

The view from the bridge

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Different strokes . . .

How different perspectives see the same event. Here's the MAGA fan Roger Stone:

President Donald Trump's America First foreign policy is delivering results that were, until very recently, dismissed as impossible. NATO allies, long content to let the United States shoulder the burden of their defense, are finally stepping up. Germany, Europe's economic powerhouse, is pledging to build the continent's strongest army signaling a broader shift across the alliance. This is not charity or coincidence—it is the direct outcome of relentless pressure from President Trump, who has made clear that the era of American taxpayers subsidizing European security is over.¹

So the vast network of American military installations all over Europe (and the world) since WW2 was America generously protecting us against the Red Menace. How could I have failed to grasp this all these years?

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Disinfo never really dies

I admire Dick Russell but oh dear, he has relaunched the MJ-12 (Majestic) UFO nonsense on his substack: 'UFO COVERUP: THE EARLY HISTORY: A STARTLING NEW DOCUMENT COMES TO LIGHT'. (Caps in the original.)² I discussed the MJ-12 psy-op – for that's what it was – in some detail in *Lobster* 40.³ The MJ-12 psy-op was 'blown' by one of those taking part in it, Bill Moore.

¹ 'NATO Realignment Comes to Fruition as Europe Pays Their Fair Share'
<<https://www.stonecoldtruth.com/p/president-trumps-nato-realignment?>>

² <<https://dickrussell.substack.com/p/ufo-coverup-the-early-history?>>

³ <<https://www.lobster-magazine.co.uk/article/issue/40/disinformation-from-euros-to-ufos/>>

He told the annual conference of the major American UFO organisation, MUFON, in 1989 that it had all been disinformation, cooked-up by parts of the military-intelligence agencies. It had been what Colin Wallace described years before as a double bubble operation: you lead people down a false trail and then destroy what you had persuaded them to believe.

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All our yesterdays

These entertaining paragraphs appeared in an essay by Geoffrey Wheatcroft in the *New York Review of Books* on 25 June 2026.

In case anyone failed to grasp what that name [New Labour] meant, just before Blair's triumph at the 1997 election there was a very funny book review in *The Spectator* by the late Robert Taylor, a financial correspondent and man of the left . . . The book was *The State To Come* by Will Hutton, a cheerleader for Blair and New Labour, who predicted 'a strange rebirth of liberal England', with greater public spending paid for by higher taxes on the rich, strengthened unions, a closer engagement with Europe beginning with an immediate process to join the single currency when it was created, and many beguiling things besides.

Could Hutton really believe this nonsense, Taylor asked? How the young spin doctors in Millbank Tower [Labour headquarters] must be laughing among themselves at such patent absurdity. They know from own focus groups findings that what Middle England real, really wants is Thatcherism with a fresh young face and this is what Mr Blair provides.

It was indeed obvious that NuLab were Thatcherites and several of us wrote so in *Lobster* 33, just after Blair won his first general election. My version included this:

This is the key move by the Blairites: they have become the party of the City, the big transnational corporations and the Foreign Office – the overseas lobby. They have succeeded triumphantly in becoming the party of Europe – still desired by a majority of the overseas lobby in Britain. This shift explains the enthusiasm for the Blair faction expressed by the London establishment – the Foreign Office, the higher media and the EU-oriented section of British capital – before the

election. Labour, under the Blair faction, is a more reliable bet for continued EU membership than the Conservative Party with its vociferous English nationalist wing, the so-called Eurosceptics.

And with this shift to an overseas orientation, comes the concomitant position that Labour's traditional constituencies – so-called Old Labour – the domestic economy, especially manufacturing and the public sector, become merely interest groups to be taken for granted and ignored.⁴

I was still a member of the Labour Party then and there was no-one around me in it willing to face this. From the odd comment he has made, Andy Burnham seems to have grasped this – albeit almost 30 years too late. We shall see what – if anything – he is prepared to try and do to rectify it.

