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ON JUNE 12, 2016, OMAR MATEEN KILLED 49 PEOPLE AND INJURED 53 AT THE PULSE NIGHTCLUB IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA. WE MAY NEVER KNOW OR UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS IN MATEEN'S MIND, BUT WE CAN SITUATE HIS ATTACK WITHIN THE HISTORY OF ELIMINATIONISM IN AMERICA.





DANIEL GOLDHAGEN

HISTORIAN DANIEL GOLDHAGEN, IN HIS BOOK *HITLER'S WILLING EXECUTIONERS*, COINED THE TERM ELIMINATIONISM. IT REFERS TO MOVEMENTS THAT AIM TO REMOVE ENTIRE GROUPS OF PEOPLE FROM A SOCIETY.



GOLDHAGEN SHOWED THAT BEFORE NAZIS COMMITTED GENOCIDE, THEY PARTICIPATED IN ELIMINATIONIST RHETORIC. UNLESS PEOPLE ARE PRIMED WITH ELIMINATIONISM, THEY DO NOT USUALLY MURDER GROUPS OF OTHER PEOPLE.

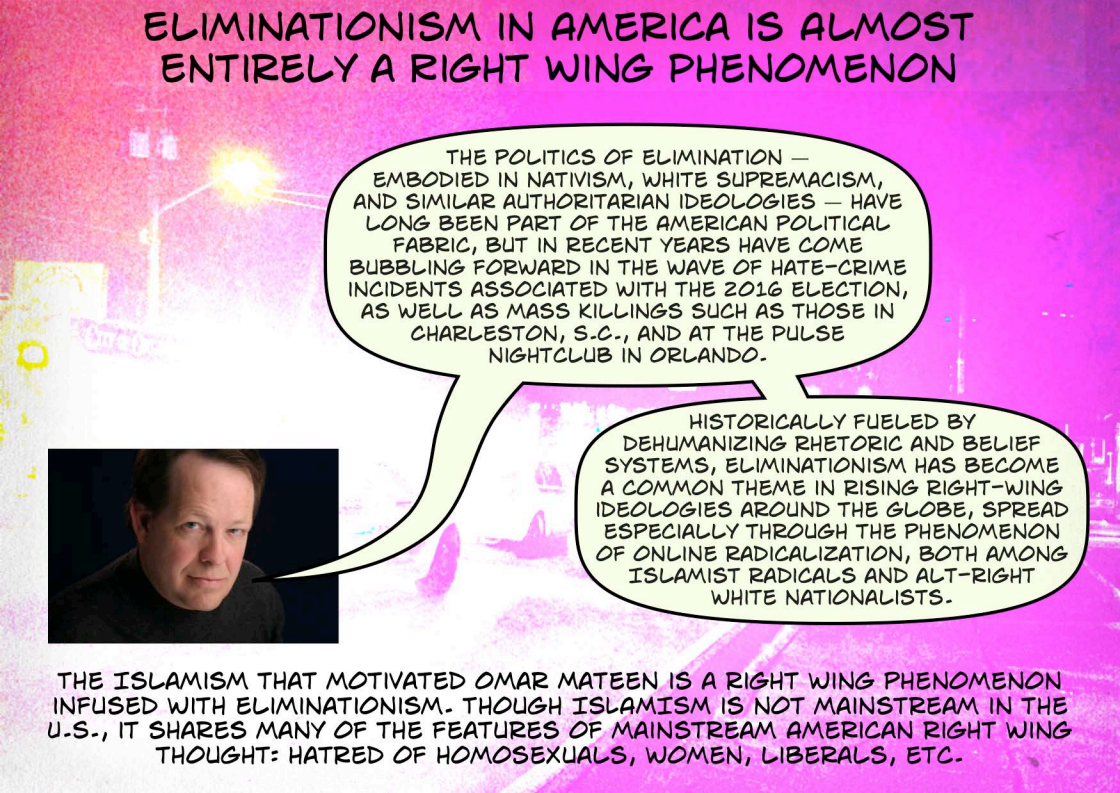
AUTHOR DAVID NEIWERT HAS ADOPTED THE TERM ELIMINATIONIST TO DESCRIBE LANGUAGE THAT TARGETS GROUPS OF PEOPLE, SUCH AS MUSLIMS, JEWS, BLACKS, GAYS, LIBERALS, AND OTHER PERCEIVED ENEMIES, FOR ELIMINATION.

HE WRITES, "[ELIMINATIONISM] IS FOCUSED ON AN ENEMY WITHIN, PEOPLE WHO CONSTITUTE ENTIRE BLOCS OF THE CITIZEN POPULACE, AND IT ADVOCATES THE EXCISION AND EXTERMINATION, BY VIOLENT MEANS OR CIVIL, OF THOSE ENTIRE BLOCS."




DAVID NEIWERT

ELIMINATIONISM IN AMERICA IS ALMOST ENTIRELY A RIGHT WING PHENOMENON



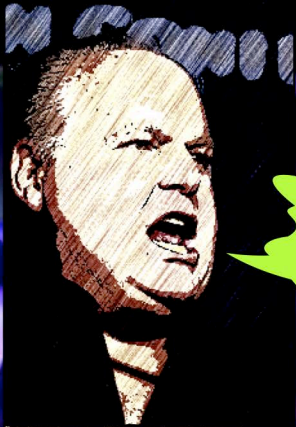
THE POLITICS OF ELIMINATION — EMBODIED IN NATIVISM, WHITE SUPREMACISM, AND SIMILAR AUTHORITARIAN IDEOLOGIES — HAVE LONG BEEN PART OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL FABRIC, BUT IN RECENT YEARS HAVE COME BUBBLING FORWARD IN THE WAVE OF HATE-CRIME INCIDENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2016 ELECTION, AS WELL AS MASS KILLINGS SUCH AS THOSE IN CHARLESTON, S.C., AND AT THE PULSE NIGHTCLUB IN ORLANDO.



HISTORICALLY FUELED BY DEHUMANIZING RHETORIC AND BELIEF SYSTEMS, ELIMINATIONISM HAS BECOME A COMMON THEME IN RISING RIGHT-WING IDEOLOGIES AROUND THE GLOBE, SPREAD ESPECIALLY THROUGH THE PHENOMENON OF ONLINE RADICALIZATION, BOTH AMONG ISLAMIST RADICALS AND ALT-RIGHT WHITE NATIONALISTS.

THE ISLAMISM THAT MOTIVATED OMAR MATEEN IS A RIGHT WING PHENOMENON INFUSED WITH ELIMINATIONISM. THOUGH ISLAMISM IS NOT MAINSTREAM IN THE U.S., IT SHARES MANY OF THE FEATURES OF MAINSTREAM AMERICAN RIGHT WING THOUGHT: HATRED OF HOMOSEXUALS, WOMEN, LIBERALS, ETC.

ELIMINATIONIST RHETORIC LABELS
OPONENTS AS **SUBHUMANS**
WORTHY OF VIOLENT SUPPRESSION,
EXILE OR **DEATH!**



RUSH LIMBAUGH

I TELL PEOPLE **DON'T KILL**
ALL THE LIBERALS. LEAVE
ENOUGH SO WE CAN HAVE TWO
ON EVERY CAMPUS—LIVING
FOSSILS—SO WE WILL NEVER
FORGET WHAT THESE
PEOPLE STOOD FOR.

ACTUAL QUOTE

ELIMINATIONISM IN AMERICA TODAY
IS MAINSTREAM AND ITS ORIGINS
LIE DEEP IN AMERICAN HISTORY



Burial of the Dead
at the Battle of Wounded Knee S.D.
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GENOCIDE OF NATIVE AMERICANS
ENSLAVEMENT OF BLACKS
INTERNMENT OF JAPANESE
PURGING OF COMMUNISTS
ATTACKS ON LABOR UNIONS
SUBJUGATION OF WOMEN
PERSECUTION OF HOMOSEXUALS
DEPORTATIONS OF REFUGEES
LYNCHING, TORTURE, SEGREGATION,
TERROR, MASS INCARCERATION,
RAPE, POVERTY, FORCED RELOCATION

ELIMINATIONIST POLICIES ARE THE
RULE—NOT THE EXCEPTION—IN U.S.
HISTORY
(RESISTANCE IS ALSO THE RULE)

BUT ELIMINATIONISM APPEARS AS A PERMANENT FIXTURE ONLY IN RIGHT WING POLITICS. THERE ARE NO MAINSTREAM LEFT WING ELIMINATIONIST TALK SHOW HOSTS AND NO LIBERALS WHO SHOOT UP CHURCHES AND NIGHTCLUBS.

RIGHT WING PUNDITS, WHO HAVE AUDIENCES IN THE MILLIONS, ENCOURAGE DOMESTIC TERRORISM ON A REGULAR BASIS

WE NEED SOMEBODY TO PUT RAT POISONING IN JUSTICE STEVENS'S CREME BRULEE.

MY ONLY REGRET WITH TIMOTHY MCVEIGH IS HE DID NOT GO TO THE NEW YORK TIMES BUILDING.

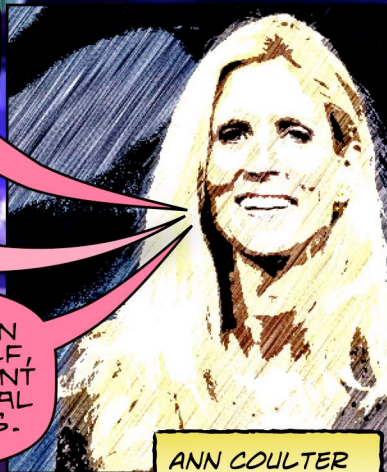
SHE CALLS THESE COMMENTS "JOKES"



BARRY MAUER

I WOULDN'T KILL AN ABORTIONIST MYSELF, BUT I WOULDN'T WANT TO IMPOSE MY MORAL VALUES ON OTHERS.

ACTUAL QUOTES



ANN COULTER

VIOLENT SENTIMENTS HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY COMMON FROM RIGHT WING LEADERS AND IN MAINSTREAM RIGHT WING MEDIA FOR DECADES



MICHAEL REAGAN

JUST FIND THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SENDING THOSE LETTERS TO OUR TROOPS TO DEMORALIZE OUR TROOPS AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING, YOU TAKE THEM OUT, THEY ARE **TRAITORS** TO OUR COUNTRY, AND **SHOOT** THEM . . . YOU CALL THEM **TRAITORS**—THAT'S WHAT THEY ARE—AND YOU **SHOOT THEM DEAD.** I'LL PAY FOR THE BULLET.

ACTUAL QUOTE

REAGAN IS A TALK SHOW HOST AND THE SON OF THE EX-PRESIDENT!



MAINSTREAM RIGHT WING MEDIA
FIGURES LIKE **GLENN BECK** ROUTINELY
DEMONIZE ENTIRE GROUPS OF PEOPLE

I REFER TO PROGRESSIVES AS
"**CANCER**," "THE **DISEASE** THAT'S
KILLING US," A "**VIRUS**," A
"**PARASITE**," "**SNAKES**,"
"**COCKROACHES**," AND
"**VAMPIRES**" WHO INTEND THE
"**DESTRUCTION OF THE**
CONSTITUTION" AND WILL STRIKE
IT A "**DEATH BLOW**." "IT MUST BE
CUT OUT OF THE SYSTEM....YOU
MUST **ERADICATE** IT."

ACTUAL
QUOTES

BECK, WITHOUT ANY
APPARENT SELF-AWARENESS,
ALSO INVOKED DR. ML KING, JR.
SAYING, "LET'S HAVE A NATION IN
UNITY."



GLENN BECK

IN THEIR IMAGINED WORLD, RIGHT WING LEADERS ARE ALWAYS HEROES, AND ANYONE WHO DIFFERS FROM THEM IS A THREAT. TO MOST OF US OUTSIDE OF THE RIGHT WING CULTS, THESE LEADERS APPEAR GRANDIOSE, PARANOID, AND INTOLERANT.



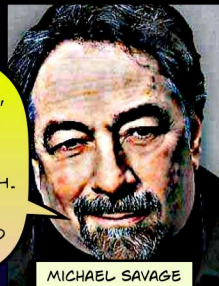
MICHELE BACHMANN

THE GAY COMMUNITY HAVE SO BULLIED THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THEY HAVE SO INTIMIDATED POLITICIANS THAT POLITICIANS FEAR THEM AND THEY THINK THEY GET TO DICTATE THE AGENDA EVERYWHERE.

ACTUAL QUOTE

LIBERALISM IS, IN ESSENCE, THE HIV VIRUS, AND IT WEAKENS THE DEFENSE CELLS OF A NATION. WHAT ARE THE DEFENSE CELLS OF A NATION? WELL, THE CHURCH. THEY'VE ATTACKED PARTICULARLY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH FOR 30 STRAIGHT YEARS.

