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HOW THE DEEP STATE TURNED SOCIAL MEDIA INTO SPYWARE

As the dark side of the US government ramped up its surveillance of every form of electronic communication in the 1990s, they quickly ran into a data storage and extraction problem—the size and magnitude of coordinating trillions of phone calls and emails with people tracking databases became overwhelming. Social Media had not yet been invented but the exponential growth of the internet itself demanded a totally new paradigm of dealing with massive data interaction. After being hired by AT&T to revamp their growing email system, a small company named **Leader Technologies** of Columbus, Ohio saw the problem and began to devise a new database management system that would become the backbone of search engines. Leader integrated voice, streaming media and data systems for collaboration and decision making in a unique way that used far less resources than file based database systems, and it became the perfect vehicle for social media networking and, interestingly, NSA spying. Leader Tech spent more than \$10 million and 145,000 man-hours to invent this technology and get it patented. Today's main story is about how the Deep State stole this technology and gave it to Google, Cisco, IBM, Facebook, and the NSA in order to facilitate Orwellian surveillance on a massive scale.

Free access to this software is the primary reason why all major social media companies now act as spies for big government. They got a major leg up on the competition by being given free access to this dynamic stolen technology. When **Michael McKibben** led Leader Tech's team to develop this original software they designed it to have a configurable sliding scale on privacy so that companies that purchased it could determine how much privacy they would allow their users to have.

That privacy configuration was set to zero by the Deep State, and as part of their secret sharing deal, all social media like Google, Facebook and Twitter had government back-doors built into the "Leader2Leader" software that allows the NSA full access to all information.

Facebook started the social media revolution using this stolen software. Compare the massive amount of time and money it took Leader Tech to develop complex software (about 3 years) with Mark Zuckerberg's facile claim that he built the whole Facebook platform in "one to two weeks" while studying for finals. As Michael McKibben said, "Anyone with expertise in software development would know that Zuckerberg could only have done that so quickly with Leader's source code."

But how Zuckerberg got the source code is the core of this story. He didn't steal it himself. He was selected as a government "cut out" to receive the code and integrate it into Facebook so that the social media giant could be used by government to build databases on every Facebook user. And it wasn't just Zuckerberg. The government fed this software to others in Silicon Valley, like Google, which allowed it to offer its search engine free of charge. This in turn

allowed Google to become the most dominant force in the internet and web advertizing world.

In this six part series of interviews by Americans 4 Innovation, CEO **Michael McKibben** explains how this technology was stolen through the government's control of the Patent Office and a little known provision that allows government to take control of any patent they consider of importance to "national security." For those of you who don't have the time to wade through the 3 hours of interviews (30 minutes each), what follows is my written summary.

I admit that I don't have the expertise nor access to the source codes in question to verify the degree of software theft or infringement claims, nor Leader's claims to unique development of a new paradigm in database management. What I write here is based on the claims of those close to the controversy. I happen to believe they are true, but this is mostly based upon what I see as common patterns of Deep State coverup and conspiracy playing out here.

McKibben's first mistake was to hire the most prominent establishment experts in the field of patents and security and even made them directors of the company. McKibben said,

"We engaged two world renowned patent and security experts as our first two directors. One was Professor James P. Chandler, author of the Economic Espionage Act of 1996 and the Federal Trade Secrets Act and a member of President Clinton's National Infrastructure Assurance Council, and another was Major General James E. Freeze (US Army, ret.), former chief of the US Army Security Agency [and #3 man at the NSA]. Both gentlemen have consulted to Congress and the Judiciary many times. We followed their advice meticulously."

Chandler's role in writing deceptive government regulations (allowing for government to spy even while claiming it doesn't) and Freeze's role at the NSA should have rung warning bells in McKibben's head, but he was not yet aware of the Deep State. He should have known better, as the Deep State often controls those who are in high position at universities, the media and attorneys at law. Professor Chandler also happened to be Hillary Clinton's mentor in the patent law field. McKibben is now all too painfully aware of the dark side of government and the courts.

Part of following Chandler's "meticulous advice" resulted in Chandler's participation in Leader Tech's invention design sessions in Columbus, Ohio where he learned the technical details of Leader's social networking innovations. During that period between 1998 and 2004, Leader had also retained the legal counsel of Fenwick and West, as well as Chandler's, on patent law in preparation for filing the patent.

All three of these entities betrayed their client and transferred Leader's source code to the Deep State, using a unique IBM corporate foundation entitled the **Eclipse Foundation**, formed in November of 2001, two months after 9/11. It claims to be a promoter of "open source" software tools, but it leveraged all of these tools on stolen Leader technology. James P. Chandler himself was a founding member of IBM's Eclipse Foundation. IBM has been working for the CIA for decades and was a logical choice to act as a conduit for the theft of this software. Its other principals read like a who's who of globalist tech firms, who all enriched themselves by investing in the development of Facebook and its initial public stock offering.

