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## E-Verify and the Emerging Surveillance State

*By Tom DeWeese*

If government won't do its job, is that a reason for Americans to surrender their liberty? Do you think that is a funny question? Well, it is actually what a number of activist groups are now advocating in the name of stopping illegal immigration.

The fact is, the U.S. government is not doing its job to secure the border and stop the flood of illegal aliens from rushing across it. Even though Congress has passed legislation demanding that a fence be built, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is dragging its feet, holding up the project. Moreover, DHS is fighting efforts in local communities to allow police to arrest illegals. There is little effort to tighten visa security, or allow law enforcement to track down and deport those who stay here past their allotted time. Those illegals caught committing crimes are still allowed to leave, only to

easily and surreptitiously return at their will. The border is a sieve. There is no border control – period.

Rather than work to strengthen the borders and take steps to stop illegals from getting here in the first place, many now seek “internal enforcement” rather than the “rule of law.” In other words, take action after leaving the barn door open.

The answer, say some very powerful anti-immigration forces, is to put the burden of control on American businesses. Jobs, they say, are the draw to illegals, so business should be the first line of defense. The answer, we are told, is simply to get tough with business and stop the ability of illegals to get a job. Such a plan, while appealing to desperate Americans, can have dire consequences if a nation desires to remain free.

Chief among the schemes to “get tough” with business is the universal enforcement of something called the E-Verify System. It is the brainchild of the Department of Homeland Security and is an electronic employment verification (EEV) program. Essentially, E-Verify uses the Social Security databases to verify Social Security Numbers to determine if someone is a US citizen. Employers are to simply enter in the applicants Social Security Number to verify they are an American citizen (of legal status) and therefore eligible for employment.

The Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 made it illegal for employers to “knowingly” employ unauthorized workers,

and E-Verify (then known as “Basic Pilot”) grew out of the requirement for work-eligibility verification. Since its inception the program has been voluntary for all businesses. However, that’s about to change.

In 2007, after the dramatic defeat of the illegal immigration amnesty bills, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced several changes to the E-Verify System. The agency will now require more than 200,000 federal contractors to use E-Verify, an increase of more than 1,076 percent over the 17,000 employers registered in 2007 (with only about half actually using) E-Verify. The system will use an “enhanced photograph capability” that will allow employers to check photographs in E-Verify databases. DHS will expand the number of databases E-Verify checks to include visa and passport databases; and the agency is asking states to “voluntarily” allow DHS access to their motor vehicle databases. DHS will require employers to fire employees if they were unable to resolve “no match” discrepancies within 90 days. If the employers do not terminate the workers’ employment, the business would face fines of \$11,000 or more. DHS also will raise fines against employers by 25 percent and increasingly use criminal action against employers, as opposed to administrative action.

With those changes, E-Verify is now being sold as the atom bomb in the war on illegal immigration. Described as “the most effective tool to protect vulnerable American workers from unscrupulous

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businesses that hire illegal foreign workers to displace American workers or depress wages.” Sounds great – of course all of this confidence in the E-Verify System’s ability to stop illegal immigration is celebrated BEFORE most businesses have even been required to use it.

The fact is, there are major problems with the E-Verify System. It is a hugely flawed system and will have a severe effect on both naturalized U.S. citizens, as well as those who are native born.

### **Millions of employees could mistakenly fall into legal limbo.**

Independent analysis of existing government databases have found unacceptably high error rates. Currently those voluntarily using E-Verify have experienced near double-digit error rates. Forcing more than 7 million employers to verify the legal status of more than 160 million current employees, as well as the millions of future hires, means that potentially, as many as 17 million citizens and legal US residents will be mistakenly found “ineligible” to work.

The fact is, the Social Security Administration (SSA) never purges a Social Security number once it’s assigned. The Numident database (which E-

Verify uses) currently contains 435 million records; more than 100 million more than the nation’s total population, legal or otherwise. In December 2006, the SSA Inspector General reported approximately 18 million of these records are not accurate. Yet, DHS wants E-Verify made mandatory for the entire American work force.

“As a matter of simple math,” says Jim Harper at the CATO Institute, “that means that if E-Verify were to go national, on the first day 1 in 25 legal hires would be bounced out of the system and asked to go down to the Social Security office and straighten out the problem.”