ACTUAL QUOTE



MICHAEL SAVAGE



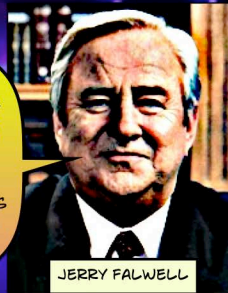
GENERAL WILLIAM G. BOYKIN

THE CHURCH HAD THE DOMINANT INFLUENCE IN AMERICA. TODAY WE HAVE CEDED THAT TO . . . THE ACLU AND MOVEON.ORG AND CODE PINK AND ACORN. IT IS TIME FOR THE CHURCH, FOR BIBLE-BELIEVING CHRISTIANS . . . [TO] ASK GOD TO TAKE THIS NATION BACK AND I REFUSE TO BELIEVE THAT WE CAN'T, BECAUSE GOD TOLD US TO OCCUPY.

ACTUAL QUOTE

WE HAVE A COURT THAT HAS ESSENTIALLY STUCK ITS FINGER IN GOD'S EYE AND SAID . . . WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET LITTLE CHILDREN READ THE COMMANDMENTS OF GOD . . . GOD ALMIGHTY IS LIFTING HIS PROTECTION FROM US.

ACTUAL QUOTE



JERRY FALWELL



EXPLOITING FEAR TO PRODUCE HATE. IT'S AN OLD TRICK.

SINCE MANY RIGHT WINGER LEADERS SEE THEMSELVES AS GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE DEFENDING THEMSELVES AGAINST UNJUST PERSECUTION FROM SUBHUMAN ENEMIES, THEY FEEL JUSTIFIED IN CALLING FOR THE **VIOLENT PERSECUTION** OF THOSE THEY CLAIM ARE PERSECUTING THEM.



I THINK THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE SPYING ON ALL ARABS, ENGAGING IN TORTURE AS A TELEVISED SPECTATOR SPORT, DROPPING DAISY CUTTERS WANTONLY THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST AND SENDING LIBERALS TO GUANTANAMO.

ACTUAL QUOTE

ANN COULTER



THEY BELIEVE IN COMMUNISM. THEY BELIEVE AND HAVE CALLED FOR A REVOLUTION. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO SHOOT THEM IN THE HEAD. BUT WARNING: THEY MAY SHOOT YOU. THEY ARE DANGEROUS BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE. KARL MARX IS THEIR GEORGE WASHINGTON.

ACTUAL QUOTE

GLENN BECK

RIGHT WING
ELIMINATIONIST
RHETORIC MAKES
AN IMPACT . . .



WHO I WANTED TO KILL
WAS **EVERY** DEMOCRAT IN
THE SENATE & HOUSE, THE
100 PEOPLE IN BERNARD
GOLDBERG'S BOOK.

I'D LIKE TO **KILL**
EVERYONE IN THE
MAINSTREAM MEDIA. BUT I
KNOW THOSE PEOPLE WERE
INACCESSIBLE TO ME.

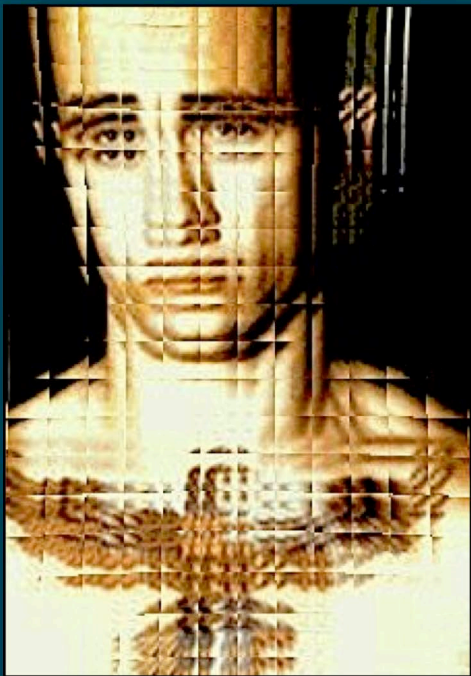
I COULDN'T
GET TO THE
GENERALS & HIGH RANKING
OFFICERS OF THE MARXIST
MOVEMENT SO I WENT AFTER
THE FOOT SOLDIERS, THE
CHICKENSHIT LIBERALS
THAT VOTE IN THESE
TRAITOROUS
PEOPLE

ACTUAL
QUOTE

JIM DAVID ADKISSON KILLED TWO AND
WOUNDED SEVERAL OTHERS AT A UNITARIAN
CHURCH IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE IN 2008



HIS WEAPON



RICHARD POPLAWSKI POSTED A VIDEO OF **GLENN BECK** DISCUSSING RUMORS OF FEMA-MANAGED CONCENTRATION CAMPS . . .

. . . BEFORE HE **MURDERED** THREE POLICE OFFICERS AND INJURED TWO



BYRON WILLIAMS WAS ON HIS WAY TO KILL MEMBERS OF THE TIDES FOUNDATION AND THE ACLU BUT GOT CAUGHT IN A GUN BATTLE WITH CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

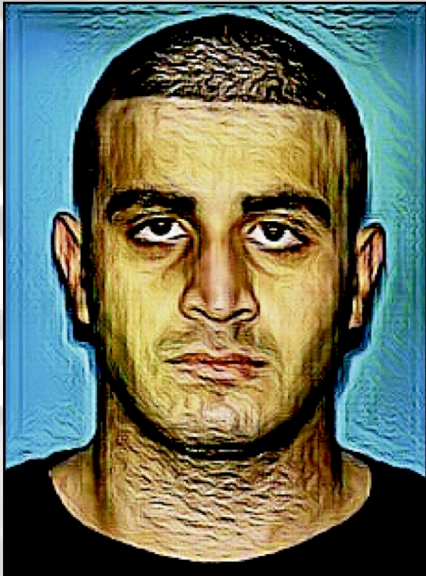
I WOULD HAVE NEVER STARTED WATCHING FOX NEWS IF IT WASN'T FOR THE FACT THAT **BECK** WAS ON THERE. AND IT WAS THE THINGS THAT HE DID, IT WAS THE THINGS HE EXPOSED THAT BLEW MY MIND. BECK IS GONNA DENY EVERYTHING ABOUT VIOLENT APPROACH, BUT HE'LL GIVE YOU EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE IT. IF THE TRUTH INCITES **VIOLENCE**, IT MEANS THAT WE'VE BEEN LIVING TOO LONG IN THE LIES.

ACTUAL QUOTE

HE WAS HEAVILY ARMED



DOES OMAR MATEEN FIT THE PATTERN?



1. MATEEN HAD A HISTORY OF VIOLENCE STARTING IN CHILDHOOD
2. MATEEN MAY HAVE BEEN BISEXUAL
3. MATEEN'S WIFE SAID HE WAS MENTALLY ILL, YET HE WAS UNTREATED. HE VERBALLY AND PHYSICALLY ABUSED HIS WIFE AND HIS SON
4. MATEEN WAS RECRUITED BY THE STATE OF FLORIDA AS A CORRECTIONS OFFICER AND THEN WORKED FOR A PRIVATE SECURITY FIRM.
5. HIS CO-WORKERS REPORTED THAT HE EXPRESSED VIOLENT, HOMOPHOBIC, RACIST, AND MISOGYNIST SENTIMENTS, YET THE COMPANY RETAINED HIM
6. MATEEN WAS TRAINED AND LICENSED IN THE USE OF FIREARMS
7. MATEEN WAS ABLE TO LEGALLY PURCHASE THE FIREARMS HE USED IN THE ATTACK
8. MATEEN HAD NO PRIOR AFFILIATION WITH ISIS, BUT PLEDGED ALLEGIANCE TO THE GROUP DURING HIS ATTACK ON PULSE
9. MATEEN WAS AMERICAN, BORN AND RAISED. NO TRAVEL BAN WOULD HAVE STOPPED HIM

CONSIDER THIS: ON THE
SAME DAY AS THE PULSE
ATTACK, JUNE 12, 2016




1. JAMES WESLEY HOWELL WAS ARRESTED WITH A CARLOAD OF WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVE CHEMICALS IN THE TRUNK OF HIS CAR
2. HOWELL WAS BISEXUAL
3. HE WAS HEADING TO A GAY PRIDE EVENT IN WEST HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA
4. HOWELL WAS A WEAPONS ENTHUSIAST WHO THREATENED PEOPLE WITH HIS WEAPONS
5. HOWELL HAD A HISTORY OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND REFERRED TO HIMSELF AS A "SOCIOPATH WITH AN AUTOMATIC"
6. HOWELL COMPARED HILLARY CLINTON TO ADOLF HITLER, POSTED CONSPIRACY THEORIES THAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS BEHIND THE 9/11 ATTACKS, AND SHARED A VIDEO CLAIMING THAT THE TERROR ATTACK ON CHARLIE HEBDO WAS A HOAX AND ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE "NEW WORLD ORDER."
7. HOWELL WAS ABLE TO EASILY PURCHASE THE FIREARMS HE WAS TRANSPORTING TO THE PRIDE PARADE
8. HOWELL WAS AMERICAN, BORN AND RAISED. NO TRAVEL BAN WOULD HAVE STOPPED HIM. IF THE POLICE HADN'T ARRESTED HIM, WE MAY HAVE WITNESSED ANOTHER MASSACRE ON THE SAME DAY AS THE PULSE MASSACRE

WE NEED TO EXPAND OUR FOCUS. ISLAMIST TERRORISM IS JUST PART OF A LARGER PHENOMENON . . .

RIGHT WING ELIMINATIONISM

BUT DESPITE CENTURIES OF RIGHT WING ELIMINATIONIST WORDS AND DEEDS IN THE U.S., THERE IS LITTLE OR NO MAINSTREAM RECOGNITION OF THE PHENOMENON. INSTEAD, WE ARE TREATED TO MORE DENIAL, MORE DISTRACTION, MORE OBFUSCATION. UNTIL WE LOOK THIS PROBLEM SQUARELY IN THE FACE, IT WILL CONTINUE TO METASTASIZE. UNLESS WE DEAL WITH RIGHT WING ELIMINATIONISM, WE WILL NOT TRANSFORM THE LOSSES CAUSED BY MATEEN'S ATTACK ON PULSE INTO LASTING POSITIVE CHANGE.

LEST YE THINK ISLAMIST ELIMINATIONISTS ARE REALLY ALL THAT DIFFERENT FROM OTHER RIGHT WING ELIMINATIONISTS, BEHOLD PASTOR ROGER JIMENEZ, SPEAKING ON THE DAY OF THE PULSE MASSACRE

A photograph of Pastor Roger Jimenez speaking at a wooden podium. He is wearing a white dress shirt and a dark, striped tie. A microphone is positioned in front of him. The background is a wall with a map of Florida. A speech bubble is overlaid on the right side of the image, containing a quote. A small caption box is located below the speech bubble.

ARE YOU SAD THAT 50 PEDOPHILES WERE KILLED TODAY? UM NO. I THINK THAT'S GREAT. I THINK THAT HELPS SOCIETY. I THINK ORLANDO, FLORIDA, IS A LITTLE SAFER TONIGHT. THE TRAGEDY IS THAT MORE OF THEM DIDN'T DIE. THE TRAGEDY IS I'M KIND OF UPSET HE DIDN'T FINISH THE JOB - BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE ARE PREDATORS. THEY ARE ABUSERS.

ACTUAL QUOTE

RIGHT WINGERS, WHETHER CHRISTIAN OR ISLAMIST, DOMESTIC OR FOREIGN, SUFFER FROM DEADLY DELUSIONS

SPECIFICALLY, THE RIGHT WING, WHICH INCLUDES ISLAMIST EXTREMISTS, SUFFERS FROM DELUSIONS OF GRANDIOSITY AND OF PERSECUTION.

GRANDIOSE DELUSIONS ARE "DELUSIONS OF INFLATED WORTH, POWER, KNOWLEDGE, IDENTITY, OR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP TO A DEITY OR FAMOUS PERSON"

PERSECUTORY DELUSIONS ARE "DELUSIONS THAT THE PERSON (OR SOMEONE TO WHOM THE PERSON IS CLOSE) IS BEING MALEVOLENTLY TREATED IN SOME WAY." (REZNEK)




MURDERES LIKE MATEEN AND DYLANN ROOF, WHO CALLS HIMSELF A JIHADIST, ARE MOTIVATED BY FALSE PICTURES OF THE WORLD IN WHICH THEY ARE THE VICTIMS.

THEY BELIEVE THEY ARE SUPERIOR BEINGS ENTITLED TO PUT "SUBHUMANS" IN THEIR PLACE.



PROOF THAT RIGHT WING ELIMINATIONISM IN THE U.S. IS A MASSIVE CULT: THE MURDERS COMMITTED BY ROOF AND MATEEN DID NOTHING TO DISCOURAGE AMERICANS FROM ELECTING AS PRESIDENT A MAN WHO PREACHED ELIMINATIONIST RHETORIC AND EMBRACED HATE GROUPS THROUGHOUT HIS CAMPAIGN.

