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Freedom or Global Hegemony

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Webster's Dictionary Definition

- 1 a planning and acting together secretly, esp. for an unlawful or harmful purpose, such as murder or treason
- 2 the plan agreed on; plot
- 3 the group taking part in such a plan

What is Conspiracy?

From the Cornell University Law Collection - US Codes
TITLE 18 , PART I , CHAPTER 19 , Sec. 371. Sec.

371. - Conspiracy to commit offense or to defraud United States - If two or more persons conspire either to commit any offense against the United States, or to defraud the United States, or any agency thereof in any manner or for any purpose, and one or more of such persons do any act to effect the object of the conspiracy, each shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than five years, or both.

In order to establish a conspiracy offense it is not necessary for the Government to prove that all of the people named in the indictment were members of the scheme; or that those who were members had entered into any formal type of agreement; or that the members had planned together all of the details of the scheme or the 'overt acts' that the indictment charges would be carried out in an effort to commit the intended crime.

What the evidence in the case must show beyond a reasonable doubt is:

First: That two or more persons, in some way or manner, came to a mutual understanding to try to accomplish a common and unlawful plan, as charged in the indictment;

Second: That the person willfully became a member of such conspiracy;

Third: That one of the conspirators during the existence of the conspiracy knowingly committed at least one of the methods (or 'overt acts') described in the indictment; and

Fourth: That such 'overt act' was knowingly committed at or about the time alleged in an effort to carry out or accomplish some object of the conspiracy.

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The George W. Bush Administration

Bush's cabinet, staff, and top level appointees have served either as corporate management, consultants, board members, lobbyists for, or advisors to the following corporations: Harken, Haliburton, Monstanto, Microsoft, Pharmica, TMBR / Sharp Drilling, Motorola, Sears, GM, GE, Ford, Lockheed Martin, Lear, Amtrak, Phillip Morris, Delta Petroleum, BP Amoco, AT&T, Enterprise, Northwest Airlines, United Airlines, Clorox, Bank of America, Citigroup, AOL, Gulfstream, Boeing, Alcoa, International Paper, Lucent Technologies (Bell), Lilly, Qualcomm, Chevron, Charles Schwab, and Transamerica.

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Likewise, this administration has significant membership from former Republican administrations stretching as far back as Richard Nixon. Here are some highly publicized examples. **Dick Rumsfeld** served under Nixon, Ford, Reagan, and Bush Sr. **Dick Cheney** served under all except Reagan (when he was a Congressman from Wyoming). **Colin Powell** held positions in the Ford, Reagan, and Bush Sr. administrations. **Ann Veneman, Paul O'Neil, and Antony Principi** served under the President's father.

President Bush has also appointed several people convicted in the Iran / Contra investigation: John Negroponte (now US Representative to the UN); Otto Reich (now Asst. Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs); Eliot Abrams (now Dir. of Office for Democracy, Human Rights and International Operations) 13 . (Oliver North is now a Commentator for Fox News). Given the relationship of the current cabinet and appointees to the projects of previous administrations, it is not surprising that President Bush has blocked the constitutionally timed release of the Reagan presidential records 14 , and virtually eliminated the Freedom of Information Act.

If the Bush administration is linked to corporate and financial interests, then assuredly those interests also are linked to the administration. The most highly publicized source of suspected influence is the President's father and the link to Carlyle (a private investment firm). Two excellent articles address the connections and activities of the Carlyle Group: ...

Its CEO is Carlucci (former CIA Deputy Director and Defense Secretary under Reagan). Among its luminaries are: Jim Baker (former Sec. of State), Dick Dartman (former White House budget Director), William Kennard (former head of the FCC), John Major (former PM of Britain), Fidel Ramos (former President of the Philippines), and not least ... George H. W. Bush Sr. (former President of the U.S. and father of the current President) to name a few.

