

Military Resistance 8G4



**Report Finds U.S.
Soldiers Slaughtered At
Wanat By Command
Dereliction Of Duty:
Tough Shit -- Protecting The
Brass Has Priority:**

**Army Command “Withdrew,
Canceled And Annulled”
Disciplinary Action Against
Officers “Derelict” In Their Duties
And Responsible For The
Massacre:
Lt. Col. Dad Of Dead 1st Lt. Says
“They Weaseled Out Of The Trap”
Father Says His Son “Was Killed Again
Today”**

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July 5, 2010 By Michelle Tan, Army Times [Excerpts]

In a decision that stunned family members, the Army announced June 23 that it has reversed itself and exonerated three officers who were in command during the deadly battle in Wanat, Afghanistan.

Nine soldiers were killed and 27 others wounded in the July 13, 2008, attack.

“I’m a big Army guy and I was embarrassed of the United States Army,” said retired Col. David Brostrom, whose son, 1st Lt. Jonathan Brostrom, was killed in the attack.

“I felt sorry, then I got mad and angry, and I still am. The perception is that the Army planned this out. They’re just happy they snuck out of this thing. They

weaseled out of the trap. Any confidence that the Army can police itself, I think it's out the window."

Gen. Charles Campbell, who recently relinquished command of Forces Command and is preparing to retire, "withdrew, canceled and annulled" the adverse administrative actions issued early this year after reviewing findings from a Central Command-directed investigation and hearing from the three officers themselves.

Campbell also reaffirmed findings in the CENTCOM report that the two general officers in the chain of command — Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Schloesser, former commander of the 101st Airborne Division, and Brig. Gen. Mark Milley, former deputy commander of operations for the 101st — were not negligent and "their decisions and actions were reasonable and proper under the circumstances."

Army officials have not named the three officers originally cited to be disciplined in the CENTCOM review, but news reports and family members have identified them as the company, battalion and brigade commanders for C Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

Col. Charles Preysler, who is now assigned to the Pentagon, was the commander of the 173rd at the time of the battle. Col. William Ostlund, now deputy commander of the 75th Ranger Regiment, was the battalion commander, and Capt. Matthew Myer was the company commander.

Early last year Myer received a Silver Star, the third-highest award for valor, for his actions in the battle. He is now assigned to the 6th Ranger Training Battalion at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Army Times was unable to reach Preysler and Myer; Ostlund declined to comment.

On July 13, 2008, 45 U.S. troops, accompanied by 24 Afghan soldiers, were attacked in Afghanistan's rugged Waygul Valley by more than 200 enemy fighters.

It remains the single deadliest attack against U.S. forces since the beginning of the war in Afghanistan, apart from incidents involving helicopter crashes.

Members of the victims' families were brought to Fort McPherson, Ga., on June 23 for a briefing on the initial CENTCOM investigation and Campbell's review.

The nearly five-hour meeting started with Marine Lt. Gen. Richard Natonski, who led the CENTCOM investigation, outlining the recommendations in his report.

Among other findings, investigators found the risk-assessment and risk-mitigation measures taken by the company and battalion were "inadequate."

The battalion and company commanders failed to conduct detailed planning beyond the movement to and initial occupation of the position at Wanat, resulting in "an overall lack of supervision and synchronization of a complex operation," investigators found.

Because of that, the two commanders were “through neglect, derelict in the performance of their duties to properly supervise the planning and execution” of the operation, according to the report.

The brigade commander also was derelict, according to the report, “through culpable inefficiency” for not addressing the lack of planning, resourcing and execution of the mission, and was “too passive and accepting of what proved to be incomplete and/or inaccurate information” about the mission.

After Natonski completed his briefing, Campbell took the floor to discuss his decision.

“We went from a high, thinking that the military had done the right thing ... to a low, having this retired four-star general telling us that he made the decision to not find anybody guilty of dereliction of duty,” Brostrom said.

Frankie Gay, whose son, Cpl. Pruitt Rainey, was killed at Wanat, said the roomful of family members was in shock after the briefing.

“I cannot tell you what kind of uproar was in that room, what kind of dismay, what kind of pain, what an insult it was for us parents to sit there and listen to that,” Gay said. “I was absolutely in shock for the second time in my life. The first time was when Pruitt was killed, and the second time, he was killed again today.”

The briefing ended abruptly when the family members, upon hearing that the reversal of the adverse actions against these officers was final, got angry and walked out, family members said.

“For me personally, it was about the integrity of our sons, it was our last respect to pay in honor of our boys for the ultimate sacrifice they gave,” Gay said.

“When Natonski finished his presentation, I felt like maybe a difference will be made. Nothing will bring back my son, but maybe no other family will go through this again. But when Campbell (spoke), we just could not believe it.”

Sen. Jim Webb, D-Va., who, along with the families of the fallen soldiers, had called for further investigation into the battle, released a terse statement about the Army’s findings.

“I find it deeply troubling that the Army has exonerated these officers and in the process rejected the findings of the independent review,” he said. “This development raises concerns regarding the principle of command accountability in the Army.”

ACTION REPORTS

“In The Course Of Our Picketing, One Soldier Flashed Us The Peace Sign” [R-Day Outreach To West Point Cadet Candidates]



George Andrzejewski, one of those welcoming cadets and their families to West Point, June 28, 2010. Photo by Gayle Dunkelberger

From: Nick Mottern
To: Military Resistance
Subject: ON JULY 4: QUESTIONS FOR WEST POINT AND US
Date: Jul 4, 2010

By Nick Mottern

On the occasion of Independence Day I want to report on going to West Point last Monday, June 28, 2001 with six colleagues to raise questions for incoming cadets about the legality and purpose of our wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

West Point is arguably the most famous and admired US military school. It is also a shrine to soldiers who have died in the United States' wars. Politicians routinely go there to bathe and sanctify themselves, and their arguments, whatever their virtue, with the blood of soldiers.