Covid conspiracy theories

The central Covid conspiracy theories are that there was no Covid pandemic; or, if there was one, it wasn't as dangerous as the authorities said it was. Looking for examples of them I came across 'Why I don't believe there ever was a Covid virus' by Dr. Mike Yeadon.⁵ He has an impressive CV⁶ but his reasons for denying the existence of Covid are still unclear to me after reading his essay and he has a pretty conspiratorial world-view to begin with. Take this paragraph:

So who do I mean by 'they' and 'the perpetrators'? There are a number of candidates competing for this position, with their drug company accomplices, several of whom are named in Paula Jardine's excellent five-part series for TCW, 'Anatomy of the Sinister Covid project'.⁷ High on the list is the 'enabling' World Economic Forum and their many political acolytes including Justin Trudeau and Jacinda

⁴ <<https://www.lobster-magazine.co.uk/article/issue/33/contamination-the-labour-party-nationalism-and-the-blairites/>>

⁵ <<https://off-guardian.org/2023/04/06/why-i-dont-believe-there-ever-was-a-covid-virus/>>

⁶ It includes this:

Dr Mike Yeadon has a degree in biochemistry and toxicology and a research-based PhD in respiratory pharmacology. He has spent over 30 years leading new medicines research in some of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies, leaving Pfizer in 2011 as Vice President & Chief Scientist for Allergy & Respiratory.

⁷ Actually it's 6 parts. It begins at
<<https://www.conservativewoman.co.uk/anatomy-of-the-sinister-covid-project-part-1/>>.

Ardern.

This is absurd. The World Economic Forum is a talking shop of no consequence. As for Trudeau and Adern (then Prime Minister of New Zealand) as cosmic villains – *really*?

What the cited Paula Jardine's essays do show is that the American military and biochemical industry, using a possible threat of biological weapons, worked for twenty years to obtain a lot of US taxpayer money to deal with the threat of biological warfare. (Bogus 'threat' generation is a standard feature of the US military-industrial-congressional-complex.) When Covid arrived much of the groundwork for a large-scale organisational response to it had been laid. It is thus not that big a step for the conspiratorially-minded to interpret those preparations as sinister.

Yeadon writes:

To this point, an ex-pharmaceutical industry executive Sasha Latypova, [. . .] describes the extensive evidence of the contracts and relationships that were in place before the Covid era. Contracts were signed for billions of dollars in February 2020.

Though it is possible that she has other documents, in her essay⁸ Latypova does *not* show 'contracts signed for billions of dollars' in February 2020. There is one, from July 2020, showing a deal with Pfizer Inc.. However, working her way through official documents, she shows that after the Covid outbreak the US Department of Defense did deals with other organisations, including one from China. Which is interesting but not necessarily sinister. After all, the US government was indirectly funding the lab in Wuhan in China from which the virus escaped in the first place.

Towards the end of her piece she gives us this:

The current war is the war of the global governments (plural), that only pretend to be at odds with each other, marketing themselves as "left", "right", "communists", "green", "capitalists", "socialists", "populists", "conservatives", etc. etc. in a never ending clown show of the political theater. Behind the scenes, the "official enemies" are partners and co-investors into "joint ventures" against us, people of the world.

Which is just silly.

⁸ 'The role of the US DoD (and their co-investors) in "covid countermeasures" enterprise' at <<https://sashalatypova.substack.com/p/the-role-of-the-us-dod-and-their>>.

Election theft

Did the hi-tech bros steal the election for Trump? It is beginning to look like it. Check out 'Elon Musk's Ex, Ashley St. Clair, Confirms He Rigged the 2024 Election Using Technology'.⁹ It includes this:

On June 5, 2025, a year ago to the day, Musk made his own position explicit:

"Without me, Trump would have lost the election, Dems would control the House and the Republicans would be 51-49 in the Senate."

And then go to 'We Dug Into Data for the 2026 Kentucky 4th District Republican Primary'¹⁰ from the Election Truth Alliance. The Trump-stole-the-election (or it-was-stolen-for-Trump) thesis is not quite proven but it's getting close. But then if you decide to give up bits of paper and use computers to register and count votes you are inviting fraud; and there is so much money involved in who becomes president, it will not be remotely surprising if it is irrefutably proved that election fraud has taken place.

