

GR Weekend Reader: The War on “Fake News”

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[The Orwellian War on Skepticism. Battling “Fake News”](#)

By [Robert Parry](#), December 02 2016

The idea of questioning the claims by the West’s officialdom now brings calumny down upon the heads of those who dare do it. “Truth” is being redefined as whatever the U.S. government, NATO and other Western interests say is true. Disagreement with the West’s “group thinks,” no matter how fact-based the dissent is, becomes “fake news.”



[Russia’s “Fake News Psy-Op”: Why Are Media Outlets Still Citing Discredited ‘Fake News’ Blacklist?](#)

By [Adam Johnson](#), December 02 2016

PropOrNot says their criteria for “Russian propaganda” is “behavioral” and “motivation-agnostic,” so even those who publish views that simply coincide with the Russian government’s, regardless of intent or actual links to Russia, are per se Kremlin assets—an absurd metric that casts a net so wide as to render the concept meaningless.



[U.S. ‘News’ Media and Intel Agencies Blame Moscow for Trump’s Election](#)

By [Eric Zuesse](#), December 02 2016

Many of the U.S.-billionaire-owned and controlled ‘news’ media, both in the U.S. and associated aristocracies, have now officially formed a censorship-operation, called “First Draft News”, to systematize their filtering-out of facts (such as I have here linked to regarding Ukraine and Crimea) that they don’t want their respective publics to have access to.



[The Major Purveyor of 'Fake News' is the CIA-Corporate Complex](#)

By [Wayne Madsen](#), December 01 2016

The media influencing operation targeting Russia appears to be an outgrowth of the US State Department's Counter-Information Team of the Bureau of International Information Programs. The team, established under the George W. Bush administration, was a resurrection of the Cold War-era US Information Agency's (USIA) Bureau of Information, which was designed to counter «Soviet» disinformation.



[The "Fake News" Furor and the Threat of Internet Censorship](#)

By [Kevin Reed](#), December 01 2016

In the weeks since the November 8 election, US media reports on the spread of so-called "fake news" during the presidential campaign have increasingly repeated unsubstantiated pre-election claims that the Russian government hacked into Democratic Party email servers to undermine the campaign of Hillary Clinton. There is more than a whiff of McCarthyism in this crusade against "fake news" on social media and the Internet, with online publications critical of US wars of aggression and other criminal activities being branded as Russian propaganda outlets.



[The War on Truth. Western Governments Attempt to Discredit Truth-tellers who Challenge their Lies](#)

By [Dr. Paul Craig Roberts](#), November 27 2016

The "war on terror" has simultaneously been a war on truth. For fifteen years—from 9/11 to Saddam Hussein's "weapons of mass destruction" and "al Qaeda connections," "Iranian nukes," "Assad's use of chemical weapons," endless lies about Gadaffi, "Russian invasion of Ukraine"—the governments of the so-called Western democracies have found it essential to align themselves firmly with lies in order to pursue their agendas. Now these Western governments are attempting to discredit the truth-tellers who challenge their lies.



[Washington Post Disgracefully Promotes a McCarthyite Blacklist from a New, Hidden, and Very Shady Group](#)

By [Ben Norton](#) and [Glenn Greenwald](#), November 27 2016

This Post report was one of the most widely circulated political news articles on social media over the last 48 hours, with dozens, perhaps hundreds, of U.S. journalists and pundits with large platforms hailing it as an earth-shattering exposé. It was the most-read piece on the entire Post website after it was published on Friday. Yet the article is rife with obviously reckless and unproven allegations, and fundamentally shaped by shoddy, slothful journalistic tactics.



[The Entire Mainstream Warmongering Media is Fake](#)

By [Jay Dyer](#), November 26 2016

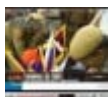
The earliest days of mass print media were erected on a famous fraud known as the “Great Moon Hoax” of 1835 – something researcher Chris Kendall has long called attention to – wherein the “educated,” “elite” widely accepted the mainstream publications’ claim that people inhabited the lunar surface. In our day, a similar hoax still reigns, as mainstream media is literally as credible as *Weekly World News*’ Bat Boy story.



[The Lie of the 21st Century: How Mainstream Media “Fake News” Led to the U.S. Invasion of Iraq](#)

By [Timothy Alexander Guzman](#), November 26 2016

Some of the websites named in a fake news list by Melissa “Mish” Zimdars, an assistant professor of communication at Merrimack College in Massachusetts including 21st Century Wire, Activistpost.com, Globalresearch.ca, Lewrockwell.com, Naturalnews.com and Project Veritas (who released undercover videos of the DNC attempting to rig the elections) and others have exposed the lies by MSM propaganda. The MSM has lost its credibility and at the same time lost viewers at unprecedented levels.



[Who is Behind “Fake News”? Mainstream Media Use Fake Videos and Images](#)

By [Prof Michel Chossudovsky](#), November 24 2016

The mainstream corporate media is desperate. They want to suppress independent and alternative online media, which they categorize as “fake news”. Readers on social media are warned not to go onto certain sites. Our analysis confirms that the mainstream media are routinely involved in distorting the facts and turning realities upside down.



[Who's the Biggest Peddler of Fake News?](#)

By [Washington's Blog](#), November 24 2016

In the last month, Obama, Merkel, CNN, the New York Times, Washington Post and many other mainstream media have warned about the dangers of fake news. There certainly is a *lot* of fake news. And some of it is by anti-establishment types trying to discredit American institutions with false reports. But – as we document below – the *government and mainstream media* are by far the biggest purveyors of fake news.

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