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## Deep State-Fake News Marriage: CIA, NSA, FBI Operatives Join Media In Droves

Josh Campbell, James Clapper, John Brennan, Michael Hayden, Phillip Mudd, Clint Watts, et al: As President Trump tries to drain the DOJ-FBI-Intel swamp, the political swamp creatures are taking refuge in the "mainstream" media, where they are joining "the growing chorus" against Trump.

"I am reluctantly turning in my badge and leaving an organization I love," wrote FBI agent Josh Campbell, in a February 2 op-ed for the *New York Times*." He is leaving the Bureau, he said, so he can "join the growing chorus" of voices denouncing "the relentless attacks on the bureau" by President Trump. The attacks by the Trump administration and Republicans on the politicized, upperechelon bureaucrats at the FBI, said Campbell, "undermine not just America's premier law enforcement agency but also the nation's security." FAKENEWS

Agent Campbell was immediately embraced by the "mainstream" media as a heroic man of principle and became an instant "expert" celebrity. In its brief bio, at the bottom of his op-ed, the *Times* identified Campbell merely as "a former supervisory special agent with the F.B.I. who served as a counterterrorism investigator and special agent to the bureau's director."

If the *Times* (and Campbell) had been a bit more forthcoming, the bio might have mentioned that Campbell was headed to a new gig at CNN, where he will join a gaggle of virulently anti-Trump bloviators — and will undoubtedly earn much more than he did as an FBI employee. He thus has a double incentive (at least), besides his ostensible motivation to "defend the FBI" against supposedly unwarranted "political attacks." CNN used the *Times* piece as an opportunity to interview Campbell, but also neglected to mention that Campbell and CNN had already entered into a contract whereby Campbell would become one of the network's talking heads on terrorism, national security, and, of course, President Trump.

One need not be paranoid to see suspicious timing in Campbell's big *Times*/CNN media splash. It was timed to steal thunder from — and serve as a refutation of — the hotly-debated and long-awaited House Intelligence Committee memo regarding alleged Obama DOJ-FBI abuses of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) warrants to spy on the Trump presidential campaign. The Campbell media love-fest coincided with a culminating media hate-fest for House Intelligence Committee memo and the





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committee's chairman, Representative Devin Nunes (R-Calif.).

#### "Growing Chorus" — Disturbing Incestuous Media-Intel Relationship

When Josh Campbell announced he was joining "the growing chorus" of former intelligence community operatives who are opposing President Trump, he wasn't kidding. We have been witnessing an unprecedented wave of "spooks" from the CIA, NSA, FBI, and other agencies jump ship and join up as frontline cheerleaders in the anti-Trump media choir: James Clapper, John Brennan, Michael Hayden, Phillip Mudd, Clint Watts — and many more. As President Trump tries to drain the DOJ-FBI-Intel swamp, the political swamp creatures are taking refuge in the "mainstream" media, where they are joining "the growing chorus" in alarming numbers.

On February 1, only hours before the Campbell chorus line began, the leftist website Axios announced that ex-Obama apparatchik and former spook chief John Brennan is formally joining up with the Trump haters at NBC/MSNBC. The Axios notice came in the form a simple, two-sentence announcement by Mike Allen, under the heading, "Situational awareness": "Former CIA Director John Brennan has been named a senior national security and intelligence analyst for NBC News and MSNBC. His first "Meet the Press With Chuck Todd" appearance will be on Sunday."

The controversial Brennan once supported the Communist Party and voted for Communist Party boss Gus Hall for president of the United States. Nevertheless, he rose through the CIA ranks to be the daily White House intelligence briefer for President Bill Clinton, and later was appointed by President Obama to be, first, his Homeland Security Advisor, and later, head of the CIA.

Like former Director of National Intelligence (DNI) James Clapper, <u>Brennan lied</u> to Congress and the American people, claiming that the CIA had not, did not, and would not spy on Congress. Turns out that was a big, fat lie. Surprisingly it was exposed, not by a right-wing Republican but by a left-wing "progressive" Democrat globalist, Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.). On March 11, 2014, Senator Feinstein addressed the Senate, in a 45-minute speech, during which she accused the CIA of breaking the law by spying on the Senate. She provided solid evidence of the criminal acts by the agency. "This is a defining moment for the oversight of our intelligence community," Feinstein said in her concluding statement. The government's response, she averred, would show whether the Senate "can be effective in monitoring and investigating our nation's intelligence activities, or whether our work can be thwarted by those we oversee."

