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Illusions of Hope

It is natural for man to indulge in the illusions of hope and pride. We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth, and listen to the song of that siren till she transforms us into beasts. Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty?

— Patrick Henry, “Give Me Liberty Or Give Me Death” speech, March 23, 1775

Human nature is no different today than when Patrick Henry spoke those words in 1775. And once again, the defense of freedom suffers from

neutralizing false hope — both natural and orchestrated.

Partisan politics is one example. It’s unrealistic to expect that merely supporting Republicans or even “conservative”-talking Republicans, in the absence of an informed electorate, will accomplish anything. An informed electorate must hold them accountable, or they will most certainly give in to the Establishment pressures in Washington.

Then there is the “Great American Swindle” — the tempting notion, fueled by the Establishment, that responsible citizenship merely requires voting for one of the Establishment candidates for president every four years. Recall that America’s Founding

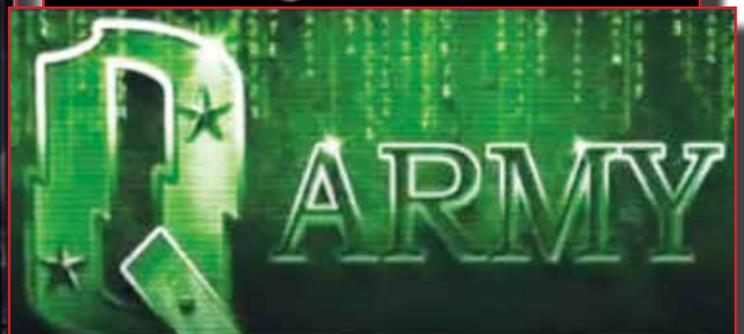
Fathers never intended for Americans to control their government by directly electing a president. They gave us the neglected House of Representatives for that purpose.

Many other neutralizing, even dangerous, tangents absorb the energies, money, and wishful thinking of concerned Americans. Our “Tangents and Traps” booklet warns of several, e.g., the pro-Con-con

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Questioning the Q-Movement: Many Americans are caught up in the Q-movement, activated by posts from an anonymous “Q” opposed to the “Deep State” and claiming access to inside information. Numerous “Q-videos” (sample screens, right) fuel the movement. The widely shared videos mix some important truth with neutralizing nonsense and false hope (see our text). In particular, the claim that our war is being won *for us* by anonymous forces is absurd. Liberal media (left) fuel the movement, too, by ridiculing the “Q” supporters at Trump rallies.



movement and the plea to audit the Fed, which ignore the influence of the Conspiracy.

The Q-Movement

Recently many Americans have succumbed to the Q-movement, activated by the posts from an anonymous “Q” opposed to the “Deep State” and claiming to have access to inside information. The idea that a leaderless movement of variously informed and misinformed individuals, sharing their interpretations of undocumented claims via social media and the Internet, can stop the Conspiracy should be recognized as nonsense.

However, the Q-movement draws considerable energy from a deception principle described by KGB defector Anatoliy Golitsyn in his 1984 *New Lies for Old* (Golitsyn forecast the false liberalization of the Soviet empire more than 5 years *before* the Berlin Wall started to come down):

To be credible and effective, a deception should accord as far as possible with the hopes and expectations of those it is intended to deceive. [pg. 43]

In short, if you want people to accept your deception, you have to tell them something they want to hear that has the ring of truth.

The “Q videos” we have seen are sprinkled with documented facts, not widely known, and terms such as “the new world order,” which appeal to those who recognize their significance, but especially to those eager for an easy solution and false hope.

One Facebook “Q-video” brought to our attention recently leads off as follows:

Something is going on. Some of us see it. Some of us feel it. It’s time to expand your thinking. You will need to reset your thinking about everything you thought you

knew about the world, about the people you trust, about history, about yourself. Let me tell you a story.

And we’re asked to “reset our thinking about everything” based on a 9-minute undocumented story by someone identifying him or herself only as Aramis Yopi (a techie pseudonym?) and purporting without explanation “to be in the know” regarding clandestine operations.

The narrator, accompanied by ominous music, describes the ascendancy and influence of a cabal: “You may know them as the ‘Deep State.’” [See our “Deep State Deception” post]. The narration, delivered at warp speed so the viewer only has time to get impressions, alleges numerous steps by this cabal.

For example, the video claims the cabal “had planned a devastating nuclear war between America and Russia that would have exhausted the last two pillars of freedom for the world, accelerating the horrific endgame that had become inevitable.”

