

# OMNI WHISTLEBLOWERS AND LEAKERS

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**A great force for honest corporations and governments is the whistleblower.**

### Whistleblower

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[Federal Government of the United States](#)'s whistleblower awareness poster

A **whistleblower** (**whistle-blower** or **whistle blower**)<sup>[1]</sup> is a person who tells the public or someone in authority about alleged dishonest or illegal activities ([misconduct](#)) occurring in a government department, a public or private organization, or a company. The alleged misconduct may be classified in many ways; for example, a violation of a [law](#), rule, regulation and/or a direct threat to [public interest](#), such as [fraud](#), health/safety violations, and [corruption](#). Whistleblowers may make their allegations internally (for example, to other people within the accused organization) or externally (to regulators, law enforcement agencies, to the media or to groups concerned with the issues).

One of the first laws that protected whistleblowers was the 1863 United States [False Claims Act](#) (revised in 1986), which tried to combat fraud by suppliers of the United States government during the Civil War. The act encourages whistleblowers by promising them a percentage of the money recovered or damages won by the government and protects them from wrongful dismissal.<sup>[2]</sup>

Whistleblowers frequently face [reprisal](#), sometimes at the hands of the organization or group which they have accused, sometimes from related organizations, and sometimes under law.

MORE: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Whistleblower>

## NADER 2002 ON NEED FOR WHISTLEBLOWERS IN US CORRUPT CORPORATE STATE

“10 Questions for Ralph Nader” By [Matthew Cooper](#) Monday, Aug. 05, 2002

For almost four decades, Ralph Nader has been the scold of corporate America. Now the man and the moment have merged as America recoils at CEOs' behaving badly. TIME's Matthew Cooper spoke to Nader about greed, corruption and why the presidential spoiler won't even think about playing golf.

DID YOU THINK THERE WAS THIS MUCH CORPORATE CORRUPTION?

No. And isn't it saying something that it exceeded my anticipation? It is impossible to exaggerate the supermarket of crime. It's greed on steroids.

WHY DIDN'T WE KNOW ABOUT IT ALL SOONER?

What amazes me is that there are thousands of people who could have been **whistle-blowers**, from the boards of directors to corporate insiders to the accounting firms to the lawyers working for these firms to the credit-rating agencies. All these people! Would a despotic dictatorship have been more efficient in silencing them and producing the perverse incentives for them all to keep quiet? The system is so efficient that there's total silence. I mean, the Soviet Union had enough dissidents to fill Gulags.

CONGRESS PASSED A CORPORATE-ACCOUNTABILITY ACT LAST WEEK. WAS THAT ENOUGH?

In this bill they ducked the stock-option expensing; they ducked the past disgorgement, where you have to pay it back and go to jail; and they ducked corporate governance in any fundamental way. The election of corporate board members is a Kremlin type of election. It's a self-perpetuating system, with the shareholders having no real power. That has not been touched. And basic problems of conflict of interest have not been dealt with. You have all the watchdogs in the private sector getting commissions from all the people they are supposed to be watching. The companies pay the auditors who are supposed to be auditing.

WHICH PARTY IS MORE TO BLAME FOR ALL THIS?

It's equal-opportunity corruption. It's campaign cash. And what campaign cash produces is a convergence of culpability.

WHAT WOULD HELP?

You need to have a Federal Bureau of Audits to monitor the top 1,000 companies. For more ideas, check out [citizenworks.org](http://citizenworks.org).....

WHAT ABOUT BUSH? HE'S FOR CORPORATE REFORMS THAT HE ONCE OPPOSED.

DO YOU HAVE ANY HOPE THAT HE CAN BE NIXON-GOING-TO-CHINA ON THESE ISSUES?

Bush came right out of this--the sweetheart loans, dumping the Harken stock before it tanked even though he was on the audit committee. Maybe he can stand up and say it takes one to know one, but he's not going to do that.....

Read more:

<http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,1002986,00.html#ixzz1KpHTvMwA>

GOVERNMENT/MILITARY COMPLEX CRIME AND WHISTLEBLOWERS  
Published on Thursday, January 6, 2011 by [CommonDreams.org](http://CommonDreams.org)

**Obama: No Whistleblowing on My Watch**

**AND NUREMBERG PRINCIPLES**

**“The US Military Should Be Ashamed of Its Treatment of Pfc. Bradley Manning” by Ann Wright**

**Candidate Obama said "Government whistleblowers are part of a healthy democracy and must be protected from reprisal."**

As a U.S. presidential candidate in 2008, in referring to the Bush Administration's use of phone companies to illegally spy on Americans, Barack Obama said, "We only know these crimes took place because insiders blew the whistle at great personal risk ... Government whistleblowers are part of a healthy democracy and must be protected from reprisal."

