

WEAPONS OF MASS DECEPTION

DVD REVIEW

The feature length documentary, Weapons of Mass Deception, takes a critical look at our media in the lead up to, and during, the second war in Iraq. David Schechter, a media critic, analyzes the big media's (FOX, CNN, ABC, CBS, MSNBC) role in leading a nation to war. Schechter argues, in this solidly researched film, that the media 'covered' the war in Iraq rather than engaging in real journalism.

Weapons of Mass Deception examines the connection between the media, the corporations who own them, and the government. If media coverage of the war is not balanced, or objective, then one has to ask, 'what is their agenda?' A free press is a first amendment right, a free press is essential to a healthy democracy, and is not limited to those who own the presses. If the media is unable to provide us with full and accurate news, then how are we, the citizens, to make informed decisions? Where do we go for other points of view? What can we do?

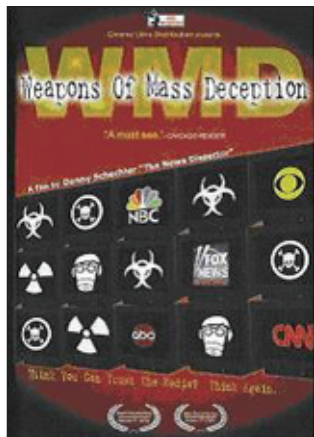
As part of the Documentaries for a Change film series, there will be a free showing of Weapons of Mass Deception, open to the public, on Wednesday, September 14th, 2005 @ 7:30PM in Saccomanno Lecture Hall in the MSC Science Building.

DOCUMENTARIES FOR CHANGE

Wednesday, September 14, 2005 • 7:30PM

Weapons of Mass Deception

Saccomanno Lecture Hall



State of Disunion

NUMBER OF MEDIA CONGLOMERATES that control 70% of all media:
5

NUMBER OF JOURNALISTS killed in Iraq to date:
67

NUMBER OF NON-CITIZENS serving in the United States military:
39,684

MINIMUM NUMBER OF PRIVATE CONTRACTORS (mercenaries) killed in Iraq:
264

NUMBER OF DAYS Hugo Chavez was held hostage in a CIA coup before being returned to power in 2001:
3

MINIMUM NUMBER OF ASSASSINATION ATTEMPTS the CIA has carried out against Fidel Castro:
9

NUMBER OF DOCTORS Castro offered to send to aid Katrina relief operations:
1100

PERCENT President Bush has cut New Orleans flood control funding to pay for the War in Iraq:
44.2

PERCENT of Louisiana's National Guard stationed in Iraq:
41

NUMBER OF NEW ORLEANS RESIDENTS who did not own vehicle:
150,000

CALL TO ACTION

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KATRINA DISASTER NO SURPRISE

"I don't think anyone anticipated a breach in the levees."

—President Bush, September 1, 2005—

The horrific loss of life and human suffering in the Gulf seems to have caught the government with their pants down, and that is what the administration is saying. The Bush administration has blamed the tragedy on everyone—the States, the cities, the victims, the poor, and the looters—but everyone knew this disaster was on the horizon.

Since the fall of the Soviet Union, FEMA has identified, almost prophetically, a terrorist attack in New York, a large Hurricane hitting New Orleans, and an earthquake in San Francisco as the three most likely disasters to occur on American soil. For years, our government has known that the levees protecting New Orleans could not withstand anything more than a fast-moving class 3 hurricane. In fact, during the Clinton years, the Army Corp of Engineers was charged with building up New Orleans's levees, but Bush cut the funding for the project by over 40%. Those funds went to pay for the illegal war in Iraq. Money is not the only resource being siphoned over to Iraq, over 40% of Louisiana's National Guard and most of the 'high-water' equipment are in Iraq. Since Bush has taken office, FEMA has had more and more of its disaster funding redirected toward the war on terror. In June of 2004, Pleasant Mann, a 16-year FEMA veteran, wrote members of Congress saying "Over the past three-and-one-half years, FEMA has gone from being a model agency to being one where funds are being misspent, employee morale has fallen, and our Nation's emergency management capability is being eroded. Our professional staff are being systematically replaced by politically connected novices and contractors." On top of that, take a look at the National Weather

Urgent Weather Message

National Weather Service
New Orleans, LA

1011 AM CDT

Sun Aug 28 2005-09-07



Devastating damage expected

Hurricane Katrina - A most powerful hurricane with unprecedented strength - rivaling the intensity of Hurricane Camille of 1969.