Larry Summers, former globalist economic advisor to President Obama, and President of Harvard University was also a founding member

of the Eclipse Foundation. He was deeply involved in promoting Zuckerberg while at Harvard. The *Harvard Crimson*, under the direction of Harvard President Summers, carried its first article about 19-year old sophomore Mark Zuckerberg titled "Not-so-artificial Intelligence."

Red Hat, Borland, Rational Software were founding members of IBM's Eclipse (all clients of Chandler and Fenwick and West) as were Morgan Stanley, IBM, Credit Suisse, Oracle, and Google.

Why would "for profit" software companies join a non-profit foundation promoting free open source software that competed directly with them? Only because the open source software Eclipse was giving away to insider corporations had been stolen from Leader Technologies which gave them all access to the core software engine that would allowed them all to advance their own internet and cloud technologies.

According to The Eclipse Foundations meeting minutes, they released version 1.0 of the Eclipse "open source" software on Mar. 06, 2002—the same moment that Leader Technologies placed its source code in Professor Chandler's and Fenwick & West LLP's custody, ostensibly as a part of their Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) project escrow.

The Eclipse board's lawyer had to later devise language to explain why nobody at Eclipse knows where the source code came from. Sure....that's because they couldn't admit it was stolen. How does a large foundation not know where hundreds of pages of source code come from, from which they base their entire purpose and existence?

Chandler had deep contacts within IBM and the US Patent Office and he used this relationship to

get IBM's vice president and assistant general counsel on intellectual property law, **David J. Kappos** named as head of the Patent Office. This was essential to the plan for Facebook's defense at trial during this same time frame which would contest Leader's patent, finally granted in November of 2006. The system is rigged. McKibben said,

"Had I known all this, I never would have filed for a patent---just like Coke, who has kept its formula a secret rather than patent it. The patent office has become a feeder process to get the best military and spy ideas into the military-industrial complex without paying. Any patent can be denied on National Security grounds and the inventor enjoined from using it or marketing it."

In fact, it was Professor James Chandler that wrote several acts of Congress that provided for these breaches of patent protection. In October, 1996 attorney professor James Chandler wrote the Economic Espionage Act and the Federal Trade Secrets Act and the False Statements Accountability Act (which prohibits lying to congress or any federal agency. But section B of the act exempts lawyers when testifying on national security issues before the courts.

Facebook has been the subject of many lawsuits by persons involved in the initial idea of Facebook, which Mark Zuckerberg has settled out of court. But lawyers for Facebook went all out to keep from having to pay Leader Tech as the actual source of Facebook code. When Leader finally filed suit against Facebook for patent infringement, McKibben and his team got a real education in how the Deep State controls the courts.

With a new legal firm, Kramer Levin, Leader Tech won a partial verdict against Facebook for patent infringement. During the trial many legal

irregularities were documented, including the refusal of the judge to allow Leader to obtain testimony from Professor Chandler and General Freeze. The court was protecting these two insiders from having to perjure themselves on the stand for facilitating the theft of Leader source code.

During the discovery process Facebook claimed that the 28 original hard drives that contained their source code couldn't be found. Those hard drives would have proven that Leader's source code was on them. But those same 28 hard drives later appeared for another trial against Facebook, though they were never searched. According to investigative journalist Donna Klein,

Facebook dragged its feet on discovery throughout the first six months of 2009. For example, Facebook would say they would not provide a document, but when Leader filed a motion to compel the document, Facebook would then provide the document in their opposition to the motion—the very document that they had just said they would not provide. Leader had provided two-and-a-half times more documents to Facebook than Facebook provided to Leader.

She also noted that in a Facebook countersuit against Yahoo.com,

Two things are notable about the countersuit. (1) Facebook uses two of its questionable patents as the foundation of its countersuit, and (2) they are using the same Cooley Godward LLC attorneys that pulled all the shenanigans in Leader v. Facebook

The issue Klein is referring to is that in Facebook's patent, the company failed to mention "prior art" which are other patents that precede your patent that must be distinguished from your application—such as Leader's patent.

The fact that the Patent Office let Facebook get a patent without even mentioning Leader's prior patent covering the same material indicates Patent office corruption or control. Normally failure to recognize "prior art" results in an automatic rejection from the Patent Office.

The second point has to do with the unethical conduct of the Cooley law firm that betrayed Leader Tech before Leader fired them. Democrat Donald K. Stern, partner at Cooley Godward LLP, was appointed to the Obama justice transition team. He eventually recommended the appointment of Judge **Leonard P. Stark** to be inserted into the trial of Leader v. Facebook despite his conflict of interest in working for the Cooley-Godward law firm. There was a quick "recess appointment" to avoid confirmation hearings.