Imagine the problems faced by honest, law abiding Americans who are so thrown out of the system. In most cases, these are not well-to-do executives who can simply take the afternoon off to fix the problem. They are lower level workers who depend on every dime they earn to pay the rent and feed the kids. Simply taking a day off to go down to the local Social Security office isn’t an easy thing.

From the moment they are found to be

a “tentative non-confirmed” they have eight days to contest the claim and to prove they are legal. A day off work is required because the Social Security office is only open from 8:30am to 5:00pm. If the employer fails to make it to the office in the 8 days, the employer is required by threat of fine and criminal charges to fire the employee.

Moreover, as the E-Verify system is forced on all employers and the large numbers of employees (as reported above) are thrown from the system, there will be a massive run on the Social Security office. The SS Administration is simply not equipped to handle such a massive influx of cases. The infrastructure to handle it is not in place.

As anyone who tried to get a passport last year knows, when the government makes significant, mandatory changes in a system, typically government inefficiency rules. New rules concerning passports forced Americans to flood passport offices, but the offices weren’t prepared to receive and process the massive number of applicants. The E-Verify System would force much larger numbers into unprepared Social Security offices.

Now, under E-Verify, employees that do make it to the SS office may be forced to return day after day. Jobs and income will be lost as the Employment Eligibility Verification (EEV) process does not permit employers to hold the jobs or delay start dates. The clock starts to tick the second the tentative non-confirmed notice is issued and runs out in exactly 8 days.

If it’s all been a mistake, the burden of proof is on the employee to prove who they are and that they are legal citizens or residents eligible to continue working. These law-abiding American citizens enter the Social Security Office as criminal suspects with the potential of being deported. Contrary to American law, they are guilty until proven innocent. Incredibly, there is no appeals process in place to challenge the findings of E-Verify.

### **MORE FRAUD – NOT LESS.**

The E-Verify System is promoted as the only foolproof way to stop illegals from obtaining jobs. Advocates say the program has enough safeguards to protect citizens. Not so fast. Once the system is in place there are huge gaps that allow massive fraud.

To work efficiently, an E-Verify System

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allows employers access to a centralized record of all legal residents and citizens. Given the government's mixed record on data security, this could become a one-stop-shop for identity theft.

First, illegals and those employers wishing to hire them can simply work under the table, paying cash, hiding the transaction from any official source. Illegals don't regularly file income taxes, so the hire isn't hard to hide.

On a larger scale, it must be understood that illegal immigration is big business and it has the money and the means to create false documents and to provide "legal" identification, complete with matching names and Social Security numbers.

Today, many illegals simply make up names and Social Security numbers, hoping not to get caught. Of course, the E-Verify system would catch them. However, in response, an illegal only has to obtain the name and SS number of a legal citizen. While that legal person may already be working a job, it will not create an alert if the information is used by someone else.

Such information can be available through a wide variety of situations, including stolen lists and select employees with access to databases like the Social Security lists. Organized crime can certainly have well placed cohorts. The process would create a massive criminal market for Americans citizens' personal information.

The only way to stop it is for the federal government to create a new database that records every new hire and monitor all employees in the nation.

The real losers in this game are the people who have now had their identity stolen in the process. They may be the ones accused of identity theft as they suddenly discover someone else is using their name and SS number.

Of course, the federal government has proven it has no ability to safeguard the records in its current databases. And the more databases established, the more opportunity for theft.

Recently, federal employees have been caught "sneaking a peek" at the

passports of a large number of celebrities and even presidential candidates including Barack Obama, John McCain and Hillary Clinton.

In August of this year, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) lost a laptop computer which contained the records of 33,000 people who had signed up for its pre-screening program, designed to give travelers quicker access through airport security. The unencrypted information in the database included names, addresses, driver's license numbers, passport numbers, Social Security numbers, Alien registration numbers, and current credit card numbers.

The laptop was in the possession of employees of a private company contracting with TSA for the project. TSA signup documents for the project promise that the records will be maintained at its headquarters in Arlington, VA and "other authorized TSA or DHA secure facilities, as necessary, and at a digital safe site managed by a government contractor." In reality, the laptop was stashed in a locked office at the San Francisco Airport. There are a lot of laptops containing personal information of Americans being taken home by government employees these days. Why?