The following quotes by Monsanto representatives capture the aim of corporations:

Mr. Jack Kennedy of Monsanto has said, "**we propose to penetrate the Indian agricultural sector in a big way.**"

According to Mr. Robert Farley of Monsanto, "**what you are seeing is not just a consolidation of seed companies, it's really a consolidation of the entire food chain.** Since water is as central to food production as seed is, and without water life is not possible, Monsanto is now trying to establish its control over water. During 1999, Monsanto plans to launch a new water business, starting with India and Mexico since both these countries are facing water shortages." GE Food Alert Campaign. 3/6/02.

The following quote from Greg Palast captures the nature of global trade and "development" agreements:

"We found inside these documents [from the World Bank] that basically they **required nations to sign secret agreements, in which they agreed to sell off their key assets, in which they agreed to take economic steps which are really devastating to the nations involved** and if they didn't agree to these steps, there was an average for each nation that signed one-hundred and eleven items that they are required to sign on to. **If they didn't follow those steps they would be cut-off from all international borrowing.** You can't borrow any money in the international marketplace. No one can survive without borrowing, whether you are people or corporations or countries - without borrowing some money and having some credit and ..." Palast (3/4/02)

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Jeffrey T. Richardson. 1995. The U.S. Intelligence Community. Westview Press. P. 350-353

Reagan administration covert action in support of the Afghan resistance (which revolved around six major political groups and a variety of tribal bands, with 90,000-100,000 active insurgents at any one time) continued and expanded the program begun by the Carter administration. By fall 1981 the United States was involved with China, Pakistan, Egypt, and Saudi Arabia in a covert aid program. Saudi Arabia provided money, Egypt provided training, China provided weapons, and the United States provided Kalashnikov rifles, antitank missiles, and other weapons from U.S. and Egyptian stocks. Copies of Soviet weapons were produced by CIA-controlled factories in Egypt and the United States. In addition, some weapons, such as SA-7 anti-aircraft missiles, were upgraded."

Weapons would arrive by air in Pakistan aboard planes that were constantly being repainted with new markings. Under agreement with Pakistani ruler Zia-ul Huq, the arms were then placed under the jurisdiction of Pakistan's Inter_Services Intelligence Directorate (ISID) and, under ISID's supervision, transferred by a Pakistani Army unit, the National Logistics Cell, to mujahideen leaders. Among the arms were surface-to-air missiles, which were responsible for shooting down at least sixty Soviet helicopters in the first year.

A large increase in funding began in the fall of 1983 with a secret amendment to the defense appropriations bill authored by Representative Charles Wilson. The amendment rechanneled \$40 million of DOD money to the CIA for the Afghan operation. Part of the money was for Oerlikon heavy anti-aircraft cannons. At Wilson's initiative, Congress authorized another \$50 million for more supplies and weapons in July 1984 .

By fiscal year 1985, expenditures for support of the resistance reached \$250 million per year.

Support was further increased in the last part of 1985. In October 1985 Congress secretly appropriated \$470 million for operations in Afghanistan during fiscal year 1986. Part of the funding was used for ammunition and small weapons.

U.S. instructors trained rebels in a camp in Pakistan after the guerrillas had initial difficulties in handling the weapon.

In addition to supplying the resistance with weapons, the CIA also provided at least \$2 billion in counterfeit Afghan currency. The counterfeit currency allowed the resistance to pay the exorbitant fees that Afghan mule drivers and truckers charged to haul supplies and to offer bribes.

Six weeks before the Soviet Union was to begin its withdrawal on May 15, 1988, weapons were pouring into Afghanistan for the resistance fighters. Included were TOW antitank missiles, 120-mm Spanish mortars, and advanced antitank cannons. Giant US. C-5A transports were being met by scores of trucks belonging to Pakistan's government-run trucking line.

How America courted the Taliban

by Ishtiaq Ahmad Pakistan Observer, 20 October 2001

For years, US Oil Company UNOCAL with its Saudi partner Delta, competed with the Argentinean rival, Birdas, to build a gas pipeline from Turkmenistan to Pakistan through Afghanistan. And for that, it collaborated with the Taliban authorities in Afghanistan.

