

"Lone Wolf Shooting" in the American Homeland: Chattanooga's Made-for-TV Terror Psychodrama

By Patrick Henningsen and Jay Dyer Global Research, July 24, 2015 21st Century Wire 24 July 2015

Theme: Intelligence, Media Disinformation,

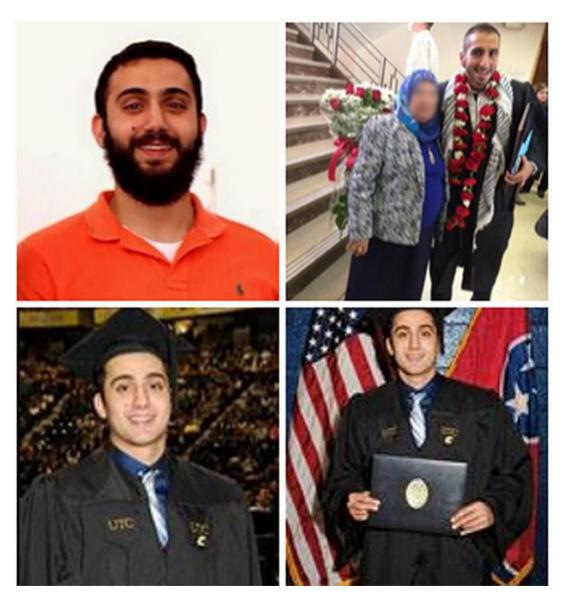
Police State & Civil Rights

Region: USA

Not a week goes past it seems, without a 'Lone Wolf' shooting event takes place in America. This latest seemingly random shooting in Chattanooga, Tennessee has taken the phenomenon to a whole new level...

In our latest installment of *theatre terror*, another 'assembly line' shooting saw the manufactured media profile of the new threat is no longer the basement dwelling Adam Lanza "loner" character, but rather the happy, fairly well-adjusted teenager who is not even "on the terror radar" (whatever that means).

Last week's Chattanooga tragedy took place on July 17, 2015, an incident which reportedly left 4 Marines and one Navy man dead, seems to have been conveniently overlaid on to a script that we have seen for years now – the 'Islamic extremist', working with, or "inspired by" cut-out organizations like Al Qaeda, or the new marketing image known as "ISIS" – carries out another unlikely and seemingly 'senseless' act of violence.



Pictured: "All American" Mohammad Youssuf Abdulazeez.

As shootings go, his event certainly raised the bar. Instead of *civilian* targets, we are told that this alleged lone gunman, a 24 year-old engineering graduate named <u>Mohammad Youssuf Abdulazeez</u>, had trained his sights on active duty US servicemen. During the his shooting rampage, we're told that the shooter fired on a US Marine Corps recruiting office in a strip mall, before travelling to a nearby facility, a Navy Operational Support Center, where he claimed the lives of 5 victims, before being shot and killed by police.



We're told that five victims were killed a result of Thursday's shoot-out (pictured above) – Navy Petty Officer **Randall Smith,** Marine Sgt. **David Wyatt,** Marine Sgt. **Thomas Sullivan**, Lance Corp. **Squire "Skip" Wells**, and Marine Sgt. **Carson Holmquist**.

According to officials, Petty Officer Smith died on Saturday as a result of wounds sustained on Thursday.

The tragedy was followed by an avalanche of media coverage which immediately classified the incident as "terrorist attack", with most major US media outlets rushing to try and connect the shooter to ISIS in the Middle East.

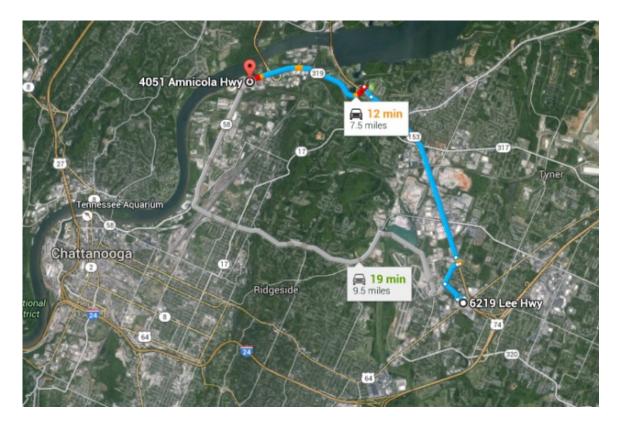
It's a template that has become somewhat routine in America now. After the national media 'ISIS-linking' exercise came the tweets and hashtags, led by **#ChattanoogaStrong**.

"Tonight, love and forgiveness and belief in one another was the theme, because that's what 'Chattanooga Strong' means," Mayor Andy Berke told local affiliate <u>WDEF</u>.

EXCLUSIVE: Images from <u>#Sky5</u> showing suspects car used in <u>#ChattanoogaShooting</u> - he had several weapons <u>@NC5</u> <u>pic.twitter.com/ll341Qp8lu</u>

- Chris Conte (@NC5 ChrisConte) July 16, 2015

According to FBI Special Agent in Charge, Ed Reinhold, at today's national press conference in Chattanooga, the shooter first opened fire on the Marine Recruitment Office at a strip Mall on on Lee Highway in Chattanooga, before driving 7.5 miles across town to a Navy-Marine Reserve training center located on Amnicola Highway, where he rammed his silver Ford Mustang rental car through security gates. Once inside the gates, we're told that Abdulazeez was immediately confronted by an armed service member who fired "several rounds", yet, the FBI will not say whether he managed to hit Abdulazeez,



EVENT MAP: Chattanooga Shooter journey.