### MISSION CREEP

The greatest threat from establishment of a system such as E-Verify is the creation of perhaps unintended results. As Cato's Jim Harper surmises, "The things to make a system like this impervious to forgery and fraud would convert it from an identity system into a cradle-to-grave biometric tracking system."

"Mission Creep" is the commonly used description for a program designed for a specific purpose, but is later used for much more. A prime example of mission creep is the Social Security System itself. It was designed specifically as a means for people to deposit money into a government program to provide for their retirement years. Today, there are those who want to take its databank of users and transform it into an identity system to prove American citizenship. "Well, it's already there!" That's mission creep.

As reported in the beginning, DHS Secretary Chertoff intends to increase

the E-Verify system to include biometric photographs and extended databases. On numerous occasions Secretary Chertoff has expressed his desire to create a national identification card that would include near complete information on its bearer. This would include job, medical, tax, and school records. It would also include biometric and facial recognition, with RFID microchips that could monitor the whereabouts of every American.

E-Verify is the beginning of the creation of such a system. Is it worth it for Americans to endure an existence in a well-controlled matrix of surveillance simply to catch some illegal workers? Communities across the nation are proving that illegals will stop coming here – in fact actually leave – if they are made to feel unwelcome.

E-Verify sets the stage for a national workforce management system which gives the government ultimate power to decide who works and who doesn't. It is designed to ultimately subject all Americans to an intrusive global surveillance system as the information in DHS databanks is being transferred to international systems through such DHS partners as American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

The federal government has been given the mandate by the people to close the borders and keep them out. It doesn't require cradle-to-grave biometric tracking of every legal American to accomplish that task. Facts show that such "internal enforcement" would not reduce the illegality, it would promote it. Border security combined with real efforts by the government to keep illegals out of the country will do much more to stop the flood than by chaining American citizens to massive, all knowing surveillance data banks.

*Special thanks to extensive reports on the E-Verify issue by Jim Harper at CATO (Electronic Employment Eligibility Verification, Franz Kafka's Solution to Illegal Immigration), and the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), (E-Verify System: DHS Changes Name, But Problems Remain for US Workers).*



# ABSOLUTES....!

## News Media Meaner than Dems?

By Tom DeWeese

In the October, 2000 issue of The DeWeese Report (Volume 6, Issue 10), just after the completion of the Democrat National Convention, I posted a story (The Compassionate Liberals Who Hate Little Boys) describing how the delegates to that convention actually booed some Eagle Scouts who were presenting the American flag during the opening ceremonies.

As I wrote in that article, *“You can imagine the scene at the homes of each Eagle Scout as they prepared for their big night. Imagine the honor of being picked for such a major event. It would be on national television and the whole family would see them walk proudly out on the stage carrying the nation’s flag. Imagine the excitement as beaming grandparents called to wish them well. Fresh haircuts were in order. Polished shoes. The uniform they were so proud of, pressed and ready to go. Then the big moment as they walked, straight and tall, out on the stage; the bright television lights blinding, hot. And the crowd of delegates standing and... booing.”*

The reason for the booing was because of the Boy Scouts stand against allowing gay scoutmasters. With liberals, it’s always the “cause.” So it didn’t matter if these little boys had nothing to do with that decision. As I said in the article, *“So busy are they ‘feeling’ everyone’s pain that they ignore (and probably don’t care about) the pain they cause others.”*

Now comes 2008 and the Republican National Convention and Sarah Palin and her pregnant, unwed daughter. Again, Palin’s daughter Bristol is only 17, a child. She is not running for Vice President, her mother is. But Bristol has been thrown into the fray, turned

upside down and inside out, fodder for one of the most viscous assaults imaginable. It all started when some in the media began to speculate that Palin’s new baby boy wasn’t hers at all, but was Bristol’s. That speculation began to build into a firestorm until someone noticed that Bristol was herself pregnant, making it impossible for her to have given the earlier birth. The truth wasn’t as much fun as believing the Republican family was hiding a deep, dark secret.

