

Comparing Bush and Hitler

In September 2002, German Justice Minister Herta Daeubler-Gmelin pointed out that George W. Bush was using Iraq to distract the American public from his failed domestic policies. She capped her statement by reminding her audience: "That's a popular method. Even Hitler did that." What was lost in the reactions to Daeubler-Gmelin's comments was that she wasn't comparing Bush to the Hitler of the late 1930s and early 1940s; but to the Hitler of the late 1920s and early 1930s.

Most Americans have forgotten that Hitler came to power legally. He and the Nazi Party were elected democratically in a time of great national turmoil and crisis. They themselves had done much to cause the turmoil, of course, but that's what makes the Bush comparison so compelling.

Similar to the Bush administration, the Nazis were funded and ultimately ushered into power by wealthy industrialists looking for government favors in the form of tax breaks, big subsidies and laws to weaken the rights of workers. When the Reichstag was set ablaze in 1933, the Nazis framed their political rivals. In the general panic that followed, Germany's parliament was purged of all left-wing representatives who might be soft on communists and foreigners. The few who remained then voted to grant Chancellor Hitler dictatorial powers. A long, hideous nightmare had begun.

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Judge Forced to Apologize

On June 19, 2004, a Federal U.S. judge, Guido Calabresi, compared George W. Bush's final ascent into the White House with the acquisition of dictatorial power by both Adolph Hitler and Benito Mussolini.

Within a week, John M. Walker Jr., the chief judge of the appeals court, had forced Judge Calabresi to publicly apologize. Although mainstream corporate media coverage did mention that Judge Walker is a cousin of President George Walker Bush, it failed to note the irony that both are descendants, and namesakes, of George Herbert Walker, who (like Prescott Bush) actually facilitated crucial American financing of Hitler's rise to power.

According to the *New York Times* (June 25, 2004), in his speech to the American Constitution Society's annual meeting in Washington, DC, Judge Calabresi said:

In a way that occurred before but is rare in the United States, somebody came to power as a result of the illegitimate acts of a legitimate institution that had the right to put somebody in power... That is what the Supreme Court did in *Bush vs. Gore*; it put somebody in power... The reason I emphasize that is because that is exactly what happened when Mussolini was put in by the king of Italy. That is what happened when Hindenburg put Hitler in.



tional events to whip up fear, crucify scapegoats, gag dissenters and convince the masses that their liberties must be suspended (temporarily, of course) in the name of restoring order. Consider the following two statements, and see

if you can identify the authors.

(1) "The people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have

to do is tell them they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same way in any country."

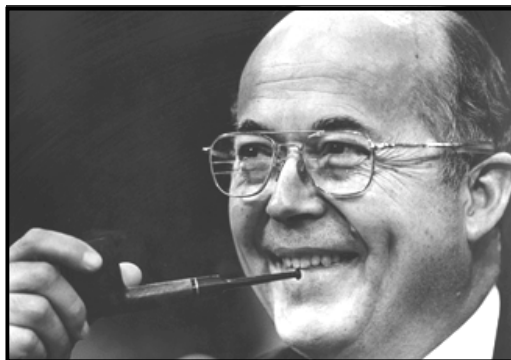
(2) "To those who scare peace-loving people with phantoms of lost liberty, my message is this: Your tactics only aid terrorists, for they erode our national unity and diminish our resolve."

The first statement is by Hitler's right hand man, Hermann Göring, explaining at his war crimes trial how easily he and fellow Nazis hijacked Germany's democratic government. The second statement, from Bush's right hand man, John Ashcroft, defends the Patriot Act and explains why dissent will no longer be tolerated in the age of terrorism. If that doesn't send chills down your spine, nothing will.

According to John Ashcroft and his Patriot Act of 2001, a patriot is someone who kneels down in fear, and hands over his or her rights to the government in the name of fighting terrorism. Isn't the hypocrisy of this all too obvious? The Bush administration wants us to fight in Afghanistan, Iraq and wherever terrorists may be hiding. And what, pray tell, are we fighting for? Well, according to the White House, we're fighting for freedom. Yet freedom is exactly what the White House is demanding that we now surrender in the name of fighting terrorism.

So what's really going on? Well, it's all a lie, of course. The Bush administration isn't any more interested in protecting American freedoms from terrorists than Hitler was in protecting Germans from communists, Jews and all the other groups he scapegoated. The Bush team is only fighting to protect itself and its corporate sponsors. It hides behind a veil of national security and behind non-stop war

headlines of its own creation. And, behind that smokescreen, Bush Inc. is pursuing Hitler's old agenda from the 1920s and 1930s: serving the corporate interests of industrialists who brought it to power. There's a name for governments that serve the interests of Big Business at the expense of their own citizens: *fascist*.