DYLANN ROOF - MASSACRED 9 BLACK WORSHIPPERS AT THE EMANUEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CHARLESTON, NORTH CAROLINA IN 2015



RIGHT WING LEADERS—WHO ARE CON-ARTISTS, DELUSIONAL, OR BOTH—SELL DISTORTED PICTURES OF THE WORLD TO THEIR FOLLOWERS, WHO ACCEPT THESE PICTURES AS THEIR OWN REALITY.



THE PICTURES IN THEIR HEADS, SOLD TO THEM EVERY DAY ON FOX NEWS AND BREITBART, PORTRAY THE WORLD AS FILLED WITH EVIL LIBERALS, PERVERTED GAY PEOPLE, TERRORIST REFUGEES, AND SUBVERSIVE ATHEISTS: IN OTHER WORDS, AS MONSTERS TO BE ELIMINATED.

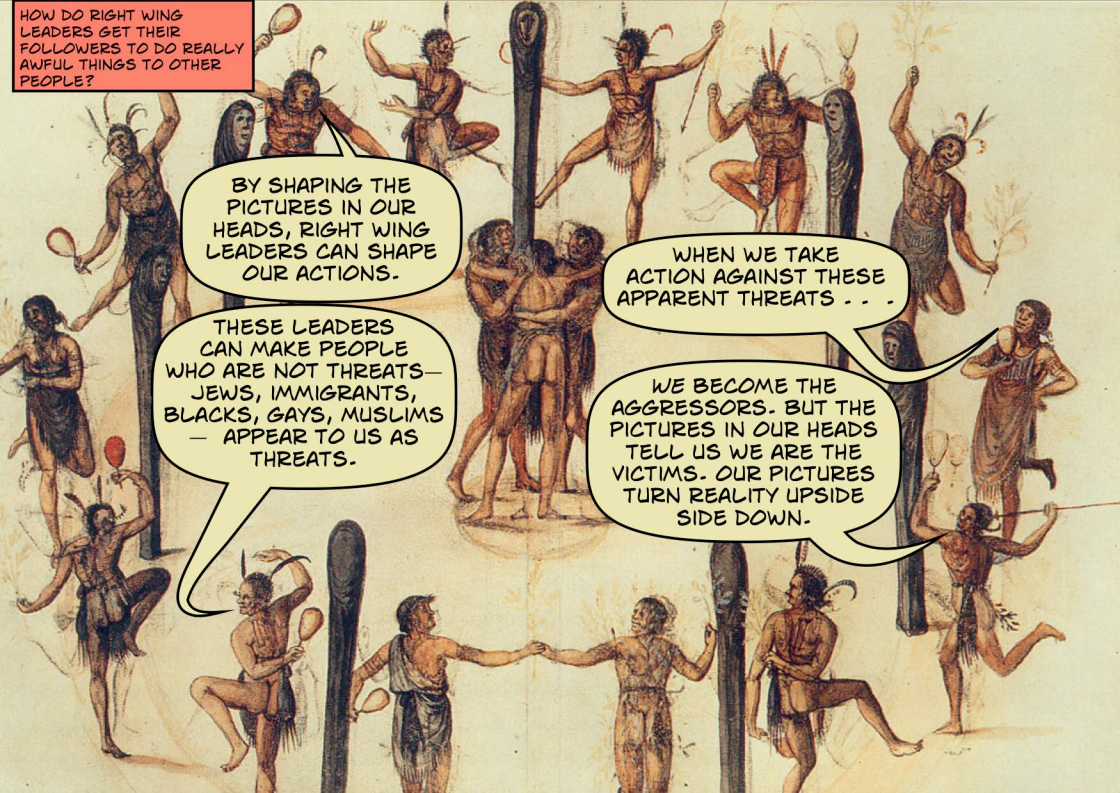
HOW DO RIGHT WING LEADERS GET THEIR FOLLOWERS TO DO REALLY AWFUL THINGS TO OTHER PEOPLE?

BY SHAPING THE PICTURES IN OUR HEADS, RIGHT WING LEADERS CAN SHAPE OUR ACTIONS.

THESE LEADERS CAN MAKE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT THREATS— JEWS, IMMIGRANTS, BLACKS, GAYS, MUSLIMS — APPEAR TO US AS THREATS.

WHEN WE TAKE ACTION AGAINST THESE APPARENT THREATS . . .

WE BECOME THE AGGRESSORS. BUT THE PICTURES IN OUR HEADS TELL US WE ARE THE VICTIMS. OUR PICTURES TURN REALITY UPSIDE SIDE DOWN.



WE MUST CONCLUDE THAT OUR NATION AND ITS LEADERS HAVE NOT LEARNED THEIR LESSON ABOUT THE DANGERS OF RIGHT WING GROUPS.



RIGHT WING GROUPS ARE ELIMINATIONIST CULTS, YET WE GIVE THEM FREE REIGN TO PREACH THEIR PROPAGANDA OVER OUR AIRWAVES AND TO ARM THEMSELVES WITH WEAPONS OF MASS MURDER. WE PERMIT THEM TO POISON THE WELL OF PUBLIC DISCOURSE. EVEN OUR PSYCHIATRIC COMMUNITY HAS DECLARED ITSELF POWERLESS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM.

THE PSYCHIATRIC PROFESSION ADHERES TO THE "COMMUNITY AXIOM," WHICH IMPEDES EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEMS POSED BY CULTS. THE COMMUNITY AXIOM STATES THAT IF A BELIEF IS SHARED BY MOST MEMBERS OF A COMMUNITY, THEN AN INDIVIDUAL WITHIN THAT COMMUNITY WHO HOLDS THE BELIEF IS NOT DELUSIONAL, NO MATTER HOW LIKELY IT IS THAT THE BELIEF IS FALSE.

LAWRIE REZNEK ARGUES THAT SINCE THE PSYCHIATRIC PROFESSION RECOGNIZES FOLIE A DEUX—TWO PEOPLE SHARING A DELUSION—AS A DISORDER, THERE IS NO REASON TO ARBITRARILY DECIDE THAT THREE PEOPLE WITH THE SAME CONDITION ARE SOMEHOW FREE OF DELUSION.

IN ADDITION TO DELUSIONS OF PERSECUTION AND GRANDIOSITY
THERE IS A **PERSONALITY CRISIS** AT THE HEART OF THE RIGHT WING




WHAT
PERSONALITY
CRISIS?

AUTHORITARIANISM
WITH A STRONG
NEED FOR EPISTEMIC
CLOSURE!

THE PRICE OF LOYALTY

CULTIC RIGHT WING THOUGHT IS AUTHORITARIAN. PEOPLE OFTEN ACQUIRE DELUSIONAL BELIEFS FROM TRUSTED AUTHORITY FIGURES WHO DEMAND LOYALTY WHETHER THEY DESERVE IT OR NOT.

WHEN WE ARE CHILDREN, DEPENDENT ON TRUSTED AUTHORITY FIGURES FOR OUR SURVIVAL, THERE ARE BENEFITS TO ALIGNING OUR BELIEFS WITH THEIRS.



AUTHORITARIANISM IS A MAJOR CAUSAL FACTOR IN FOLIE A CULTE BECAUSE IT MAKES DEPENDENCY ON AUTHORITY NORMAL AND DISSSENT INTOLERABLE. NO MATTER HOW WRONG THE AUTHORITY, IT BECOMES TOO PAINFUL TO OPPOSE IT.

THE CENSORSHIP OF DISSSENT PRODUCES EPISTEMIC CLOSURE: A REFUSAL TO CHANGE BELIEFS EVEN IN THE FACE OF OVERWHELMING DISCONFIRMING EVIDENCE.

EPISTEMIC CLOSURE LEADS TO INCORRIGIBILITY, MEANING RIGHT WINGERS HOLD ON TO THEIR FALSE BELIEFS COME WHAT MAY.



CHRIS MOONEY DISCUSSES STUDIES THAT SHOW RIGHT-WINGERS ARE FAR MORE LIKELY THAN LIBERALS TO EMPLOY THE PSYCHOLOGICAL MECHANISMS THAT LEAD TO DELUSIONS.

RIGHT-WINGERS, HE WRITES, "TEND TO HAVE A GREATER NEED FOR CLOSURE THAN DO LIBERALS"; LIBERALS, BY CONTRAST, TEND TO "HAVE MORE NEED FOR COGNITION. THEY LIKE TO THINK, IN AN EFFORTFUL AND SELF-CHALLENGING WAY, AND TAKE PRIDE IN DOING A GOOD JOB OF IT" (69).

SO WHAT IS CLOSURE? MOONEY WRITES:

THE NEED FOR COGNITIVE CLOSURE DESCRIBES THE STATE OF BEING UNCOMFORTABLE WITH AMBIGUITY AND UNCERTAINTY, AND WANTING THESE TO BE RESOLVED INTO A FIRM BELIEF. . . . HAVING A HIGH NEED FOR CLOSURE TENDS TO MEAN THAT ONE WILL SEIZE ON A PIECE OF INFORMATION THAT DISPELS DOUBT OR UNCERTAINTY, AND THEN FREEZE, REFUSING TO ADMIT OR CONSIDER NEW INFORMATION.



CHRIS MOONEY

RIGHT WING CULTS ARE DEADLY BECAUSE THEY ARE **MANICHEAN**, BELIEVING THEY ARE IN A WAR TO THE DEATH BETWEEN THE FORCES OF ABSOLUTE EVIL AND ABSOLUTE GOOD (THEIR SIDE, OF COURSE). THIS DIVISION BETWEEN INSIDERS AND OUTSIDERS, A KEY COMPONENT OF CULTS, RENDERS CULT MEMBERS **INCAPABLE OF DIALOGUE OR COMPROMISE**.



Glenn Beck

THE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT IS THE LUNATIC FRINGE OF THE LEFT. IT IS THE HOME OF EVERYTHING THAT YOU DESPISE... WE CANNOT ALLOW THEM TO CRAWL UNDER ANOTHER ROCK AND SUBVERT THE CONSTITUTION THROUGH EVOLUTION ANYMORE... EXTERMINATE THE THOUGHT OF THE PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENT. DON'T ALLOW IT TO FESTER ANYMORE.

RIGHT WINGERS' *OWN DELUSIONS*
MAKE THEM ANGRY. THEY FABRICATE
GRIEVANCES TO SUSTAIN THEIR IRE!

DID YOU KNOW THAT
OBAMA FORGED HIS BIRTH
CERTIFICATE? THAT CLIMATE
CHANGE IS A HOAX? THAT CREATIONISM
IS SCIENCE? THAT TAXING THE RICH
HURTS THE ECONOMY? THAT POOR
PEOPLE CAUSED THE FINANCIAL
COLLAPSE? THAT ILLEGAL
IMMIGRANTS SPREAD DISEASE?

The logo for FOX NEWS Channel. 'FOX' is in large, white, bold letters with a blue and white striped background behind it. 'NEWS' is in white, bold letters below 'FOX'. 'Channel' is in white, bold letters on a brown, wood-grain textured background.

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THAT THE
FOUNDING FATHERS
INTENDED A CHRISTIAN NATION?
THAT IRAQ ATTACKED US ON 9/11?
THAT OBAMACARE INCLUDES DEATH
PANELS? THAT LIBERALS ARE
FIGHTING A WAR ON CHRISTMAS?
THAT MINORITIES COMMIT
WIDESPREAD VOTER
FRAUD?

PHONY GRIEVANCES FUEL THEIR *PARANOIA*

RIGHT WINGERS FILL THEIR HEADS WITH PICTURES OF GRIEVANCES—CONTRIVED GRIEVANCES—AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES THEM DANGEROUS. JUST LIKE DYLAN ROOFF, MOST RIGHT WINGERS DON'T LET GO OF THEIR GRIEVANCES EVEN WHEN CONFRONTED WITH OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE THAT THEY ARE WRONG.

People on government aid are just lazy and want a handout, and most of them commit fraud!

The government funds abortions! Planned Parenthood sells baby parts for profit!

Thousands of Muslims in New Jersey cheered on 9/11 and then hid all the videos!

Jews control our money and the Federal Reserve and Hollywood and Disney!

Obama prevented oil drilling so he could drive up oil prices!

The Democrats want to take away all your guns, bazookas, and nukes!

Immigrants are taking your jobs, plotting terrorist attacks, and making your food too spicy!

Hillary ordered the troops to stand down at Benghazi and then laughed maniacally!

Black people are getting themselves killed by police to make the police look bad!

Gay people want to convert our children, destroy our marriages, and sing Barry Manilow songs badly!

College professors are turning our kids into atheists, communists, and artists!

Anti-war protestors hate the troops, the flag, and your mom!

Climate change is a hoax aimed at creating a one world government!

There's a war on Christmas, Easter, and Cyber Monday!

Millions of illegal aliens are voting, marrying your daughter, and picking all the fruit!

blah argh bluch emails gurgl blech treason!

RIGHT WINGERS THEN PROPOSE DANGEROUSLY EXTREME "SOLUTIONS" TO THESE BOGUS "PROBLEMS."