West Point's motto expressed on its website is "Duty, Honor, Country", and like all units of the military, it is also about following orders.

But what if the United States' civilian and military leadership are collectively psychotic, delusional, and criminal in pursuing a war, or wars, as is the case with Iraq and Afghanistan?

What if the delusional goal of a specific war, or wars, is not freedom, independence or protection but forcing people in other nations to adopt corporately-controlled governments like that of the United States, where the public interest is given lip service but corporate expansion and high profitability are paramount?

George Andrzejewski, Martha Conte, Gayle Dunkelberger, Nora Freeman, Kwame Madden, Bennett Weiss and I arrived at West Point at 6 am on the 28th while the nearly full moon was fading out of the hazy, light blue sky.

We came at that hour to be on time to greet nearly 1,400 cadet candidates and their families who would begin arriving at 6:30 am for Reception Day, or R-Day, the day that the cadet candidates are sworn into the Army and when they enter Cadet Basic Training, known as "Beast Barracks." As the R-Day schedule below indicates, it is a day in which the Army intends to win the loyalty and total support of the cadets' parents as it immerses their children in military culture and seeks to transform them into Army officers.

We first set up a series of signs on the sidewalk along West Point Highway in downtown Highland Falls, leading into Thayer Gate, West Point's main entrance. The signs said, in the fashion of Burma Shave signs:

Questions for Cadets:

Do Our Wars Violate International Law & Nuremberg?

Do You Want to Fight to Help Energy & Mineral Companies?

See www.FreeWestPoint.com (a new website directed at cadets and instructors.)

When the signs were in place, Kwame and I drove to West Point's Stony Lonesome Gate, north of Highland Falls, and positioned ourselves with a banner on a grassy triangle where the two entrance roads to the gate join.

Cars entering from 9W north and south could easily read the banner, which said:

Questions for Cadets:

Do Our Wars Violate International Law?

Do You Want to Fight for Energy Companies?

See www.FreeWestPoint.com

Kwami and I found that the predominant response to the banner, by cadets and parents, was studied avoidance, eyes front, no expression. In one car, the man who was driving, and the young man in the front passenger seat, looked straight ahead, but woman sitting in back read the banner then turned to talk to the men in the front seat.

There were times when I thought we and our message were invisible until a driver, a man or a woman, lifted a middle finger to us or showed a thumb down. One woman, driving a small SUV with others on board, gave us the most vigorous thumb down I have ever witnessed in my years of protesting the current wars. On two occasions we got a wave of approval.

The cadet candidates, overwhelmingly white and male, looked extremely solemn as they passed, although several grinned at us in defiance, and two young men laughed at us.

My colleagues at the Thayer Gate experienced similar responses.

One of the most satisfying moments at the Stony Gate came when three large tour buses filled with what appeared to be cadets or cadet candidates were forced to slow down by traffic entering the gate, thus making it easier to read the banner. One of the buses stopped for about two minutes next to us, and all in the bus had a chance to study the banner.

Two khaki green Stryker, light armored vehicles were also caught in this traffic jam, and the soldiers driving and riding on them read the banner.

In the course of our picketing, one soldier flashed us the peace sign.

Another who said he had been in Afghanistan, when asked what he thought of the mission, said: "I just do what I'm told."

MORE:

ACTION REPORTS WANTED: FROM YOU!

An effective way to encourage others to support members of the armed forces organizing to resist the Imperial war is to report what you do.

If you've carried out organized contact with troops on active duty, at base gates, airports, or anywhere else, send a report in to Military Resistance for the Action Reports section.

Same for contact with National Guard and/or Reserve components.

They don't have to be long. Just clear, and direct action reports about what work was done and how.

If there were favorable responses, say so.

If there were unfavorable responses or problems, don't leave them out. Reporting what went wrong and/or got screwed up is especially important, so that others may learn from you what to expect, and how to avoid similar problems if possible.

If you are not planning or engaging in outreach to the troops, you have nothing to report.

NOTE WELL:

Do not make public any information that could compromise the work.

Identifying information – locations, personnel – will be omitted from the reports.

Whether you are serving in the armed forces or not, do not identify members of the armed forces organizing to stop the wars.

If accidentally included, that information will not be published.

The sole exception: occasions when a member of the armed services explicitly directs identifying information be published in reporting on the action.

**DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND OR RELATIVE IN THE
MILITARY?**

Forward Military Resistance along, or send us the address if you wish and we'll send it regularly. Whether in Afghanistan, Iraq or stuck on a base in the USA, this is extra important for your service friend, too often cut off from access to encouraging news of growing resistance to the wars, inside the armed services and at home. Send email requests to address up top or write to: The Military Resistance, Box 126, 2576 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10025-5657. Phone: 888.711.2550

IRAQ WAR REPORTS

**Resistance Welcomes Biden To
Baghdad With Five Round Mortar
Attack On Green Zone:
“I Say Again: Please Remain Under
Cover. There Is Still A Threat Of Indirect
Fire”**

7/4/10 By MIKE ALLEN, POLITICO [Excerpts]

BAGHDAD — A loud explosive device was heard inside the huge U.S. embassy compound in Baghdad on Sunday night during a visit to Iraq by Vice President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden. The Bidens were “safe and unharmed,” an aide said.

The visit was designed partly to highlight progress in the war zone.