After leaving his vehicle and entering a building on the base and opening fire on its occupants. As US servicemen fled out the back door to safety, the Shooter, armed with semiautomatic assault rifle, reported to be an AK-47, and a handgun (according to the FBI), pursued them into the building's back yard in the 'motor pool area' where he reportedly killed 4 men. Shortly thereafter, Chattanooga Police arrived on the scene and are said to have shot and killed the shooter. The fifth serviceman, Petty Officer Wells, died later on Saturday from wounds sustained during the incident.

Note: Initially on July 17th, the FBI said that the shooter was armed with two long guns and a handgun.

The FBI are also saying that they recovered two other weapons from the scene which they say belonged to military police, only one of which was discharged, according to Reinhold.

Key Questions

According to a Maj. General, the Marines had just returned from a training mission, and had 'braved gunfire to save their comrades during the attack.'

"The legacy that day is one of valor," said Maj. Gen. Paul Brier, commander of the 4th Marine Division. "I can tell you that our Marines reacted the way you would expect. Some willingly ran back into the fight."



IMAGE: CNN's coverage of the incident featured this image, displayed on constant rotation, of a soldier appearing to stand guard in front of the strip mall Marine Recruitment shop in Chattanooga.

It is important here, not to rule out the possibility that "friendly fire" may have claimed the lives of at least one US Serviceman, as multiple shooters exchanged gunfire in what appears to be a very fast-moving and chaotic scene. This could be confirmed once the autopsies and ballistics reports have been completed on the shooter and all five the victims, as well as a ballistic report on Chattanooga police officer <u>Dennis Pedigo</u>, who was said to be wounded by Abdulazziz during the exchange.

Abdulazeez was also not wearing any body armor or bullet-proof vest – which indicates that he doesn't appear to be concerned about being shot himself. Some may assume that his was an intended 'suicide mission' and therefore the shooter was not concerned with his own safety.

Had Abdulazzeez been to the Reserve Training facility on Amnicola Highway before? Authorities insist that he hadn't, yet the shooter's deliberate actions on the day indicates familiarity with the venue.

Following on to this point, however, is the question of whether or not Abdulazzeez had taken out full damage insurance coverage on his rented silver Ford Mustang convertible. Far from a trivial detail, this might indicate what Abdulazeez *believed* he was doing on the day. Was it a drill, or a shooting rampage? A similar point was brought up regarding the notorious **London 7/7 Bombings**, where the bombers had <u>purchased return train tickets</u> – not one way – a detail which supports the thesis that the men believed they were taking part in an inter-agency terrorism drill which we now know <u>ended up going live on the day</u>.

Media Misdirection

Interestingly, all of the blanket media coverage from the day of the shooting was focused

completely on the **Marine Recruitment Office** located at the strip Mall. This gave viewers the distinctly false impression that the victims were shot *at the Mall* – in a public space. It wasn't until 48 hours later that we began to hear that the victims were actually shot and killed inside of a secure Navy Reserve Training facility located some 7 miles away. Was this to keep the media and public focused on the Shopping Mall, and not Navy Reserve Training facility?

The incident at the Mall seems almost pointless. No one was actually shot at the Mall, and there is still no CCTV footage to prove that the same shooter who sprayed the recruitment office with bullets also shot the 5 servicemen at the Naval base 7 miles away. One woman, who we're told worked at a Mall restaurant next to the Marine recruiting office, told CNN:

"I looked out of our window and I seen the guy in his car, a silver Mustang, drop top, a white guy and he had a high-powered rifle and was just firing shots into the Air Force, Navy and Marines office," Gina Mule told CNN. "I don't even know how many shots he fired, but it was a lot. (...) After he got done opening fire, he pulled out really guick."

The only evidence presented so far is an eyewitness testimony from apparent bystanders – all of whom maintain that the shooter did not even leave his vehicle – which in itself makes it *impossible* for any of the said witnesses to ID the actual shooter as *Mohammad Youssuf Abdulazeez*.

This central point has been all but glossed over in the fog of mass media misdirection.

'Home-Grown Extremist'

According to the FBI, as of this week, investigators are still classifying Abdulazzeez as a "home-grown violent extremist".

From the onset, numerous attempts have been made by the media to attach Abdulazzeez to any number of countries, groups, and medical conditions. Pundits ran the gambit of possibilities: Syria, al Qaeda, Yemen, al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, ISIS, along with rumors that he was a "manic depressive" as well as "suicidal." It's important to note that all of these speculative narratives were churned out on heavy rotation in the first 48 hours after the incident, leaving American audiences with the certain impression that this was yet another chapter in the 'War on Terror – US Edition.'

The day of the shooting, on Thursday July 17th, heavily armed police officers raided the home of Abdulazzeez's family members in Chattanooga, Tennessee and <u>detained two women</u> – who led away in handcuffs and treated as terrorist suspects. *Watch:*

According to his friends (on record), however, Abdulazzeez did not appear to support the concept ISIS. According to <u>CNN reporters</u>, Abdulazeez told friend James Petty that ISIS was "doing wrong" and "it was a stupid group and it was completely against Islam." Petty also told CNN reporters that Abdulazzeez "had a drug problem" and used marijuana heavily.