Settlers?

'His father had just been buried. Then West Bank *settlers* forced him to dig up the body'. (Emphasis added.) Thus BBC TV news on 11 May 2026. 'Settlers'? Surely 'thieves' or 'terrorists' would be more appropriate. Oddly, the Qatar-based Al Jazeera uses the same term.

Palestine weekly wrap: Israeli *settlers* rampage through West Bank villages. Settlers uproot olive trees, seize land, and displace families, reflecting unchecked violence across the West Bank. (14 May) (Emphasis added.)

Craig Murray on Zionism and British politics

'Unquestioning Zionism has for decades been the entry ticket to the British political and media Establishment. Anybody who was not a fully certified and compliant Zionist would find their career limited – as Jeremy Corbyn, Alan Duncan, Robin Cook and David Mellor all found.

⁹ <<https://thiswillhold.substack.com/p/elon-musks-ex-ashley-st-clair-confirms>>

¹⁰ <<https://electiontruthalliance.substack.com/p/we-dug-into-data-for-the-2026-kentucky>>

Most others, of course, were never allowed to progress that far.’¹¹

This is overstating it. Alan Duncan reached number 2 in the Foreign Office, Robin Cook number 1 in the same department. Duncan’s chances of going much higher were nullified not by his pro-Arab views but because he was gay, the first Conservative MP to come out. David Mellor’s political career was derailed by publicity generated by his former mistress going public. These days it might not be fatal to a career but then . . . Robin Cook was in the shadow of Blair and Brown and didn’t live long enough to challenge them when their neo-con fantasies blew up in their faces in 2008 (he died in 2005) and we can’t know if could have risen further. As for Jeremy Corbyn, by becoming leader of the Labour Party he achieved far more than anyone (including himself) ever thought he would.

Of course there is pressure on British politicians to support Israel but this occurs mainly because supporting Israel is part of supporting the USA. If Corbyn had not been smeared as an anti-semite, he would have been attacked in some other way because he was not a supporter of the USA and NATO; and the United States was – is – not willing to allow the government of its most loyal geo-political ally and largest off-shore tax haven and to fall into the ‘wrong’ hands.

Here’s a new one

‘Conspiritoriality is a term describing the merging of conspiracy theories with New Age or alternative spiritual beliefs. It suggests a “new world order” is controlling society, while also believing humanity is undergoing a spiritual “paradigm shift”. This ideology often combines wellness culture with distrust in science, growing significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic.’¹²

Blair 1

Regular contributor to these columns, former Labour MP Colin Challen,

¹¹ <<https://www.craigmurray.org.uk/archives/2026/05/zionism-has-poisoned-the-uks-central-nervous-system/>>

¹² <<https://bylinetimes.com/2026/04/21/i-hadnt-anticipated-developing-empathy-for-them-but-you-can-see-how-the-conspiritoriality-belief-system-also-serves-as-a-set-of-coping-mechanisms/>>

responded to the essay by Tony Blair attacking the prospect of an Andy Burnham-led government.

The oracle's latest thoughts have been communicated in a 5,700 word long essay and yours truly has read it so you don't have to. The interesting thing going on here is that it comes amidst a rather existential battle for the future of Labour, at least as some more wistful pundits would have it. In actual fact, there is currently no real battle going on. There are no 'big ideas' flying out like sparks from a welder's torch. More like the spluttering of a dying flame overwhelmed by unconsumed wax. Tony, who is almost exactly the same age as me, still feels terribly relevant but hasn't the self-awareness to perceive that he is merely presenting as new thoughts those which are essentially retreads. In fact, he comes across as a bit confused, and as a fellow septuagenarian I have sympathy with his plight. He talks still of the 'Radical Centre' that woolly and pretentious term which could only ever appeal to politicians who strut around as if they were the 'adults in the room' but have nothing original between their ears.¹³

Two things struck me about Sir Tony's intervention. The first is that by making it he has probably boosted Burnham's support among Labour Party members and supporters, many of whom have not forgiven Blair for supporting the invasion of Iraq. The second is that it illustrates beautifully the problem that people engaged in politics have in changing their minds and/or being seen to change their minds. No matter that the last 40 years of neo-con economic policies have been a failure,¹⁴ none of the neo-cons can (publicly) recognise this. The interesting question is: do they know they failed but are unwilling or unable to publicly acknowledge this; or are they simply unable to process the data which shows failure?

