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GOP/Media Rewrite Iraq War History

By Robert Parry
June 8, 2007

New York Times columnist Paul Krugman and radio personality Jay Diamond are right to wonder why Republican presidential hopeful Mitt Romney got away with rewriting a key chapter of the Iraq War history without political reporters raising a peep.

At the June 5 Republican debate, co-sponsored by CNN, Romney defended George W. Bush's invasion of Iraq in March 2003 on the grounds that Saddam Hussein refused to let United Nations weapons inspectors in to search for WMD.

If Saddam "had opened up his country to I.A.E.A. inspectors, and they'd come in and they'd found that there were no weapons of mass destruction," the war might have been averted, the former Massachusetts governor said.

But the reality is that Hussein did open up his country through the fall and winter of 2002-03, giving Hans Blix and his U.N. inspection team free rein to check out suspected WMD sites. It was President Bush who forced the U.N. inspectors out in March 2003 so his invasion could proceed.

The answer to the media question of why the U.S. press corps didn't object to Romney's bogus account is that Washington journalists have accepted this revisionist history since Bush began lying about the facts in July 2003.

On July 14, 2003, as the U.S.-led WMD search was coming up empty and only four months after Bush pushed the U.N. inspectors out of Iraq, he began asserting that Hussein had never let the inspectors in. Bush told reporters:

"We gave him Saddam Hussein a chance to allow the inspectors in, and he wouldn't let them in. And, therefore, after a reasonable request, we decided to remove him from power."

Facing no contradiction from the White House press corps, Bush continued repeating this lie in varied forms over the next four years as part of his public litany for defending the invasion.

On Jan. 27, 2004, for example, Bush said, "We went to the United Nations, of course, and got an overwhelming resolution – 1441 – unanimous resolution, that said to Saddam, you must disclose and destroy your weapons programs, which obviously meant the world felt he had such programs. He chose defiance. It was his choice to make, and he did not let us in."

Color of Truth

As the months and years went by, Bush's lie and its unchallenged retelling took on the color of truth.

At a March 21, 2006, news conference, Bush again blamed the war on Hussein's defiance of U.N. demands for unfettered inspections.

"I was hoping to solve this Iraq problem diplomatically," Bush said. "The world said, 'Disarm, disclose or face serious consequences.' ... We worked to make sure that Saddam Hussein heard the message of the world. And when he chose to deny the

inspectors, when he chose not to disclose, then I had the difficult decision to make to remove him. And we did."

Only two weeks ago, at a press conference on May 24, 2007, Bush offered a short-hand version, even inviting the journalists to remember the invented history.

"As you might remember back then, we tried the diplomatic route: U.N. Resolution 1441 was a unanimous vote in the Security Council that said disclose, disarm or face serious consequences. So the choice was his Hussein's to make. And he made a choice that has subsequently caused him to lose his life."

In the frequent repetition of this claim, Bush never acknowledges the fact that Hussein did comply with Resolution 1441 by declaring accurately that he had disposed of his WMD stockpiles and by permitting U.N. inspectors to examine any site of their choosing. For more on Bush's Iraq War deceptions, see Consortiumnews.com's "Bush's Killer Talking Points."

Prominent Washington journalists have even repeated Bush's lie as their own. For instance, in a July 2004 interview, ABC's veteran newsman Ted Koppel used it to explain why he – Koppel – thought the invasion of Iraq was justified.

"It did not make logical sense that Saddam Hussein, whose armies had been defeated once before by the United States and the Coalition, would be prepared to lose control over his country if all he had to do was say, 'All right, U.N., come on in, check it out,'" Koppel told Amy Goodman, host of "Democracy Now."

Of course, Hussein did tell the U.N. to "come on in, check it out." But he did so in the real history, not in the faux reality that now governs Washington.

'Big Lie'

This strategy of repeating a "big lie" often enough to make it sound true was famously described in the writings of Nazi propagandist Joseph Goebbels during World War II. However, given the relatively free U.S. press, many Americans felt they were protected from "big lie" techniques, counting on journalists to call lying politicians to account.

But that clearly is no longer the case – and hasn't been for some time. Facing career pressure from well-organized right-wing attack groups, American journalists act more like triangulating politicians, fearful of accusations of "liberal bias" or unpatriotic behavior or softness on terrorism.

To have challenged George W. Bush in July 2003 – when he was near the height of his popularity and to do so in a way that might be interpreted as defending Saddam Hussein – would have looked like career suicide to many American reporters.

So, discretion – or in this case the acceptance of a lie as truth – was the better part of valor. And once the lie was repeated enough, it would have sounded odd to suddenly start challenging what had become the official version of reality. It was the smarter choice to stay silent and avoid certain punishment from Bush's defenders.

Clever journalists know that it's much safer to bash someone like, say, Al Gore. There's virtually no career downside to do that. See Consortiumnews.com's "The New Assault on Al Gore."

Now, the bogus history of Saddam Hussein barring the U.N. inspectors has been passed down to a new political generation and surely is believed by millions of Americans who will be called on to evaluate this latest cast of aspiring presidential hopefuls.

To state the obvious, this is not the way a healthy democracy should work.