When Republicans questioned controversial racial comments made by Barack Obama’s wife while she was on the campaign trail hustling for votes, there was a mighty uproar over it. “Wives,” said the media, “shouldn’t be targets.”

Well, how about daughter? Yes, she got pregnant. Yes, she is unwed. Yes, Republicans take a dim view of such a situation. However, this is the most vulnerable, difficult position any young girl could ever find herself in.

The media is constantly running “News Specials” describing the plight of unwed mothers and the need for compassion. Sometimes they scold American society for not doing enough. We are reminded that the girls who find themselves in such a situation are not responsible. They just need our love and our help. Of course, those programs are to get ratings. When it comes to a lowly Republican in such a situation, well, they aren’t worthy of compassion.

The fact is, had Bristol Palin shown a rebellious streak against her “Ultra Conservative” mother and had an abortion, she would probably now be a celebrated hero for the pro-abortion cause in the media. Liberals. It’s always the cause. No matter who they destroy. 

## T. BOONE PICKENS: New Kind of Prairie Rustler

By Tom DeWeese

Over the summer he was all the rage -- a Texas oil billionaire ready to make a difference and get the U.S. off of foreign oil dependency. Pickens certainly advocates drilling more American oil, but also came up with a reasonable-sounding plan to make wind power a reality.

“We’re the Saudi Arabia of Wind,” he said. Then he spent \$58 million to sell the idea to the American people and to force pro-wind legislation through Congress.

People quickly responded to support his efforts.

## ...THESE THINGS REALLY ARE HAPPENING!

Environmentalists praised him. Pro-free market advocates have flocked to him, invited him to address their conferences and hailed him as a hero. That's the Public Relations story. It's not the whole story.

I've written many times of the dangers of Public/Private Partnerships (PPPs). This is corporations and governments joining forces in an unholy alliance to use government power and private money to take over such public entities as highways and water systems using eminent domain, non-compete clauses and profit guarantees. It's not free enterprise and it's not limited government. It's corporate fascism that creates government-sanctioned monopolies.

Pickens has developed a creative twist to the PPP model and now he plans to get rich with other people's water. Water? But most Americans thought his plan was about wind. It appears that the wind idea is a clever smokescreen to the real money-maker.

Roberts County, Texas sits on top of the Ogallala Aquifer, a huge underground reservoir that stretches all the way to South Dakota. It so happens that T. Boone Pickens has a ranch in Roberts County and he set aside eight acres of that land for drilling into the aquifer.

Here comes the interesting part. Pickens turned those eight acres into a "town." To pull off that feat, Pickens needed

a special change in Texas law to allow it. It's interesting to note that he made \$1.2 million in contributions in 2006, apparently to the right legislators. Can't say for sure, but he did get his special privilege and a town was born on eight acres of the Pickens ranch, complete with two whole voters – both of whom happen to work for T. Boone Pickens. Then there was an election in the new town and the two voters agreed at the polls to make this eight-acre municipality a special fresh-water district.

Now Pickens' little town has all the power of any community. He can issue tax-free bonds (meaning he can borrow at a largely discounted rate), and he has the power of eminent domain, if he needs it. Why is that important? Pickens plans to run a pipeline for his water to the Dallas area where he will sell it. He also plans to use the same route for his wind power transmission lines.

To construct the pipeline he will have to cross a lot of private land. Those landowners will receive (if they haven't already) a letter from T. Boone Pickens explaining that he wants to buy some of their land. If they refuse he will simply use the power of eminent domain to take it.

Welcome to business in the 2000s. Just don't call it free enterprise, and don't call its perpetrators heroes. Judge Roy Bean would have strung Pickens up in the nearest tree. He knew a rustler when he saw one. 

## Not all in the News Media are getting away with it!

A lot of Americans aren't listening to the leftist media bias and the networks are getting worried. MSNBC, dead last in the ratings against Fox News and CNN, has removed Keith Olbermann and Chris Mathews as co-hosts of political coverage during this election season.

MSNBC executives were forced to take the action after receiving complaints all summer long that the two were incapable of serving as impartial newsmen. The networks weak ratings provided the cover they needed to do away with the two left wing commentators. Mathews and Olbermann's hard left views are well known, but their bias was especially obvious as they covered the two party conventions.