High School classmate **Ryan Smith** told the <u>Times Free Press</u>, "He was an unbelievable nice person," and added, "He was honestly one of the funniest guys I've ever met."

Off record however, we see the usual media charade where unnamed "sources" appear to be leaking other contradictory details to the media which may, or may not, be true at all.

"Sources" told CNN on Monday that, "The writings also include other anti-U.S. sentiments and are consistent with someone who is having suicidal thoughts." US media outlets like CNN regularly quote such "sources" but almost never held accountable for the accuracy or validity of these unknown leaks after the fact. In the end, media outlets like CNN are simply functioning as disinformation outlets in the immediate aftermath of these perennial 'active shooter' events.

CNN then inserted additional vague information from "sources familiar he family's interviews with investigators" claiming that the 24-year-old had been "abusing drugs for some time", using "party drugs" and marijuana. Again, this could be more strategic leaking between CNN and the government. This could be viewed as part of a government-media effort to destroy the shooter's character and influence public opinion in advance of an *actual* investigation.

Certainly, if Abdulazzeez was the "heavy drug user" being characterized by his 'friend' Petty and CNN, then this could easily be visible in the coroner's toxicology report. Will it be released? Unfortunately not, as the case has now been classified, with all information being released on a "need to know basis" – controlled tightly by both the FBI and the Department of Justice (DOJ).

As expected, a number of politicians were quick to take advantage of the incident in order to bolster their national security street credentials. Chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, Rep. **Mike McCaul** (R-Texas), wasted no time in claiming that the case is an "open terrorism investigation," and believes, based on his experience (exactly what experience that is remains unclear), that Abdulazzeez was definitely "inspired by ISIS."

Terrorist 'All-American'



Adding to the ridiculous demonizing details, we're told that Mohammad Youssuf Abdulazeez's MMA (mixed martial arts) coach was dramatically distraught - claiming he was just an "All-American Kid."

This is interesting to note, as the alleged Boston Bomber, **Tamerlan Tsarnaev** (photo, left), was also a highly trained amateur fighter – a golden gloves boxing champion no less.

Additionally, another high-profile FBI 'terror sting' involved 20 year old Ohio resident, **Christopher Lee Cornell**, who himself was a high school wrestling champ.

Even <u>Good Morning America</u> chimed in on Abdulazzeez as the "good American kid" appellation, adding to the evident media spin of the narrative, where the new threat is being

crafted to give the impression both mass shooters and terrorists are quite literally lurking everywhere.

All-American boys. Are we simply meant to believe that "terror networks" are spreading like a virus through all leisure activities? More specifically, news consumers must observe the newly updated 'Everyman' Terrorist Narrative: Leisure activities, or sports like boxing, fighting, wrestling, breed neophyte terrorist juniors. Perhaps all leisure activities have a Homeland Security representative as a liaison, maybe? If you are a male Muslim-American, even integrating with North American culture will not save you from being viewed with suspicion now.

Naturally, this mythology has been around since 9/11, yet it is becoming more *precise* – now the "All-American" appellation has been tacked on to the updated "profile."

Indeed, they could be lurking among us, like <u>Cylons</u>. According to this new media mindset, anyone (theoretically) could be a potential ISIS recruit.



Everyman: Mohammad Youssuf Abdulazzeez poses for picture against backyard garden foliage.

Informants and Patsies

Was he really "off the radar", or was he very much *on* the radar? Or was Abulazzeez, as <u>Tamerlan Tsarnaev had been in Boston</u>, being actively recruited, or even pressured, by the FBI or US intelligence agencies – to accept the role of an undercover informant within the Islamic community? At the very least, we can say that <u>Tamerlan's name was visible on a 'classified terror watch list'</u> long before the actual Boston Bombing took place.

Certainly, recent history shows that this is a common occurrence, especially in the US with cases including Chris Lee Cornell and the Garland, Texas "ISIS attacker" **Elton Simpson**,

the 2010 "Christmas Tree Bomber" <u>Mohamed Osman Mohamud</u>, the Detroit 'Underwear Bomber' <u>Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab</u>, and also with foreign student <u>Quazi Mohammad Nafis</u>. In Britain, this is also a common practice, as evidenced by the cases of Woolwich slasher <u>Michael Adebolajo</u>, and London care worker and state torture victim, <u>Mahdi Hashi</u>.

In fact, even the <u>New York Times</u> admitted in a 2012 report how the fictitious nature of our ever-present terror theater can be seen in most terror "plots" – plots that are actually hatched by the FBI in the cauldron of entrapment:

"The United States has been narrowly saved from lethal terrorist plots in recent years — or so it has seemed. A would-be suicide bomber was intercepted on his way to the Capitol; a scheme to bomb synagogues and shoot Stinger missiles at military aircraft was developed by men in Newburgh, N.Y.; and a fanciful idea to fly explosive-laden model planes into the Pentagon and the Capitol was hatched in Massachusetts.

But all these dramas were facilitated by the F.B.I., whose undercover agents and informers posed as terrorists offering a dummy missile, fake C-4 explosives, a disarmed suicide vest and rudimentary training. Suspects naïvely played their parts until they were arrested."

