

# Make-or-Break End-of-Year Fund Drive

**From Editor Robert Parry:** As we reach our 16<sup>th</sup> birthday as the Internet's oldest investigative news Web site, we hope to put Consortiumnews.com on a more solid financial footing so we can keep providing you with the high-quality independent journalism you have come to expect. To do that, we need your help.

We are setting our end-of-year fundraising goal at \$45,000, trying to raise \$45K in 45 days.

We are also offering a new premium gift, *The Killing Game*, a selection of investigative news articles by the late Gary Webb, with an afterword that I wrote describing Webb's persecution at the hands of the major U.S. news media. We are offering *The Killing Game* as a gift for donations of \$100 or more.

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You also may have noted that we have followed the advice of some readers who wanted us to supplement our fundraising with paid ads. However, the additional income is likely to cover only about one-tenth of our expenses. So your donations and book purchases will remain our principal source of funding.

As always, thanks for your support.

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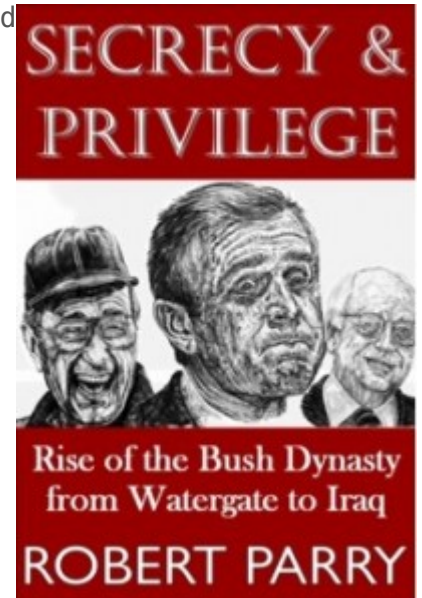
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"Why Do All Hail Gen. Petraeus" by Robert Parry, examining the myths surrounding the new CIA director. (Sept. 1, 2011)

"Is Obama to Blame for America's Mess?" by Robert Parry, assessing the President's responsibility for what went wrong. (Sept. 3, 2011)

"Jesus: Redistributionist-in-Chief" by Rev. Howard Bess, contrasting the Gospel message with right-wing Christianity. (Sept. 4, 2011)

"Democracy v. the Greedy Rich" by Kevin Zeese, detailing how the rich gained so much control. (Sept. 6, 2011)

"Resetting the American Narrative" by Robert Parry, describing how the debate over "free markets" could be revised. (Sept. 8, 2011)

"Bush's October Surprise File in Dispute" by Robert Parry, challenging the continued secrecy around George H.W. Bush's whereabouts. (Sept 9, 2011)

"Bird-dogging Torturers in NYC" by Ray McGovern, recounting his encounters with Bush administration higher-ups. (Sept. 9, 2011)

"Who Are These People?" by Robert Parry, marveling at the limited Iraq War mea culpa of the New York Times' Bill Keller. (Sept. 12, 2011)

"CNN Panders to Tea Party" by Robert Parry, reporting on CNN's craven collaboration with Tea Party extremists. (Sept. 13, 2011)

"On Libya, Now They Tell Us" by Robert Parry, noting the Big Media's belated admissions about the dark side of the Libyan rebels. (Sept. 15, 2011)

"Cheney's Unintended Admissions" by Robert Parry, culling a few truths from the ex-Vice President's self-serving memoir. (Sept. 16, 2011)

"Dick Cheney: Son of the New Deal" by Robert Parry, reflecting on the irony of how this right-wing icon found success. (Sept. 16, 2011)

"Tea Party Gets the Constitution Wrong" by Robert Parry, exposing the sloppy historical analysis from the Right. (Sept. 18, 2011)

"The Dark Legacy of Reaganomics" by Robert Parry, recounting how Ronald Reagan's policies damaged America. (Sept. 20, 2011)

"Running from Right-Wing Clowns" by Phil Rockstroh, wondering why liberals flee in the face of right-wing nonsense. (Sept. 21, 2011)

"Bill Gates v. Photojournalists" by Don North, reporting on the dashed hopes of cameramen who cover wars and other dangerous places. (Sept. 22, 2011)

“Obama’s Double Talk on Palestine” by Marc H. Ellis, dissecting the President’s contortions over Palestinian statehood. (Sept. 24, 2011)

“The One Answer: Tax the Rich” by Robert Parry, explaining why raising taxes on the rich would solve so many problems at once. (Sept. 26, 2011)

“Taking a Bush Secret to the Grave” by Robert Parry, exposing a three-decade-old secret about the identity of George H.W. Bush’s key October Surprise alibi witness. (Sept. 27, 2011)

“Moneyball: the Value of Reason” by Lisa Pease, looking at the deeper message underlying a popular movie. (Sept. 29, 2011)

“Would the Founders Back Health Law?” by Robert Parry, examining “original intent” about American competitiveness. (Sept. 29, 2011)

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## A \$20,000 ‘Challenge Grant’

**From Editor Robert Parry:** A while back, we approached a foundation with a request for a “matching grant,” a donation that would equal what we could raise from our readers. Last week, the foundation sent us a check for \$20,000 with the hope – not a requirement – that our readers would come close to equaling the amount.