CUT SOCIAL PROGRAMS! ABOLISH THE IRS AND THE EPA! DRILL, BABY, DRILL! PRIVATIZE SCHOOLS! RESTRICT VOTING RIGHTS! REPEAL OBAMACARE! END GUN RESTRICTIONS! ELIMINATE THE MINIMUM WAGE! DEPORT REFUGEES AND BUILD A WALL!

WE DON'T WANT
SOCIALISM,
YOU ARROGANT
KENYAN!

PARADOXICALLY, THE MOTIVES OF MANY RIGHT WING FOLLOWERS, LIKE THOSE OF MANY CULT MEMBERS, MIGHT ACTUALLY BE **GOOD**; THEY CLAIM THEY WANT TO PREVENT INJUSTICE AND IMPROVE THE WORLD. BUT THEY ARE **DANGEROUS** BECAUSE THEY ARE **HORRIBLY WRONG ABOUT REALITY**.



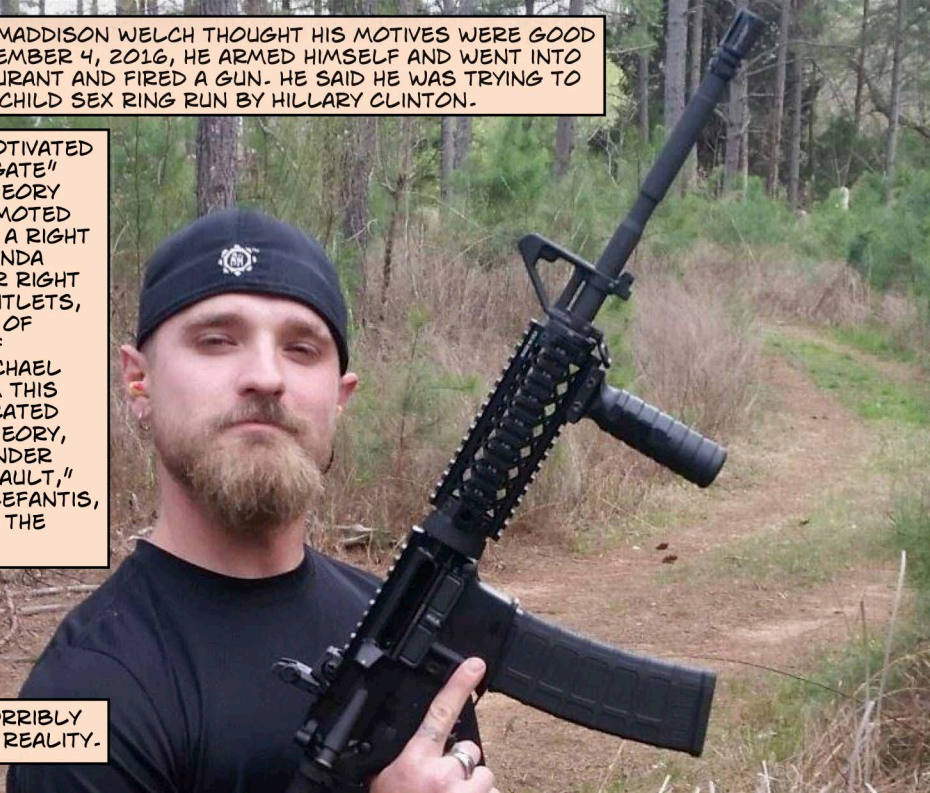
**We came
unarmed
(this time!)**

FOR INSTANCE, IF THOSE RIGHT WINGERS WHO CLAIMED THAT OBAMA ESTABLISHED DEATH PANELS TO KILL GRANDMA WERE RIGHT, THEN THEY MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED IN OPPOSING OBAMACARE, PERHAPS EVEN BY THE USE OF ARMS. BUT THEY ARE WRONG. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE FOR DEATH PANELS. OBAMACARE ACTUALLY INCREASES HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR SENIORS.

MAYBE EDGAR MADDISON WELCH THOUGHT HIS MOTIVES WERE GOOD WHEN, ON DECEMBER 4, 2016, HE ARMED HIMSELF AND WENT INTO A PIZZA RESTAURANT AND FIRED A GUN. HE SAID HE WAS TRYING TO INVESTIGATE A CHILD SEX RING RUN BY HILLARY CLINTON.

WELCH WAS MOTIVATED BY THE "PIZZAGATE" CONSPIRACY THEORY THAT WAS PROMOTED BY INFOWARS, A RIGHT WING PROPAGANDA SOURCE, OTHER RIGHT WING MEDIA OUTLETS, AND MEMBERS OF TRUMP'S STAFF (INCLUDING MICHAEL FLYNN). "FROM THIS INSANE, FABRICATED CONSPIRACY THEORY, WE'VE COME UNDER CONSTANT ASSAULT," SAID JAMES ALEFANTIS, THE OWNER OF THE RESTAURANT.

WELCH WAS HORRIBLY WRONG ABOUT REALITY.



DELUSIONAL BELIEFS FUEL ELIMINATIONIST RHETORIC, WHICH FUELS TERRORISM


WHEN RONALD REAGAN WAS PRESIDENT, HE ABOLISHED THE FAIRNESS DOCTRINE AND WEAKENED FCC REGULATIONS, WHICH HAD KEPT THE MASS MEDIA IN CHECK. BILL CLINTON MADE IT WORSE WITH FURTHER DEREGULATION.

THESE MOVES HELPED CREATE THE MEDIA WE KNOW TODAY, A FETID SWAMP FILLED WITH ENDLESS TORRENENTS OF DELUSIONAL MADNESS AND ELIMINATIONIST HATE SPEECH ON FOX NEWS AND ON TALK RADIO. THE INTERNET HAS RAPIDLY INCREASED THE POWER, SPEED, AND REACH OF THIS SCOURGE.



THE RESULT OF THIS INCITEMENT IS INCREASED TERRORISM. "IN THE YEARS 1990 TO 2010, THERE WERE 145 ACTS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE COMMITTED BY THE AMERICAN FAR RIGHT, RESULTING IN 348 DEATHS. BY COMPARISON, 20 AMERICANS WERE KILLED OVER THE SAME PERIOD IN ACTS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE CARRIED OUT BY MUSLIM-AMERICAN CIVILIANS." C.J. WERLEMAN

WHAT CAN WE DO?



WE CAN MOBILIZE TO HOLD THE PERPETRATORS ACCOUNTABLE. IT HAS WORKED BEFORE.

WHEN HUTU PROPAGANDISTS SPREAD ELIMINATIONIST RHETORIC ON THE RADIO IN RWANDA, THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT CONVICTED THEM OF CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY. EVEN THOUGH THEY DID NOT PERSONALLY COMMIT THE MURDERS, THEIR WORDS INSPIRED THE CRIMES. PRECEDENCE EXISTS FOR TREATING SUCH ELIMINATIONIST RHETORIC AS CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR.

THE UNITED STATES IS NOT A SIGNATORY TO THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT, HOWEVER. WE HAVE NO OUTSIDE HELP; THUS WE WILL NEED TO ORGANIZE ON EVERY FRONT--LEGAL, POLITICAL, FINANCIAL, AND EDUCATIONAL-- TO DEFEND OURSELVES AGAINST THE RIGHT WING EXTREMISTS WHO THREATEN THE UNITED STATES FROM WITHIN.

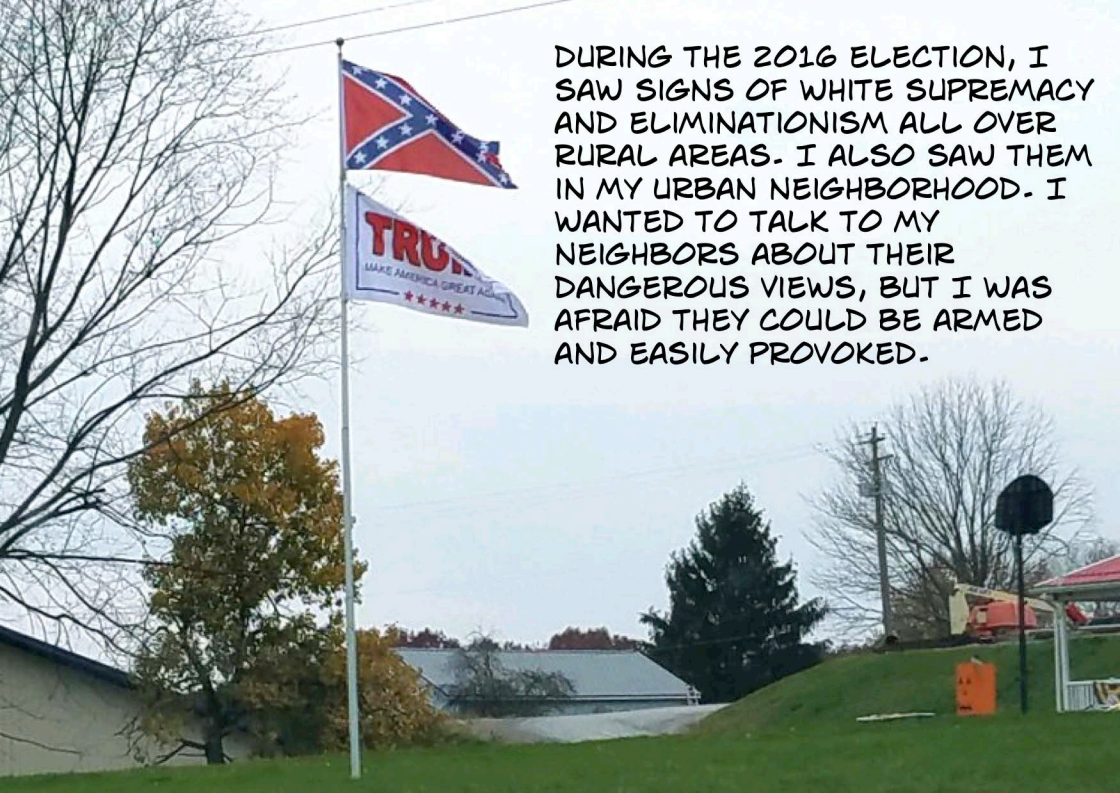
HOW CAN WE HOLD THE PERPETRATORS OF
ELIMINATIONISM ACCOUNTABLE WHEN
THEIR BEHAVIOR HAS BEEN NORMALIZED?

WHITE SUPREMACISTS AND ELIMINATIONISTS ARE
AS AMERICAN AS COCA-COLA, AND THEY NOW
HAVE ONE OF THEIR OWN IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

BY THE WAY, THERE'S NOTHING
SUPERIOR ABOUT THE PEOPLE
INVOLVED IN THIS MOVEMENT.



DURING THE 2016 ELECTION, I SAW SIGNS OF WHITE SUPREMACY AND ELIMINATIONISM ALL OVER RURAL AREAS. I ALSO SAW THEM IN MY URBAN NEIGHBORHOOD. I WANTED TO TALK TO MY NEIGHBORS ABOUT THEIR DANGEROUS VIEWS, BUT I WAS AFRAID THEY COULD BE ARMED AND EASILY PROVOKED.



THE GAP BETWEEN THE EXTREME RIGHT WING AND MAINSTREAM CONSERVATISM HAS ALL BUT DISAPPEARED.



WHEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY RELEASED A 2009 REPORT STATING THAT DOMESTIC RIGHT WING GROUPS POSED A GREATER THREAT THAN ISLAMIST TERRORISTS, MAINSTREAM CONSERVATIVE LEADERS, WITHOUT EVIDENCE, DENOUNCED THE REPORT AS BIASED. IF ANYTHING, THE DHS UNDERESTIMATED THE THREAT.

TO BE A "OTHER"—LIKE GAY OR LATINX—IN THE U.S.A. IS TO LIVE UNDER CONSTANT THREAT FROM "RACISTS, CON MEN, IMBECILES AND DEMAGOGUES" [DRIFTGLASS].



WHAT'S STRIKING ABOUT ALL OF THE EVIDENCE OF ELIMINATIONISM IN THE U.S. IS THAT IT EXISTS WITHIN A GIANT NATIONAL BLIND SPOT MADE OUT OF DENIAL, DELUSION, IGNORANCE, INTOLERANCE, AND A DESIRE FOR DOMINATION.

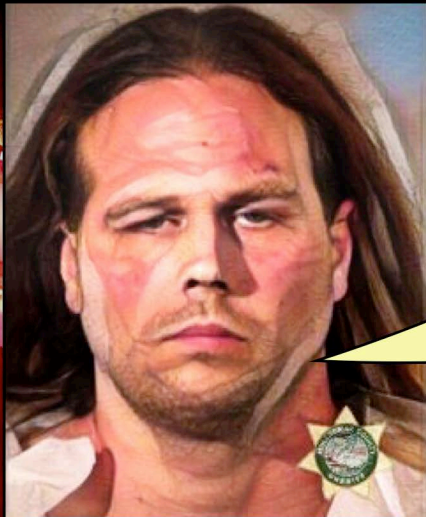
THE RESULT? A PEOPLE COMMITTED TO ELIMINATIONISM DENY THEY ARE RACIST, HOMOPHOBIC, OR SEXIST. SUCH DENIAL BY PEOPLE IN THE U.S. IS AKIN TO THE GERMANS AND JAPANESE DENYING THEY OR THEIR FOREBEARS HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH CAUSING WORLD WAR II.