Candidate Obama was referring to the Bush Administration's use of phone companies to illegally spy on Americans.

**President Obama says No *whistleblowing* on my watch!**

Yet, Obama, as he has on so many issues as President, is taking a 180 degree turn from his comments as a candidate, comments on which the American people relied and elected him.

Now, the Obama administration's warning to Bradley Manning and to other whistle blowers is this: blow the whistle on government criminal actions and we will put you in solitary confinement before you are charged, much less go to trial. You will be treated as an "enemy combatant," in America's ongoing wars on about everything, including the truth.

**Evidence of Murder of Civilians in Iraq by US military helicopter pilots**

Bradley Manning, a U.S. Army Private First Class (PFC) intelligence analyst who turned 23 years old in late December, allegedly leaked a video of a US helicopter attack that killed at least eleven Iraqi civilians, including two Reuters reporters, to the website Wikileaks. Two Iraqi children were also severely wounded in the attack.

PFC Manning's alleged actions are just as important as those of the whistleblowers who informed us of the Bush administration's use of phone companies to illegally spy on Americans. The video taken from the U.S. military helicopter that fired the killing rounds of ammunition, graphically showed US military pilots firing on and killing innocent civilians in Iraq. In addition to this "Collateral Murder" video, PFC Manning is suspected by the government of leaking the "Afghan War Diaries" - tens of thousands of battlefield reports that explicitly describe civilian deaths and cover-ups, corrupt officials, collusion with warlords, and

a failing US/NATO war effort.

### **Manning had the legal responsibility to disclose evidence, even classified evidence, of criminal actions conducted by government officials**

If indeed, Manning did give the video to Wikileaks, his actions show clearly that he reasonably believed that **war crimes** were being covered up, and that he took action based on that belief. Exposing criminal actions done under the cover of government orders is a responsibility and duty of military personnel as codified in the **Uniform Code of Military Justice** as well as the **Geneva conventions** and the **Nuremberg Principles**.

#### **Nuremberg Principle I**

Principle I states, "Any person who commits an act which constitutes a crime under international law is responsible therefor and liable to punishment."

#### **Principle II**

Principle II states, "The fact that internal law does not impose a penalty for an act which constitutes a crime under international law does not relieve the person who committed the act from responsibility under international law."

#### **Principle III**

Principle III states, "The fact that a person who committed an act which constitutes a crime under international law acted as Head of State or responsible government official does not relieve him from responsibility under international law."

#### **Principle IV**

Principle IV states: "The fact that a person acted pursuant to order of his Government or of a superior does not relieve him from responsibility under international law, provided a moral choice was in fact possible to him".

This principle could be paraphrased as follows: "It is not an acceptable excuse to say 'I was just following my superior's orders'".

### **Classifying the evidence of criminal actions does not make the actions untouchable**

Reporting criminal actions done by others and providing evidence of those criminal actions, especially when the evidence of criminal actions have been covered up by "classifying" the evidence, is not illegal, but in fact, is a very brave response.

### **Punishment before the Trial-Solitary Confinement**

Manning has now been in prison in solitary confinement for 7 months and still neither the U.S. military nor the U.S. government has indicted him for any offense. Manning essentially is being treated by the U.S. government as an American citizen "enemy combatant."

Manning's treatment in detention, pre-trial confinement in prison is cruel and unusual. He is being kept in solitary confinement, alone in a cell for 23 hours a day. He is forbidden to exercise in his cell. He is deprived of sleep. He is not given a pillow or sheets for his steel bed, although recently [after publicity](#) about he conditions in the prison, he was given a mattress for the bed. Prison medical personnel now "administer regular doses of anti-depressants to Manning to prevent his brain from snapping from the effects of this isolation."

### **US Soldier Treated as Those Detained in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo**

The U.S. military's treatment of Manning is tragically consistent with its treatment of persons detained in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo. America's military uses harsh conditions and torture, physical or mental, for those who have not been convicted of any crimes used to break the person to provide whatever information the military wants to receive. This type of treatment is inhumane, immoral and wrong for those in Iraq, Afghanistan and Guantanamo and is wrong for Bradley Manning.