At least five mortar rounds fell in the Green Zone late Sunday, Iraqi police officials told The Associated Press.

Inside the embassy, two “duck and cover” alarms sounded within an hour, and loudspeakers warned occupants of “a threat of indirect fire,” a reference to a potential mortar round. An “all clear” was sounded both times.

A siren wailed and the loudspeaker said: “Duck and cover. Get away from the window. Take cover and await further instructions.”

A follow-up announcement said: “I say again: Please remain under cover. There is still a threat of indirect fire.”

Less than three hours before the blast, Biden told a reception of top Iraqi officials who gathered at the U.S. embassy: “The American people stand with you, stand united with you, at a time when a new Iraq has been born. Over the past several years, you’ve made extraordinary progress ...”

Mortar fire also accompanied an unannounced trip to Baghdad by Biden in September.

**IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE RESISTANCE
END THE OCCUPATION**

**OCCUPATION ISN'T LIBERATION
ALL TROOPS HOME NOW!**

**POLITICIANS CAN'T BE COUNTED ON TO
HALT THE BLOODSHED**

**THE TROOPS HAVE THE POWER TO STOP
THE WAR**

AFGHANISTAN WAR REPORTS

Vermont Soldier Killed In Afghanistan



U.S. Army Spc. Ryan Grady, 25, of West Burke, Vt., who died July 2, 2010 in Afghanistan after his military vehicle was struck by a roadside bomb. (AP Photo/Vermont National Guard)

WELCOME TO THE LONELY SIDE OF HELL: ALL HOME NOW!



A United States soldier from the 508 Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne, at Combat Outpost Ware in the Arghandab Valley, outside Kandahar City, July 4, 2010. (AP Photo/Kevin Frayer)

SOMALIA WAR REPORTS

“Explosion Targeted To A Government’s Vehicle”



Jul 3, 10 AFP & 04 July 2010 Sh. M. Network

At least 5 people have been killed and 3 others have been wounded after explosion targeted to a government’s vehicle traveling around the centre of Hamarweyne district in the Somali capital Mogadishu, officials said on Sunday.

Abdullahi Ibrahim Sahal better known as (Gardhub), has talked to the journalists after the blast and said that the blast was a remote controlled land mine targeted to a vehicle belonging to the director of the ministry of finance of the transitional government traveling around the centre of Hamarweyne district in Mogadishu.

More government soldiers had reached at scene where the blast occurred shortly after the explosion happened and made search operations there and captured 19 people suspected to be the mastermind of the explosion, but Mr. Gardub said that all the detained people were released from Afar-Irdod prison in the capital.

Two African Union peacekeepers [translation: U.S. government-backed occupation troops] from Uganda were killed and three others injured during recent clashes with Islamist insurgents in northern Mogadishu, an official said Saturday.

“The single largest failure of the anti-war movement at this point is the lack of outreach to the troops.” Tim Goodrich, Iraq Veterans Against The War

TROOP NEWS

THIS IS HOW OBAMA BRINGS THE TROOPS HOME: HOME: BRING THEM ALL HOME NOW, ALIVE



The coffin of U.S. Army Spc. Scott Anthony Andrews of Fall River, Mass., Holy Name Church, Fall River, Mass., July 3, 2010. Andrews was killed in Afghanistan while serving in Operation Enduring Freedom on June 21, 2010. (AP Photo/Robert E. Klein)

A War Profiteers' Dream Come True: DoD Warehousing \$7.1 Billion Of Spare Parts That Are No Longer Needed

July 5, 2010 Army Times [Excerpts]

The Defense Department has \$13.7 billion worth of spare parts in its warehouses — and \$7.1 billion of that comes from items that are no longer needed, Congressional investigators reported recently.

“The waste of taxpayer dollars is unbelievable,” said Sen. Bernard Sanders, I-Vt., of the Government Accountability Office report. “At a time when the country has a \$13 trillion national debt and is struggling with huge unmet needs, it is outrageous that the Defense Department continues to waste huge sums of money for spare parts that the military doesn’t need.”

FORWARD OBSERVATIONS



“At a time like this, scorching irony, not convincing argument, is needed. Oh had I the ability, and could reach the nation’s ear, I would, pour out a fiery stream of biting ridicule, blasting reproach, withering sarcasm, and stern rebuke.

“For it is not light that is needed, but fire; it is not the gentle shower, but thunder.

“We need the storm, the whirlwind, and the earthquake.”

Frederick Douglass, 1852

From World War I:
**“On The Defeat Of One’s Own
Government In The Imperialist War”**

“A Revolutionary Class In A Reactionary War Cannot But Wish For The Defeat Of Its Government”

July 26, 1915: On The Defeat of One's Own Government in the Imperialist War, By Vladimir Ilyich Ulyanov: Sotsial-Demokrat No. 43 [Excerpts]

A revolutionary class in a reactionary war cannot but “wish for the defeat of its government.”

This is an axiom. It is disputed only by the conscious partisans or the helpless satellites of the social-chauvinists.

[T]o the latter belong Trotsky and Bukvoyed; in Germany, Kautsky. To wish Russia's defeat, Trotsky says, is “an uncalled-for and unjustifiable political concession to the methodology of social-patriotism which substitutes for the revolutionary struggle against the war and the conditions that cause war, an orientation along the lines of the lesser evil, an orientation which, under given conditions, is perfectly arbitrary” (Nashe Slovo, No. 105.) This is an example of the inflated phraseology with which Trotsky always justifies opportunism.

“A revolutionary struggle against the war” is an empty and meaningless exclamation, the like of which the heroes of the Second International are past masters in making, unless it means revolutionary actions against one's own government in times of war.