When Stark took over the case, he allowed the new but completely false Facebook on-sale bar claim to deny Leader discovery and failed to disclose his serious conflict of interest. During the Leader v. Facebook pre-trial discovery process, Facebook was asked to provide technical, financial and marketing information from Facebook's formative days at Harvard in 2003-2004 forward. This would have shown infringement. However, despite four motions to compel, Facebook denied access to all of this information, and judge Stark would not compel them.

Despite all of this bias, in July of 2010, the Jury handed down a split verdict mostly in favor of Leader, confirming that Facebook infringed on 11 out of 11 patent issues brought before the court. On appeal, all of that infringement was nullified on a technicality which held that Leader held its software for sale for more than one year before filing for patent protection, which invalidates a patent. However, this ruling was based on a complete misreading of Leader's

deposition when they were asked by Facebook's lawyer whether there was any sale pending of Leader2leader software. Leader answered in the affirmative, naming the company.

Facebook then used that statement as a basis for claiming that Leader had committed to a sale BEFORE applying for the patent, which by Patent rule bars the granting of a patent. In fact, this sale had been committed to after the patent was applied for, but the Facebook lawyer had never inquired as to the date. He simply claimed that since Leader had contracted a sale, it invalidated the patent. Incredibly the court accepted that argument. One of the judges stated in oral arguments that it was Facebook's responsibility to specifically inquire as to the date of past issues, but that comment was never mentioned in the final ruling in favor of Facebook.

The entire timeline and details are found at the website Facebook Coverup.

Sadly, despite all these actionable legal irregularities, the US Supreme Court declined to hear the case on final appeal, confirming to McKibben that the entire system is rigged. Indeed it is.

Leader, out of futility, is now trying to induce the government to mandate shared royalties for Leader and all other users like cellphone apps, Facebook, Google and Twitter, with a percentage going to the government to reduce the deficit. I don't think it will work. The Deep State is too evil to give in.

NORTH KOREA'S LATEST MISSILE TEST DEMANDS RESPONSE

North Korea's test of an intercontinental range ballistic missile (ICBM) was the largest rocket launched so far, and definitely has the potential of reaching the entire United States. David

Wright, a physicist and missile expert at the anti-nuclear Union of Concerned Scientists, calculated that on a normal trajectory, rather than the high lofted one in the test, the missile could have traveled far enough to reach Washington, the rest of the US west coast, Europe or Australia.

NK also claimed its warhead survived the heat of re-entering the Earth's atmosphere at very high speeds, although there is no independent confirmation of that. According RT.com,

Pyongyang said the missile reached an altitude of around 4,475 kilometers (2,780 miles), more than 10 times the height of the International Space Station. It said it flew 950 kilometers (690 miles) during its flight, which lasted 53 minutes. Similar altitude and distance figures were previously cited by the South Korean military.

The US version of the Daily Mail had the best details on the threat:

The latest North Korean missile test has demonstrated a series of advances in technology by the belligerent hermetic state, experts have said. Based on photographs released by North Korea, analysts have determined that the Hwasong-15 - an intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) launched yesterday - is taller, wider, capable of carrying a much bigger warhead and fired from its own launch pad.

It is considered a major improvement on the Hwasong-14 missile, which was first launched in July and reached an altitude of 2,313 miles while showing a potential range of 6,213. Discussing the new weapon, David Schmerler, a research associate at the James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies,

said: 'They wanted to hit all of the US and they wanted something big to hit it with.'

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'This is a very big missile,' Michael Duitsman, a research associate at the Centre for Nonproliferation Studies, said. 'And I don't mean 'Big for North Korea'. Only a few countries can produce missiles of this size, and North Korea just joined the club.'

The missile's size and design may also make it possible for it to carry a larger warhead and a more robust re-entry vehicle, analysts said.

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The photos appeared to show the missile with at least two large nozzles on its first stage, instead of the one large and several smaller nozzles on the Hwasong-14.

'The first stage seems to use essentially the same case [as the Hwasong-14] but has two engines,' said David Wright, of the Union of Concerned Scientists, a U.S.-based nonprofit science advocacy group. 'The second stage

looks like it can carry more than twice as much propellant. The combination of those two things means it really is a new, more capable missile.'

The system is known as 'gimbaling', meaning that the exhaust of the primary thruster can move from side to side and determine the trajectory of the missile. "Gimbaling is something we've never seen in North Korea before, [if we're right] then this would be brand spanking new for North Korea."

Being able to make its own mobile launch vehicles, called TELs, frees the North from the need to get them from other countries, like China, which is crucial considering the tightening of international sanctions that Pyongyang faces.

It is interesting that this test was foreseen by Japan, whose government sources claimed that a missile tracing radar has been switched on at the unspecified base. "Signs like those spotted Monday have recently been detected frequently."

Russia's remarks just before the test indicated either they are out of the loop or are lying:

Moscow is actively working with Pyongyang to ensure North Korea's unilateral moratorium on missile and nuclear tests continue as long as possible, he said. "We greatly value that North Korea preserves the regime of silence for two month already and Russia actively works to make sure that the current regime continues as long as possible," Morgulov said.