As for the US government, it wanted UNOCAL to build the oil and gas pipelines from Central Asian states to Pakistan through Afghanistan so that the vast untapped oil and gas reserves in the Central Asian and Caspian region could be transported to markets in South Asia, South-East Asia Far East and the Pacific.

Consequently, the Clinton administration ignored the rise of the Taliban from October 1994 onwards, with the active backing of its allies Pakistan and Saudi Arabia. Especially after the fall of Kabul in September 1996, Clinton administration officials openly lobbied for the UNOCAL before Taliban authorities.

UNOCAL, ... donated \$900,000 to the Centre of Afghanistan Studies at the University of Omaha, Nebraska—and much more. The said Centre set up a training and humanitarian aid programme for the Afghans, opening a school in Kandahar, which began to train some 400 Afghan teachers, electricians, carpenters and pipe-fitters to help UNOCAL to lay the pipeline.

This was in addition to millions of dollars of US official assistance to Taliban authorities as humanitarian assistance. The Bush administration contributed significantly to the humanitarian relief effort in Afghanistan in helping the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) prior to the September 11 tragedy.

As recently as July this year, Christina Rocca, the US Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia met the Taliban officials in Islamabad and announced \$43 million in food and shelter aid, bringing to \$124 the US contribution to the IDPs this year alone.

When Kabul fell to Taliban in September 1996, the US State Department announced it would establish diplomatic relations with Taliban by sending a diplomat in Kabul. State Department spokesman Glyn Davies said the US found “nothing objectionable” in the steps taken by the Taliban to impose Islamic law. Senator Hank Brown, a supporter of the UNOCAL project, said, “The good part of what has happened is that one of the factions at least seems capable of developing a government in Kabul.” As for the UNOCAL, its Vice President Miller called the Taliban’s success a “positive development.”

The World Trade Center attack.....Caspian Oil and Gas and the Afghanistan Pipeline Connection

By Jon Flanders

The US government Energy Information fact sheet on Afghanistan dated December 2000 says that.."Afghanistan's significance from an energy standpoint stems from its geographic position as a potential transit route for oil and natural gas exports from Central Asia to the Arabian Sea. This potential includes proposed multi-billion dollar oil and gas export pipelines through Afghanistan, although these plans have now been thrown into serious question....."

US publishes textbooks for Afghanistan

According to Washington Post investigators, over the past twenty years the US has spent millions of dollars producing fanatical schoolbooks, which were then distributed in Afghanistan.

"The primers, which were filled with talk of jihad and featured drawings of guns, bullets, soldiers and mines, have served since then [i.e., since the violent destruction of the Afghan secular government in the early 1990s] as the Afghan school system's core curriculum. Even the Taliban used the American-produced books..."

Washington Post, 23 March 2002 (A)

(Jared Israel) ... “how will the new textbooks that George Bush Junior is shipping into Afghanistan differ from the old ones?”

...”those old books that were also designed at the University of Nebraska at Omaha and also paid for by US AID? You know, those old, un_American books that George Bush Junior attacked for "indoctrinating students with fanaticism and bigotry"? You know, those terrible old books that were shipped into Afghanistan by US AID when George Bush Senior was President?”

Here's the Washington Post again:

"On Feb. 4, [Chris Brown, head of book revision for AID's Central Asia Task Force] arrived in Peshawar, the Pakistani border town in which the textbooks were to be printed, to oversee hasty revisions to the printing plates. Ten Afghan educators labored night and day, scrambling to replace rough drawings of weapons with sketches of pomegranates and oranges, Brown said."] Washington Post, March 23, 2002

Israel continued ...

So it appears that the only change is that some violent pictures have been removed from the printing plates and some fruit has been added. There is no indication that the texts have been changed.

