineer needs more partisanship in this country to operate effectively. Never shy away from controversy; instead, win the controversy. The average American doesn't want to be educated; he doesn't want to improve his mind; he doesn't even want to work, consciously, at being a good citizen, But there are two ways you can interest him in a campaign, and only two that we have ever found successful. You can put on a fight or you can put on a Show. So if you can't fight, PUT ON A SHOW! And if you put on a good show, Mr. and Mrs. America will turn out to see it. "

" Winner takes all. If you launch a campaign for a new car, your client doesn't expect you to lead the field necessarily in the first year, or even the tenth year, But in politics, they don't pay off for PLACE OR SHOW! You have to win, if you want to stay in business."

" This must be a campaign that makes people hear the beat of drums and the thunder of bombs. . . . This must be A CALL TO ARMS IN DEFENSE AMERICA!, that, above all things, will distract from any bad economic report, sex scandal, or other distraction."

" Never tell the candidate what you are really doing. Let them think it is all bread and roses but behind the scenes you must use knives and shotguns. If you fail, you lose your car, your girlfriend and your house. You must win the campaign at all costs. YOU DO NOT WORK FOR THE CANDIDATE. THEY ARE JUST THE FACE IN FRONT. YOU WORK FOR THE CANDIDATE'S BACKERS. YOU WORK FOR THE BIG DONATION PEOPLE. Never, ever, ever forget this or you will starve! Listen to what the candidate says, smile and nod your head and then go do what the backers want and make the candidate think he is getting what he wants."

" Where the men go, the women will follow. Focus on male trigger slogans first."

" Always, and only, use our prescreened 15 minute talking script. Try not to speak for more than fifteen minutes—people get bored—and never for more than half an hour."

" Look at dating sites, find anybody the opposition may have dated, everybody someone broke up with has something bad to say about them."

" Talk to all of their ex bosses and ex co-workers, one of them must have been jealous or mad about them in the past."

" Reject any issues that affect our supporters ability to make money. Say often: You can't beat something with nothing," and: "Political XXXX is bad XXXXX. (Insert the topic of controversy in the XXXX position)"

" Lobby your local newspaper editors. Have your staff make in-person drop-by's to every newspaper office to persuade editors to change their positions. Many of these newspapers do a vast amount of advertising business with us and received hundreds of words of free copy, each week, from our news services. They will not risk losing our advertising dollars when the internet is killing their business. We can cut out all of the newspapers supporting any given issue in 70 days if we stay on our goal. This is a top 6 issue and we now have the budget to spend 10 dollars against every individual dollar the opposing campaign spends to push it."

" Use Germany! In private conversations with Senators, use this talking point: "Please vote against all Compulsory XXXX Bills pending before the Legislature. We have enough regimentation in this country now. Certainly we don't want to be forced to go to "A State XXXXX service," or to pay for such a service whether we use it or not. That system was born in Nazi Germany—and is part and parcel of what our boys are fighting overseas to stop. Let's not adopt it here."

" This must be a campaign to arouse and alert the American people in every walk of life, until it generates a great public crusade and a fundamental fight for freedom, any other plan of action, in view of the drift toward socialization and despotism all over the world, would invite disaster."

" The great need is to go on the offensive—and to attack, Best to forget anybody who wouldn't vote for you even if you got the personal endorsement of every saint in heave."

" Politics is just like show business. . . . You begin with a hell of an opening, you coast for a while, and you end with a hell of a closing."

" The public is basically lazy, basically uninterested in making an effort to understand what we're talking about, Reason requires a higher degree of discipline, of concentration; impression is easier, Reason pushes the viewer back, it assaults him, it demands that he agree or disagree; impression can envelop him, invite him in, without making an intellectual demand. . . . When we argue with him we demand that he make the effort of replying. We seek to engage his intellect, and for most people this is the most difficult work of all. The emotions are more easily roused, closer to the surface, more malleable. Voters are, simply, idiots. Treat them as such and keep them amused by the shiny object."

The above is a sample of the way political campaigns think and operate. Is this ethical?

Professional character assassins will create fake business accounts at, or bribe the staff of:

TalentShield
BeenVERified
GIS BackGround Checks
CVCertify
Social Intelligence
Dun And Bradstreet

EquiFax
Infortal
Kroll Backgrounds
Onesource
Checkpeople

...and numerous other database companies and input nasty lies, misrepresentations and red flag data in order to prevent you from ever getting hired again. This is a felony, though, and if you can find more than two cases of false input you have the start of good evidence for an arrest and to win a lawsuit. Search, find the bad data and file city, state and federal police reports and charges on those who did it to you. If any of your employers got a call from one of the attackers providing false information in an attempt to get you fired, or layed off, as we all now know, every communication in the world has been tracked for the last 10 years so it will be easy to catch them, now, with a subpoena.

FROM RT Newspaper- 11/27/13

"We can discredit them'

Snowden's revelation's turned a spotlight on the NSA and its warehousing of billions of pieces of information - emails, phone calls, photos and videos. However, in its effort to find the proverbial needle in a haystack, the NSA is scooping up millions of innocent people in its dragnet.

However, in the never-ending fight against terrorism, proponents of the NSA's eavesdropping techniques, which have spied on everything from the offices of the United Nations to the Vatican, maintain a position of security over privacy.

Stewart Baker, former general counsel for the NSA, supported the idea of practicing what essentially amounts to character assassination against individuals who are believed to pose a risk to US security interest.

"If people are engaged in trying to recruit folks to kill Americans and we can discredit them, we ought to," Baker said, as quoted by HP. "[D]ropping the truth on them," as opposed to a drone missile attack, for example, is "fairer and maybe more humane."

Who's next?

Although the NSA document only mentions Muslims on its list of targets, critics of the clandestine data mining system worry that such tactics could be used against ordinary Americans for any number of reasons.

"This kind of dragnet surveillance is precisely what the Fourth Amendment was meant to prohibit," said ACLU Deputy Legal Director Jameel Jaffer, who presented arguments against the NSA surveillance in a US federal court last week.

"The Constitution does not permit the NSA to place hundreds of millions of innocent people under permanent surveillance because of the possibility that information about some tiny subset of them will become useful to an investigation in the future," Jaffer added.

Jaffer said it is right to ask if a "president will ask the NSA to use the fruits of surveillance to discredit a political opponent, journalist or human rights activist."

"The NSA has used its power that way in the past and it would be naïve to think it couldn't use its power that way in the future," he said.

None of the individuals listed in the NSA document, all of whom are believed to reside outside the United States, is accused of being involved in terror plots against US interests, the article concluded. "

How Washington DC Has you "Killed" if you piss them off.

If you are targeted by adversaries, here are other tactics they may use against you. Watch out for them and report them. Process against them, legally, if you identify these actions:

- Calling your employer to anonymously report false negative information about you.
 - Placing false and damaging information about you in job agency databases, credit agency reports and background check services which affect your ability to get jobs in a pattern that is inconsistent with your previous job history.
 - Placing their people as plants in your company.
 - Hacking your computer or voicemail to get information on you or your contacts.
 - Inviting you to a TV interview and then jumping you with a surprise guest: your arch enemy with targeted attack comments in hand.
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How Washington DC Politicos Have Troublemakers and Reporters “Killed”!

Option #1: “The Full Monty”- Honey Trap/Brand Kill/Career Hit/ De-Googling/Hacking- Details below:

Option #2: “Actual” Death- Details below:

Option #3: “The Come On”- Details below

Option #4: “The Poor Boy”- Details below:

Option #5: “The Honey Trap”- Details below:

Option #6: “The Hack and Block”- Details below:

Option #7: “The Molasses Tactic”- Details below:

Option #8: ” Having You De-Googled”- Details Below:

Option #1: “The Full Monty”-

Combined: Honey Trap/De-Googling/Brand Kill/Career Hit/Hacking, AKA “The Works” -

For the sake of argument let’s assume Silicon Valley and Washington DC are sort of the same thing...

Relationship Status: Call My Lawyer

As he built TechCrunch into a multi-million-dollar empire, blogger-investor Michael Arrington became a one-man nexus of power in Silicon Valley. Now he’s on the defensive, denying accusations that he raped an ex-girlfriend and abused two other women. Welcome to the dark side of the Information Age.

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left, by John Keatley/Redux; right, by Tom Foremski.

HE POSTS, SHE POSTS Left: TechCrunch founder Michael Arrington in 2010. Right: Jennifer Allen, Arrington’s ex-girlfriend, in 2012. Several times a year, the Center for Entrepreneurship and Technology at the University of California, Berkeley, persuades a “Distinguished Innovator” to give an on-campus lecture. Speakers are a Who’s Who of Silicon Valley and in recent years have included such titans of tech as the C.E.O. of Yahoo, Marissa Mayer, then a V.P. at Google, who had been the company’s first female engineer, and Ben Horowitz, co-founder of the V.C. leviathan Andreessen Horowitz, where he manages a multi-billion-dollar portfolio that has included Facebook, Skype, and Twitter. In September 2010 the Distinguished Innovator was someone *Timemagazine* had named one of the world’s 100 most influential people, along with President Obama, Rupert Murdoch, and the Dalai Lama: Michael Arrington, the founder of TechCrunch, the Web site of record for all of Silicon Valley’s deals, developments, and dubious ethics. The format of Arrington’s lecture was an interview conducted by Vivek Wadhwa, a scholar who focuses his research on the dearth of women in tech.

Arrington has the doughy physique of an N.F.L. lineman past his prime and the untucked style of a frat-house social chairman. Onstage that day, he sat with his shoulders slumped, legs outstretched, bags under his eyes. Then 40, he was dressed in khakis and a blue button-down oxford. Wadhwa began by

asking him to share a bit of his biography. Anyone else would have recognized the question as a chance to charm the crowd.

Arrington said he had attended Berkeley his freshman year but transferred to Claremont McKenna College because he “didn’t love having classes of 900 people” at Berkeley. The audience grumbled, but let the dig pass. Then Arrington said he got his law degree from Stanford University, adding, “Clearly the best school in California,” and the crowd let loose a barrage of rhetorical tomatoes. Wadhwa, a round, bearded Indian-American with a gentle way about him, turned to the audience, grinned, and, in a tone of for-those-of-you-who-don’t-know, said, “Mike has a habit of doing that—pissing off half of the world in one fell swoop.”

Crunch. That’s what Arrington is known for. From a rented house in Silicon Valley, he built a media-tech-venture-capital Empire of Crunch. First, the TechCrunch blog. Then its spin-offs, like CrunchBase—a database for investors and entrepreneurs—and the globally influential TechCrunch conferences, including its most famous, Disrupt. The very month Arrington was on that Berkeley stage, AOL was in the midst of paying him some \$30 million to acquire TechCrunch.

Crunch has not only been Arrington’s brand, it has been his M.O. Mess with Arrington and you get crunched. He’s provoked personalities ranging from Hollywood star and venture capitalist Ashton Kutcher to former Yahoo C.E.O. Carol Bartz into telling him—to his face, mind you—to “fuck off.” Even Arrington’s colleagues who respect him say he is inclined to volatile mood swings. He’ll scream, he’ll shout. Sarah Lacy, one of Arrington’s former employees, says, “The worst place to be is between Michael Arrington and something he wants.” In Arrington’s honor, someone went as far as to create a Web site: ismikearringtonadick.com.

“Let’s talk about women,” Wadhwa said. The topic was inevitable. *The Wall Street Journal* had published a column bemoaning the lack of women in tech in which TechCrunch was mentioned because its conferences featured too few women. Arrington had responded with a column of his own, titled, “Too Few Women in Tech? Stop Blaming the Men.” He elaborated to Wadhwa, saying, “Women in my world are respected as much as men.” He pointed out that the C.E.O. of TechCrunch was a woman, as were almost half of his employees.

Arrington then called on a woman in the audience. He identified her as his girlfriend, Jenn. He asked her to please stand. Arrington explained that Jenn had just started a company, Rtist, a Web-based broker of original art. He said Jenn had hired a team and launched the Web site, and it was doing well. Looking in her direction, he asked, “Have you ever felt like, Wow, I feel like I’d be doing better if I was a man?”

Without pause, her soft voice infused with defiance, Jenn responded, “Not yet.”

Arrington shifted in his chair, and, after a few moments, launched into a soliloquy.

“If we want to get beyond this whole I’m-cool-because-I-care-about-women thing, what we really need to do is we have to start encouraging women to get engineering degrees in college. We have to start encouraging women to get into math and science early on in life. . . . But to just say TechCrunch is perpetuating the problem because there aren’t enough women speakers at our events is just a way to get attention and not solve the problem. So do we want to solve the problem or do we want to just pick on me?”

That Berkeley moment now seems astonishingly surreal, as Arrington has been accused not only of sexual assault but also of rape. In other words, the de facto king of Silicon Valley, who has insisted that the tech industry is a non-discriminating meritocracy, stands accused of misogynistic crimes—with the allegations coming not through a lawsuit or criminal charge but from a series of public accusations on social media. Arrington has sued the alleged victim for defamation. The source of these allegations? Jenn Allen, his ex-girlfriend, whom Arrington called on that day to help him make his case that he and the Valley culture he has been so instrumental in creating treat women fairly.

It was while working in the Valley as a young associate at the law firm Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati that Arrington realized he didn’t want to be an attorney pushing the paperwork for done deals; rather, the only child of a Bank of America data-processing executive and a stay-at-home mom, Arrington decided he wanted to be the mover-shaker doing the deals. One of the firm’s clients hired Arrington away and gave him his chance, on one start-up and then another. By 2005 the Valley had just about wiped the popped bubble from its face. Eighty-five percent of eligible college kids were on something called Facebook; Google and Yahoo were on a buying spree, targeting acquisitions like the photo-sharing site Flickr. YouTube was in its infancy. Twitter had not yet tweeted. Over at Apple, Steve Jobs was at work on a secret project: creating a touch screen that might eliminate the need for a keyboard. Anything and everything once again seemed possible. V.C.’s were itching to invest. The Valley was like Churchill Downs on Derby Day: packed dense with flush gamblers wanting to lay bets—only, Arrington realized, there was no *Racing Form*.

His first official TechCrunch post was on June 11, 2005. Within a few months, Arrington was churning out kisses-and-cupcakes coverage on start-ups and news items big and small. He got the idea of throwing a business-warming party. He invited sources, friends, fans, subjects he covered, whatever you wanted to call them—such distinctions made no difference to him. He didn’t consider himself a journalist. He was a blogger. Before anything else, an entrepreneur. The party was a brilliant move. His first “Meetup” was in September 2005. About 20 people showed up in his backyard, in Atherton, for beer and burgers. One of his guests was Chad Hurley, the co-founder of YouTube.

One of the early BBQs had a corporate sponsor, Eurekster. That company's marketing-and-development person, Jenn Allen, had approached Arrington with the idea. The party drew hundreds, all in all a cross section of the Valley: V.C.'s from the likes of Kleiner Perkins, Greystone Ventures, and Accel Partners; entrepreneurs and engineers; rich geeks, broke geeks; high-school dropouts and M.B.A.'s; publicists and marketers, who tended to be pretty girls, like Jenn Allen. Dark hair, striking eyes; and trite as it may sound, she exuded a sweetness. At least that's what Arrington thought at the end of the night when they agreed to go on a date the following weekend. More Meetups followed and went later and later into the early morning. "These were proper parties," says Arrington's friend Nik Cubrilovic. The old-fashioned networking fed Arrington's intel on high tech, and TechCrunch became a must-read. Its Web traffic and page views skyrocketed, and in no time it dominated all other tech blogs.

In October 2006, Arrington landed the scoop that changed everything. He reported a rumor that Google was going to acquire YouTube. *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, other blogs, all did a double take. Just like that, Arrington had "journalistic" cred. What's more, TechCrunch had so much clout that if Arrington wrote favorably about a start-up or product it was almost guaranteed venture-capital interest. Aspiring entrepreneurs literally banged on the door and windows of his ranch-house office. Venture capitalists wanted to stay in Arrington's good graces. Arrington had become a one-man nexus of ego, money, and information in the Valley. A month after Arrington broke the Google-YouTube story, *The Wall Street Journal* ran a story headlined: TECHCRUNCH SITE MAKES ARRINGTON A POWER BROKER.

A week after exchanging numbers at the TechCrunch Meetup in 2005, Arrington and Allen went on their first date to the bar in the Ritz-Carlton in San Francisco. Allen ordered a bottle of Veuve Clicquot, Arrington a beer. He drank his beer. She drank a single glass of the champagne, and they decided to call it a night. Arrington picked up the tab. Before they left, Allen opened up the little leather folder with the signed bill inside, to make sure Arrington left a decent tip.

A relationship blossomed, or, perhaps, erupted. It was volatile throughout. On again and off again, from 2005 until at least 2010, when Arrington called on Allen at the Berkeley lecture. At an officially unofficial annual gathering of Silicon Valley players in Hawaii, called the Lobby, a friend of Arrington's, Cyan Banister, says she spent a lot of time hanging out with Allen because Arrington was so busy being Arrington. Banister remembers Allen and Arrington constantly texting. "It was like a high-school relationship," Banister told me. "I was surprised that this was the kind of girl Mike was interested in."

Not long after Allen and Arrington started dating she was let go from her job at Eurekster, according to the company's C.E.O., Steven Marder, who said Allen had been "dropping the ball." From what Marder recalls, it got to a point where her colleagues were coming to him and saying that something had to be done because "she seemed a bit lost." Allen declined numerous requests to comment for this story.

Arrington's Meetups evolved into a traveling Silicon Valley Super Bowl trade show called "TechCrunch50." At these days-long conferences in cities around the world, investors, entrepreneurs, marketers, publicists, and tech journalists gathered. Featured attractions were panel discussions, one-on-one interviews conducted by Arrington, who abrasively poked his subjects, and a contest called "Startup Battlefield," which is pretty much just what it sounds like.

For the first three years of the conferences, Arrington's partner in planning, hosting, and executing was Jason Calacanis, a serial entrepreneur with a track record of success and relentless self-promotion. It was Calacanis who persuaded Arrington that they should unite and launch TechCrunch50. They struck an agreement wherein they split the revenue 50-50. In 2007, Arrington hired Heather Harde away from Fox Interactive Media to be C.E.O., and she began to expand the TechCrunch conferences globally. As the TechCrunch brand grew, and its staff was doing much of the work in organizing, the terms of the deal with Calacanis were revisited. The negotiations became acrimonious and fell apart, as did the partnership with Calacanis. Soon TechCrunch50 was dead, and the newly christened TechCrunch Disrupt Conference was born.

In early 2010, Tim Armstrong, the C.E.O. and chairman of AOL, attended a Disrupt and asked if Arrington would be interested in selling TechCrunch. Within a matter of months there was a deal memo, finalized in September 2010. As part of the \$30 million sale, Arrington would remain at TechCrunch, which he believed would retain editorial independence from AOL. A year later, in September 2011, Arrington launched CrunchFund, a V.C. firm. In other words, Arrington would be a major force in an industry in which he himself was now even more financially invested. AOL would invest \$10 million in CrunchFund. At some point, Arrington added a disclaimer to his bio on TechCrunch: "Sometimes I have so many financial conflicts of interest that I can't even keep them straight. So when you read what I write ... understand that I'm conflicted. A lot."

What Arrington was doing with CrunchFund was only more of what he had been doing all along: from virtually day one of TechCrunch he had been an active investor-player in the Valley. But in early 2011, AOL had bought the Huffington Post and made its founding owner-publisher-editor, Arianna Huffington, the editor in chief of all AOL content. Upon learning of Arrington's CrunchFund side pursuit, Huffington demoted him. Within 48 hours, Arrington wrote a blog response to his demotion in which he demanded that Armstrong honor TechCrunch's editorial independence or else sell TechCrunch back to him. According to a *Forbes* story, Huffington counter-demanded that Armstrong support her, as she wanted to "make an example of Arrington." Huffington won, and Arrington got the boot.

Furious, Arrington did two things: He started his own blog, Uncrunched, and he helped one of his former TechCrunch editors, Sarah Lacy, launch her own tech blog, PandoDaily. CrunchFund invested

\$100,000, and, according to Lacy, Arrington agreed to write and work exclusively for her site in exchange for a seat on the board. Shortly thereafter, representatives of the new AOL TechCrunch reached out to Arrington. They wanted him back. Or at least back onstage. In the wake of his departure, TechCrunch had hemorrhaged many of its best-known staffers; the AOL TechCrunch team realized the main event, the lucrative Disrupt conference, needed Arrington's master-of-ceremonies cachet, not to mention his own abrasive star power. According to AOL TechCrunch sources, Arrington got the sort of offer he couldn't refuse, and agreed to sign on for the May 2012 Disrupt in New York. Lacy was furious and felt betrayed. She fired him. Six months later Arrington returned to TechCrunch as a writer.

TECHCRUNCH FOUNDER'S EX-GIRLFRIEND CLAIMS HE PHYSICALLY ABUSED HER. That was the headline on a story that broke last April 1 on the Web site Gawker. Under the headline, there was a picture of Arrington and Jenn Allen, both smiling, with a text overlay of the catchy pull-quote: "It hurts when you love someone and they threaten to murder you."

When Heather Harde, Arrington's friend and former TechCrunch C.E.O., saw it, she thought the post might be the site's idea of an April Fools' joke. The main source material in Gawker's scoop by Adrian Chen was a Facebook status update. Three days earlier, from her mobile phone, Allen had posted this status update to her Facebook page:

Last post on someone i'm completely over. I've never been lonelier in my entire life. To all my friends who loved me for who I am—thank you. Power hungry people, I loved Michael Arrington for 8+ years starting when i implemented Eurekster search at the time on Techcrunch in 2006 and throughout the years i didn't know he cheated on me multiple times, then tells people it was me immediately after he did it. It hurts when you love someone borderline and they can't feel anything at all for you, and threaten to murder you if you told anyone about the physical abuse—all for keeping his reputation. The emotional abuse was equally bad. On a positive note, it can't get any worse than this and I can't get myself of [*sic*] this bed.

Neither Allen nor Arrington was quoted in the story. As Gawker reported, they "did not immediately respond to requests for comment."

Within minutes, there were dozens of comments, well on the way to more than 100. It was in the comments section that the Allen-Arrington story escalated. Allen herself posted three times, something she confirmed in her response to Arrington's lawsuit, accusing Arrington of even more despicable crimes. Posting under the name "JennNella," she alleged that five months earlier he had raped a friend of hers, whom she did not name. Someone going by "DisgustedByJennAllen" claimed to know Arrington and wrote, "First you accuse the man of abusing you and now you accuse him of rape? Really Jenn? You are truly a disgusting human being and a disgrace to the thousands of women who actually HAVE suffered such horrific tragedies." Switching to the handle "youreinthemovie," Allen

went further and accused Arrington of raping her: “He did rape me, on March 5 last year . . . ”

Opinion and judgment of Arrington and Allen spread like a World Wide Web virus.

On April 5, Gawker published a follow-up report. Nick Denton, the founder and owner of Gawker, tweeted a link to the story with this rather definitively phrased tease: “Two more women roughed up by Michael Arrington, the Silicon Valley kingmaker.” This second story, once again reported by Chen, unearthed a decade-old accusation of sexual abuse made by a former co-worker of Arrington’s at RealNames, a start-up he had worked at. (The company shut down in 2002.) And Chen offered a more recent allegation that Arrington had physically abused another former girlfriend, New York-based blogger Meghan Asha.

According to Gawker, the alleged Asha incident occurred on September 12, 2009. Asha had flown from New York City, where she lived, to San Francisco. As Gawker reported it, “This coincided with the start of the TechCrunch50, a Bay Area tech conference that Arrington organized with his former business partner Jason Calacanis.” Gawker reported the allegation that Arrington attacked Asha on the last night of the conference, throwing her against the wall in a hotel room.

The day after that report, on April 6, Asha not only issued a blanket denial of everything Chen had reported but also gave her statement to Arrington’s former home team of TechCrunch:

None of the claims made on my behalf over the past week are accurate. I’m not inclined to comment on my personal life, Mike and I remain friends. I’m focused on business and my career. I hope we can all get back to the business of building innovative companies in the spirit of what makes this industry great. I wish everyone well who is involved. I have no further comment on the matter.

As far as the incident with the co-worker, Gawker’s lone named source was Cecile DeSmet Sharp, who had been the director of human resources at RealNames.

Shortly after the story was posted, the former C.E.O. of RealNames, Keith Teare, also a co-founder of TechCrunch, posted a comment on Facebook: “Mike was indeed the subject of an accusation at RealNames. . . . An outside party was hired to conduct an investigation The investigation concluded that there was no behavior to answer for. Mike was never reprimanded in any way. Both parties asked for confidentiality and to date this has been honored.”

On April 7, Arrington responded to all the accusations in a—what else—Uncrunched blog post: “There have been some extremely serious and criminal allegations against me over the last week. All of the allegations are completely untrue.” He went on to say that he had hired a law firm to pursue legal

action.

Six days after the second Gawker story, on April 11, Eric M. George, a Los Angeles–based attorney representing Arrington, sent a letter via e-mail and U.S. mail to Jennifer Allen. George demanded she retract her statements or Arrington would pursue litigation against her for making “false and defamatory statements that caused significant harm to his good name.” Along with the letter, George sent Allen a packet of material: e-mails, photos, text messages, and Facebook postings. In keeping with the digital media circus/virtual trial, Arrington published the materials on his Uncrunched blog.

Included was a document noting the date and location in San Francisco that Allen presented in her accusation where she claimed Arrington raped her on the evening of March 5, 2012. Arrington’s attorney offered as one of the “provable facts” that Arrington was in Washington, not San Francisco, at that time.

Furthermore, George alleged that Allen herself was out with friends late that very same evening, into the early morning. George’s Attachment A is a photo of Allen taken at 1:05 A.M. on March 6, which a friend of Allen’s had posted to Facebook. In the photo, Allen is standing in the center of four friends at a San Francisco bar. That photo has since been removed.

In the third of the three comments Allen had posted to Gawker following its first report, she wrote that the last time she had seen Arrington was March 5, the night of the alleged rape, and that since then she had attempted to contact him only once, to request that he return a painting. “In fact,” George alleged in his letter, “you attempted to repeatedly communicate with Michael—by telephone, text message and tweets.” The very day following the alleged rape, Allen e-mailed Arrington three photos of herself, according to George. In at least one, she appears to be lying on a bed, and wrote, “The others are showing too much to email. Maybe if you beg. :)”

George’s letter included several examples of messages that Allen had allegedly sent Arrington from late March through the late summer—weeks and months after the date she claimed he had raped her. The letter and accompanying materials were later included in the defamation suit filed by Arrington. George wrote that the communications “do not portray you as a victim of abuse or murder threats, but rather as a person who is distraught at a break up and angered that her ex-boyfriend entered into a new relationship.”

