Brainwashing of Americans

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What if everything we thought we knew was nothing more than the intentional brainwashing? We've all been brainwashed to some extent by the intentional withholding of information, emphasis on certain topics, and ongoing repetition. The danger is that a population that can be brainwashed can be controlled. With the NSA combing emails, phone calls, and social media, they know a lot about every individual. If they want to destroy you, they have the information at their immediate disposal.

Benghazi is a good example of how the government brainwashes the public. First, the administration tried to say this was a spontaneous protest based on an anti-Muslim video. The facts are that the video had no effect, the attack was planned, and it was known to be terrorists immediately. The administration received many requests for additional security well before the attack. Second, any confirmation of the terrorist act was purposely delayed. Then, when forced, the administration promised to investigate – which was nothing more than another delay tactic. Years later, they want you to think nothing happened. Spin the truth; feed the media what you want the talking points to be, silence opposing voices, and delay, delay, delay. Third, and one of the most used by the former Obama administration was to appoint the most biased, subjective loyal subjects of the administration to conduct the investigation – leaving no "independent" investigation to chance. Sounds a little like the appointment of Special Prosecutor Robert Mueller. Moreover, if that isn't enough, never come up with any findings or only those exonerating you–but make up facts to implicate others.

When the truth does get out as it did when Snowden revealed the NSA spying program, the same tactics were utilized. Disparage the one revealing the wrongdoing and make the issue about something other than the real issue. Snowden has been labeled a traitor of the U.S. even though the government was responsible for betraying its own people. Spying on millions under the guise of protecting against terrorism is absurd and an outright trampling of our constitutional rights. Intercepting all communications in a broad sweep with the most remote chance of "terrorist" activity simply does not balance the rights of citizens with that of the government. If our intelligence agencies are as good as they claim to be, why do they need any traces of communications unless it comes via a warrant based on probable cause? Make no mistake, Snowden was also a traitor, divulging sensitive information that did enormous damage, but two wrongs don't make a right.

The majority might believe something to be true, that doesn't make it true. Masses can be swayed by tactical procedures. We are all brainwashed to different degrees, particularly given the propensity of the media to provide misinformation, politicians to lie, and the government to conceal. Psychological warfare is used against a targeted enemy in order to confuse and misdirect him. Some claim the 9/11 attack was merely an act targeted at the American people and its' constitutional government – by its own government. Regardless of the legitimacy of such claims, the constitutional rights of Americans have been seriously eroding since. We were convinced the Patriot Act was needed then; it still stands, and routinely used to undermine our constitutional rights.

Mass media reports what it wants to serve the interest of its establishment, slants reporting to conceal reality, and suppresses what it doesn't want reported. These biases are exploited by planners, who know how to insert "psyops" content into the media stream for wide dissemination with the goal of certain affects among the populous. President Obama was constantly in front of the press, a biased

media willing to do its part to endorse his agenda, facts be damned. He created the "news" that planted the information he wanted injected into the media. The failure of any group or individual to oppose his views makes it highly regarded as factual. Mainstream media does not seem to take an interest in what is or isn't true anymore – just what's palatable. Since his administration, the biased media continues to take its viewpoints from the Democratic party, still disregarding facts for opinions – opinions expressed as facts, hand-picked experts that tell the same story, and all parties trying their best to outsensationalize his or her counterparts. All of it is a horribly written script of political meandering pandered for the sole purpose of deceiving viewers–many too ill-informed to stop themselves from gobbling it up.

When their deceptions catch up to them, they spin it yet again, unremorseful for their intentional deceit. The media has been corrupted since its inception, but it is now so blatantly fictitious that one must ask how they can depict themselves as legitimate news. After they (CNN, MSNBC, the Washington Post, New York Times, etc.) are shown to deceive so many times, they should be labeled as "joke news" so no one takes it otherwise. The phony media and its outlets like Facebook pose the greatest risk to our Democracy. Rather than present the facts that acts as checks and balances against the claims of politicians, governments, and others, it supports an intentional misrepresentation of the facts. With over a billion users worldwide, this misrepresentation is dangerous.

Brainwashing methods are not complicated. First, an incident is used to put people into a state of shock, making them more susceptible to suggestion. Secondly, lying is used to repeatedly plant a psywar message that gives affirmative answers to the first questions likely to be asked. Finally, continue to lie by suppressing all counter evidence that might lead to a different assessment (cover-up). Doesn't that sound like the expensive and lengthy crap presented as evidence in the attempted takedown of President Trump? When incidents of shock are to be utilized, there is an initial softening of the population to mass delusional suggestion.

The appearance of choice and a flood of information confuse the average citizen into believing that he must be getting the truth. The general content line from all sources is basically the same. To hold people's attention, to keep them on "message," it's necessary to keep them in a highly emotional state. That's exactly why the media keeps stoking the flames when it brings their stories out, to maintain this emotional state. Once you're out of it, you begin to see, hear, and read things in a different light and the truth peeks in. They can't have you getting off message or you'll see and once you see, you are free of their bullshit.

The most successful way to sell a lie is to wrap it in an incontrovertible truth. Truth is defined as the "actual state of a matter, or conformity with fact or reality." Truth is neither a consensus nor a description of the present cultural mood. Messages should not be accepted at face value but examined in origin, context, and compared with related conversation or opinion.

The strong profit-making incentive of the American media leads them to seek a simplified format and uncontroversial position which will be adequate for the largest possible audience. That's where the fake news channels went wrong. They discarded facts for fictional sensationalism, making news by distorting the real facts. Now they are paying for it with lower ratings, less viewers, and less profits. Nonetheless, their current trend is to stay the course. The inevitable meltdown with the re-election of President Trump will show again how in the tank these fake news channels are. They should be indifferent in their views of both liberals and conservatives, Democrats and Republicans, resting solely on the facts but it

won't be that way. The tears, anger, and frustration will flow with boiled-over rage. How could they, the stupid voters do this? A rational person would say that the voters aren't that stupid and caught onto your one-too many lies. The market rewards media outlets based on the number of viewers who watch those outlets, not by how informed the viewers are, how good the analysis is, or how impressed the viewers by that analysis—but the mainstream media surrendered their factual analysis for political loyalty.

The consumer, by refusing to buy advertising or subscriptions from "mainstream media," until it reports the truth changes everything. The question is how much truth Americans will demand. If truth ever finds the light of day, the U.S. will be reborn, and we will retain our "Greatness."