The Model State Emergency Health Powers Act

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The Model State Health Emergency Powers Act

Points from Institute for Health Freedom

The Institute for Health Freedom previously reported that the MSHEPA gives state governments broad police powers to:

- Declare public-health emergencies; •Force individuals to undergo medical exams;
- Track and share individuals' personal health information without their consent;
- Force individuals to be vaccinated, treated or quarantined;
- Ration food and other commodities; and
- Mobilize state militias to enforce state orders and impose fines and penalties.

A revised model act was released December 21, 2001. It includes several major changes that would greatly expand the power of state and local governments. Most important, the revised version would:

- Give local governments (in addition to state governments) new police powers, and
- Tie licensing laws to the MSEHPA. Health-care facilities, doctors, and health-care providers would have to agree to abide by the MSEHPA during public-health emergencies in order to maintain their licenses to practice or run a health-care business.

These changes would greatly diminish Americans' health freedom--including the freedom of doctors and other health-care providers. Under the revised MSEHPA, doctors could be required to administer treatments they object to. For example, pro-life doctors could be forced to give persons vaccines developed from fetal tissue.

This provision clearly would infringe on doctors' and other health-care providers' freedom of conscience. Moreover, the revised draft legislation does not state clearly that it will uphold existing state laws that provide for exemptions to vaccination. However, it does state that individuals who refuse medical treatment (including vaccination) could be quarantined or isolated.

Many States Have Introduced and Are Considering the Legislation

Various versions of the MSEHPA legislation have been introduced in at least 16 states, according to the American Legislative Exchange Council's Web site www.alec.org, including: AZ, CA, DE, IL, KY, MA, MN, MO, MS, NE, NM, NV, NJ, NY, PA and TN.

States that are considering the legislation or executive branches that are studying it include: CO, CT, DC, HI, MD, ME, NC, OH, OK, SC, TX, VA, and WI.

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USA Patriot Act of 2001 and Civil Liberties

<http://www.aclu.org/congress/1110101a.html>

- Allow for indefinite detention of non-citizens who are not terrorists on minor visa violations if they cannot be deported because they are stateless, their country of origin refuses to accept them or because they would face torture in their country of origin.

- Minimize judicial supervision of federal telephone and Internet surveillance by law enforcement authorities.
- Expand the ability of the government to conduct secret searches.
- Give the Attorney General and the Secretary of State the power to designate domestic groups as terrorist organizations and deport any non-citizen who belongs to them.
- Grant the FBI broad access to sensitive business records about individuals without having to show evidence of a crime.
- Lead to large-scale investigations of American citizens for "intelligence" purposes.

Wiretapping and Intelligence Surveillance

1. The USA Patriot Act allows the government to use its intelligence gathering power to circumvent the standard that must be met for criminal wiretaps.
2. The USA Patriot Act extends a very low threshold of proof for access to Internet communications that are far more revealing than numbers dialed on a phone.
3. In allowing for "nationwide service" of pen register and trap and trace orders, the law further marginalizes the role of the judiciary. It authorizes what would be the equivalent of a blank warrant in the physical world: the court issues the order, and the law enforcement agent fills in the places to be searched.

4. The Act also grants the FBI broad access in "intelligence" investigations to records about a person maintained by a business. The FBI need only certify to a court that it is conducting an intelligence investigation and that the records it seeks may be relevant.

The Act also allows for the broad sharing of sensitive information in criminal cases with intelligence agencies, including the CIA, the NSA, the INS and the Secret Service. It permits sharing of sensitive grand jury and wiretap information without judicial review or any safeguards regarding the future use or dissemination of such information.

The USA Patriot Act continues the unfortunate trend of expanding government access to personal financial information rather than safeguarding it against intrusion.

Under the new law, financial institutions are required to monitor daily financial transactions even more closely and to share information with other federal agencies, including foreign intelligence services such as the CIA. The law also allows law enforcement and intelligence agencies to get easy access to individual credit reports in secret. The law provides for no judicial review and does not mandate that law enforcement give the person whose records are being reviewed any notice.