On March 22, for example, 17 days after the day on which she alleged that Arrington had raped her, Allen e-mailed Arrington asking him to invest in her business.

Then, on April 21, 2012, Allen wrote to Arrington that she was “feel[ing] betrayed and slighted by you and, wish I wasn’t alone since you decided to be with someone else so quickly. Not sure how I’m going

to teach myself how to love and trust again.”

And on July 21, she wrote, “You, Mike, seem happy with the most boring fake personalitied [*sic*] person on the planet, who you treat the way I should have been treated. If you can’t treat me with respect publicly, still, then you fall into the selfish whorish male prostitute category that will always hurt me during and in the end. Hope you’re enjoying the weather.”

In August 2012, Allen tweeted at Arrington for all of the world to see: “Mike @arrington last chance to reconcile. I [*sic*] you’re not feeling what I’m feeling, with the same heart, than [*sic*] fuck you.”

George also included some earlier correspondence between Arrington and Allen. On May 18, 2011, just about two years before Allen made her rape claim, and less than a year before the alleged rape had occurred, she e-mailed Arrington to say, “I’m getting an abortion tomorrow. On my birthday. please don’t contact me ever again. I can’t imagine you care—but if you do—just keep flirting and fucking. and dating the ... megghans of the world. anything that might help your image, to make yourself feel better. and then fake a relationship like you did with me to make your parents happy. have a nice life and fuck you.”

Three months later, according to the material included in Arrington’s suit, Arrington and Allen had the following text exchange:

Arrington: do you want to see me?

Allen: Im open to talking to you but i’m dating someone if that’s what you mean. I’m in a relationship. it’s “facebook official”—so I could meet you for coffee. somewhere or at your office. but please don’t be last minute if you still want to meet.

Arrington: I wanted to talk about this pregnancy. I never really understood if it was real or not. or if you were still pregnant. I’m assuming there’s no chance of that. I’m happy for you that you’re dating someone and can talk about it online. I know how much that means to you. If you aren’t pregnant with my child, then we don’t really have anything further to talk about. Be well.

Michael Arrington refused to speak to me on the record for this story. Jenn Allen ignored at least a half-dozen of my requests to be interviewed for this story. One morning, I rang the buzzer of her apartment building in San Francisco, and a nice landlady, Shirley, relayed to me a message from Allen that she had received my voice mails and e-mails. Shirley said, “When I told Allen you were here, that’s all she said; I don’t think she’s coming down to talk with you.”

Another address I found for Jenn Allen is that of her childhood home, where her parents still reside.

The house is in a gorgeous, idyllic, old-money neighborhood of San Francisco. Allen's father was a successful attorney. He's now retired and, according to a neighbor, does Tai Chi in the park across the street from their home.

On the afternoon I knocked on the door, a modest white sedan was parked in the driveway; a sticker from Mills College, which is where Allen went to school, was in the rear window, faded it seemed, like anything resembling childhood innocence. It was hard not to imagine Jenn's mom and dad driving their little girl off to school in that car.

After several knocks, Allen's mother opened a window above me. I recognized her from a photo that Allen had posted online. It seems Allen documents a lot of her life on the Web. Including photos of her only sibling, a sister who is in an elite Ph.D. program, and who also politely declined to speak with me. Looking down at me from the window, Allen's mother said, "My other daughter warned me you would probably try to contact me. We can't talk to you." In her eyes there was an exasperation, an anguish, an agony—a mother's petition for mercy and privacy. I nodded and started down the steps to leave, and she closed the window.

On May 7, 2013, Michael Arrington filed suit against Allen, seeking damages for defamation. In her answer to Arrington's complaint, filed in June, Allen did not retract her statements, though she did revise at least one major aspect of her allegation. She said that she had been mistaken when she said he had raped her on March 5. Later she would tweet that it actually happened on March 30.

According to her answer, Allen is represented by two law firms, one of them, Allred, Maroko & Goldberg, the firm headed by feminist superlawyer Gloria Allred, who herself was a victim of rape. To date, Allen has not filed a criminal charge against Arrington. Nor have the two other women. A trial has been set for next October.

More than two dozen sources I spoke with were quick to point out the intensity of the rivalry that existed between Michael Arrington and Valleywag, which is essentially a Gawker dedicated to Silicon Valley. Gawker's Nick Denton launched Valleywag in 2006, shut it down in 2008, then relaunched it this year. Arrington had called Denton "evil" in the *San Francisco Chronicle* around the time Valleywag launched and "a total dick" in *Portfolio* in 2008, and he wrote a TechCrunch column that same year lambasting the site for being irresponsible: "Today I read all the sordid details about the alleged sexual encounter between a notable technology visionary and a woman who appears to be looking for as much publicity as possible. Where did I read it? On the Silicon Valley gossip blog Valleywag. The posts include private IM chats and various rumors, all designed to make the person mentioned look like as much of a fool as possible. That's not new, of course. Valleywag is making a business out of digging into people's personal lives and publishing it for all to see (me included, regularly)." (Denton didn't respond to numerous requests for comment.)

In his column, published in March 2008, Arrington noted that a business executive had recently committed suicide after being written about in a blog (not owned by Denton), and then asked:

So how long will it be before Valleywag drives someone in our community to suicide? My fear is that it isn't a matter of if it will happen, but when. Valleywag and Nick Denton, though, will likely look forward to the event, and the great traffic growth that will surely follow. There's a market for this kind of content, obviously. And nothing can stop it except significant changes to our libel and defamation laws. That isn't something I support. But the valley was a much nicer place to live and work before the days of Valleywag."

There are just as many people in the Valley who would say it was a lot nicer place before the days of Arrington. The allegations lobbed at him are the result of the very same blog/social media/Silicon Valley "innovative journalism" that he himself has championed. In 2009, Arrington wrote a blog post on TechCrunch in defense of his site's practice of publishing rumors as part of the process to get to the "absolute truth." Digitally savvy journalists have academically dubbed this "process journalism."

"Some people ask why we don't just wait until we have the whole story before posting," Arrington wrote. "The fact is that we sometimes can't get to the end story without going through this process. . . . When a story is up and posted, it's amazing how many people come out of the woodwork to give us additional information. . . . And readers love it. The only people who don't like it are competitors who like to point out that a story was partially wrong, and that they got it right later. But the fact is that they didn't even know there was a story to begin with. Our original post kicked off the process, and they, like us, started digging for the absolute truth."

You might say process journalism was applied to the accusations against Arrington, and this sordid mess is the necessary by-product of a pursuit of the absolute truth. Regardless of the absolute truth of what Arrington did or did not do to Jenn Allen, the whole affair makes this much clear: while the Valley is busy incubating a lot of shiny new start-ups and promising innovations and social networks that generate all kinds of value propositions and tremendous revenue possibilities, behind the scenes of that eco-system there's another part of the culture, where someone is always trying to screw somebody over, where it's crunch or be crushed. The big question the luminaries of the Valley might want to ask themselves is the question Arrington himself posed that day at Berkeley: Does the Valley want to solve the problem, or does it want to pick on Mike?

(FGH- Here's the problem with the Venture Capitalists character assassinating someone clever and entrepreneurial like Arrington. When you end someone's life with a character attack you create a highly

motivated enemy. They, and their friends, will come after you forever. When you do it to a publisher with lots of friends you double your pleasure/payback. When you do it to someone who is clever, a publisher and you do it on the internet where all of the other kids, adults, etc. who got attacked, themselves, can catch some affinity; you (**VC/illuminati**) pretty much shoot yourselves in the foot. Combine doing it to Greenwald, Assange, Arrington, Manning and the others at the same exact historical time-span and you are pretty much fucked, you VC's. Good luck with a pissed off Arrington, Silicon Valley. You were better off with just a blabby Arrington. You should have let sleeping dogs sleep.)

(SD- The Arrington/D. McClure/R. Conway payback scheme will be Epic)

(GH-j- Elon Musk hit Martin Eberhard, and most of Musk's enemies, with most of "The Full Monty" in order to force a settlement from him. According to his ex-wives and ex-girlfriends, he also threatened them with "trouble" if they didn't accept a quick settlement, too **as discussed HERE>>>**)

(MA- Gawker is a stealth front for Jay Carney and Robert Gibbs in the WH Press Office. If it is too dirty for a WH press syndicate release they have Nick Denton do the hit on somebody (usually the GOP) and, in exchange, avoid looking at his overseas accounts)

(G- Per the quote in the article about waiting for "*Valleywag to drive someone in the -Silicon Valley- community to **suicide..***" **It Has!!!** Silicon Valley Has Committed Suicide in Self-Disgust. Goodbye Silicon Valley and the Arrogant Hipsters and **Douche Bag VC's**.)

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(DFG- **THIS LINK** has Arrington’s big blow-out disclosure on the VC’s.)

But once in awhile, Reporters win! See the Movie: “*Big Boys Gone Bananas*”:

Option #2: “Actual” Death-

Known as “Wet-Work” and done by hired mercenaries, who mainstream news calls: “Contractors” (See George Clooney’s movie “*Micheal Clayton*” to see how it is done). Killing you dead with, formerly, untraceable creepy technology... Internet lore holds that Brietbart is thought to have been taken out this way.

See Rajeev Motwani, Gary D. Conley, David Bird, Tesla Plane crash and incident reports in File set 42-DOJ-454-F

...they can actually, ACTUALLY, kill you like **THIS!>>> as shown in THESE ARTICLES**

Option #3: “The Come On”-

They ask to look at your technology, then steal it, then they say: “*Ha! We are going to give it away, or just use it without paying you, to kill your market. What are you going to do about it, Sue us? Ha! Suckers...*”

Except, ...now you CAN sue them, and win!

.. they can sabotage your business like **THIS!**>>>

Option #4: “The Poor Boy”-

Political operatives hack into, or pay friends to access, each of the career databases and credit reporting companies to falsely crash your background and credit checks so you can't get a job. The companies they mostly use are:

TalentShield
BeenVERified
GIS BackGround Checks
CVCertify
Social Intelligence
Dun And Bradstreet
EquiFax
Infortal
Kroll Backgrounds
Onesource
Checkpeople
and others...

Option #5: “The Honey Trap”-

They send somebody to sleep with you, or charge you for sex, or get pregnant or all of the above and cause all kinds of hell in the media...

The **creepiest Honey Trap** system is the one we heard about at ProPublica where the owners of **Match.com/OKCupid.com** are closely connected to certain **political “interests”**. A source claimed that they allow those interests to scan their database with **photo-comparison software**. If the dating profile picture you posted on Match.com or OkCupid is a match for a person the “interests” want to run a Honey Trap on, the “interests” send in a fake date person to try to get info from you or get you in a compromising situation. Very often the hot blonde you think you are writing to is some hairy fat male political operative in New Jersey. Both sites already have **a number of legal actions** for fake profiles. If true, and you are controversial, I suppose you can’t date anymore... bummer!

Ed- PP

To see some of the HONEYS. **[CLICK HERE>>>](#)**

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Option #6: “The Hack and Block”-

Did you ever think you were doing everything right and things inexplicably go south right at the last minute? If you are a reporter or a public service person, you might be under the watch of a Hack and Block Operative. These technical hackers are already inside your phone and computer via embedded backdoors and spyware. Most of the time they do not even have to watch as you type. They just program their spyware to look for a selection of keywords that may have something to do with what they want to block. For example, if you are working on a story about stuffed animals and toxins, they might program their spyware to resend them anything with the words: “teddy bear, mattel, stuffed, stuffing, elmo, toys, investigation...etc” and on and on for thousands of words. The second you type one of these things, the political operative gets a text about it and goes to work. Did you just set up a meeting with an investor? That investor suddenly gets an anonymous tip with damaging info about you and the meeting is “rain-checked”.. Did you just set up a date online? [Your date](#) gets a disturbing message about you and suddenly she is “busy”. Did you just try to source a great tip for an interview? Suddenly the tip source “wants to think about it some more”? Your Operative got mail and you got Blocked.

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<http://www.nypost.com/2013/12/30/state-dept-whistleblower-has-email-hacked-deleted/> – [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) – [Highlight](#)

State Dept. whistleblower has email hacked, deleted Alex Jones ... 10 hours ago ... The personal e-mail account **of a State Department whistleblower** was **hacked**, and four years worth **of** messages — some detailing alleged ...

<http://www.infowars.com/state-dept-whistleblower-has-email-hacked-deleted/> – [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) – [Highlight](#)

State Dept. Whistleblower Has Email Hacked – [Breitbart](#) 9 hours ago ... A **whistleblower** who had helped expose misconduct by Hillary Clinton’s security detail had his Gmail account **hacked** and key evidence ...

<http://www.breitbart.com/Big-Government/2013/12/30/Whistleblower-Who-Exposed-State-Department-Wrongdoing-Has-Email-Hacked> – [View by Ixquick Proxy](#) – [Highlight](#)

Also known as “Hack-And-Extort”!

Ideal counter measures are: Massive disinformation output, never keep anything connected to any network (ie: unplug all power cords and network cables), only write fake meeting dates in electronic calendars, encrypt, relay, tor, create false lead traps that end up at your litigation firm’s office, put black electrical over every camera lens, phone lens, tablet lens, webcam lens, smart tv lens, computer lens, etc.

One of the more **horrific** uses of **Hack and Block** is this story, an act whichevery **American is now at risk of** if you don’t **put black electrical tape over every camera lens** on your phone, tablet and computers:

<http://guardianlv.com/2013/12/apple-inc-and-other-webcams-hacked-miss-teen-usa-nude-photos-taken/>

Apple Inc. And Other Webcams Hacked – Miss Teen USA Nude Photos Taken Added by [Brent Matsalla](#) on December 21, 2013.

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Researchers at the Department of Computer Science at Johns Hopkins University say that Apple Inc.’s iSight camera system among other webcams can be vulnerable to hijack hacking. However, 19-year-old Miss Teen USA, Cassidy Wolf, found out the hard way when she received an anonymous email containing two nude photos of herself that were taken by her own hacked webcam.

The email demanded more nude photos from Wolf or the anonymous sender threatened to release her photos to the public if she didn’t comply. More demands were also made in the email, but the details of these demands were not shared.

<http://guardianlv.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/Apple-Inc.-And-Other-Webcams-Hacked-Miss-Teen-USA-Nude-Photos-Taken2-450x382.jpg>

The nude photos were taken over several months by Wolf's own laptop webcam. Wolf said that her webcam light never came on during this period, which would have tipped her off that her webcam was in use. It was never confirmed whether the webcam light had been disabled by the hacker, or if Wolf just didn't realize the LED light being on. ***The hacker was spying on her and through up to 150 other webcams in the area.***

The FBI says suspected hacker, Jared Abrahams, breached the privacy of people by hacking into their webcams with his sophisticated network and peeping software. Abrahams has now pled guilty to extortion charges.

Earlier this month the FBI also revealed that they have been using a malicious software program called "malware" as a spying technique on suspects through the suspect's own webcams. The malware program was able to allow surveillance without toggling on the "in-operation" LED light located on a suspect's webcam. This is a similar sounding observation described by Miss Teen USA when her webcam was hacked and the nude photos were taken. Apple Inc.'s and other webcams have a hardware interlock between the LED light and the webcam. When the webcam is in operation, the LED light is always supposed to be toggled to the on position automatically.

Assistant professor and co-author of the Johns Hopkins' paper – *iSeeYou*, Stephen Checkoway, says that he and his partner were able to hack into Apple Inc.'s iSight camera system and disable the LED light when the camera was operating. Checkoway and his paper's co-author, Matthew Brocker, were able to independently control the camera to record audio, video, and snap pictures without enabling the camera's integrated LED light. The team was able to accomplish their feat by reprogramming the microcontroller contained within the iSight camera system.

Checkoway and Brocker notified Apple Inc. about their ability to exploit the iSight camera system, and although Apple did not reply to requested comments, Apple sources say they took this very serious. The researchers did follow up with Apple several times, but were not informed by any possible plans for mitigation. Checkoway did note that the exploit now only works on older 2008 Apple products.

The federal government made agreements with seven computer rental companies last year, when it was discovered that they were unlawfully spying on their customers. The companies were allegedly capturing photos of their customers through the rental computer's webcam.

Miss Teen USA is only one case where nude photos have been taken from a hacked webcam. Apple Inc. and other webcam manufacturers will always remain vulnerable to malware hacking programs. The Federal Trade Commission says that currently many thousands of people may be getting spied on from webcam software named PC Rental Agent. This program had previously been installed on

approximately 420,000 computers across the world. When it's not in use, covering the webcam with a piece of paper remains to be the best security from any hacked webcam.

By Brent Matsalla

Sources:

[New York Times](#)

[Techland](#)

[Washington Post](#)

(PS: GHI- A number of auto execs/agency heads have quit, or are sleeping in fear, because they believe they got Hack & Blocked doing bribery, WITH VIDEO, and their numbers may be about to come up in federal investigations. I'd say keep on eye out for Mother Jones or ProPublica's next video undercover exclusive from the tipsters)

Personal Privacy Security

(What a drag...)

- Get rid of your credit cards. Only use cash.
- Tape over every digital camera lens. Don't buy devices with built-in cameras.
- Unplug both the power cord and network cord of any device that network connects, when not in use. Routers, gamebox, appliances, Smart TV's, etc. They all watch you.
- Never leave your wifi unit in the "on" position.
- Keep your cell phone in "flight" mode or "airplane" mode until you are ready to use it and then turn it off after use.
- Always remove the battery from your phone when you go into a meeting or drive between locations.
- Try to buy devices that do not have a GPS chip in them.
- Don't "sync" any device.
- Phone, computer and other wall charger/adapters often have bugs built into them.
- Delete your contact list, calendar, taks & memos from any mobile device. Carry them on paper or on a device with no modem, wifi or bluetooth.
- Never use a "social network" site. Delete all data and cancel all existing sites.
- Remember: "If it has a plug, it has a bug".
- Use TOR and peer to peer hardware and software certified by the open source community.
- Never post your picture online. If you do, make sure it is only used once per site and has your own steganography ID in it but your data meta tags stripped out.

- Don't own anything with an RFID chip. Even your car tires have them in them.
- Cover your mouth when saying something important. Surveillance cameras read lips.

Option #7: “The Molasses Tactic”-

AKA: The slow burn delay tactic

Lawyers and administrators PRETEND to be doing their jobs but, in actuality, they are intentionally delaying and “bottom drawer-ing” actions for years until you run out of money, time, patience, resources and sanity. Specific to reporters, their FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request will sometimes be held off until the last possible minute.

Sometimes, a law-firm or lawyer will approach you because they “heard about your situation and want to help you”. Be sure they do not, secretly, work for the other side and they are there to make sure you lose the case or that it runs so slow, it has no effect.

Option #8: ” Having You De-Google”-

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Paying Google to Remove your name, company name or political campaign from Google Web searches or associating a search of your name with artificially created horrible things as was done with Rick Santorum's name being “search-frozen” by Google to always bring up a disgusting sexual term.

See Additional suppression techniques: [CLICK HERE>>>](#)

When White House Staff Abuse Their Roles

- WHITE HOUSE "HIT SQUADS"

Isn't it sad that, sometimes, the people who you pay part of your paycheck to, to take care of you, sometimes turn around and bite the hand that feeds them?

Oh those politicians... Sometimes they forget that they are the employees of the public.

Recent Freedom of Information Act revelations show that When the Monica Lewinsky scandal happened, The White House put a senior White House adviser named Sidney Blumenthal on the job as character assassination lead. He was mission-ed with defaming Monica Lewinsky, Lucianne Goldberg, Bill Kristol and seeking to destroy Vanity Fair's Christopher Hitchens, for writing about the scandal.

This is now well documented in the mainstream media and studied in university social ethics classes. Robert Gibbs and Jay Carney are now accused of running the modern day equivalent.

While this may seem horrific for the "highest office in the land", it is more of the rule than the exception.

Some people work in the White House merely to steer hundreds of billions of dollars of taxpayer money to their friends pockets, or campaign backer/employers pockets. Campaign backers are, more often than not, insane ego-maniacal billionaires who think they are untouchable because they have bought all of the power they want.

These kinds of people ignore the law, morality or ethics and exist purely to show off to the other insane billionaires in their good ole' boys club. They will stoop to anything; a character assassination, or even a real assassination, is not out of the question for them.

The procedure uses an axillary unit of the White House press office. The axillary unit never uses official emails. They conduct their work with personal text messages, personal emails and lunch meetings. They trade access for a hatchet job article on an enemy. They maintain a secret, but direct, link with tabloids, such as the Nick Denton and The Gawker Media Syndicate, in order to machine gun an opponent with fake blogger comments and hit-job articles. ("Ah.. If only some spy agencies had kept a running archive of

every phone call and email White House staff had made in, and out, of the office.....OOOOPSIE... They Did, This Time Around! Well, I bet it will be fun when the subpoenas start rolling out...)

They have "special project IT Consultants" go into the career databases at Axcion, Dun and Bradstreet, and all of the other services recruiters use, and put fake negative comments about the target so they can kill their career. They have a thousand "trade-craft" tools in their dirty war-chest. Some of them are ex CIA.

Is it illegal? VERY MUCH SO!

Can you catch them? The answer used to be no...but, now that everybody knows that every email, restaurant camera, text message and other communication system since 2001 has been recorded, logged, archived and analyzed by multiple federal agencies; maybe now you can!

The HuffPost Puts Sidney Blumenthal On Trial For Media Sins

Posted by Ryan S. Jackson

Is the man who once coined the term “vast right wing conspiracy” now an integral part of the monster he once decried, willingly abetting a yellow journalism vendetta against Barack Obama?! Peter Drier, of the American Prospect and the Los Angeles Times (amongst others), brings forth the case against Clintonista Sidney Blumenthal:

Former journalist Sidney Blumenthal has been widely credited with coining the term “vast right-wing conspiracy” used by Hillary Clinton in 1998 to describe the alliance of conservative media, think tanks, and political operatives that sought to destroy the Clinton White House where he worked as a high-level aide. A decade later, and now acting as a senior campaign advisor to Senator Clinton, Blumenthal is exploiting that same right-wing network to attack and discredit Barack Obama. And he’s not hesitating to use the same sort of guilt-by-association tactics that have been the hallmark of the political right dating back to the McCarthy era.

Amongst the questionable media narratives Drier accuses Blumenthal of pushing (there are many, and it is a long and winding piece):

- Obama’s high school exposure to a Hawaiian Marxist poet, who Obama mentions briefly in Dreams from My Father and who has since been elevated to an Obama father-figure by hard-right press critic Cliff Kincaid.
- The recent ‘Obama as Radical Black Nationalist’ narrative, and his Chicago connections to Weather Underground member William Ayers.

- A National Review article which accuses Obama of being an integral part of Chicago machine-style politics, which notes: “Blacks adapted to both the tribalism and the corrupt patronage politics.”
- A plethora of different Tony Rezko stories.
- And lest anyone forget, the circa February ‘Obama as Cult Leader’ narrative penned initially by Washington Post columnist Charles Krauthammer.

Hardball politics or cavorting with the enemy? Read the piece and draw your own conclusions:

Peter Dreier

Sidney Blumenthal Uses Former Right-Wing Foes To Attack Obama

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Almost every day over the past six months, I have been the recipient of an email that attacks Obama's character, political views, electability, and real or manufactured associations. The original source of many of these hit pieces are virulent and sometimes extreme right-wing websites, bloggers, and publications. But they aren't being emailed out from some fringe right-wing group that somehow managed to get my email address. Instead, it is Sidney Blumenthal who, on a regular basis, methodically dispatches these email mudballs to an influential list of opinion shapers -- including journalists, former Clinton administration officials, academics, policy entrepreneurs, and think tankers -- in what is an obvious attempt to create an echo chamber that reverberates among talk shows, columnists, and Democratic Party funders and activists. One of the recipients of the Blumenthal email blast, himself a Clinton supporter, forwards the material to me and perhaps to others.

These attacks sent out by Blumenthal, long known for his fierce and combative loyalty to the Clintons, draw on a wide variety of sources to spread his Obama-bashing. Some of the pieces are culled from the mainstream media and include some reasoned swipes at Obama's policy and political positions.

But, rather remarkably for such a self-professed liberal operative like Blumenthal, a staggering number of the anti-Obama attacks he circulates derive from highly-ideological and militant right-wing sources such as the misnamed Accuracy in Media (AIM), The Weekly Standard, City Journal, The American Conservative, and The National Review.

To cite just one recent example, Blumenthal circulated an article taken from the fervently hard-right AIM website on February 18 entitled, "Obama's Communist Mentor" by Cliff Kincaid. Kincaid is a right-wing writer and activist, a longtime critic of the United Nations, whose group, America's Survival, has been funded by foundations controlled by conservative financier Richard Mellon Scaife, the same millionaire who helped fund attacks on the Clintons during their White House years. Scaife also funds AIM, the right-wing media "watchdog" group.

The Kincaid article that Blumenthal circulated sought to discredit Obama by linking him to an African-American poet and writer whom Obama knew while he was in high school in Hawaii. That writer, Frank Marshall Davis, was, Kincaid wrote, a member of the Communist Party. Supported by no tangible evidence, Kincaid claimed that Obama considered his relationship to Davis to be "almost like a son." In his memoir, *Dreams from My Father*, Obama wrote about meeting, during his teenage years, a writer named "Frank" who "had some modest notoriety once" and with whom he occasionally discussed poetry and politics. From this snippet, Kincaid weaves an incredulous tale that turns Davis into Obama's "mentor."

Kincaid's piece had been previously circulating within the right-wing blogosphere, but Blumenthal sought to inject the story into more respectable opinion circles by amplifying it in his email blast.

In the same piece, Kincaid, expanding his guilt-by-association tactics, also wrote that Obama "came into contact with more far-left political forces," including former Weather Underground member William Ayers. Until a few weeks ago, Obama's tangential connection with Ayers -- whose 1960s anti-war terrorism occurred when Obama was in grade school -- was echoing among right-wing bloggers.