For Abdulazeez, even deeper clandestine questions arise due to his father's associations and history, having been <u>long on the radar of the FBI for terror associations</u> and accorded a special role in the local police department. Concerning Abdulazeez's father we also read:

"A <u>U.S. official told</u> the Associated Press that Abdulazeez had not been on the radar of federal law enforcement before Thursday's shooting. His father had been investigated several years ago for "possible ties to a foreign terrorist organization" and added to the U.S. terrorist watch list, according to a report in the <u>NY Times</u>, but that probe did not surface information about Abdulazeez, the paper said."

Regadring his recent work experience, we're told that, "Abdulazeez received an engineering degree from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in 2012 and worked as an intern a few years ago at the Tennessee Valley Authority, the federally owned utility that operates power plants and dams across the South."

According to <u>other reports</u>, he also had internships at firms <u>Mohawk Industries</u> and a rather curious company called <u>Global Trade Express</u> based in Falls Church, Virginia (in the heart of the US intelligence establishment).

It is also worth mentioning that East Tennessee and the Kentucky-Ohio area are a hub for the nuclear, deep state arm of the military industrial complex, as the **TVA** Abdulazeez had briefly worked for (see below) was formerly the <u>power source for the Manhattan Project</u> and now functions as an axis that links both <u>the NSA at Oak Ridge, TN</u>, where supercomputers are built, as well as the nuclear energy sector, <u>still connected to the TVA and its water power</u>.

'The Middle East Connection'

We're also told that the shooter had traveled to **Jordan**. According to CNN's 'sources': "Abdulazeez's family sent him to Jordan last year to get him away from

Chattanooga friends who they said were bad influences on him, the relatives told investigators. According to a family representative who asked for his name not to be used, Abdulazeez's parents sent him to Jordan to stay with a family, with the hope of getting Abdulazeez away from his life of depression and drug use in Tennessee."

CNN added that, "Some relatives and friends told investigators they detected changes in his behavior after he returned from Jordan last year."

FOX News reports that Abdulazeez recently traveled to Jordan for seven months or Yemen where his "radicalization" might have occurred, yet predictably no mention is made of western intelligence support for ISIS and Wahhabist terror, though even mainstream media has admitted this fact.

Just as his family in Chatanooga have been arrested on suspicion of a terrorist conspiracy and taken into custody, **Asaad Ibrahim Asaad Haj Ali**, the Jordanian uncle of Abdulazzeez, has since been <u>taken into custody</u> by Jordanian security services (at the request of the US).

The reported seven month stay in the Middle East nation of Jordan is an interesting tidbit relatively ignored in the media reports, as Jordan is one of the few Arab League nations functioning as US outpost for weapons and arms aiding of terror networks. <u>The Guardian</u> reported back in 2013:

"Western training of Syrian rebels is under way in Jordan in an effort to strengthen secular elements in the opposition as a bulwark against Islamic extremism, and to begin building security forces to maintain order in the event of Bashar al-Assad's fall.

Jordanian security sources say the training effort is led by the US, but involves British and French instructors.

The UK Ministry of Defence denied any British soldiers were providing direct military training to the rebels, though a small number of personnel, including special forces teams, have been in the country training the Jordanian military."



GHOST: References to US double agent Anwar al-Awlaki continues, as the terror avatar is recycled through media narratives.

Putting aside CNN's colorful anonymous illustrations, we can confirm that the Abdulazzeez had visited the Middle East last year. From the onset, the US media was working very hard to try and conjure a 'Yemen connection'. Claims have been made about a past trip by Abdulazzeez's to Yemen, with US media hoping to connect him with the terror cut-out group/brand, al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP). As part of this media effort, another story was leaked on Tuesday July 21st, claiming that Abdulazzeez had, at some point in the past, had "watched a video" of US terror mascot and alleged former head of AQAP, **Anwar al-Awlaki**. The <u>NY Times</u> reported:

"The authorities who were examining Mr. Abdulazeez's computer found that he had viewed material connected to <u>Anwar al-Awlaki</u>, the radical American-born cleric who was killed in Yemen by an American drone strike in 2011, according to a person with knowledge of the investigation."

Few, if any, US outlets ever bother to mention that Anwar al-Awlaki was a <u>triple agent</u> working with the FBI and CIA, and was even <u>invited to dinner at the Pentagon after 9/11</u>.

Could he have been an informant gone rogue? Was he trained to use heavy automatic weapons like the AK-47 by US military trainers in Jordan alongside <u>'Syrian Rebels' and other jihadist fighters</u> being prepped and sent into combat in Syria? Could it be due to the U.S. support for "rebel" training?

Could the Shooter's apparent rampage part of an inter-agency (military and civilian law enforcement) 'fusion' drill gone live?

All these are perfectly plausible questions to ask after you consider the existence of so many other FBI informants and Muslim patsies who have been fashioned into terror poster children in recent years.

Social Media Panopticon

Mainstream media has aided in crafting the *post hoc* guilt verdict of the accused, prior to a trial, with circumstantial or non sequitur accusations based on an individual's "web history" that may have "radicalized" the suspect. In effect, the mainstream media's function as an establishment propaganda arm results in the bypassing of any trial by jury, as the accused have already been implicitly or explicitly declared guilty by association or something as nebulous as "web history."