In regards to the GOP's efforts to fight back against the media bias to Palin's personal life, Olbermann said on the air, "*We'll see if people feel sorry for unfounded rumors on the Internet. If that's the case, Senator Obama's probably standing up and cheering and waiting for people to feel sorry for him.*" Meanwhile, Mathews was heard on air openly mocking another MSNBC commentator, Joe Scarborough, who was discussing positive developments in the McCain campaign. Said, Mathews, "*Jesus, Joe, why don't you get a shovel?*"

Well, both have now buried themselves. That's two down, a hoard to go. 

# INSIDER'S REPORT

## Mortgage Bailout Bill Funds Eminent Domain

President Bush just signed another taxpayer-funded piece of constitutionally challenged legislation to bail out 400,000 home buyers who face foreclosure in the failing Bush economy. The government's latest intrusion into market issues, the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008, may have far-reaching ill effects on private property, however. Among other provisions, "it creates a new regulator for ailing mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac and establishes a \$300 billion program to expand the Federal Housing Administration's ability to guarantee mortgages." And, writes John Berlau, "of all the unintended consequences of the housing bill, one of the most ironic and far-reaching may be this: that whatever security marginal homeowners have from foreclosure, their homes will be far less safe from being taken by a bureaucrat through eminent domain."

Included in the package is \$3.9 billion for Community Development Block Grant funds. Those funds will allow cities and counties to take private properties and then sell them to private developers, thanks to the 2005 Supreme Court Kelo decision. The Senate made an attempt to protect property owners from greedy governments by inserting a clause stating, "No funds under this title may be used in conjunction with property taken by eminent domain unless eminent domain is employed for a public use." But, that clause disappeared from the House version after House Financial Services Chairman Barney Frank (D-MA) and Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson got their heads together. The new language allows bureaucrats to use the billions in federal grants to seize homes for general economic development, as provided under Kelo, and then pull the old "bait and switch" by creating a new project to sell the land to developers, likely not a violation of the House bill. "All in all," writes Berlau, who writes the Open Markets blog for the Competitive Enterprise Institute, "this new language means that... there will be virtually nothing stopping states and localities from using the federal housing grants to help themselves to confiscate housing." How ironic that a man who won his first Governor's race by championing private property no longer believes in its importance to the future security of individual Americans or our nation.

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## Misuse of Eminent Domain Brings Big Fine

A Pennsylvania jury has unanimously decided that York County illegally snatched property from developer Peter Alexih Jr. to create a park and has ordered the County to pay him up to \$21.25 million on top of the \$2 million they originally paid him.

Alexih bought the 79 acre parcel overlooking the Susquehanna River for \$1.17 million in 2002. He spent the next two years securing the necessary permits to build 51 luxury homes to be known as "The Hill at Lauxmont Farms." During this time he was approached by Mark Platts, president of the Lancaster-York Heritage Region, with an offer of \$5 million so the group could turn the land into a park. Alexih turned him down, figuring his investment would soon be worth over \$17 million.

In 2004, the York County Commissioners voted to condemn the property using eminent domain. "Most people think eminent domain means losing frontage to widen a road or to lay a pipeline," Alexih said. "They don't know, just like I didn't know, how the courts have expanded the definition (Kelo) from taking someone's land to meet a need for a highway, a gas line, or something vital, to taking land to fulfill a want." The County had Alexih's land appraised for \$2 million, "a sum below the real market value," Alexih said. "Then they tried to make me accept it." Alexih learned a private landowner is at a disadvantage in such a situation. "They condemn your land, and then they set a price on it. In return, all you can do is try to fight, at your own expense." He nearly went bankrupt in the process of defending his rights.

Justice was finally served when the York County jury ordered the County to pay the full value of the land. Larry Aiken, a member of Citizens Against Eminent Domain Abuse praised the decision even though he will have to help pay for it. "Eminent domain was never the appropriate vehicle to use," he said. "I hope the County will learn from this."