### **Nothing to be Proud of**

Nothing in this to be proud of, President Obama. Nothing in this to be proud of, US Military.

If you, the reader, are offended by this, please -- Raise Hell for Bradley, the undeclared American "enemy combatant."

Contribute to Manning's defense fund at [www.couragetoresist.org](http://www.couragetoresist.org)

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### **PRIVATE BRADLEY MANNING, LEAKER**

(see Dick's many Blog posts on Manning and WikiLeaks)

<http://www.readersupportednews.org/off-site-opinion-section/71-71/2609-bradley->

**REMEMBER YOSSARIAN IN "CATCH-22":**

### **Bradley Manning: An American Hero**

*How is waging an illegal war where civilians are intentionally killed 'patriotic', but exposing it is 'illegal'?*

**by Stephen Lendman** Saturday, 7 August 2010

**Manning exposed cold-blooded civilian murders, the public being unaware that Pentagon rules-of-engagement (ROEs) targets them like combatants in every warfare theater. The public has a right to know their country is waging wars of aggression.**

Manning, of course, is the courageous Army intelligence analyst turned whistleblower, who admitted leaking:

- "260,000 classified United States diplomatic cables and video of a (US) airstrike in Afghanistan that killed 97 civilians last year," and
- an "explosive (39 minute) video of an American helicopter attack in Baghdad that left 12 people dead, including two employees of the Reuters news agency" - "collateral murder" he felt obligated to expose.

It got him in trouble. On June 7, the military in Iraq arrested him, saying:

"The Department of Defense takes the management of classified information very seriously because it affects our national security, the lives of our soldiers, and our operations abroad."

Defense Secretary Robert Gates called the leak "potentially dramatic and grievously harmful....The battlefield consequences of the release of these documents are potentially severe and dangerous for our troops, our allies and Afghan partners, and may well damage our relationships and reputation in that part of the world. Intelligence sources and methods, as well as military tactics, techniques and procedures, will become known to our adversaries."

Unmentioned was the following:

- our attack, invasion and occupation are illegal under US and international law;
- war crimes, including murder, torture, and targeted assassinations happen daily;
- civilian men, women, and children are willfully targeted;
- since October 2001, millions of Afghans have been killed, injured or displaced, their country perhaps the most hellish anyway, devastated by decades of war, deep poverty, depravation, and unimaginable human suffering, mostly caused by America;
- the same holds for Iraq, Pakistan, and nations where Washington wages proxy wars; and
- our presence and imperial aims cause harm, not Manning or WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, exposing truths the public has a right and need to know.

They deserve praise [in the above context], not prosecutions, compliments, not condemnation, and accolades, not accusations. They are heroes, risking personal harm to disclose disturbing truths, what government and media reports suppress, sanitize and distort, letting warlords plunder lawlessly so war profiteers can cash in, Americans the worse off for it.

In his August 4 Anti-Empire Report ([www.killinghope.org](http://www.killinghope.org)), author William Blum asked:

"So please tell me again: What's the war about?" Lies, of course, about 9/11 and leaders repeating them, Obama for one last August 17 saying:

"But we must never forget this is not a war of choice. This is a war of necessity. Those who attacked America on 9/11 are plotting to do so again. If left unchecked, the Taliban insurgency will mean an even larger safe haven from which Al Qaeda would plot to kill more Americans."

On July 28, 2010, Obama lied again, saying:

"the region from which the 9/11 attacks were waged and other attacks against the United States and our friends and allies have been planned."

Rubbish according to Blum, saying:

"Never mind that out of the tens of thousands of people the United States and its NATO front have killed in Afghanistan not one has been identified as having had anything to do with the events of September 11, 2001."

"The only 'war of necessity' that draws the United States to Afghanistan is the need for protected oil and gas pipelines from the Caspian Sea area, (and) establishment of military bases (there), making it

easier to watch and pressure next-door Iran (besides being a land-based aircraft carrier to target Russia and China). What more could any respectable imperialist nation desire? Oh, did I mention that the military-industrial-security-intelligence complex and its shareholders" will profit handsomely.

