

CHAPTER VI

Subversion

All men can see the tactics
whereby I conquer, but none
can see the strategy out of
which victory is evolved

SUN TSU,

Art of War, 500 BC

A THEORY OF SUBVERSION

You don't have to be a genius to understand that the economy of the United States after WWII has been different than that of the preceding 150 years. The environment of scarcity and deprivation is gone, or seems to be, if you're willing to believe debt equals prosperity, or that the mass media reports the whole truth, and nothing but the whole truth.

Labor conflict and employer use of brute-force to resolve the conflict is strangely absent from the everyday news. Yet the identical consequences of the Establishment's prewar anti-worker attitudes and policies still prevail: the further concentration of wealth and power, the pervasiveness of poverty, the necessity of two family wage earners to survive, the continual weakening of family bonds.

Obviously, the American Establishment has not only met, but defeated the prewar challenge of organized labor, and has done so without evoking an expected response from working Americans. It's as if the Establishment has dealt itself another winning hand.

Uncovering the hand, however, hasn't been too difficult. A careful study of the last half century clearly revealed first one pattern, and then another, and still another, all meaningless, like the individual pieces of a jigsaw puzzle—until they are fitted together to form a completed picture.

Fitting the patterns together formed a picture. Clear, unmistakable, revealing the unimaginable: the republic's abnormally long prosperity since the end of WWII has been a ploy to blindside American workers while the Establishment undermined the republic's strength and developed plans for global conquest.

From the very beginning, the American Establishment has been burdened with the need to publicly pose not only as the leader of the world's foremost democratic country, but also as the prime advocate of political freedom.

Although the American System has successfully assumed the cloak of democracy with its elections and peaceful transfer of office from one party to another, it has never been able to hide the class prejudice and contempt with which Establishment members hold common, working

Americans. The history of the United States confirms this truth.

But at the end of WWII, the entire character of the American society assumed a new face. The world of scarcity disappeared. Prosperity reigned. Smiling business managers, seemingly anxious to share the postwar prosperity with all willing to assume the corporate culture, replaced the hostile, tight-fisted employers of the past.

Obviously the wars with Germany and Japan gave American capitalist leaders the opportunity to plan postwar strategies to save capitalism and stave off the increasing demands of American workers.

Just as obvious was that members of the Establishment knew exactly what needed to be done, for many economists had pretty much worked out possible solutions to their dilemma years before entry to the war.

First: if capitalism was to survive, American laborers must be allowed to make more money: more people must be provided the means to buy American products.

Second: organized labor must be restrained.

Third: central planning (but not by government) must be undertaken to minimize the destructive highs and lows of the capitalist system.

Fourth: public dissatisfaction with capitalism had to be minimized, and possibly eliminated.

At war's end, industrialists and the moneylenders who financed their ventures were firmly entrenched within the structure of the federal government.

Industrial workers did resume their strikes after the war, for the reality was they were still underpaid. However, tens of thousands of Americans were kept from flooding the nation's employment markets by keeping them in uniform "to safeguard freedom and democracy." Of course, the American taxpayer paid the expenses of the military, thus placing no drain upon the pockets of private enterprise.

Passage of the GI Bill in 1944—before the end of the war—diverted thousands of other returning young Americans from the labor market and the unemployment lines by channeling them into the nation's school systems. Of course, American taxpayers also financed this strategy.

In 1947, passage of the Taft-Hartley Labor Act curbed the ability of labor unions to strike.

These were all only temporary maneuvers to stall for time. More positive, long-range strategies were necessary, if capitalism was to survive. A plan was needed, but not any old marketing plan.

The word-symbol, subvert, means “to destroy, to demolish.” To subvert a nation is to cause its destruction. Many postwar patterns in the U.S. indicated subversive forces at work, forces that could have been exerted, or allowed, only by members of the American Establishment.

From this point on bear in mind that people, not the institutions they create, are responsible for the good and bad things that happen to people, and all reference to the “American Establishment” refers to the individuals, families, groups, foundations, funds, think tanks, communications companies, and other groups who do as they do, and who deliberately distort the truth—or lie outright—for the purpose of misinforming the general public, and perpetuating their control of government.

All reference to “government,” refers to the people who comprise those small groups in Washington, D.C. or state capitols possessing the temporary powers to make major decisions affecting millions of American lives.”

CAPITALISM AND FASCISM

What capitalists don’t admit is capitalism is like fascism.

Capitalists and fascists believe the economic prosperity of a nation is directly related to the financial investments of individuals with surplus money. The economy in capitalist and fascist systems is government nurtured, but privately owned.

Advocates of each system believe government funds should be used to stimulate private profit, and government should promote large populations for cheap labor, large markets, and big armies. Advocates of each accept the validity of economic class differences and the superiority of the rich to the poor.

They believe the people most adept at collecting wealth and power should legitimately own the nation, rightfully control the machinery of government, and deservedly benefit most from the social system.

Capitalism is a concept that justifies, and glorifies, control of people with little economic resources by people with greater resources. Capital-

ists scorn the judgment of unschooled commoners, and oppose any form of participatory or popular government that would give ignorant commoners the political power to demand—and win—greater social benefits.

Capitalists reject the premise that social equity is government’s concern. They argue it’s bad policy for men of government to interfere with private business matters, or ease the hardships of working people by diverting public funds from economic to social needs, despite the funds having been acquired by taxing working citizens.

Today, American capitalists thoroughly control the machinery of federal and state governments and openly admit corporate management’s prime concern is corporate, and not social welfare.

Considering these truths, it’s remarkable that so few working Americans have made the attempt to change the republic’s economic and political systems during the past two hundred years.

For most working Americans, capitalism and the concept called “Free Enterprise” are synonymous. The concept is based upon Adam Smith’s two hundred year old theory that when men are devoted to bettering themselves in a free, unregulated economic marketplace, society as a whole benefits, as if guided by an unseen hand.

This may be true in an economy of small businesses, and it may have been true two hundred years ago, when all business consisted of small merchants and craftsmen. However, if there’s one truth Americans of the first half of the 20th century should have learned, it’s that when businessmen are allowed to place their own interests before the interests of society, society as a whole doesn’t benefit, it suffers.

Our propped up economy and the hordes of unemployed and underpaid workers are a direct result of American businessmen caring for their own interests, regardless of the consequences to the American society. The noble concepts of free enterprise and capitalism have proven to be nothing more than a glorification of the “Law of the Jungle” in which the strong and ruthless take whatever they want, whenever they want.

However, the bottom line, as businessmen are fond of saying, is that the concepts of “capitalism” and “free enterprise” are really one and the same, for the term “free enterprise” was coined in the 1930’s by the National Association of Manufacturers because they were very uneasy

that capitalism, was being accused as the cause of the Great Depression.

Today, we witness corporate giants rapidly devouring one another in unrestrained greed, all pretenses of civility and social responsibility cast aside. These acquisitions and mergers don't produce lower prices, and they don't produce additional jobs. They provide society with few benefits and cause no change whatever, except to concentrate more of the nation's resources in fewer hands.

The United States was founded upon the principles of "capitalism" and the "rights of property". For better or worse, the American System has been built upon the capitalist philosophy of economic order and millions of American commoners have died, and will continue to die, to protect the system, although most of them have no more than the vaguest idea what the concept really means.

As taught to American children, the definition of "capitalism" goes something like this: industrious, hard working people can usually earn more money than they need for the necessities of survival. Investing this surplus money, called "capital," to build factories or cultivate farms produces additional wealth for these deserving people.

But more than this, claim the advocates of capitalism; properly invested surplus capital produces greater amounts of food and other products, and creates jobs for lazy, less capable people to earn money with which to buy and enjoy these products. "Capitalism," say the capitalists, "makes it possible for people with lesser talents and ambitions to survive."

What capitalists don't admit is capitalism wouldn't be as appealing to people with money, if they couldn't use their greater economic-force to exploit the lives of poorer people.

What millions of American commoners don't know is some privileged members of the American Establishment have enjoyed a long and profitable relationship with fascist rulers, despite the fascist's contempt of common people and fear of the democratic concept.

Some of these Americans took a quiet, but active part in Nazi Germany's attempt to conquer the world. Some families of the American Establishment provided funding to help build the Nazi war machine. Some helped build factories in Nazi Germany and provided its war efforts with trucks, weapons, and bombers. Some provided German submarines with

fuel. Some made it possible for major Nazi war criminals to escape punishment after the war by helping them to hide their identities and enter this country, where they were provided jobs in Establishment businesses and allowed to live and die peacefully—as American citizens.

Perhaps a preference for fascism and totalitarian government is why the American Establishment is the only major one not to have originally signed an anti-genocide treaty, and didn't until many years after all other nations had signed? Or why it continues to support Nazi-like dictators the world over.

According to Ferdinand Lundberg in his well-documented book *The Rich and the Super-rich*, published soon after WWII, at the beginning of the 20th century there were about 250,000 very wealthy Americans, belonging to about 500 wealthy families. Studies since, have shown the share of wealth for these families has been steadily increasing since 1953, and that although we have hundreds of thousands of active American corporations, only 0.2 percent of them hold more than 65 percent of all corporate assets and enjoy about 67 percent of net corporate income.

These studies also report at least 50 percent of Americans not only don't own anything of substantial value, but also live in constant debt?

What does it say about the American republic, if only 500 families own or control the major portion of the country's natural and productive resources, while half of the country's 280-million citizens are impoverished?

The greatest objection to unregulated capitalism as an integral part of a democratic society, however, isn't merely that its unreasonable demands for ever-increasing production and ever-increasing profits place unhealthy strains upon natural resources, and cruel pressures upon common working citizens.