Robert Parry broke many of the Iran-Contra stories in the 1980s for the Associated Press and Newsweek. His latest book, *Secrecy & Privilege: Rise of the Bush Dynasty from Watergate to Iraq*, can be ordered at secrecyandprivilege.com. It's also available at Amazon.com, as is his 1999 book, *Lost History: Contras, Cocaine, the Press & 'Project Truth.'*

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Whats new?

by sbughy on 10.06.2007 [16:45]

You beleive anything in the media or the history books?
Zionists always did write history.
Now in england there will be no need for exams for under 16 year olds, exams in the UK are a laugh anyway, compare this education system to any other EU education system and you will se what a joke it is.
More ignorant people make more ignorant academics and scientists.
You know... the types of scientists that have found a gene therapy to obesity even though many or most countries dont have a problem and exercise and healthy food fixes the problem...these scientists are incredibly honoured to have found the gene that stops you from getting fat..right..is it a gene that stops you from digesting? Maybe it makes you pee and crap a lot?
Honstly ignorant academics will be honoured or grateful to just have a job that they will agree to anything, even genetically modified potatoes that make you die of cancer...you see there is no evidence that genetically modified foods are dangerous, none whatsoever!
Ask the russians that tested the potatoes, its thanks to them that the potatoes were taken off the market.
Relax, we are an incredibly intelligent species, we are wanderous creatures, consensus rules....or as long as you say there is a consensus then thats it...monkeys are wiser than humans honestly.

Idiot Jews want to think and remember for

by Crack_Smoke_Republican on 10.06.2007 [17:53]

"dumb" goys. The Jew media has always played this role as the "great world historian" keeping the record for those who have a TV memory of events. Problem is revisionists call them on their Idiot Jew lies and Idiot Jew Laws and Idiot Jew business practices.

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by Zoraida on 10.06.2007 [18:25]

Escribe otra historia día a día, no es la historia de los vencedores como siempre, es la historia escrita, por la primera vez en la historia por quienes hasta ahora no tenían voz. Internet escribe "otra historia" que no representa la voz oficial y mentirosa de quienes provocan las guerras.

Very Good, Zoraida!

by Rubber on 10.06.2007 [21:25]

I will attempt an english tranlation of Zoraida's comment:

"At Iraqwar.ru, for example, day by day we write the other history, - not the usual history as proclaimed by the 'victors', but this is the written history, which for the first time, invites those who previously had no voice, to contribute. The Internet provides an opportunity to write the "other history"; a history which does not support the official line and deceptions of those who provoke wars."

My Spanish is not very good, Zorida, but I hope that I did justice to your comment.

Cheers!!!

Great

by Zoraida on 10.06.2007 [23:48]

My friend, thanks for the good translation:-)))

That is right, Zoraida...

by stopwar on 11.06.2007 [00:00]

it was always going to be obvious that they would try to do this.

Fortunately, there is plenty of evidence in the worlds media about the real truth. And the fact that this site is hosted in Russia will hopefully mean that it will preserve the true history of the Iraq conflict for all to see - wich will counteract pressure on Western-based sources to suggest otherwise. Especially about Fallujah, which is my particular concern.

By trying to change the truth they show yet again how wicked they are!

But what are these people who call themselves "journalists"...

by stopwar on 11.06.2007 [00:10]

they should not be allowed to use such a career label.

If they recite the lying words of politicians without offering truth, they are just government propagandists - part of the government, in everything but fact.

Democracy?... No Democracy!

Hi 'stopwar'

by Rubber on 11.06.2007 [00:15]

I saw your request the other day for the G8 demonstration story URL.

I did not post it because it was very long, and I didn't want to risk f-ing up the thread.

Here is a URL to some pics of a clown brigade and others, as a consolation:

www.indymedia.org.uk/en/2007/06/372723.html

@Rubber

by stopwar on 11.06.2007 [00:26]

It was excellent to see, as at Gleneagles in 2005, so many people prepared to risk themselves to protest against the G8 countries' continued plunder of global wealth.

I couldn't believe Bob Geldof's rigeous indignation that this group didn't honour their promises. And Bono's suggestion that, but for Blair, it would have been much worse. Do these guys think we're stupid?

@everyone

by stopwar on 11.06.2007 [00:30]

Truth sites on the web seem to be under attack again. This recent quote from cryptome.org, for example:

"Cryptome is now on a new ISP, Network Solutions, another US giant like Verio, closely linked to the authorities. We'll see if it can take the heat or cave. We intend to test all the giants if necessary to see what is up with them and the censors: if one buckles we'll sign up with another. And air the results. Meanwhile the archives are being distributed worldwide by other means."

The buckling to pressure seems to happened, in that military war dead hasn't been updated since 26th May, and the link

ht tp://cryptome.org/mil-dead-iqw.htm

is no longer even available on the home page!

Also, Craig Murray's website is down again - maybe sales of "Murder in Samarkand are going too well?"

no one cares what the west says anymore

by Syrian on 11.06.2007 [09:28]

People in the arabic world are finally begining to doubt the word of al-whorejura, and its been long known that al-arabiya is actually al-yahoodia.

But, Syrian, the west thinks only they matter...

by stopwar on 11.06.2007 [19:18]

so it is a matter of getting them to listen to the rest of the world - before all this gets out of control and the current divison really does degenerate into global conflict.

thank God

by picard-fortune-500 on 12.06.2007 [02:44]

the internet is available for those who seek the truth.

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