In effect, such incidents, as they are portrayed in the media for psychological conditioning purposes, are intended for the desired effect of causing the public mind to dismiss outdated notions of trial by jury and rule of law for *fiat* corporate news and government "officials" pronouncements and the acceptance of *self-policing* and vague terms such as being "radicalized," which are subject to the elastic definitions of the social engineering establishment.

In the mid 19th century, Britain developed a new style of prison architecture known as the panopticon under the aegis of utilitarian philosopher Jeremy Bentham. The unique feature of the panopticon was the transparent nature of each prisoners cell, visible to a central surveillance guard tower that could eye inmates at all times.

The result of this psychological experiment, according to the pragmatic Benthamite philosophy, was to produce a self-policing amongst the inmates, a kind of early behavioral conditioning. For social mangers, this was seen as the most economic and ultimately, the most efficient solution.

In our day, the expansion of the surveillance state and the vast spying by the NSA and GCHQ is precisely intended to achieve this same effect, with the justifications for such intrusions being mass media terror spectacles like the Abdulazeez shooting.



IMAGE: One of the many faked 'green screen' ISIS beheading videos, featuring Japanese hostages, and promoted as "authentic" by the S.I.T.E. Intelligence Group.

Israeli Intelligence Connection

Initially, media pundits appeared frustrated that shooter Abdulazzeez "did not have an extensive online footprint." This did not stop US/Israeli intelligence PR dispensaries from touting Abdulazzeez as someone with links to 'Islamic terrorism'.

In the past, 21WIRE has presented a number of detailed analyses of the highly dubious terror media emporium known as the <u>S.I.T.E. Intelligence Group</u> run by a woman linked to Israeli Intelligence, **Rita Katz**, and based in Bethesda, Maryland. Amazingly, S.I.T.E. managed to gain exclusive scoops of nearly every major terrorist video and story. In addition, Katz also employs a small army of cyber sleuths who manage to produce "radical tweets" said to posted by "known ISIS Twitter accounts" which appear to validate many supposed ISIS or al Qaeda terrorist events.

Naturally, S.I.T.E. was also there to break the Chattanooga Shooter story and help to direct the mainstream narrative. Professor James Tracy <u>reports</u>:

"On July 16 SITE was the first to report "Details of Chattanooga Shooter Muhammad Youssef Abdulazeez," and major news media have once again unquestioningly passed along the information. "Just days before Thursday's attacks," the New York Times reports, "Abdulazeez began a blog where he posted about Islam, according to the SITE Intelligence Group, which tracks international terrorist groups. He compared life to a prison, calling it 'short and bitter.'"

S.I.T.E. was also very quick to draw attention to Adbulazeez's two alleged blog posts, inferring that his writings were somehow 'jihadist' in nature, pointing to the

phrase, "life is a test of faith."

Predictably, and lapped-up by the US media, since the incident several alleged "ISIS-affiliated" Twitter accounts have been busy tweeted about the mass-shooting, and praised Abdulazeez for his jihad.

One such "ISIS-related" account tweeted: "O American dogs soon YOU will see the wonders," and used #Chattanooga.



(Source: <u>@K_H_0777777777/Twitter</u>)

It also turns out that the alleged religious extremist Abdulazzeez wasn't very pious in terms of Islamic orthodoxy – another all too familiar theme in the bizarre world of synthetic terror plots. Professor Tracy adds here, "Much like Charleston Church shooter Dylan Roof, Abdulazeez may have been "radicalized" through use of the internet. Yet as with the "God is Great" hijackers of September 11, 2001, Abdulazeez's religious-inspired fanaticism didn't get in the way of his debauchery. On April 20, 2015 the would be Islamic extremist was arrested in Chattanooga, charged with driving while intoxicated, and released on a \$2,000 bond."

'The Lanza Effect'

Once inside the Navy Training Base, Abdulazeez's target acquisition seemed impressive, considering all of his victims had extensive combat, live-fire and self-defense experience.

That said, the shooter's chief weapon, an AK-47, would have required some special training, which brings into question the mainstream media's ignoring of, what a rational person would assume, are crucial details. It's reported that Aabdulazeez used an"AK47-style assault rifle with a 30 round magazine," which is not the typical shooting range weapon which, not surprisingly, CNN associates with Sandy Hook's Adam Lanza.

Lanza, it should be added, was amazingly able to handle this weapon, as well as two others, along with multiple reloads, acquiring all of his targets in an unbelievable record time. If Lanza was indeed the gunman, where did this untrained individual obtain his training in these weapons?

Do not expect any real answers to be forthcoming. In both cases – Lanza and Abdulazzeez – the details will be enveloped in a hermetically sealed loop, since the FBI has declared the attack under the purview of "national security."

'The Manifesto'

One key requirement for a media post-mortem of any mass shooting is the existence of either 'radical tweets' on Twitter, or an online Manifesto as was the case recently with 'random' Charleston shooter <u>Dylan Storm Roof</u> and also with Norway's <u>Anders Breivik</u>. Conveniently, Abdulazzeez had post <u>a brand new blog</u> just days before the actual shooting on which, we're told, expressed passages with cryptic meanings and "Islamic views".

This is normally followed by the circular rhetoric about how security is too relaxed in "the Homeland", and how, "we need to do more at home to help confront Islamic terror and the ideology of radical Islam."