The validity of unregulated capitalism as an integral part of a political democracy can be challenged on the grounds that the philosophy of economic capitalism is not only incompatible with the philosophy of political democracy, it's an opposing philosophy.

Capitalists demand the exclusion of common citizens from social and economic policy-making functions, but true democracy can exist only when all citizens have a voice in such matters.

Furthermore, a planet ruled by merchants and money manipulators is ruled by the lowest values of humankind: greed and the acquisition of power. Such a system of rule will never solve the problems of common people for it can produce only what such systems have been producing since the beginning of recorded history—social environments hostile to common people

A THEORY OF SUBVERSION

Orwell's World

With their intense concentration upon collecting wealth and power capitalists are, perhaps, the most unimaginative people alive. It's why they rush to harness the brains of the academic and scientific communities, and why unrestricted capitalism can survive only with the guidance and trickery of psychologists, behavioral consultants, and the imagery specialists found within the advertising and public relations industries.

Capitalists are people, and they need role models like the rest of us. Soon after war's end they were provided with unexpected guidance.

In 1949, the book 1984 by English author, George Orwell, was published. Orwell was concerned with the western Establishments' manipulation of truth to influence the thoughts and behavior of the common masses.

Publication had to be of interest to American rulers, for the book revealed strategies they couldn't possibly ignore if they wanted greater control of American workers and the survival of capitalism.

The book offers disturbing insights that help to explain some of the American Establishment's behavior following WWII. Even a casual reader can't help but notice the remarkable similarities between many strategies of control used in the book and those currently used by the U.S. Establishment.

In his book Orwell describes life in Oceania, one of three fictional Earth superpowers of the future. The three maintain a perpetual condition of warfare between them. The objective of constant war, however, isn't for one superpower to defeat another, but merely to maintain an ongoing state of crisis with which to justify extraordinary Establishment control over all national activities.

It's also to consume the products of capitalism in destructive warfare, and not have them available to improve the lives of common workers. Members of these three Establishments understand that an economically comfortable citizenry would possess the leisure time to become a more educated citizenry, and an educated citizenry is more difficult to deceive and control.

In other words, the purpose of perpetual war or threatening crisis is to maintain the existing social order.

None of these wars are fought on the core territory of a superpower, all are fought in the lands of more primitive nations. The people who die by the millions in these contrived wars are the innocent, harmless natives of foreign lands.

The killing and maiming of innocent Oceanians is also part of the Establishment's strategy, for to maintain a state of crisis it deliberately sends an occasional rocket bomb into its own cities to inflame citizen's fear and hatred of the alleged enemy.

The population of Oceania is divided into three groups.

The first consists of the working citizens called the "proles," short for proletarians, which is defined in the dictionary as the "lowest class of people; workers, wage earners." This massive group performs all life sustaining functions of the country, yet occupies the bottom rung of its economic ladder.

The proles are the most ignorant of the population, receiving little formal education. Possessing little more than the essentials of survival. Resigned to everlasting war, and thoroughly programmed by Establishment institutions to believe conditions are unchangeable and ordained, Oceania's commoners accept their dismal lives, existing in a state of continual emotional depression. Their only ray of sunshine is the lottery, which holds the promise of temporary escape from the monotony of their sterile, purposeless lives.

A few steps up the hierarchal ladder can be found members of the "Outer Party," the upper-middle class workers. This group supports and maintains order within the Oceanic System. In return, members are allowed to enjoy some of the benefits enjoyed by Inner Party members.

Outer Party members have a great deal to lose should the status quo

be changed.

The third group, perched atop Oceania's hierarchical structure, is the small "Inner Party" comprised of the ruling elite. This is a collective oligarchy of less than two percent of the population whose members understand wealth and privilege are more easily defended when jointly owned and controlled, as opposed to individually or family owned.

Collectively, the Inner Party controls all of the nation's resources. Its purpose, however, is not to gain additional wealth for its members, but to extend its power and control over the population and assure the party's survival.

The Inner Party—Oceania's Establishment—is invisible to most commoners who are completely unaware of its existence.

It's members fear little from the ignorant, unthinking proles, who they consider to be no more than jackasses laboring at the essential tasks of society, breeding foolishly, perpetuating themselves for use by future Inner Party generations.

Inner Party members understand the power of information and knowledge and firmly believe whoever controls the flow of information in the present controls the past, and whoever controls knowledge of the past controls the future.

The power to manipulate information and knowledge is the Oceania Establishment's major tool of control.

Utilizing the truth that a word unknown is a word unused and a concept unknown is a concept unspoken, and to degrade the common citizen's ability to think, books and dictionaries are constantly revised. The meanings of some words are changed subtly; while others with more sophisticated meanings are removed entirely.

Truth in Oceania is Establishment truth and only Establishment truth. All information and news are manipulated to guarantee commoners receive only the Establishment's version of truth.

Old newspapers, magazines and history books are continually revised to guarantee existing information doesn't contradict Establishment claims. Old library books containing truths the Establishment doesn't want commoners to see are destroyed.

Using statistics in the news rather than full descriptive details buries

the dismal reality of conditions in Oceania behind meaningless numbers.

The official language of Oceania is a blend of meaningless words and doublespeak exemplified by the Oceania Establishment's contrived slogans: War is Peace; Freedom is Slavery; Ignorance is Strength. The country's Ministry of Peace wages war, its Ministry of Love specializes in brutal torture, and its Ministry of Plenty produces scarcity.

The objective of these bizarre policies and devices is to produce an unstable, insane, intellectual environment that makes it impossible for commoners to enjoy healthy, intellectual growth. It's to keep the masses ignorant, harmless, and easy to control.

Scientific research in Oceania is devoted not only to develop more destructive weapons, but also to find deadlier gases and diseases to which there are no antidotes. Special effort is made by Oceania's scientists to develop a space station from which the sun's rays may be focused through floating lenses and function as a solar death ray.

Without a shadow of a doubt, many of the American Establishment's economic and political strategies during the past fifty years echo those of Oceania's Establishment.

The increase in the size of a nonproductive upper-middle class that stands as a buttress between the now invisible American elite and American commoners; the confusing, meaningless "politically correct" language of the political and economic communities, and the fact the U.S. Defense Department wages war, its Justice Department dispenses injustice, and its Public Education System produces ignorance; the tight control and manipulation of information in the mass media, the rewriting of books by revisionists, the use of statistics to blunt the truly deplorable social conditions in the U.S.; the continuing development of more efficient ways to kill, and the ongoing search for deadlier diseases to which there are no antidotes; the insistence of the Establishment for funds to build a space station and rocket defense systems, and the perpetual crisis of contrived wars, such as the "Cold War," the "Drug War," and now the illogical and unwinnable "War on Terrorism."

These have not been merely the consequences of greed, political stupidity or bad judgment, but of the calculated objectives of the American Establishment to counter the resistance of working Americans and

their demands for a better life.

All are strategies inspired by Orwell's Oceania. They've been strategies essential to maintain the existing capitalist social order, strategies that demanded the destruction, not only of the dreams, ideals, and expectations of working Americans but, of the strength and cohesiveness of the republic, itself.

Patterns of Subversion

With the exception of the New Deal years of Franklin D. Roosevelt, federal and state governments always have been concerned more with the interests of wealthy Americans than common citizens. Since the end of WWII, key White House officials have come directly from the upper echelons of Corporate America, intensifying government's focus upon corporate needs, and neglect of the social.

In essence, since the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt, the White House, the State Department, and state legislatures have reverted to pre-war conditions. They are once again concerned more with the needs of powerful corporations than of ordinary working Americans, and part of those needs has been to eliminate, or dilute, the New Deal social programs that protect workers from their economic abuse.

Their intent is clear when the following ten patterns of political and economic policies are taken as a whole.

1. Invisible Establishment
2. Enlarged Outer Party
3. Concentrated Control of Media
4. Popularizing the Company Store
5. Weakening Family Relations
6. Distorting Public Education
7. Exporting Manufacturing Industries
8. Diluting the National Character
9. Rising Election Costs
10. Constant War

1. Invisible Establishment

The first pattern is one that actually started at the beginning of the last century in response to the revelations of the "muckrakers." It's the pattern

of Establishment withdrawal from public view that was completed after WWII, as corporate names that had instilled hatred and fear in the breasts of working Americans were replaced by meaningless names such as ABC Company, XYZ Industries, The LMNOP Group. Alphabet soup!

The families and groups that own the country disappeared from the view of new generations of American commoners behind a wall of meaningless corporate logos and controlled media silence. It was as if they no longer existed. As if the greedy no longer lusted after wealth and power.

By one legal device or another, the elite families of the American Establishment mingled ownership and control of their corporations. Traditional family corporations and monopolies disappeared from the American scene to be replaced by a collective oligarchy, a concept unknown to the uneducated American masses.

But known to Oceania's Establishment.

The American Establishment doesn't exist for millions of innocent, young Americans ignorant of history. America's elite citizens are invisible to generations of common Americans who have never been told the fundamental truth known by their great grandparents and every other working American before World War II:

"The Establishment is your deadliest enemy. The greatest oppression comes from inside the American System, not outside."

Unfortunately, too many of the current generations of Americans have a "Hollywood" view of the country's true history, and too many believe the words "wealthy" and "powerful" refer to successful actors, musicians, and sports heroes or, perhaps, to computer "geniuses."

Nowhere in their myopic vision can be seen the people who own and control corporations that manufacture farm equipment, gunpowder, weapon systems, lighting devices, transportation systems, communications systems, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals.

Nor are the younger generations concerned that so few men and their organizations now control the major sources of the republic's food and drinking water. Yet these are the people who comprise the true elite of the American Establishment.

