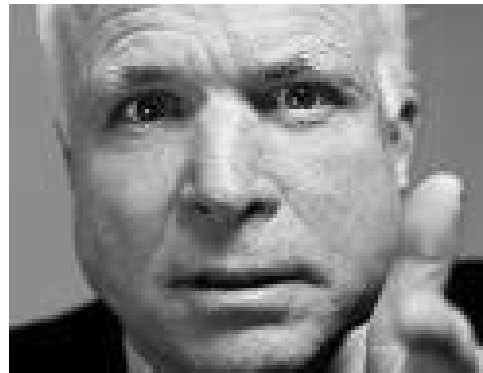


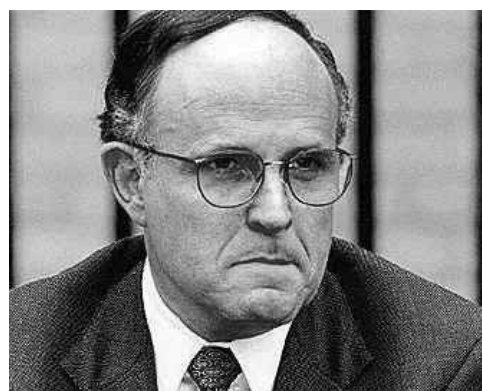
GOP Rivals Embrace Iraq-9/11 Propaganda Line

By - Matt Sullivan

WASHINGTON - Most of the Republican presidential contenders have been willing and eager to echo the lies and distortions used by the Bush administration in the run-up to war. Lies such as the assertion that Iraq was involved in the attacks of 9/11 or that Saddam had contacts with Al Qaeda, or that the intelligence agencies actually believed Iraq had WMD; all of which have been proven to be false. Especially troubling is their parroting of the propaganda that reinforces the misleading impression that Iraq was responsible for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.



Senator John McCain in the May 15 Republican debate in South Carolina suggested that Al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden would "follow us home" from Iraq — which clearly suggests that bin Laden was in Iraq, which he was not.



Responding to a question about Iraq, former New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani asserted, "these people want to follow us here and they have followed us here. Fort Dix happened a week ago." Of course, none of the six arrested in New Jersey were from Iraq, nor were they Al Qaeda, nor had they any weapons or explosives. In short the purported "plot" seemed more suited to a sitcom than situation-room.



Mitt Romney attempts to paint an ominous picture "They want to bring down the West, particularly us," Romney declared. "And they've come together as Shia and Sunni and Hezbollah and Hamas and the Muslim Brotherhood and Al Qaeda, with that intent." To anyone familiar with mid-east politics these assertions are absurd, and yet they are offered without a shred of evidence (or shame).

When the candidates are confronted about their mendacious statements, they routinely back down or equivocate. Clearly the statements can not be squared with the evidence, but they continue to make the misleading assertions because most of the time they can get away with it. Most Americans are not very familiar with the Middle East, and are easily confused and frightened by the fear mongering rhetoric, as was demonstrated by the success of the Bush administrations efforts to conflate Saddam and Iraq with 9/11. A Zogby poll in early 2006 showed that 90% of US troops wrongly believed that Iraq was behind in 9/11. (That view is down to 50% now).

Claims of collaboration between Al Qaeda and terrorists in Iraq have heated up over the last month, as Congress has debated the war funding resolution. Romney, McCain, and Giuliani have repeated and amplified Bush's contention that Al Qaeda is the main cause of instability in Iraq as they attempt to out-do on another with bluster and puffery. "We ought to double Guantanamo" says Romney. "Bomb, bomb, bomb Iran," says McCain. "I support them doing it [torture]" says Giuliani. "The war in Iraq was sold to us with false information," says Ron Paul... hey, what's he doing here?