Blair 2

Within seconds of leaving No.10, he fixated on accreting personal wealth: an advisory role at JPMorgan Chase and Zurich Financial Services, exorbitantly-priced private speaking gigs, contracts with human rights abusers. That tendency led naturally to his current situation, with the Tony Blair Institute taken over wholesale by

¹³ 'An Oracle Speaks' 27 May 2026 <<http://www.colinchallen.org/blog>>

¹⁴ On this see the review of A. G. Hopkins' *The Land Where Nothing Works: How Britain Lost The Plot* in this issue.

billionaire Larry Ellison so he can use Blair as a ventriloquist dummy for his views on AI. Everyone has a price. It turns out Blair's price was \$130 million for the 2021-2023 period, and \$218 million since then.

Thus Ian Dunt on his Substack.¹⁵

Wikibollocks

The death of the senior MI6 officer Margaret 'Meta' Ramsay at the end of May¹⁶ sent me to Wikispooks where there is a rather detailed entry on her and the network of organisations of which she was member before and after her work with MI6.¹⁷ One of them was the John Smith Trust,¹⁸ named after the former leader of the Labour Party and student colleague of Ramsay at Glasgow University. That entry includes this:

It was founded in 1996 as a living memorial to the late John Smith, a prominent British politician who *possibly was assassinated* by the deep state to clear the way for Tony Blair. (Emphasis added.)

There is no evidence suggesting the death of John Smith was suspicious. He had a stressful life, drank far too much alcohol¹⁹ and got little exercise. In any case, Smith had been a member of the Bilderberg steering committee, among other things, surely a key component of 'the deep state', if that over-used phrase means anything these days. Wikispooks should be better than this kind of dumb conspiracy theorising.

Back to print, please

'It's a dizzying set of allegations.

A trove of leaked voice notes and call recordings — published by the anonymous outlet Hondurasgate.ch and Spain's Canal RED — alleges

¹⁵ <<https://iandunt.substack.com/p/john-major-is-a-better-former-pm-bf2?>>

¹⁶ <<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/meta-ramsay-death-mi6-spy-b2985761.html>>

¹⁷ <https://wikispooks.com/wiki/Margaret_Ramsay>

¹⁸ David Miller has a detailed account of the John Smith Trust at <https://x.com/Tracking_Power/status/2059413236395765874>.

¹⁹ John Booth, while Labour Party Chief Press Officer, saw him drink an entire bottle of whiskey in an evening.

that Israeli money helped secure US President Donald Trump's pardon of former Honduran president Juan Orlando Hernández, who was serving 45 years in a US prison for trafficking some 400 tons of cocaine.

The recordings point to an alleged plot involving Trump, Netanyahu and Argentina's President Javier Milei to return Hernández to power and destabilise the left-wing governments of Brazil, Colombia and Mexico.²⁰

It sounds important but it's contained in a filmed conversation, not in print. So what are we supposed to do? Listen to it and transcribe the significant bits? Come on people, let's have it in a form we can copy/paste.

Operation BGFiend

is the name of the joint SIS/CIA operation against Albania at the start of the Cold War. There is new study of the op, *A Rich Harvest Of Bitter Fruit*, by Stephen Long, forthcoming from Icon Books. Long tells us in his introduction that he stumbled across 6,700 pages of CIA files on the op in the US National Archives. This isn't my field, as academics say, and doesn't really interest me greatly. However a skim of the text shows it to be massively detailed. I can think of no other post-war intelligence op which has been so minutely analysed. If there is a reader who would like to review this, please get in touch.

²⁰ 'The Scandal of the Century? Hondurasgate Explained' <<https://novaramedia.com/2026/05/25/the-scandal-of-the-century-hondurasgate-explained/>>