Current generations of American commoners are sublimely unaware that these families and groups are contemptuous of their lives. They can't

remember that for the two hundred years prior to WWII, the Establishment openly suppressed commoner needs for survival and dignity.

What has never been known is impossible to remember. It's a truth Oceania's Establishment cleverly used to its advantage.

2. ENLARGED OUTER PARTY

Another suspicious postwar pattern is the increase in size of the "upper middle-class" segment of the country's common workforce comprised of the "managerial" and "professional" classes; people now possessing privileges and functions similar to Oceania's Outer Party.

Before WWII, U.S. employers paid workers little more than needed to survive, and rarely hired anyone who didn't contribute to the company's profit. This was generally true not only of industrial laborers, but also of blue and white-collar workers.

But after the war, the world witnessed the strange spectacle of American employers voluntarily creating jobs that produced little measurable profit, yet paid high wages; a twist for the traditional, penny pinching American business community.

This new middle management, comprised of "executives," "jr. executives," economists, and other pencil pushers made little contribution to the production of goods and contributed little to the bottom line of corporate ledgers. They certainly contributed little to the betterment of society.

But they were kept off the unemployment roles and out of the factories. They were paid well, so had little to complain about, and they were able to afford many of the products rolling off American assembly lines.

Nowhere within this group, today, or within the group of doctors, lawyers, engineers, architects, stock brokers, computer programmers and other "professionals" who live the good life because they have been legally allowed to steal from the trusting public, has it been recognized that its primary function is to buy products and help keep corporations profitable.

Certainly, few of these groups understand that their secondary function is to be a visual buffer between common workers and the Establishment elite, similar to the Outer Party's role in Oceania.

Today, these upper-middle class Americans have evolved into a self-serving aristocracy of talent with an elitist contempt for the less capable and less educated American citizenry. These are people with global per-

spectives rather than national, with stronger ties to international counterparts rather than to fellow Americans.

Today, this is a class of people with a great deal to lose should the majority of working Americans successfully challenge the unregulated capitalist system. Therefore, it's to be expected that their resistance to suggestions of change will be both vocal and aggressive.

3. CONCENTRATED CONTROL OF MEDIA

Oceania's Establishment recognized the truth that whoever controls the records of the past controls the present, and whoever controls the present controls the future. It accomplished this with its control of all communications media and its ability to manipulate all information to the working masses.

The Nation is a magazine that has been publishing on a regular basis for more than one hundred years. It's mission has been to inform working Americans of the truths they weren't receiving from Establishment controlled media: truths about current events, the true nature of the people in government, and the real consequences of government policies as opposed to those claimed by government spokesmen.

Yet few working Americans know of its existence as it's opinions and articles are rarely mentioned by the mass media or Establishment organizations.

A feature story in the January 7, 2002 issue of *The Nation* highlights the communications/entertainment industry and reveals that there are fewer than one dozen corporate conglomerates upon the entire planet functioning within the industry.

These are not ordinary, profit-making corporations, for they control the content to the movies and TV shows we watch, the music and radio programs we listen to, the newspapers, magazines, and books we read, the sports events, theme parks, and theaters we visit. Some of them also provide the telephone services we use, and the internet access we need.

Consider that among other possessions, six of these conglomerates are reported to own or control the following, separately or in conjunction with others:

MOVIES: Warner Bros., Columbia Pictures, Screen Gems, Sony Pictures Classics, Paramount Pictures, Nickelodeon Movies, MTV Films,

BET Arabesque Films, Twenty Century Fox, New Line and Fine Line Features, Walt Disney Pictures, Touchstone Pictures, Hollywood Pictures, Blockbuster Videos.

TELEVISION: Warner Bros. Television, ABC, A&E, AMC, Bravo, HBO, History Channel, Biography Channel, CNN, ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN News, MTV, MTV2, NBC, MSNBC, Cartoon Network, TBS, TMC, TNT, Nickelodeon, Turner Classic Movies, Headline News, Cinemax, Comedy Central, Court TV, Disney Channel, Fox, Fox News Channel, National Geographic Channel, Golf Channel, Health Channel, TV Guide Channel and a host of others.

MAGAZINES: Time, Life, People, US Weekly, Discover, Family Fun, Disney Adventures, BET Weekend, Emerge, Heart & Soul, Nickelodeon, Mad, DC Comics, and more than 50 other publications.

BOOKS: Warner Bros., Little Brown, Time-Life, Book-of-the-Month Club, Simon & Schuster, Harper Collins, Pocket Books, Scribner, The Free Press, Arabesque, Hyperion, Talk Miramax, ESPN Books, Disney Children's Books.

MUSIC LABELS: Columbia, American, Epic, Sony, Warner Bros, Atlantic, Electric, Rhino and more than 30 others.

INTERNET: America Online, Compuserve, Netscape, ICQ, Marketwatch, Sportsline.

In addition, these six giants operate hundreds of radio stations across the republic, produce and distribute many of their own films and television programs, provide telephone, and cable connection services to a large segment of the U.S., hold exclusive advertising rights on billboards, buses, subways, and trains in the republic's largest cities, as well as in other countries, and own popular theme parks, such as Warner Bros, Movie World, Disney Worlds, and Disney Lands.

Plus, they own the Mighty Ducks, Anaheim Angels, New York Knicks, New York Rangers, New York Liberty, New England Seawolves, Hartford Wolfpack, Los Angeles Dodgers, Atlanta Braves, Atlanta Hawks, Atlanta Thrashers and some of the stadiums in which these teams play.

Very few men are on the combined Boards of Directors of these giants, yet these few men control the important, and even vital, information received by billions of people. They decide what is, or is not, to be seen

and heard. They can—and do—influence the beliefs, values, and truths of billions of people. They hold the power to enslave humanity with chains of misinformation and ignorance.

As these men are excessively wealthy people, their interests and objectives in life are those of most people whose wealth has given them access to power: they want more wealth and more power, and they want to eliminate any potential threats to their lifestyle.

The representative democracy of the U.S. has always been such a threat, for it has always held the potential to morph into a participatory democracy; the form of governance feared most by privileged people.

Is it really such a far-fetched belief that these people would try to enslave humanity with chains of ignorance? George Orwell thought so.

Programming America's Youth

A large part of the socialization process takes place out of school in the homes and streets of the republic. The Establishment controlled media provide much of it.

Radio and television technologies have been used primarily to sell merchandise and entertain American commoners, not to educate them. Computer technology is now being promoted to the masses as a source of entertainment, rather than a tool of self-education. The Internet, once the realm of education and private individuals, is now overcrowded and dominated by corporate websites and sales messages.

Why the reluctance to use these modern technologies for more positive, constructive social purposes? The answer is obvious. It's because they hold the potential to change the world. They hold the potential to truly educate the masses. They hold the potential to instigate a revolution that would replace our pseudo-democratic government with a true, participatory government. They hold the potential to eliminate the perpetual status quo between privileged and common people.

Privileged Americans have utilized television technology exclusively to fulfill their needs and wants, for the technology is perfectly suited to the visual senses and wondrously able to exploit the animal instinct to watch anything that moves. It's the perfect programming tool for a modern Establishment. It's a tool the American Establishment has enthusiastically embraced.

TV shows, and movies, play a more important role in educating young people today than their parents can possibly imagine.

Since the advent of radio, Establishment media, in cooperation with Establishment public relations and advertising firms—both of which supply the media with much of its content—have been more responsible for “educating” the children of common Americans than public school systems.

We know from the records that the objectives of this societal education have been not only to sell merchandise, but to alter family relationships, to increase productivity within the factory without increasing worker compensation; to instill fear and distrust of more potentially beneficial economic systems; to persuade females to smoke cigarettes; to persuade Americans to amend the Constitution when it served Establishment needs; to persuade Americans to go to war, and a great many other self-serving objectives, many of which commoners will never be privileged to know.

Since the end of WWII and the advent of television, objectives have become more socially destructive.

Reality for post-WWII American generations has been largely the reality of sitting and passively staring at TV screens, brains awash with fantasy, wants aroused by the flood of commercials, values and truths delivered by carefully structured role models.

How should such children, now grown, be expected to behave in a capitalist system other than to indulge in orgies of buying and consuming, when this is precisely how they’ve been programmed to behave?

If marketing strategies to create human buying machines has been so frighteningly successful, how can we not believe TV’s delivery of social values and “truths” are any less successful? After all, visual programming is effective programming.

How effective?

Consider the family.

In the early years of radio and film, the Establishment used the comedy format to ridicule the male intellect and bolster the female’s importance within the family. Today, the TV world of situation comedy has taken social role modeling further along the disruptive path to insanity.

Much of the television environment has become a nutty, topsy-turvy world where respect for parents and the family relationship are absent. It’s

a world in which children are mature and parents are childish, a world that promotes disrespect for intellect, and where human dignity is practically nonexistent.

(This goes hand-in-hand with corporate programming of its young salespeople to address older “prospects” by first name, rather than by the traditional respectful “Mr.” or “Mrs.,” to treat adult prospects as if they are friends and equals.)

Can any thinking person truly believe the incredibly large dose of stupidity pouring from the boob tube and the irresponsible values and truths it promotes hasn’t affected the young minds watching it?

Make no mistake about it! Sitting before a TV screen for many hours each day, day after day, week after week, year after year is reality for young children, and it’s a reality that educates. However, this reality excludes rationality, study, contemplation, and deliberation, all of the mental manipulations necessary for the human animal to grow and mature.

Is it a coincidence the younger generations of Americans are programmed to live for today and not tomorrow, programmed to spend impulsively and indulge every whim, programmed to keep the capitalist system alive with their foolish extravagances?