A little reasoning suffices to make this clear.

When we say revolutionary actions in war time against one's own government, we indisputably mean not only the wish for its defeat, but practical actions leading towards such defeat.

In using phrases to avoid the issue, Trotsky has lost his way amidst very simple surroundings. It seems to him that to wish Russia's defeat means to wish Germany's victory. (Bukvoyed and Semkovsky express more directly this “thought,” or rather, thoughtlessness, which they have in common with Trotsky.) In this Trotsky also repeats the “methodology of social-patriotism”!

To help people that do not know how to think, the Berne resolution (Sotsial-Demokrat, No. 40) made it clear that in all imperialist countries the proletariat must now wish the defeat of its government.

Revolution in war time is civil war.

Transformation of war between governments into civil war is, on the one hand, facilitated by military reverses (“defeats”) of the governments; on the other hand, it is impossible to strive in practice towards such a transformation without at the same time working towards military defeat.

The “slogan” of defeat is so vehemently repudiated by the chauvinists for the very reason that this slogan alone means a consistent appeal to revolutionary action against one's own government in war time.

Without such action, millions of the most revolutionary phrases concerning “war against war and conditions, etc.” are not worth a penny.

The tsarist government was perfectly right when it asserted that the propaganda of the Russian Social-Democratic Labor Fraction was the only example in the International of not only parliamentary opposition but of real revolutionary propaganda in the masses against their government, that this propaganda weakened the military power of Russia and aided its defeat.

This is a fact. It is not clever to hide from it.

The opponents of the defeat slogan are simply afraid of themselves when they do not wish to realize the most obvious fact of the inseparable connection between revolutionary propaganda against the government and actions leading to its defeat.

An understanding concerning revolutionary actions within even one single country, not to speak of a number of countries, can be realized only by the force of the example of earnest revolutionary actions, by their being launched, by their development.

It is impossible, however, to launch them without wishing the government defeat, and without contributing to such a defeat.

The change from imperialist war to civil war cannot be “made,” as it is impossible to “make” a revolution - it grows out of the multiplicity of diverse phenomena, phases, traits, characteristics, consequences of the imperialist war.

Such growth is impossible without a series of military reverses and defeats of those governments which receive blows from their own oppressed classes.

The only policy of a real, not verbal, breaking of “civil peace,” of accepting the class struggle, is for the proletariat to take advantage of the difficulties of the government and its bourgeoisie with the aim of overthrowing them.

This, however, cannot be achieved, it cannot be striven at, without wishing the defeat of one's own government, without contributing to such a defeat.

When, before the war, the Italian Social-Democrats raised the question of a mass strike, the bourgeoisie replied, undoubtedly correctly from its standpoint, that this would be high treason, and that they would be dealt with as traitors.

This is true, and it is also true that fraternization in the trenches is high treason.

A proletarian cannot help deal his government a class blow; he cannot reach out (in practice) a hand to his brother, the proletarian of the “foreign” country which is at war with us, without committing “high treason,” without contributing to the defeat, the dismemberment of “his” imperialist “great” power.

Let us look at the question from one more angle.

The war cannot but call forth among the masses the most stormy feelings which destroy the usual sluggishness of mass psychology. Without adjustment to these new stormy feelings, revolutionary tactics are impossible.

What are the main currents of these stormy feelings?

(1) Horror and despair. Hence the growth of religious feelings. Once more the churches are full, the reactionaries rejoice. "Wherever there are sufferings, there is religion," says the arch-reactionary, Barres.

He is right, too.

(2) Hatred for the "enemy," a feeling carefully fanned by the bourgeoisie (more than by the priests) and of economic and political value only to the bourgeoisie.

(3) Hatred for one's own government and one's bourgeoisie - a feeling of all class-conscious workers who understand, on the one hand, that war is "a continuation of politics" on the part of imperialism, which they meet by "continuing" their hatred for their class enemy; on the other hand, that "war against war" is a silly phrase if it does not mean revolution against their own government.

It is impossible to arouse hatred against one's own government and one's bourgeoisie without wishing their defeat, and it is impossible to be non-hypocritical opponent of "civil" (class) "peace" without arousing hatred towards one's own government and bourgeoisie!!!

DANGER: POLITICIANS AT WORK

**Welcome To The Occupied
USA:
FBI & Department of Homeland
Security Attempt To Seize
Colorado Indymedia Server And
Silence Our Users:**

**“Police Are A Tool Of Those Who Are
In Power Who Use Them To Maintain
That Power Through Force”
“Will Not Be Intimidated Into Maintaining
Investigative Records On Our Own Users
Or Shutting Down Our Service”**

Behind every law is a charge, behind every badge is a gun, and behind every subpoena is the possibility of being kidnapped and held hostage for contempt.

This type of targeting is done every day against those who assert their right to privacy, who do not have societal privilege, who lack the money to defend themselves in court or conform to society's norms, and who choose to defy and change those norms themselves or challenge the power structures that control society.

June 24, 2010 By ringo; Colorado Indymedia [Excerpts]

On Jun 17, Colorado Indymedia was contacted by Special Agent Adam Kowalski of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)/Department of Homeland Security (DHS). As part of an “ongoing investigation” by Federal Protective Services, they attempted to seize the Colorado Indymedia server, believing that we kept logs (such as IP address access logs) that could identify users on our site.

Our servers are graciously hosted at Denver Open Media who was approached by Kowalski.

Kowalski claimed he had a court order but refused to leave a copy at Denver Open Media.

He was told to contact the system administrators in order to obtain the logs as Denver Open Media does not have the ability to consent to a seizure or search of our property.