IF YOU LIVE WITHIN A RACIST AND HOMOPHOBIC SYSTEM AND YOU DO NOT ACTIVELY OPPOSE IT, YOU ARE COMPLICIT IN IT.

AMERICAN INSTITUTIONS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO CONFRONT THE HISTORY OF ELIMINATIONISM AND ITS CURRENT MANIFESTATIONS. PASSIVITY IN THE FACE OF THIS THREAT COUNTS AS ACQUIESCENCE. THE RESULT IS MORE MURDER.

ON MAY 26, 2017, ON A TRAIN IN PORTLAND, OREGON, JEREMY JOSEPH CHRISTIAN YELLED ANTI-MUSLIM INSULTS AT TWO YOUNG WOMEN. WHEN THREE MEN INTERVENED, CHRISTIAN STABBED TWO OF THEM TO DEATH AND INJURED THE THIRD.



JEREMY JOSEPH CHRISTIAN

I WROTE:
"IF DONALD TRUMP
IS THE NEXT HITLER
THEN I AM JOINING HIS
⚡ TO PUT AN END TO
MONOTHEIST QUESTION.
ALL ZIONIST JEWS, ALL
CHRISTIANS WHO DO NOT
FOLLOW CHRIST'S
TEACHING OF LOVE,
CHARITY, AND
FORGIVENESS AND ALL
JIHADI MUSLIMS ARE
GOING TO MADAGASCAR
OR THE OVENS/FEMA
CAMPS!!! DOES THIS
MAKE ME A
FASCIST!!!"

AT HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE, HE YELLED,
"YOU CALL IT TERRORISM! I CALL IT
PATRIOTISM!"

MULTNOMAH COUNTY GOP CHAIR JAMES BUCHAL RESPONDED TO CHRISTIAN'S MURDEROUS RAMPAGE BY CALLING FOR THE OATH KEEPERS AND THE THREE PERCENTERS - EXTREME RIGHT WING ANTIGOVERNMENT PARAMILITARY GROUPS -- TO PROTECT THE GOP AGAINST LIBERALS!

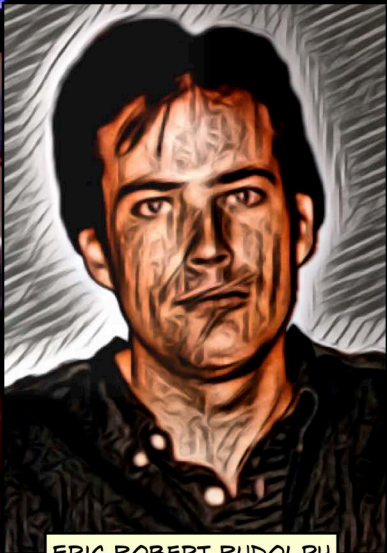
BECAUSE THERE ARE NOW BELLIGERENT, UNSTABLE PEOPLE WHO ARE CONVINCED THAT REPUBLICANS ARE LIKE NAZIS.

ACTUAL QUOTE

APPARENTLY, IRONY AND LOGIC ARE NOT BUCHAL'S STRONG SUITS.

ATTORNEY
JAMES BUCHAL

RIGHT WINGERS ACT LIKE VICTIMS, BUT THEY ARE THE PERPETRATORS



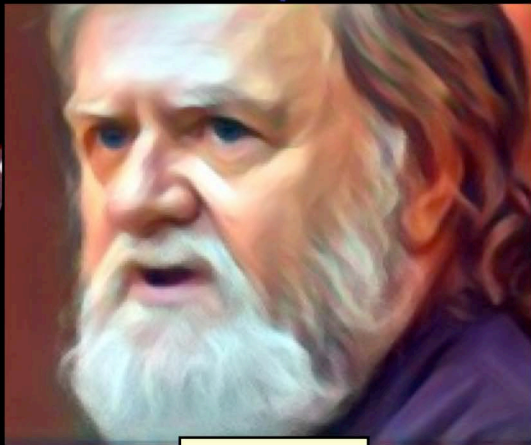
ERIC ROBERT RUDOLPH

"FEBRUARY 21, 1997: STILL UNCAUGHT AFTER HAVING SET OFF A BACKPACK BOMB AT THE VENUE FOR THE OLYMPIC GAMES THE SUMMER BEFORE THAT KILLED A SPECTATOR AND INJURED 111 OTHERS, FAR-RIGHT EVANGELICAL TERRORIST ERIC ROBERT RUDOLPH SETS OFF A BOMB CONTAINING NAILS AT THE OTHERSIDE LOUNGE, A LESBIAN NIGHTCLUB IN ATLANTA. THOUGH THE BOMB WAS DESIGNED TO CAUSE MAXIMUM INJURY TO THE PATRONS, ONLY FIVE BAR PATRONS WERE INJURED. AFTER HE WAS SENTENCED TO FIVE CONSECUTIVE LIFE TERMS FOR HIS SEVERAL BOMBINGS, RUDOLPH ISSUED A STATEMENT CALLING HOMOSEXUALITY AN 'ABERRANT LIFESTYLE.'"

- DAVID NEIWERT

ORLANDO | BREATH

ANTI-LGBTQ+ ATTACKS ARE ALMOST ROUTINE AND FOLLOW RIGHT WING ELIMINATIONIST RHETORIC



RONALD GAY

"SEPTEMBER 22, 2000: A SELF-DESCRIBED 'CHRISTIAN SOLDIER WORKING FOR MY LORD' NAMED RONALD GAY ENTERS A GAY BAR IN ROANOKE, VA., AND OPENS FIRE ON THE PATRONS. ONE OF THEM, A 43-YEAR-OLD NAMED DANNY OVERSTREET, WAS KILLED, AND SIX OTHERS WERE SEVERELY INJURED. GAY LATER TOLD HIS ATTORNEYS THAT HE WAS ANGRY OVER THE CHANGE OF MEANING FOR HIS SURNAME TO INCLUDE HOMOSEXUALITY, AND HE HAD BEEN TOLD BY GOD TO FIND AND KILL LESBIANS AND GAY MEN. GAY LATER TESTIFIED IN COURT THAT 'HE WISHED HE COULD HAVE KILLED MORE FAGS.'"

- DAVID NEIWERT

DESPITE THE ALMOST ROUTINE RECURANCE OF ANTI-LGBTQ+ ATTACKS, EACH ATTACK IS TREATED AS AN UNRELATED INCIDENT

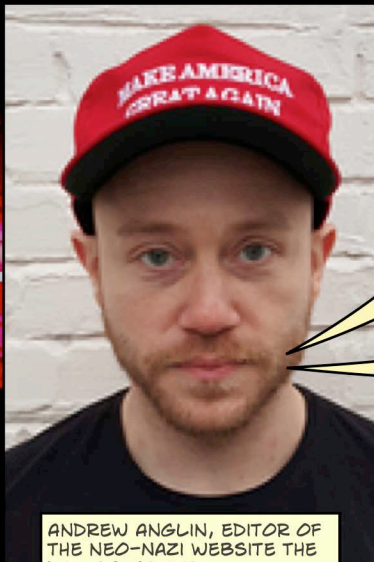


JACOB D. ROBIDA

"FEBRUARY 2, 2006: AN 18-YEAR-OLD NAMED JACOB D. ROBIDA, WHO HAD A FETISH ABOUT NEO-NAZISM AS WELL AS THE RAP GROUP INSANE CLOWN POSSE (KNOWN FOR ITS DARK AND VIOLENT LYRICS) ENTERED A BAR IN NEW BEDFORD, MASS., AND UPON CONFIRMING THAT IT WAS A GAY BAR, BEGAN ATTACKING PATRONS - FIRST, WITH A HATCHET THAT HE SWUNG AT A MAN'S HEAD, INJURING HIM, AND THEN WITH A HANDGUN THAT HE PRODUCED WHEN OTHER PATRONS TACKLED HIM AND TOOK AWAY THE HATCHET; THREE MORE WERE INJURED IN THE ENSUING GUNFIRE. ROBIDA FLED THE BAR AND WAS CONFRONTED THREE DAYS LATER IN ARKANSAS BY POLICE THERE, AT WHICH POINT HE FATALLY SHOT HIMSELF."

- DAVID NEIWERT

THE EXTREME RIGHT, ISLAMIST TERRORISTS, AND DONALD TRUMP: WE IGNORE THE CONFLUENCE OF THESE THREE RIGHT WING ELEMENTS AT OUR PERIL



ANDREW ANGLIN, EDITOR OF THE NEO-NAZI WEBSITE THE DAILY STORMER

FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART, AND ON BEHALF OF ALL NEO-NAZI WHITE SUPREMACISTS, I WANT TO OFFER A SINCERE 'THANK YOU' TO OMAR."

TRUMP JUST KEEPS HITTING ALL OF OUR ISSUES. LEFT AND RIGHT. IS THERE ANYONE WHO COULD ARGUE AT THIS POINT HE ISN'T A READER OF THE DAILY STORMER?

ACTUAL QUOTES

TRUMP RETURNED THE LOVE. DURING HIS CAMPAIGN, TRUMP RETWEETED THREE TIMES WITH THE DAILY STORMER'S HASHTAG:

#WhiteGenocide

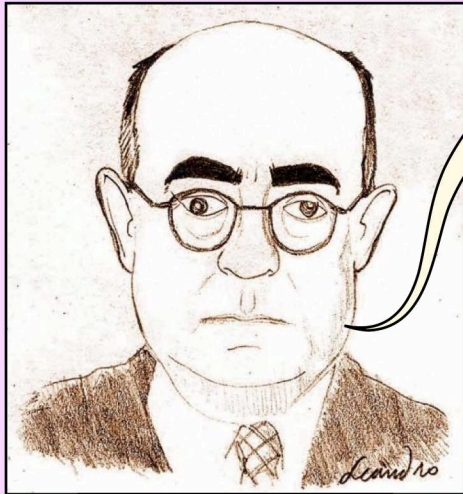


IN RESPONSE TO THE PULSE ATTACK, I
POSE TWO RESEARCH QUESTIONS:

1. HOW CAN OUR SOCIETY PREVENT ANOTHER ATTACK LIKE MATEEN'S?
2. HOW CAN I ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN MY HEALTH LIVING IN A SICK SOCIETY?



TRYING TO LIVE A HEALTHY LIFE IN A SICK SOCIETY SEEMS AN IMPOSSIBLE TASK.



THEODOR ADORNO


THERE IS NO
RIGHT LIFE IN THE
WRONG ONE.

Jacob Blumenfeld comments on Adorno's remark: "This is usually interpreted to mean that no ethical shifts of individual lifestyle can fix the social problems that systematically result from the political and economic structure of society. Individuals act within predetermined social roles, with little sway over the content of their lives except for a choice of character mask."



SO WHAT WERE THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC STRUCTURES THAT PROVIDED THE SOCIAL ROLES IN WHICH I LIVE AND RELATE TO OTHERS?

TO GET AT THE ANSWERS, I RETRACE MY PROCESS OF SOCIALIZATION BY EXAMINING THE SCENES IN WHICH I LEARNED TO SORT PEOPLE INTO GROUPS, TO EXPECT CERTAIN BEHAVIOR FROM PEOPLE IN THESE GROUPS, AND TO EXPECT REWARDS FOR CONFORMING TO THE NORMS OF PREFERRED CATEGORIES (STRAIGHT, WHITE, MALE, ETC.).



I HEARD THE WORD
"FAG" WHEN I WAS A KID IN
ROSEVILLE, MINNESOTA, BUT I
DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANT -
OTHER THAN THAT IT WAS AN
INSULT.

I CALLED OTHER KIDS
"FAG," THINKING IT WAS A
FUNNY WORD AND FUN TO SAY.
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT A
HOMOSEXUAL WAS.

ONE DAY, WHEN I
WAS 12 AND MY BROTHER
WAS 10, WE WENT FOR A
WALK IN A NEW
NEIGHBORHOOD. A BIGGER KID
CALLED US FAGS. I SAID WE
WERE BROTHERS. HE SAID HE
WAS GOING TO BEAT US UP
FOR BEING FAGS.

I CONTINUED USING
THE WORD "FAG" EVEN
AFTER THIS INCIDENT. IT
HAD BECOME A HABIT. I
DIDN'T STOP FOR YEARS.

"FAG!"

A "FAGGOT" IS A BUNDLE OF STICKS.

MIT EINER RUND EIN KAMPF



THE ITALIAN FASCISTS' SYMBOL, WHICH THEY TOOK FROM THE ANCIENT ROMANS, WAS A BUNDLE OF STICKS WRAPPED AROUND AN AXE. IT WAS ON THIS GERMAN STAMP (ABOVE) AND ALSO ON OUR DIME (RIGHT).