Following the description of the planned “endgame,” we are told:

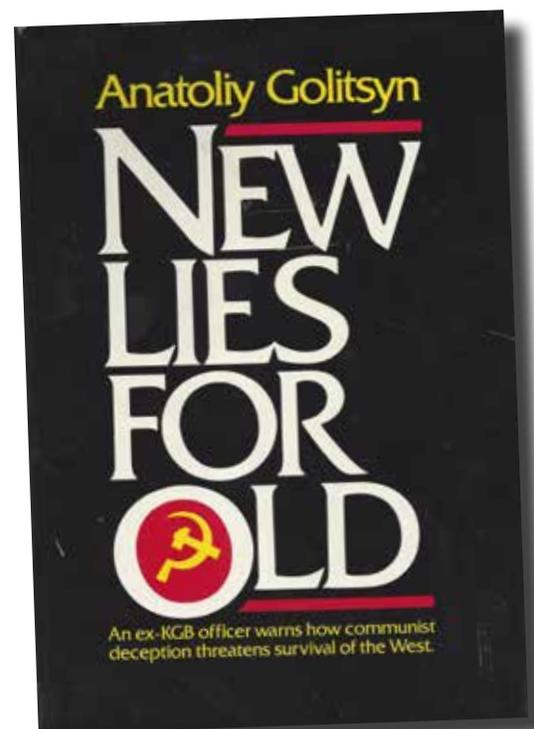
This cabal miraculously lost power in 2016 when a brave operation led by a U.S. military alliance and their global partners were able to return power legitimately over to the light. They had a plan of their very own, one that was many decades in the making. With Donald Trump selected for the role of president, the people of America were slowly awakened to the reality of the world they live in.... This alliance of good set into motion a sophisticated strategy of dismantling the vast network of corruption that had almost overcome every level of government.... But after all this it appears not only that we are winning, but that we have won.

So there you have it. We’ve won! So here’s what the video suggests viewers do: “It’s time to turn off the media, follow your instincts, trust yourself, and *be the plan.*”

Another video representing the Q-Army consists of a discussion between “intheMatrixxx” and “War Drummer Official” (Sean Bouthwell is assuming this role of the “Commander’s war drummer”). The intro to this War Drummer episode leads off with several slates:

You’ve felt it your entire life, that there’s something wrong with the world. You don’t know what it is, but it’s there... like a splinter in your mind driving you mad. Experience the Awakening. Daily Q Decoding. Daily Insightful Threads. Daily TRUTH. Brilliant, Anonymous Researchers. Patriots, join us in the Q Army.... We are Q.

Bouthwell’s guest, “intheMatrixxx,” describes the movement: “This is about sharing views, sharing



KGB principle energizes Q-movement: Align your deception as far as possible with the hopes and expectations of your target.

theories....” But *everyone to his or her own theory* just doesn’t cut it. To convince the people we need to reach requires quality, reliable evidence. And it requires a solid foundation in principle, in the face of the confusion sown by the Conspiracy.

Of course, in a free country anyone can publish a book or YouTube video, no matter how inept or wrong. Were it not for the attention the “Q-videos” are gaining they would not be worth mentioning. That attention is a two-edge sword. Some get caught up in the Q-Army, while the Establishment regularly ridicules conspiracy “theories” to prevent others from discovering conspiracy “fact.”

Real Hope

Of course, there is REAL hope. America’s decline is not inevitable. Our nation is not the victim of insurmountable historical forces. Instead, a Conspiracy is behind many of our problems and can be stopped with *credible* exposure.

But sufficient exposure requires work with proper objectives, and it needs to be organized under reliable *known* leadership with a track record of truth and support for the principles of freedom. Promoting correct principles is essential so as not to replace one totalitarian faction with another. The enemy of your enemy is not necessarily your friend, as the people of Latvia discovered when “liberated” from the Nazis at the end of World War II.

Revolutionaries Embrace Climate-Change Hysteria

As previously discussed, the recent report of the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) claims that nations have just over a decade to get the release of manmade carbon dioxide under control or else – catastrophe!

The United Nations assessment relies heavily on the assumption that the rash of forest fires, severe hurricanes, etc. is due to the human

creation of carbon dioxide. (Many may not realize that severe climate events have been with us forever.) It should be no surprise that the politicized United Nations report would ramp up the doomsday warnings, supplying revolutionaries with a foundation for their demands.

Shortly thereafter, the Trump administration issued its statutorily required Fourth National Climate Assessment, making similar claims.