Some Clinton supporters who also knew about Ayers have been discreetly trying to catapult the story out of the right-wing sandbox into the wider mainstream media. On April 9, Fox News' Sean Hannity interviewed fellow right-winger Karl Rove, who raised the Ayers-Obama connection. The next day, ABC News reporter Jake Tapper wrote about Ayers in his *Political Punch* blog. The following week, on his radio show, Hannity suggested to his guest, George Stephanopoulos, that he ask Obama about his relationship with Ayers at the upcoming Philadelphia presidential debate. Stephanopoulos, who was Bill Clinton's press secretary, replied, "Well, I'm taking notes." The following night during the April 16 nationally televised Presidential debate, Stephanopoulos dutifully asked Obama about Ayers, who is now a professor of education at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

One can only speculate how much influence Blumenthal did or did not have in elevating the Ayers story into the mainstream media and into the national political debate. What is certain is that Blumenthal sought to keep this classic red-baiting controversy alive.

Blumenthal's April 24 email dispatch featured a two-year old article by Sol Stern, published in City Journal, sponsored by the right-wing Manhattan Institute. The article, from the journal's Summer 2006 issue, doesn't mention Obama. Why would Blumenthal resurrect it now? The article, entitled "The Ed Schools' Latest--and Worst--Humbug," was, instead, a frontal attack on Ayers' views on educational theory and policy. Blumenthal obviously wasn't trying to offer enlightenment on educational policy or Obama's positions on school reform as much as he was presumably trying to keep Ayers' name, and his controversial past, in the public eye.

As a follow-up punch, Blumenthal again dipped directly into the "vast right wing conspiracy" by retrieving and circulating an article from the current issue of National Review -- the staunchly conservative opinion journal founded by William F. Buckley. The piece, titled "The Obama Way," was penned by Fred Siegel who, like Sol Stern, is a former 60s leftist who has moved to the opposite end of the political spectrum, serving at one point as a political advisor to Rudy Giuliani. Siegel's piece links Obama to corrupt Chicago machine politics, observing that "Blacks adapted to both the tribalism and the corrupt patronage politics" of Chicago's Democratic Party. In the process, he manages to throw in as many spurious ad hominem attacks on Obama as he can, calling him a "friend of race-baiters" and a "man who would lead our efforts against terrorism yet was friendly with Bill Ayers, the unrepentant 1960s terrorist."

When Blumenthal worked in the White House, a big thorn in Bill Clinton's side was the Weekly Standard, the right-wing magazine edited by William Kristol and owned by Rupert Murdoch. But in mid-February, Blumenthal's email attack featured an article, "Republicans Root for Obama," written by Weekly Standard executive editor and Fox News talking head Fred Barnes. That same month, Blumenthal also offered up a piece by Scott McConnell, titled "Untested Savior," that appeared in The American Conservative (a magazine founded by Pat Buchanan) claiming that Obama "would probably lead them [Democrats] to disaster in November."

When Blumenthal isn't relying directly on anti-Obama smears from the extreme right, he's pumping up more traditionally sourced material, from the Washington Post, New Republic, and other publications, to question and damage Obama's character and electability. On several occasions, Blumenthal has circulated articles from the Chicago Sun Times and the Chicago Tribune about Obama's ties to developer Tony Rezko, a relationship Obama has said he regrets. In one email, Blumenthal wrote: "The record on Obama's fabled 'judgement'? So how would he conduct himself in those promised summits without preconditions with Ahmadinejad, Kim Jong Il, Chavez, Castro, and Assad? Let's look at how he did with Tony Rezko."

Earlier this year, one theme pushed by Clinton supporters and buoyed by Blumenthal's efforts, was that Obama's appeal was similar to that of a messianic cult leader. Obama's capacity to inspire people was reframed as a kind of malevolent force, as though his followers would somehow willingly drink poisoned Kool-Aid if Obama so demanded. In his February 7 Time magazine column, "Inspiration vs. Substance," writer Joe Klein, who, like Blumenthal, worked on the Boston alternative paper, The Real Paper, in the 1970s, wrote: "There was something just a wee bit creepy about the mass messianism -- 'We are the ones we've been waiting for' -- of the Super Tuesday speech and the recent turn of the Obama campaign." That same morning, Blumenthal sent the Klein column to his email list. Later that day, in his Political Punch blog, ABC News reporter Jake Tapper wrote, "The Holy Season of Lent is upon us. Can Obama worshippers try to give up their Helter-Skelter cultish qualities for a few weeks?" (Update: In response to OffTheBus, Tapper is categorical in denying that he in any way relied upon Blumenthal or was influenced by Blumenthal in the production or in the writing of this story or his reports on William Ayers or the Obama "cult")

The following day, in the Los Angeles Times, columnist Joel Stein wrote: "Obamaphilia has gotten creepy. What the Cult of Obama doesn't realize is that he is a politician."

After this idea had bounced around the media echo chamber for a few days, the liberal watchdog group Media Matters for America, run by David Brock, posted a summary on February 8 of the sudden outbreak of "cult" references about Obama. It was headlined: "Media figures call Obama supporters' behavior 'creepy,' compare them to Hare Krishna and Manson followers." The next day, Blumenthal sent the Media Matters piece to his email list. A few days later, the New York Times' Paul Krugman, a Clinton supporter, weighed in with a column, "Hate Springs Eternal," in which he wrote, "I'm not the first to point out that the Obama campaign seems dangerously close to a cult of personality." Nor would he be the last. Four days later, Washington Post columnist Charles Krauthammer, an arch conservative, penned a column entitled, "The Audacity of Selling Hope" in which he simply quoted Klein, Tapper, Stein, and Krugman.

One of Blumenthal's associates scoffs at the notion that there's anything vaguely conspiratorial about these emails and that a number of the people on the list-serve are also the authors of the pieces he sends out. "They're just Sid's friends," he told me. This is, in fact, the very definition of an echo chamber. People in the opinion-shaping business also seek to influence other opinion-makers, who then bounce their ideas through their overlapping outlets -- newspapers, magazines, talk shows, websites, blogs, and social and political fundraising circles. The connections are so incestuous that it's hard to untangle where the "feedback loop" begins and ends.

Among those whose names show up as recipients of Blumenthal's emails are writers and journalists Craig Unger, Edward Jay Epstein, Thomas Edsall (Politics Editor of the Huffington Post), Joe Conason,

Gene Lyons (Arkansas Democrat-Gazette columnist and author of *The Hunting of the President: The Ten Year Campaign to Destroy Bill and Hillary Clinton*), John Judis, Eric Alterman, Christine Ockrent, David Brock, Reza Aslan, Harold Evans, and Josh Marshall; academics and think tankers Todd Gitlin (Columbia U sociologist), Karen Greenberg (NYU law school), Sean Wilentz (Princeton historian), Michael Lind, William M. Drozdiak, and Richard Parker; and former Clinton administration officials John Ritch, James Rubin, Derek Shearer, and Joe Wilson.

Not all of Blumenthal's recipients, or those who, like me, receive the emails second-hand, are Clinton supporters.

Before and after his service in the Clinton White House, Blumenthal wrote for the *New Yorker*, *New Republic*, *Washington Post*, the *Guardian*, and *Salon*, where he was often accused of engaging in partisan journalism.

In the Clinton administration, Blumenthal was primarily a behind-the-scenes strategist, but often found himself speaking in front of the cameras and on the record. In both roles, he was known as a committed Clintonista who played hardball. He's demonstrated those same traits since joining Hillary's campaign as a senior advisor last November.

Presidential politics can get down and dirty, and Blumenthal is a master at the game. Some Obama supporters might even wish that his campaign would resort to similar tactics. If it did, there would be no shortage of anti-Hillary screeds by the "vast right-wing conspiracy" activists and writers, such as surfacing the photo of Rev. Jeremiah Wright with Bill Clinton at a prayer breakfast at the White House in 1998, invited by the president in the midst of his Lewinsky scandal. Indeed, the right-wingers probably hate Hillary more than they dislike Obama. But so far the Obama camp has avoided slinging the right-wing mud, at least with any of the enthusiasm and diligence demonstrated by Sid Blumenthal.

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Democrats turn on Debbie Wasserman Schultz - Edward-Isaac ...

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How Google Became The Top Hit Job Provider For The White House

Google targeted, and sought to sabotage and destroy, those who got fingered by the Washington Executives who were seeking to cover up financial crimes they had engaged in. Reporters, whistle-blowers and competitors were subjected to a withering onslaught of cyber-bullying, character assassination, web site removal, link hiding, customer deflection, and other dirty tricks, brought to you by GOOGLE.

Google IS The Obama Administration's main attack and assassination tool.

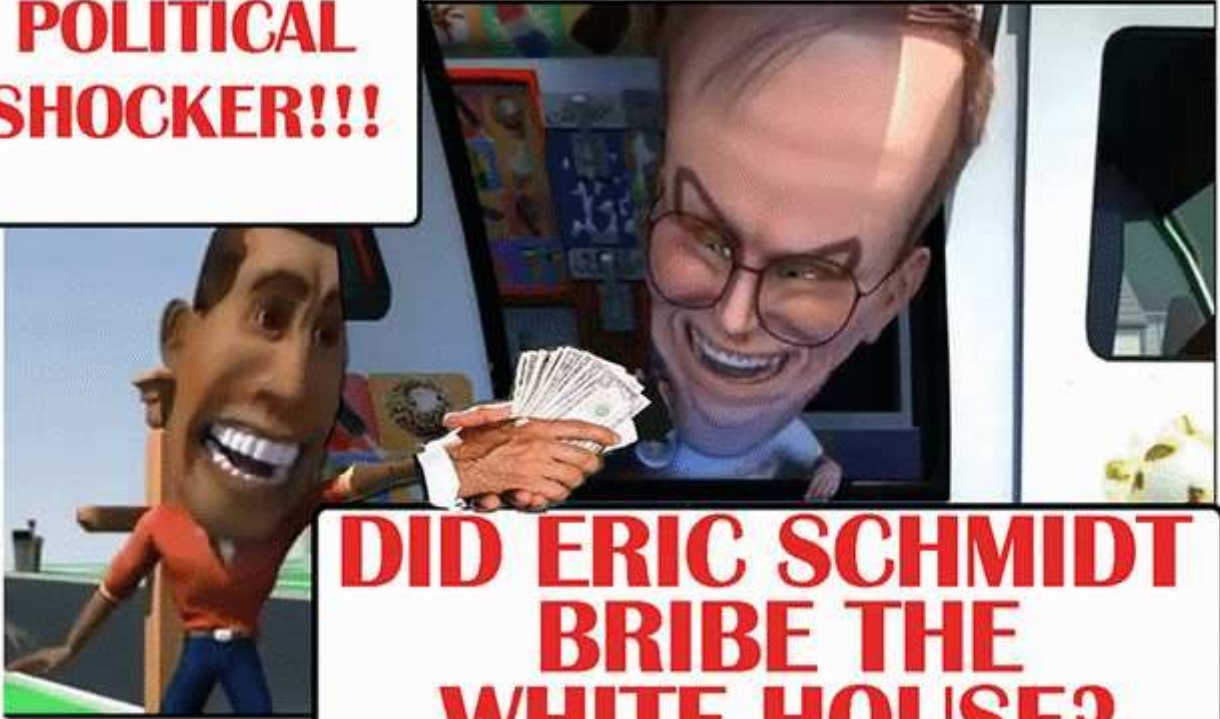
How Google Took Over The White House

Google's lawyer runs the U.S. Patent Office and suddenly no patents that jeopardize Google are being issued. Google's friends run the FCC and suddenly all FCC rulings only benefit Google. Google put Steven Chu into the Department of Energy and Google's assets got the only cash he handed out while all of Google's competitors got their funding cut-off and their resources sabotaged by him. The list goes on and on...

The odds of so many people from one company getting all of the top jobs in the federal government, of the 320 million possible people in America; are near impossible... unless something was rigged.

Q. Is something fishy? A. YES!!!!!!!

**POLITICAL
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**DID ERIC SCHMIDT
BRIBE THE
WHITE HOUSE?**

The White House's roster is starting to resemble Google's list of former employees

Written by

[Jeanne Kim](#)

At the height of the financial crisis, the White House frequently found itself turning to veterans of Goldman Sachs to tackle the emergency, leading to the firm's nickname: [Government Sachs](#). Of course this was no accident, as then-US Treasury secretary Henry M. Paulson Jr. was a Goldman alum.

Now, with the spectacular initial failure of the healthcare.gov website having focused the White House's attention on technology issues, the Obama administration is looking to another pool of private-sector talent—Google's—for people willing to bring their professional expertise to new jobs with the government.

Megan Smith, a Google executive, [is said to be](#) the White House's top candidate to serve as the country's chief technology officer, replacing Todd Park, who has a healthcare information technology background and will work for the administration as an adviser based in Silicon Valley. Park recently [helped bring another Google veteran](#), Michael "Mikey" Dickerson, to a new area of the executive branch, the US Digital Service.

Google's expanding diaspora in Washington has sparked [growing concerns](#) about the company's influence with government officials. Just as the Treasury Department's actions in 2008 had implications for Goldman Sachs, many of the questions before federal agencies and lawmakers today, from net neutrality rules to the potential for regulating drone deliveries and self-driving cars, could be significant to Google's businesses. Some of the ex-Googlers hired by the White House already have returned to the private sector; that's understandable—not every recruit, especially those who left families behind in Silicon Valley, wants to make a lifelong commitment to Washington, or to the government's pay scale—but the revolving door action [makes critics all the more skeptical](#) about the relationships between companies and federal offices.

Megan Smith

She's not part of the White House yet, but Smith would be the third person—and first woman to hold the title of US chief technology officer if she gets the job. Her ascension would represent a major milestone for women in the tech industry. Back at Google, Smith is vice president of Google's X lab and played a key role in the development of Google Earth. Previously, she was the CEO of Planet Out, an online media company catering to gay and lesbian audiences.

Michael "Mikey" Dickerson

Dickerson—currently the administrator of the new [US Digital Service](#)—was [pulled into public service](#) when healthcare.gov, an integral piece of the Obamacare health insurance system, ran into trouble. At Google, [Dickerson was a site reliability engineer](#) and part of the team that helped Google's servers run smoothly. His task now: work with the federal government's IT teams to improve the functionality of government websites. He's [already made waves](#) for turning the West Wing into a business casual zone. Administration officials probably don't care what he's wearing to the office so long as he prevents another healthcare.gov-style embarrassment from occurring.

Katie Jacobs Stanton

Before being lured back to the private sector in 2010 for a job at Twitter, Stanton was [part of the White House staff](#) as director of citizen participation, tasked with furthering engagement with the public through new media. (She then [spent seven months](#) at the State Department before going to Twitter, where [she recently changed roles](#) from vice president of international markets to VP of global media.) At Google, [she managed products](#) like Google Finance, Google News, and Blog Search, and was involved in new business development. Stanton helped develop Google Moderator, which allowed users to submit questions for the presidential debates when Obama was running in 2008. Stanton's

resume also includes a stop at Yahoo, and a fellowship at the US Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

Andrew McLaughlin

McLaughlin, formerly Google's head of global public policy, worked on Obama's transition team in 2008 and 2009 and spent two years as the administration's deputy chief technology officer. He advised the president on a wide range of topics, from cybersecurity and online privacy to entrepreneurship and the creation of open technology standards. In 2010, he [was reprimanded](#) for exchanging emails with former colleagues still at Google to discuss issues under his purview as a government official, in violation of the administration's ethics rules. He left the White House the next year; now [he's a partner](#) at the startup studio betaworks and is the CEO of Digg.

Nicole Wong

Although Wong (nicknamed "[The Decider](#)") apparently has [decided to leave the White House](#) to return to her family in California, her background in internet law and privacy issues made her a strong pick as the administration's deputy chief technology officer amid growing public concern over government data collection. Formerly the legal director at Twitter, she helped author a [White House report on big data](#) (pdf), which was released in May, and worked on policies regarding privacy and US intelligence. Not only was Wong a vice president at Google, she was deputy general counsel for the company, and [testified before Congress](#) (pdf) about Google's adherence to privacy laws.

Sonal Shah

The former head of global development at Google.org, the company's philanthropic arm, Shah [served in the White House](#) from April 2009 to August 2011 as head of the Office of Social Innovation, aiding nonprofits and entrepreneurs in tackling important social issues. Now she's at Georgetown University, with the Beek Center for Social Impact & Innovation. Prior to working at Google, she was a VP at Goldman Sachs.

Eric Schmidt

While Google's chairman and CEO, Eric Schmidt, doesn't have a formal position in the White House, [he was a strong supporter](#) of Obama's in 2008 and his ties with the administration remain strong. He reportedly advised Obama's 2008 campaign in the areas of tech and energy and [was on hand again](#) as an informal adviser during the 2012 race.

In THE INTERCEPT article By [David Dayen, Dayen reveals that Google, essentially, runs much of the White House](#)"

"[When President Obama](#) announced his support last week for a Federal Communications Commission plan to open the market for cable set-top boxes — a big win for consumers, but also [for Google](#) — the cable and telecommunications giants who used to have a near-stranglehold on tech policy were furious.

AT&T chief lobbyist Jim Cicconi [lashed out](#) at what he called White House intervention on behalf of “the Google proposal.”

He’s hardly the first to suggest that the Obama administration has become too close to the Silicon Valley juggernaut.

Over the past seven years, Google has created a remarkable partnership with the Obama White House, providing expertise, services, advice, and personnel for vital government projects.

Precisely how much influence this buys Google isn’t always clear. But consider that over in the European Union, Google is now facing [two major antitrust charges](#) for abusing its dominance in mobile operating systems and search. By contrast, in the U.S., a strong case to sanction Google was quashed by a presidentially appointed commission.

It’s a relationship that bears watching. “Americans know surprisingly little about what Google wants and gets from our government,” said Anne Weismann, executive director of [Campaign for Accountability](#), a nonprofit watchdog organization. Seeking to change that, Weismann’s group is spearheading a data transparency project about Google’s interactions in Washington.

The Intercept teamed up with Campaign for Accountability to present two revealing data sets from that forthcoming project: one on the number of White House meetings attended by Google representatives, and the second on the revolving door between Google and the government.

As the interactive charts accompanying this article show, Google representatives attended White House meetings more than once a week, on average, from the beginning of Obama’s presidency through October 2015. Nearly 250 people have shuttled from government service to Google employment or vice versa over the course of his administration...”

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Google's Eric Schmidt testified in 2011 about the Internet giant's business practices and defended how it displayed search results. PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES



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The findings stand in contrast to the conclusion of the FTC's commissioners, who voted unanimously in early 2013 to end the investigation after Google agreed to some voluntary changes to its practices.

It is unusual for the commissioners to not take staff recommendations. But in this case, they were wrestling with competing recommendations, including a separate report from the agency's economic bureau that didn't favor legal action.

AdvertisementThen-Chairman Jon Leibowitz said in a written statement at the time that Google's voluntary changes deliver "more relief for American consumers faster than any other option."

Google General Counsel Kent Walker said in a statement Thursday that the FTC ultimately "agreed that there was no need to take action on how we rank and display search results." He added: "Speculation about potential consumer harm turned out to be entirely wrong. Since the investigation closed two years ago, the ways people access information online have only increased, giving consumers more choice than ever before."

On one issue—whether Google used anticompetitive tactics for its search engine—the competition staff recommended against a lawsuit, although it said Google's actions resulted in "significant harm" to rivals. In three other areas, the report found evidence the company used its monopoly behavior to help its own business and hurt its rivals.

ENLARGE The report undercuts Google's oft-stated contention that the FTC found no evidence of wrongdoing. "The conclusion is clear: Google's services are good for users and good for competition,"

said [David Drummond](#), Google's senior vice president and chief legal officer, when the FTC closed the matter.

It could prompt new complaints from some Google competitors, such as [Yelp Inc.](#), who allege the company still engages in anticompetitive behavior, and renewed focus by antitrust authorities in Europe, who are pursuing their own look into Google.

"This document appears to show that the FTC had direct evidence from Google of intentional search bias," said Luther Lowe, the vice president of public policy for Yelp.

[ENLARGE](#) The Wall Street Journal viewed portions of the document after the agency inadvertently disclosed it as part of a Freedom of Information Act request. The FTC declined to release the undisclosed pages and asked the Journal to return the document, which it declined to do.

"Unfortunately, an unredacted version of this material was inadvertently released in response to a FOIA request," an FTC spokesman said in a statement to the Journal. "We are taking steps to ensure this does not happen again."

Embedded in the document and in detailed footnotes are an array of previously unknown details about Google's business, many of which come from senior officials such as Executive Chairman [Eric Schmidt](#), former executive [Marissa Mayer](#) and co-founders [Larry Page](#) and [Sergey Brin](#).

Data included in the report suggest Google was more dominant in the U.S. Internet search market than was widely believed. The company estimated its market share at between 69% and 84% during a period when research firm comScore put it at 65%. "From an antitrust perspective, I'm happy to see [comScore] underestimate our share," the report quoted Google Chief Economist Hal Varian as saying, without specifying the context.

An antitrust suit against Google would have pitted [Obama](#) administration appointees against one of the White House's closest corporate allies. Google was the second-largest corporate source of campaign donations to President Barack Obama's re-election effort. Google executives have visited the White House scores of times since Mr. Obama has been in office, according to visitor logs.

"The FTC is an independent agency and we respect their independent decision-making," said Jennifer Friedman, a White House spokeswoman.

In its investigation, FTC staff said Google's conduct "helped it to maintain, preserve and enhance Google's monopoly position in the markets for search and search advertising" in violation of the law. Google's behavior "will have lasting negative effects on consumer welfare," the report said.

Google has long disputed any characterization that it is a monopoly, saying that competition is “just a click away.”

In discussing one of the issues the FTC staff wanted to sue over, the report said the company illegally took content from rival websites such as Yelp, [TripAdvisor](#) Inc. and Amazon.com Inc. to improve its own websites. It cited one instance when Google copied Amazon’s sales rankings to rank its own items. It also copied Amazon’s reviews and ratings, the report found. Spokesmen for TripAdvisor and Amazon declined to comment.

When competitors asked Google to stop taking their content, it threatened to remove them from its search engine.

“It is clear that Google’s threat was intended to produce, and did produce, the desired effect,” the report said, “which was to coerce Yelp and TripAdvisor into backing down.” The company also sent a message that it would “use its monopoly power over search to extract the fruits of its rivals’ innovations.”

In its final agreement, the commission secured a promise that Google would allow websites to opt out of having their content included in its competing search products.

The staff said Google also broke antitrust law by placing restrictions on websites that publish its search results from also working with rivals such as Microsoft’s Bing and [Yahoo](#) Inc.

The commission made no mention of this issue in its final report, nor did it secure any commitments from Google to change its policies.

In a third area, the FTC staff said Google violated antitrust law by restricting advertisers’ ability to use data garnered from Google ad campaigns in advertising run on rival platforms.

The FTC report cited a Google employee who said the company once wanted to do away with the unnecessary restriction but was overruled by Mr. Page, who is now Google’s chief executive. A Google spokeswoman declined to make Mr. Page available for comment.

Ultimately, Google changed this policy voluntarily in 2013 at the behest of the agency.

On the most important issue, that of Google’s prized search engine, the FTC report said Google altered it to benefit its own services at the expense of rivals. The report said Google “adopted a strategy of demoting, or refusing to display, links to certain vertical websites in highly commercial categories.”

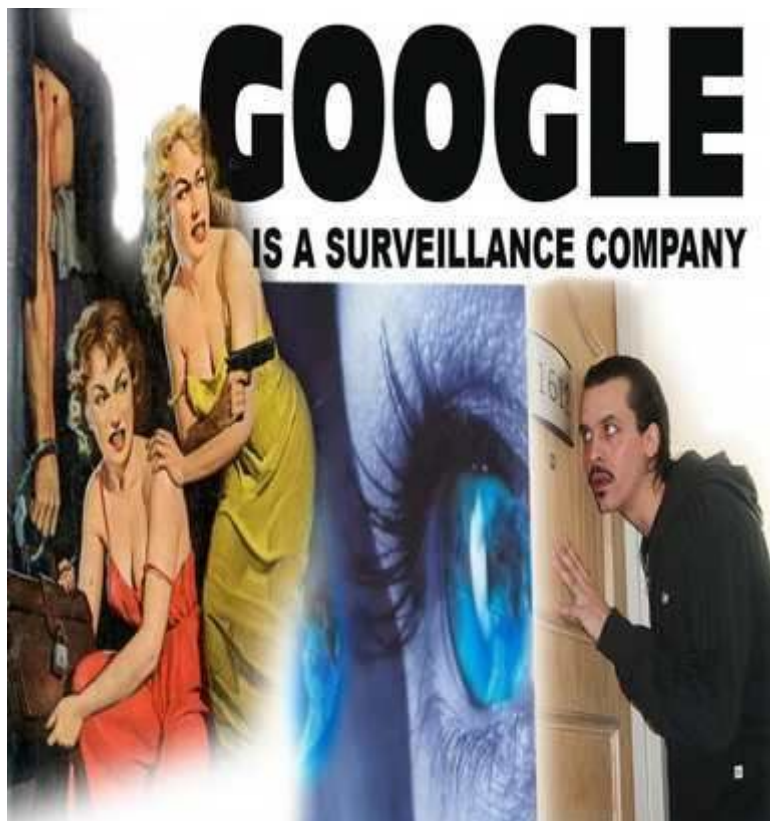
In what it termed “a close call,” the staff said the FTC shouldn’t issue a complaint against the company because of legal hurdles and Google’s “strong procompetitive justifications.”

‘[Google’s behavior] helped it to maintain, preserve and enhance Google’s monopoly position in the markets for search and search advertising’

—FTC staff report The “evidence paints a complex portrait of a company working toward an overall goal of maintaining its market share by providing the best user experience, while simultaneously engaging in tactics that resulted in harm to many vertical competitors, and likely helped to entrench Google’s monopoly power over search and search advertising,” the staff said.

On Jan. 3, the five FTC commissioners voted to close the investigation. A few months later, now FTC Chairwoman Edith Ramirez told a Senate committee that a majority of commissioners didn’t support a case against Google on any of the allegations under investigation.

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Senator Santorum's staff stated that: "Google rigged their search engine to seek to damage and destroy Senator Santorum's brand."

PATIENT ZERO: The First White House Internet Character Assassination “Kill Order” Was On Monica Lewinsky

"Monica Lewinsky Speaks: 'It's My Mission To End Cyberbullying ...'"

Forbes



[Clare O'Connor](#) Forbes Staff

Monica Lewinsky has broken a decade-long silence to announce her campaign to end cyberbullying and today’s toxic culture of internet shaming.