How can small children, or immature, uneducated grown-ups understand the TV docudrama that fuses fact and fiction? How do they know where fact ends and revisionist fiction begins? How can they know what is, or isn’t, truth? How can they distinguish between mere entertainment and social programming?

How can uneducated and unthinking Americans separate the truth from the half truths and contrived opinions spouted by so many talk show hosts? How can they know the difference between opinion and fact, or recognize the threshold where news programs have become sources of controlled Establishment propaganda, and not impartial news?

How will children behave after ten years of such an education? After twenty? What will they believe as truth? What will be their values? How mature can they be?

Talk about programming the masses!

Consider television comedy.

If comedy were truly humorous or funny, would artificial “canned”

laughter be necessary? Of course it wouldn't. But by taking advantage of the human instinct to imitate, and the human need to conform to the values and habits of the group—even an unseen, laughing group—generations of Americans have been programmed to laugh at situations that aren't humorous or funny.

It's the reason humor of the television generations is so different than the humor of all preceding generations. It's why young people frequently laugh at situations that are outrageous or stupid, but not funny.

Older Americans raised before the advent of television, and possessing a natural sense of humor, find little in the strained, often grotesque, comedy of the young because they haven't been programmed to laugh at things that aren't naturally funny.

Talk about programming the masses!

Consider advertising.

Once, clothing manufacturers paid to advertise their wares on billboards, and brand labels were normally placed inside clothing, hidden from view as a quiet guarantee of quality. No one would consider wearing a garment, if the manufacturer's label was placed on the outside.

But by using well-structured role models the display of brand and corporate logos on the outside of clothing and other products has become not only acceptable, but "fashionable."

Use of corporate and "designer" logos today has become a big part of the marketing world. Today, if corporate management has performed effectively, the corporation not only gets millions of dollars in free advertising from sales of its own products, but it also profits from the sale of the company logo to other manufacturers, who place it on their products.

Talk about programming the masses!

Consider sex.

For centuries—if not longer—societies have programmed females to value their virginity and save sexual favors for their husbands. But soon after WWII, the sexual habits of American females were turned upside down. In the early 1960s, females were programmed to believe casual sex was as socially acceptable for them as it was for males, as movie and role models in film and print became sexually aggressive.

In the 1980s, American females were programmed to believe it was

perfectly proper for them, and not males, to buy birth control devices. This of course made it easier, and less expensive, for young American males to enjoy casual sex.

With the introduction and promotion of the female condom in the early 1990s, the responsibility of pregnancy and venereal disease was thrust upon the female. No condom? Your oversight sweetheart, not mine!

American females have been programmed by the media to take command of the sexual act and to be the active sexual partner about whom shy, adolescent males have always dreamed. This isn't too surprising, considering that males dominate the media, and many—if not most—are shy and adolescent.

The male dominated television and movie industries advocate their promiscuous sex with little concern of the real-world consequences spawned by their movie and boob-tube heroines. As a result, almost one third of American babies are born every year to very young, very impressionable, very unwed, and very incapable females.

Today the programming of females has gone even further. Under the banner of "Equal Rights," women are being glamorized as corporate executives, soldiers, and fighters in the boxing ring. In essence, the females of today are being programmed to accept traditionally male aspirations and to behave like males, not females.

Talk about programming the masses!

Consider war.

War is horrible, brutal, terrifying. But by using its power to censor and manipulate news information to the American people, the Establishment brazenly and successfully transformed the 1991 invasion of Iraq into pure television entertainment.

For all practical purposes, the Iraqis didn't participate in the war, seemingly, no more than a necessary shadow prop to support the American Establishment's script. Nor were there visible body bags to jar America's conscience, as during the Vietnam War.

Good, patriotic Americans, programmed to obedience, joyfully watched their television screens, childishly clapped as American missiles destroyed enemy targets, proudly displayed their patriotic yellow ribbons, and foolishly marched in victory parades.

Conveniently ignored was the terrible truth—American boys had killed more than one hundred thousand people including innocent civilians, and children soldiers.

In these days of our unelected president's "War on Terrorism," Establishment newspapers are filled with the propaganda of war, while its television networks flood living rooms across the nation with reruns of Hollywood glamorized World War II propaganda movies.

Today, utilizing the chaotic condition of public education and the unreasonably high costs of higher education, the Establishment media promotes—with public funds—military education as the best way for the children of poorer citizens to get a good technical education. Conveniently, it doesn't mention they will be taught—and be expected—to kill whenever and whoever the Establishment wants them to kill.

Talk about programming the masses!

Does TV programming with its wall-to-wall role models of sex and violence, and its emphasis on physical good "looks" influence our children's values? Does the flood of trivial information pouring from the tube influence their thinking and behavior? Does the rash of programs promoting lawyers and Establishment law enforcement agencies as squeaky-clean heroes influence the opinions of young children?

Can they fail to?

There are many truths that we know about the consequences of constant TV watching.

We know young Americans find it difficult to adapt to the harshness of real life because they've been programmed to expect the quick fix, the one-hour solution, the happy ending. These are the fairy tale truths of the TV world. In the real world—in a naturally sane environment—children mature and outgrow the need of fairy tales.

We know TV watching is addictive, and frequent TV watchers often become dependent upon the medium for relief of emotional stress and tensions, because studies tell us. We know watching television to escape the hostility of our social system is as prevalent as the use of drugs.

We know TV has become the nation's baby sitter and its prime educator, the companion and tutor to millions of American children growing up alone. We know each evening it effectively destroys what the schools have

tried to teach during the day.

We know all of the inane TV programming, the stupidity, the artificial laughter, and the heavy dose of unrealistic role models in unreal worlds have helped to produce and maintain an unstable, insane intellectual and emotional environment for our young children. And we remember that to make population control easier, Oceania's Establishment, also deliberately created an unstable social environment for Oceania's commoners.

We know heavy TV viewing has resulted in poorer readers and millions of Americans are no longer able to learn the lessons of the past for themselves, for the lessons are in books, and many of these people can't read. They're totally dependent upon television for the very form and meaning of life.

Because the Establishment has commercialized and controls all forms of communications—and will soon control the Internet, the one medium that allows citizens to receive unfiltered news and to communicate directly with one another—we know that the information it wants us to have we will have, and the information it doesn't want us to have, we won't. As we know the lies it wants our children to believe they will eventually believe, and the truths it doesn't want them to believe, they won't.

We understand how this power gives them the ability to create reality as they want us to perceive it, and the ability to bind us with chains of ignorance. In a sense, the American Establishment has created an illusory *Pleasure Island* for the generations of Americans born after World War II.

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This has been the purpose of the American Establishment's *Pleasure Island* and its corruption of the nation's public education system.

4. Popularizing the Company Store

The next destructive post WWII pattern is the expansion of the company store strategy from the local to the national level via its “credit card” disguise.

During the latter part of the 19th century and into the 20th, millions of American factory workers lived in a company town, rented a company house, and shopped in a company store. They were expected to shop in the company store, rather than one in a nearby town (if there was a nearby town) under threat of losing their jobs.

Considering that underpaid workers rarely earned more than enough money to buy anything but the essentials of life, prices at company stores were always unfairly high. The storekeeper, however, was authorized to extend small amounts of credit to the workers, a strategy that kept workers in debt to the company.

A worker, who tried to leave while owing money, and without permission of the company manager, usually ended up being chased by a sheriff and imprisoned.

After WWI, the company store syndrome was dressed up a bit and extended nationally by the use of the “installment plan.” This “marketing” concept, which American workers welcomed with opened arms, allowed workers to buy “today” many of the things they couldn’t afford to buy “today” with a small payment down, and future monthly payments. It kept American workers in perpetual debt and reduced pressure upon employers to pay fair wages.

After WWII, in the late ‘50s and during the 1960s, something strange happened in the U.S. The banking industry, which until that time had studiously avoided actively seeking business from the lower economic classes, blanketed the nation with millions of unsolicited “credit cards.”

By 1970, \$7-billion worth of goods and services was being moved annually by bank credit cards. By 1973, it was almost \$14-billion.

By 1981, banks—which are regulated by the government—were moving their credit card operations—which aren’t government regulated—to states willing to modify or eliminate usury laws. Today, many money-rich corporations have also entered the “credit card” business.

All of these lenders-of-credit demand usuriously high interest rates

for the use of their money. It’s morally wrong, but as they have influenced the creation of favorable laws, it’s legally acceptable and highly profitable.

The credit card concept is no more than the logical extension of the company store strategy.

The first objective of such a strategy is to soften the frustration of a worker with low wages and the inability to buy many things today with today’s earnings. Another objective is to allow the corporation to continue paying low wages. A third goal is to keep workers in perpetual debt. A fourth is to make as much profit as possible, even if much of it is unearned profit, and ethically and morally wrong.

The bottom line: the credit card’s function is to diffuse the danger of revolt by underpaid, frustrated workers.

Today, not only are working Americans in debt to the tune of trillions of dollars, it’s often claimed that the majority of working families are no more than a month or two away from bankruptcy. It is also a fact that most municipalities, state governments, and the federal government are over their ears in debt. If this is truly the situation, where is the prosperity applauded by the Establishment media?

It is inevitable, but sad, that few of today’s generations remember the company store concept, but the truth is that what has never been known cannot be remembered.

5. Weakening Family Relations

The erosion of the American family is an ominous pattern. It’s the culmination of a strategy that the Establishment initiated at the start of the twentieth century to reduce the father’s importance within the family unit. Today, the U.S. contains countless fatherless families.

Is it merely a coincidence?