In 1996, America helped the Taliban gain power, funneling military aid through Pakistan's ISI (Inter-Services Intelligence). Oil was the hidden agenda, Taliban representatives visiting Unocal in Houston in December 1997 to negotiate a trans-Afghan pipeline from the oil rich Caspian area. It was nearly agreed, the kicker being America's refusal to extend recognition, a small courtesy to avoid war, occupation, and a deepening unwinnable quagmire.

On December 14, 1997, London's Daily Telegraph reported:

"the US government, which in the past has branded the Taliban's policies against women and children 'despicable,' appears anxious to please the fundamentalists to clinch the lucrative pipeline contract."

On December 4, 1997, a BBC correspondent said "the proposal to build a pipeline across Afghanistan is part of an international scramble to profit from developing the rich energy resources of the Caspian Sea."

By recognizing the Taliban government, it would have been built and today's quagmire avoided. Perhaps America's graveyard also, no invader ever occupying Afghanistan successfully, not the Soviets or British, the UK government suffering its greatest ever slaughter and defeat in 1842, losing 16,000 soldiers and civilians, except one man, historians believing Afghans let him live to recount the horror. As a result, Britain withdrew all its personnel and left, a lesson now forgotten, about 9,500 UK troops deployed with Americans and other NATO forces.

Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai was a former Unocal adviser when pipeline negotiations took place. He was also a CIA asset. Unocal claimed it abandoned the pipeline project. Secret talks, however, continued up to a few months before 9/11, Taliban representatives visiting the State Department, CIA, and National Security Council. They even had a Queens, New York diplomatic office, and US officials visited Taliban ones in Islamabad.

The French newspaper Le Figaro also quoted Arab specialist Antoine Sfeir, saying CIA operatives met with bin Laden (a CIA asset in the 1980s) and maintained contact with him until his training camp was attacked in 1998.

America's fine line between enemies and friends is their willingness or reluctance to obey - do what we say or we'll boycott or bomb you, a threat with teeth, revealed by Manning and WikiLeaks.

### **Revealing Disturbing Truths Is Risky**

Held initially in Kuwait, a July 29 Baghdad Pentagon press release said:

"US Army officials transferred **PFC Bradley Manning** from the Theater Field Confinement Facility in Kuwait to the Marine Corps Base Quantico Brig in Quantico, Virginia, on July 29. (He) remains in pretrial confinement pending an Article 32 investigation (like a grand jury or preliminary hearing)

into the charges preferred against him on July 5."

"The criminal investigation remains open....findings and recommendations (will determine) whether to recommend (if) the case (will) be referred to trial by court-martial." For sure, that's what's planned, the Pentagon and Obama administration to throw the book at him or worse unless somehow their plans are derailed.

On August 2, Congressman Mike Rogers (R. MI) told Michigan radio station WHMI that Manning should be executed, saying:

"He release(d) this information to a third party who they say will make the determination that there's nothing harmful in it, while we know for a fact that there will be people that will likely be killed because of this information being disclosed. That's pretty serious. If they don't charge him with treason, they ought to charge him with murder."

Asked if he should be punished by death, Rogers said: "Yes, and I would support it 100 percent."

### **Federal Charges Against Manning**

In early July, [the Pentagon charged him](#) with four noncriminal offenses, and eight violations of federal criminal law, including one count of violating the 1917 Espionage Act.

Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) charges included:

- eight violations of federal criminal law, including unauthorized computer access and transmitting classified information to an unauthorized third party; and
- four noncriminal Army regulations violations, governing the handling of classified information and computers.

If convicted on all charges, he faces up to 52 years in prison.

### **The [Bradley Manning Support Network](#)**

Its purpose is to:

- "Harness the outrage felt by millions (viewing) the 'Collateral Murder' video into a coordinated defense of Manning;
- Raise awareness" about his arrest, charges and likely court-martial;
- "Coordinate" efforts to support him;
- "Collect funds (for a) high-quality" defense;
- "Provide supporters with accurate, updated information as the" pretrial hearing and likely trial progress; and
- "Provide prisoner support for (him) throughout his imprisonment."

Connected with Assange, he's more vulnerable, a 2008 classified Counterintelligence Center report placing WikiLeaks on "the list of enemies threatening the security of the United States," discussing ways to destroy its reputation and effectiveness, saying:

"Web sites such as [WikiLeaks.org](#) have trust as their most important center of gravity by protecting the anonymity and identity of the insider, leaker, or whistleblower. Successful identification,

prosecution, termination of employment, and exposure of persons leaking the information by the governments and businesses affected by information posted to [WikiLeaks.org](http://WikiLeaks.org) would damage and potentially destroy this center of gravity and deter others from taking similar actions."