In her first ever public address, the former mistress of President [Bill Clinton](#) revealed her plan to launch a “cultural revolution” against the sort of online harassment she experienced firsthand in the late 1990s.

“I was Patient Zero,” said Lewinsky, now 41, to an auditorium full of 1,000-plus high-achieving millennials at Forbes’ inaugural 30 [Under 30](#) summit in Philadelphia. “The first person to have their reputation completely destroyed worldwide via the Internet.”

“There was no [Facebook](#), [Twitter TWTR +2.85%](#) or Instagram back then,” she said. “But there were gossip, news and entertainment websites replete with comment sections and emails which could be forwarded. Of course, it was all done on the excruciatingly slow dial up. Yet around the world this story went. A viral phenomenon that, you could argue, was the first moment of truly ‘social media’.”

Lewinsky described her life since the 1998 sex scandal that resulted in Bill Clinton's impeachment as one marred by a deep sense of shame and even suicidal thoughts.

She became emotional telling of the miserable months after then-unknown gossip website the Drudge Report broke the news of her relationship with Clinton — a public humiliation exacerbated by the release of the Starr Report online later that year, offering intimate details of their trysts.

“Staring at the computer screen, I spent the day shouting: ‘oh my god!’ and ‘I can’t believe they put that in’ or ‘That’s so out of context,’” she said. “And those were the only thoughts that interrupted a relentless mantra in my head: ‘I want to die.’”

In the immediate aftermath of the Clinton saga, Lewinsky tried to capitalize on her notoriety, first designing handbags and then hosting a reality dating show. She moved to the U.K., where she attended the London School of Economics and got a master's degree in social psychology. Still, nothing could remove the specter of her public shaming.

It was only years later in 2010 when she read of the tragic suicide of Rutgers freshman Tyler Clementi that Lewinsky stumbled on what she now sees as a calling.

Clementi's college roommate secretly filmed him kissing another man in their dorm room and streamed the video via webcam. Derided and ridiculed online, the 18-year-old jumped off the [George Washington Bridge](#) to his death.

“That tragedy is one of the principal reasons I am standing up here today,” said Lewinsky. “While it touched us both, my mother was unusually upset by the story, and I wondered why. Eventually it dawned on me: she was back in 1998, back to a time when I was periodically suicidal; when she might very easily have lost me; when I, too, might have been humiliated to death.”

Lewinsky met with Clementi's parents, who set up the Tyler Clementi Foundation for vulnerable youth, LGBT youth and their allies. She intends to share her story with victims of cyberbullying and online harassment. There are many of them: almost 54% of young Facebook users describe being bullied or harassed online. The recent web hacks that exposed nude photos of A-list celebrities like Jennifer Lawrence serve as a reminder that no one is immune.

“Having survived myself, what I want to do now is help other victims of the shame game survive, too,” she said. “I want to put my suffering to good use and give purpose to my past.”

Follow Lewinsky's plans on Twitter, at her brand new handle: [@MonicaLewinsky](#).

The White House Political Hit-Master: Sidney Blumenthal:
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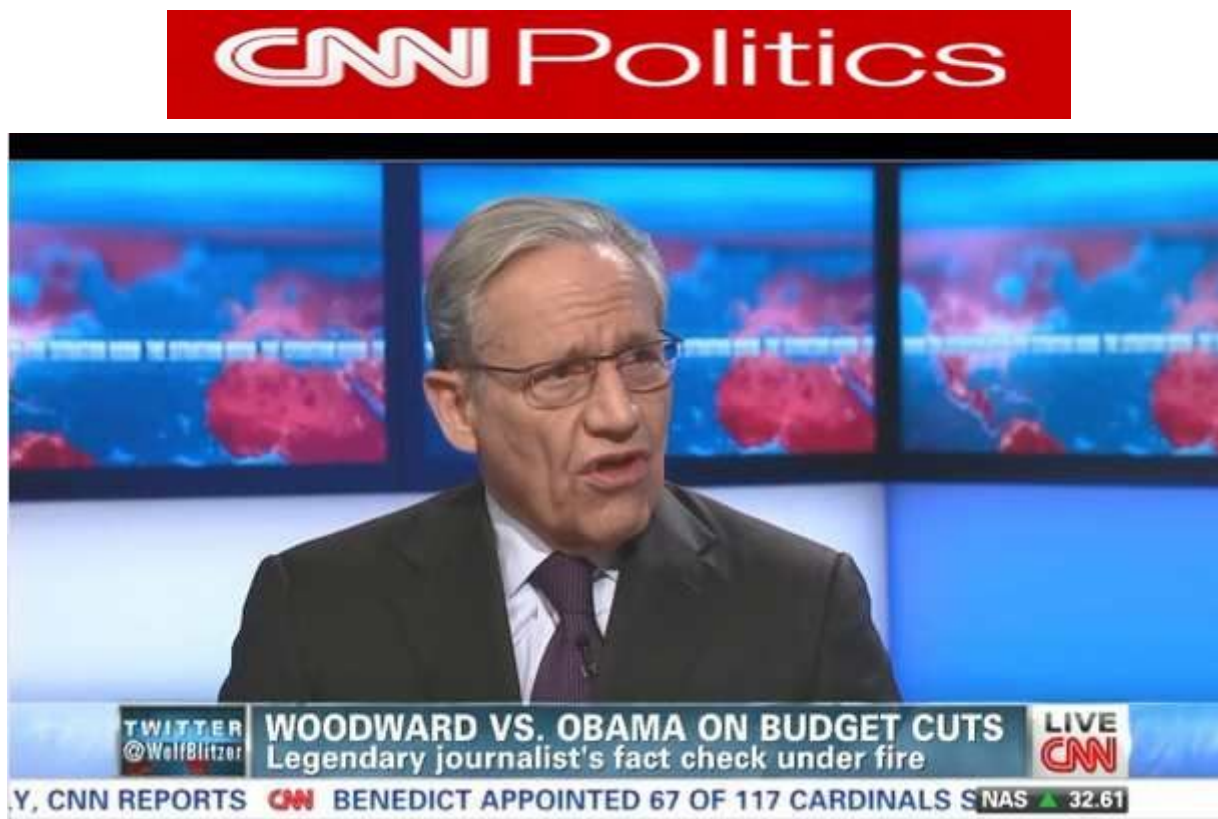
The House impeachment managers who are prosecuting President Clinton before the Senate have asked all the questions they cared to ask of the three witnesses they chose to call and apparently learned little of help to their case. That won't stop them from appealing to the Senate today to compel public testimony from Monica S. Lewinsky, Vernon Jordan, the president's chum, and Sidney Blumenthal, a political hit man for Bill and Hillary Clinton. Clearly the House managers are ready to prolong this trial until the last senator keels over from terminal boredom, but even senators who want to convict Clinton of high crimes and misdemeanors are signaling they have had enough. The trial phase of this proceeding is effectively over, and today's vote on the witnesses should say so.

Though it may have added only marginally to the stupefyingly voluminous record, this week's videotaped questioning of the three witnesses should nonetheless be made public. Repetitious and unilluminating though the testimony may be, it is part of a historic event and deserves to be released in full. For the same reason, the Senate's pending debate on whether to convict or acquit Clinton on charges of perjury and obstructing justice should take place before the eyes of the nation and not in a closed chamber.

Even if the Senate deservedly rejects the House managers' plea to hear witnesses, its route toward ending the trial by Feb. 12 will remain rocky. No one any longer believes that 67 votes can be found to convict Clinton and end his presidency. Recognizing that, Republicans continue to search for a variation on their leadership's notion of a "finding of fact" that, in so many words and by a simple majority vote, would declare Clinton guilty of willfully lying under oath and trying to obstruct justice.

We have held from the onset of the impeachment process that Clinton's behavior in the Lewinsky affair has earned him the strongest condemnation. That could be expressed, without any question of its being extra-constitutional, in a joint congressional resolution. Conversely, the notion of a "finding of fact" to brand Clinton guilty of the same crimes of which an impeachment vote surely would acquit him is a brazen effort to circumvent the letter and spirit of the Constitution. Republicans have always insisted that the impeachment process is solely about upholding the sanctity and dignity of the law. A partisan, constitutionally unsanctioned "finding of fact" would make a mockery of that standard.

BOB WOODWARD: All The President's "Hit Jobs"



Exchange between Bob Woodward and White House official in spotlight

Posted by [CNN Political Unit](#) (CNN) - An email exchange between two old Washington hands – one, a longtime journalist, and the second, a source in the Obama administration – is at the center of a political controversy Thursday as two sides read the messages differently.

The veteran journalist is [Bob Woodward](#), who broke the Watergate scandal and wrote a book about the [debt ceiling negotiations in the summer of 2011](#). The Obama administration source is [Gene Sperling](#), a senior economic aide to [President Barack Obama](#) and a veteran of the Clinton administration.

They traded emails, Woodward said, as he prepared to report that President Barack Obama was "moving the goal posts" around the [forced spending cuts](#), known as the sequester.

That irked the White House, he said Wednesday on CNN's "The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer," and led to the email exchange between Woodward and Sperling.

"They're not happy at all," with what he was reporting, Woodward said.

"It was said very clearly, 'You will regret doing this,' " he continued, intimating a threat.

[Politico published the emails](#) on Thursday, which a Democrat with knowledge of identified as between Woodward and Sperling. White House Press Secretary Jay Carney did not dispute that the published emails were accurate.

The part of the email from Sperling to Woodward that used the word "regret" said: "But I do truly believe you should rethink your comment about saying saying [sic] that [Obama] asking for revenues is moving the goal post. I know you may not believe this, but as a friend, I think you will regret staking out that claim."

"The idea that the sequester was to force both sides to go back to try at a big or grand bargain [sic] with a mix of entitlements and revenues (even if there were serious disagreements on composition) was part of the DNA of the thing from the start."

The two were trading words over the deal White House and Congress struck in the summer of 2011, an agreement to increase the federal debt limit in exchange for the spending cuts – a draconian measure which was never expected to take effect but are now set to trigger on Friday. Instead, the [forced spending cuts](#) were designed to incentivize further deficit negotiations.

Woodward reported that the White House was agreeing with the forced spending cuts to negotiate in the future a deal which replaced the broad and indiscriminate spending cuts in the sequester with more palatable cuts and without additional funds through tax increases.

[Obama has stumped for a sequester replacement](#) which balances spending cuts with additional tax revenue gained through eliminating tax loopholes.

"[W]hen the president asks that a substitute for the sequester include not just spending cuts but also new revenue, he is moving the goal posts," Woodward wrote [in an op-ed published by The Washington Post](#) late last week.

"His call for a balanced approach is reasonable, and he makes a strong case that those in the top income brackets could and should pay more. But that was not the deal he made."

He spoke by phone with Sperling, a conversation which was apparently heated.

After the email from Sperling, which included an apology for the sharp phone call, Woodward wrote

back not taking offense, "You get wound up because you are making your points and you believe them. This is all part of a serious discussion."

A White House official said Wednesday evening – after the CNN interview – that the email Woodward referenced "was sent to apologize for voices being raised in their previous conversation. The note suggested that Mr. Woodward would regret the observation he made regarding the sequester because that observation was inaccurate, nothing more. And Mr. Woodward responded to this aide's email in a friendly manner."

"Of course no threat was intended" in that email, the official said.

And former Obama adviser David Axelrod tweeted that the e-mails were "cordial."

But Woodward said on CNN that the White House objection to his reporting has no basis in facts.

"It's irrefutable. That's exactly what happened," he said. "I'm not saying this is a moving of the goal posts that was a criminal act or something like that. I'm just saying that's what happened."

Carney spoke about the emails specifically and the Obama administration's approach to working with the press on Thursday, saying "the president expects us to fully explain his policies, to answer questions about his positions and to make clear when we believe factual errors are being stated, which is what we do."

"Gene Sperling, in keeping with a demeanor I have been familiar with for more than twenty years, was incredibly respectful, referred to Mr. Woodward as his friend and apologized for raising his voice," Carney said. "I think you can not read those emails and come away with the impression that Gene was threatening anybody."

Dr. Katherine Mitchell and the VA Cover-up Attacks

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EDr. Katherine Mitchell just may be a hero.

And like many other heroes, she just may be treated like a villain.

Mitchell is the emergency room physician at the Phoenix VA who came forward after a co-worker said that records were being destroyed that at the Phoenix VA Health Care System.

She is the second physician to come forward, but the only one still working for the VA.

Her actions could cost her career.

"I am violating the VA 'gag' order for ethical reasons," she wrote in a [statement](#). "I am cognizant of the consequences. As a VA employee I have seen what happens to employees who speak up for patient safety and welfare within the system. The devastation of professional careers is usually the end result, and likely is the only transparent process that actually exists within the Phoenix VA Medical Center today."

Two things must not be allowed to happen.

First, veterans must not be allowed to go untreated or neglected at the VA because the system is overwhelmed.

That's unacceptable.

Also unacceptable would be for a whistleblower like Dr. Mitchell suffering any negative consequences for have the courage to come forward with her concerns.

There are federal investigations now going on to get to the bottom of the problems at the Phoenix hospital.

That's a good thing. It's a necessary thing.

It might not have happened had it not been for the issues raised by Dr. Sam Foote, a VA primary-care physician who retired in December, and now by Dr. Mitchell.

We pretend to shelter whistle-blowers but all too often we leave them to twist in the wind.

That can't happen this time.

"I spent my whole professional life wanting to be a VA nurse, and then a VA physician," Dr. Mitchell said. "(But) the insanity in the system right now needs to stop, and whatever I can do to accomplish that, I will."

Our veterans need someone like that.

She has their backs.

We should have hers.

VA crisis exposes cost of whistleblower reprisal
by [Linda Lewis](#)

The Department of Veterans Affairs is embroiled in a scandal: Employees “cooked the books” to [hide extraordinary delays](#) in scheduling healthcare appointments. In Phoenix, [40 veterans reportedly died](#) while waiting for appointments say sources who came forward last month. But, the existence of “inappropriate scheduling practices” was known to upper management [four years ago](#).

One of the sources, Dr. Samuel Foote, a retired VA physician, reported that VA managers focused on generating numbers that would make superiors and the VA look good. “There’s really [no incentive](#) for the upper management to get accurate numbers,” Foote said. (CNN, 5/21) Thus, [Secretary Eric Shinseki](#) was able to say, in December 2013, that wait times were down.

Whistleblowers Break the Silence Earlier intervention was thwarted when the agency tried to [silence or discredit](#) employees who voiced concerns.

One who spoke up was Lisa Lee, then a VA scheduler in Fort Collins, Colorado. After refusing to comply with an order to hide appointment waiting times, management placed her on unpaid administrative leave for two weeks, she says, then [transferred her](#) to Cheyenne, Wyoming. Lee filed an internal grievance, to no avail. Next, she took her concerns outside the agency to the Office of Special Counsel. Lee refused an agency offer to compensate her for lost pay, she says, because it included a requirement to stop whistleblowing.

Another who expressed concerns was Dr. Jose Mathews, head of psychiatry at the St. Louis hospital. He reported internally that doctors were shirking half of their caseload. Management responded by removing Mathews from his position and [sending him to the basement](#).

Dr. Katherine Mitchell, director of the Phoenix VA's emergency department, says she contacted the office of Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) last September to have a "[confidential complaint](#)" about a variety of healthcare issues forwarded to the VA's Office of Inspector General. AZCentral [reports](#) that "Records show her list of concerns was not submitted to the inspector general, who investigates systemic problems and wrongdoing, but to the Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs — a political liaison department in Washington." Days later, the agency put her on [administrative leave](#)."

Employees at other VA hospitals were [inspired](#) by the first whistleblower disclosures to share their observations, CNN reports, demonstrating that whistleblowing can be contagious if there is any encouragement.

Besides the toll on veterans, the VA's whistleblower reprisals are striking for their banality. The same kinds of abuses occur in virtually every government agency, although VA appears to have more of them. Attorney Stephen Kohn says, "The VA is notoriously bad, and institutionally bad, and [no one has taken any steps to fix it](#) – Congress, the Office of Special Counsel, the inspector general."

Congress has passed a succession of laws to protect whistleblowers, but each ultimately fails because legislators insist on funneling whistleblower cases through administrative courts that provide limited due process and little transparency, both essential to ensuring justice. Moreover, reprisal is rarely punished although whistleblowing is treated harshly.

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The Administration Responds President Obama has ordered an [internal VA review](#) and another to be led by a White House staffer. He has been [supportive](#) of Shinseki, saying, “He has put his heart and soul into this thing and taken it very seriously,” while saying that he’s waiting for results of an investigation. “[H]e made clear his [main target for now](#) was anyone who actually carried out improper practices at VA, rather than the retired Army general at the top,” reports CNN.

[Shinseki](#) has put three Phoenix officials on [administrative leave](#), [rescinded a bonus](#) to the Phoenix VA Director, and accepted the resignation of the Undersecretary for Health. But, in claiming to be unaware of the extent of the problems, he implicates himself as one of them.

In TIME, [Joe Klein writes](#) that “An effective leader would have gone to Phoenix as soon as the scandal broke, expressed his outrage, held a town meeting for local VA outpatients and their families—dealt with their fury face-to-face—and let it be known that he was taking charge and heads were going to roll.” Klein’s strategy is fine for political damage control, but too little, too late for protecting veterans. A truly effective leader would have acted much earlier, to prevent harm in the first place. Forbes contributor Adam Hartung explains how in a discussion of Shinseki’s [over-reliance on statistics](#).

When those long wait times were previously reported, the President publicly admitted to being appalled and told Secretary Shinseki to do something. The Secretary then declared a standard of no more than 125 days from incident to care had to be met. And he told employees of the VA to meet that goal, or they risked losing their jobs.

Shinseki failed to help employees [develop a solution](#), Hartung notes. “He didn’t challenge his staff to find out the root cause of the problem and understand why these waits were so long. He didn’t hire outside consultants to evaluate the problem and propose solutions. He didn’t ask for “best practices” from industry.” (Republicans share the responsibility for any resource shortfalls, having thrown up [roadblocks](#) to funding VA services.)

If VA staff lacked resources and leadership to meet numerical goals, they might indeed resort to manipulating numbers. But, that doesn’t explain why Shinseki might be unaware that manipulation was (allegedly) taking place on a massive scale.

The previously mentioned reports of whistleblower reprisal and lack of transparency suggest that Shinseki failed also to provide leadership in terms of VA treatment of whistleblowers. Reports of waste, fraud and abuse do not flow naturally upstream, especially in an agency notorious for whistleblower reprisals. When subordinates thwart official policies by acting in their own interest and alter the official record, whistleblowers are critical to keeping upper management informed.

One of the first acts of any new department secretary, therefore, should be to immediately take steps to encourage and reward whistleblowers. In fairness to Sec. Shinseki, his own boss set a poor example.

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Photo Credit: Vietnam Women's Memorial, Washington, DC., from Wikipedia.

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A View To A Kill. Ordering Up One Character Assassination To-Go

The image is a screenshot of a BuzzFeed News article. At the top, the BuzzFeed News logo is displayed in black and red. Below the logo is a navigation bar with links for News, Buzz, Life, Entertainment, Quizzes, and Videos. A row of five small thumbnail images is shown below the navigation bar. The main article title is "Uber Executive Suggests Digging Up Dirt On Journalists" in a large, bold, black font. Below the title is a sub-headline: "Senior vice president Emil Michael floated making critics' personal lives fair game. Michael apologized Monday for the remarks." A red circular icon with a white upward-pointing arrow and the text "TRENDING 117,873 VIEWS" is positioned to the left of the article text. Below the sub-headline is a "TECH" category tag. The author's name, "Ben Smith", and "BuzzFeed Staff" are listed below the article text. A row of social media sharing icons (Twitter, Facebook, Email, Pinterest, Google+, and Print) is located below the author information. A large photograph of Emil Michael, a man in a dark suit and light blue shirt, sitting at a small round table in a modern office setting, is the central visual element. Below the photograph is a caption: "Emil Michael, senior vice president of business for Uber, in July. David Paul Morris/Bloomberg via Getty Images".

White House Campaign Financier Uber Suggests Digging Up Dirt On Journalists

Senior vice president Emil Michael floated making critics' personal lives fair game.

Michael apologized Monday for the remarks.

Ben Smith

A senior executive at Uber suggested that the company should consider hiring a team of opposition researchers to dig up dirt on its critics in the media — and specifically to spread details of the personal life of a female journalist who has criticized the company.

The executive, Emil Michael, made the comments in a conversation he later said he believed was off the record. In a statement through Uber Monday evening, he said he regretted them and that they didn't reflect his or the company's views.

His remarks came as Uber [seeks to improve its relationship](#) with the media and the image of its management team, who have been cast as insensitive and hyper-aggressive even as the company's business and cultural reach have boomed.

Michael, who has been at Uber for more than a year as its senior vice president of business, floated the idea at a dinner Friday at Manhattan's Waverly Inn attended by an influential New York crowd including actor Ed Norton and publisher Arianna Huffington. The dinner was hosted by Ian Osborne, a former adviser to British Prime Minister David Cameron and consultant to the company.

At the dinner, Uber CEO and founder Travis Kalanick, boyish with tousled graying hair and a sweater, made the case that he has been miscast as an ideologue and as insensitive to driver and rider complaints, while in fact he has largely had his head down building a transformative company that has beat his own and others' wildest expectations.

A BuzzFeed editor was invited to the dinner by the journalist Michael Wolff, who later said that he had failed to communicate that the gathering would be off the record; neither Kalanick, his communications director, nor any other Uber official suggested to BuzzFeed News that the event was off the record.

Michael, who Kalanick described as "one of the top deal guys in the Valley" when he joined the company, is a charismatic and well-regarded figure who came to Uber from Klout. He also sits on a board that advises the Department of Defense.

Over dinner, he outlined the notion of spending "a million dollars" to hire four top opposition

researchers and four journalists. That team could, he said, help Uber fight back against the press — they'd look into “your personal lives, your families,” and give the media a taste of its own medicine.

Michael was particularly focused on one journalist, Sarah Lacy, the editor of the Silicon Valley website PandoDaily, a sometimes combative voice inside the industry. Lacy recently accused Uber of “sexism and misogyny.” [She wrote](#) that she was deleting her Uber app after [BuzzFeed News reported](#) that Uber appeared to be working with a French escort service. “I don't know how many more signals we need that the company simply doesn't respect us or prioritize our safety,” she wrote.

At the dinner, Michael expressed outrage at Lacy's column and said that women are far more likely to get assaulted by taxi drivers than Uber drivers. He said that he thought Lacy should be held “personally responsible” for any woman who followed her lead in deleting Uber and was then sexually assaulted.

Then he returned to the opposition research plan. Uber's dirt-diggers, Michael said, could expose Lacy. They could, in particular, prove a particular and very specific claim about her personal life.

Michael at no point suggested that Uber has actually hired opposition researchers, or that it plans to. He cast it as something that would make sense, that the company would be justified in doing.

In a statement through an Uber spokeswoman, Michael said: “The remarks attributed to me at a private dinner — borne out of frustration during an informal debate over what I feel is sensationalistic media coverage of the company I am proud to work for — do not reflect my actual views and have no relation to the company's views or approach. They were wrong no matter the circumstance and I regret them.”

The spokeswoman, Nairi Hourdajian, said the company does not do “oppo research” of any sort on journalists, and has never considered doing it. She also said Uber does not consider Lacy's personal life fair game, or believe that she is responsible for women being sexually assaulted.

Hourdajian also said that Uber has clear policies against executives looking at journalists' travel logs, a rich source of personal information in Uber's possession.

“Any such activity would be clear violations of our privacy and data access policies,” Hourdajian said in an email. “Access to and use of data is permitted only for legitimate business purposes. These policies apply to all employees. We regularly monitor and audit that access.”

In fact, the general manager of Uber NYC accessed the profile of a BuzzFeed News reporter, Johana Bhuiyan, to make points in the course of a discussion of Uber policies. At no point in the email exchanges did she give him permission to do so.

At the Waverly Inn dinner, it was suggested that a plan like the one Michael floated could become a problem for Uber.

Michael responded: "Nobody would know it was us."

IN-Q-TEL: The White House's Rogue CIA Hit Squad and Google's Buddies

"IN-Q-Tel was born in the Harvard and Stanford Frat Houses of the elite. As the world has now seen, these frat houses teach young white men that date-rape and the use of women as disposable play things is the norm, outsiders and people of color are to be shunned, "greed is not only good" - it is the apex of your life, and the only thing that matters is beating your frat brothers in business coups to show who has the biggest penis.

You saw the Jewish holocaust and said: "How could those people do such a thing?". You saw genocide in Africa and said: "How could those people do such a thing?"

You saw Enron and Madoff and a host of epic crimes against the public and you said, in each case: "How could those people do such a thing?"

It is called Dissociation. The IN-Q-TEL leaders lost track, they lost morality and they let blind greed and boys club rules overcome decency and the law."

LATIMES RESEARCHER

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[Gainspan Corporation](#) manufactures low power Wi-Fi semiconductors that form the heart of modern remote sensing, monitoring and control technologies.

[Recorded Future Inc.](#) is a Massachusetts web startup that monitors the web in real time and claims its media analytics search engine can be used to predict the future.

[Keyhole Corp.](#) created the 3D earth visualization technology that [became the core](#) of Google Earth.

The common denominator? All of these companies, and hundreds more cutting edge technology and software startups, have received seed money and investment funding from In-Q-Tel, the CIA's own venture capital firm.

Welcome, this is James Corbett of The Corbett Report with your Eyeopener Report for [BoilingFrogsPost.com](#)

For decades, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA, has been the American governmental body tasked with conducting high-risk, high-payoff research into cutting edge science and technology. Responsible most famously for developing the world's first operational packet switching network that eventually became [the core of the Internet](#), DARPA tends to [garner headlines](#) these days for some of its more [outlandish](#) research proposals and is generally looked upon as a [blue-sky research](#) agency whose endeavours only occasionally bear fruit.

In the post-9/11 consolidation of the American intelligence community, IARPA, or the Intelligence Advanced Research Projects Agency, was created to serve as the spymaster's equivalent of DARPA's defense research.

In contrast to this, [In-Q-Tel](#) was formed by the CIA in 1999 as a private, not-for-profit venture capital firm with the specific task of delivering technology to America's intelligence community.

Publicly, In-Q-Tel [markets itself](#) as an innovative way to leverage the power of the private sector by identifying key emerging technologies and providing companies with the funding to bring those technologies to market.

In reality, however, what In-Q-Tel represents is a dangerous blurring of the lines between the public and private sectors in a way that makes it difficult to tell where the American intelligence community ends and the IT sector begins.

