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Re: Book Burnings & Conspiracies

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Subject: Re: Book Burnings & Conspiracies

>From: Greg Sandow <gsandow@prodigy.net>
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>Subject: Re: * Jeff Rense Weekly E-News *
>Date: Sat, 15 May 1999 18:07:02 -0400

>>Date: Fri, 14 May 1999 09:13:18 -0500
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>>Subject: Re: * Jeff Rense Weekly E-News *

>>Your argument, sir, seems to suggest that there is no
>>conspiracy. I happen to think that there is abundant evidence
>>for an institutional pervasiveness of conspiracy -- a
>>metaphoric iceberg of convenient conspiracy with only the the
>>tips of a watergate, Iran-contra, or savings and loan debacle
>>sticking sullenly above the oily surface like dirty sea ice. I
>>resent your indicating I may be a bigot because I am
>>assaulted, and insulted by the obvious. Any rational run
>>through the history of western civilization points up abundant
>>conspiracy, evidence of conspiracy, and suggestions of
>>conspiracy. Scratch YOU, sir, to see how bloodless you've
>>become?

>Wait...if "any rational run through the history of western
>civilization points up abundant conspiracy," etc., then anyone
>who doesn't believe in conspiracy isn't rational?

Couched in the manner of your presentation, sir, the rational
person would be reluctant to continue down the slippery slope
that you depict. But, it would appear to seem that it may be
as you suggest (up your debating sleeve), that knee jerk
dismissal of conspiracy is irrational.

>
>Sigh. The rhetoric heats up.

Well -- I won't be the one to let it boil over. <g>.

>And it's interesting that Mr. L. thinks government scandals are
>signs of conspiracy.

Not just government, Mr. S. -- big business (including their
doctors, lawyers, and policemen), the spawner of the government
you allude to.

>It's not exactly news that (a) governments
>have perfectly normal reasons for hiding what they do, ranging
>from genuine issues of security to disreputable attempts to

>cover their asses, and

A priveledge very likely abused horrifically, and without oversight of any kind.

>(b) that governments sometimes resort to
>illegal means to keep themselves in power, or to enrich their
>supporters.

Why has that ever been instituted and once instituted, tolerated -- Why didn't Ike just admit that the russians were scaring the hell out of us, and deserved every bit of over flight they got. Was our own behavior something less than pristine? Why tolerate a violent right wing government over a more peaceful and only slightly more left one?

>All this is obvious enough without conspiracies. It's much worse
>in the third world.

This is supposed to be America! Is it something other than what it depicts itself to be?

>And, interestingly, it used to be much worse
>in the United States, generations ago.

Few know that, though. Evidence of some kind of educational conspiracy? Perhaps.

>Does anyone remember
>political bosses in big American cities?

How about the one in Suffolk county New York right now!

>"Smoke-filled rooms" in
>which political parties here decided on presidential candidates?

You suggest that that has disappeared? No, just changed its form. The common woman still has very little input into the process than to vote for who the the business community provides for her to vote for.

>
>"Robber barons" around the turn of the (last) century who
>controlled congressmen, senators, and entire state legislatures?

I think we can safely admit that they have not disappeared, either. There are whole communities in the world suffering miserably at the hands of a business ethic gone mad outside the borders of the United States, and only slightly less mad inside it's borders.

>My impression, after watching American politics for 40-odd years
>and after much reading, is that politics and government are in
>many ways -- in everything, I'd guess, that's not concerned with
>foreign policy and the military -- more open than they used to
>be.

But certainly not as it could be, assuming an honesty, a forthcoming attitude, or a respect now in such short supply. Hell -- we should be living in the asteroid belt by now -- a thriving collection of autonomous individuals combining into teams of much more capability and efficacy!

>Does that mean the conspiracy has less power?

No -- just refined lo these many years! <g>. Even Lincoln said that as a result of the civil war our corporations were enthoned, and total power would fall to fewer and fewer hands until the republic was destroyed.

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