The biological family is the basic social subsystem of our species, consisting of people related to one another through birth. The system’s prime function is to enhance the survival of family members, and despite its few negative aspects, the family has proven to be a sensible and effective arrangement.

A sound family relationship provides the adult male and female with opportunities for companionship and sexual gratification required by nature. It also provides them opportunities for the division of labor, making it

possible for the family unit to acquire and accomplish more.

It provides children opportunities for positive emotional and intellectual growth, and with physical security until old enough, strong enough, and wise enough to venture alone into the world.

The major flaw in the family system is that the male has used his greater strength and his function as provider-defender to mold the family to meet his needs, callously subordinating the needs of other family members. Despite this flaw, the traditional family system has worked reasonably well for thousands of years, greatly influencing human survival.

Other than a more equal dispensation of benefits to family members, deliberate changes to the traditional family system should be made only after the highest levels of thought have assessed the consequences.

Yet in the United States, the traditional extended family, which includes grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins is being deliberately and callously destroyed as a social institution. Today, by corporate and government policy—and in direct contradiction to Establishment rhetoric—the family's value in American society is being minimized.

As previously mentioned, one of the most conspicuous and successful attacks upon family stability has been television's unrelenting, unrealistic portrayal of family relationships.

Another dangerous, inconspicuous, but just as successful attack upon the stability of the family is the post WWII corporate demand that employees pick up and leave lifetime neighborhoods and longtime homes to move to other states, or even to other countries. Not just once, but often.

The forced mobility of corporate employees and the abnormal multiple moves played havoc with the families uprooted from the community where most family members had been born and raised.

Leaving relatives and close friends, leaving group affiliations, moving and buying a new home, starting a new school and developing new friends—not once but many times, and often on short notice—has taken its toll of family stability.

The consequences of occupational mobility, other than rootlessness, have been loneliness, depression, a sense of anonymity, emotional disorder, alcoholism or drug addiction, and divorce.

Isolated from relatives by distance, with grandparents, aunts, uncles,

and cousins living elsewhere, a dimension is missing in today's "nuclear" family of parents and children.

Is it coincidence, or consciously planned?

Add to this the propaganda spewing from Establishment media: the reckless identification of "new networks of kinship," "non-family-type households," "serial marriages," "divorce-extended families," and the implied societal recommendation to accept such relationships.

In addition, there are the so-called experts publicly speculating that the day of the family may be over, that although the family unit may have been important to survival in agrarian cultures, "other relationships may prove more functional in industrial or technical societies." Prove more functional for whom, ordinary working people or the Establishment?

Is it a coincidence it takes two working parents today to make ends meet, as it did in the early part of the twentieth century when economic pressures forced women and children into the factories, and class oppression was more open and less deceptive?

The necessity of both parents to work, not only removes mothers from the family environment during times she is needed most by the children but, it increases the size of the labor force and pits females against males. Such a relationship may be great for the corporate bottom line, but it's hell on healthy family relationships.

Is it a coincidence so many young Americans have quite school and are working at unskilled jobs, rather than obtaining the wisdom a true school of higher education would give them?

Is it a coincidence divorce is the popular solution to the marital discord of today's pampered generations?

Divorce splits one family into two, increasing the size of the consumer market. Now there is need for two homes, two sets of furniture, kitchenware and linens. If there is a remarriage, there probably will be additional children, all needing whatever it is children consume, and each child will eventually grow up to become another adult consumer, and another body in the swollen labor force.

From the viewpoint of the American business community, now concerned with building a global market, the breakdown of the American family is beneficial and desirable.

We commoners, however, must never forget the traditional family structure serves the fundamental human needs of all family members. It's why it evolved in the first place. It's why the institution we call "family" has survived for thousands of years.

Diverting and frustrating these needs has produced serious consequences for our society that can only deteriorate as the family structure continues to weaken and confused family members seek refuge from their hostile social environment.

It's been concern of family that has motivated men and women of the past to resist tyrants and give them the strength to persevere. It's the family bond that prevents rulers of corporate empires from claiming the total time and obedience of employees.

A recent census report, however, claims twenty-five percent of the American citizenry today live alone, and the number growing rapidly. Is this a coincidence?

Is it also a coincidence that the new communications technologies, such as computers and cell phones are helping to chain workers to corporate offices during their "free" time?

Should the American Establishment manage to replace the family unit with isolated, insecure, unschooled, self-indulgent individuals, which we know is happening today at a frightening rate, totalitarian rule is certain to follow.

6. Distorting Public Education

Another subversive pattern is the aimlessness and the confused objectives of public school education since the end of WWII. As a consequence, powerful forces today attack the very survival of public schools.

State public school systems are major agencies of socialization, presumably, providing common children an education similar—but not equal—to a private school education given children of wealthy parents; the obvious consequence of which should be the inequality of opportunities between private and public school graduates.

The American Establishment has learned much about socialization from its hired behaviorists and psychologists; knowledge reflected today in the trivial education given children of commoners.

Few commoners of today know that wealthy Americans opposed

the creation of state public school systems in this country, because they didn't want the children of the laboring class to receive an education comparable to their children's education.

Nor do they know that the churches of the republic, fearing competition for the minds of young Americans from secular public school systems, and the negative effect such schools might have upon religious schools, were also bitterly opposed to the concept of publicly sponsored schools.

It was so, and it is still so in the 21st century: both privileged elite and religious zealots of today would like to see the country's public school systems disappear.

Public schools are state, not federally, controlled and the quality and content of the fifty education systems are different from one another. It means although all commoner children are equal to one another, some receive an education more equal than others, but few, if any, receive an education equal to that given children of wealthy parents.

Undoubtedly, most of the people who guide the operations of a public school system are well intentioned and want the best education possible for the children. But good intentions aren't enough, for comparatively few people are qualified to determine what a true education for common children should be. This has resulted in conflicting and confusing suggestions for both content and teaching methods.

Consider public school textbooks.

We know that in some states, religious groups have a great influence over what goes in, and what stays out of, school textbooks. We know that publishers of textbooks are not only business people seeking profit, but that many are also religious as well as wealthy people. And we know the information a textbook contains—or doesn't contain—is influenced more by the expectations and needs of the privileged class, than those of the common class.

Therefore, if the information placed into the head of common children is false, or merely incomplete and misleading, that particular state school system is providing working children with a poor education.

There's little doubt that this is the case in many states, but whether it has been accomplished deliberately by plan, or accidentally through incompetence, may never be known.

Consider the subject of “diversification.”

Within the last decade, it has become popular in educational circles to speak of “diverse” education; to advocate the rights of minority groups to be free from the biased curricula of the U.S.A.’s white, Protestant rulers.

Accordingly, many public school systems offer classes in the history and cultures of nonwhites, nonProtestants, nonheterosexuals, as well as dual-language classes for the millions of Spanish-speaking children now enrolled in U.S. public schools. What this actually accomplishes is a further strengthening of the differences of skin color, religion, sexual preferences, and generations, for diversification is a divisive, and not a unifying technique.

What is being ignored by both the educational community and parents is that millions of people have fled to the U.S. during the past two hundred years to become Americans, do as Americans do, and share in the benefits that being an American offers.

The immigrants of the early 19th and 20th centuries did not ask, or receive, exceptions to the subjects offered by public education systems, or a lowering of educational standards. Yet today, there are dozens of such exceptions in public school curricula, and both standards and quality of public education have been diluted in the name of diversity and fairness.

What the advocates of diversity ignore is that diversity is the opposite of unification, and diversity in school is probably no more than another Establishment technique to teach working class children trivia and not meaningful knowledge that might jeopardize the status quo.

Contemporary education in the United States helps citizens develop intellectual skills such as reading, writing and arithmetic; vocational skills such as auto repair and marketing; artistic skills such as sculpting and painting, or musical skills such as singing and playing an instrument. These are all subjects that help to nourish the human intellect.

But all aren’t “essential” to the survival of the individual in natural and social environments, and that is what the core content of a public school education should be—from kindergarten through college.

There is little question many nonessential subjects taught today in the public school systems are culturally enriching. But of what use are they if

the student hasn’t been taught to recognize truth from untruth, or how to distinguish the logical from the illogical, or the true enemy from the accused enemy? What use is an education if it doesn’t teach a self to think, and to identify and solve the every day problems of communal living?

Higher learning has always been the road to wisdom. But traditionally, higher learning has centered upon the “humanities.” The humanities cover an array of subjects that compel people to think about their lives and about solutions to people problems.

These are certainly not what the Establishment wants common American children to think about. It’s more important to it that young commoners be trained to be good employees, rather than good citizens, and contribute more to corporate health than to society’s health.

It’s why the study of philosophy in the United States is almost nonexistent, for it is neither practical nor conducive to the needs of business. Yet philosophers are the class of people who have helped humanity form its foundation of core values; values that have helped people to form sound opinions and make sound decisions. Without such a foundation every opinion is as good as another and anarchy results. But that is exactly what is happening in this country today, isn’t it.

In the United States, the study of the humanities has been reduced in importance and business subjects, like advertising, public relations, marketing, economics, and law now dominate schools of “higher” learning.

Over the past fifty years—as the corporate octopus increased its stranglehold upon the halls of public education—the standards of American education have slowly, but surely, been lowered and the levels of American literacy dropped. Slowly, but surely, the cost of higher education has risen to heights well beyond the ability of most working parents to afford.

Certainly this is not a coincidence, for if working parents can’t pay for college, their children will find it difficult to obtain a “higher” education without going into debt. Nor is it a coincidence that the Establishment media harps upon the degradation of public school quality and an increasing demand for private, or “home” schools.