I KNEW THAT NAZIS HAD EXTERMINATED JEWS - MY FAMILY WAS JEWISH - BUT IT WASN'T UNTIL LATER I LEARNED ABOUT THEIR OTHER SCAPEGOATS.

*Im Gedenken an die homosexuellen Männer,
die hier gelitten haben.*

*Von 1937 bis 1945 waren im Konzentrationslager Buchenwald
650 Rosa - Winkel - Häftlinge inhaftiert.
Viele von ihnen kamen ums Leben.*

*In memory of the homosexual men
that suffered here.*

*There were 650 Rosa - Winkel prisoners in the
Buchenwald concentration camp between 1937-1945.
Many of them lost their lives.*

DESPITE THE EXISTENCE OF HOMOSEXUALS IN THE TOP RANKS OF THE NAZI PARTY, THE NAZIS ENGAGED IN A PROGRAM TO EXTERMINATE HOMOSEXUALS.

FASCISM DEPRIVES PEOPLE OF THOUGHT AND JUDGMENT

MANY OF TODAY'S RIGHT WING LEADERS SHOULD PROPERLY BE CALLED FASCISTS. ALL FASCISTS NEED FOLLOWERS OR THEY DON'T GET VERY FAR. TODAY'S RIGHT WINGERS DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH FOLLOWERS TO RULE WITHOUT ADDITIONAL HELP. THEY NEED THE COLLABORATION, OR AT LEAST THE PASSIVE ACCEPTANCE, OF VAST ARMIES OF THE IGNORANT, THE CONFUSED, AND THE DEMORALIZED.



HANNAH ARENDT

THE IDEAL SUBJECT OF TOTALITARIAN RULE IS NOT THE CONVINCED NAZI OR THE CONVINCED COMMUNIST, BUT PEOPLE FOR WHOM THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN FACT AND FICTION (I.E., THE REALITY OF EXPERIENCE) AND THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN TRUE AND FALSE (I.E., THE STANDARDS OF THOUGHT) NO LONGER EXIST.

THE CITIZENRY "IS DEPRIVED NOT ONLY OF ITS CAPACITY TO ACT BUT ALSO ITS CAPACITY TO THINK AND TO JUDGE."



— Mit Gewalt aus Bünden ausgeworfen. —

A black and white photograph showing Benito Mussolini and Adolf Hitler in a car. Mussolini is on the left, wearing a military-style cap and uniform, looking towards Hitler. Hitler is on the right, wearing a peaked cap and a suit, smiling and looking back at Mussolini. The background is filled with a large crowd of people, some of whom are also in uniform. The image has a grainy, historical quality.

FASCISM IS A POLITICS OF ACTION, OF VIOLENCE.
IT IDENTIFIES SCAPEGOATS TO **EXPEL** BY FORCE.

FASCISTS APPLAUD THE MAN WHO EXPRESSES HIS
REPULSION TOWARDS THE SCAPEGOAT, WHO ACTS ON
IMPULSE, WITHOUT THOUGHT, WHO **COMPELS** OTHERS
TO DO HIS WILL, AND WHO **REPELS** ALL OPPONENTS!

THE ROOTS OF THE WORD "PULSE" ARE PULS AND PEL, WHICH COME FROM THE LATIN PELLERE AND PULSUS. THEY MEAN DRIVE AND PUSH.

AMONG THE WORDS
CARRYING THIS ROOT ARE

1. **IMPULSION**: N. AN UNCONTROLLABLE IMPULSE TO ACT; AS, AN IMPULSION TO SHOOT
2. **PULSE**: N. BEAT; HEARTBEAT
3. **COMPEL**: V. TO URGE; FORCE
4. **EXPEL**: V. DRIVE OUT; THROW OUT
5. **REPEL**: V. DRIVE BACK; AS, REPEL THE ENEMY
6. **IMPEL**: V. TO FORCE; TO URGE
7. **DISPEL**: V. TO SCATTER; TO DRIVE AWAY
8. **IMPULSIVE**: ADJ. DRIVEN TO ACT QUICKLY
9. **REPULSIVE**: ADJ. DISGUSTING; AS, REPULSIVE LANGUAGE
10. **REPULSE**: N. THE ACTION OF DRIVING BACK; REJECTION
11. **REPELLENT**: ADJ. DRIVING BACK
12. **EXPULSION**: N. STATE OF BEING EXPELLED, THROWN OUT

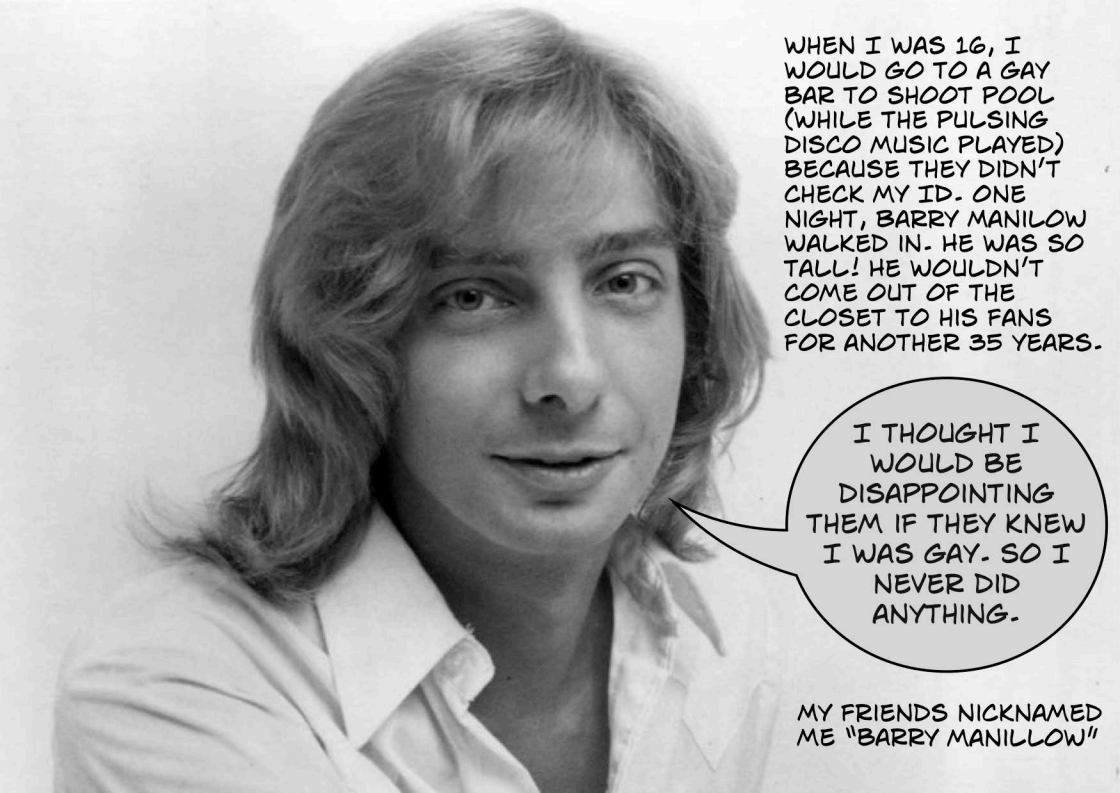
**PULSE SHARES ITS
ROOT WITH MANY
WORDS DENOTING
VIOLENCE!**

I LEARNED ABOUT MY PULSE FROM
MY FATHER, A MEDICAL DOCTOR.

WHEN I WAS A KID, I OFTEN SAW HIM
WITH HIS STETHOSCOPE AROUND HIS
NECK. THE STETHOSCOPE WAS THE
BEST TOY EVER.



THE STETHOSCOPE
EXTENDED THE SENSES BY
CLOSING THE GAP
BETWEEN MY HEART AND
MY EARS.



WHEN I WAS 16, I WOULD GO TO A GAY BAR TO SHOOT POOL (WHILE THE PULSING DISCO MUSIC PLAYED) BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T CHECK MY ID. ONE NIGHT, BARRY MANILOW WALKED IN. HE WAS SO TALL! HE WOULDN'T COME OUT OF THE CLOSET TO HIS FANS FOR ANOTHER 35 YEARS.

I THOUGHT I WOULD BE DISAPPOINTING THEM IF THEY KNEW I WAS GAY. SO I NEVER DID ANYTHING.

MY FRIENDS NICKNAMED ME "BARRY MANILLOW"

» AIDS «

MY SCHOOLS DIDN'T TEACH ME ABOUT LGBT PEOPLE. NOBODY TAUGHT US. I LEARNED ABOUT THEM THROUGH A CHANCE ENCOUNTER.

MY FRIENDS AND I PUBLISHED A HIGH SCHOOL UNDERGROUND NEWSPAPER CALLED JAILBREAK! ONE DAY, WE WERE CONTACTED BY BRUCE BROCKWAY.

BRUCE WANTED TO REACH GAY TEENAGERS TO COUNSEL THEM AGAINST SUICIDE. THE SCHOOLS WOULD NOT ALLOW HIM TO GET HIS MESSAGE TO STUDENTS.

By Bruce Brockway

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) is the new scourge of the gay communities. Something contagious is destroying the immune systems of thousands of people, making them vulnerable to opportunistic infections of every sort. The federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is calling AIDS the worst epidemic of the century. No patient has ever recovered, and it's as easily transmitted as herpes or hepatitis. Because it is passed through contact with body fluid (sperm, blood, perhaps saliva), gay men are the most vulnerable group of people to get AIDS.

There is no single test to determine if one has AIDS--the contagious element hasn't yet been isolated. Nevertheless, there are common manifestations and the presence of several of these is used to diagnose AIDS. Most dramatic is the loss of energy, ambition and appetite -- like hepatitis. Often an itchy rash appears on the body; a white film may coat the mouth or parts of the mouth (candidiasis); there may be almost nightly low fevers and night sweats, dull nausea or diarrhea. Purplish spots may be a form of skin cancer, shortness of breath could mean pneumonia. Any of these conditions lasting longer than a few weeks is cause for concern and a medical check up. Tell your doctors that you suspect AIDS, and answer all their questions.

Celibacy or monogamy are probably the best protections against AIDS though even they are not foolproof. Obviously, the more different sex partners one has, the greater one's exposure and risk. The incubation period for whatever is causing AIDS seems to be eighteen months or more, which means tens of thousands may already be infected with no symptoms yet.

AIDS is a fatal illness, with 100% mortality after four years. Put yourself in the position of any friends who may catch it and offer the emotional support of friendship that you would need. Desertion by one's friends is as hard to bear as any illness. Help your friends who have AIDS to live safely and carefully so that they'll be around when the cure is found -- and a cure must be

SO BRUCE OFFERED TO PAY FOR OUR ENTIRE RUN OF NEWSPAPERS AND DISTRIBUTE THEM TO OVER 20 SCHOOLS. WE WOULD INCLUDE HIS MESSAGE, WHICH HAD A PHONE NUMBER FOR A HELP LINE.

BRUCE BECAME MY GOOD FRIEND. HE WAS THE SMARTEST, COOLEST ADULT I KNEW. BUT WITHIN A YEAR OF MY MEETING HIM, HE BECAME THE FIRST PERSON IN MINNESOTA TO BE DIAGNOSED WITH AIDS.

HE FIGURED IT WAS A DEATH SENTENCE BUT HE NEVER STOPPED FIGHTING FOR DIGNITY AND RIGHTS FOR ALL PEOPLE.

IN GRADUATE SCHOOL, MY MENTOR, GREGORY ULMER, TAUGHT ME ABOUT IDEOLOGY AND PROVIDED METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING MY BLIND SPOTS.

The Monument In Me



AN AMERICAN SYSTEM OF VALUES?