With Manning in custody and facing trial, score one for the Pentagon, expected to exploit his case to the fullest to set an example and deter others. He'll likely be convicted and imprisoned, not executed as Congressman Rogers wants.

**Law Professor Francis Boyle** "believe(s) a treason charge wo(n't) stick (because) Congress has not declared war." The best outcome for military resisters he helped defend was to "get them off of prison time, out of the military, or else minimum time served." He and others also got Amnesty International to designate **Capt. Dr. Huett Vaughn, Staff Sgt. Mejia, and Lt. Ehren Watada Prisoners of Conscience (POC).**

Watada was the first commissioned officer refusing to deploy to Iraq, saying: "as an officer of honor and integrity, (he could not participate in a war that was) manifestly illegal....morally wrong (and) a horrible breach of American law."

As a result, he faced court-martial, a possible dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and seven years in prison, but got off thanks to Boyle and others. Before his Article 32 hearing, he publicly called the war illegal. Not wanting that revealed in testimony, the presiding judge declared a mistrial. He'd lost control, knew Watada was right, and had to suppress the truth to avoid an acquittal possibility on constitutional grounds.

Afghanistan is also illegal, Boyle explaining that Congress never declared war. The UN Security never authorized it under Article 51, and the Taliban never "attacked the United States or authorized or approved such an attack." In public testimony, FBI Director Robert Mueller, and CIA's then Deputy Director John McLaughlin admitted finding no link between the Taliban and 9/11. Nonetheless, the Bush administration preemptively attacked in violation of US and international law. Obama is a war criminal pursuing and escalating it, expanding it cross border into Pakistan, and continuing the Iraq conflict and occupation.

American forces may refuse to serve, citing US and international law, including Army Field Manual (FM) 27 - 10, incorporating the Nuremberg Principles, Judgment and Charter and The Law of Land Warfare (1956).

**FM's paragraph 498 states that any person, military or civilian, who commits a crime under international law is responsible for it and may be punished. Paragraph 499 defines a war crime. Paragraph 500 refers to a conspiracy, attempts to commit it and complicity with respect to international crimes. Paragraph 509 denies the defense of superior orders in the commission of a crime, and paragraph 510 denies the defense of an "act of state" to absolve them.**

These provisions apply to all US military and civilian personnel, including top commanders, the Secretary of Defense, his subordinates, and the President and Vice President. Boyle calls resisting lawlessness "our Nuremberg moment." Those refusing them and exposing crimes should be

praised, not prosecuted.

Manning provided evidence and may denounce the war's illegality, perhaps using it as a defense.

He found crimes, needing to be exposed, acting honorably and heroically doing it as did WikiLeaks by publishing them anonymously.

In edited chat logs posted by Wired.com, Manning admitted "want(ing) people to see the truth....regardless of who they are....because without information, you cannot make informed decisions...." He never considered selling it to foreign powers or anyone, saying: "information should be free....it belongs in the public domain....if it's out in the open....it should be a public good," exposing crimes and corruption to generate "worldwide discussion, debates, and reforms."

That's honor, not espionage or treason, Manning saying:

"Everywhere there's a US post, there's a diplomatic scandal (to) be revealed. World-wide anarchy in CVS format. It's Climategate with a global scope, and breathtaking depth. It's beautiful and horrifying. (The documents describe) almost criminal political back dealings. (They belong) in the public domain, and not on some server stored in a dark corner in Washington, DC (or the Pentagon. Our government is involved in) incredible things, awful things."

He exposed cold-blooded civilian murders, the public unaware that Pentagon rules-of-engagement (ROEs) target them like combatants in every warfare theater. Waging permanent wars of aggression, America acts lawlessly and recklessly. The public has a right to know. Manning and Assange are heroes, deserving plaudits for their courage.