Student Privacy

The USA Patriot Act allows law enforcement officials to cast an even broader net for student information without any particularized suspicion of wrongdoing. When the changes in federal law dealing with student records privacy are combined with other information-sharing provisions contained in the new law, it becomes clear that highly personal student information will be transmitted to many federal agencies in ways likely to harm innocent students' privacy.

CIA – Weapon of Choice

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Alfred W. McCoy. 1991. The Politics of Heroin: CIA Complicity in the Global Drug Trade. Lawrence Hill Books (15).

Since prohibition of narcotics in the 1920s, alliances between drug brokers and intelligence agencies have protected the global narcotics traffic. In Nationalist China during World War II, the regime's most powerful intelligence agency was allied with the Green Gang, a syndicate that controlled the opium trade along the vast Yangtze Valley. Similarly, in postwar France successive Gaullist governments worked with Marseille's Corsican milieu to fight an underground war against military terrorists. Most important, during the cold war the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency formed alliances with drug syndicates that have had a significant impact on the global heroin traffic.

Given the frequency of such alliances, there seems a natural attraction between intelligence agencies and criminal syndicates. To gain a covert capacity for operations outside normal channels, intelligence agencies have cultivated alliances with criminals in waterfronts and mountain borderlands. In return for their cooperation, port city criminals get protection that allows them to conduct their illegal business in full view of the state and its police. Similarly, highland drug lords benefit from improved logistics in rough terrain, access to capital for larger opium crops, and improved arms to seize and hold territory.

Beyond these practicalities, there seems a natural affinity between covert operatives and criminal syndicates. Both are practitioners of what one retired CIA operative has called the "clandestine arts"—the basic skill of operating outside the normal channels of civil Society. Among all the institutions of modern society, intelligence agencies and criminal syndicates alone maintain large organizations capable of carrying out covert operations without fear of detection. For example, when the CIA needed a legion of thugs to break the 1950 Communist dock strike in Marseille, it turned to that city's Corsican milieu.

When the agency attempted to assassinate Cuban leader Fidel Castro in the 1960s, it retained American Mafia syndicates who could not only kill on contract but ensure confidentiality_something no official U.S. agency, except the CIA itself, could do. Operating in the mountains of Asia, the CIA has allied itself with heroin merchants in Laos, Chinese opium dealers in Burma, and rebel opium armies in Afghanistan.

Over the past forty years, CIA covert operations have often overwhelmed the interdiction efforts of the weaker U.S. drug enforcement agencies.

Drugs and the U.S.

It is estimated that between \$100 and \$250 billion of drug money is being laundered through the United States.

The common investment banking multiplier effect is 6, so that laundered money reflects about \$1 to \$1.5 trillion in cash transactions

“The best estimates say that more than \$1 trillion in dirty money passes into the West each year.” Much of this through larger commercial transactions.

Four states most having largest drug importation: New York, Florida, Texas, and California

States making up 80% of all Presidential campaign funds: New York, Florida, Texas, and California

1. “Chairman Grasso [chairman of the NYSE] and members of his executive staff flew to Colombia to meet with a spokesperson for Raul Reyes of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Columbia (FARC), the country’s largest leftist rebel group. The purpose of the trip was “to bring a “message of cooperation from U.S. financial services” and to discuss foreign investment and the future role of U.S. businesses in Colombia.

“It was only a few days after Grasso’s trip that BBC News reported a GAO report to Congress as saying: "Colombia's cocaine and heroin production is set to rise by as much as 50% as the U.S. backed drug war flounders, due largely to the growing strength of Marxist rebels”

Roberto Hernandez Ramirez former head of the third largest bank in Mexico and having intimate links to Mexican drug cartels now sits on the board of Citibank.