As of this date, we do not have a copy of the court order if it even exists.

It's likely that this was just a bluff as it's well-established that cops, the FBI, and other law enforcement can lie in order to illicit consent and lying about court orders is no exception.

We told the FBI that “Colorado Indymedia does not retain this (identifying) information because we strongly believe in the First Amendment right to free, anonymous speech.

“Frequently communities outside of our society's mainstream feel more comfortable expressing their views in an anonymous setting. Like all Independent Media Centers,

Colorado Indymedia exists to serve these communities, and thus strives to maintain the anonymity of its users.”

While this may look to many as a run-of-the-mill investigation, there are several things that bring this into question. Firstly, it is a well known and widely publicized policy of Colorado Indymedia that we do not retain logs that can identify individual users.

Additionally, the FBI seemed intent on seizing our server when they came to Denver Open Media, indicating their goal may have been the disruption of our service instead of simply identifying users.

Given this, it seems likely that the government is upset that we provide a venue for anonymous speech and is retaliating for this.

This targeting is no surprise and something we expect from law enforcement.

Police are a tool of those who are in power who use them to maintain that power through force.

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This type of targeting is done every day against those who assert their right to privacy, who do not have societal privilege, who lack the money to defend themselves in court or conform to society's norms, and who choose to defy and change those norms themselves or challenge the power structures that control society.

We are not treated differently than anybody else and the targeting of Colorado Indymedia is business as usual.

If the Department of Justice had their way (based on their actions and lobbying efforts), the right to anonymous speech would completely disappear.

The services that we provide are a critical part of fostering social change and democratic discourse in this region.

For this reason and many others we will not be intimidated into maintaining investigative records on our own users or shutting down our service.

It's important when things like this happen we not internalize this repression and that we let people know we are being bullied.

The majority of a bully's power is derived from their ability to keep their victim's silent. This is true whether those bullies are police, rapists, the bully who steals your lunch money, or an abusive parent.

This enforced silence keeps the victim feeling powerless and alone.

When we are silent, we cannot find others who have faced the same treatment and speak out about it or fight back.

Police are a tool of those in power which they use to enforce their rules, laws, social codes, and ultimately maintain their place at the top of the hierarchy.

They do not want to hear about people challenging their authority.

Most of all, they want to make sure that nobody sees or hears about those actions and chooses to support those individuals or becomes inspired to challenge authority on their own.

You may view our privacy policy at <http://colorado.indymedia.org/no..> which contractually binds us to protect your information. We would like to thank Denver Open Media (<http://denveropenmedia.org>) for continuing to host our server and recognizing the importance of the service we provide.

We continue to look for people who are willing to help with website/server administration, moderation, legal problems, and other things.

Please see <http://colorado.indymedia.org/no> for more information.

Welcome To The Occupied USA: Obama Regime Traitors Threaten Reporters With Prison For Reporting The Truth About The Gulf Oil Poisoning: “Keeping Prying Eyes Out Of Marshes, Away From Booms, Off The Beaches Is Now Government Policy”

<p>We're talking about the government, a new a rule announced today backed by the force of law and the threat of fines and felony charges, a rule that will prevent reporters and photographers and anyone else from getting anywhere close to booms and oil-soaked wildlife and just about any place we need to be.</p>

July 1, 2010 ANDERSON COOPER 360 DEGREES, CNN [Excerpts]

[W]e begin, as we do every night, “Keeping Them Honest”.

This time, however, we're not talking about BP.

We're talking about the government, a new a rule announced today backed by the force of law and the threat of fines and felony charges, a rule that will prevent reporters and photographers and anyone else from getting anywhere close to booms and oil-soaked wildlife and just about any place we need to be.

By now, you're probably familiar with cleanup crews stiff-arming the media, private security blocking cameras, ordinary workers clamming up, some not even saying who they're working for because they're afraid of losing their jobs.

BP has said again and again that's not their policy.

Yet, again and again, it has happened. And we have seen it. But that's BP.

And now the government apparently is getting in on the act, despite what Admiral Thad Allen promised about transparency just nearly a month ago.

Here is what he said back then.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

ADMIRAL THAD ALLEN (RET.), NATIONAL INCIDENT COMMANDER: I have put out a written directive -- and I can provide it for the record -- that says the media will have uninhibited access anywhere we're doing operations, except for two things, if it's a security or a safety problem. That is my policy.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

COOPER: Uninhibited access, unless it's a security or safety problem.

Well, the Coast Guard today announced new rules keeping photographers and reporters and anyone else from coming within 65 feet of any response vessel or booms out on the water or on beaches -- 65 feet.

Now, in order to get closer, you have to get direct permission from the Coast Guard captain of the Port of New Orleans. You have to call up the guy.

What this means is that oil-soaked birds on islands surrounded by boom, you can't get close enough to take that picture.

Shots of oil on beaches with booms, stay 65 feet away. Pictures of oil-soaked booms uselessly laying in the water because they haven't been collected like they should, you can't get close enough to see that. And, believe me, that is out there.

But you only know that if you get close to it, and now you can't without permission.

Violators could face a fine of \$40,000 and Class D felony charges.

Here is how Admiral Allen defends it.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

ALLEN: Well, it's not unusual at all for the Coast Guard to establish either safety or security zones around any number of facilities or activities for public safety or for the safety of the equipment itself. We would do this for marine events, fireworks demonstrations, cruise ships going in and out of port.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

COOPER: So, this is the exact same logic that federal wildlife officials used to prevent CNN on two occasions from getting pictures of oiled birds that have been collected, pictures like -- like the -- well, that we're about to show you which are obviously deeply disturbing, pictures of oiled gulls that we just happened to catch.