In-Q-Tel has generated a number of stories since its inception based on what can only be described as the "creepiness" factor of its investments in overtly Orwellian technologies.

In 2004, KMWorld published [an interview](#) with Greg Pepus, then In-Q-Tel's senior director of federal and intelligence community strategy, about some of their investments. Pepus was especially proud of the CIA's investment in [Inxight](#), a company that offered software for data mining unstructured data sources like blogs and websites with analytical processing.

In 2006 [it was revealed](#) that AT&T had provided NSA eavesdroppers full access to its customer's internet traffic, and that the American intelligence community was illegally scooping up reams of internet data wholesale. The [data mining equipment](#) installed in the NSA back door, a Narus STA 6400, was developed by a company whose partners were [funded by In-Q-Tel](#).

Also in 2006, News21 [reported](#) on an In-Q-Tel [investment in CallMiner](#), a company developing technology for turning recorded telephone conversations into searchable databases. In late 2005 [it was revealed](#) that the NSA had been engaged in an illegal warrantless wiretapping program since at least the time of the 9/11 attacks, monitoring the private domestic phone calls of American citizens in breach of their fourth amendment rights.

In 2009, the Telegraph [reported](#) on In-Q-Tel's [investment in Visible Technologies](#), a [company](#) specializing in software that monitors what people are saying on social media websites like YouTube, Twitter, Flickr and Amazon. The software is capable of real-time communications tracking, trend

monitoring, and even sentiment analysis that categorizes blog posts and comments as positive, negative or neutral. Just last month, the Federal Reserve tendered a [Request For Proposal](#) for just this type of software so the privately owned central bank could monitor what people are saying about it online.

Two of the names that come up most often in connection with In-Q-Tel, however, need no introduction: Google and Facebook.

The publicly available record on the Facebook/In-Q-Tel connection is tenuous. Facebook [received](#) \$12.7 million in venture capital from Accel, whose manager, [James Breyer](#), now sits on their board. He was formerly the chairman of the National Venture Capital Association, whose board included [Gilman Louie](#), then the CEO of In-Q-Tel. The connection is indirect, but the suggestion of CIA involvement with Facebook, however tangential, is disturbing in the light of Facebook's [history](#) of [violating the privacy](#) of [its users](#).

Google's connection to In-Q-Tel is more straightforward, if officially denied. In 2006, ex-CIA officer Robert David Steele [told Homeland Security Today](#) that Google "has been taking money and direction for elements of the US Intelligence Community, including the Office of Research and Development at the Central Intelligence Agency, In-Q-Tel, and in all probability, both the National Security Agency (NSA) and the Army's Intelligence and Security Command." Later that year, a blogger [claimed](#) that an official Google spokesman had denied the claims, but no official press statement was released.

Steele's accusation is not the only suggestion of American intelligence involvement with Google, however.

In 2005, In-Q-Tel [sold over 5,000 shares](#) of Google stock. The shares are widely presumed to have come from In-Q-Tel's investment in Keyhole Inc., which was subsequently bought out by Google, but this is uncertain.

In 2010, it was [announced](#) that Google was working directly with the National Security Agency to secure its electronic assets.

Also in 2010, Wired [reported](#) that In-Q-Tel and Google had jointly provided venture capital funding to Recorded Future Inc., a temporal analytics search engine company that analyzes tens of thousands of web sources to predict trends and events.

But as potentially alarming as In-Q-Tel's connections to internet giants like Facebook and Google are, and as disturbing as its interest in data mining technologies may be, the CIA's venture capital arm is interested in more than just web traffic monitoring.

The In-Q-Tel website currently lists two "practice areas," "[Information and Communication Technologies](#)" and "[Physical and Biological Technologies](#)." The latter field consists of "capabilities of interest" such as "The on-site determination of individual human traits for IC purposes" and "Tracking and/or authentication of both individuals and objects." In-Q-Tel also lists two areas that are "on its radar" when it comes to biotech: [Nano-bio Convergence](#) and [Physiological Intelligence](#). Detailed

breakdowns of each area explain that the intelligence community is interested in, amongst other things, self-assembling batteries, single molecule detectors, targeted drug delivery platforms, and sensors that can tell where a person has been and what substances he has been handling from “biomarkers” like trace compounds in the breath or samples of skin.

In the years since its formation, many have been led to speculate about In-Q-Tel and its investments, but what requires no speculation is an understanding that a privately owned venture capital firm, created by and for the CIA, in which well-connected board members drawn from the private sector can then [profit from the investments](#) made with CIA funds that itself come from the taxpayer represent an erosion of the barrier between the public and private spheres that should give even the most credulous pause for thought.

What does it mean that emerging technology companies are becoming wedded to the CIA as soon as their technology shows promise?

What can be the public benefit in fostering and encouraging technologies which can be deployed for spying on all internet users, including American citizens, in direct contravention of the CIA’s own prohibitions against operating domestically?

If new software and technology is being brought to market by companies with In-Q-Tel advisors on their boards, what faith can anyone purchasing American technologies have that their software and hardware is not designed with CIA backdoors to help the American intelligence community achieve its vision of “Total Information Awareness”?

Rather than scrutinizing each individual investment that In-Q-Tel makes, perhaps an institutional approach is required.

At this point, the American people have to ask themselves whether they want the CIA, an agency that has [participated in the overthrow](#) of foreign, democratically-elected governments, an agency that has [implanted fake stories](#) in the news media to justify American war interests, an agency that at this very moment is [engaged in offensive drone strikes](#), killing suspected “insurgents” and civilians alike in numerous theaters around the world, should be entrusted with developing such close relationships with the IT sector, or whether In-Q-Tel should be scrapped for good.

The Hit Job Political Attack Alliance That Works For The White House and White House Financiers

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Who are the Silicon Valley campaign financier shills?

By Emily Posner

There are a group of website/news-like sites that have their search results rigged with their financial partner: Google, in order to synchronize news stories that the hundreds of Google employees (placed inside the U.S. Government) then promote as gospel. There is one big problem: It is a Ponzie Scheme.

The News sites are financed by Google's investors, the hundreds of Google employees inside the government are funded by Google stock and perks, and Google is, obviously, funded by Google. What you have here is called, in the "common language", a Wall Street Circle-Jerk.

These rigged news sites have a deal with Google. Google lines all of their results up on the first 3 pages of search results on Google searches, one after the other, with no outside views allowed in. For example: In Russia or France, use a non-Google search engine and type in: "*60 Minutes The Cleantech Crash*". You get a balanced set of results as long as the search does not go through Google. Now change the IP address on your browser to spoof the browser to make it look like you are in the U.S. and then go to google.com and type in "*60 Minutes The Cleantech Crash*". You usually only get one link to the actual 60 Minutes story on CBS and all of the next three pages of links are only from the Google financed shill sites. Why? Because that news story caught Google's investors running crimes and bilking the American public. There are thousands of such examples of Google manipulating information in order to censor the news.

You can't believe anything these sites say, they exist simply to sell you brainwashing hype to try to steer you away from realizing that the people who pay them are crooks. There are just a handful of people behind these sites and they all get paid by the same couple of billionaires. They synchronize the content of their stories in order to try to trick the "Sheeple" and less intelligent members of society into thinking that a fake story, that they are hyping, is true:

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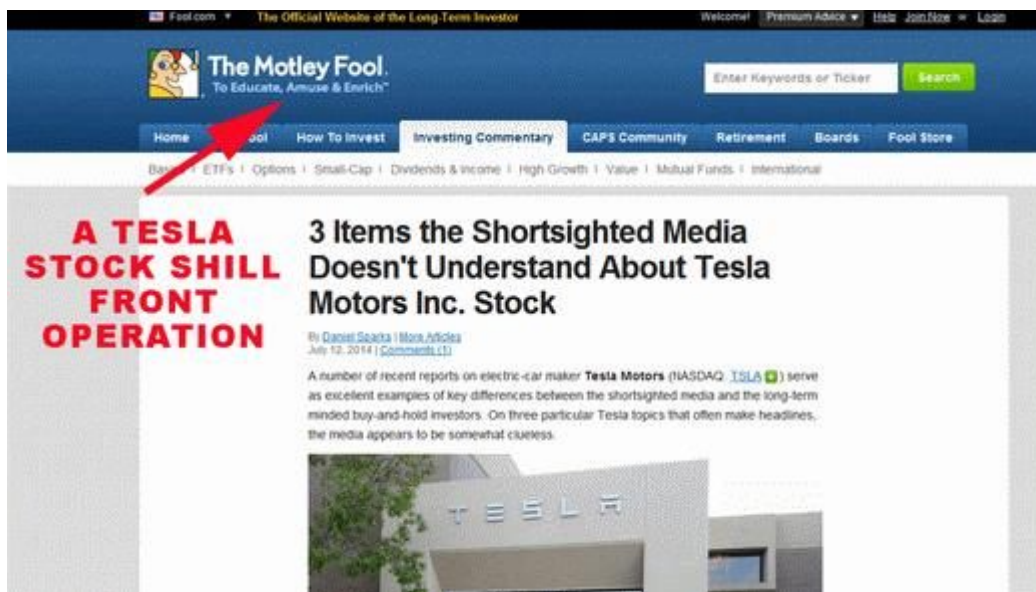
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How Obama Manipulates the News

By [Jack Shafer](#)

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For a timely refresher on how political spin works in Washington you can do no better than read David Samuels' much talked about [profile](#) of Ben Rhodes, the Obama administration's deputy national security adviser for strategic communications, in Sunday's *New York Times Magazine*. Although much of the early commentary about the piece is directed at Rhodes personally, with Thomas E. Ricks calling him an "asshole" (in the headline!) in *Foreign Policy* and the *Washington Free Beacon*'s Aaron MacLean calling him a "liar" (also in the headline!), the Samuels article is about much more than a single lying White House asshole. It's the latest chapter in how every modern administration manipulates the facts and deceive reporters to advance the president's fortunes.

Rhodes deserves his castigation. You don't claim that the "average reporter" you talk to is 27 years old and they "literally know nothing" without suffering some blowback. You don't dismiss the American foreign policy establishment—including Hillary Clinton, Robert Gates, and editors and reporters at the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *New Yorker*—as "the Blob," and expect polite applause in response. And you especially don't brag about leading a "war room" effort to turn arms-control experts and reporters into sock puppets, or admit to creating a false narrative about the Iranian nuclear deal to sell it to the public, as Rhodes does, without expecting return fire.

What's missing from the dish that Samuels serves is a side-order of accountability for Rhodes' boss, Barack Obama, who gets off remarkably easy here. It is, after all, the Obama administration, not the Rhodes administration. Who better to consult on this issue than David Greenberg of Rutgers University, author of a new book, *Republic of Spin: An Inside History of the American Presidency*. (Interests declared: Greenberg is a friend of long-standing with whom I've worked. He currently contributes to Politico Magazine.)

The mainstream media have always liked to believe that Obama isn't the sort to manipulate the press, a sentiment he put in play when he arrived on the national political scene with his 2004 Democratic National Convention keynote address. "Obama positioned himself above politics, lamenting how the world of spin forced politicians to stifle their spontaneity and trim their candor," Greenberg [writes](#).

"He wasn't Bush, he wasn't Clinton, he was Mr. Clean," Greenberg added in an interview.

Mr. Clean our president is not. The Samuels piece shows an Obama administration no less willing than previous administrations to assemble insider teams to construct elaborate sales pitches for its controversial policies. Compare for example, the "war room" quarterbacked by Rhodes that drew on staffers from the departments of State, Treasury and Defense, as well as the United States delegation to the United Nations and the National Security Council to push the Iran deal in Congress to previous White House initiatives. During the Truman administration, for example, the White House cooked up something it called a "[Campaign of Truth](#)," a propaganda initiative designed to win the Cold War, and asked the news media for support.

The Johnson administration formed a media blitz called the "Progress Campaign" in the summer of 1967, Greenberg [writes](#), with the goal of proving "that the United States was on the verge of achieving

its objectives” in Vietnam. (It wasn’t: A few months later, the Tet Offensive confirmed that.) In [August 2002](#), President George W. Bush’s White House established the “White House Iraq Group” made up of top policy hands and other “ad hoc messaging bodies” to sell its plans for an Iraq invasion. White House chief of staff Andy Card famously scheduled its kickoff after Labor Day because, as he famously [said](#), “From a marketing point of view, you don’t introduce new products in August.” President Richard Nixon, it goes without saying, was obsessed with similarly organized efforts to sell policy.

What distinguishes the Obama administration’s propaganda machine from previous efforts is its cold, casual style. At least the Truman, Johnson and Bush initiatives operated at a visible level, where you could argue with the views presented. But as presented by Samuels, Rhodes is the policy whisperer — a very successful policy whisperer — who helps form public opinion without leaving a sign of having spoken. Samuels writes, “[O]nce you are attuned to the distinctive qualities of Rhodes’s voice—which is often laced with aggressive contempt for anyone or anything that stands in the president’s way—you can hear him everywhere.”

Ned Price, a Rhodes assistant, evinces the arrogance of this White House’s media manipulations: Reporters he considers to be White House “compadres” function as “force multipliers” when it comes time to disseminate news. “And I’ll give them some color,” Price continued, “and the next thing I know, lots of these guys are in the dot-com publishing space, and have huge Twitter followings, and they’ll be putting this message out on their own.”

Whatever pretensions the Obama administration had about being straight-shooting or exceptional just went “poof.”

Additional disclosure: I assigned and edited a [piece](#) by Samuels almost three decades ago. Send your propaganda plans to Shafer.Politico@gmail.com. My [email alerts](#) spin my columns but do not lie. My [Twitter](#) feed convinces nobody! And finally I have some good news: My [RSS](#) feed is alive!!!!

In the age of social media, over 40 organizations exist to covertly coordinate and synchronize the release of information via private Google Docs accounts, stealth Twitter feeds and similar networked information.

If you see an attack story, on you, come out in more than 3 publications, blogs or web papers at the same time, and it isn't on PR Newswire, or Business Wire, you can be pretty sure it is part of a Social PR Attack.

Two of the most famous writer coordination outlets are A.L.E.C. and A.L.I.C.E. They are opposing groups of writers who are in constant battle to burn the other.

There are many more.

Attack "captain's" will post a targeting document and/or "talking points" on their stealth server and then Tweet, or email, a codeword that says that there is a new attack to be launched within the next 30 minutes. Then the writers, linked to that attack group, go to it!

THE "GRAB-N-GO" Attacks On American Business That Offends The White House Staff

A novel approach, that can be taken by elected officials, for retribution purposes, is called the "Grab-N-Go". In this scenario, certain entities acquire all of the knowledge about your product, service or book and then release it themselves, ahead of you, in a copied or pirate version, without paying you, in order to squash your product value and damage you, and your company. Here are some example of this:

REGULATION

Small businesses claim US government stealing their ideas



By Eric Shawn

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"They stole all my stuff and used taxpayer money to do it," John Hnatio, a Maryland small business owner, says of the U.S. government.

Hnatio claims the government has put his company, FoodquestTQ, nearly out of business by stealing his firm's software that was designed to be licensed to the Food and Drug Administration to monitor food safety.

The FDA "took our ideas, plagiarized my doctoral dissertation on which a patent was based, and then they infringed on our patent. The result was that it decimated our business," he adds.

Hnatio says his company has been left hanging by a thread. He has had to fire employees and says that the remaining three, including himself, are receiving no salary and have been forced to go on unemployment insurance.

"I have never seen anything like it," says Hnatio, who is a retired federal government official.

He says the FDA "duplicated exactly what we were selling to industry and they were giving it away for free...instead of

helping small business commercialize their product, what we are seeing is a dragon, in the name of the U.S. government that is eating their own young."

FoodquestTQ is only one of numerous small businesses that accuse the government of stealing their intellectual property or trade secrets when they enter into contracts or research agreements with federal agencies.

"The government interceded, stole the technology and attempted to use this in classified programs," says Jim O'Keefe, the president of the small New Jersey technology company Demodulation. He has filed a \$50 million lawsuit against the U.S. government, accusing it of taking his firm's research.

Demodulation developed an advanced technology involving fiber coated wire, called microwire, which is thinner than a human hair. The company says its microwire can be used for a variety of national security applications, such as tracking drones, keeping tabs on soldiers on battlefields, transmitting information without a power source, and that it even has the ability "to render objects invisible to radar."

"It sounds incredible and impossible that the U.S. government is taking things from people," says Demodulation lawyer Sean Callagy. "We believe this is the greatest country in the world with the greatest justice system in the world but the U.S. government is not an eagle or a flag, but human beings. And human beings make mistakes."

The lawsuit accuses the Department of Energy and the National Nuclear Security Administration, among others, of illegally swiping the firm's information by "using microwire and Demodulation's trade secrets in its mission to gather intelligence."

It also says that the U.S. has even built "a secure facility for the production of microwire" on its own.

"There are classified reports showing the technology," declares Demodulation attorney Ben Light, who says that after the company "shared the secret sauce" about microwire with federal officials, they simply "took (the) wire."

The Department of Energy referred Fox News requests for comment to the National Nuclear Security Administration, which did not respond to repeated requests for a comment about the company's allegations.

The Department of Justice denies Demodulation's charges in court filings.

Stuart Delery, an Acting Assistant Attorney General, wrote that while "the United States admits that it continues to conduct research regarding what is generally known as 'microwire,'" he says that the government did not act improperly.

The Department of Justice claims the government did not take any proprietary information or develop the microwire technology based on Demodulation's work, and that "none of the asserted patents have been infringed on by the United States."

Delery also pointed out that some of Demodulation's patents had expired.

"The only reason the patents expired is because Demodulation was driven out of business," responds the firm's lawyer, Light. "It doesn't affect the entire case because any infringement during the period when the patents were enforced is still compensable."

O'Keefe says the government denials are "an impossibility based on the evidence I have."

He is calling for "reform and legislation to protect us. I hope through our litigation we will be able to expose some of the problems."

It turns out that the government is routinely accused of similar wrongdoing and sometimes has to pony up.

The U.S. Army settled a case in November by paying \$50 million to a Texas company, Apptricity, which claimed the government took some of its software, which tracks military equipment from MRE's to troops, without paying for it.

The company's court papers said that the government "willfully infringed" on its copyrights, "failed to provide information" about what it did and was engaged in "actively concealing the Army's misappropriation of Apptricity software."

The complaint said the Army paid for using the software on five servers and 150 devices, but actually "copied and installed Apptricity software on at least 98 servers and at least 9,063 devices" without telling the company.

"I don't think there was malicious intent," Apptricity's founder and president Tim Garcia tells Fox News in the aftermath of the settlement. He says his company pursued its case by the "standard process through the Court of Claims."

There are numerous other companies that have filed similar actions at the Washington, D.C.-based court, which is the venue for legal claims against the federal government. Among them:

Liberty Ammunition, which is suing the government for allegedly infringing on its copyright for developing a lead-free "green bullet" after it worked on the invention with the Department of Defense.

Net Results, which claims that the Army infringed on its patent for a "mine detecting device" by giving out its design to six other government contractors.

In 2009, NASA was ordered to pay \$28.3 million to Boeing after the court found that the government infringed on the company's aluminum alloy patent.

In a noted case in 1999, the U.S. government paid then Hughes Electronics \$154 million in damages after a 30-year long legal battle found that the government illegally appropriated the company's satellite technology.

The U.S. Court of Federal Claims calls itself "the people's court," and says it is considered "the keeper of the nation's conscience." It is situated right across Lafayette Park from the White House.

"There is no reason to think it can't happen," observes New York University law Professor Jeanne Fromer, an intellectual property and copyright law specialist.

"The government can take patent rights, as long as they compensate for it. It is not dissimilar, in that sense, to notions of eminent domain."

"The government is a big sprawling place and there are lots of people acting in it. I think some of them act very nobly...but it's hard to say that everyone always does."

"We are hearing more frequently from companies about intellectual property theft by the government," notes John Palatiello, head of the Washington, D.C.-area lobbying group, the Business Coalition for Fair Competition, which is studying the issue.

"Companies are becoming more vocal about it."

Hnatio believes there is a troubling explanation for alleged government flinching.

"What we are seeing is a direct competition between the private sector and the U.S. government. The problem for small businesses is that they are simply being destroyed by their own government in spite of the fact that we hear politicians say all the time, that small business is important...it's extremely disturbing because it means we lose jobs, and it means we lose our competitive edge in the world. It creates a very dangerous situation for our national security."

Fox News repeatedly requested comment from the FDA regarding Hnatio's allegations about FoodquestTQ, but the agency did not issue a statement.

While the Demodulation case is expected to go to trial next year, Hnatio says he has been left without any money to hire a lawyer to go to court.

"From the time I was a little kid I dreamed of starting a business. But I do have to tell you that there is a grave danger to the American dream," he says.

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"The Federal government will not start or carry on any commercial activity to provide a service or product for its own use if such product or service can be procured from private enterprise through ordinary business channels."

--Bureau of the Budget Bulletin 55-4, January 15, 1955

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To advocate for public policies that promotes the utilization of and reliance upon the private sector by government at all levels and that eliminates unfair government-sponsored competition with private, for profit enterprise, including small business.

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The Business Coalition for Fair Competition (BCFC), a coalition of trade associations, businesses, and organizations dedicated to free enterprise, relief from unfair government sponsored competition, and smaller, more efficient government, is being revitalized in 2009. Active in the 1980s and 1990s, BCFC will once again elevate the public's awareness and work proactively with legislators and executive branch officials to assure that private, for-profit firms continue to constitute the strength of the United States economic system and that competitive private enterprises remain the most productive, efficient, and effective sources of goods and services. Unfair government-sponsored competition has been a top issue at every White House Conference on Small Business.

In 1980, the first White House Conference on Small Business made unfair competition one of its highest-ranked issues. It said, "The Federal Government shall be required by statute to contract out to small business those supplies and services that the private sector can provide. The government should not compete with the private sector by accomplishing these efforts with its own or non-profit personnel and facilities."

In 1986, the second White House Conference made this one of its top three issues. It said, "Government at all levels has failed to protect small business from damaging levels of unfair competition. At the federal, state and local levels, therefore, laws, regulations and policies should ... prohibit direct, government created competition in which government organizations perform commercial services ... New laws at all levels, particularly at the federal level, should require strict government reliance on the private sector for performance of commercial-type functions. When cost comparisons are necessary to accomplish conversion to private sector performance, laws must include provision for fair and equal cost comparisons. Funds controlled by a government entity must not be used to establish or conduct a commercial activity on U.S. property."

And the 1995 White House Conference again made this a priority issue when its plank read, "Congress should enact legislation that would prohibit government agencies and tax exempt and anti-trust exempt organizations from engaging in commercial activities in direct competition with small businesses." That was among the top 15 vote getters at the 1995 Conference and was number one among all the procurement-related issues in the final balloting.

However, the unfair government-sponsored competition issue has not been a top priority for Congress, the Administration or small business and private sector organizations for several years.

Since the enactment of the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act in 1998, and the implementation of "competitive sourcing" by the Bush Administration, (OMB Circular A-76, revised May 29, 2003), the focus on a broader, philosophical issue of government not competing with its citizens has been lost in favor of the narrower attention to A-76.

Similarly, the **Small Business Administration's Office of Advocacy** is designed to be the in-house advocate for small business within the Federal Government. It is an independent office within SBA that has the statutory authority to go to other agencies and advocate policies, changes in regulations, and other remedies when an agency is doing something that is harmful to small business. The Office of Advocacy has not had government competition as an issue on its agenda for many years. The office conducted a series of hearings and issued a report, "Government Competition: A Threat to Small Business", (March 1980) and "Unfair Competition by Nonprofit Organizations

BOOKS RELEASED, AHEAD OF PUBLICATION BY THIRD PARTIES, IN ATTEMPT TO DAMAGE THEM:

Sarah Palin and Quentin Tarantino have sued Gawker Media for the pre-release of their scripts or books. The pre-release of controversial books is a well-known tactic for political press offices to play with their stealth tabloid front organizations.

Google and Gawker Media Are The Same Attackers In Sheep's Clothing according to witness testimony and forensic stock, tax and financial records.

The "Sidney Blumenfeld" of Energy; Character Assassination King preaches Kill-Them-All approach to media

Bare-Knuckled Advice From Veteran Lobbyist: 'Win Ugly or Lose Pretty'

Richard Berman Energy Industry Talk Secretly Taped

By ERIC LIPTON OCT



Rick Berman, of the lobbying firm Berman and Company, in January. Daniel Rosenbaum for The New York Times

WASHINGTON — If the oil and gas industry wants to prevent its opponents from slowing its efforts to drill in more places, it must be prepared to employ tactics like digging up embarrassing tidbits about environmentalists and liberal celebrities, a veteran Washington political consultant told a room full of industry executives in a speech that was secretly recorded.

The blunt advice from the consultant, Richard Berman, the founder and chief executive of the Washington-based Berman and Company consulting firm, came as Mr. Berman solicited up to \$3 million from oil and gas industry executives to finance an advertising and public relations campaign dubbed Big Green Radicals.

The company executives, Mr. Berman said in his speech, must be willing to exploit emotions like fear, greed and anger and turn it against the environmental groups. And major corporations secretly financing such a campaign should not worry about offending the general public because “you can either win ugly or lose pretty,” he said.

“Think of this as an endless war,” Mr. Berman told the crowd at the June event in Colorado Springs, sponsored by the Western Energy Alliance, a group whose members include Devon Energy, Halliburton and Anadarko Petroleum, which specialize in extracting oil and gas through hydraulic fracturing, also known as fracking. “And you have to budget for it.”

What Mr. Berman did not know — and what could now complicate his task of marginalizing environmental groups that want to impose limits on fracking — is that one of the energy industry executives recorded his remarks and was offended by them.

“That you have to play dirty to win,” said the executive, who provided a copy of the recording and the meeting agenda to The New York Times, under the condition that his identity not be revealed. “It just left a bad taste in my mouth.”

Mr. Berman had flown to Colorado with Jack Hubbard, a vice president at Mr. Berman’s firm, Berman & Company, to discuss their newest public relations campaign, Big Green Radicals, which has already placed a series of intentionally controversial advertisements in Pennsylvania and Colorado, two states where the debate over fracking has been particularly intense. It has also paid to place the media campaign on websites serving national and Washington audiences.

A spokeswoman for Mr. Berman confirmed that he gave the speech, but said he would have no comment on its contents.