Still no real proof of an ISIS, or an al Qaeda connection – yet the media, the military and politicians cannot stop referring to Chattanooga as an "act of war."

'Battlefield USA'

The Chattanooga Shooting *upped the ante*, so to speak, on this normal cycle of talking points, because this time the 'Homeland victims' were not just lowly civilians or innocent bystanders. No, now the victims were US servicemen, Marines no less. The victims, referred to by CNN's Pentagon Correspondent Barbara Starr as **"The Fallen"**, have been cast as *war heroes* who gave their lives for FLAG & COUNTRY. Welcome to Battlefield USA.



Navy Rear Admiral **Mary Jackson** (pictured above) reinforced this new concept in herespeech in Chattanooga on Wednesday July 22nd, stating, "Throughout our nation's history, Sailors and Marines have served overseas, in harm's way, and have experienced the deep and lasting pain of combat loss. Today, here at home, we feel that pain."

She went on the round-out what was clearly a war-time speech, "I can assure you, without a doubt, that we are honored and humbled to serve our nation, both at home and overseas. What Chattanooga has done to rally during this difficult time is the epitome of why we serve. God Bless America."

The US media then spent the following week vexed about how the state may better protect what they now refer to as **"soft targets"** (all unarmed domestically stationed US service personnel). The Hegelian Dialectic continues...

According to this new mainstream media narrative, the Chattanooga Shooter has already been classified as an **'enemy combatant'** – which infers that ISIS has now brought the war to <u>The Homeland</u>, and therefore, the federal government is on high alert in order to counter this new internal "extremist threat".

This new paradigm is an incredibly emotive and manipulative one. In this new atmosphere of fear, anyone who dares challenge the official narrative here risks being called unpatriotic, or even a traitor. Government set pieces embedded within the US mainstream media have taken full advantage of this haze by launching an aggressive campaign *demanding* that US Servicemen within 'The Homeland' be required to carry firearms at all times – in order to "defend themselves against hostiles". Of course, when they say 'hostiles' they are referring to potentially anyone within the US population – so practically speaking, this means the entire US population is potentially hostile, then theoretically, all uniformed US troops must be arms in public to defend themselves.

'Fusion'

With most mass shooting, or gun-related events in the US, more emphasis is placed on the **post-event press conference** than anything else. It's a scene that Americans have become used to in recent years – the Sheriff or Mayor taking the podium at a curbside 'snap' press conference – complete with all of the various set-pieces (persons) arranged behind him for the camera. Make no mistake – these events are staged for the cameras. Art directors are always careful make sure that the scene paints the correct picture, and sends the right message, and includes the right mix of male, female, white, latino, black, Asian, civilian and military. It's almost patronizing to the viewer, but demonstrates just how the state carefully choreographs these scenes.



Chattanooga Police Chief Fred Fletcher, leading the staged photo op which Americans have become used to in recent years – reinforcing the image to the public of local police are 'working together with the military.'

Another theme immediately present in all mass media coverage was the *fusion* of local municipal law enforcement and the military. This was presented symbolically in images, but also spoken of over and over by pundits and public officials alike.

'Classified': A Closed Information Loop

Within hours of the event, we were told that Federal investigators had taken over the investigation.

It's important to recognize, from a public perspective, that the entire dissemination of the Chattanooga Shooting is a completely state-controlled, closed information loop. In other words, the media coverage you are viewing as a member of the public is completely dependent on 'information' which has been drip-fed to selected mainstream media outlets. No local law enforcement managing the crime scene and evidence, and absolutely independent press or persons, are allowed a look in.

From the outside looking in, we see a crime scene located on a secure military base, with the investigation being managed by the FBI, and with all information – in and out – being managed by the US Department of Justice. The case then falls under the label of "Classified".



Will the public be allowed to inspect the evidence, the ballistic reports, the autopsies? Not for 50 or more years, and even then the public can expect a heavily redacted file. This seems to be the norm now with most mass shooting events in the US.

As with <u>Sandy Hook</u> and the <u>Boston Bombing</u> - the main body of evidence from the Chattanooga Shooting shall remain **'Classified'**, aside from any sanitized reports which may drift into the public domain.

Side-Stepping Posse Comitatus

Already, a number of state governors have enacted new "security measures" for their National Guard personnel and military facilities. Yesterday, while said to fearing a repeat of Chattanooga, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey ordered more than 200 members of the Arizona National Guard – and potentially thousands others – to be armed while on duty. Similar moves by state Governors are also underway in Florida, Texas and Oklahoma, to name only a few.

Much has been made by the FOX and Right-wing Talk Radio crowd about how US Military personnel are forbidden to carry firearms on bases and other outposts (like recruiting offices). The same crowd continues to blame this apparent outrage on former President Bill Clinton. Although Clinton is responsible for numerous pieces of audacious legislation during his tenure this was not one of them. Right-wingers will have to blame one of their own instead, these "gun-free zones" were actually the work of **President George H.W. Bush** whose deputy secretary of defense Donald J. Atwood signed the <u>Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 5210.56</u> back in February 1992.