Most of the area will be uninhabitable for weeks - perhaps longer. At least one half of well-constructed homes will have roof and wall failure. All gabled roofs will fail - leaving those homes severely damaged or destroyed.

The majority of industrial buildings will become non-functional. Partial to complete wall and roof failure is expected. All wood-framed low-rising apartment buildings will be destroyed. Concrete block low-rise apartment buildings will sustain major damage - including some wall and roof failure.

High-rise office and apartment buildings will sway dangerously - a few to the point of total collapse. All windows will blow out.

Airborne debris will be widespread - and may include heavy items such as household appliances and even light vehicles. Sport utility vehicles and light trucks will be moved. The blown debris will create additional destruction. Persons - pets - and livestock exposed to the winds will face certain death if struck.

Power outages will last for weeks - as most power poles will be down and transformers destroyed. Water shortages will make human suffering incredible by modern standards.

Service's Urgent Weather Message issued two days before Katrina came aground. •

ROBERTSON PROVES IRAQ A WAR FOR OIL

At Robertson illustrated one of my points when he said the following about Venezuela President Hugo Chavez, "You know, I don't know about this doctrine of assassination, but if he thinks we're trying to assassinate him, I think that we really ought to go ahead and do it. It's a whole lot cheaper than starting a war. And I don't think any oil shipments will stop....We have the ability to take him out, and I think the time has come that we exercise that ability. We don't need another \$200 billion war to rid of one, you know, strong-arm dictator. It's a whole lot easier to have some of the covert operatives do the job and then get it over with."

My point has always been that if the war in Iraq was not about oil, why didn't we just assassinate Saddam and install a friendly regime? As Pat said, 'we have the ability' as illustrated by Historian William Blum, who compiled the following list of US sponsored assassinations, attempts, and plans. •

GEORGE BUSH DOESN'T LIKE BLACK PEOPLE

Legendary K.O.'s new single bashes Bush and the government's handling of Katrina.

Check it out at:

www.boingboing.net/2005/09/08/katrina_kanye_remix.html

1949-Kim Koo, Korean opposition leader.

1950's CIA had a hit-list for West German political figures to be "eliminated" in the event of a Soviet invasion.

1950's-Chou En lai, Prime minister of China, several attempts on his life.

1950's, 1962-Sukarno, President of Indonesia.

1951-Kim Il Sung, Premier of North Korea

1953-Mohammed Mossadegh, Prime Minister of Iran.

1950's (mid)-Claro M. Recto, Philippines opposition leader.

1955-Jawaharlal Nehru, Prime Minister of India.

1957-Gamal Abdul Nasser, President of Egypt.

1959, 1963, 1969-Norodom Sihanouk leader of Cambodia.

1960-Brig. Gen. Abdul Karim Kassem, leader of Iraq.

1950's-70's-Jose Figueres, President of Costa Rica.

1961-Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, leader of Haiti.

1961-Patrice Lumumba, Prime minister of the Congo.

1961-Gen. Rafael Trujillo, leader of Dominican Republic.

1963-Ngo Dinh Diem, President of South Vietnam.

1960's-1970's-Fidel Castro, President of Cuba, many attempts.

1960's-Raul Castro, high official in the Cuban government.

1965-Francisco Caamano, Dominican Republic opposition leader.

1965-6-Charles de Gaulle, President of France.

1967-Che Guevara, Cuban leader.

1970-Salvador Allende, President of Chile.

1970-Gen. Rene Schneider, Commander-in-Chief of Army, Chile.

1970's, 1981-General Omar Torrijos, leader of Panama.

1972-General Manuel Noriega, Chief of Panama Intelligence.

1975-Mobutu Sese Seko, President of Zaire.

1976-Micheal Manley, Prime Minister of Jamaica.

1980-1986-Muammar Qaddafi, leader of Libya, several attempts.

1982-Ayatollah Khomeini, leader of Iran.

1983-Gen. Ahmed Dlimi, Moroccan Army commander.

1984-The nine comandantes of the Sandista National Directorate.

1985-Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah, Lebanese Shiite leader.

1991-Saddam Hussein, leader of Iraq.

1993-Mohamed Farah Aidede, prominent clan leader of Somalia.

1998, 2001-2-Osama bin Laden, leading Islamic militant.