Mr. Berman is well known in Washington for his technique of creating nonprofit groups like the Center for Consumer Freedom that secretly collect corporate donations to finance the aggressive, often satirical media campaigns his team conceives. They are intended to undermine his opponents, like labor unions or animal rights groups that have tried to spotlight the treatment of animals at meatpacking plants.

“I get up every morning and I try to figure out how to screw with the labor unions — that’s my offense,” Mr. Berman said in his speech to the Western Energy Alliance. “I am just trying to figure out how I am going to reduce their brand.”

Mr. Berman offered several pointers from his playbook.

“If you want a video to go viral, have kids or animals,” he said, and then he showed a spot his company had prepared using schoolchildren as participants in a mock union election — to suggest that union bosses do not have real elections.

“Use humor to minimize or marginalize the people on the other side,” he added.

“There is nothing the public likes more than tearing down celebrities and playing up the hypocrisy angle,” his colleague, Mr. Hubbard, said, citing billboard advertisements planned for Pennsylvania that featured the actor and environmentalist Robert Redford. “Demands green living,” they read. “Flies on private jets.”

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

"The company executives, Mr. Berman said in his speech, must be willing to exploit emotions like fear, greed and anger and turn it against..."

From Wikipedia: Though Berman and Company does not publicly name its clients, 60 Minutes obtained a list of companies that funded the Center...

Bergman represents the ethical, business school standards of industry. Cheat, lie, pay others less so there is more for yourself. Finally...

Mr. Hubbard also discussed how he had done detailed research on the personal histories of members of the boards of the Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council to try to find information that could be used to embarrass them.

But the speech, given in June at the Broadmoor Hotel and Resort, where the Western Energy Alliance held its 2014 annual meeting, could end up bringing a new round of scrutiny to Mr. Berman and the vast network of nonprofit groups and think tanks he runs out of his downtown Washington office.

Mr. Berman repeatedly boasted about how he could take checks from the oil and gas industry executives — he said he had already collected six-figure contributions from some of the executives in the room — and then hide their role in funding his campaigns.

“People always ask me one question all the time: ‘How do I know that I won’t be found out as a supporter of what you’re doing?’ ” Mr. Berman told the crowd. “We run all of this stuff through nonprofit organizations that are insulated from having to disclose donors. There is total anonymity. People don’t know who supports us.”

What is unclear is if the hardball tactics that Mr. Berman has pitched will succeed in places like Colorado. Already, The Denver Post editorial page, generally supportive of the oil and gas industry, has criticized Mr. Berman’s tactics, calling one video spot — featuring fictitious environmentalists who debate if the moon is made of cheese before calling for a ban on fracking — “a cheap shot at fracking foes.”

But Mr. Berman probably appreciated the criticism. As he explained in his remarks, what matters is increasing the number of people who see his work, which is part of the reason he intentionally tries to offend people in his media campaigns.

“They characterize us in a campaign as being the guys with the black helicopters,” he explained. “And to some degree, that’s true. We’re doing stuff to diminish the other sides’ ability to operate.”



Oct. 31 (Bloomberg) -By Mark Drajem For Bloomberg- As he took the floor at the tony Broadmoor resort in Colorado Springs, the veteran Washington public relations guru had an uncompromising message for oil and gas drillers facing an anti-fracking backlash.

“You can either win ugly or lose pretty. You figure out where you want to be,” Rick Berman told the Western Energy Alliance, according to a recording. “Hardball is something that I’m a big fan of, applied appropriately.”

Berman has gained prominence, including a “60 Minutes” profile, for playing hardball with animal activists, labor unions and even Mothers Against Drunk Driving. In Colorado, he was offering to take on environmentalists pushing restrictions on hydraulic fracturing, or fracking.

“Think of it as endless war.”

—Rick Berman

The fight over fracking in the state has been viewed as a bellwether for similar debates brewing from New York to Sacramento. Energy companies are lobbying against a slew of regulations, including ones setting safety rules for fracking on public lands and another capping carbon emissions from power plants.

That partly explains why energy and resources companies, including Koch Industries Inc., Exxon

Mobil Corp. and Murray Energy Corp. are spending lavishly on political campaigns this year. The Center for Responsive Politics data shows the industry will contribute an amount second only to its record \$143 million leading up to the 2012 election. So far they have given \$95.5 million to candidates and political committees.

'Dream World'

Industry supporters say they have no choice. They face a well-funded environmental campaign from groups such as the Sierra Club that threaten to endanger the boom in production and domestic manufacturing that followed the shale revolution.

"There is an anti-fossil fuel movement, and a very well-funded lobbying campaign is behind it," said Michael Krancer, Pennsylvania's former top natural-gas regulator and an energy attorney at Blank Rome LLP in Philadelphia. "These are people who want to live in a dream world."

At the June session in Colorado with executives from Halliburton Co., Exxon and Devon Energy Corp., Berman offered companies a way to anonymously target their environmental foes - - at a cost of as much as \$3 million. The recording, provided to Bloomberg by an environmental advocate who got it from an attendee, shows an unvarnished look at what Berman promises companies in pitching for their business.

He said his campaign would follow the playbook from his earlier efforts: attacks on the hypocrisy of adversaries, an undercurrent of absurdist humor and the promise of anonymity for the companies behind it. The recording makes it clear that Berman is pitching for their business, and says some companies have already funded the campaign with "six-figure" payments.

Anadarko, Noble

"Think of it as endless war," he said.

Berman and Tim Wigley, president of the Western Energy Alliance, a Denver-based trade group, didn't return telephone messages asking about his pitch. Sarah Longwell, a spokeswoman for Berman & Co., said Berman declined to comment.

"We are not confident in the objectivity of your reporting," Longwell told a reporter. "If you have the recording, then you can use that."

Anadarko Petroleum Corp. and Noble Energy Inc., two of the largest producers in the state, each had executives at the meeting, but their spokespeople said they didn't bankroll Berman's advertising campaign. They have formed a separate educational campaign aimed at explaining fracking, in which water, sand and chemicals are shot underground to free oil and gas from rock formations.

Halliburton, the world's biggest provider of fracking services, also had an executive at the meeting, according to an attendance list obtained by Bloomberg. Emily Mir, a company spokeswoman, said it hasn't funded the Berman campaign either.

'Fear and Anger'

For the Colorado part, Berman said it would cost \$2 million to \$3 million to run the kind of public relations campaign necessary to defeat proposed anti-fracking referendums, which have since been delayed. That money would be spent in addition to the “positive campaign” companies were running, he said.

“Fear and anger have to be part of this campaign,” Berman told them. “You have to get people fearful about what is on the table, and you have to get people angry that they are being misled.”

Tapping those emotions requires a dose of humor, he said.

He played an advertisement that showed one activist blaming fracking for his overeating and another for the fact that his sock-puppet, Mr. Snuggles, was ignoring him. The ad was posted online and ran on television a few weeks later, according to a Denver Post article.

Getting Message

“We like to use humor because humor doesn’t offend people and at the same time they get the message,” Berman said, according to the tape of the June meeting.

Jack Hubbard, a Berman & Co. vice president, told the audience that the work in Colorado flowed out of a national campaign that had begun some months earlier. That was after some companies provided funding to start “Big Green Radicals,” which goes after environmental groups such as the Sierra Club and the Natural Resources Defense Council.

Hubbard declined to comment for this story.

Berman’s opposition researchers, who Hubbard called the best in the nation, dug into the finances of board members of those groups and issued ads, both online and on billboards, mocking them.

One billboard in Pennsylvania showed a picture of actor Robert Redford, who’s on the board of the Natural Resources Defense Council, and stated: “Demands green living. Flies on a private jet.”

Another shows anti-fracking activist Yoko Ono: “Would you take energy advice from the woman who broke up the Beatles?”

Attacking Messenger

Environmental groups said they were initially worried about the attacks, but found they didn’t gain much traction with the public or press.

“This really is an effort to go after the messenger,” Josh Mogergerman, an NRDC spokesman, said. “I don’t think these campaigns have gotten a lot of attention.”

As he has in previous drives against raising the minimum wage or tightening rules to curb drunk driving, Berman said he would run the campaign for fracking through nonprofit entities. Because U.S. law allows nonprofits to keep the source of their funding secret, it’s not clear which companies or

individuals are funding these various campaigns.

“What people always want to do is they want to know who funds me so they can attack the funder,” Berman told the Western Energy Alliance, when asked by an audience member which companies were backing him. “We run all of this stuff through nonprofit organizations that are insulated from having to disclose donors.”

‘Dr. Evil’

Taking on unpopular causes -- such as objecting to new restrictions on drinking or food portions -- earned him the moniker “Dr. Evil,” which CBS’s “60 Minutes” program used to describe him in a 2007 broadcast.

In his presentation, Berman said that attacking the messenger is something he learned from the unions and animal rights groups he has tangled with for two decades.

“I studied what the other side did to be successful, and translated it to what business can do,” he said.

One of Berman’s campaigns was focused against then-New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s effort to ban the sale of soft drinks larger than 16 ounces. The mayor, whom Berman’s groups portrayed as a female nanny in a full-page New York Times advertisement, is the founder and majority owner of Bloomberg LP, the parent of Bloomberg News.

In the end, New York state courts tossed out the proposed soda-size limit.

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Killing Edward Snowden: Character Assassination: The Favored Weapon Against the Whistle-blower

by Nicholas Morpus

Constitutional Freedoms, Personal Liberties

“Whistleblowing is an isolating act. It’s a courageous and phenomenal thing to do, but you are essentially doing something that your colleagues and friends would not want you to do, would not understand. It alienates you further from them.” - James Ball

Is it a crime to tell the truth? If your government was responsible for the deaths of innocent civilians or was engaged in the cover-up of its violations into the privacy of millions of American civilians, would you want to know? Do you have a right to know? In the cases of Bradley Manning, Julian Assange, Edward Snowden, and many other whistleblowers, exposing the truth about the abuses of those in power trumped the comfort of their lives so that freedom and transparency did not just become notions that were brushed over in history books.

What followed these exposures was nothing short of embarrassment for those in power now that their legitimacy and practices were being brought under fire. Unfortunately for these whistleblowers, these slights to those who wish to keep close control of the narrative of their behavior are not taken lightly and do not go unpunished. However, with the spotlight cast on primarily the State and the whistleblowers, punishment and silencing in order to preserve whatever shreds of secrecy and credibility they have are heavily scrutinized. The most effective weapon that the State and their defenders have to turn to is actually the simplest of attacks: character assassination.

Character assassination has been a powerful tool in the dispatching of truth seekers, as it was so easily used against those such as Julian Assange and his most famous source of leaks, Bradley Manning. Assange, armed with his platform of exposure, Wikileaks and Bradley Manning (now known as Chelsea Manning) with his access to classified military information, reports, and cables, were able to expose the true nature of the Afghan and Iraq wars. Assange and Manning were able to bring forward secret information such as the infamous “Collateral Murder” Apache helicopter strike on innocent civilians and the the true nature of the actions of our armed forces in the war in Afghanistan. These leaks exposed cruel and criminal actions as well as the intent and ability of our government to hide these events from the public eye.

Leaks of this proportion only led to prominent U.S. politicians and pundits, such as Newt Gingrich, calling for Julian Assange to be treated as an “active enemy combatant” and others shouting for him to

be killed, such as neoconservative Bill Kristol of the Weekly Standard. Many labeled him a traitor, despite the fact that Julian Assange was not even an American citizen. As for Bradley (Chelsea) Manning, the United States government spared no time incarcerating him under questionable conditions, including allegations of forced sleep deprivation, prolonged isolation, and forced nudity in his cell during prisoner roll call. Manning's incarceration allowed our government to engage in character assassination in the form of ad hominem attacks on his personality and behavior in hopes of distracting from the abuses of our military and the "classified" cover-ups that had taken place.

What better way for the spotlight to be taken off of the offenders than to attack the credibility and character of the messenger? After the revelations of the lies perpetrated by the NSA and its director, James Clapper, that they were in fact spying on and collecting large amounts of private information from American citizens, defenders of the surveillance state and the current administration began their smear campaign. The lawmakers and pundits quickly labeled Edward Snowden as a traitor and a Russian spy in an attempt to discredit him and build a narrative of distrust against his information. These character attacks have led to high positioned individuals, such as Secretary of State, John Kerry, calling on "cowardly" Edward Snowden to return to the U.S. as well as to "man up" and "face the music" for his "crimes."

The issue with these charges is the fact that none of them were substantiated by facts, but were instead merely circumstantial charges based on the fact that Snowden had fled and sought asylum in any nation that would have him and not turn him over to U.S. authorities. It is simple common sense that Snowden would seek to evade U.S. authorities so that those who would seek to put an end to these disclosures would not silence him or subject him to the same treatment dealt to Bradley Manning.

The fact is, there is nothing traitorous about exposing violations to our rights and Constitution and seeking to continue this much needed campaign for government transparency and accountability. The reason these heroic acts have not deterred the true lawbreakers from engaging in outright slander and political imprisonment is to shift attention away from their misdeeds. In the words of former Congressman Ron Paul: "Truth is treason in the empire of lies." Unfortunately for those who would keep the villainous actions of our government a secret, their empire of lies is crumbling by the minute due to the expanded transparency provided by the Internet and the courageous actions of whistleblowers as we hope that the free flow of information continues.

Using Agencies As Political Weapons

When senior political officials order senior agency executives to use their agencies as political weapons against opponents, they usually get turned in by lower level staff who feel that that sort of corruption of power taints their agency and shames the lower level people who work there.

In recent history there have been some famous deployments of this tactic:

- Chris Christie's "Bridge-Gate"

The ordering of the artificial creation of traffic jams affecting hundreds of thousands of taxpayers in order to make nearby politician look bad.

- Steven Chu's Department of Energy Manipulations

The rigging of political funding in order to terminate competitors

- Lois Lerner's staff's manipulation of the IRS

The ordering of Federal Tax agency resources in order to damage non-aligned interests

- The citing of DOJ Attorney General Eric Holder, By Congress, For "Contempt of Congress"

The U.S. Congress accused AG Eric Holder of refusing to provide evidence because he was engaging in a cover-up of something that Congress wanted to investigate

Multiple investigations are underway to determine: "Who gave the orders?"

Politics Payback - The Troll Farms of The Billionaire Campaign Crooks and Robert Gibbs

When big crazy political campaign billionaires want you "DEAD", they have a very novel method that only they can afford to deploy: TROLL FARMS.

The average person has no defense against this kind of attack. It destroyed Monica Lewinsky and was found to be so effective that crooked politicians now use it as their first-weapon-of-choice.

Let's take a look at how they use these insidious tools to destroy your life across the entire internet:

How low-paid workers at 'click farms' create appearance of online popularity and fake controversy for White House and Elon Musk

Investigation finds fake Facebook 'likes' and Twitter followers could be misleading consumers

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How much do you like courgettes? According to [one Facebook page devoted to them](#), hundreds of people find them delightful enough to click the "like" button – even with dozens of other pages about courgettes to choose from.

There's just one problem: the liking was fake, done by a team of low-paid workers in Dhaka, [Bangladesh](#), whose boss demanded just \$15 per thousand "likes" at his "click farm". Workers punching the keys might be on a three-shift system, and be paid as little as \$120 a year.

The ease with which a humble vegetable could win approval calls into question the basis on which many modern companies measure success online – through [Facebook](#) likes, YouTube video views and Twitter followers.

Channel 4's Dispatches programme will on Monday reveal the extent to which click farms risk eroding user confidence in what had looked like an objective measure of social online approval.



The disclosures could hurt Facebook as it tries to persuade firms away from advertising on Google and to use its own targeted advertising, and to chase likes as a measure of approval.

That particular Facebook page on courgettes was set up by the programme makers to demonstrate how click farms can give web properties spurious popularity.

"There's a real desire amongst many companies to boost their profile on social media, and find other customers as well as a result," said Graham Cluley, an independent security consultant.

The importance of likes is considerable with consumers: 31% will check ratings and reviews, including likes and [Twitter](#) followers, before they choose to buy something, research suggests. That means click farms could play a significant role in potentially misleading consumers.

Dispatches found one boss in Bangladesh who boasted of being "king of Facebook" for his ability to create accounts and then use them to create hundreds or thousands of fake likes.

Click farms have become a growing challenge for companies which rely on social media measurements – meant to indicate approval by real users – to estimate the popularity of their products.

For the workers, though, it is miserable work, sitting at screens in dingy rooms facing a blank wall, with windows covered by bars, and sometimes working through the night. For that, they could have to generate 1,000 likes or follow 1,000 people on Twitter to earn a single US dollar.

Sam DeSilva, a lawyer specialising in IT and outsourcing law at Manches LLP in Oxford, says of the fake clicks: "Potentially, a number of laws are being breached – the consumer protection and unfair trading regulations. Effectively it's misleading the individual consumers."

Dispatches discovered an online casino which had sublicensed the Monopoly brand from its owner, the games company Hasbro, and to which fake likes had been added on its Facebook page.

When contacted, Hasbro contacted Facebook and the page was taken down. In a statement, Hasbro said it was "appalled to hear of what had occurred" and was unaware of the page.

Dhaka-registered Shareyt.com, meanwhile, claims to act as a middleman to connect companies seeking to boost their profile on Facebook, Twitter, Google +1, LinkedIn and [YouTube](#).

"We made it as simple as mouse-clicking," the front page of the site says, claiming that it is "a crowdsourcing platform to help you improve social media presence and search engine ranking FREE".

It adds: "Whenever and wherever you need massive workforce to complete petty tasks, call for Shareyt and get it done like magic! You can't imagine the potentials [sic] until you explore!" It claims to have generated 1.4m Facebook likes and to have 83,000 registered users.

The implication is that the site "crowdsources" clicks – that lots of people around the world mutually help each other to promote each others' work.

But Sharaf al-Nomani, Shareyt's owner, told Dispatches in an undercover meeting that "around 30% or 40% of the clicks will come from Bangladesh" – which implies about 25,000 people in Dhaka using computers laboriously and repetitively for hours on end to boost the visibility of specific products to order.

Some companies have used shareyt.com in the course of standard marketing.

Sir Billi, a British cartoon film voiced by Sir Sean Connery, [has more than 65,000 Facebook likes](#) – more than some Hollywood films.

Although it has so far only been released in South Korea, Facebook data suggests the city of Dhaka is the source of the third-largest number of likes. (The Egyptian capital, Cairo, is presently the source of the highest number.)

Tessa Hartmann of Billi Productions, which made the film, said they had been promoting it since 2006, and paid £271.40 to advertise it on shareyt.com in August 2012 for six months as a "very small" part of their marketing campaign. At the time, she says, it already had 40,000 Facebook likes. Her company stopped using the site in February.

A link also appeared on shareyt.com to Coca-Cola's 2010 Super Bowl advertisement "Hard Times", showing the Simpsons' Mr Burns learning to get by on less (but with Coke).

The video's presence on the site is likely to have helped its nearly 6m views. Coke said in a statement that it "did not approve of fake fans"; the video was made private soon afterwards.

Shareyt.com has now seen Facebook and Twitter prevent links to the site being posted on their networks. Twitter bans "fake followers" or the buying of followers.

Faked internet use has been a bugbear of the burgeoning advertising industry ever since the web went commercial in the mid-1990s and the first banner ad was rolled out in 1996.

The rise of advertising networks and "pay-per-click" advertising – where an advertiser pays the network when someone clicks on an advert, whether or not it leads to a sale – also saw a rise in faked clicks which benefited unscrupulous networks.

And it is still a problem. In February, Microsoft and Symantec [shut down a "botnet" of up to 1.8m PCs](#) that were being used to create an average of 3m clicks per day, raking in \$1m per year since 2009.

But click farms exploit a different sort of computing power altogether: the rise of cheap labour paired with low-cost connectivity to the internet.

"Russell", the manager of the click farm identified by Dispatches, said some of the methods he used were legitimate; he blamed those who commissioned the work if it was seen as immoral.

In a statement, Facebook responded: "A like that doesn't come from someone truly interested in connecting with the brand benefits no one. If you run a Facebook page and someone offers you a boost in your fan count in return for money, our advice is to walk away – not least because it is against our rules and there is a good chance those likes will be deleted by our automatic systems.

"We investigate and monitor "like-vendors" and if we find that they are selling fake likes, or generating conversations from fake profiles, we will quickly block them from our platform."

Dispatches: Celebs, Brands and Fake Fans on Channel 4 at 8pm on Monday

Ethics For Thee, But Not For Me

Steven Rattner worked inside the West Wing of The White House and gave away billions of dollars of taxpayer funds to campaign financiers. He was indicted as a financial crook:

About time: Cuomo finally sues Steve Rattner

Posted by Dan Primack
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It seems that Andrew Cuomo has a wonderful sense of theater.

On the very day that Steve Rattner is all over cable news to discuss GM's (GM) return to the public markets, he has (finally) been sued by the Governor-in-waiting for his alleged role in the New York public pension kickback scandal.

<http://finance.fortune.cnn.com/2010/11/18/about-time-cuomo-finally-sues-steve-rattner/?s...> 11/18/2010

There actually are three separate actions, with the first two seeking to recover a total of \$26 million from the former car czar. The third seeks to permanently ban him from the securities industry.

"Steve Rattner was willing to do whatever it took to get his hands on pension fund money including paying kickbacks, orchestrating a movie deal, and funneling campaign contributions," Cuomo said in a statement. "Through these lawsuits, we will recover his ill gotten gains and hold Rattner accountable."

The SEC also has filed suit ([here's a copy](#)), and disclosed details of a previously-reported settlement. It says that Rattner has agreed to pay a \$6.2 million penalty, and accept a two-year ban from "associating with any investment adviser or broker-dealer."

Got to wonder how that last part will square with his role in the firm that manages the fortune of Rattner friend/apologist Mike Bloomberg... Yes the firm is (intentionally?) structured as an asset manager instead of a broker-dealer, but doesn't the Mayor at some point have a responsibility to speak out against public corruption. I've put in a call to Bloomberg's office, but have not yet received comment.

Steven Rattner is not unique among White House staff scandals. In the 2016 election frenzy, journalists have documented and published over 400 incidents with White House staff ranging from conflict-of-interests to outright felony corruption.

How can criminal-level bureaucrats and corrupt White House administrators ever be considered to be the "arbitrators of justice" for the American people?

Certainly, allowing these people to have lethal powers of whim-based attacks on the public because their ego was bruised, or their embezzlement scheme was about to be found out, is one of the greatest failures of the public policy system to protect the public.

Conclusion:

Members of the White House staff and their campaign financiers lost touch with reality, morality and the limits of the law.

In their zest for power and control, they ignored the rules of decency and the human rights of the populace.

Congress is advised to create laws which make these transgressions of the rights of the public and the dishonoring of public office more profoundly illegal and to make the punishments for such actions more painful to the politicians and campaign financiers who practice them.