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mannings-an-american-hero

## **“Bradley Manning Was Mis-Classified to Allow Abuse”**

Jane Hamsher, FireDogLake

Excerpt: "Everyone who said that Manning was being stripped naked, held in solitary confinement and shackled in chains 'for his own good' was evidently lying. It should be obvious to everyone now that Manning's mental health status was being mis-classified as a way to abuse and punish him, in complete violation of both the Constitution and the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

READ MORE <http://www.readersupportednews.org/off-site-opinion-section/369-wikileaks/5847-bradley-manning-was-mis-classified-to-allow-abuse>

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**Wednesday, October 19, 2011**

### **FDA Whistleblowers Need Your Help!Take Action!**

Over the past three years, an unprecedented group of eleven distinguished Food and Drug Administration (FDA) scientists and physicians explained in letters to Congress that managers at the Center for Devices and Radiological Health have: corrupted and distorted the regulatory review of new medical devices, ignored or overturned scientific conclusions, and retaliated against FDA physicians and scientists who have refused to go along quietly. These brave FDA physicians and scientists have risked their careers to protect the public, yet FDA's top leadership seems indifferent to, and incapable of, protecting their own physicians and scientists. As a result, six of these physicians and scientists have been fired or otherwise removed from the FDA. TAKE ACTION! Demand FDA Stop Retaliating Against Physicians and Scientists! Important health and safety regulatory requirements were sidestepped, illegitimate safety evaluation procedures were utilized, and inaccurate scientific and technical data were relied upon in approving numerous medical devices. As reported in the national news media, FDA managers, more concerned with pleasing industry than protecting Americans, pushed the approval of medical devices that lead to unnecessary risks, cancers,

and even death. **The FDA has long been an unfriendly place for whistleblowers.**

Physicians, scientists, and researchers who put the health and safety of Americans before corporate interests have regularly suffered brutal retaliation. Now, things may change. As reported in today's Washington Post, for the first time in years the Office of Special Counsel (OSC) has taken action to protect FDA whistleblowers. The OSC filed a request for stay with the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB) to block the termination of an FDA employee,

**Paul T. Hardy**, who tried to stop the approval of an unsafe and ineffective device used to

diagnose breast cancer because his **whistleblowing** "evidenced a substantial and specific danger to public health and safety." We need to support these new efforts of the Office of Special Counsel! TAKE ACTION! Demand FDA Reinstate Whistleblowers! The FDA must reinstate Paul T. Hardy and the five other illegally fired whistleblowers! FDA employees should not be afraid to speak honestly and freely about misconduct that threatens the health and safety of all Americans.

NOVEMBER 25, 2010 THANKS TO THESE AND ALL OTHER TRUTH-TELLERS  
—WHISTLEBLOWERS, INVESTIGATIVE REPORTERS, PROTESTERS. (Sue Skidmore)

This Holiday & Always Give Thanks for the **Whistle Blowers – The Truth Tellers** for their courageous efforts in speaking Truth to Power. Truth - Telling including our own actions in relationship with Truth which is considered to be the supreme reality and to have the ultimate meaning and value of existence are our only Hope. ~Sue

**Sibel Edmonds:** Sibel Edmonds - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Sibel Deniz Edmonds is a Turkish-American former FBI translator and founder of the **National Security Whistleblowers Coalition (NSWBC)**. ...

Early life and education - FBI career - Post-FBI - Notes

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sibel\\_Edmonds](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sibel_Edmonds)

**Indira Singh:** 9/11 & Terrorist Financing

**Michael C. Ruppert** and From The Wilderness Publications

<http://www.fromthewilderness.com/about.html>

**Delmart "Mike" Vreeland:**

[http://www.fromthewilderness.com/free/ww3/1252\\_rev\\_12802.html](http://www.fromthewilderness.com/free/ww3/1252_rev_12802.html)

Former intelligence officer **Lt. Col. Tony Shaffer:** Mounting evidence that BushCo knew well in advance that the 9/11 attack was being planned Former intelligence officer Lt. Col. Tony Shaffer's new book reveals that BushCo knew that plans were being made for the 9/11 attack, but chose to do nothing to stop it and a few things to make sure it succeeded.

This is why the Defense Intelligence Agency recently demanded, after buying up the first 10,000 copies of the book, that all references to a meeting between Lt. Col. Tony Shaffer, the book's author, and the executive director of the 9/11 Commission, Philip Zelikow, be removed from the book. In that meeting, which took place in Afghanistan, Col. Shaffer alleges that the head of the 9/11 Commission was told about the identification of Mohammed Atta prior to the attacks. So why wasn't any mention of this made in the final 9/11 report?