The UK Guardian commented that NK's launched embarrassed Russia for predicting more NK moderation in not testing new missiles:

The launch also marked a rebuff to Russia, which had claimed the previous day that the pause in missile launches suggested that Pyongyang was ready to defuse tensions in line with a proposal from Moscow and Beijing that North Korea could freeze missile and nuclear tests in exchange for a scaling down of US and allied military exercises.

Now, with the capability to threaten the entire US, this missile test crosses a signification red line for President Trump who vowed that he would not allow NK to develop a nuclear missile capable of reaching the US. He responded to the launch by saying, “US will handle this.” He’d better have the courage to confront this with a solid military response. As I’ve outlined in the past, he can do this without harming too many innocent NK civilians.

So far, all Donald Trump has done is to declare North Korea a state sponsor of terror, allowing for deeper sanctions, but sanctions will never work. If Trump is determined to do some type of pre-emptive military strike on NK, this latest missile test will probably accelerate those plans. If Trump continues to waffle, it means he can continue to be talked out of it by his globalist advisors.

MORE HEADS ROLL OVER SEXUAL HARASSMENT SCANDALS

The list of Left-wing politicians and media personalities guilty of sexual harassment and abuse continues to grow as more and more victims have the courage to speak out. In fact, it’s just plain “open season” on dominant male abusers who have used position and power to take advantage of women. Even radio “home town” hero of the mythical Lake Wobegon on Prairie Home Companion, **Garrison Kieller**, was forced to resign this week after allegations of sexual harassment surface by staffers at Minnesota Public Radio.

Matt Lauer, the longtime left-wing anchor of NBC’s Today Show, was the latest to fall for allegations of sexual misconduct. He follows Charlie Rose at CBS, as the second morning anchor to lose his job over sexual misconduct allegations. Mark Halperin of NBC was fired last month for forcing himself upon women at ABC/Disney.

NBC chairman Andy Lack told the Today Show staff that, “On Monday night, we received a detailed complaint from a colleague about inappropriate sexual behavior in the workplace by Matt Lauer. It represented, after a serious review, a clear violation of our company’s standards. As a result, we’ve decided to terminate his employment. While it is the first complaint about his behavior in the over 20 years he has been at NBC news, we were also presented with reason to believe this may not have been an isolated incident.

It wasn’t an isolated case with any of these abusers. They are serial predators on the make for any attractive woman they work with. Breitbart said that,

An NBC insider said Lauer’s alleged victim complained to HR on Monday, “This happened so quickly. She didn’t go to the media, she made a complaint to NBC’s human resources, and her evidence was so compelling that Matt was fired on Tuesday night. The victim says she has evidence that this has also happened to other women, but so far we don’t have evidence of that.”

Left-wing CNN reports that Lauer had been under investigation by the New York Times for weeks and that the allegations involve “multiple victims.”

Just 12 hours ago, another pillar in the left-wing elite media fell over allegations of sexual misconduct, NPR's chief news editor David Sweeney. Less than a month ago, Michael Oreskes, NPR's senior vice president of news and editorial director, was forced to resign over similar accusations stretching back decades... There is also Glenn Thrush of the New York Times.

Some serial sexual predators are completely unrepentant and refuse to step down, despite recent and long-running complaints, unlike the repeated calls for Senate candidate Roy Moore to step aside, who's only indiscretions go back 34 years.

Black Congressman John Conyers (D-MI), who legislated the national holiday for serial adulterer Martin Luther King, is defiant and refuses to step down despite multiple charges of sexual harassment. With all the resignations and firings, there is clearly an expectation for Conyers to step down, but as Politico.com says,

Democratic colleagues wanted Conyers to leave his high-profile House post but didn't want to be seen as forcing him out. Rep. John Conyers said Sunday he was stepping down from his post as the top Democrat on the Judiciary Committee amid accusations of sexual harassment that have put his party's leaders in a bind.

The decision by the Michigan lawmaker — who has held his seat since 1965 and who denies the harassment allegations — followed several days of internal deliberation and pressure from Democratic colleagues, including Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, who wanted Conyers to leave the high-profile post but didn't want to be seen as forcing him out.

Congressional Black Caucus Chairman Cedric Richmond (D-La.) and assistant Democratic leader Jim Clyburn (D-S.C.) reached out to some CBC members over the Thanksgiving recess to take the temperature of the caucus, according to multiple sources. The group is arguably the most powerful bloc within the House Democratic Caucus and is fiercely protective of its members, particularly Conyers, who was a founding member.

In an interview Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," Pelosi seemed to underscore the cautious approach by taking pains to praise Conyers' record and call for "due process," even as she said she believed "he will do the right thing." She also referred to Conyers as an "icon" for his lengthy service and work "to protect women."