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# SPOTLIGHT ON TYRANNY

## PRESS-RELEASE LAP DOGS

By Tom DeWeese

*"We're supposed to fall for a candidate who has to play up her eight years as the mayor of a town of 6,715 - where the Associated Press devastatingly remarked the "biggest civic worry is whether there will be enough snow for the Iditarod dog-mushing race" - and her time on the PTA to round out her resume." The news media - just being fair.*

America's news media is surprised and appalled at the accusations that it has been too hard on Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin. Says the media, *"examining the record of the Alaska governor, of whom not much is known about, is the legitimate line of inquiry for the press."* **Time Magazine's** Joe Kline believes the McCain team's attacks on the media are simply a tactic meant to thwart inquiries into Palin's history. *"This is a smoke screen, intended to divert attention from the very real and responsible vetting that is taking place in the media - about the substance of Palin's record as Mayor and Governor,"* said Kline. Said one reporter, *"should (reporters) have stuck to the press release, like how she opposed the Bridge to Nowhere (after she supported it)?"*

So, with the media's all-out effort to dig down and get the "truth" (because they are just journalists doing their job), here's what we know about Sarah Palin: Her 17 year old daughter is unmarried and pregnant; an Alaska state legislative panel is investigating if Gov. Palin improperly dismissed Alaska's public safety commissioner because he wouldn't fire an Alaska state trooper who happened to be divorcing Palin's sister; Palin has a new baby with Down syndrome, which she didn't abort; She's in the PTA; Her husband is a blue color worker and union member; she was a beauty queen; she hunts; she is a member of the NRA; she is against placing Polar Bears on the Endangered Species list (they aren't endangered, by the way); she's anti abortion and anti evolution; and, horror or horrors, she "hasn't uttered a word about racial diversity or civil rights."

It's certainly true that the media has a right and a duty to check her out. She was an unknown on the national political scene. So why is the McCain camp, along with many Americans in general, so upset over the coverage Palin got in the first week of her candidacy? The media's coverage is neither fair nor balanced. Far from it. It's obvious that the news media used its attack dog ruthlessness to "expose Palin" but has literally ignored much more

important facts about Barack Obama. In Obama's case, the media has certainly "stuck to the press release."

The media has refused to publish, or has white washed reports, of direct connections between Barack Obama and several known communists. In fact, Obama's "mentor" as a child was a well-documented Marxist named Frank Marshall Davis. Obama actually mentions him only by his first name in his 1995 book, *"Dreams from my Father."* Further, in a report prepared by the Obama campaign to rebut Jerome Corsi's best selling book, *"Obama Nation,"* Obama admits to a personal relationship with Davis, all the while calling Corsi a liar for saying the same thing. Instead of investigating the facts, the news media sticks to the Obama press release.

If the media mentions Davis at all, it calls him a "civil rights activists," a "labor leader" and a "poet." In fact, some of the poems Davis wrote were in praise of the Red Army and mocking Christian missionaries. Davis, who died in 1987, appeared before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee in 1956 and took the Fifth Amendment, refusing to answer questions about his Communist Party USA (CPUSA) activities. His lawyer was Harriet Bouslog, another CPUSA member.

The Associated Press did run a story about Barack Obama's Marxist mentor without ever mentioning him as a CPUSA member. The story, with a headline that read, *"Writer offered a young Barack Obama advice on Life,"* simply calls Davis a "left-leaning journalist and poet. As investigative journalist Cliff Kincaid reports in an extensive expose', Davis "was not a journalist in any real sense of the term. He was a propagandist and racial agitator for the CPUSA."

Rather than try to present evidence to refute such charges, Obama attacks critics like Corsi as "liars." For obvious reasons, he wants the issue to just go away. And the news media, unlike in the Palin case, just sticks to the Obama press release. There is no attempt to investigate the charges by mainstream media.

There is much more evidence of Communist influences over a young Barack Obama and more evidence of attempts to wash it from the record.

More than a year ago, reports surfaced of a connection between Obama and William Ayers and his wife Bernadine Doran. Obama and Ayres sat on a board together for three years. They have made speeches together from the same

podium. Ayres even sponsored a fundraiser in his home for Obama's Illinois state senate campaign.

Why does a relationship with Ayres matter? Both Ayers and Doran were founders of the 1960's era domestic terrorist group called "The Weathermen." That group planted bombs in the U.S. Capitol Building, organized riots, set fires to buildings on college campuses, and plotted the overthrow of the United States. The Weathermen were known as the most violent and most dedicated communists of the 1960's revolt. They had direct ties with Moscow and made numerous trips to Cuba and North Viet Nam in support of the world-domination goals of the Communist revolution.