1999-Slobodan Milosevic, President of Yugoslavia.

2002-Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, Afghan Islamic leader and warlord.

2003-Saddam Hussein and his two sons.

THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE JOINING THE MILITARY

"Our military is not a job or a training program; It's only there to fight wars."
—Dick Cheney—

We are a warring nation that is at war again—in at least two countries. Many are asking 'why?' Especially young people, who disagree in large numbers about supporting the war. Many realize that America has a history of eating its own young.

The No Child Left Behind Act gave military recruiters incredible predatory powers. If you are under eighteen and do not want to be pestered, remember, you are in control. You can stop by your school's office and demand to be taken off the recruitment list.

Why would you want to avoid the military? Because if you are a veteran of the military, you have only a 15% chance of getting a four year degree in your life. Since the 1970s, ex-G.I.s have received paychecks 15% smaller than non-vets. Vets end up in prisons and mental hospitals much more than non-vets, and one third of all homeless people are veterans.

As a soldier, you can be killed in a war, whether you agree with it or not. You can be killed in a war we win just as easily as you can in a war we lose.

Military service is a specifically hazardous career for women. A Cornell University study shows that 90% of all women in the military have experienced sexual harassment. 30% report being sexually assaulted.

Ironically, many people join the military to help defend America and our Constitution. It's ironic because after you enlist, you waive all your civil rights. Instead, you become controlled by the uniform code of military justice. If you are a lower rank than your adversary in court, the higher ranked G.I. will win.

The military lies all the time—especially about harm carried out against our own G.I.s. In the 1950s, the army exposed soldiers to dangerous levels of radiation with enormous rates of cancer killing off our own troops, while the government denied any responsibility. It happened again in Gulf War 1. There, troops got ill, with Gulf War Syndrome, a disease that has killed over 10,000 of our own troops since the war's end. Remember

that yes, the military lies. Ask a couple of vets if they think recruiters lie and listen closely.

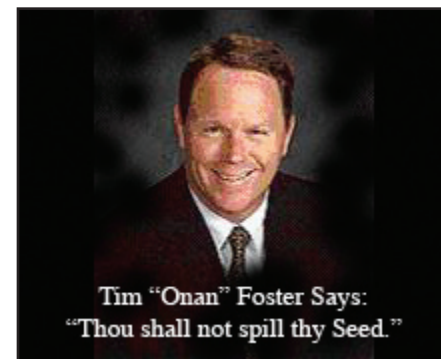
The lies, the scandals, the cronyism and the horrors of war are more than enough evidence to show that for most people, the military is a poor choice. If you are avoiding college because you think that you can't handle it financially, at least call up one college's financial aid office to receive advice on how to make college possible. Remember that only 15% of all vets get college degrees after the service.

If you are already enlisted in the delayed enlistment program, don't despair. There are ways that you can get out of it that costs little or no money. The best web-site to learn the truth about how to get out of a delayed enlistment program is www.objector.org

Objector.org, also has detailed info on how to register as a conscientious objector (C.O.). A conscientious objector is someone who is morally, ethically, or spiritually opposed to war, and the military cannot send them to war. Everyone 18-26 years old, should probably get started on their C.O. status right away, because a draft seems like it's right around the corner.

Also check out www.veteransforpeace.org, and www.mfso.org, for honest information, with no b.s., about life in the military.

Think seriously about some career other than the military. After all, We REALLY need you here to fight the military industrial complex!



Monday, September 19, 2005 • 7:30PM
Mesa County Green Party will be having an organizational meeting
at *The Confluence Collective*
1450 Elm Ave.

Thursday, September 22, 2005 • 7:00PM
Holocaust Survivor, Manya Friedman will be speaking at *MSC in Room 129 in Houston Hall.*

Saturday, September 24, 2005 • 12PM - 1PM
A Voice of Reason will be having peace vigil from. Meet at *Hawthorne Park (5th and Gunnison)* at 11:30AM. Join people across the country in Operation Cease Fire, in calling for an end to the war.

Wednesday, September 28, 2005 • 7:30PM
MSC A Voice of Reason's Documentaries for Change Film Series will be screening "The Corporation." At the *Saccomanno Lecture Hall.*

Monday, October 3, 2005
The last day to register to vote for November's Vote. Remember, you have to re-register if you have changed your address, changed your name, or have not voted recently.