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Giuliani's response contradicted everything he has ever said about 9/11 — he denied that he had ever received a warning that the twin towers were going to come down. We never thought the towers would implode, stammered Giuliani. But that is not what Giuliani had told Peter Jennings of ABC news on the afternoon of 9/11. At that time the Mayor said: "I went down to the scene and we set up headquarters at 75 Barclay Street, which was right there, with the police commissioner, the fire commissioner, the head of emergency management, and we were operating out of there when we were told that the World Trade Center was going to collapse. And it did collapse before we could actually get out of the building, so we were trapped in the building for ten, 15 minutes, and finally found an exit and got out, walked north, and took a lot of people with us." [ABC News, 9/11/2001]

Was Giuliani lying then, or is he lying now? The question goes to the heart of his campaign, since he is running as Mr. 9/11, America's Mayor for the Global War on Terror. And the issue is material: hundreds of office workers, cops, firemen, and others in the South Tower never got the warning that Giuliani originally said he received. Instead, they were told to stay put. Now voters can make up their mind, since the Sabrina Rivera intervention was covered by New York City stations WNBC channel 4, WCBS channel 2 (in both local news telecasts and website postings), and Hannity and Colmes on Fox, as well as Rawstory and other leading internet sites. It may not be immediately obvious, but this answer and the issue it points to are a true macaca moment, a fatal crack in Giuliani's demagogic front that sooner or later will knock him out of the race if the 9/11 truth movement does its job. This is all thanks to the courage and emotional power of people like Sabrina Rivera and her friends.

Robust 9/11truth squad activity is ongoing New York City, Austin, Texas, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, upstate New York, Washington DC, and elsewhere. The goal of this mobilization is to inject almost six years of research into 9/11 as a coup d'etat by the intelligence-security bureaucracy of the

US in to the ongoing presidential primary campaigns in particular.

Between now and February 2008, we will be in the realm of retail politics. About two dozen contenders from the two major parties, plus third party candidates of all types, are running all over Iowa (where the first caucuses are held), New Hampshire (which has the first primary election), South Carolina, Nevada, and elsewhere. No president or vice president is running so far. Retail politics means that these candidates are compelled to answer questions from ordinary people, meeting, greeting, and glad-handing in barber shops, places of business, factories, old folk's homes, town hall meetings, house gatherings, outdoor rallies, and the main street of Manchester, New Hampshire. This activity is too vast to control, too chaotic for would-be totalitarians to banish and strangle the pointed questions of the 9/11 Socratic dialogue.

As the latest *Time* magazine Person of the Year reminds us, the protagonist of the New Media is YOU — the dedicated, intelligent, courageous activist who willing to get up at 5AM or brave the ostracism and elbows of a crowd of true believers to pose the reality-based questions about 9/11 without which no political progress is possible in this country or the world. 9/11 truth activists can create the news event, and then publicize it at sites like 911truthsquads.com, 911blogger, wearchange.org, pncitizen, Manhattan Neighborhood Network, and youtube in general. The exposure generated there can then force the major corporate media onto the defensive, make them change their agenda, break through the controlled environment of mass brainwashing, and continue the demolition of the 9/11 myth. The Austin intervention by the Project for the New American Citizen, originally a University of Texas campus group, is a case in point: when asked about controlled demolition of WTC 7 (always a big Achilles heel of the official version), 2004 Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry remarked with his usual blasé dilettantism that he seemed to remember something about that. This percolated on the internet for a couple of weeks, and then generated an invitation

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and the rest of my resources. Good-bye America...you are not the country that I love and I finally realized no matter how much I sacrifice, I can't make you be that country unless you want it. It's up to you now."

On the Alex Jones Radio Show, Sheehan slammed the 9/11 Commission Report as a "total travesty and a smokescreen" and has expressed her support for the Jersey Girl's petition, which calls for a new independent investigation of the terrorist attacks.

Sheehan questions why U.S. air defenses did not follow standard operating procedure for intercepting errant aircraft, for the first and only time in history, four times on a single day. "When you lose control of an airplane, you intercept it with a military jet and that should only take seconds - from what I understand it's not even an order to do that it's mandatory," said Sheehan.

Sheehan admits she hasn't had time to research the events of 9/11 in great detail, but she says several things don't add up, including the collapse of the twin towers. Sheehan says "It does look to me like a controlled demolition - I'm not an expert - but it does look to me like a controlled demolition - I'm looking at common sense."

Sheehan joins other notable celebrities in questioning the official story of 9/11 including Charlie Sheen, Rosie O'Donnell, Eminem, Gov. Jesse Ventura, Peter Coyote and hundreds of other notable Americans.