After criticism on social media of her use of the word "icon," Pelosi quickly endorsed Conyers' decision to step aside from the committee post. "No matter how great an individual's legacy, it is not a license for harassment," she said in a statement.

Don't think that the Left-wing media or politicians like Nancy Pelosi have suddenly had a fit of conscience. They all simply have to ride the wave of condemnation or be seen as covering for them, which they have done for decades.

On the issue of Roy Moore, which is one of the few conservatives on the Right being attacked for alleged abuse, the word on the hill is that Donald Trump is 'furious' with Ivanka for saying Roy Moore is 'going to hell for preying on children' and doubled down on his support for the embattled Senate candidate. It's the first time Trump has made good on his pledge to support Moore after RINO Republican Luther Strange was defeated in the Alabama primary. Like me,

he doesn't believe the accuser of sexual assault because of her history of false claims on pastors and other misdemeanors. The rest of the claims by girls are simply about his bad judgment as a 33 year old lawyer, cruising the mall looking for dates from high school aged girls. That was stupid, but not a crime.

SATANIC RITUAL ABUSE IN THE UK

The worst kind of sexual abuse is the ritual abuse of children within Satanic cults. There is a lot of this going on in Western culture, including the US, but today I will report on the latest evidence from Westminster Watch by Wilfred Wang in Britain [bold emphasis is original].

On 6 October 2017 Wiltshire Police published their report regarding Operation Conifer, the investigation into allegations of child sexual abuse and Satanist ritual abuse (SRA) against the former UK Prime Minister, Sir Edward Heath.

For decades there have been extensive allegations made against Heath of child sexual abuse and SRA. At pages 59 and 60 of the Wiltshire Police report on Operation Conifer are references to SRA.

The full summary closure report is on this link:

<http://www.wiltshire.police.uk/information/documents/op-conifer/797-op-conifer-summary-closure-report/file>

The references in the report to SRA include the following:

*Enquiries about Ritual Abuse: 8.11.1 During the course of the investigation six victims made disclosures that included allegations that **Sir Edward Heath** [former British PM] was involved in satanic or ritual abuse.*

*I would emphasise that **6** victims who did not know each other made such disclosures so they independently corroborate each other in showing that Edward Heath engaged in Satanist Ritual Abuse. **Most sex offenders in the UK are convicted with far less corroborative witnesses available.***

Chief Constable Michael Veale is to be highly commended for his outstanding courage in ensuring that an investigation was conducted into the allegations against Edward Heath despite the huge pressure placed on him to drop that investigation. As with everything else that helps to publicly expose SRA in the UK, there are usually robust attempts to cover up the facts and silence those who expose this evil.

*Edward Heath was only one of several so-called VIPs who have for many years been alleged to have inflicted SRA on children. **There are many other British VIPs who are also alleged by SRA survivors to be Satanists, subjecting children to SRA, but they have yet to be thoroughly investigated by the police.***

The London Evening Standard, published an article on 7 August 2015 reporting that retired British police officers admitted witnessing coverups of child sex abuse cases where VIPs were involved. Some excerpts from this article below:

Dozens of retired police officers are "desperate to tell the truth" over claims of sex abuse by high-profile men they were told to keep quiet about, a leading charity said today.

Anti-abuse campaigner Peter Saunders said he had been contacted by former officers working in child protection, who were

silenced when allegations against VIPs were made.

The chief executive of the National Association of People Abused in Childhood, who is a consultant for the inquiry into historical sex abuse chaired by Dame Lowell Goddard, said there is a "history of cover-ups".

"I am in touch with a retired child protection officer who says he is in touch with 30 or 40 other officers and that they are desperate to tell their truth," Mr. Saunders said. "They have been silenced for a long time and want to be able to tell people what happened without fear or reprisals."

*This ongoing protection of VIP Abusers, which includes many British Parliamentarians, has profoundly serious consequences for the moral and spiritual health of our nation. **Unfortunately numerous Satanist Ritual Abusers are protected in the UK, not just the ones in Parliament.***

*The fact that many British politicians are involved in Satanism and SRA helps to explain why we have witnessed so many deeply immoral laws being passed in our land and **the legislation that is imposed on us is only becoming more evil.***

TRILATERALS OVER WASHINGTON

Sometimes, globalists get caught in a moment when they are incautious and they let things out that they regret. I've long mentioned the admission by Obama's first national security advisor, General James Jones who told to the Munich Security Conference that they at the National Security Council get their "daily marching orders" from Henry Kissinger and associates. This was a blatant admission of

globalist control over our government. Jon Rappoport reports on another interesting admission that adds evidence of conspiracy in government:

Who sits in the shadows pulling their strings? One group has been virtually forgotten. Its influence is enormous. It has existed since 1973. It's called the Trilateral Commission (TC). Keep in mind that the original stated goal of the TC was to create "a new international economic order."