Big Brother of the Total Information Awareness program is none other than John Poindexter. In 1990, he was convicted on five counts of lying to Congress, destroying official documents and obstructing congressional inquiries into the Iran-contra affair.

Surrendering Civil Rights

Here's a short list of the rights that American's have already surrendered since the September 11 attacks. Most of these abuses are from the Patriot Act of 2001. In the aftermath of the attacks, it was rushed through Congress with no debate. Many of the Congressmen who voted for it later admitted that they hadn't even read it at the time.

(1) Government agents can conduct "sneak and peek" searches to enter your home or business and search your belongings without informing you until long after.

(2) Government agents can force libraries and bookstores to hand over the titles of books that you've purchased or borrowed and demand the identity of anyone who has purchased or borrowed certain books. The government can prosecute libraries and bookstores for informing you that the search occurred or even for informing you that an inquiry was made. American Civil Liberties Union staff attorney Jameel Jaffer, says such "searches could extend to doctors offices, banks and other institutions which, like libraries, were previously off-limits under the law." Chris Finan, American Booksellers' President adds: "The refusal of the Justice Department to tell Congress how many times it has used its powers is even more unsettling because it naturally leads to the suspicion that it is using them a lot."

(3) Federal agents are authorized to use hidden devices to trace the telephone calls or emails of people who are not even suspected of a crime. The FBI is also permitted to monitor everything you do on your computer – recording websites you visit and every keystroke as well.

(4) Government agents are permitted to arrest those "suspected" of terrorist activities and hold them indefinitely, without charge or access to an attorney.

(5) Federal agents are permitted to conduct full investigations of U.S. citizens and permanent legal residents simply because they participated in activities protected by the First Amendment, such as writing a letter to the editor or attending a peaceful rally.

(6) Law enforcement agents are permitted to listen in on prisoner-attorney discussions, thus denying the prisoners their Constitutional right to confidential legal counsel.

(7) Terrorism suspects may be tried in secret military tribunals where defendants have no right to a public trial, no right to trial by jury, no right to confront the evidence, and no right to appeal to an independent court. In short, the Constitution does not apply.

(8) The CIA is granted the authority to spy on U.S. citizens, a power that it had previously been denied.

(9) The Bush administration also started Operations TIPS, to encourage citizens to spy on each other and to report

their neighbors' activities to the authorities. Fortunately, AmeriSnitch (as it's known to its many detractors) seems to have been recalled – at least for now.

(10) In the wake of Operation TIPS came something even worse: Total Information Awareness (TIA). TIA is a program of the Department of Defense (DoD) that, when fully operational, will link commercial and government databases so that the DOD can immediately put its finger on any piece of information about you that it wants. *New York Times* columnist William Safire writes:

Every purchase you make with a credit card, every magazine subscription you buy and medical prescription you fill, every web site you visit and e-mail you send or receive, every academic grade you receive, every bank deposit you make, every trip you book and every event you attend – all...will go into what the DoD describes as a virtual, centralized grand database.

And that's not all. Bush appointed John Poindexter to head the TIA and be Big Brother himself. Poindexter was convicted in 1990 on five counts of lying to Congress, destroying official documents and obstructing congressional inquiries into the Iran-contra affair.

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George W. Appoints Ten Bonesmen

George W. Bush, has appointed at least ten fellow members of Yale's secret Society of Skull and Bones to serve in his administration. The year in brackets denotes when they were initiated into Skull & Bones. (See also p.10.)

- ♦ **Evan Griffith Galbraith** (1950) Europe & Defense advisor U.S. mission to NATO
- ♦ **William Henry Donaldson** (1953) Chair, Securities and Exchange Commission
- ♦ **George H. Walker III** (1953) Ambassador to Hungary
- ♦ **Jack Edwin McGregor** (1956) Member, Advisory Board, St. Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation
- ♦ **Victor Ashe** (1967) Dir., Federal Nat'l Mortgage Assoc.
- ♦ **Roy L. Austin** (1968) Ambassador, Trinidad & Tobago
- ♦ **Robert Davis McCallum Jr** (1968) Associate Attorney General; Assistant Attorney General Civil Division
- ♦ **Rex Cowdry** (1968) Associate Director of the White House's National Economic Council
- ♦ **Edward E. McNally** (1979) Senior Associate Counsel, Pres.; General Counsel, Office of Homeland Security
- ♦ **David Batshaw Wiseman** (1984) Attorney, Justice Department, Civil Division
- ♦ **James Emanuel Boasberg** (1985) Associate Judge, Superior Court of the District of Columbia

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