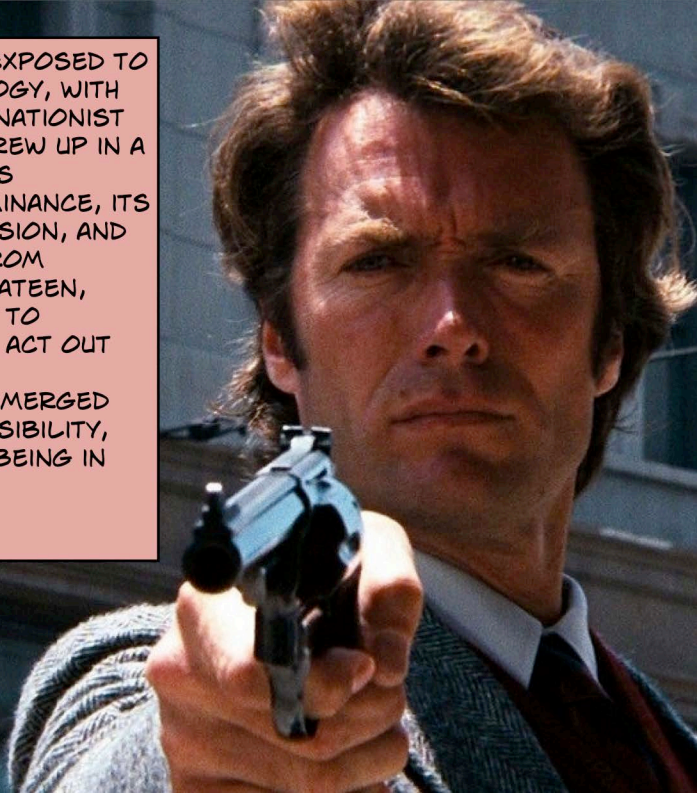
Ideology Norm	Sign Cinema, TV	Social Value Ideal	Audience Emotion Primal, Abject
Class *Bourgeois	Family Economic Success	Work Competition	Ownership Possession
Sexuality *Heterosexual	Courtship Marriage	Love, Fidelity Monogamy	Desire Lust
Gender *Masculine	To Win Violence	Strong Achievement	Power Aggression
Gender Feminine	Beauty Attractiveness	Nurturing Motherhood	Power Seduction
Race *Caucasian	Law and Order Laws Violated	Justice	Revenge
Religion *Protestant	Good and Evil Right and Wrong	Virtue Condemn Vice	Righteousness Schadenfreude
Ethnicity *Anglo-Saxon	Excess Taboo Violated	Propriety Etiquette	To be offended

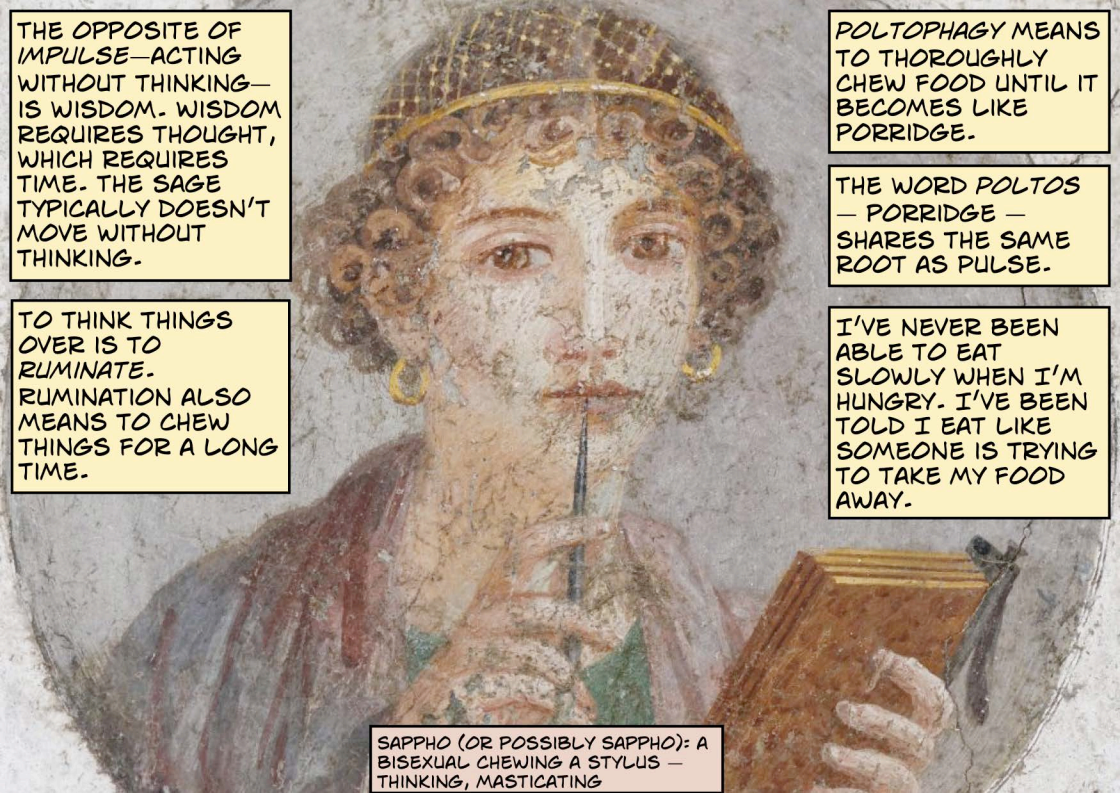
Lacan	ALLEGORY	MYSTORY	G. Ulmer
Real	Anagogy World History Redemption	Expertise Theory <i>whither I go</i>	Jacques Derrida
Symptom	Moral Individual Believer Life and Death	Family Autobiography <i>my actions</i>	Walter Ulmer
Imaginary	Allegory New Testament Christ, Resurrection	Media Star, Celebrity <i>what I believe</i>	Gary Cooper
Symbolic	Literal Old Testament Israel escapes Egypt	School (K-12) Community History <i>what happened</i>	George A. Custer

*Hegemonic category, 1950s

"I, LIKE OMAR MATEEN, WAS EXPOSED TO AMERICA'S NATIONAL MYTHOLOGY, WITH ITS JUSTIFICATIONS FOR ELIMINATIONIST VIOLENCE. I, LIKE MATEEN, GREW UP IN A PATRIARCHAL SOCIETY, WITH ITS IDEOLOGY OF MASCULINE DOMINANCE, ITS MOOD OF ANGER AND AGGRESSION, AND ITS DISGUST FOR DEVIATION FROM MASCULINE NORMS. I, LIKE MATEEN, HAVE HAD RELATIVE AUTONOMY TO BELIEVE WHAT I WANT AND TO ACT OUT MY BELIEFS, NO MATTER HOW DELUSIONAL. MATEEN AND I EMERGED FROM SIMILAR FIELDS OF POSSIBILITY, THOUGH WE MANIFESTED OUR BEING IN DIFFERENT WAYS."

BARRY MAUER





THE OPPOSITE OF
IMPULSE—ACTING
WITHOUT THINKING—
IS WISDOM. WISDOM
REQUIRES THOUGHT,
WHICH REQUIRES
TIME. THE SAGE
TYPICALLY DOESN'T
MOVE WITHOUT
THINKING.

TO THINK THINGS
OVER IS TO
RUMINATE.
RUMINATION ALSO
MEANS TO CHEW
THINGS FOR A LONG
TIME.

POLTOPHAGY MEANS
TO THOROUGHLY
CHEW FOOD UNTIL IT
BECOMES LIKE
PORRIDGE.

THE WORD *POLTOS*
— PORRIDGE —
SHARES THE SAME
ROOT AS PULSE.

I'VE NEVER BEEN
ABLE TO EAT
SLOWLY WHEN I'M
HUNGRY. I'VE BEEN
TOLD I EAT LIKE
SOMEONE IS TRYING
TO TAKE MY FOOD
AWAY.

SAPPHO (OR POSSIBLY SAPPHO): A
BISEXUAL CHEWING A STYLUS —
THINKING, MASTICATING

A black and white portrait of a man with short, light-colored hair and round glasses. He is looking directly at the camera with a neutral expression. The background is dark and out of focus.

MY DOCTOR TOLD ME IT WOULD
BE MUCH HEALTHIER FOR ME TO
EAT SLOWLY. HE WANTS FOR ME
TO PRACTICE *POLTOPHAGY*.

“Poltophagy was an offshoot of Fletcherism, a health fad of the Victorian era. Nutritionist Horace Fletcher advocated chewing each mouthful 30+ times before swallowing as a method of maximizing health. . . The word *poltophagy* was coined by a doctor who drew upon the Greek word *poltos* for his coinage, with the misunderstanding that *poltos* meant ‘masticated’ or ‘finely divided.’ *Poltos*, though, means ‘porridge,’ and this etymology has stuck to the modern word.”

<https://markosun.com/2012/03/05/bizarre-words/>

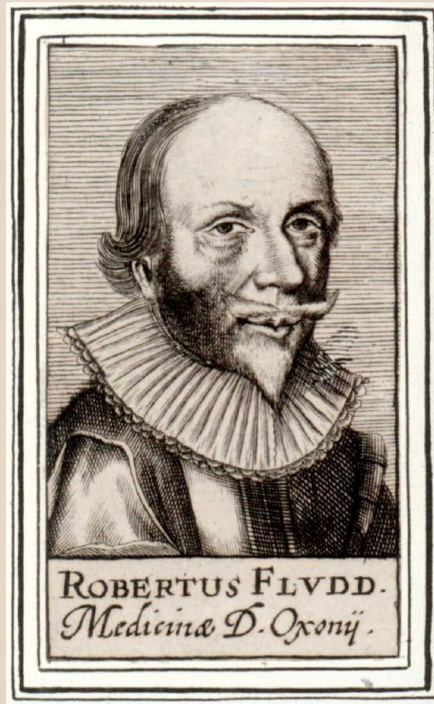
IN THE AGE OF THE INTERNET, OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS OF THINKING ARE TOO SLOW. ELIMINATIONIST RHETORIC TRAVELS THE WORLD AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT.

RIOTS BEGIN IN AN INSTANT. CATASTROPHES—SUCH AS A LETTER FROM COMEY ABOUT CLINTON'S EMAILS—STRIKE AT LIGHTNING SPEED.

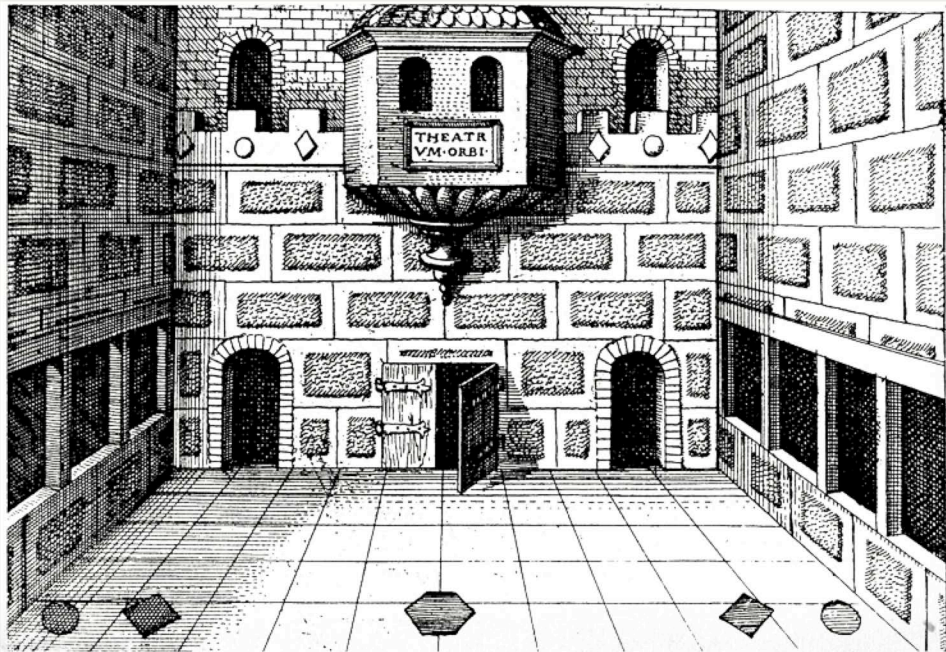


GREGORY ULMER ASKS, HOW CAN WE "LEARN TO REASON AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT?"

I AM ATTEMPTING TO THINK FASTER, PERHAPS NOT AT THE SPEED OF LIGHT, BUT AT THE SPEED OF THE PULSE. ROBERT FLUDD, IN HIS 1631 BOOK PULSUS PULSUM, WAS THE FIRST TO DEFEND IN PRINT WILLIAM HARVEY'S SCIENTIFIC ACCOUNT OF THE CIRCULATION OF BLOOD .



FLUDD EXPLAINED THAT HIS MEMORY SYSTEM INVOLVED A SERIES OF IMAGES PLACED WITHIN A BUILDING ON A STAGE. FLUDD WROTE: "I CALL A THEATRE (A PLACE IN WHICH) ALL ACTIONS OF WORDS, OF SENTENCES, OF PARTICULARS OF A SPEECH OR OF SUBJECTS ARE SHOWN, AS IN A PUBLIC THEATRE IN WHICH COMEDIES AND TRAGEDIES ARE ACTED."



FRANCES YATES EXPLAINS: "AMONGST THE SETS OF FIVE IMAGES TO BE USED IN THE THEATRES ARE JASON HOLDING THE GOLDEN FLEECE, MEDEA, PARIS, DAPHNE, PHOEBUS. ANOTHER SET IS MEDEA COLLECTING MAGIC HERBS, TO BE PUT ON THE WHITE DOOR; MEDEA KILLING HER BROTHER ON THE RED DOOR; AND MEDEA IN OTHER ASPECTS ON THE OTHER THREE DOORS."

MEDEA, A FIGURE FROM GREEK MYTHOLOGY, WAS KNOWN FOR HER MAGICAL HERBS. WHEN HERBS ARE MASHED INTO A PASTE AND PLACED ON THE BODY, THEY ARE CALLED A POULTICE. POULTICE SHARES THE SAME ROOT - PULS - AS THE WORD PULSE.