Suddenly, we were told after -- after that day we couldn't catch it anymore.

So, keeping prying eyes out of marshes, away from booms, off the beaches is now government policy.

When asked why now, after all this time, Thad Allen said he had gotten some complaints from local officials worried people might get hurt.

Now, we don't know who these officials are. We would like to.

But transparency is apparently not a high priority with Thad Allen either these days.

Maybe he is accurate and some officials are concerned. And that's their right. But we've heard far more from local officials about not being able to get a straight story from the government or BP.

I have met countless local officials desperate for pictures to be taken and stories written about what is happening in their communities.

I have not heard about any journalist who has disrupted relief efforts. No journalist wants to be seen as having slowed down the cleanup or made things worse. If a Coast Guard official asked me to move, I would move.

But to create a blanket rule that everyone has to stay 65 feet away boom and boats, that doesn't sound like transparency.

Frankly, it's a lot like in Katrina when they tried to make it impossible to see recovery efforts of people who died in their homes.

If we can't show what is happening, warts and all, no one will see what's happening. And that makes it very easy to hide failure and hide incompetence and makes it very hard to highlight the hard work of cleanup crews and the Coast Guard. We are not the enemy here.

We found out today two public broadcasting journalists reporting on health issues say they have been blocked again and again from visiting a federal mobile medical unit in Venice, a trailer where cleanup workers are being treated.

It's known locally as the BP compound.

And these two reporters say everyone they have talked to, from BP to the Coast Guard, to Health and Human Services in Washington has been giving them the runaround.

We're not talking about a CIA station here. We're talking about a medical trailer that falls under the authority of, guess who, Thad Allen, the same Thad Allen who promised transparency all those weeks ago.

With us now, two parish presidents, Billy Nungesser of Plaquemines Parish and Craig Taffaro, Jr. of Saint Bernard.

Thanks very much for being with us. What do you make of this 65-foot rule, Billy?

BILLY NUNGESSER, PRESIDENT, PLAQUEMINES PARISH, LOUISIANA: You know, instead of spending time picking up the oil, getting more skimmers, I'm blown away.

You know, does this mean, if I'm out or one of the fisherman is out and sees a pelican, he fears he's going to be fined or arrested, so he doesn't go into that area?

The only boom that's been disturbed has been because we had the wrong type of boom or they put it down wrong or the winds have blown it up into the marsh.

COOPER: And you can only see that if you actually get within, say, five feet, maybe 10 feet, of that boom and you see, oh, look, that's oil-soaked boom that should have been picked up weeks ago.

Congressman Fears The Return Of The Terrorist Babies [No, Not From The Onion]

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Citing a "retired F.B.I. agent" as his source, U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, said on the floor of Congress last week that terror cells are plotting to breed future terrorists inside the United States.

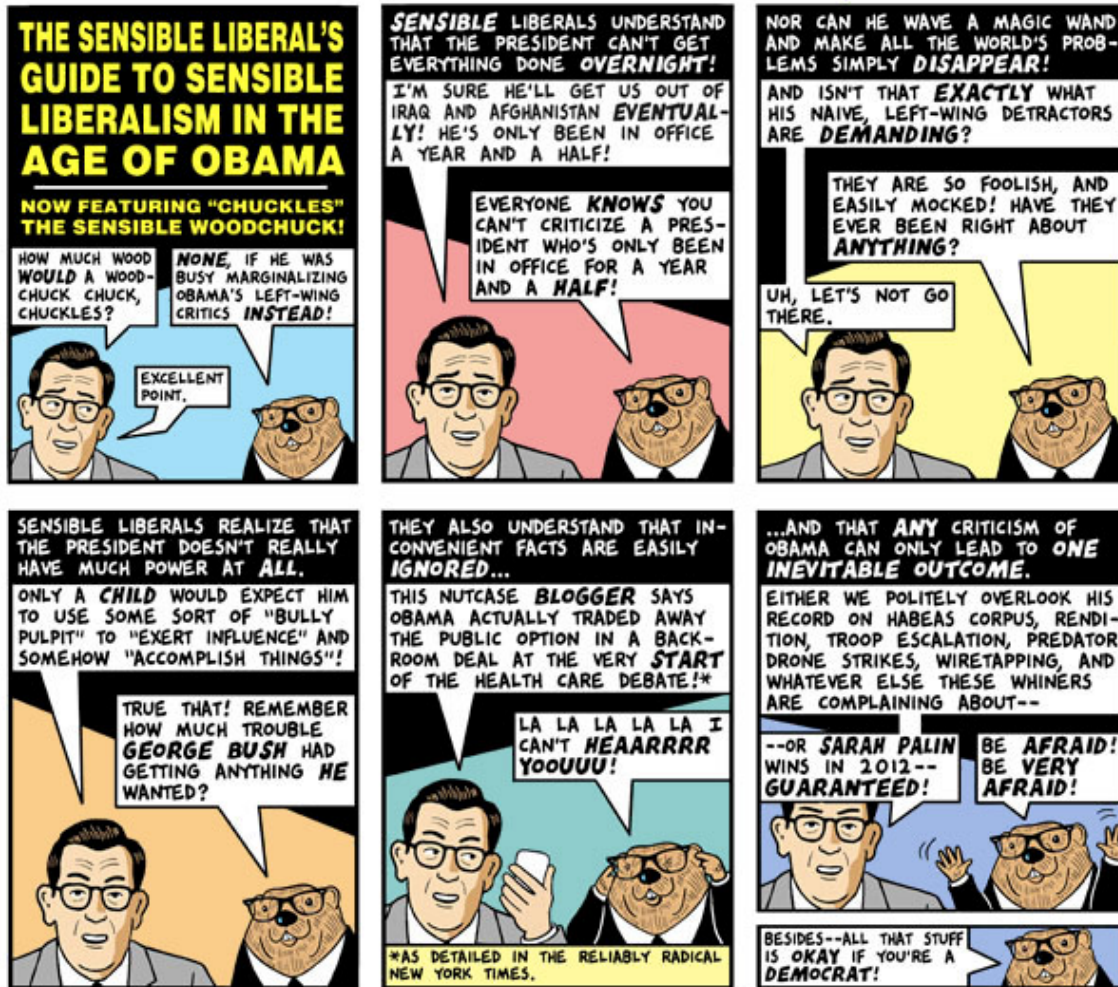
"It appeared they would have young women who became pregnant (and) would get them into the United States to have a baby.