**Cindy Sheehan:** Cindy Sheehan - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Cindy Lee Miller Sheehan (born July 10, 1957) is an American anti-war activist whose son, Specialist Casey Sheehan, was killed during his service in the ...

Personal life - Anti-war campaign - Political activism - See also

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cindy\\_Sheehan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cindy_Sheehan) -

**Coleen Rowley:** TIME Magazine: The Bombshell Memo

A TIME cover story on an explosive letter to the head of the FBI, Minneapolis agent Coleen Rowley accuses the agency of obstructing information that may have ...

[www.time.com/time/covers/1101020603/memo.html](http://www.time.com/time/covers/1101020603/memo.html) - Cached - Similar

**Ray McGovern:** Ray McGovern: A "Good" Terrorist Captured by Iran

Feb 26, 2010 ... Ray McGovern was an Army officer and CIA analyst for almost 30 year. He now serves on the Steering Group of Veteran Intelligence

[www.counterpunch.org/mcgovern02262010.html](http://www.counterpunch.org/mcgovern02262010.html) - Cached

**Naomi Wolf:** · Naomi Wolf: Fascist America, in 10 easy steps | World news | The ...

Apr 24, 2007 ... From Hitler to Pinochet and beyond, history shows there are certain

steps that any would-be dictator must take to destroy constitutional ...[www.guardian.co.uk/world/2007/apr/24/usa.comment](http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2007/apr/24/usa.comment) -

**Richard A. Clarke**

Source Watch: WhistleBlowers: <http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php?title=Whistleblowers>

Robert Scheer: Thank God for the Whistle-Blowers - Robert Scheer's ...

Thanks to **Daniel Ellsberg**, who risked much to make the record of the .... I guess I have to give you credit for your honesty, but on the ...

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**Jim Hightower**: Giving Thanks to Citizens and Grass-Roots Progressives

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Also Thanks to **Jim Marrs** investigative reporter and author

**Daniel Estulin Bilderberger** investigative author

**Jordan Maxwell** investigative author

Dr Steven Greer Disclosure Project

Dr Brian OLeary former NASA scientist and truth teller.

Plus Many, Many More....

Greetings: I thought I would share with you what Rick replied about giving thanks.

~Sue

From: rick meis

Sent: Friday, November 26, 2010 9:38 AM

I give thanks for industrial insurance whistleblower **Wendell Potter** who more than eighteen months ago provided more than enough information to prove that the Baucus/Obama Insurance Industry Indemnification and Enrichment Act would not work, nay, could not work. He was ignored by the Democrats, Republicans, press and the public. In fact, I think it was he that first labeled the bill as something other than health care reform.

I give thanks for the **freedom of the press in Europe** that has pointed out that much of what is talked about in the US press, US enviro groups and by US politicians regarding global warming and carbon emissions is not the whole truth; that the rest of the world is suffering the effects of the chosen ignorance of the US as the most responsible country for carbon emissions on the planet. I give thanks that people like David Brower put the basis of that very information into writing before he went on to the big wild country in the sky.. ....Rick

## List of whistleblowers

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This is a list of major **whistleblowers** from various countries, beginning in 1966 and continuing to the present. The individuals below brought attention to abuses of government and large corporations. Many of these whistleblowers were fired from their jobs in the process of shining light on their issue of concern. This list is not exhaustive.

Year	Image	Name	Organization	Action
1966		<u>Peter Buxtun</u>	<u>United States Public Health Service</u>	Exposed the <u>Tuskegee Syphilis Experiment</u> . <sup>[1]</sup>
1971		<u>Daniel Ellsberg</u>	<u>State Department</u>	Along with <u>Anthony Russo</u> , leaked the <u>Pentagon Papers</u> , a secret account of the <u>Vietnam War</u> and its pretexts to <u>The New York Times</u> , which revealed endemic practices of deception by previous administrations, and contributed to the erosion of public support for the war.
1972		<u>W. Mark Felt</u>	<u>FBI</u>	Known only as <u>Deep Throat</u> until 2005, he leaked information about United States President <u>Richard Nixon</u> 's involvement in <u>Watergate</u> . <sup>[2]</sup> The scandal would eventually lead to the resignation of the president, and prison terms for White House Chief of Staff <u>H. R. Haldeman</u> and presidential adviser <u>John Ehrlichman</u> .

1973

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