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Propaganda—Then and Now

I tuned-in today to *Useful Idiots*, a couple of bright democrats who listen to the Sunday news shows 'so that we don't have to'. This week was no different—almost all answers to soft-ball questions from the hosts were obfuscations, lies, or both. It's embarrassing how useless most politicians are—invested in their own agendas—and not our concerns. This 24/7 'non-news' service, serving-up non-facts for viewers, serves as a propaganda forum, perpetuating lies—on a scale unimagined down through American history.

When my colleagues (including myself), utter that the US has no strategy, don't you believe it. There is a strategy: assist Zionists in subjugating America under Israeli control. In that process, Trump's puppet strings are pulled by elite bankers, making him analogous to Zelensky in relation to the US. And just as Zelensky disappears when he's no longer of use—so will Trump.

Americans should be outraged/vindictive towards Trump (and his cast), for allowing Zionism to trample our constitutional rights. Trump's anti-semitic, Zionist gang should pay dearly for undermining our American republic.

It's said that history is written by the victors—but it's not always so. Propaganda has been employed throughout US history, to degrade better men from taking the *long view*. Consider the legacy of Ulysses Grant who stands next to Washington, *father of the nation*, as the *savior of the nation*. In the

Civil War, Grant was a main cause for the defeat of the Confederacy.

Grant's fame swept him into the presidency, post Civil War. He ran on a reconstruction plan to restore the South, with a policy of equality under the law for freed slaves. This was Grant's promise for welcoming the South back into the union. For his effort, Grant was maligned by a *defeated South* and many in the *North* who did not share in his ideas.

Post 1865, the KKK ran rampant across the South, intimidating/murdering any of 4 million freed blacks that advocated for their rights. Grant sent in federal troops, which greatly diminished KKK ability to function, but federal interference brought retribution unto Grant.

The Civil War, rather than being about slavery, was re-defined as a war against *states rights*. But is *states rights* 'the lesser argument', not 'the greater'? Is *states rights* the dependent clause in a sentence that reads: *states* have a *right* to *enslave* human beings? Was *states rights* made the 'greater argument', so as not to deal with the underlying reality?

Under *states rights*, Grant was curtailed from using federal troops to bust-up the Klan—and reconstruction sputtered. The Grant we know today is portrayed as heading a corrupt administration (though he's regarded as a pinnacle of honesty), and a hopeless drunk who, in actuality, was our greatest general, a just man—a fine human being. Eisenhower thought so, with portraits of Ulysses Grant and Robert E. Lee in the Oval Office.

After the *states rights* propaganda campaign took hold, there were few in the South who accepted blacks as equal under the law, and many in the North who not only failed to recognize blacks as equal under the law, but were unwilling to spend tax dollars for reconstruction or black rights.

If, given the arcane means of communication post Civil War, propaganda was able to rewrite the legacy of Grant, imagine a corrupt/compromised

Trump (and democrats), using political monsters (Thiel/Netanyahu), to control narratives with oft-repeated lies/misperceptions—spread across the land by technology that would have boggled the mind of Grant era naysayers.

Today, the propaganda machine never slows. US manipulation is everywhere. This week, a meeting of Asian nations ganged-up on Putin to coerce him into accepting a US cease fire in Ukraine. Think on what that means: the US advocates for a cease fire because it knows Russia is about to defeat Ukraine. Given that fact, the US threatens to use personal and national sanctions for any who are unwilling to support a US cease fire.

Putin is furious. He knows the reason for a cease fire is to give the West needed time to rearm. They all know it—but they're afraid of US/Trump. The outcome in Ukraine is strictly the business of Russia/Ukraine—although the US is responsible for the war. Yet Putin 'speaks softly' to Trump while Lavrov plays 'bad cop', bringing the 'big stick'. Is Putin going soft on us?

As a consequence, except for support from China and North Korea, Putin has to go it alone. He knows each nation caving to US demands understands the facts—yet opts to save its own skin. When Ukraine surrenders, these nations will quickly re-align with Russia.

Would it be hyperbole on my part to rate today's propaganda effect at say, 10X what it was before technology was handed to the elites? Maybe more than 10X, and it's important to consider that 'dumbed-down' Westerners under the sway of ruthless elites with no unconcern for ethics/honesty/justice likely doubles or triples again the effect of propaganda by a factor of 2/3X.

The elites lie about everything. With Covid origins and the selling of mRNA exposed as lies, it's still not discussed on corporate media. Surely, there's sites on YouTube exposing mRNA facts, but that's just a sliver of America. With 1 exception: on a TV series, *Chad Powers*, someone asked

in an episode, whether someone who died playing sports—was vaccinated.

Venezuela is a pack of lies. Hugo Chavez was not a dictator—he was duly-elected. He is hated by the propaganda machine for nationalizing oil for the benefit of Venezuelans rather than American oil giants.

The invasion of Venezuela, characterized as ‘not at gunpoint’, was at gunpoint. Duly-elected President Maduro was abducted, not taken into custody. Nothing about our involvement in Venezuela—is not criminal.

Iran, at least in terms of its potential for human extinction, may be worse. The propaganda around Iran is like a ‘pin ball machine’ gone berserk. Is the US there to stop nuclear weapons development? They are not. Is the USA there to assure free passage through Hormuz? No, the Strait was open before the US attacked Iran. Then why are we there? Because Israel told us to and because Trump needs Iran’s oil to thwart China’s economic progress.

On corporate media, hard questions don’t get asked. Instead, it’s about shifting shadows, flitting from one lie to the next—avoiding any/all questions. It’s best described by my friend Dave: ‘Man—this stuff is moving way too fast for me.’ Before Trump, it was lies, but lies that could be sorted out.

As Americans, we find ourselves relying on a thug with a compromised mind to keep us from armageddon. A thug who’s prior business model relied on breaking contracts to extract wealth. In a world that wants shut of Trump, extraction is Trump’s foreign policy. As in, proposing a way to end the Ukraine War, while shuttling billions to the Trump team. Has anybody told Donald how bad he looks—and he may not survive his term?

Balancing extraction and human extinction is a well-oiled propaganda machine, designed to support the *lesser argument* over the *greater*.

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