APPENDIX

People Who Experienced White House Retribution Hit Jobs:

Samuel Shaw [United States Continental Navy](#) Along with Third Lieutenant Richard Marven, midshipman Shaw was a key figures in the passage of the first whistleblower law passed in the United States by the [Continental Congress](#).^[1] During the [Revolutionary War](#), the two naval officers blew the whistle on the torturing of British POWs by Commodore [Esek Hopkins](#), the commander-in-chief of the Continental Navy.^[2] The Continental Congress enacted the whistleblower protection law on July 30, 1778 by a unanimous vote.^[3] In addition, it declared that the United States would defend the two against a libel suit filed against them by Hopkins ^[4]1893

Edmund Dene Morel [Congo Free State](#) English shipping clerk turned journalist who reported on the atrocities in the Congo Free State and became an anti-slavery campaigner. His revelations led to a strong campaign against [Belgian King Leopold II](#)'s autocratic regime in his African territory, where the rubber plantations brutally exploited [slave labor](#).^[5]1933

Smedley Butler [United States Marine Corps](#) Retired U.S. Marines Corps Major General, a two-time recipient of the [Medal of Honor](#), who alleged to the [McCormack-Dickstein Committee](#) in the U.S. House of Representatives that business leaders had plotted a fascist coup d'état against the [Franklin D. Roosevelt](#) administration in what became known as the [Business Plot](#). In his book War Is a Racket, Butler listed well-known US military operations that he alleged were not about protecting democracy as was told to the public but in furthering the business interests of U.S. banks and corporations. He compared these activities with [Al Capone](#)-style mob hits on behalf of American corporations and their respective business interests.^[6]1942

Jan Karski [Nazi Germany](#)[Polish](#) resistance fighter, who during [World War II](#) twice visited the [Warsaw ghetto](#), and met with [United States president Franklin Delano Roosevelt](#), with the [UK](#) Foreign Secretary, and with the Polish shadow government in [London](#), to report what he had witnessed concerning conditions for [Jewish](#) people, and the extermination camps. His report was not taken seriously by any authority.^[7]^[8]1960s - 1970s^[edit]1963

John Paul Vann [United States Army](#)American [colonel](#), who, during the [Vietnam War](#), reported to his superiors that American policy and tactics were seriously flawed, and later went to the media with his concerns. Vann was asked to resign his commission, did so, but later returned to Vietnam.^[9]1966

Peter Buxtun [United States Public Health Service](#)Exposed the [Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment](#).^[10]1971

Daniel Ellsberg [United States State Department](#) Ellsberg was a former [RAND Corp.](#) military analyst who, along with Anthony Russo, leaked the [Pentagon Papers](#), a secret account of the [Vietnam War](#) to The New York Times. The Pentagon Papers revealed endemic practices of deception by previous administrations, and contributed to the erosion of public support for the war. The release triggered a legal case concerning government efforts to prevent the publication of classified information that was heard by the U.S. Supreme Court (New York Times Co. v. United States (403 U.S. 713)). Ellsberg himself was the subject of retaliation by the [Nixon Administration](#).1971

Frank Serpico [New York Police Department](#) Former [New York City police officer](#) who reported several of his fellow officers for [bribery](#) and related charges in front of the [Knapp Commission](#) probing [police corruption](#) in the [NYPD](#). Serpico was the first police officer in the history of the NYPD to step forward to report and subsequently testify openly about widespread, [systemic corruption](#) payoffs amounting to millions of dollars.[11] The 1973 film Serpico is an account of his story.1971

Perry Fellwock [National Security Agency](#) Former NSA analyst who revealed the existence of the NSA and its worldwide covert surveillance network in an interview with [Ramparts \(magazine\)](#) in 1971.[12] At the time, the NSA was a little-known organization. Because of the Fellwock revelations, the U.S. Senate [Church Committee](#) introduced successful legislation to stop NSA spying on American citizens. Fellwock was motivated by Daniel Ellsberg's release of the Pentagon Papers.[13]1972

W. Mark Felt [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#) Known only as [Deep Throat](#) until 2005, Felt was Associate Director of the FBI, the number-two job in the Bureau, when he leaked information about President [Richard Nixon](#)'s involvement in the [Watergate scandal](#).[14] The scandal would eventually lead to the resignation of the president, and prison terms for White House Chief of Staff [H. R. Haldeman](#) and presidential adviser [John Ehrlichman](#).1973

Stanley Adams [Hoffmann-LaRoche](#) A senior executive at Swiss pharmaceutical company Hoffman-LaRoche, Adams supplied evidence to [European Economic Community](#) regulators on the company's [price fixing](#) in the international vitamin market.[15] The EEC revealed his name during the resulting investigation and Adams was arrested for [industrial espionage](#) by the [Swiss](#) government and spent six months in jail. He fought for ten years to clear his name and receive compensation from the EEC.1973

A. Ernest Fitzgerald [United States Department of Defense](#) U.S. Department of Defense auditor who was fired in 1973 by President Richard M. Nixon[citation needed] for exposing to Congress the tidal wave of cost overruns associated with Lockheed's C-5A cargo plane. After protracted litigation he was reinstated to the civil service and continued to report cost overruns and military contractor fraud, including discovery in the 1980s that the Air Force was being charged \$400 for hammers and \$600 for toilet seats. Fitzgerald retired from the Defense Department in 2006.[16]1974

Karen Silkwood [Kerr-McGee](#) There have been a number of [nuclear power whistleblowers](#) who have identified safety concerns at [nuclear power plants](#). The first prominent nuclear power whistleblower was [Karen Silkwood](#), who worked as a chemical technician at a [Kerr-McGee](#) nuclear plant. Silkwood became an activist in the [Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union](#) in order to protest health and safety issues. In 1974, she testified to the [United States Atomic Energy Commission](#) about her concerns. A few months later she [died in a car crash under mysterious conditions](#) on the way to a meeting with a New York Times reporter and a national union leader. The 1983 film [Silkwood](#) is an account of this story.1976

Gregory C. Minor, Richard B. Hubbard, and Dale G. Bridenbaugh [General Electric Nuclear power whistleblowers](#). On February 2, 1976, ([Gregory C. Minor](#), [Richard B. Hubbard](#), and Dale G. Bridenbaugh (known as the [GE Three](#)) "blew the whistle" on safety problems at [nuclear power plants](#), and their action has been called "an exemplary instance of [whistleblowing](#)".^[17] The three engineers gained the attention of journalists and their disclosures about the threats of nuclear power had a significant impact. They timed their statements to coincide with their resignations from responsible positions in [General Electric](#)'s nuclear energy division, and later established themselves as consultants on the nuclear power industry for state governments, federal agencies, and overseas governments. The consulting firm they formed, MHB Technical Associates, was technical advisor for the movie, [The China Syndrome](#). The three engineers participated in Congressional hearings which their disclosures precipitated.^{[17][18][19][20]}1977

Frank Snepp [Central Intelligence Agency](#) CIA analyst at the [US Embassy, Saigon](#) who published [Decent Interval](#) in 1977 about [Operation Frequent Wind](#) and the failures of the CIA and other American entities to properly prepare for the [Fall of Saigon](#). Although he redacted all names, methods, and sources from the book, after it was published, CIA Director [Stansfield Turner](#) had Snepp successfully prosecuted for [breach of contract](#) for violating his [non-disclosure agreement](#).^[21] Snepp lost all income, including royalties, from publication of the book, a verdict upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court.1980s[[edit](#)]1984

Clive Ponting [United Kingdom Ministry of Defence](#) Senior civil servant in the UK Ministry of Defence who leaked classified documents to Labour [Member of Parliament Tam Dalyell](#) confirming that the [General Belgrano](#) was sunk by British forces during the [Falklands War](#) while outside the total exclusion zone, contradicting statements by the [Thatcher Government](#).1984

[John Michael Gravitt](#) [General Electric](#) Became the first individual in 40 years to file a [qui tam](#) lawsuit under the [False Claims Act](#) after the statute had been weakened in 1943.^[22] Gravitt, a machinist foreman, sued GE for defrauding the [United States Department of Defense](#) when GE began falsely billing for work on the [B1 Lancer](#) bomber. Gravitt was laid off following his complaints to supervisors about the discrepancies. The case of [Gravitt v. General Electric](#) and Gravitt's deposition to Congress led

to federal legislation bolstering the False Claims Act in 1986.[23][24] The amended Act made it easier for whistleblowers to collect damages. Gravitt's suit proceeded under the 1986 amendments and GE settled the case for a then record \$3.5 million.[25]1984

Duncan Edmonds [Canadian GovernmentCanadian](#) civil servant who reported to his chief, the top Canadian civil servant, that Minister of Defence [Robert Coates](#) had visited a [West German](#) strip club while on an official mission, with [NATO](#) documents in his possession, creating a security risk. Coates was asked to resign from Cabinet by Prime Minister [Brian Mulroney](#), who also fired Edmonds and made him [persona non grata](#) in government circles.[26]1984(?)

[Ingvar Bratt Bofors](#) Engineer who revealed himself as the anonymous source in the [Bofors Scandal](#) about illegal weapon exports.[27] An act that led to a new [Swedish](#) law[28] concerning company secrets which commonly is referred to as Lex Bratt.1985

Cathy Massiter [MI5](#) Former MI5 officer who accused the British security service of having overzealously interpreted which groups qualified as [subversive](#), thus justifying surveillance against them. Massiter revealed that MI5 had spied on trade unions, civil liberty organisations and the [Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament](#).[29][30]1985

Ronald J. Goldstein [EBASCO Constructors Inc.Nuclear power whistleblower](#) Goldstein was a supervisor employed by EBASCO, which was a major contractor for the construction of [Houston Lighting and Power Company's South Texas Project](#) (a complex of two nuclear power plants). In the summer of 1985, Goldstein identified safety problems to SAFETEAM, an internal compliance program established by EBASCO and Houston Lighting, including noncompliance with safety procedures, the failure to issue safety compliance reports, and quality control violations affecting the safety of the plant. SAFETEAM was promoted as an independent safe haven for employees to voice their safety concerns. The two companies did not inform their employees that they did not believe complaints reported to SAFETEAM had any legal protection. After he filed his report to SAFETEAM, Goldstein was fired. Subsequently, Goldstein filed suit under federal nuclear whistleblower statutes. The U.S. [Department of Labor](#) ruled that his submissions to SAFETEAM were protected and his dismissal was invalid, a finding upheld by Labor Secretary [Lynn Martin](#). The ruling was appealed and overturned by the [Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals](#), which ruled that private programs offered no protection to whistleblowers. After Goldstein lost his case, Congress amended the federal nuclear whistleblower law to provide protection reports made to internal systems and prevent retaliation against whistleblowers. [31]1986

Mordechai Vanunu [Israeli nuclear weapons program](#) Revealed Israel's [clandestine nuclear program](#) to the [British press](#). He spent seventeen and a half years in prison as a result, the first eleven of these in solitary confinement. After his release, sanctions were placed on him: among others, he was not

allowed to leave Israel or speak to foreigners. The sanctions have been renewed every twelve months. At present, he is appealing a further six-month prison sentence imposed by an Israeli court for having spoken to foreigners and foreign press.[32][33]1988

Peter Wright [MI5](#) Former science officer of [MI5](#) who claimed in his book, *Spycatcher*, that the UK Security Service plotted to remove Prime Minister [Harold Wilson](#) from office and the Director General of MI5 was a Soviet spy. After its publication in Australia, which the [Thatcher government](#) tried to block, the government attempted to ban the book in Britain under the [Official Secrets Act](#). Through litigation, it succeeded in imposing a [gag order](#) on English newspapers to prevent them from publishing Wright's allegations. The gag orders were upheld by the [Law Lords](#).[\[34\]\[35\]](#) Eventually, in 1988, the book was cleared for legitimate sale when the Law Lords acknowledged that overseas publication meant it contained no secrets.[\[36\]](#) However, Wright was barred from receiving royalties from the sale of the book in the United Kingdom. In November 1991, the [European Court of Human Rights](#) ruled that the British government had breached the [European Convention of Human Rights](#) in gagging its own newspapers.[\[37\]\[38\]](#) The British Government's legal cost were estimated at £250,000 in 1987. [\[39\]](#)1988

Roland Gibeault [Genisco Technology](#) Gibeault filed a [qui tam](#) lawsuit against defense subcontractor Genisco Technology Corp. after working undercover for 18 months with the [FBI](#) and [DCIS](#) to uncover the company's fraudulent test methods which were being used to pass key components off on the [High-speed Anti-Radiation Missile \(HARM\) missile](#). The FBI and DCIS case resulted in a plea-bargained \$725,000 fine and three Genisco executives being sent to federal prison.[\[40\]\[41\]](#) Gibeault, who was fired from Genisco following revelation of whistleblowing, received \$131,250 of the fine.[\[42\]](#) In 1989, Gibeault and fellow employee [Inge Maudal](#) also filed qui tam actions against Genisco's parent company, [Texas Instruments](#).[\[43\]](#)1989

Douglas D. Keeth [United Technologies Corporation](#) Filed a [qui tam](#) lawsuit against United Technologies Corp. (UTX) where he held the title vice president of finance. Mr. Keeth and others had investigated billing practices at UTX's [Sikorsky Aircraft](#) division, uncovering inflated progress billings going back at least as far as 1982. UTX offered Mr. Keeth a \$1 million severance payment if he would keep quiet, but Keeth rejected the offer. In 1994, UTX paid \$150 million to the government and Keeth was awarded a bounty of \$22.5 million.[\[44\]](#)1989

William Schumer [Hughes Aircraft](#) Filed a lawsuit January 1989 alleging fraud by Hughes Aircraft with respect to the [B-2 bomber](#). In 1997 the Supreme Court held that the claim should have been dismissed as based on invalid [retroactive legislation](#) because the alleged fraud occurred in 1982-1984, before the 1986 amendments to the Fraudulent Claims Act which might have permitted it. The government did not support Schumer in his lawsuit as it had determined the alleged fraud had actually benefited the government by shifting costs from the cost-plus B-2 contract to the fixed-price F-15 contract.[\[45\]](#)1989

Myron Mehlman [Mobil](#) A [toxicologist](#), he warned managers at [Mobil](#) that the company's gasoline that was being sold in Japan contained [benzene](#) in excess of 5 percent, and that levels needed to be reduced. Upon his return to the United States, he was fired. He later successfully sued the company.

[46]1990s[[edit](#)]1990

Arnold Gundersen [Nuclear Energy Services](#) [Nuclear power whistleblower](#) Arnold Gundersen discovered radioactive material in an accounting safe at [Nuclear Energy Services](#) (NES) in Danbury, Connecticut, the consulting firm where he held a \$120,000-a-year job as senior vice president.[47] Three weeks after he notified the company president of what he believed to be radiation safety violations, Gundersen was fired. According to The New York Times, for three years, Gundersen "was awakened by harassing phone calls in the middle of the night" and he "became concerned about his family's safety". Gundersen believes he was blacklisted, harassed and fired for doing what he thought was right.[47] NES filed a \$1.5 million defamation lawsuit against him that was settled out-of-court. A U.S. [Nuclear Regulatory Commission](#) report concluded that there had been irregularities at NES, and the Office of the Inspector General reported that the NRC had violated its own regulations by sending business to NES.[48]1990s

Joanna Gualtieri [Canadian Government](#) Canadian whistleblower[49] who exposed lavish extravagance in the purchase of accommodation abroad for staff in Foreign Affairs. The Inspector General and Auditor General of Canada later supported her allegations. Gualtieri claimed the Bureau seemed not to care, that her bosses harassed her for raising the concerns and that she was a given dead-end job after coming forward. Ms. Gualtieri sued her former bosses for harassment. This lawsuit has been vigorously defended by government lawyers and has dragged in the courts for over 10 years.[citation needed]1992

Mark Whitacre [Archer Daniels Midland](#) PhD [scientist](#) and former Divisional President with Archer Daniels Midland, who worked with the [FBI](#) as a secret [informant](#), to blow the whistle on price-fixing cartel in his company. This story is featured in the film [The Informant!](#). [citation needed]1994-95

William Sanjour [United States Environmental Protection Agency](#) Whistleblower at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for over 20 years who also wrote on whistleblower protection issues. [50] He won a landmark lawsuit against the federal government which established the First Amendment rights of federal employees to "blow the whistle" on their employer.[Sanjour v. EPA,56 F.3d 85 (D.C. Cir. 1995)(en banc)]1996

George Galatis [Nuclear power industry](#) [Nuclear power whistleblower](#) George Galatis was a senior nuclear engineer who reported safety problems at the [Millstone 1 Nuclear Power Plant](#), relating to reactor refueling procedures, in 1996.[51][52] The unsafe procedures meant that spent fuel rod pools at Unit 1 had the potential to boil, possibly releasing [radioactive](#) steam.[53] Galatis eventually took his

concerns to the [Nuclear Regulatory Commission](#), to find that they had "known about the unsafe procedures for years". As a result of going to the NRC, Galatis experienced "subtle forms of harassment, retaliation, and intimidation".^{[52][54]} The NRC Office of Inspector General investigated this episode and essentially agreed with Galatis in Case Number 95-771, the report of which tells the whole story.^[55] George Galatis was the subject of a [Time magazine](#) cover story on March 4, 1996.^[54] Millstone 1 was permanently closed in July 1998.1996

Jeffrey Wigand [Brown & Williamson](#) Jeffrey Wigand had been recently fired from his position as [vice president](#) of [research and development](#) at tobacco company [Brown & Williamson](#) when, on February 4, 1996, he stated on the [CBS](#) news program 60 Minutes that the company intentionally manipulated the level of nicotine in cigarette smoke to addict smokers. Wigand claims that he was subsequently harassed and received anonymous [death threats](#). He was portrayed by [Russell Crowe](#) in the 1999 film The Insider.1996

Allan Cutler [Canadian government](#) The first whistleblower on the Canadian "AdScam" or [sponsorship scandal](#). Without legal protection, he was fired by the [Canadian government](#). As the case developed, federal legislation was passed to protect future whistleblowers in the Canadian civil service. Several convictions have been recorded to date with the case, with proceedings still in progress.1996

Gary Webb [Central Intelligence Agency](#) Webb's "Dark Alliance," a 20,000 word, three-part investigative series alleged that Nicaraguan drug traffickers had sold and distributed crack cocaine in Los Angeles during the 1980s, and that drug profits were used to fund the CIA-supported Nicaraguan Contras. Webb never asserted that the CIA directly aided drug dealers to raise money for the Contras, but he did document that the CIA was aware of the cocaine transactions and the large shipments of cocaine into the U.S. by the Contra personnel. In 2004, Webb was found dead from two gunshot wounds to the head, which the coroner's office judged a suicide.1996

[David Franklin Parke-Davis](#) Exposed illegal promotion of the epilepsy drug [Neurontin](#) for un-approved uses while withholding evidence that the drug was not effective for these conditions. Parke-Davis's new owners [Pfizer](#) eventually pleaded guilty and paid criminal and civil fines of \$430 million. The case had widespread effects including: establishing a new standards for pharmaceutical marketing practices; broadening the use of the [False Claims Act](#) to make fraudulent marketing claims criminal violations; exposing complicity and active participation in fraud by renowned physicians; and demonstrating how medical literature had been systematically adulterated by the pharmaceutical industry and its paid clinical consultants. Under the False Claims Act Dr Franklin receives \$24.6m as part of the settlement agreement.[citation needed]1997

Frederic Whitehurst [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#) A chemist at the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation who was the FBI Laboratory's foremost expert on explosives residue in the 1990s, and

became the first modern-day FBI whistleblower. He reported a lack of scientific standards and serious flaws in the FBI Lab, including in the first World Trade Center bombing cases and the Oklahoma City bombing case. Whitehurst's whistleblower disclosures triggered an overhaul of the FBI's crime lab following a report by the U.S. Department of Justice Inspector General in 1997. Dr. Whitehurst filed a federal lawsuit claiming whistleblower retaliation, and he reached a settlement with the FBI worth more than \$1.16 million.[56] Whitehurst now directs the FBI Oversight Project of the [National Whistleblower Center](#).1997

David Shayler [MI5](#) Along with girlfriend [Annie Machon](#), resigned from MI5 to expose alleged criminal acts by the UK Secret Services, including a failed assassination attempt on [Muammar Gaddafi](#). Shayler also accused the Security Services of planting false stories in the press, substantiated in one example by a court.[57]1997

Christoph Meili [UBS](#) A night guard at a [Swiss](#) bank, he discovered that his employer was destroying records of savings by [Holocaust](#) victims, which the bank was required to return to heirs of the victims. After the Swiss authorities sought to arrest Meili, he was given [political asylum](#) in the [United States](#). [58][59]1998

Shiv Chopra [Canadian government](#) This section requires [expansion](#). (January 2011)A [microbiologist](#) and activist who was involved in one of the first major whistleblowing incidents in the Canadian [public service](#).1998

Paul van Buitenen [European Commission](#) Accused European Commission members of [corruption](#). (See [Resignation of the Santer Commission](#)).1998

Rita Pal [United Kingdom National Health Service](#). (January 2011)UK NHS Whistleblower. Raised issues of patient neglect on Ward 87 North Staffordshire NHS Trust Stoke-on-Trent. Professor Steve Bolsin's report[60] and 2001 Internal Report into the ward is detailed.[61] Concerns raised with the General Medical Council UK but investigation reversed on the whistleblower. The GMC raised the spectre of mental illness to discredit the whistleblowing issues. Dr Pal subsequently sued in libel.[62] R Pal v General Medical Council, Sarah Bedwell, Peter Lynn and Catherine Green is the first libel case in the history of the GMC and Dr Pal won on strike out and settled by a whistleblower. Dr Pal have also whistleblown in the London Sunday Times 2 April 2000[63]1998

Marc Hodler [International Olympic Committee](#)IOC member who blew the whistle on the [Winter Olympic bid scandal for the 2002 Salt Lake City games](#).1998

Linda Tripp [Clinton Administration](#)Former White House staff member who disclosed to the Office of Independent Counsel that [Monica Lewinsky](#) committed perjury and attempted to suborn perjury, and

President [Bill Clinton](#) committed misconduct, by denying the Clinton-Lewinsky relationship in the [Paula Jones](#) federal civil rights suit. A victim of retaliation by the Clinton Administration, Tripp successfully sued the [Department of Defense](#) and the [Justice Department](#) for releasing information from her security file and employment file to the news media in violation of the [Privacy Act of 1974](#). In 2003, Tripp settled with the federal government for over \$595,000. In addition, she received a retroactive promotion and retroactive pay for the years 1998, 1999, and 2000, a pension and was cleared to work for the federal government again.[64]1999

Harry Markopolos Early whistleblower of suspected [securities fraud](#) by [Bernard Madoff](#), tipping off the [United States Securities and Exchange Commission](#) (SEC) repeatedly.1990s-2000s

Marlene Garcia-Esperat [Philippines Department of Agriculture](#)Former [analytical chemist](#) for the Philippines Department of Agriculture who became a journalist to expose departmental [corruption](#), and was murdered in 2005. Her assailants later surrendered to police, and have testified that they were hired by officials in the Department of Agriculture.[citation needed]1990s-2000s

Janet Howard, Tanya Ward Jordan and Joyce E. Megginson [United States Department of Commerce](#)Exposed widespread systemic racism and retaliation within the Department of Commerce against African-American employees.[65]2000s[edit]2000s

Karen Kwiatkowski [United States Air Force](#)Retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force who worked as a desk officer in [The Pentagon](#) and in a number of roles in the [National Security Agency](#). She has written a number of essays on corrupting political influences of [military intelligence](#) leading up to the [invasion of Iraq](#) in 2003, and has said that she was the anonymous source for [Seymour Hersh](#) and [Warren Strobel](#) on their exposés of pre-war intelligence.[citation needed]2000

Marsha Coleman-Adebayo [United States Environmental Protection Agency](#)[Marsha Coleman-Adebayo](#) was a Senior Policy Analyst in the Office of the Administrator at the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). She blew the whistle on the EPA for racial and gender discrimination in violation of [Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) which began after she was removed from her position in [South Africa](#) where her "job was to essentially help the South African government to work on issues that impact public health".[66] In South Africa she brought to the attention of the EPA the dangerous conditions an American company was exposing African workers to who were mining vanadium, a dangerous substance. Her case eventually led to the passing of the [No-FEAR Act](#) in 2002 that makes federal agencies more accountable for employee complaints.[66]2001

Joseph Nacchio [Qwest](#) /[National Security Agency](#)Nacchio was chairperson and CEO of Qwest when it refused to participate in NSA spying on its customers in February 2001. Qwest was the only telecommunications company to not require [FISA](#) court orders. Nacchio claims that in retaliation,

Qwest subsequently was denied government contracts.[67]2001

Pascal Diethelm (see [French Wikipedia](#)), Jean-Charles Rielle (see [French Wikipedia](#))[Philip Morris USA](#) and [University of Geneva](#) Swiss tobacco control advocates and alumni from the University of Geneva who revealed the secret ties of [Ragnar Rylander](#) (see [French Wikipedia](#)), professor of environmental health, to the tobacco industry. In a public statement made in 2001, Pascal Diethelm and Jean-Charles Rielle accused Rylander of being "secretly employed by Philip Morris" and qualified of "scientific fraud without precedent" the concealment of his links with the tobacco industry for a period of 30 years, during which he publicly presented himself as an independent scientist, while obeying orders given by Philip Morris executives and lawyers, publishing articles and organizing symposia which denied or trivialized the toxicity of [secondhand smoke](#). After a long trial, which went up to the supreme court of Switzerland, all accusations were found to be true.[68] Following this judgment, the University of Geneva prohibited its members from soliciting research subsidies or direct or indirect consultancies with the tobacco industry.[69]2001

Jesselyn Radack [United States Department of Justice](#)Radack, a DOJ lawyer, told Newsweek that the DOJ both lied about and destroyed documents regarding [John Walker Lindh](#)'s interrogation and his parent's attempts to get him a lawyer. The DOJ retaliated by pushing her out of the Department, getting her fired from her next job, trying to get her [law licence](#) revoked, & other means.2002

Kathryn Bolkovac [United Nations International Police](#)Originally hired by the U.S. company [DynCorp](#) as part of a \$15 million [U.N.](#) contract to hire and train police officers for duty in [Bosnia](#). She eventually reported that such officers were paying for [prostitutes](#) and participating in [sex-trafficking](#).[70] Many of these were forced to resign under suspicion of illegal activity, but none have been prosecuted, as they also enjoy [immunity from prosecution](#) in [Bosnia](#).[71][72] Bolkovac filed a lawsuit[73] in Great Britain against DynCorp for unfair dismissal due to a protected disclosure ([whistleblowing](#)), and on 2 August 2002 the tribunal unanimously found in her favor.[74]2002

Cynthia Cooper [Worldcom](#)Exposed corporate financial scandal. Jointly named Time's [People of the Year](#) in 2002.2002

Sherron Watkins [Enron](#)Exposed corporate financial scandal. Jointly named Time's [People of the Year](#) in 2002.2002

Coleen Rowley [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#)Outlined the FBI's slow action prior to the [September 11, 2001 attacks](#). Jointly named Time's [People of the Year](#) in 2002.2002

William Binney, J. Kirke Wiebe, Edward Loomis [National Security Agency](#)NSA officials initially joined [House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence](#) staffer Diane Roark in asking U.S.