This issue falls under a much larger Constitutional issue, however, which is those military activities prohibited under the **Posse Comitatus Act of 1879**. The idea here is that armed

soldiers in public constitutes an occupying military force. There have always been those Americans, including many fascist-leaning individuals within the US government, Congressmen and Senators included, who would love to see armed soldier on US streets. For this very reason, Posse Comitatus exists. But the specter of Islamic Terror in the Homeland is being used to justify a brand new, direct challenge to Posse Comitatus. Watching the major US networks this week, you'd think that Posse MUST be repealed immediately for 'national security reasons'. That is how hard the media are pushing the issue

Legally, Posse Comitatus defines the US Army as the main functionary, but does not specifically mention naval services, eg. US Navy and Marine Corps. Legally, this gives room to interpret the naval services as exempt from *Posse*.

Do not be surprised if private security contractors like <u>Blackwater/Academi</u> insert themselves into this situation in order to exploit a potential loophole in Posse Comitatus, whereby mercenaries can be armed on domestic shores – where US soldiers cannot. The potential for additional billions in profit for private mercenary firms here is massive.

At the very least, we will see most state National Guard personnel armed from now on, as well as a new multi-billion dollar 'security upgrade' program at all US military facilities, including vehicle-resistant retractable barrier systems, and possibly bullet-proof windows at exterior guard kiosks.

Major Arcana: The Control System

Looking at the resulting policies and state measure which have *already* so rapidly emerged from the Chattanooga shooting – the control system's strong suit is there for everyone to see. In the US, this kind of public incident typically sees media talking points funneled into three primary areas:

- 1. Firstly, to increase powers of the armed police state.
- 2. Secondly, to restrict firearm ownership of private citizens.
- 3. Increase surveillance powers in the Homeland

The Chattanooga Shooting saw an added bonus point:

4. Confront ISIS militarily in the Middle East (deploy troops, allocate major assets)

Both of these outcomes empower the State. The first is almost a given, while the second is more difficult to achieve because of the existence of the Second Amendment.

While talking points 1-3 are on going issues in the US and remain as hotly debated topics, point number 4, which essentially says, "we need to do more to confront ISIS in the Middle East" – is an agenda item which has been aggressively pursued by militarists in US media and politics ever since ISIS brand was officially launched to US audiences last summer in 2014. Militarists believe that with each passing shooting, or 'terror plot' in the US – that Americans would become increasingly scared, and angry, and so it should (in theory, anyway) be increasingly easy to make the case for a redeployment of US troops into the Middle East once again.

One militarist pundit and 'security expert' who is a regular on US networks, Mike Baker (photo, left), said to be an "ex-CIA covert agent", founder of private security and intelligence firm, Diligence LLC. Not long after the Chattanooga shooting, Baker could be seen ranting on CNN, calling for Washington to do more to "confront ISIS overseas" and talked about increasing US infantry presence in the Middle East, even though no actual link had yet been made with the shooter and an overseas terror group. Although companies like Dilligence are likely privatized arms of the western state intelligence apparatus, having their CEO on a national broadcaster promoting military adventurism in a region which his business is already active should speak volumes about the chronic conflict of interest which seems to plague networks like CNN and FOX News.

Retired US General **Wesley Clarke** has used to the Chattanooga Shooting to call for rounding up "radicalized" individuals who are "disloyal to the US" and treat them as prisoners of war. "It's our right and our obligation to segregate them from the 'normal' community for the duration of the conflict."

Clarke went on to advocate that US allies Great Britain and France do the same. Clarke's edict should not be taken likely, as globalist spokesperson Clarke has been <u>used on past occasions</u> to publicize other real globalist agendas.

Nazi comparisons aside, the fascist idea of rounding-up hundreds of thousands of marginalized Americans and locking them up in internment camps has happened before in the US, when during World War II the <u>US federal government locked up most of the Japanese-American population</u>under the paranoid pretext that each of them were potential foreign agents of Tokyo, including women and children.

America's New "Reformist" Movement

If you are paying close attention to each of these so-called "terrorist" incidents, it's becoming more obvious how media coverage contains the same identical talking points, outlining a repetitive Hegelian Dialectic of problem, reaction, solution.

Beyond the increased militaristic rhetoric and the increasing police state power-grabs, there is another deep state agenda emerging amid this series of apparent "domestic extremist" and "radical Islamist" attacks in the US and Europe.

A very well-funded, albeit, artificial social movement is now emerging. It is a new **Islamic 'Reformation' Movement** focused primarily in the US, but which potentially be co-opted in Western Europe.



'Reformist' Dr. Zudhi Jasser (Image Source: Okran News)

With every passing shooting, FBI foiled terror plot and terror scare, it is being gradually nudged along. This is especially evident in the CNN and FOX's carousel of hand-picked mainstream media 'Islamic experts' like **Dr. Zudhi Jasser**, founder and President of the American Islamic Forum for Democracy (AIFD). Jasser a regular contributor on both CNN and FOX, and is a favorite call-out in the aftermath of any so-called violent'Islamic' incident covered by US media. Jasser prescribes a new "reformist", more muted version of Islam for the US and beyond.

On the surface, Jasser's commentary, advocating separation of mosque and state and a more "peaceful Islam" sounds very reasonable and attractive. After all, who wants radical ideologies festering in America? But when you explore with a bit more depth, Jasser's politics are that of a dedicated neoconservative.