They wouldn't even have to pay anything for the baby," Gohmert said. "And then they would return back where they could be raised and coddled as future terrorists. And then one day, 20, 30 years down the road, they can be sent in to help destroy our way of life."

Gohmert issued the warning in defense of Arizona's immigration law, which the Obama administration is planning to file suit over.

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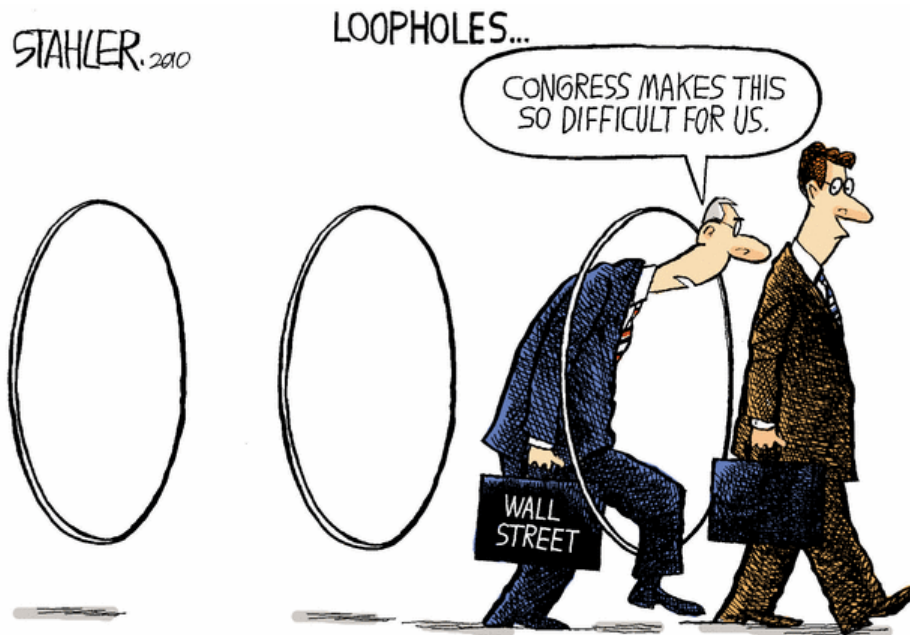
by TOM TOMORROW



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**Protesters Try To Storm The Presidential Palace In Bucharest:
“Citizens Have Reacted Angrily To Government Budget Cuts, Which, Among Other Things, Have Left Hospitals Short Of Supplies”**



Protesters fight with riot police outside Romania's presidential palace in Bucharest on Friday. Reuters

JUNE 26, 2010 By GORDON FAIRCLOUGH, Wall St. Journal [Excerpts]

Romania's highest court ruled that government-imposed pension cuts are unconstitutional, casting doubt on Bucharest's ability to shrink its budget deficit and raising questions about whether the country will qualify for further help from the International Monetary Fund.

Last year, Romania's economy plunged into a deep recession, shrinking by more than 7%. The government narrowly survived a vote of no-confidence in the parliament last week sponsored by opponents of Mr. Boc's austerity measures. Citizens have reacted angrily to government budget cuts, which, among other things, have left hospitals short of supplies.

In recent weeks, Romanians have demonstrated in the streets and gone on strike in protest. On Friday, dozens of protesters tried to storm the presidential palace in Bucharest but were repelled by police.

Inmate Dies In Agony As Filth In Charge Of Illinois Federal Prison Refuse To Give Him Medical Attention And Ignore His Pleas For Help:

“Montoya Had Been Given Nothing To Ease The Excruciating Pain That

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June 27, 2010 By DAVID MERCER, Associated Press Writer

For days before he died in a federal prison, Adam Montoya pleaded with guards to be taken to a doctor, pressing a panic button in his cell over and over to summon help that never came.

An autopsy concluded that the 36-year-old inmate suffered from no fewer than three serious illnesses — cancer, hepatitis and HIV.

The cancer ultimately killed him, causing his spleen to burst. Montoya bled to death internally.

But the coroner and a pathologist were more stunned by another finding: The only medication in his system was a trace of over-the-counter pain reliever.

That means Montoya, imprisoned for a passing counterfeit checks, had been given nothing to ease the excruciating pain that no doubt wracked his body for days or weeks before death.

“He shouldn't have died in agony like that,” Coroner Dennis Conover said. “He had been out there long enough that he should have at least died in the hospital.”

The coroner said guards should have been aware that something was seriously wrong with the inmate.

And outside experts agree that the symptoms of cancer and hepatitis would have been hard to miss: dramatic weight loss, a swollen abdomen, yellow eyes.