What better way to prop stock market numbers than to siphon additional funds from the public into the private? What better way to suppress

wisdom, than to leave the education of a child to parents—who themselves are frequently no more than overgrown children filled with childish fantasies and cultural prejudices?

What better way to keep the children of working commoners ignorant, than to restrict their knowledge to the single dimension of their parents' ignorance? What better way to perpetuate the ignorance of the common masses? In a sense, the American Establishment has created an illusory Pleasure Island for the generations of Americans born after World War II.

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7. Exporting Manufacturing Industries

Another major subversive pattern is the weakening of the republic's manufacturing strength by the transference of U.S. manufacturing to foreign countries.

During the first one hundred and fifty-seven years of our nation's history, class conflict had largely manifested itself in factories between factory workers and factory owners. But since the end of World War II, hundreds of major American businesses have quietly moved their factories overseas.

This reduction of the nation's industrial strength was cushioned by the creation of thousands of small service businesses catering to the new, affluent upper, middle-class. While the media focused attention upon the mushrooming of this new service economy, it ignored the republic's growing dependency upon foreign suppliers for essential goods.

It also ignored the true function of such a radical change in corporate philosophy.

The transformation from production to service economy deliberately reduced opportunities for conflict between factory workers and factory owners. Fewer factories meant fewer discontented American factory workers and fewer class conflicts to report in the media. It also meant fewer members in labor unions. Of course, cheaper foreign labor also meant greater profits for American industrialists.

The consequences of these policies have been devastating, for not only are there now many more millions of unemployed or underemployed Americans, but because American workers have been humbled by fear of low wages and unemployment, foreign corporations have been setting up production facilities in parts of the U.S. because labor costs are now often cheaper here than in their own countries.

What industrial country today can survive without the independent capability of producing the tools that make the machines needed to manufacture the essentials of survival? Yet by the late 1970s the prestigious U.S. machine tool industry had been dismantled.

Transference of factories overseas is only the visible tip of the iceberg, for white collar and computer work is also going overseas. Today, American corporations export much of their information processing and database operations to places like India. It's what many insurance companies do with their large volumes of claims-processing paper work.

If the better paying jobs requiring higher education are leaving the country, and the promises that higher education means greater financial returns, what's the point of American children seeking higher education?

8. Diluting the National Character

The illogical pattern of immigration during the past fifty years is also suspiciously subversive.

From the beginning, the United States has always been a predominantly Anglo-Saxon, Protestant-Christian nation, and our laws, traditions, and institutions have been derived from Mother England. The needs and wants of all other citizens subordinated. We have never been a cohesive nation, except in times of crisis.

Throughout the history of our republic, the Christian Establishment and white Americans have shown their prejudice and desire to keep the country free of people with different cultural heritage and skin color.

Yet immigration statistics today show that within the last fifty years—since the end of WWII—so many non Anglo-Saxon people have been allowed to enter the republic they now comprise one-half of the nation's population.

Without even losing a war, South Florida has been overrun and conquered by Spanish-speaking people who have taken the jobs and homes of Americans and changed the region's cultural environment. Mexican laborers have inundated Southern California, and Asians are being resettled throughout the country in untold numbers.

The American Establishment accomplished the Florida coup so smoothly and quickly neither Floridians nor most other Americans had time to consider what was really happening.

And what was really happening? Why this turnabout in the Establishment's traditional attitude towards non Anglo-Saxon, Protestant-Christians?

First - The massive importation of foreign workers has given American businessmen a work force denied it by Americans, one that willingly works for low wages.

At least 8 million foreign immigrants have been brought to this country to fill jobs as bookkeepers, fast food cooks, and store managers. Jobs, which for some unknown reason, the government's Permanent Labor Certification Program believed the millions of unemployed, or underemployed Americans looking for jobs, couldn't fill.

Second - The deliberate introduction of vast numbers of people of different races and religions into American society has drastically diluted the sole bond that once existed between the majority of Americans: being white Christians.

The truth is it has been easier for the Establishment to solve its differences with American workers by replacing them with millions of people from underdeveloped countries. It was easier to transform the character of the American population, than it would have been to change the character and demands of American workers.

The truth is the United States of today isn't the country it was fifty years ago, at the end of WWII. This is obviously acceptable to the families of the American Establishment who no longer consider themselves mere Americans, for today they are "global" citizens with factories and homes anywhere and everywhere, with all the people of the planet available to labor in their factories.

Should the process of integration be continued in this country, there will come a time when Anglo-Saxon, Protestant-Christians are the minority. At this time, the divisiveness within the U.S.A. will emulate the "balkanized" conditions within much of Europe and the essence of nation will be difficult to maintain. At this time, the United States, as it has been known for hundreds years, will cease to exist.

We sit upon the threshold of this time.

9. Rising Election Costs

Another pattern, but one that has been inevitable, is the unreasonably high costs of electioneering by political candidates. This strategy assures the Establishment that a candidate will be of the privileged class, or deeply indebted to those who finance his or her campaign. Of course, high costs automatically rules out citizens who are qualified to hold public office, but who have little networking or financial support.

This dependency upon money, and those who control it, is a condition totally incompatible with the concept of true democracy. The pattern goes hand in hand with the pattern which, slowly but surely since the end of WWII, displaced the political gangs controlling state and federal governments with corporate executives—the representatives of economic wealth.

And why not?

Some of these corporations are enormous giants, producing greater annual income than some of the fifty states, or many small foreign nations. The frightening truth is—as many of them hold interlocking directorates—very few men control the vast natural and productive resources of the United States for their own benefit and to the detriment of the republic.

These men wield immense economic power. Not only can they create demand for their wares, and dictate market price with their huge corporate advertising budgets but, when united, they hold and often wield a power that affects national and international affairs.

Sadly, most office holders at all levels of government, who do not come from the corporate world, make as little effort to represent the interests of the people as do corporate office holders. Whether it's because they are sympathetic with the goals of business or intimidated by it is irrelevant. The results are that the myopic corporate vision of American government is compounded.

It's the interests of profit that most politicians attend, not the needs of society. It's the corporate "lobbyists" who hold their allegiance, not their home constituencies.

When the public objected to the blatant bribery of political representatives by corporate interests, the men of Congress passed a law making it a crime for corporations to give money directly to politicians. The predictable loophole in the law made it possible for them to offer their bribes indirectly through "political action committees."

Between the influence of lobbyists and political action committees, the United States has fully evolved into a political system of the corporation, by the corporation and for the corporation. But as the corporation is the vehicle through which wealthy, privileged people create and safeguard their wealth, it may safely be claimed that the political system of the U.S. is today, as it has been other than the short period of time affected by New Deal policies, a system of the wealthy, by the wealthy, and for the wealthy.

As always, the law enforcement agencies of the country are their agencies, not yours. The national guards of the country are theirs, not yours. The armed forces of the U.S.A. are theirs, not yours. Should you ever pose a physical threat to the status quo, any or all of these armed forces will shoot you down and kill you upon command, as they have done to American commoners in the past.

The FBI and the CIA are part of the Establishment's arsenal to keep the American people under control, but the techniques they use are more sophisticated and subtle. These two "government" agencies, often headed by corporate executives, spy upon the American people as well as upon citizens of other nations. And when they kill people, it often goes unnoticed and unreported.

The CIA isn't a "government" agency. It's the American Establishment's secret police, with agents throughout the planet doing the

dirty things they do to prepare other countries for the intrusion of American business interests.

The organization, which employs thousands of people, possesses its own radio and television stations, airlines, and large profit-producing corporations, is accountable neither to the Congress nor the citizenry of the United States.

It's this insidious spy organization that is responsible for much of the destructive activities erupting throughout the planet: the undermining of foreign political regimes that oppose the American Establishment's plans, the spying upon Americans who might harbor anti-Establishment thoughts, the murder of Americans rocking the Establishment's boat.

In the late '40s the CIA plied its dirty work in Greece, and Albania. In the '50s it was in British Guinea, Iran, Syria, Indonesia, Cambodia, Haiti, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. In the '60s it was in the Congo, Ghana, Algeria, Guatemala, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, Chile, Bolivia, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic. In the '70s it was in Australia, Zaire, Jamaica, Seychelles, Grenada, Panama, and Afghanistan. In the '80s, it was Morocco, Surinam, Libya, Nicaragua, and El Salvador. In the '90s it was Bulgaria, the Middle East, and the Philippines.

This is the monster that the Republican Administration has now dredged from the darkness of slime into the glare of light as it places the CIA into the forefront of its "War on Terrorism," with confidence that it no longer has anything to fear from the opinions of a docile and ignorant American public.

10. Constant War

The logical last pattern—and the most obvious and first to be noticed—has been the pervasiveness of war in the republic since the end of WWII, despite lack of a belligerent enemy.

We were no sooner out of real and necessary wars with Germany and Japan then we were into an unnecessary war with North Korea, followed by an unnecessary war with North Vietnam. During that same period, we had an unnecessary "Cold War" with Russia and an unnecessary "Drug War" here at home against our own citizens.

We have also been involved in conflicts involving Libya, Grenada, Iraq, Bosnia, Afghanistan and the current contrived "War on Terrorism"

that promises to give us a real war with Iraq and the entire Muslim world.

Despite Establishment propaganda to the contrary, it is not difficult to determine that the American Establishment has deliberately instigated all of these contrived wars.

This partiality for war is very strange behavior for a people professing to be peace loving. Where was the attempt to pursue peace and save lives? Where were American statesmen? Do we still have any?

Why is it that Plato's observation more than 2,000 years ago rushes to mind?

...When the tyrant has disposed of foreign enemies by conquest or treaty, and there is nothing to fear from them, then he is always stirring up some war or other, in order that the people may require a leader...