(see an extensive list at www.PatriotsQuestion911.com)



War and the Police State

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Mainstream America has surrendered to the subjugation of a power-crazed, despotic administration whose control continues to expand exponentially with each passing rumor of imminent peril.

Why, when confronted with a black-and-white record of autocratic offenses, are so many sensible Americans ignoring and even endorsing the current administration as it openly paves a tyrannical road to hell? Are we so deluded by rhetoric and weapons-grade propaganda that we are no longer able to distinguish truth from fiction, thereby allowing, if not abetting our own enslavement?

Inarguably, a collective set of circumstances exist to explain the acquiescence of the American People. What follows is the first in a series of explorations by which this writer will attempt to identify possible core factors contributing to the scourge of apathy in American society today.

Fear, the Nemesis of Rationality

One cannot analyze the dynamics of a post 9/11 society without examining one of its principal characteristics: fear, anxiety, dread, apprehension... in a word, Terror. To those who benefit from its proliferation, fear is a currency, a commodity, and a powerful marketing tool. If one is aware of the devices by which leaders have garnered power and support for any given war or agenda historically, one can easily discern the same machinations at work today. A key ingredient to any successful war rally or acquisition of power is the exploitation of fear through the manipulation of perception.

On September 11, 2001, corporate

media and the government elite launched an aggressive political and media campaign upon and against the American people. With Madison-Avenue expertise, purveyors of fear heightened our perception of imminent threat by inundating the airwaves with continual, repetitive, easily-learned sound-bytes, words brimming with emotionally-charged meaning. "...Bin Laden, Taliban, Axis of Evil, Saddam Hussein, Terror-Threat, Terrorist..." with just enough intensity to successfully persuade the American people to procure security at any cost.

Comprehensive and firmly-entrenched fear is the means by which the current administration manages to sell the "War of Terror" and, allowed to flourish, has solidified mechanized cooperation from the masses as our leaders appeal to the most basic of all human needs-- security.

The groundwork has been laid. Today, newly identified "threats" are announced with almost predictable regularity. Now firmly embedded in the collective unconscious of America, fear is employed to rationalize unprecedented dictatorial powers in the White House, to justify the erosion of privacy and the stripping of human rights once sacredly guarded by the Constitution. Yet, what should one expect from an administration whose platform is built upon a substratum of fear, except for fear itself?

Fear attempts to silence dissenters. As the Truth Movement gains momentum and amasses credibility, the fear profiteers have begun heralding yet another "threat" to National Security - *inquiring minds*. This is both good news and bad news. We are no longer ignorable. Fearing exposure, the Czars of Propaganda know that "Truthers" must be branded and discredited if government corruption and corporate fraud is to flourish unabated. This said, prepare for an intensified Smear-and-Fear

Campaign. Any group or individual who vocally questions the official story of 9/11 or who exercises the right to demand Government accountability will be labeled "Anti-American and Anti-Patriotic".

A well-documented strategy of propagandists throughout modern history, dissolving credibility through character assassination is a calculated tactic utilized to persuade the uninformed public to turn a deaf ear, to, in effect, remain uninformed. It remains to be seen if this line of attack will succeed, and success is dependent upon each individual proponent of freedom. As with the human longing for security, the natural desire for affiliation and acceptance works in favor of the war-mongering, power-hungry elite, for they know only the bravest of the brave will dare risk ostracism for a noble cause.

Fear begets fear and dulls rationality. Under fear's influence, the autonomic nervous system shifts into fight-or-flight mode. Perhaps this either-or response clarifies the bipartisanship of laboring freedom fighters and the willingly deceived. The former empower themselves with knowledge. The latter, so fearful of annihilating reassuring illusions, continue to defend the crimes of their pseudo-conservative leaders, and in so doing, stave off the anxieties which would surely accompany enlightenment. So desperate to believe in an imaginary benevolent Big Brother, We the People unknowingly and sometimes willingly turn a deaf ear to the truth, choosing instead to believe a lie. We lull ourselves into complacency or forced submission. We allow fear to breed a culture of silent ignorance and unthinking loyalty by which dictatorial regimes are allowed to flourish.

We would do well to remember, a fear-struck population is easily led.