Recall that our website post “UN Climate-Change Hysteria” highlighted a dissenting lecture by Dr. Richard S. Lindzen, a former atmospheric physicist at MIT with impeccable credentials in climatology. Dr. Lindzen explained what really drives climate change and how non-scientists and non-specialists were being bamboozled by the “carbon dioxide is the enemy” propaganda. In conclusion, he said:

So there you have it. An implausible conjecture backed by false evidence and repeated incessantly has become politically correct “knowledge,” and is used to promote the overturn of industrial civilization. What we will be leaving our grandchildren is not a planet damaged by industrial progress, but a record of

unfathomable silliness as well as a landscape degraded by rusting wind farms and decaying solar panel arrays.

Of course, it’s not silliness. However, Dr. Lindzen is an expert on the science. And many academics have a hard time acknowledging the forces and subversive agendas keeping responsible science from the public.

In his 2009 book, *Green Hell*, (see our website “Review”), author Steve Milloy examined the foundation-supported network of environmental organizations:

The green workhorses are the Natural Resources Defense Council boasting \$88 million in annual revenue and \$167 million in assets, according to Forbes, and the Environmental Defense Fund, enjoying \$83 million in annual revenue and \$108 million in assets.

The Establishment media regularly treat both of these organizations as reliable authorities. For example, Yahoo News (12-7-18) quoted spokesmen from both organizations in “Climate change is already here, scientists say, and it’s killing us.”



New Leftist front group: The highly developed Sunrise Movement is “Building an army of young people to stop climate change....”



“Progressive” Support

Our *November Action Report* highlighted Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a newly elected Democrat from New York, whom *The Hill* described as “a rising star on the left.” Ocasio-Cortez is a member of the Democratic Socialists of America.

The Hill (11-14-18) reported that Ocasio-Cortez “made a splash on her first day of freshman orientation by joining more than 100 youth protesters outside of House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi’s (D-Calif.) office to demand action on climate change” and call for a green new deal.

The protest was organized by Sunrise. The Sunrise website (sunrisemovement.org) boasts: “We are Sunrise — We’re building an army of young people to stop climate change and create millions of good jobs in the process.... *Together, we will change this country and this world, sure as the sun rises each morning.*”

Grow to Win!

We are pleased with the number of non-members signing up for our post alerts. But with more members sharing these alerts, it could be much greater. Think of whom you know who would be interested in a particular alert topic. And follow up to compete for the prospect’s attention and create that

spark of interest in joining Freedom First Society.

Congress: Just Vote the Constitution!

As we go to press, the lame-duck session of Congress is still underway. Its principal task is to finish the remaining seven FY 2019 appropriation bills.

Unfortunately, congressional leaders in neither party are interested in a return to true regular order — i.e., voting on each bill separately. Yet separation is politically necessary for the House to force a phase out of unconstitutional spending, also not on its agenda.

Let’s build the informed electorate required to compel the House to embark on such principled action!

Recommended action: Help build a firestorm of interest in our scorecard. Share scorecard alerts, links to scored votes, and our new scorecard trifold widely (25 for \$5, 50 for \$7, 100 for \$10, plus \$2 shipping & handling).

Save Our Constitution!

by Andrew Carver

We expect a full court press from the Con-con forces this year, so we need to take the offensive now. Many state legislatures begin their 2019 regular session this month (see our website).

However, even if your legislature’s session has yet to start, we need you — and everyone you can involve — to contact legislators and tell them you are opposed to all calls for an Article V Convention (in your emails include any links to info you think will be helpful). If your state has a standing call for a Con-con, suggest your legislator(s) introduce a rescission.

A third kind of measure — what many call “delegate bills” — requires our attention as well. In the face of warnings against a “runaway convention,” the Con-con lobby seeks to lull state legislators into a false sense of security. “Delegate bills” promise to achieve this by implying that there is some mechanism available to state legislatures to control the deliberations of an Article V Con-con. A new post describes more fully this deceptive tactic and its danger to our Constitution.

Additional recommended action: To receive email alerts about Con-con measures nationwide, or only in your state, contact andrew.carver@freedomfirstsociety.org.

Action Summary

Note: Some requests below are ongoing from previous *Action Reports*.

1. **Share** recent website post alerts. **Follow up.** **Invite** good prospects to join FFS.
2. **Schedule** a live group-presentation of “Organize for Victory!” by FFS President G. Vance Smith.
3. **Build** public pressure on Congress to roll back unconstitutional programs. **Share** our FFS website scorecards for the current (115th) Congress (online and hardcopy) and our new trifold.
4. **Inform** new state legislators re the case against a Con-con. **Recruit** new soldiers into the battle to Save Our Constitution!



Useful resource: Check this page for helpful information on your state legislature, including when it is in session and links to pertinent webpages.