

# Re: NASA TRIES, FAILS TO WITHHOLD PLANETARY DEFENSE REPORT

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On 25 May, 21:40, Eric Chomko <[pne.cho...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:pne.cho...@xxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

There is also no parallel with the lies told by the CIA. The East India Company (I am using this as India was the brightest jewel of British Imperialism) did not specifically lie and create a climate of lack of credibility. It is this lack of credibility that I was really arguing about. It was simply a long way away, and in the absence of rapid communications you can get away with anything.

Right that is why the coup in Iran worked in 1953 but won't work in 2007.

If you are asking – Can Iran be bombed out of its nuclear program or is war an option, the answer must be a firm NO. Iranians want more democracy themselves but are suspicious of the West.

Again we have to look at how we are to behave in the modern and perhaps post modern world. I would like to say one or two things about the US constitution. The Founding Fathers did a fairly good job of separating the powers of the legislature and executive. They never anticipated the power of the press. The Declaration of Independence was in 1776. In 1789 there was the French Revolution and the famous three estates of Nobility, Clergy and Commoners. Someone a little bit later observed that there was a fourth estate, more powerful than any of the other 3 – The Press. We are now moving into a world where AI at least in some form is going to select what we view and the information we receive. Google and Yahoo have search engines which are constantly being improved. It is Google/Yahoo that are potentially able to destroy freedom of speech – not any military or intelligence organization. So far they have acted very responsibly, but I am beginning to think their position should be guaranteed by actual

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constitutional amendments.

How is that done?

Well there are a number of possibilities. An elected internationally based ethics committee might be one possibility. Google is not just American, it is international. Certainly it would be a disaster of the first magnitude if the military or indeed any branch of government got hold of Google. Google is watching you, Google as an international player is more acceptable than as an American. There should however be hard provisions. Google should have some privileges under law, in return for supervision by an ethics committee. This partial immunity for Google would to some extent parallel the Vienna convention for diplomats. Google would be regarded as a country under international law, and some Google officials would have diplomatic immunity. Diplomatic immunity BTW should cover such things as political offenses and offenses under official secrets acts. It should not cover parking or speeding.

The second BTW leads to 12,000+ deaths a year and is not really relevant to the problems of the near future.

You lost me here. What leads to 12,000 deaths per year?

The deaths from homicides and accidents with privately owned firearms.

My point is that both George Bush and Tony Blair get into power via elections and then end up serving the rich few that profit off of things like war and the high price of oil. The People, for the most part, are clueless and just go along with their lives while the Power Elite takes what it wants. I guess as long as life is good enough they'll continue to do so.

George Bush and Tony Blair are different individuals. You are right in supposing that nobody (either in Britain or America) voted for Iraq. This is why secret services need lies and dirty tricks, to persuade democracy to their bidding. George Bush was known to be an evangelical fundamentalist Christian BEFORE he was elected. 6 days creation and a pledge for teenagers is therefore a democratic choice, but NOT Iraq. Iraq was conjured up in the back rooms of the CIA. How far GWB knew that the dossier was dodgy I don't know.

Blair is a little bit different. I am prepared to give him the benefit

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of the doubt. He was genuinely taken in. The basic fact is we do not have true democracy. There seems to be no democratic way of controlling the secret world that is appearing to rule us. The House of Commons made it clear that even a large and heavily whipped Labor majority would not sanction war without WMD.

To me the basic problem for democracy is how we control the unelected holders of secret information (or disinformation). How can we independently verify claims?

What bugs me about America is that we need competition from another country to get us off our dead asses to get things done. The Apollo missions based upon the Space Race with the Russians is a case in point. Now we have international cooperation and ISS is deemed a white elephant and an albatross. Where is the can-do spirit in the face of no competition? It seems silly that we need the competition in order to do great things.

I don't think that is entirely true. Let's take a look at the most vibrant sector of the economy – IT. Chips are now 0.15 micron (as I think I said when I said that a Martian colony would need 0.15 micron for a long time, in fact you would have a full VN capability when you could make 0.15 micron on Mars). IT has been produced in response to a market. AI is being developed in response to an opportunity not because of any external competition.

This is of course touching on an important point – what is national purpose? Should there be one? Is our purpose simply to live our lives and make money? I must say I am rather suspicious of national purpose. I must confess I have a tendency to view a human purpose as being in terms of the advance of science and understanding. Oh yeh! What about the creation of the world in 6 days and the beloved President. The spreading of ignorance seems to be a national purpose.

[http://groups.google.co.uk/group/google-translate/browse\\_frm/thread/fd588c0a88e2415?hl=en](http://groups.google.co.uk/group/google-translate/browse_frm/thread/fd588c0a88e2415?hl=en)

Evangelical groups are targeting Latin America. The prospectus they are giving is false. You can have peace and appreciate the beauty of the world without joining an evangelical group. I could not resist my quip or the single star I gave it.

You can see from this my intrinsic reasons for distrusting a "national purpose". Who defines what this is?

– Ian Parker

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