Of course, Obama denies any connection with Ayers and Doran. When pressed in a debate, Obama said he barely knew Ayers and then dismissed Ayres history of violence against the country by saying whatever Ayers did occurred when Obama was eight years old. Obama seems to have left out some details from his press release, so the media didn't think it was important to mention.

And there's more. Corsi's book reveals that Obama's wife Michelle was influenced by black Marxist revolutionary Stokely Carmichael when she formulated her Princeton thesis on black separatism. Again Obama calls it a lie. Again, the news media simply accepts the "press release."

However, as Kincaid reports, "...turning to Page 139 of his memoir, 'Dreams,' we find that he himself (Obama) was inspired by Carmichael." *While living in New York, according to Obama's book, he was in "search of some inspiration" one day and "went to hear Kwame Toure, formerly Stokely Carmichael of SNCC and Black Power fame, speak at Columbia."*

During the 1960's Stokely Carmichael was recognized as one of the most violent and dangerous radicals in the Civil Rights movement. Martin Luther King was appalled at his coining of the phrase "Black Power" and attempted to discredit him. Carmichael was also the originator of the phrase, "Burn, Baby, Burn," as he rejoiced over the burning of American cities during the riots of the late 1960's.

In a speech at the Oakland Auditorium, February 17, 1968, Carmichael accused white Americans of harboring a goal to commit genocide on the black race. He said the nation was built on the genocide of the red man. Then the whites dropped the Atomic bomb on "some helpless yellow people in Hiroshima." He then went on to rationalize that black people were no longer needed to pick cotton in an increasingly technological America. "When the need for black people disappears, so will we, and he (the white race) will consciously wipe us out."

This is the man from whom Barack Obama – and his wife – went to for "some inspiration?" This is where the man who may soon lead our nation gets his ideas? And the nation's news

media doesn't think such details warrant even a question or two? Rest assured, had Sarah Palin ever walked on the same side of the street as a member of the KKK she would now be drawn and quartered for such an "association."

These facts took me about two hours to investigate. I knew none of it before starting the effort. It wasn't hard to find. The fact is, today's news media, led by the likes of Brian Williams, Katie Couric, Charles Gibson, Keith Olbermann, Chris Mathews, CNN, The Washington Post, The New York Times, Time, Newsweek, MSNBC, and so many more, are not journalists. They do no investigation. They do not attempt to tell both sides of the story.

As this gang is tearing Sarah Palin apart because she may blunder on some specific detail as she stands in the spot light, Americans should ask the news media this question: name a single "change" that Barack Obama is advocating in his campaign of "change we can believe in." Name one, Katie Couric, and tell us how it will impact on our nation's economy and our individual lives. Charles Gibson, have you asked a single question about allegations against Democrat Vice Presidential candidate Joe Biden for plagiarism? The charges were strong enough to throw him out of the presidential race a few years ago. Isn't that worth a question or two? Bias combined with ignorance is not journalism.

Americans who read or hear their nightly news reports are not informed of the issues – they are instead victims of an elitist propaganda for what the media determines to be "globally- acceptable truth." Real facts be damned.

To further make the point, consider this fact. As Ron Paul's supporters, 10,000 strong, met across town from the Republican National Convention, in a historic effort to literally found a new movement of dedicated, freedom loving activists, not a single major media outlet gave it the time of day. Had Hillary Clinton done it, the reports would have overshadowed the Democratic Convention as "monumental," "revolutionary," a "moment of hope," and an endless list of superlatives, ad nauseam.

The media decide ahead of time who will get their support, based on their own political agenda. And they decide anyone who dares challenge that agenda will be ripped to shreds. The media offer themselves to be benign lap dogs for their chosen ones, and killer attack dogs for those who dare speak in opposition. And they call it journalism. The propaganda machine of Hitler's Nazi Party couldn't have done it better.

Remember that the next time you see Brian Williams, or any of his ilk, whining that the media is a hard working group of dedicated journalists who deserve our respect. Simply regurgitating someone's news release is not hard work, it's cowardice.