Though not technically a “matching grant,” we would still like to show this donor that our readers care enough about our work that they will try to “match” the amount. So, let’s call it a “challenge grant.”

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["Norway's Christian Killer"](#) by Gary G. Kohls, exploring the madness behind the massacre of scores of young people in the name of Jesus. (August 1, 2011)

["Mocking the Gaza Flotilla"](#) by Ann Wright and Hagit Borer, responding to public attacks on a humanitarian mission. (August 1, 2011)

["Obama on the Backs of the Poor"](#) by Ray McGovern, noting the damage to the poor from President Barack Obama's surrender to Republican blackmail. (August 3, 2011)

["Beyond the Debt Limit Fiasco"](#) by Phil Rockstroh, examining what needs to be

done to reshape the American political/media structure. (August 3, 2011)

"Spain's Battle Against Austerity" by Pablo Ouziel, giving a front-line look at what's in store for Western societies as banks are pampered and people pay the price. (August 7, 2011)

"More US Soldiers Die in Vain" by Ray McGovern, recognizing the harsh reality in the mounting death toll from America's two misbegotten wars. (August 7, 2011)

"Nuking Japan's Christian Center" by Gary G. Kohls, recalling the fateful decision to destroy Nagasaki, home of Japan's strongest Christian community. (August 9, 2011)

"US Lost Its Way From Omaha Beach" by Robert Parry, reflecting on how America's bravery in liberating Europe has been betrayed by subsequent actions. (August 10, 2011)

"Wisconsin GOP Hangs onto Senate" by Lisa Pease, drawing lessons from a grassroots campaign against Republican extremism. (August 10, 2011)

"Life in an Age of Looting" by Phil Rockstroh, contemplating the violent breakdown of Western civilization. (August 12, 2011)

"Keeping a Curious Bush Secret" by Robert Parry, reporting on the Bush Library's refusal to release an October Surprise secret on George H.W. Bush's whereabouts. (August 12, 2011)

"The Dangerous Reagan Cult" by Robert Parry, tracing modern-day Republican extremism back to the anti-government rhetoric of Ronald Reagan. (August 16, 2011)

"Did Tenet Hide Key 9/11 Info?" by Ray McGovern, looking back at what CIA Director George Tenet knew and what he shared. (August 16, 2011)

"Truth Still a Casualty at Dieppe" by Don North, reflecting on the press propaganda that surrounded a World War II catastrophe. (August 18, 2011)

"Making Airport Screening Saner" by William John Cox, proposing ways to improve the sometimes crazy screening process at U.S. airports. (August 23, 2011)

"Orange Jumpsuits / Double Standards" by Robert Parry, contrasting the harsh treatment of London looters with benign neglect of UK/U.S. war criminals. (August 25, 2011)

"New War Rationale: Protect Civilians" by Robert Parry, questioning the rationale for NATO's "regime change" intervention in Libya. (August 27, 2011)

“NATO’s Orwellian Twist in Libya” by Craig Murray, exposing the hypocrisy behind NATO’s protecting some Libyan civilians and killing others. (August 29, 2011)

“Rise of Another CIA Yes Man” by Ray McGovern, tracing the history of the CIA official who will guide retired Gen. David Petraeus. (August 29, 2011)

“Time Finally Ran Out for Atiyah” by Robert Parry, reporting on the death of the Libyan al-Qaeda terrorist who oversaw the plan to bog the U.S. down in Iraq. (August 30, 2011)

“The Clash over Dr. King’s Legacy” by William Loren Katz, wondering if Martin Luther King Jr.’s message of social justice will be watered down. (August 31, 2011)

“In Libya, a Bloodbath Looms” by Robert Parry, warning that NATO’s “victory” might end in a bloodletting of Muammar Gaddafi’s supporters. (August 31, 2011)

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## The 'Don't Kill That Puppy' Appeal

From Editor Robert Parry: A reader called to suggest that our lagging fund drive take a page from the Republican hostage playbook and threaten to kill, say, a lovable puppy unless we get the donations we need. (We're too small to tank the entire economy.) Animal lovers will be glad to hear that we rejected the plan, but

If you can help us raise the \$8,000 or so we still need before the fund drive ends at midnight Wednesday, there are four easy ways to support our independent investigative journalism:

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