In 1969, four years before birthing the TC with David Rockefeller, Zbigniew Brzezinski wrote: "[The] nation state as a fundamental unit of man's organized life has ceased to be the principal creative force. International banks and multinational corporations are acting and planning in terms that are far in advance of the political concepts of the nation state." Goodbye, separate nations.

*Any doubt on the question of TC goals is answered by **David Rockefeller** himself, the founder of the TC, in his Memoirs (2003): "Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as 'internationalists' and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure—one world, if you will. If that is the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it."*

The 1978 conversation featured reporter, Jeremiah Novak, and two Trilateral Commission members, Karl Kaiser and Richard Cooper. The interview took up the issue of who exactly, during President Carter's administration, was formulating US economic and political policy.

The careless and off-hand attitude of Trilateralists Kaiser and Cooper is astonishing. It's as if they're saying, "What we're revealing is already out in the open, it's too late to do anything about it, why are you so worked up, we've already won..."

Although the globalists are confident there is nothing we can do to stop them, after Trump's election and the Brexit vote, they are worried. For years the Jones speech at Munich praising Kissinger was still on the CFR website here, but now it has finally been removed. This is why it's important to get paper copies of these incriminating statements. Rappoport continues:

NOVAK (the reporter): Is it true that a private [Trilateral committee] led by Henry Owen of the US and made up of [Trilateral] representatives of the US, UK, West Germany, Japan, France and the EEC is coordinating the economic and political policies of the Trilateral countries [which would include the US]?

COOPER: Yes, they have met three times.

NOVAK: Yet, in your recent paper you state that this committee should remain informal because to formalize 'this function might well prove offensive to some of the Trilateral and other countries which do not take part.' Who are you afraid of?

KAISER: Many countries in Europe would resent the dominant role that West Germany plays at these [Trilateral] meetings.

COOPER: Many people still live in a world of separate nations, and they would resent such coordination [of policy].

NOVAK: But this [Trilateral] committee is essential to your whole policy. How can you

keep it a secret or fail to try to get popular support [for its decisions on how Trilateral member nations will conduct their economic and political policies]?

COOPER: Well, I guess it's the press' job to publicize it.

NOVAK: Yes, but why doesn't President Carter come out with it and tell the American people that [US] economic and political power is being coordinated by a [Trilateral] committee made up of Henry Owen and six others? After all, if [US] policy is being made on a multinational level, the people should know.

COOPER: President Carter and Secretary of State Vance have constantly alluded to this in their speeches. [a lie]

KAISER: It just hasn't become an issue.

The reason it never became an issue is because the media is controlled and never makes it an issue. In fact, they can get away with mentioning something once, but unless they make a drumbeat of an issue, it doesn't take hold with normal Americans.

NEWS SHORTS:

Supreme Court Guts Second Amendment By Refusing To Hear Semi-Auto Ban Case

This week the Supreme Court let stand the Fourth Circuit's holding in *Kolbe v. Hogan* that semi-automatic rifles are not constitutionally protected "arms."

In *Kolbe v. Hogan*, the Fourth Circuit held that all banned semi-automatic rifles, including the AR-15 and the AK-47 are "not constitutionally protected arms" because they are "weapons that are most useful in military service."

But this differs from the Second, Seventh, and DC circuits that all held that semi-automatic rifles are protected by the Second Amendment, yet bans were still justified by the governmental interest supposedly advanced.

When there are different and conflicting rulings, it is the duty of the Supreme Court to give a uniform ruling. Instead they refused and failed to clarify which appellate rulings were to be applied nationally. As the Federalist published,

A four-judge dissent in Kolbe eviscerated this reasoning, and rightly so. Kolbe's analysis directly conflicts with the Supreme Court's holding in Heller that the Second Amendment protects "firearms commonly used for a lawful purpose." The prevalence of lawfully used AR-15s and semiautomatic AK-47s clearly meets the Heller standard for garnering Second Amendment protection. The Fourth Circuit's reasoning is also at odds with that of three other circuit courts, making Kolbe the ideal vehicle for the Supreme Court to clarify Second Amendment jurisprudence, as I argued in detail here.

Paddock's windows shot out after shooting stopped: In this video you see the automatic weapons fire stop at 10:14 Las Vegas time. Then a few minutes later you hear two more shots coming from the Mandalay Bay hotel, and a witness commenting, "There's glass falling from Mandalay Bay" Although there is no time stamp on the video, the comment about "glass falling" comes long after a sustained burst of gunfire. So it is clearly evidence that the window was broken later. This is good evidence that Paddock's windows may have been shot out after he was suicided to blame this crime on him.

Another Reason to Avoid Hospital Birth: Michael Snyder writes about the disabled Christian mother who had her newborn baby

taken away by Child Protective Services (CPS) only after she and her husband refused the hospital's demand to vaccinate her newborn baby

All over the nation CPS is stealing children from Christian families that express concerns about the safety of vaccines, but I never expected it to happen in north Idaho. Actually, a large number of families from all over the country have moved to Idaho in recent years specifically because of the vaccine issue. In Idaho, there is no legal requirement to vaccinate your children, and so no child should ever be taken away because parents do not intend to vaccinate. Unfortunately, that appears to be what happened in this case.