MEDEA USED HER MAGICAL HERBS TO HARM AND TO HEAL. WHEN JASON RETURNED WITH THE GOLDEN FLEECE, HE FOUND HIS FATHER Aeson AGED AND INFIRM. MEDEA CURED HIM BY MIXING HERBS AND OTHER ELEMENTS WITH HIS BLOOD AND RETURNING IT TO HIM, AT WHICH POINT HIS BODY BECAME 40 YEARS YOUNGER.

MEDEA MARRIED JASON AND HAD CHILDREN WITH HIM, THOUGH IT DID NOT END WELL. JASON LEFT MEDEA FOR ANOTHER WOMAN. MEDEA THEN POISONED THE OTHER WOMAN AND TWO OF HER OWN CHILDREN DIED BY HER HAND (EITHER BY MURDER OR ACCIDENT, DEPENDING ON WHICH VERSION OF THE STORY YOU READ).

MY MIDDLE NAME IS JASON,
WHICH IS ALSO MY MOTHER'S
MAIDEN NAME.

MY GRANDFATHER, LOU
JASON, JUST BEFORE HE
DIED, ASKED ME TO INCLUDE
MY MIDDLE NAME WHENEVER
I AUTHORED A WORK AS A
TRIBUTE TO HIM.

I WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO
MY GRANDPA LOU JASON IN
THIS WORK, BUT I ALSO
WANT TO PAY TRIBUTE TO
THOSE WHO DIED AT PULSE.

I MAKE A DECISION TO
SEARCH THE NAMES OF
PULSE VICTIMS FOR THE
NAME JASON. I FIND ONE.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Shcacher entertained Saturday evening, January 2, in honour of their daughter, Ethel. A mock marriage was celebrated. The bride was Miss Haroldine Jason (Harry Jason), who carried a bouquet of celery and carrots perfumed with pepper, and the groom was Irving Mincovitch. The ceremony was conducted by Louie Liffshitz. Supper at midnight in cabaret style. Hats, balloons and serpentines were distributed. Piano numbers were played by Miss Rose Rosen and Lou Liffshitz. Others present were: Rose Azeff, Anne Liffshitz, Rae Bercovitch, Ida Smilovitz, Goldie Levine, Fay Shapiro and Irving Mincovitch, Isadore Godjinskv, Jack Silver, Lou Jason, Jimmie Shulman and Louie Shvemar. Misses Jean Signer, Pauline Zuckerman and Dorothy Shmerling assisted in serving.

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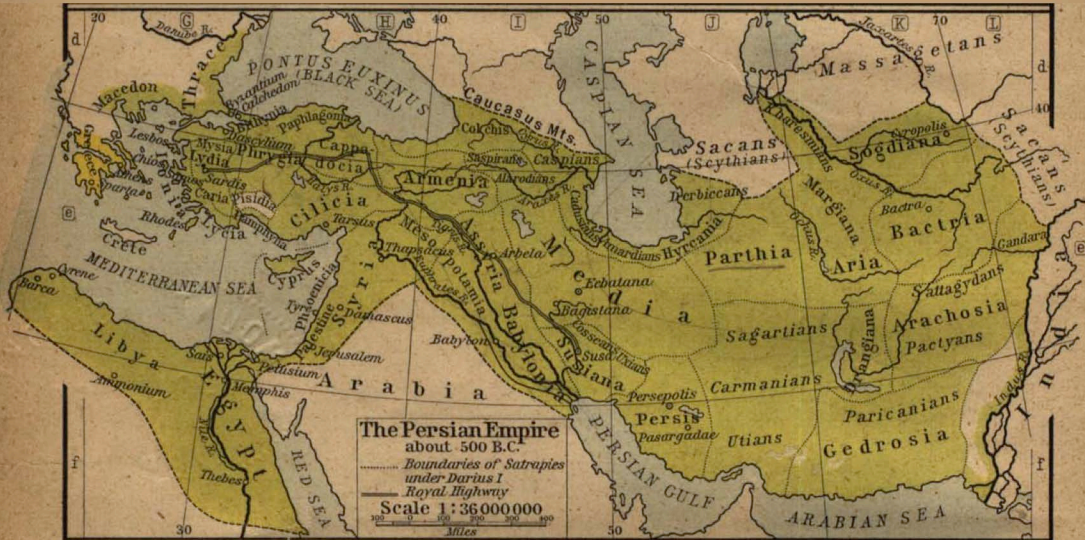
JASON BENJAMIN
JOSAPHAT, 19, WAS
BORN TO HAITIAN
PARENTS.

HE DIED AT PULSE
DEFENDING HIS FRIEND,
TIARA PARKER.

RETURNING TO THE JASON MYTH, I NOTE THE SIMILARITY OF THE NAME MEDEA TO THE WORD MEDIA (AS IN MASS MEDIA), WHICH IN OUR TIME HAS THE POWER EITHER TO HARM OR TO HEAL.

THE WORD MEDIA COMES FROM THE ANCIENT PLACE MEDES, WHICH THE PERSIAN KING, CYRUS THE GREAT, CONQUERED. THE PERSIANS DEVELOPED A MEDIA SYSTEM TO GATHER INTELLIGENCE AND COMMUNICATE ACROSS THEIR EMPIRE.

THE PERSIAN EMPIRE UNDER CYRUS EXTENDED INTO AFGHANISTAN, THE LAND OF OMAR MATEEN'S PARENTS, WHICH IS ALSO A THEATER FOR THE U.S WAR THAT HAS BEEN ONGOING FOR THE PAST 15 YEARS.



MEDEA, PURSUED BY HER FATHER, FLED WITH JASON AND TOOK HER BROTHER ABSYRTUS WITH HER. WHEN HER FATHER HAD NEARLY OVERTAKEN HER, MEDEA MURDERED ABSYRTUS, DISMEMBERED HIS BODY AND THREW THE PIECES ON THE ROAD. HER FATHER, GATHERING ABSYRTUS' LIMBS, FELL BEHIND.

erwütet ward sie im von dem beer enzogē vnd hin:
gefūret: dar mit ir lebē gefrisset ward. aber von irem
end waiß ich nit gelesen haben.



O? Eplaz

Quid referam pelie natas pietate nocentes.
Von medea der künigin colchoy dz xvj capl.

IN THE 1832
ENCYCLOPAEDIA
BRITANNICA, ABSYRTUS
APPEARS ON THE SAME
PAGE AS ABSURD. ALSO ON
THE SAME PAGE IS
ABUBEKAR, WHO BECAME
THE IMMEDIATE SUCCESSOR
—AND FIRST CALIPH—UPON
THE DEATH OF MOHAMED.

WHEN MOHAMED DIED, HIS
FOLLOWERS REFUSED TO
ACCEPT IT AND THREATENED
TO KILL ANYONE WHO
INSISTED THAT MOHAMED
HAD DIED. ABUBEKAR
INTERVENED SAYING, "IS IT
MOHAMED WHO YOU ADORE
OR THE GOD HE HAS
REVEALED TO YOU? KNOW
THAT THIS GOD IS ALONE
IMMORTAL AND THAT ALL
THOSE WHO HE CREATED
ARE SUBJECT TO DEATH."

ABUBEKAR EXHIBITED
PRUDENCE IN THE FACE OF
IMPULSIVENESS.

ABUBEKAR IS ALSO SPELLED ABU BAKR. ABU BAKR AL-BAGHDADI IS THE LEADER OF ISIS. HOW DID ABU BAKR AL-BAGHDADI GET RADICALIZED?



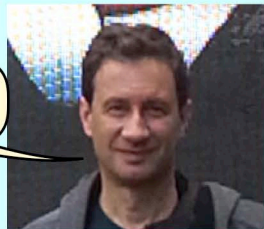
ABU BAKR AL-BAGHDADI WAS ARRESTED BY AMERICAN FORCES AND HELD IN CAMP BUCCA IN 2004. IN THE CAMP, HE LIVED WITH AL-QAEDA MILITANTS AND EMERGED AS A MILITANT.

BY 2010, ABU BAKR AL-BAGHDADI WAS THE LEADER OF ISIS. IN 2014, HE DECLARED A CALIPHATE AND NAMED HIMSELF THE CALIPH OF THE ISLAMIC STATE, STYLING HIMSELF AFTER THE FIRST CALIPH (AND HIS NAMESAKE): ABUBEKAR.

ON JUNE 12, 2016, OMAR MATEEN CARRIED OUT HIS ATTACK ON PULSE AND PROCLAIMED HIS ALLEGIANCE TO THE ISLAMIC STATE.

SO WHAT HAVE I LEARNED? WHAT IS THE ANSWER TO MY TWO RESEARCH QUESTIONS? REMEMBER THEY ARE:

1. HOW CAN OUR SOCIETY PREVENT ANOTHER ATTACK LIKE MATEEN'S?
2. HOW CAN I ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN MY HEALTH LIVING IN A SICK SOCIETY?



A READING—AT PULSE SPEED—OF THE MATERIALS I'VE GATHERED SUGGESTS THE ANSWER HAS TO DO WITH MEDIA.

MEDIA IS NOT ONLY THE COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY ELIMINATIONISTS USE TO SPREAD HATEFUL MESSAGES OR THAT WE USE TO ENCOURAGE RESISTANCE AND RESILIENCE.

"MEDIUM" ALSO HAS OTHER MEANINGS, INCLUDING A TECHNOLOGY FOR STORING MEMORY, BEING CENTERED, BEING A CARRIER (BLOOD IS A MEDIUM FOR THE TRANSMISSION OF NUTRIENTS TO THE BODY), AND TO FIND ATTUNEMENT BETWEEN THE DIFFERENT REALMS OF BEING - THE PHYSICAL AND THE METAPHYSICAL.

A MEDIUM IS AN ARTIST'S MATERIALS, USEFUL FOR FINDING ATTUNEMENT BY COLLECTING AND READING THE "BROKEN SHARDS FROM LOST FUTURES STILL JAMMED IN THE PRESENT" (JACOB BLUMENFELD).

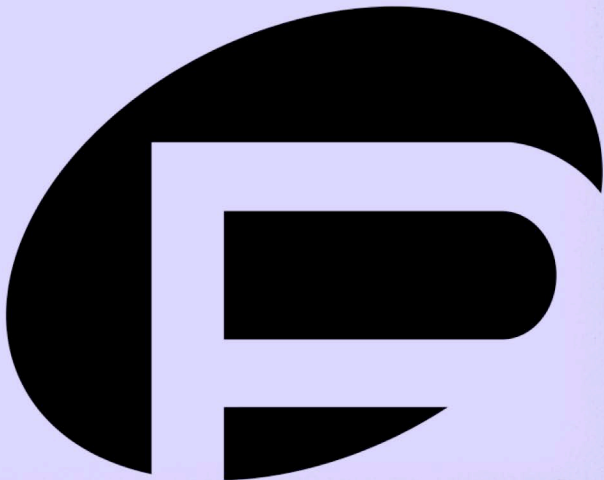
REMEMBER WHAT ADORNO SAID: "THERE IS NO RIGHT LIFE IN THE WRONG ONE."

BLUMENFELD WRITES: "THERE'S ANOTHER READING OF ADORNO'S REMARK. WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO LIVE A WRONG LIFE RIGHTLY, BUT WE CAN STOP LIVING WRONGLY ALTOGETHER. TO DO THAT REQUIRES A DEPTH OF SOCIAL IMAGINATION, THE COURAGE OF COLLECTIVE STRUGGLE AND A WELLSPRING OF POLITICAL DESIRE THAT SEEMS ALL BUT EVAPORATED IN THE PRESENT MOMENT."

WE MUST, IN BLUMENFELD'S WORDS, "RECTIFY THE INJUSTICES OF THE PAST BY ATTENDING TO THE SUFFERING OF THE PRESENT."

IT IS BY CHANCE I WAS NOT OMAR MATEEN. IT IS BY CHANCE I WAS NOT A VICTIM OF OMAR MATEEN.

WHAT WE CAN DO IS SHAPE THE MEDIUM FROM WHICH OMAR MATEENS ARISE BY UNDERSTANDING HOW POTENTIALITIES BECOME ACTUALITIES.



IN THE FACE OF ELIMINATIONISM WE NEED RESISTANCE AND WE NEED RESILIENCE.

I CANNOT ACHIEVE OR MAINTAIN MY PERSONAL HEALTH WITHOUT SOLIDARITY, WITHOUT A MOVEMENT TO MAKE SOCIETY HEALTHY. A HEALTHY SOCIETY IS THE "POTENTIAL" FROM WHICH THE ACTUALITIES OF HUMAN BEINGS ARISE. BUT HUMAN BEINGS, IN OUR FLAWED ACTUALITIES, MUST SEIZE THE "MEDIA" AND SHAPE IT FOR A BETTER FUTURE. WE MUST ELIMINATE THE ELIMINATIONISTS FROM THE MEDIA.





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IN MEMORY OF THOSE
MURDERED IN ORLANDO

12 June 2016

Rest in Peace

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