



## The Real “Fake News”

“Fake News!” “Fake News!” It has been deliciously amusing to behold the unmitigated hypocrisy of left-wing politicians and their establishment media collaborators expressing hysterical alarm over the supposed existential crisis posed by “fake news.” This new fixation since the November 8 elections bespeaks desperation and panic among the would-be ruling elites. They are reeling from a huge double whammy: First, the historic Brexit vote in Britain in June; second, the historic Donald Trump upset in November. Ouch! Double Ouch! Neither of these unthinkables was supposed to happen; how could it be? All the “smart money,” all the establishment politicians, all the “prestige press” predicted that defeat for Brexit and Trump were sure things.

Following their humiliating Brexit defeat, the globalists were enraged. James Traub of the Council on Foreign Relations wrote an amazingly arrogant piece on June 28 for *Foreign Policy* entitled “It’s Time for the Elites to Rise Up Against the Ignorant Masses.” But then the “ignorant masses” struck again, rejecting the elites’ handpicked sock-puppet, Hillary Clinton. To top off the ignominious pain, opinion polls show the American public now has almost zero trust in the elites’ “mainstream” media.

What to do? Blame the alternative media and social media. Yeah, that’s the ticket! “It is now clear that so-called fake news can have real-world consequences,” Hillary Clinton warns. “Lives are at risk.... It is imperative that leaders in both the private and public sector step up to protect our democracy and innocent lives.”

President Obama, likewise, has taken to warning against the threat posed by “active misinformation” and “propaganda” on the Internet.

Hillary Clinton lost the election, goes the current MSM “fake news” meme, because America’s “ignorant masses” believed Russian propaganda and fabricated social media stories instead of looking to CNN, the *New York Times*, and other “reliable” news avatars.

Fake news? Those now leading the noisy chorus on this tune are the most notorious practitioners of propaganda, deception, misinformation, and disinformation — and outright lies.

President Obama denouncing propaganda and misinformation? ObamaCare all by itself is a towering edifice of propaganda and lies, as the bill’s architect, Jonathan Gruber, infamously boasted in videotaped admissions. Remember the Obama claims that “if you like your health plan, you can keep your health plan,” and that the individual mandate “is absolutely not a tax increase.” Well, those lies have “real-world consequences,” and “lives are at risk” as a result. Then there are the multiple pledges by Obama never to go to war in Syria, while the evidence shows he was planning to do so all along. And since the predictable refugee waves have materialized, the Obama administration has lied repeatedly, falsely claiming that all the refugees he is bringing here are being carefully vetted.

Hillary Clinton decrying fake news? Yes, the same Hillary who falsely claimed the deadly Benghazi attacks were the result of an anti-Muslim video; who falsely (and repeatedly) claimed she had not transmitted classified and “top secret” material on her unclassified e-mail service; claimed (falsely) that Donald Trump had proposed to abolish the Veterans Administration.

But let’s jump to the real fake news culprits, the ones who make the lies and propaganda of the Obamas, Clintons, and Kerrys (and the Bushes, Kissingers, and McCains) possible. When it comes to pure fabrication, no one tops the so-called elite media. Some of the better-known examples of exposed



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fabulists are Jason Blair (*New York Times*), Janet Cooke (*Washington Post*), Mike Barnicle and Patricia Smith (*Boston Globe*), Jack Kelly (*USA Today*), Stephen Glass (*The New Republic*, *Rolling Stone*), Brian Williams (*NBC*), and Dan Rather (*CBS*). More important than the much-publicized frauds perpetrated by the aforementioned reporters are the mostly forgotten crimes of *New York Times* men such as Walter Duranty, who intentionally covered up Stalin's genocide of 7-10 million Ukrainians during the 1930s, while Herbert Matthews covered up communist atrocities in Spain during the same period — and then went on to do the same for Fidel Castro in Cuba. We saw the same thing in China, where Mao Tse-tung was endlessly romanticized, while his democide of tens of millions was ignored, minimized, or even outright denied. Yes, fake news does take innocent lives.

If you really want to fight genuine fake news, avoid, at all costs, all contact with its worst practitioners: the liberal-left establishment media.



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