Far from being an independent voice or advocate, Jasser is the public face of an extremely well-funded 501c tax exempt empire of institutions and foundations, and his US media appearances are carefully managed. Following the Chattanooga Shooting, Jasser came with his usual talking points on FOX News at the time of the shooting, saying, "The is a war," and that, "he (the shooter) hated America and he wanted to establish the Islamic State".

Watch Jasser on FOX News in the wake of Chattanooga tragedy:

It's difficult to pinpoint exactly who is directing this new "reformist" effort in the US, but it's clear by watching the identical fashion in which all of these events are executed, and covered in the media – that this is highly coordinated and is not a short term campaign, rather, it's planned to nudge its way ahead over the next decade or more. One way to find some answers here is to follow the money.

Closely linked to Jasser's AIFD, is the **American Islamic Congress** (AIC) of which Jasser is also a board member. Behind the AIC can be found a long trail of neoconservative and pro-

Israel money, prompting many critics to label this and similar 'Muslim-American' organizations as classic foundation-funded **"controlled opposition"**. Founded in 2001 by an Iraqi-American opposition 'activist' Zainab Al-Suwaij, the AlC was effectively <u>launched by the Bush administration</u>, which injected \$542,123 to the organization in 2004. The AlC also received major financial support pro-Israeli billionaires **Sheldon Adelson** and **Seth Klarman** who is also the backer of <u>The Israel Project</u>. The money doesn't stop there. According to a report by investigative journalist Max Blumenthal, the Islamophobia Network/Industry is also being funded in part by the US taxpayer. An exposé by <u>AmericanMuslim.org</u> explains:

"In 2009, the AIC received more than \$433,000 from the State Department to conduct conflict resolution programs in Iraq, claiming to have "diffused 60 conflicts" in the country. Two years later, it reaped \$1.28 million in government funding for Iraqi conflict resolution and to train "social entrepreneurs" in Tunisia; over \$170,000 of the government money was earmarked for democracy promotion. Today, the AIC maintains offices in Tunis and Cairo, both apparently supported by State Department grants."

The investigation further explains how, "funding for AIC comes from some very troublesome sources. Some of these are Donors Capital Fund (identified in the Center for American Progress's 2011 report Fear Inc. as "the lifeblood of the Islamophobia network in America."), the Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, Sheldon Adelson's Adelson Family Foundation, the **Klarman Family Foundation** (which funds the Israel Project)."

Blumenthal also notes that:

The AIC is not the only putatively Muslim group funded by Klarman. In 2011, Klarman made his first donation to the American Islamic Forum for Democracy AIFD, the shell organization that serves as the personal platform for Zuhdi Jasser. The previously unknown Jasser, a physician from Arizona with no academic or theological credentials, is one of the country's most outspoken Muslim proponents of law enforcement surveillance of Muslim communities. Two years earlier, Jasser was welcomed onto AIC's board of directors, joining a host of like-minded neoconservatives.

A Syrian-American, it's no surprise then that Jasser is also a major advocate for regime change in Syria, and seems to endorse the US, European and GCC financing and arming of multiple 'rebel' paramilitary factions (which automatically included terrorist fighters as well) inside Syria. Regime change at any cost, even if it's a brutal, protracted proxy war. In perfect alignment with US State Department and Israeli Foreign Policy objectives.

Engineering The 'Self-Hating' Muslim

Noticeably absent from any of Jasser and other similar pundits' post-terrorist attack monologues is any reference to the western covert, or clandestine agency involvement in any these supposed "terrorist" events. If any government agent plays a role in creating the conditions for the incident, or worse – is a moving part in the scenario itself – then the entire 'Islamic Terror' conversation should immediately become *null and void*. If transparency and objectivity were the focus of their inquiry, then the behind-the-scenes FBI involvement in almost ever high-profile 'domestic terror' incident should be the center of the discussion, but instead it remains obscured.

Again, the Hegelian Dialectic at play here is an obvious one. One could argue that by pumping up the specter of Islamic extremist at home and abroad, it will be much easier to brow-beat the western Muslim community into submission by inducing a wave of collective guilt. Enter the *self-hating Muslim*.

Reformist architects see the taming of Islam as not only necessary, but also as a historic juncture in the religion's history – as significant as European protestant movements were 600 years ago. A crucial question here could be: would the reformist architects carry out synthetic terrorist events in order to ensure that their agenda moves its way along the timeline at a more urgent and faster pace?

Regardless, the clandestine realities remain. While foundation-funded 'Islam experts' continue to promote the illusion that we live a world devoid any government clandestine activity, billions of taxpayer dollars per year continue to go towards covert operations both at home and overseas utilizing thousands of agents, informants and patsies – and so long as this is the case, then we should expect to see ever more these so-called 'terrorist' events.

Nothing about Chattanooga made sense, and as long as these events remain sealed underclassified layers of federal bureaucracy, it's unlikely we'll ever know what really happened.

But don't fret, there's always *next week's* shooting.

The original source of this article is <u>21st Century Wire</u> Copyright © <u>Patrick Henningsen</u> and <u>Jay Dyer</u>, <u>21st Century Wire</u>, 2015

Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page

Become a Member of Global Research

Articles by: Patrick
Henningsen and Jay
Dyer

Disclaimer: The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: publications@globalresearch.ca

www.globalresearch.ca contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner.

For media inquiries: publications@globalresearch.ca