On Wednesday November 22nd, after Diamond Mehlhoff refused vaccination for the baby, the state became involved and took this beautiful baby, Elijah, from his loving parents, claiming the mother to be unfit due to a diagnosis of cerebral palsy (a non progressive movement disorder). They have stated the mother to be bedbound, which is not at all the accurate; she also lives with her husband Ari and the grandfather of the baby. This is an unbelievable, unheard of, egregious case of disability discrimination.

It is very important to note that the state did not take any action until the parents expressed a desire not to vaccinate the child. This is a common theme that comes up again and again in cases such as this around the country. If you do not intend to vaccinate, it is probably best not to give birth at a hospital if you have that option.

Pro-Amnesty Congressman to Quit: The Democrats' leading pro-amnesty legislator, Chicago Rep. Luis Gutierrez, is quitting

Gutierrez's departure comes as his allies recognize the sinking prospects in 2017 for a no-strings "clean Dream Act" for 3 million illegals, including the 690,000 'DACA' beneficiaries. In 2013 and 2014, Gutierrez was the leading Democratic pushing for House approval of the unpopular "Gang of Eight" amnesty-and-cheap-labor act.

For example, he worked closely with Rep. Paul Ryan to fashion a secret amnesty bill — even though the amnesty push was so unpopular that it cost Chuck Schumer nine Democratic seats plus the Senate majority in November 2014.

Tillerson Cleans House at State Department: According to Iran backed PressTV.com,

US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has initiated a major downsizing of the country's foreign service staff, even pushing out many senior officials and career diplomats, including the department's Chief of Security Bill Miller.

Miller — who served as the acting assistant secretary for diplomatic security — joined a procession of dismissals and early retirements that has "decimated the State Department's senior ranks," prompting off-the-record ire as well as congressional concerns about the persisting trend.

Tillerson, however, has made no secret of his idea that the State Department "is a bloated bureaucracy and that he regards much of the day-to-day diplomacy that lower-level officials conduct as unproductive," according to the report.

Even before the former chief executive of oil giant Exxon Mobile was confirmed, his staff fired six of the department's top career

diplomats, including former under-secretary of state for management, Patrick Kennedy. Kristie Kenney, the department's counselor and one of just five career ambassadors, was also summarily fired a few weeks later.

The top US diplomat launched a reorganization that he has said will be the most important thing he will do, vowing to slash the state department's budget by 31 percent and hiring two consulting companies to lead the effort. He has further frozen most hiring and recently offered a \$25,000 buyout in hopes of pushing nearly 2,000 career diplomats and civil servants to leave by October 2018.

Tillerson has not nominated anyone to fill these vacancies, so it appears he is serious about downsizing. Almost everyone in the department of State is a pro-government Leftist or liberal and while no good people are replacing them, downsizing the department is beneficial. But the establishment is not happy with Tillerson's downsizing and is trying hard to get Trump to fire Rex and replace him with CIA chief Pompeo. But Pompeo is an insider, and will not fundamentally change the direction of the globalist control over the State Department.

Bundy Given Pre-Trial Release: In another stunning turn of events, all of the three defendants in the Bundy Ranch trials, including Cliven and Ammon Bundy and Ryan Payne have all been given pre-trial release! Cliven however, has refused because he senses this is a ploy by the Department of Justice, knowing their intent to still prosecute them. He'd rather stay in jail, said John Lamb, a Bundy supporter, until he and his fellow defendants are exonerated and free men.

This may very well be a tactic to influence the jury favorably toward government and Judge Navarro, who has heretofore shown extreme

prejudice against the defendants. Two other juries have acquitted the defendants because of excessive bias by the government, and this may be an attempt to soften that view.

<http://thewashingtonstandard.com/breaking-bundys-released/>

Ryan Bundy's Opening Statement to the jury is a must read. I didn't know a Nevada cowboy could speak so eloquently. It was particularly effective and may have influenced this release. Bravo. I'm sure the jury was affected, and I'm also sure that the judge needed badly to counter Ryan's remarks with a false show of kindness.

Dave Hodges, up to his usual inventing things, says, "How did Morgan Philpot, the Bundy's attorney, not know about the impending release and I did? The release of the Bundy's had no relationship to their legal defense. The release of the Bundy's was orchestrated by trusted people working in the DOJ. Let's just say they have some perceived dirt on Judge Navarro, a friend and fellow "elbow rubber" with globalist Senator, Harry Reid... Let's just say that Navarro was legally targeted, subsequently compromi[s]ed and is attempting to stay one step ahead of the burning bridge."