At virtually the same time that Senator Feinstein was denouncing the CIA's outrageous and illegal actions, Brennan was denying that they had ever happened, in an interview with NBC's Andrea Mitchell. The venue for the NBC interview is noteworthy: the Washington, D.C. headquarters of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). Andrea Mitchell, a longtime CFR member, asked Brennan about the Senate spying charge. Brennan acted as if the charge were patently ludicrous. "As far as the allegations of, you know, CIA hacking into Senate computers," he said, rolling his eyes and shaking his head, "nothing could be further from the truth. I mean, we wouldn't do that." No, no, of course not — except that they did (and most likely, still do). The CFR, as we have reported many times over the years (see here and here) is the premier globalist brain hub that has been directing America's leftward policy and staffing America's academic, media, and governmental institutions with subversives for much of the past century.

The CIA's criminal activities on Brennan's watch, and Brennan's deceitful denial of the same, should have caused him to be fired — and then prosecuted. Even the *Washington Post*, a globalist bastion of

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CFR-CIA propagandists, said he must be fired, as did other left-tilted media organizations. Instead, President Obama protected him, and after a little time had passed, the media herd forgot their outrage (or *faux* outrage). Instead of a penalty, Brennan received reward upon reward, soon becoming a soughtafter commentator, on PBS, CBS, CNN, NPR, and other organs. Now he is set to be a regular, paid spokesliar for NBC/MSNBC.

#### Liars-R-Us

Even more notorious a liar than Brennan is the above-mentioned DNI Director James Clapper, who <u>lied</u> <u>under oath (and on camera)</u> to the U.S. Senate, when asked by Oregon Democratic Senator Ron Wyden (see at the video's six-minute mark): "Does the NSA collect any type of data at all on millions or hundreds of millions of Americans?" Director Clapper answered, falsely, "No, sir." "It does not?" Senator Wyden asked. "Not wittingly," Clapper responded, then added that "perhaps" some might be collected "inadvertently." When this was later proven to have been a bald-faced lie, since the NSA was indeed illegally collecting data on millions of Americans, Clapper simply apologized and claimed he had made a "mistake." There were bipartisan calls for him to be prosecuted, both for perjury and for illegal spying, but President Obama and his Justice Department were deaf to those appeals.

While President Trump's former National Security Advisor Gen. Michael Flynn has been hit with felony charges for making "false, fictitious, and fraudulent statements" to the FBI with regard to conversations with a Russian ambassador (conversations which were not illegal, unethical, or extraordinary, as far as we know) Clapper has been welcomed as a new addition to "the CNN family." CNN host Chris Cuomo — who along with Anderson Cooper, Don Lemon, and other CNN opinionators has denounced President Trump as a "liar" — warmly introduced (see here) Clapper last year as CNN's new "family" member who will grace viewers with his invaluable "perspective."

#### **CNN : CIA News Network**

The CNN-CIA "family" is getting somewhat crowded. The network also has ex-CIA Director and ex-NSA Director Michael V. Hayden (CFR) on the payroll as a national security commentator. Then there's former CIA/FBI agent Philip Mudd, who is one of CNN's most rabid anti-Trump attack dogs, who has also been unleashed against House Intelligence Committee Chairman Devin Nunes (see <u>here</u>).

On February 7, CNN's Anderson Cooper continued the network's ongoing attack on the Nunes memo, with contributions from three former CIA veterans who are outspoken critics of Trump and Nunes: Jeff Asher, Nada Bakos, and Cindy Otis. Bakos is now a regular, paid "analyst" for CNN. The headline for the story, <u>"Former CIA analysts: We can't trust Devin Nunes,"</u> gives one a hint as to the slant they are taking.

The above-mentioned lineup of CNN's paid "former" members of the "intelligence community" barely scratches the network's extensive Deep State ties. However, while CNN has been the most blatant of the so-called mainstream media in openly brandishing its Deep State connections, it is far from alone. Moreover, it is not only that an unprecedented number of agents and high officials from the intelligence agencies are now populating Big Media as paid propagandists attacking the current administration,we are also seeing an unprecedented volume of completely fake "news" stories — without a shred of documentary evidence — originating in intelligence circles and then making their way into the major media through anonymous sources. We will be detailing those disturbing ties in further reports.

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