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to the present writer to appear on Hannity and Colmes on May 10. In the process, Fox News was obliged to show a film of the collapse of WTC 7, a subject which the media generally want to avoid. Hannity and Colmes were both at their most hysterical, but a few facts got through. Most of all, the world public could see that there is still resistance to the 9/11 Big Lie, through 7.5 minutes of air time seen by an audience of almost 2 million political devotees. Students at Temple University in Philadelphia and at SUNY Albany have also vigorously confronted establishment poo-bahs. If this becomes a campus fad in the fall, the ruling class will be in big trouble.

A 9/11 truth squad ideally consists of at least three people: one has the question, and another has the follow-up. Since no one can be sure who will get to intervene first, these roles must be interchangeable. The third teammate has a camcorder or a video-camera cell phone, with the latter preferred where totalitarian screenings are expected. Larger groups are better, but questioners need to be battle-hardened activists, since it takes guts to brave the hysteria of a roomful of fanatics. Most of the main candidates have already been confronted at least once, so there is no point in taking another round of the usual "I'll look into it" brush-off as a serious reply. If they have not looked into it by now, they are not qualified for the presidency, and especially to clean up the mess left by Bush, and they need to be confronted with that fact.

The window of opportunity, as noted, extends to about the first week of February 2008. After that two dozens candidates doing retail politics in multiple states may well go down to two candidates at 35,000 feet planning their next million-dollar media

buy. The latter scenario makes it much harder to intervene, so the time to intervene, and forcefully so, is now. And once the current phase is over, the ruling elite would like it to be forever: Joel Achenbach's article "New Wave Politics," published in the *Washington Post* Sunday magazine on May 20, 2007, indicates that the power-brokers would like to phase out Iowa-New Hampshire retail politics completely. If you want to stop them, do something about it right now.

On the other side, the youtube internet which made the first macaca moment possible in the form of Virginia Senator George Allen's self-destruction on video tape last August, may itself be on the way to extinction. The Pentagon now prohibits access to Myspace through military computers. Other controls, including the abolition of net neutrality, may soon follow, all designed to muzzle dissent. If you don't like this prospect, do something about it. The First Amendment lives either through us, or it dies.

In the meantime, the party realignment rolls along. If 9/11 truth explodes into a national catharsis, the outcome could be highly progressive; if not, fascism could be on the immediate agenda. Both parties are splintering. We may soon have four parties, not two: first, a Tancredo-Know-nothing-Minuteman-Mexophobia party of disgruntled and crazed petty-bourgeois and unemployed supplemented by KKK, white supremacists, neo-Nazis, and racists generally, eager to scapegoat terrified and super-exploited foreign workers for the collapse of the US standard of living; this would be the vanguard of an actual US fascist mass movement, which has been lacking so far. Then, a corporate-country club-chamber of commerce respectable Republican group

led by someone like Romney, McCain, or Giuliani, with a program of monetarist "free enterprise" by monopoly cartels and top-down dictatorship. Then, a neocon warmonger Democrat grouping, with Hillary Clinton, Joe Lieberman, and Joe Biden, backed up by Soros, Robert Rubin, Rohatyn, and the left bank of Wall Street, all pushing a wider war in the Middle East and Malthusian totalitarian liberalism with a human face. Finally, a left-progressive, anti-fascist, anti-police state, and anti-war party might emerge and, providing it embraced 9/11 truth and rejected the Bush-FBI "global war on terrorism," it could be viable. At that point it would come down to economic program: if the left anti-war grouping chose an economic program based on the Franklin D. Roosevelt New Deal in adjusted modern form, the future prospects for human life in North American would improve.

As we go to press, there are reports of an emergency organizing meeting to be held in Philadelphia on July 4 under the heading "Which Way the Peace Movement?" This meeting will address the obvious impasse of the peace movement after the shameful pre-Memorial Day capitulation of the Democratic Party to Bush's demand for open-ended war funding. The view here is that since Bush cites 9/11 in every Iraq war speech, the only way to stop him is to dismantle his basic premise, the 9/11 nightmare vision. Peace "leaders" with Democratic Party ties and foundation funding from Ford, Soros & Co. have struck out; they must be replaced by leadership dedicated to making 9/11 truth the cutting edge of all agitation. The peace movement, in short, needs a head, and 9/11 truth can provide it.

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