Is it unreasonable to suspect that the conflicts in Latin America, Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Iraq, Somalia, Bosnia, the "Drug War," and the expired "Cold War" are merely manifestations of American capitalism's drive to survive and prosper?

As in Orwell's Oceania, the American Establishment has created crisis after crisis, and has kept tight control of "emergency" war powers throughout all of these years. This power has enabled it to keep hundreds of thousands of young Americans out of the unemployment lines by putting them in uniform—or committing them to prison.

War is horrible and undesirable to common people, who are usually the ones to fight and die in wars. But war is compatible with the capitalist philosophy and systems of industrial production.

War not only diverts government funds into military projects, rather than social projects that might improve conditions for common people, but wars consume and destroy astronomical amounts of manufactured goods, all of which have to be replaced during and after the war.

The Korean and Vietnam Wars were not wars to defeat communism. That was the noble reason. The true reason, one generally accepted by most informed people, is they were wars to gain new sources of raw materials and new markets for corporate products.

Another function of these wars was to destroy the economies and cultures of the two countries.

The deliberate devastation of farmland and destruction of the agricul-

tural base of both Korea and Vietnam forced peasants to seek survival needs elsewhere. How lucky many eventually found jobs in the new factories built by western corporations after the war.

Coincidence?

Not really. It was a strategy similar to that used in many areas of Africa and South America by European powers during the 19th and early 20th centuries. Invading European corporations normally burned native farms making it difficult for natives to survive unless they accepted work on corporate farms. This made the native commoners of economically undeveloped countries dependent upon the invaders for survival and is how some European businessmen grew rich. It's also how they indoctrinated these "pagan foreigners" to the white man's religion.

The wanton and vicious napalming of South Asia was merely the modern way to efficiently burn farmlands, gain willing employees, and indoctrinate primitive Asians into the worship of capitalism and Christianity

Killing millions of adult Asians also disrupted the normal cultural socialization of the young by eliminating adult role models, diverting the natural evolution of ancient cultures into the channels of capitalism and consumption. How lucky for capitalists that the new generations in those two countries are now addicted to American consumerism. (Doesn't the slow, but deliberate, transformation of America from an adult into a children's culture fulfill the identical objective?)

Then there was the "Cold War" and the "Drug War."

The Cold War was the western capitalists' answer to the spread of "communism." Communists were the alleged enemy, lurking in the shadows ready to take away our country, ready to enslave us.

A truth that was conveniently ignored by the Establishment press was that the Russian people were exhausted by the recent war against the German juggernaut, a war that had depleted and weakened their military capabilities. The last thing the Russian people needed—or wanted in 1945—was a war against the powerful United States. Yet the U.S. instigated hostilities by declaring the existence of a "Cold War" between the two countries.

The Russian people's revolution had gone sour in 1917 and no one knew it better than the Russian people. They also knew that as a result of

their attempt to gain freedom from tyrannical oppression, the United States had become their most vocal enemy.

How many Americans have questioned what might have been, if small-minded men of fearful, western Establishments hadn't overreacted to the overthrow of the Tzarist monarchy and sent troops to defeat the people's army at the beginning of the last century, illegally keeping them in Russia after war's end futilely trying to reinstall the Tsar to power?

How many Americans have asked what might have been, if these western nations hadn't treated Russia as an enemy and ostracized it from the community of world traders for nearly a century, starving the country for technology and essential commodities?

Most Americans don't think about these things. They don't even think about why their own country of super abundance still has pockets of such deep poverty? Or why, if this is a democracy, some Americans hold the power to initiate unnecessary wars and send other Americans off to die?

In reality, the Cold War was nothing more than another ploy to rouse the fears of the American public, gain tight command of government, and siphon more billions of public dollars into private pockets.

More than any other, the artificial war on "illegal" drugs has divided the American people as no other issue since slavery.

Initially, the war against marijuana was contrived to discredit and criminalize vocal critics of the Vietnam War, many of who smoked marijuana and not Establishment grown tobacco. This, despite the conclusions of all the qualified studies made over the previous half century repudiating the dangers of marijuana.

By imitating the prohibition era of the 1920s, the Establishment deliberately created a profitable national market for "illegal" narcotics, attracting the kind of ruthless people who always appear when profits promise to be astronomical.

Unfortunately, or perhaps as planned, such a lucrative market also attracted thousands of enterprising, naive Americans who did what Americans have been taught best to do—profitably fill a consumer demand.

Passing laws to create "drug" criminals, and using large amounts of public money to entice these young Americans into selling drugs to undercover government agents, the Establishment succeeded in entrapping and

imprisoning thousands of young Americans; deliberately and vindictively destroying their lives.

Using its control and influence with the news and entertainment media, the Establishment blanketed the nation with an illusory social environment in which sellers and users of illegal drugs are the bad guys, and cops the good guys.

Millions of gullible Americans were programmed to believe "druggies" are evil, and to ignore that they were fathers, or mothers, or brothers, or sisters, or sons, or daughters. They were programmed to forget the totality of the individual: the goodness, the dreams, the aspirations, the productive potential, and to concentrate solely on their involvement with bad, "illegal" drugs.

Millions of Americans were programmed to ignore the truth that Establishment controlled alcohol and tobacco are more addictive and dangerous to human life, and annually responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Americans, far more than any illegal narcotic.

One more bit of relevancy about drugs. The Establishment controlled media has conveniently ignored to point out that flooding a country with drugs to destroy its national cohesiveness and strength is an old military strategy to undermine an enemy being prepared for conquest.

When the dictator of Iraq invaded the tiny oil-rich kingdom of Kuwait, in 1991, the Republican president, the father of our current, unelected Republican president, declared that he would send troops, whether or not Congress approved. Thoroughly intimidated, the men and women of Congress halfheartedly supported the decision, as did a few United Nation countries.

From the very beginning of the "Desert Storm," War, the Establishment media overwhelmed the citizenry in its attempt to justify American aggression and program the American people to accept not only the necessity of American involvement in this war, but female "soldiers" as part of the war.

Television and print commentaries and editorials explained the bombing of civilians as the only way to win. Every effort was made to justify the logic of war and to convince young Americans that going to war and murdering thousands of innocent people were the right things to do.

By dropping more destruction in a shorter time than in either of the two World Wars, “allied” forces—mostly American—destroyed the Iraqi city of Baghdad. The conflict ended quickly. Almost 100,000 Iraqi’s were killed; Americans suffered fewer than one hundred deaths.

All the scare talk, and all the imagined terror of a dangerous Iraqi military proved to be mere fiction, nothing more than Establishment propaganda. Inexplicably, the Iraqi ruler was allowed to remain in power.

The contrived nature of “Desert Storm” was obvious to some Americans. Just as obvious, but terribly more frightening, was the fact that war had become acceptable television entertainment for current generations of Americans.

In 1999, the American Establishment once again abused its greater military force and killed innocent people with its interference and massive bombing of Kosovo. Despite the professed noble reason, which was to stop the Serbian slaughter of Yugoslavian Albanians, the true reason is identical to the reason for the merciless U.S. bombing of Vietnam and other small Asian countries.

According to an article in the New York Times:

...air power worked not by bombing the Serbs out of Kosovo but by bombing the jobs out of Belgrade—crushing its economic infrastructure and creating something of a vacuum...

Today’s the American Establishment is at war against terrorism.” Today, the Establishment media accelerates its drive to confuse and control American commoners with its hysterical blathering of foreign dangers.

By definition, the term terrorize means “to fill with terror, to dominate, coerce, or subdue by terror or intimidation.” By definition a terrorist is “one who terrorizes.”

But from the viewpoint and actions of the U.S. Establishment, a terrorist is “any person living in one of a dozen undeveloped countries who might harbor thoughts of harming this country or its citizens in any way.”

Accordingly, government agencies have imprisoned hundreds of Middle Eastern immigrants merely on the possibility that they might be criminals or terrorists without a smidgen of proof that they are.

Labeling a man an “enemy” because he harbors ill thoughts of you is

paranoid. Imprisoning, attacking, or killing him for harboring those thoughts, because you have the power to do so, is something entirely different. It’s a barbaric abuse of power. It’s the act of a bully.

Yes, crashing planes into the twin towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon was an act of terrorism. Yes, it was an act of evil, for it was made against thousands of innocent people who were not guilty or responsible for the actions that had prompted the terrorists to such violent action.

But the illogical response by the American Administration is also more vicious than was necessary, and it, too, is an act of evil, for it has taken the lives of many more innocent people than the number of Americans who died on 9/11, and if not stopped promises to take many more.

Despite media claims that the September 11, 2001 event in New York City and that of Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941 were similar, they are worlds apart both in meaning and implications. The attacks on the Twin Towers and the Pentagon were not traditional acts of war—acts of an organized body of political leaders of one people against another—as it was with Pearl Harbor. It was an isolated act of religious zealots against a political giant they hated and feared. It was the type of response traditionally used by a smaller, weaker party against a larger, heavier armed adversary.

Our political leaders have said that Saudi Arabian, Osam bin Laden is the man who planned the horror, and we’ve been told that the perpetrators were Arabian citizens. However, they’ve never presented the American public with conclusive proof of bin Laden’s guilt.

American troops have not found him in the caves of Afghanistan. Nor has he been found in Pakistan. The \$1,000,000 reward offered by the Republican Administration for a lead to bin Laden remains unclaimed. Bin Laden is suspiciously nonexistent.

Perhaps that’s because he may no longer be alive and doesn’t exist, and hasn’t existed since before September 11th, 2002?