1. Otto Reich appointed by Bush Jr. as Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs was

Office of Diplomacy under Reagan and convicted in Iran / Contra

2. “Colombia’s 40 million inhabitants and its democracy are under assault by three terrorist groups –the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), National Liberation Army (ELN) and the United Self-Defense Forces of Colombia (AUC). The three groups have a combined force of over 25,000 combatants, and engage regularly in massacres, kidnappings, and attacks on infrastructure and public utilities. The FARC and AUC are involved in all facets of narcotics trafficking, including cultivation, processing, and transportation. The income they derive – estimated at over \$300 million a year – has been key to their expansion over the last ten years.”

Reich cont.

“Since July 2000, the U.S has provided Colombia with \$1.7 billion to combat narcotics trafficking and terrorism, strengthen democratic institutions and human rights, foster socio_economic development, and mitigate the impact of the violence on Colombian civilians. We also during most of this time have provided Colombia and our other Andean partners with trade benefits under the Andean Trade Preferences Act (ATPA) to encourage economic development outside of the narcotics trade. Our assistance to Colombia using Plan Colombia funds is limited to support of counternarcotics activities.”

Reich's request for additional monies for Colombian counter-terrorist and counter-narcotics (above humanitarian aid, DOD, and DEA requests :

\$911 million

Columbia's Army

“The small size of Colombia’s armed forces increases the potential for U.S. overcommitment. Currently, the Colombian Army has about 150,000 members, but only about 40,000 of them can be deployed into battle.[2] The rest are at desk jobs or tied down to guarding static infrastructure like pipelines and power lines.”

“This force would need to triple or quadruple in size to take on the insurgents effectively. In fact, a 1999 paper on Colombia from the U.S. Army War College argues, “Conventional wisdom holds that a successful counter_insurgency requires a ratio of 10 soldiers to 1 guerrilla. ... Even if the army were to achieve the 10 to 1 force ratio, it might still not be enough to ‘saturate’ the country.”

Due to the Colombian military's well_documented ties to the paramilitaries, as well as the impunity enjoyed by officers credibly alleged to have been involved in abuses, the U.S. government was unable to certify that its aid recipients met a series of human rights conditions that Congress included in the 2000_2001 aid package law.”

Collusion between the Colombian military and the terrorists of the right is continuing. The following examples are taken from the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights' just_released report on Colombia, which notes that “the Office continued receiving disturbing information about ties between the armed forces and paramilitary groups” throughout 2001.”

“The paramilitaries, who many tax-paying Colombians may view as a cheaper, quicker option than multiplying the size of their military, are getting stronger. They are the fastest_growing of Colombia’s armed groups, increasing from about 4,000 in 1998 to about 14,000 today, and their leaders say they aim to double in size again by next year. They have made significant territorial gains, moving from traditional strongholds like northwestern Colombia and the Middle Magdalena region to town centers in many longtime guerrilla strongholds in southern Colombia and elsewhere. The paramilitaries also fund themselves through the drug trade, and not just because Colombia’s drug lords are among their longtime benefactors.

Like the guerrillas, the paramilitaries tax coca and heroin-poppy in areas where they are strong. The so-called “political director” of the AUC, the media-savvy Carlos Castaño, has admitted in interviews that his group gets about 70 percent of its funding from the drug trade.”

Conclusion

What is it that makes this NOT a conspiracy?

There were plans to undermine the constitution.

There were plans to invade Afghanistan.

There were plans to remove constitutional liberties.

There were plans to create a safe environment for energy companies in Afghanistan and elsewhere (i.e. Columbia).

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Is it NOT a conspiracy because they were opportunistic?

Or is it not a conspiracy because it is the government doing this?

Or is it not a conspiracy that they engage in plans that make friends a lot of money at the expense of the American people and the lives of millions around the world?

The following pictures depict birth defects caused by depleted uranium warheads dropped on Iraq. Similar defects have risen dramatically in Kosovo. If this is what depleted uranium does, imagine what nuclear weapons can do.

http://www.fromthewilderness.com/free/pandora/low_war.html

This is what depleted uranium warheads do. These pictures are from Iraq





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