During Montoya's final days, he “consistently made requests to the prison for medical attention, and they wouldn't give it to him,” said his father, Juan Montoya, who described how his son repeatedly punched the panic button.

Three inmates corroborated that account in interviews with The Associated Press.

The younger Montoya was taken to the prison clinic one day for “maybe five, 10 minutes,” his father said. “And they gave him Tylenol, and that was it. He suffered a lot.”

The federal prison in Pekin will not discuss Montoya's death.

Prison spokesman Jay Henderson referred questions to the Bureau of Prisons, which denied an AP request for information on Montoya's medical condition, citing privacy laws.

It isn't clear whether the prison system, relatives or even Montoya himself knew the full extent of his illness.

Montoya's father had no idea his son had cancer or hepatitis. Inmates who knew him said he told them he had cancer, but they knew nothing of his HIV.

According to its website, the Bureau of Prisons tries to screen the health of new inmates within 24 hours of their arrival. A closer examination within two weeks is required for prisoners with serious, long-term illnesses.

But officials have not said whether Montoya was given any kind of exam or whether his medical records made it to Pekin.

Montoya pleaded guilty in May 2009 to counterfeiting commercial checks, credit cards and gift cards. Prosecutors will not say how much money was involved in the scheme, but Montoya was ordered to pay a little over \$2,000 in restitution.

Montoya, who had a history of methamphetamine abuse, was released while awaiting sentencing and was ordered not to use drugs. At the time, he was living with his father and working for his father's process-serving business, which delivers legal documents. His father said he was paying Montoya's bills and paying him about \$300 a week.

Then in mid-June, Adam Montoya was diagnosed with HIV.

"It hit him like a ton of bricks," his father said.

After the diagnosis, Montoya retreated back into methamphetamine. Following a urine test, he admitted using the drug three times in a month, and he was locked up.

Montoya began taking antiviral drugs, so his father still had hope and tried to give his son a sense of the same. "I thought, 'You'll get out. You'll get your probation, and you'll have years of life,'" the elder Montoya said.

In mid-October, Montoya was sentenced to two years and three months in prison. When he arrived at a federal prison transfer center in Oklahoma City, his medication was waiting for him. His father took that to mean that the prison system knew Montoya suffered from HIV.

Montoya arrived at the Pekin prison on Oct. 26.

He lived just 18 more days. The inmates around him say he spent much of that time pleading for help from his cell.

Prison staff told Montoya he had the flu, according to Randy Rader, an inmate in the next cell who wrote letters to his mother about Montoya and discussed him in an e-mail interview with the AP.

“That man begged these people for nine days locked behind these doors,” Rader wrote to his mother on Nov. 14. The letter was first obtained by The Pekin Daily Times, which wrote about Montoya's death earlier this year.

Rader has since been moved to a prison in California — far from his family in Michigan. He suspects the move was retaliation for speaking out about Montoya.

The last time a staff member visited Montoya, about 10 p.m. on Nov. 12, he reported having trouble breathing and complained that he could no longer feel his fingers, Rader said in the e-mail interview.

The staff member told Montoya that he would try to get help the next day.

Around 6:30 a.m., prison officials found Montoya's body in his cell.

The autopsy showed that Montoya's spleen was almost 10 times the normal weight because it had been engulfed by a cancerous tumor, which was on its way to doing the same with his liver.

The pathologist who examined Montoya's body said his eyes were also yellow — an unmistakable sign of hepatitis.

Dr. John Ralston is reluctant to speculate whether treatment could have saved Montoya's life by the time he reached Pekin. The doctor suspects he would have needed a liver transplant to have a chance.

That said, “You would think that he would have been feeling bad enough and complaining enough that somebody should have tried to get to the bottom of this,” Ralston said.

The AP sought opinions about Montoya's condition from other doctors who did not examine him but were familiar with his diseases. They agreed he probably displayed obvious signs of distress.

Montoya would have had a swollen abdomen because of his spleen.

At the same time, he probably was losing weight rapidly because the large tumor would have left little room in his belly for food, according to Dr. Krishna Rao, an assistant professor of oncology at Southern Illinois University Medical School in Springfield.

Someone in Montoya's condition should have been taking heavy doses of chemotherapy for his cancer or receiving stem cell transplants, if he were healthy enough, said Dr. James Egner, an oncologist with the Carle Foundation Hospital in Champaign.

If the cancer was too advanced, Montoya should have at least been treated for pain with powerful drugs, possibly in a hospice, Egner said.

The president of the American Civil Liberties Union's National Prison Project said it isn't uncommon for medical records not to arrive with a federal inmate.

"Sometimes it arrives late, and sometimes it doesn't happen at all," said David Fathi, who has spent 15 years studying prison conditions. "That's why it's so critical that the new facilities do a medical screening" of new inmates.

Fahti said Montoya's death "is really an egregious failure, of the kind that you wouldn't expect from even a small county jail, let alone the largest prison system in the United States."

After his son's death, Juan Montoya wrote to the prison complaining about its medical care.

Warden Richard Rios wrote back to defend his institution.

"I must respectfully disagree with your characterization of the medical care Adam received and want to assure you that we carefully monitored you son's medical condition," wrote Rios, who was not hired for the job until months after the death. He did not elaborate, writing that privacy laws limited what he could say.

The elder Montoya is now waiting for his son's medical records, but he doubts they will offer many clues. The family has hired lawyers but has not decided whether to file a lawsuit.

Montoya thinks a lot now about the assurances he offered his son as he headed for prison.

"Your time will go by fast, and you'll get out, and we'll get you a job and be part of the family," Montoya recalls telling his son. "It never happened."



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