Department of Defense inspector general to investigate wasteful spending on the [Trailblazer Project](#) and the NSA officials eventually went public when they were ignored and retaliated upon. They claim that [Thinthread](#) was more focused thus more effective and lower cost than Trailblazer and subsequent programs, which automatically collected trillions of domestic communications of Americans in deliberate violation of the U.S. Constitution.2002

Marta Andreasen [European Commission](#) Argentine-born Spanish accountant, employed by the European Commission as Chief Accountant, and notable for raising concerns about fraud potential within EU, neglected by the Commission.2002

Glenn Walp, Steven L. Doran [University of California Los Alamos National Laboratory](#) Glenn Walp and Steven L. Doran were hired to investigate allegations of fraud at the University of California's Los Alamos National Laboratory. They were fired after they exposed breaches of security as well as fraud and mismanagement to the Department of Energy. Their investigation resulted in congressional hearings. Walpo received a \$930,000 settlement from the University of California (UC) for wrongful termination.[75] Doran accepted UC's offer of a position as security consultant.[76]2002

Sibel Edmonds [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#) Former FBI translator naturalized [American citizen of Turkish descent](#) who was fired in 2002 by the FBI for attempting to report coverups of security issues, potential espionage, and incompetence. She has been gagged by the [State Secrets Privilege](#) in her efforts to go to court on these issues, including a rejection recently by the [Supreme Court of the United States](#) to hear her case without comment. She is now founder of the [National Security Whistleblowers Coalition](#) (NSWBC) that is looking to lobby congress and help other whistleblowers with legal and other forms of assistance.[citation needed]2003

Diane Urquhart [Canadian Government](#) Former senior [securities industry](#) executive who revealed to the [Canadian House of Commons's finance committee](#) that Canadian frozen non-bank [asset-backed commercial paper](#) caused a loss of \$7–\$13 billion held primarily by government, corporation pension funds and treasuries.[77]2003

Katharine Gun [United Kingdom GCHQ](#) Leaked top-secret information to the press concerning alleged illegal activities by the United States and the United Kingdom in their push for the [2003 invasion of Iraq](#).2003

Robert MacLean [United States Transportation Security Administration](#) U.S. Federal Air Marshal who exposed the TSA's agency-wide plan to remove [Federal Air Marshals](#) from nonstop, long distance flights for two months in order to avoid expenditures associated with air marshals lodging in hotels overnight. The plan was formulated in response to a budget shortfall due to overspending. The plan was formulated three days after the U.S. [Department of Homeland Security](#) (DHS) issued an Advisory that

warned the airline industry and law enforcement of a suicide hijacking plot in which terrorists would exploit U.S. immigration and airport security loopholes. After outrage from U.S. Senators [Hillary Rodham Clinton](#),^[78] [Charles Schumer](#),^[79] [Barbara Boxer](#),^[80] and Congresswoman [Carolyn Maloney](#),^[81] TSA's plan was rescinded before becoming operational. MacLean was fired after DHS discovered he disclosed the plan.^[82]2003

Babak Pasdar [United States Government](#) Computer security consultant performing contract work for a major telecom carrier, revealed that a U.S. government office in Quantico, Virginia had direct, high-speed access to a major wireless carrier's systems, exposing customers' voicecalls, data packets and physical movements to uncontrolled surveillance. Pasdar executed a seven-page affidavit for the nonprofit Government Accountability Project in Washington.[citation needed]2003

Vijay Bahadur Singh [India Ministry of Finance](#) material may be challenged and [removed](#). (January 2011)Observed that manipulation was being committed by senior officers of the Finance Ministry and Senior Counsel. This was to protect an economic offender from detention in a matter pending in [Delhi High Court](#). The email was forwarded, resulting in an issuance of memorandum to him by Commissioner of Customs (Exports), Mumbai. His brother was killed in a road accident on 6 April 2003 after he submitted a reply to the memorandum. Mr. P. Chidambaram, the present Home Minister of India, defended the economic offender in [Supreme Court of India](#) in SLP No. 1615/2003. Singh had the Navleen Kumar Award conferred on him in 2004 by PCGT for working towards a corruption free society. He has since been victimized by senior officers of Customs and two charge sheets have been issued to him. He has opted for voluntary retirement from service in order to further expose corruption in the department.2003

Joseph Wilson [United States Government](#) Former U.S. ambassador, whose editorial in The New York Times, "What I Didn't Find In Africa",^[83] showed reasons for the [2003 invasion of Iraq](#).2003

Richard Convertino [United States Department of Justice](#)Former federal prosecutor who obtained the first conviction of a defendant in a terrorism case post-9/11. After Convertino testified before the U.S. Senate Finance Committee in September 2003 about the lack of Bush Administration support of anti-terrorism prosecutions post-9/11, Convertino alleges the Justice Department leaked information and violated a court order to publicly smear him in retaliation for his whistleblowing. Additionally, the Justice Department indicted Convertino for obstruction of justice and lying, which Convertino alleges is further whistleblower retaliation.[citation needed]2003

Satyendra Dubey [India National Highways Authority](#)Accused his employer NHAI of corruption in highway construction projects in [India](#), in letter to Prime Minister [Atal Behari Vajpayee](#). Assassinated on [November 27, 2003](#). Enormous media coverage following his death may lead to Whistleblower Act in India.[citation needed]2004

Julia Davis [United States Department of Homeland Security](#) Reported a breach of national security at the San Ysidro Port of Entry on 4 July 2004, related to the admission of 23 improperly-processed subjects from terrorist countries into the U.S. via the land border with Mexico.[84] In retaliation for her report to the FBI (JTTF), Julia Davis endured two malicious prosecutions, two false imprisonments, 54 investigations, years of warrantless surveillance and a Blackhawk helicopter raid of her home by the Department of Homeland Security. Files found[85] within [Osama Bin Laden](#)'s compound in 2011 confirmed that 4 July/Independence Day was in fact a date of planned terrorist attacks on the United States,[85] potentially confirming the validity of Julia Davis' official reports to the FBI/JTTF that have been closed with "no action" and without any investigation.2004

[Joe Darby](#) [United States Army](#) First alerted the U.S. military command of prisoner abuse in the [Abu Ghraib prison](#), in [Abu Ghraib, Iraq](#).2004

Hans-Peter Martin [European Parliament](#) Accused Parliament members of invalid expense claims. [citation needed]2004

Craig Murray [United Kingdom Foreign and Commonwealth Office](#) British Ambassador to [Uzbekistan](#) who opposed the [Karimov](#) regime's use of torture and its other violations of human rights, and British Government support for the use of torture.2004

Gerald W. Brown [Nuclear power industry](#) [Nuclear power whistleblower](#) Gerald W. Brown was a former [firestop](#) contractor and consultant who uncovered the Thermo-lag [circuit integrity](#) scandal and [silicone foam](#) scandals in U.S. and Canadian nuclear power plants, which led to Congressional proceedings as well as Provincial proceedings in the [Canadian](#) Province of [Ontario](#) concerning deficiencies in [passive fire protection](#).2004

David Graham Discovered that the pain-reliever [Vioxx](#) increased the risk of cardiovascular problems, spoke out against the policies of the [Food and Drug Administration](#), and succeeded in convincing the FDA to require large warning labels on Vioxx packaging.2004

Samuel Provance [United States Army](#) System administrator for U.S. Army [Military Intelligence](#) at the [Abu Ghraib](#) prison who publicly revealed the role of [interrogators](#) in the abuses, as well the general effort to cover-up the [Abu Ghraib prisoner abuse](#) itself.2004

Peter Rost [Pfizer](#) Former vice president at the pharmaceutical company that reported about accounting irregularities and other irregularities to the US authorities. In response to his whistleblowing he was exiled internally by Pfizer and removed from all responsibilities and decision making. In 2004, he testified in Congress as a private individual in favour of drug reimportation, a position strongly at odds

with the official policy.

Toni Hoffman [Queensland Health](#), Australia Toni Hoffman is an senior Australian nurse who exposed the [medical malpractice](#) of surgeon [Jayant Patel](#). She originally began to raise doubts about the ability of Patel with hospital management and other staff. Both [doctors](#) and [surgeons](#) who were familiar with his work were also deeply concerned. Patel became the subject of the [Morris Inquiry](#) and later the [Davies Commission](#). Eventually the matter was raised in the [Queensland Parliament](#). Hoffman received the 2006 [Australian of the Year Local Hero Award](#) and an [Order of Australia Medal](#), for her role as a whistleblower.[\[86\]\[87\]](#)2005

Russ Tice [United States Government](#) Former intelligence analyst for the [National Security Agency](#) (NSA), the [U.S. Air Force](#), the [Office of Naval Intelligence](#), and the [Defense Intelligence Agency](#). Tice first approached Congress and eventually the media about the [warrantless surveillance](#) of the US population by the NSA. Tice was a major source for the 2005 New York Times exposé and spoke out widely following subsequent disclosures by other NSA whistleblowers. He was the first to speak publicly and openly with allegations during the era beginning with the [George W. Bush administration](#) (which continues into the [Obama administration](#)). He had earlier been known for reporting suspicions that a DIA colleague of his might be a [Chinese spy](#).[\[88\]](#)2005

Maria do Rosário Veiga [World Meteorological Organization](#) Enquired about a fraud, wrote a final report in 2005. Chief IAIS 2002/nov2006, terminated by the WMO.,[\[89\]\[90\]\[91\]](#)2005-2011

Thomas Andrews Drake [National Security Agency](#) Thomas Drake worked at the NSA in various analyst and management positions. He blew the whistle on the NSA's [Trailblazer project](#) that he felt was a violation of the [Fourth Amendment](#) and other laws and regulations. He contacted The Baltimore Sun which published articles about waste, fraud, and abuse at the NSA, including stories about Trailblazer. In April 2010, Drake was indicted by a grand jury on various charges, including obstructing justice and making false statements. After the May 22, 2011 broadcast of a 60 Minutes episode on the Drake case, the government dropped all of the charges against Drake and agreed not to seek any jail time in return for Drake's agreement to plead guilty to a misdemeanor of misusing the agency's computer system. Drake was sentenced to one year of probation and community service.[\[92\]](#)2005

Bunnatine "Bunny" H. Greenhouse [Halliburton](#) Former chief civilian contracting officer for the [United States Army Corps of Engineers](#) who exposed illegality in the no-bid contracts for reconstruction in Iraq by a Halliburton subsidiary.[\[92\]](#)2005-2009

Brad Birkenfeld [UBS](#) An American banker who formerly worked for [UBS](#), Switzerland's largest bank, he was the first person who exposed what has become a multi-billion dollar international tax fraud scandal over [Swiss private banking](#).[\[93\]\[94\]](#) He provided extensive and voluntary cooperation with the

U.S. government, registering as an IRS whistleblower, Birkenfeld is the only U.S. citizen to be sentenced to prison as a result of the scandal.[95]2005

Thomas Tamm [United States Department of Justice](#) Attorney for the DOJ's [Office of Intelligence Policy and Review](#) who initially informed The New York Times for the story that became a 2005 exposé on mass warrantless surveillance. His home was raided in 2007 during FBI investigation of the leaks and he began to openly speak out publicly in 2008.2005

Shawn Carpenter [Sandia National Laboratories](#) Discovered that a sophisticated group of [hackers](#) were systematically penetrating hundreds of computer networks at major U.S. defense contractors, military installations and government agencies to access sensitive information. After informing his superiors at Sandia, he was directed not to share the information with anyone, because management cared only about Sandia's computers. He, however, went on to voluntarily work with the [U.S. Army](#) and the [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#) (FBI) to address the problem. When Sandia discovered his actions, they terminated his employment and revoked his [security clearance](#). His story was first reported in the September 5, 2005, issue of Time. On February 13, 2007, a New Mexico State Court awarded him \$4.7 million in damages from Sandia Corporation for firing him. The jury found Sandia Corporation's handling of Mr. Carpenter's firing was "malicious, willful, reckless, wanton, fraudulent, or in bad faith."2005

Rick S. Piltz [National Aeronautics and Space Administration](#) Exposed [Philip Cooney](#), a White House official who edited a climate change report to reflect the administration's views without having any scientific background.[citation needed]2005

Shanmughan Manjunath [Indian Oil Corporation](#) Former manager at Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL), and spoke against adulteration of petrol. He was shot dead on November 19, 2005, allegedly by a petrol pump owner from [Uttar Pradesh](#). [citation needed]2005

Paul Moore [HBOS](#) Executive at the UK bank HBOS who in 2005 was fired, allegedly after warning his senior colleagues that the company's sales strategy was at odds with prudent management. In 2009 Moore spoke out about his warnings to the [Treasury Select Committee](#) of parliament during its investigation into the turmoil in the UK banking system.[96]2006

Michael J. Nappe [University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey](#) (January 2011) Raised issues about the payment of millions of dollars of bills without purchase orders or supporting documentation by UMDNJ in New Jersey. He also exposed an internal billing scheme involving the use of "dummy invoices" to charge internal departments with a markup without their knowledge or approval.[Source: Newark Star Ledger and Associated Press, November 2006] Nappe also exposed his subordinate who was running a personal business with the University's cell phone account. [Source: Newark Star

Ledger, January 2011] Nappe was also mentioned in a NY Times Best Seller, "The Soprano State, New Jersey's Culture of Corruption" for his efforts to institute reforms, and the retaliations he endured as a result of being honest and accountable for taxpayer money. To humiliate him, his employer assigned his office to a lunch room and stripped him of his staff. [Source: Newark Star Ledger, November 2006] He became known internationally as "The Man in the Lunch Room". Additionally, the director of UMDNJ's legal management ordered any department responsible for investigating Nappe's disclosures to not investigate them and submit them to his office, where they remained inactive. [Anonymous Sources: UMDNJ Compliance Department, UMDNJ Legal Department, UMDNJ Human Resources Department, UMDNJ Department of Informations Systems and Technology] Six months after the University "resolved the issue with Mr. Nappe", several of Nappe's allegations were proven to be true. [97]2006

Gary J. Aguirre [United States Securities and Exchange Commission](#) Exposed the SEC's failure to pursue investigation of [John Mack](#) in [insider trading](#) case involving [Pequot Capital Management](#) and [Arthur J. Samberg](#). Aguirre was fired for complaining about special treatment for Mack, which prompted investigations by the [Senate Finance Committee](#) and the [Senate Judiciary Committee](#), culminating in a joint report vindicating Aguirre. Through his [FOIA](#) request filed to learn more about his [wrongful termination](#), he uncovered the "smoking gun" that forced the SEC to re-open its case against Pequot, leading to a settlement of \$28 million in 2009. A month later, the SEC settled Aguirre's lawsuit for wrongful termination, paying \$755,000. Aguirre also won a lawsuit against the SEC filed in District Court. [98][99]2006

Walter DeNino Student and lab technician who questioned [Eric Poehlman's integrity](#). [100]2006

Marco Pautasso [World Intellectual Property Organization](#) WIPO Senior Auditor blew the whistle on fraud and attempted fraud committed by WIPO Director-General [Kamil Idris](#) in November 2006 [101] [not in citation given]. [102] Worked at WIPO from 2003 to 11/2006; now consultant. 2006

Mark Klein [AT&T](#), [National Security Agency](#) Retired communications technician for [AT&T](#) who revealed the details of the secret 2003 construction of a monitoring facility in [Room 641A](#) of 611 Folsom Street in [San Francisco](#), the site of a large SBC phone building, three floors of which are occupied by AT&T. The facility is alleged to be one of several operated by the [National Security Agency](#) as part of the [warrantless surveillance](#) undertaken by the Bush administration in the wake of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. [103]2006

Cate Jenkins [United States Environmental Protection Agency](#) Wrote memos to the EPA Inspector General, U.S. Congress, and FBI detailing the chemical composition of dust from the [September 11 attacks](#) and its hazards to responders. She alerted the The New York Times in 2006 [104] and said in a 2009 CBS interview [105] that the [EPA](#) explicitly lied about the [danger of the dust](#) which caused

chemical burns in the lungs of [responders](#), debilitating illnesses in many that included fatalities, and that it could have been prevented with proper safety equipment. Jenkins claims that the EPA has been misleading about evidence of debris inhalation hazards since the 1980s. She was fired and in 2012 successfully sued to be reinstated,[\[106\]](#) but in 2013 was again terminated.[\[107\]](#)2006-07

Richard M. Bowen III [Citigroup](#) Starting in June 2006, Senior Vice President Richard M. Bowen III, the chief underwriter of Citigroup's Consumer Lending Group, began warning the board of directors about the extreme risks being taken on by the mortgage operation that could potentially result in massive losses. When Bowen first blew the whistle in 2006, 60% of the mortgages were defective. The amount of bad mortgages began increasing throughout 2007 and eventually exceeded 80% of the volume. Many of the mortgages were not only defective, but [were fraudulent](#). Bowen attempted to rouse the board via weekly reports and other communications. On 3 November 2007, Bowen emailed Citigroup Chairman Robert Rubin and the bank's [chief financial officer](#), chief auditor and the chief risk management officer to again expose the risk and potential losses, and claiming that the group's internal controls had broken down. He requested an outside investigation of his business unit that eventually confirmed his charges. In retaliation, Citigroup stripped Bowen of most of his responsibilities and informing him that his physical presence was no longer required at the bank.[\[108\]\[109\]](#)2006-13

Adam B. Resnick [Omnicare](#) Starting in 2006, Resnick sued the pharmaceutical company Omnicare, a major supplier of drugs to [nursing homes](#), under federal whistleblower law, as well as the parties to the company's illegal [kickback schemes](#). Omnicare allegedly paid kickbacks to nursing home operators in order to secure business, which constitutes [Medicare](#) and [Medicaid fraud](#). In 2010, Omnicare settled a [False Claims Act](#) suit filed by Resnick and taken up by the [U.S. Department of Justice](#) by paying \$19.8 million to the federal government, while the two nursing homes involved in the scheme settled for \$14 million.[\[110\]\[111\]](#) A second whistleblower lawsuit filed against Omnicare it by Resnick and Total Pharmacy Services V.P. Maureen Nehls related to kickbacks that were part of its 2004 acquisition of Total Pharmacy Services was settled for \$17.2 million by Omnicare and \$5 million by the Total Pharmacy owners.[\[112\]\[113\]](#)2007

Justin Hopson [New Jersey State Police](#) During his first few days as a rookie [New Jersey State Trooper](#), Hopson witnessed an unlawful arrest and false report made by his training officer. When he refused to testify in support of the illegal arrest, he was subjected to hazing and harassment by his fellow troopers. He uncovered evidence of a secret society within the State Police known as the Lords of Discipline, whose mission it was to keep fellow troopers in line. Trooper Hopson blew the whistle on the Lords of Discipline, which sparked the largest internal investigation in State Police history. Hopson filed a federal lawsuit alleging that after Hopson refused to support the arrest, he was physically assaulted, received threatening notes, and his car was vandalized while on duty. In 2007, the State of New Jersey agreed to a \$400,000 settlement with Hopson.2007

John Kiriakou [Central Intelligence Agency](#) In an interview to ABC News on December 10, CIA officer Kiriakou disclosed that the agency [waterboarded detainees](#) and that this constituted torture. He was convicted of releasing [classified information](#) and sentenced, on January 25, 2013, to 30 months imprisonment. Having served the first months of his service he wrote an open letter describing the inhuman circumstances at the correction facility. [\[114\]](#)2008

[Anat Kamm Israeli Defense Force](#) Leaked documents to the media that revealed the IDF had been engaging in [extrajudicial killings](#). [\[115\]](#) While serving as an assistant in the [Central Command](#) bureau, Kamm secretly copied classified documents that she leaked to the Israeli Haaretz journalist [Uri Blau](#) after her military service was over. The leak suggested that the IDF had defied a court ruling against assassinating wanted militants in the [West Bank](#) who could potentially be arrested safely. [\[116\]](#)[\[117\]](#) Kamm was convicted of [espionage](#) and providing confidential information without authorization.2008

Rudolf Elmer [Julius Bär](#) A long-term employee of the Swiss bank whose final position entailed overseeing its Caribbean operations until he was terminated in 2002, Elmer blew the whistle on Julius Bär in 2008 when he gave secret documents to [WikiLeaks](#). The documents detailed Julius Bär's activities in the [Cayman Islands](#) and alleged [tax evasion](#). Convicted in [Switzerland](#) in January 2011, he was rearrested immediately for having distributed illegally obtained data to WikiLeaks. Julius Bär alleges that Elmer has doctored evidence to suggest the tax evasion. [\[118\]](#)[\[119\]](#)[\[120\]](#)[\[121\]](#)[\[122\]](#)2008-2012

Robert J. McCarthy [United States Government](#) Robert J. McCarthy served as Field Solicitor for the U.S. Department of the Interior and as General Counsel, U.S. Section, International Boundary and Water Commission. The Oklahoma Bar Association honored him in 2008 with its Fern Holland Courageous Lawyer Award for helping to expose the Interior Department's mismanagement of \$3.5 billion in Indian trust resources. In 2009, McCarthy disclosed massive fraud, waste and abuse by the IBWC, that imperiled the health and safety of millions of people on both sides of the U.S.- Mexico border and seriously damaged the border ecosystem. In both cases he was forced from government service, but continued to advocate for the victims of government abuse. In addition, his scholarly publications have revealed the fatal flaws in whistleblower protection laws, as well as the need for radical reform of specific government agencies. [\[123\]](#)2009

Hervé Falciani HSBC's Swiss subsidiary [HSBC Private Bank](#) Since 2009 he has been collaborating with numerous European nations by providing information relating to more than 130,000 suspected tax evaders with Swiss bank accounts - specifically those with accounts in HSBC's Swiss subsidiary HSBC Private Bank2009

Wendell Potter [CIGNA](#) Former head of corporate communications at CIGNA, one of the nation's largest health insurance companies. He testified against the HMO industry in the US Senate as a

whistleblower.^{[124][125]}2009

Michael Paul [California Administrative Office of the Courts](#) Former senior technical analyst of the Judicial Council of California, Administrative Office of the Courts publicly disclosed that tens of millions of dollars worth of overpriced construction work was being steered to unlicensed contractors in a bid rigging scheme that involved his employer and public funds. After Mr. Paul went public with his allegations as well as his previous requests to his employer for a [qui tam](#) release required under the state's false claims act, the California Administrative Office of the Courts filed suit to recover a fraction of the monies paid to the unlicensed contractors, demoted Mr. Paul and extended the terms of the underlying contracts, contracts that are deemed void under the California Business & Professions Code. In response, Mr. Paul filed a taxpayer lawsuit in San Francisco Superior Court to recover all of the false claims paid and to enjoin the California Administrative Office of the Courts from wasting taxpayer funds. He was promptly fired in violation of the California False Claims Act, the California Whistleblower Protection Act and the California Labor Code.

Cathy Harris [United States Customs Service](#) A former United States Customs Service employee who exposed rampant racial profiling against Black travellers while working at [Hartsfield International Airport](#) in [Atlanta, Georgia](#). According to Harris's book, *Flying While Black: A Whistleblower's Story*, she personally observed numerous incidents of Black travellers being stopped, frisked, body-cavity-searched, detained for hours at local hospitals, forced to take laxatives, bowel-monitored and subjected to public and private racist/colorist humiliation. The book also details her allegations of mismanagement, [abuses of authority](#), prohibited personnel practices, waste, fraud, violation of laws, rules and regulations, corruption, nepotism, cronyism, favoritism, workplace violence, racial and sexual harassment, sexism, intimidation, on and off the job stalking, etc., and other illegal acts that occurs daily to federal employees especially female federal employees at U.S. Customs and other federal agencies.2009

Donald Merino [Stevens Institute of Technology](#) Exposed the institute for abuse of the endowment, keeping multiple sets of books, misleading of the board and illegal low interest loans to the president. [citation needed]2009

Ramin Pourandarjani [Iranian Government](#) An [Iranian physician](#) who reported on the state use of [torture](#) on political prisoners. He died of poisoning shortly thereafter.^[126]2009 [Virgil Grandfield](#) [Canadian Red Cross](#)

Virgil Grandfield is a Canadian whistleblower and international aid worker. In 1999-2000, he worked with a project evaluation unit for the Disasters Emergency Committee (the UK funding agency for disasters) in Central America after Hurricane Mitch. He became an Overseas Delegate for the Canadian Red Cross in 2002, after serving as Red Cross team leader on floods on the Blood Reserve in Standoff,

Alberta. In 2003-2004 he researched a cover story on migrant worker issues on the U.S.-Mexico border for Red Cross Red Crescent magazine.2009

John Kopchinski PfizerFormer Pfizer sales representative and West Point graduate[127] whose whistleblower (“qui tam”) lawsuit launched a massive government investigation into Pfizer’s illegal and dangerous marketing of Bextra, a prescription painkiller. Pfizer paid \$1.8 billion to the government to settle the case, including a \$1.3 billion criminal fine, which was the largest criminal fine ever imposed for any matter.[128] The Bextra settlement was part of a \$2.3 billion global settlement – the largest healthcare fraud settlement in U.S. history.[129]2009

[Robert Rudolph](#), Joseph Faltaous, Steven Woodward, [Jaydeen Vincente Eli Lilly](#)Four sales representatives for [Eli Lilly](#) filed separate qui tam lawsuits against the company for illegally marketing the drug [Zyprexa](#) for uses not approved by the [Food and Drug Administration](#). Eli Lilly pled guilty to actively promoting Zyprexa for off-label uses, particularly for the treatment of dementia in the elderly. The \$1.415 billion penalty included an \$800 million civil settlement and a \$515 million criminal fine—the largest criminal fine for an individual corporation in United States history.[130] The four whistle blowers shared in 18%, or \$78,870,877, of the federal share of the civil settlement.[131]2009

Alexander Barankov [Belarus Ministry of Internal Affairs](#)Claimed corruption among [Belarusian](#) police; charged with bribery and fraud in 2009; became a [political refugee](#) in [Ecuador](#) in 2010; as of August 2012[update], faces extradition back to Belarus.[132]2010s[edit]2010

[Chelsea Manning \(Bradley Manning\)](#) [United States Army](#)US [Army intelligence](#) analyst who released the largest set of classified documents ever, mostly published by [WikiLeaks](#) and their media partners. The material included videos of the [July 12, 2007 Baghdad airstrike](#) and the 2009 [Granai airstrike](#) in Afghanistan; 250,000 [United States diplomatic cables](#); and 500,000 army reports that came to be known as the [Iraq War logs](#) and [Afghan War logs](#).[133] Manning was convicted of violating the [Espionage Act](#) and other offenses and sentenced to 35 years in prison.[134]2010-2011

Samy Kamkar [Apple](#), [Microsoft](#), and [Google](#)Computer hacker who exposed the illicit, global [mobile phone tracking](#) of all users, regardless of GPS or Location Services settings, on the Apple [iPhone](#), Google [Android](#) and Microsoft [Windows Phone](#) mobile devices, and their transmission of GPS and Wi-Fi information to their parent companies, which led to a series of class-action lawsuits and a privacy hearing on Capitol Hill.[135][136]2011

Michael Woodford [Olympus Corporation](#)Corporate president, revealed past losses concealed and written off via excessive fee payments[137]2011

M. N. Vijayakumar [Indian Administrative Service](#)Exposed serious corrupt practices at high levels.[138]

[139]2012

Ted Siska [Ward Diesel Filter Systems, Inc.](#) of New York Ward Diesel Filter Systems Inc. has agreed to pay the United States \$628,000 to resolve allegations that it knowingly submitted false claims to federal agencies under a contract to provide diesel exhaust filtering systems for fire engines through the General Services Administration's (GSA) Multiple Award Schedule program, the Justice Department announced on June 26, 2012. The government's investigation was initiated by a lawsuit, U.S. ex rel. Siska v. Ward Diesel Filter Systems, Inc., filed under the False Claims Act's qui tam provisions, which permit private parties to sue for false claims on behalf of the United States and to share in any recovery. The whistleblower, Ted Siska, will receive \$94,200 of the settlement.[140]2012

[Vijay Pandhare](#) Chief Engineer, Irrigation Department, [Government of Maharashtra](#) Pandhare was a bureaucrat belonging to the Irrigation Department in the Indian state of [Maharashtra](#). He [blew the whistle](#) on the Maharashtra Irrigation Scam of 2012 that led to the resignation of Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister [Ajit Pawar](#). [141]2013

David P. Weber [United States Securities and Exchange Commission](#) Weber, an attorney and [Certified Fraud Examiner](#), was the assistant inspector general of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. He learned of misconduct in the [Bernard Madoff](#) and [Allen Stanford](#) investigations, and of suspected hacking by a unit of the Chinese military. [142][143] He insisted that agency management report the misconduct and hacking to Congressional Oversight Committees, but instead was terminated for supposedly unrelated reasons. Shortly after his lawsuit became public, news stories broke that the People's Liberation Army compromised information technology at 160 U.S. corporations and government agencies. [144][145]2013

Edward Snowden [National Security Agency](#) [Booz Allen Hamilton](#) contractor Snowden released classified material on top-secret NSA programs including the [PRISM surveillance program](#) to The Guardian and The Washington Post in June 2013. [146][147]

Jack. B. Palmer Disclosed abuse of Indian laborers at Infosys.

Erin Brockovich <http://www.brockovich.com/> created the modern whistleblower program and developed local participation programs which had a profound effect on process.

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