

International Public Notice: News Gagged and On the Take

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Politico, assumed to be a profitable and independent news organization, turns out to be a liberal propaganda sheet largely funded with grants and aid from USAID. They missed their payroll this week because their funding was cut.

Not only that but the AP and BBC and numerous other illustrious print, internet, television and radio news sources and news commentary shows were on the take as well, to the tune of millions of tax dollars per year.

They were using our own money to promote their agendas, their selection of "news", and their political views. They were entrenched and arrogant about it, too. They had no apparent commitment to the ideals of journalism. No concern about providing fair and balanced news reporting. Forget truthful reporting.

But to be fair, they haven't been able to produce independent journalism since the First World War, when the industry accepted "voluntary" Gag Orders as their bit for the war effort.

After the war, the collusion between Big News and the mercenary-military was consolidated with "special relationships" being developed that guaranteed that cooperative news media would get first dibs on stories, advertising income, grants, staff payola and much more.

They all felt free to lie, distort, manipulate, and bury news stories at will, so long as whatever they produced conformed to the "narratives" was given to them by the Pentagon via "approved and trusted" news agencies --- the Rothschild's Reuter's News Service and the BBC, the Rockefeller's Associated Press, and the news feeds from other news sources known to be in The Club.

If the Pentagon wanted to demonize Russia this week, these Press Organs would demonize Russia. If the Pentagon wanted to demonize China or Iran or Iraq or Barbie or Ken or anything else, these pillars of the Mainstream Media Establishment would deliver the "news" on time and it would be made to order.

Over time, a privileged and immoral caste system built on obedience to expedience and "whatever we were told" became the norm. The ideals of real journalism were forgotten and actual independent investigative reporting became a historical anecdote, so much so that journalism is no longer taught as a profession.

"Freedom of the press!" has often been a rallying cry for those engaged in giving away and selling out freedom of the press for lucre and advantage, but it is apparent from the foregoing, that any freedom of the press started fading away in the aftermath of the so-called American Civil War, and by World War I, the fix was in.

It should not surprise us that these pillars of the Mainstream Media were soaking up millions upon millions of tax dollars, when they have long been de facto mouthpieces for Pentagon policies, No doubt the logic was that if they were going to be flak agents for the DOD, they might as well be paid by the government.

Turns out that the entire time that Donald Trump was accusing these organizations of producing "Fake News" --- they were; not only that, but they were being paid by government departments and agencies to do it.

We are pleased and not surprised that the guaranteed seats of these "news" organizations at Pentagon briefings are gone now, and they also being kicked down multiple pegs at White House press room events. No doubt this turn of events is literally as The New York Times commented, "very concerning" --- for them.

Their behavior and lack of standards should have been concerning for all of us a long time before this.

Free and self-governing people must have access to the truth to make solid and well-reasoned decisions. That is why Freedom of the Press was enshrined among those clearly enunciated protections of the Federal Constitutions. Somehow, both the mercenary-military and those in the business of providing us with news, forgot that.

Now these Mainstream Media giants have cause to remember, but it's really too late. Even such liberal pages as The Huffington Post earned higher marks for independence and balanced reporting--- and for paying their own bills, too.

If all these major Mainstream Media organizations lost all credibility, all their ad revenues, and all their privileged placements as a result of these discoveries, the American people would consider this long-delayed justice for their Breach of Trust, but also turn a jaundiced eye on the Other Half of the Equation --- the Department of Defense and the DOD, which used war time exigencies as an excuse to control and direct the civilian press and undermine freedom of the press in this country.

Changing the Players in this game will not be enough to stop the game. Short-circuiting the payola, exposing the sources of the problem, teaching journalism instead of "communication arts", and encouraging independent investigative journalists is a start. Getting the Pentagon and DOD out of the business of providing "narratives" to news agencies is another big chunk. Some kind of regulatory oversight over the news agencies (AP, Reuter's, BBC, etc.) might be helpful, as well.

During the last several years the phenomenon of "Mockingbird Media" has led to widespread distrust of all media sources; it has been unsettling to hear the same words endlessly repeated by supposedly different and independent news sources.

Now that these major news outlets are off the government payroll, they will have to compete for stories and build their own narratives, so we may see some actual journalism again. Maybe.

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