Anyone like Hodges who gives voice to claimed "insiders" feeding him information is bound to be regularly led astray. There is NO evidence that any good people are in the Justice Department, let alone targeting Navarro or Harry Reid.

Washington Post Admits No Evidence of Trump Russian Collusions: ZeroHedge.com reported that,

After exposing the shocking, yet predictable, political bias of journalists at CNN and New York Times, Project Veritas has now set their sights on the Washington Post. In a candid conversation with an undercover Project

Veritas journalist, the Post's National Security Director, Adam Entous, put himself in danger of being a bit too honest, at least by his employer's standards, by admitting that "there's no evidence of [Trump-Russia collusion] that I've seen so far." Entous goes on to admit that "it's a f..king crap shoot" and that he has no idea how Mueller's investigation might turn out.

"We've seen a lot of flirtation, if you will, between them but nothing that, in my opinion, would rank as actual collusion. Now that doesn't mean that it doesn't exist, it just means we haven't found it yet. Or maybe it doesn't exist."

PREPAREDNESS TIP: STORING SALT

by Andrew Skousen

Salt is easily overlooked as you set aside food storage because it is already added to so many prepared foods (including canned goods) and because it has been demonized for years as contributing to high blood pressure. Don't let these things distract you from buying salt for your stockpile, and plenty of it, because it will be extremely valuable someday.

High blood pressure, in fact, is not as dangerous as it is made out be, if you stay fit through exercise. You will have better health results by reducing your intake of processed foods and especially refined sugars than just avoiding salt. Salt has to be balanced with water in the diet, so many people who are cutting down on salt and drinking a lot more water are actually stressing their body. Listen to your body as it gets thirsty with too much salt and craves salt with too much water. Excess salt is simply flushed out (as you drink more water), but too little salt can be severely detrimental, as anyone knows who has sweated too much. Several critical processes in the body start to shut down without enough sodium, including energy production, and

eventually even nerve coordination. The best health experts simply recommend eating good quality salt with natural minerals in it according to your sense of taste.

In hard times everyone will be preparing most food from scratch, whether from garden produce, stored grains, or fresh meat and eggs. They will likely be surprised how much more salt they need in the kitchen when they aren't using canned goods, packaged foods and sauces, or seasoning mixes.

Although you can meet your dietary needs with 1 or 2 lbs of salt per person per year, we have found it takes about twice that much salt for preserving and processing foods in brine solution such as pickles, sauerkraut and other cultured or "fermented" foods. Without refrigeration early settlers relied heavily on salt for preserving food, including salted fish, pork and beef. Salt draws the moisture out of meat, thus inhibiting bacteria and mold growth. It is still a critical part of curing meat, particularly "pink curing salt" (salt mixed with tiny amounts of nitrate/nitrite) used for making bacon and ham taste the way they do. Salt is also critical for tanning animal skins.

As you can see, salt will always be valuable and satisfies the most important requirements of being good for barter: Everyone needs it, it is easily recognizable, easily divisible and it stores well. In fact, salt will store forever, so you are only limited by space. I recommend 2 to 5 lbs of salt per person per year. Don't worry about repackaging salt into buckets unless you live a highly humid environment, and even then that just makes it clump up. Some say that storing it with oxygen absorbers results in rock hard clumps. Here are thoughts on the different varieties of salt:

Celtic sea salt from the Brittany region of France is an excellent salt. Like all of the best unrefined

salt it is not pure white. In fact, it is grey and still moist. But it is reported to have all the minerals needed by the body. Although too moist for salt shakers, it is excellent for pinching or measuring when cooking, baking or fermenting vegetables. \$4/lb if purchased in bulk.

Real Salt harvested from a naturally occurring salt deposit in central Utah is also an excellent quality salt with plenty of trace minerals. It is dry and finely ground—perfect for salt shakers. Sometimes tiny flecks of sandy particles are left at the bottom of a soup bowl from it, but otherwise I love using this salt. \$3.64/lb in bulk.

Pink Himalayan Sea Salt is also good salt even though it is mined from Pakistan. The minerals are valuable and dissolve well and it can be found in bulk for around \$3/lb although it is often sold for more.

Typical white iodized salt is highly processed to eliminate all impurities, but also all beneficial trace minerals. This salt often has anti-caking agents and other chemicals which are bad. Don't worry if you have plenty of it stored up; it will still work, but it is inferior to the varieties listed above.

A word about iodized salt: Tiny amounts of iodine has been added to salt since the 1920s to combat goiter (an acute condition resulting from very low iodine levels) but the amount of iodine is very small and degraded over time when moisture is present. Although it has eliminated goiter, most people need much more iodine for optimal health than this bare survival level, and many are amazed at the boost in energy and other benefits they get from a good source of iodine. I recommend the ionic form of it in solution such as Heritage Store's Nascent Colloidal Iodine (\$16/oz.) and Global Healing's Detoxidine (\$30/oz.). [END]