The villain whom Oceania’s citizens feared and hated was a bearded fiction created by the country’s Establishment. He didn’t exist. He was a figment of someone’s imagination. But the hate conjured up by the required daily five minutes of hate via Oceania’s television network was as

real and as easily manipulated as any hatred can be.

Bin Laden is, or was, a real live person. But the hate and fear stirred up by the American media has just as easily been manipulated and is now taking us down the destructive path of military aggression.

There's no argument that Arabian hands carried out the atrocity, but do we really know who planned or helped with the planning?

Despite bin Laden's oft-quoted denunciations of the U.S. and the videos of bin Laden that have popped up—and in these times of high-tech computer image manipulation, photographic images should no longer be taken at face value—his guilt in the bombings should not be assumed so casually.

There are many questions that first should be asked.

Why did the unelected president switch the target of American vengeance from bin Laden to the ruling Taliban party of Afghanistan with the ease of a snake oil salesman? Why, after routing the Taliban from power, did he casually switch it again to a general "War Against Terrorism," everywhere in the world? Why is he now arguing for a "regime change" in Iraq and threatening to invade the country?

If Saudi's have been identified as the terrorists of 9/11, and we are told that the Saudi government is sympathetic and finances such terrorist groups, why did U.S. forces invade Afghanistan and kill thousands of innocent peasants? Why wasn't Saudi Arabia invaded?

Is this an implication that the American Establishment had something to do with September 11th? Is it the belief that Americans might have been responsible for the deliberate killing of 3,000 other Americans?

Excuse the cynicism.

Should Americans ignore the possibility that the those who were responsible for the callous and unnecessary deaths of one hundred thousand Americans boys in the Korean and Vietnam Wars to further their ambitions for profit are any less capable of sacrificing a few thousand more lives as they seek to complete their economic conquest of planet Earth?

Certainly, no more than they should forget that Oceania's Establishment rocket bombed and killed its own citizens to maintain a pseudo-wartime control of government.

We know the unelected Republican president and members of his

cabinet knew well in advance of the possibility of such a violent attack. Yet, they made no attempt to prevent it. Why not?

Is it because Mr. Bush and his associates are hip deep in muck with the oil industry? Were they involved with the planning, or did they merely want to take advantage of such an attack to further their plans for an oil pipeline through Afghanistan; a pipeline the country's ruling Taliban refused to allow?

Either reason makes them as guilty of the crime as the men who crashed the planes into the buildings.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

It means that global economic conquest is the ultimate objective of America's elite families and groups, the objective towards which postwar strategies carry them.

It's the conquest of the planet by economic force supported by military force: the substitution of political power by economic power, and the replacement of all Earth cultures by the consumer culture.

During the late '60s through the '80s, Americans were alerted in many subtle ways by Establishment propaganda to prepare for their New World Order, but we were never told what that order was to be. It was for us to discover by ourselves.

Then the clarion calls for the New World Order, suspiciously reminiscent of the language used by Nazi Germany for its future Utopia, was replaced by the Establishment call for "Globalization and Free Trade." Upon examination, however, this was merely a different label for the identical concept.

It means the New World Order of Globalization is one such as has never been seen on planet Earth. It's the natural culmination of five hundred years of evolution from total reliance on brute-force to primary reliance on economic-force. It's the ascendancy of merchants and money manipulators over generals, politicians, and kings.

In the United States, it's the shifting of power from the Congress to the corporate boardroom. On planet Earth, it's an alliance of giant corporate empires whose objective is to gain control of the planet's natural and productive resources and essential people services.

It means the planet is the ultimate prize for aggressive men with the desperate need to pamper their grand insecurities.

By controlling sources of food, housing, energy, transportation, and communications, a nation's economic rulers control the narrows to its survival. By controlling the narrows of survival to all Earth nations, a World Establishment can control all people of the planet.

Such an organization can dictate the foods people will eat, or if they will eat. It can dictate the forms of energy, and the methods of transportation to be used. It can dictate the information communicated, or withheld. It can dictate where there will be war, and which people will die in these wars. And it can dictate it all from behind the mantle of invisibility provided by its corporations, and the cloak of silence produced by its media.

Economic rule is far more efficient than military rule.

History tells us there are always ambitious collectors of wealth and power dissatisfied with what they have; there is never too much they can own, nor too many people over whom they can wield power. There are always men who would like to own it all.

As we enter the 21st century, to own it all means to wield power over all the people of the planet: to rule the planet. It's the supreme ambition of tyrants. Or madmen.

Half a century ago, the madmen of a few Earth Establishments united to forcibly take away the wealth and power of many other Establishments, and nearly succeeded in their quest for global domination.

Then, rising from the ashes of military defeat, two of these Establishments, Germany and Japan—in cooperation with the U.S. Establishment—seemingly conquered the world with their economic abilities.

Why didn't anyone question their economic invasion of the United States? The intrusion could never have happened, if men at the highest levels of the American Establishment didn't want it to happen. Why didn't anyone question the American Establishment's utter lack of resistance and its illogical excuses? Earlier in the last century men of the Establishment would have been screaming from the rooftops, demanding high tariffs and restrictive laws.

Why have Germany and Japan been given access to American resources? Why have large corporations of other nations been given such

access? Why have the fascist foxes been given entry into the hen house without so much as a squawk of protest from members of the American Establishment?

We Americans have witnessed many such puzzling events.

We have witnessed the sudden and unexpected toppling of the Berlin Wall and the reunification of a more powerful Germany. We have witnessed the sudden and unexpected collapse of communism, which, until the very day before, had flourished as capitalism's arch enemy. We have witnessed the sudden and unexpected division of the Soviet republic into smaller, quarrelsome states. We have witnessed the separation of Pakistan from India.

It means with the continued weakening of this country's federal government and the strengthening of state authority over American citizens, with the deterioration of the American people as a cohesive political entity and the possible separation of Quebec from Canada, which is the free world's second largest nation, there will be no political Establishments remaining powerful enough to challenge the supremacy of the new, economic World Establishment. It will reign supreme.

These are events of the greatest magnitude. A short span ago no fiction writer in the wildest flights of fantasy would have conjured up such scenarios. Yet we're asked to believe few in the western camp anticipated them. We're asked to believe the American Establishment and its multi-billion dollar spy communities were caught completely by surprise. We're asked to believe in miracles!

It means the reason working Americans haven't understood the nature of these major global changes, or the real nature of our country's deterioration during the last half century, is that it isn't another country—another political Establishment—that has aggressively been attacking us, but a group of corporations and their invisible economic Establishments.

It means it hasn't been the traditional armies of uniformed men that have caused the radical geopolitical changes of Earth during the last fifty years, but the covert activities of Establishment agents in three-piece business suits.

It means when they formed the World Trade Organization in 1995, these corporate powers began their most clearly defined push for control

of planet Earth. Under the guidance of the WTO and the U.S. Council for International Business, an organization formed soon after the end of WWII, American big business has been pressuring the Congress of the United States for the deregulation of international trade and financial services.

These corporations are behind the drive to legitimize the Multilateral Agreement on Investment, a document that would require all of a nation's economy to be open to foreign investment and give foreign corporations rights equal to domestic businesses. It would hold a government accountable for any internal strife, such as labor strikes or revolution that may cause loss of profit, and protect foreign investment from government interference. The document gives powerful "investors" extraordinary powers.

In essence, it means the Multilateral Agreement on Investment would subordinate all participating political governments—and their constituencies—to the priorities of a central group of large corporations. It would subordinate the human populations of planet Earth to the priorities of rich, privileged investors and their money machines.

Belief in such a conspiracy might be based upon circumstantial evidence. There might not be a conspiracy to form an economic world order. There might not be a conspiracy to destroy the American democracy. The violence and illogical happenings saturating the planet might be nothing more than coincidence, or the consequences of unrestrained human greed and stupidity.

But damned if it isn't easier to believe in conspiracy of these men who are the same kind of men who conspired at the Constitutional Meeting in 1787 to keep American commoners from wielding political power; the same kind of men who conspired in 1897 to distract commoner thoughts from domestic problems by embroiling the country in foreign affairs; the same kind of men who conspired in 1912 to fool American commoners that the new "Federal" Reserve System wasn't really a privately held banking system; the same kind of men who conspired in 1945 to help thousands of Nazi businessmen and some of the worst murderers in human history to escape punishment for their crimes.

It means a simple truth is privileged people at the top of the American hierarchal ladder today don't want the United States of America to exist as a true, functioning democracy any more than the Founding Fathers

wanted one when they instigated their revolt against England.

They enjoy using the resources of the nation for their own profit and pleasures. They enjoy being truly rich and "lording" it over the masses. They enjoy ruling the country, and would like to create a social environment in which American commoners have no more expectations of a better life, than commoners anywhere have ever had—and as little as the repressed citizens of George Orwell's Oceania had.

Does all of this seem melodramatic, like a plot out of a movie? Maybe. But truth is often stranger than fiction and, after all, it was the modern businessman in his quest for maximum profits who first understood the true advantages of long-range planning and cooperating with competitors.

It was the robber barons of the late 19th century and their pools of money and assets who first garnered the rewards of corporate cooperation. It was their corporate trusts and their ability to make long-range plans that made it possible for them to accumulate the vast wealth and power that paved the way for today's international conglomerates.

It means cooperation and collusion, not free competition, built the great corporate empires of today.

Adolph Hitler once said, "It gives us a very secret pleasure to see how unaware people are of what is really happening to them." He also said, "What good fortune for those in power that people do not think."

How much pleasure do the members of this New World Establishment of capitalists get from knowing American commoners neither think, nor have the slightest idea what's really happening to them? How much pleasure do they get from knowing they are about to claim uncontested rule of planet Earth?

That's what Chapter VI means.

