Iraq Since 2003 - A look at the Main Stream Misleadia \bigcirc 2011 – 1st in a series by Michael Keehn mhkeehn@gmail.com mhkeehn.tripod.com

"Why, of course, the people don't want war. Why would some poor slob on a farm want to risk his life in a war when the best that he can get out of it is to come back to his farm in one piece. Naturally, the common people don't want war; neither in Russia nor in England nor in America, nor for that matter in Germany. That is understood. But, after all, it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy or a fascist dictatorship or a Parliament or a Communist dictatorship... Voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists [and antiwar activists] for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. It works the same way in any country." – Herman Göering

And therein lies the means to silence the people who see things in a different light than the leadership of a country, including the United States. Well, I'm not going to be silent for I do not think that killing people is a solution. Some might argue that the World Trade Center was an attack. Yes, I agree that it was, but not by the Iraqi people, nor even by the leadership of Iraq.

And we didn't attack Iraq because there was evidence that they were responsible for nine-eleven, we attacked them on the factitious assertion of *weapons of mass destruction*, which was not only false, but presupposes that someday, someone in Iraq will cause us harm, maybe. And based on that maybe, we're going to go kill them now.

And no main stream misleadia journalist asks, *who benefits*? No main stream misleadia journalists seems to notice that the United States harms a lot of innocent people throughout this world. And that is the main point here. The failure of the main stream misleadia to inform the American public.

A poll, taken in 2006, shows that over a third of our population believed that government officials were complicit or aided in the events of nine-eleven. Since then, the evidence has continued to mount that they are correct. The questions, good questions, certainly are not being answered by leadership, which means that the policies of the United States may well be the result of an intentional fraud upon the American people. A fraud intended to psychologically profile (brainwash) the people.

With nine-eleven still fresh in the minds of the American people, President George W. Bush orders American forces to attack Iraq, even though Iraq hasn't harmed the United States. And the stated reason is *weapons of mass destruction*, and was parroted by the main stream misleadia even though it's false.

The war in Iraq begins with a sixty-percent approval rating, with twenty-eight-percent opposed to

the war. In September, 2010, a CNN pole shows sixty-five-percent of the people against the war, with thirty-eight-percent supporting it. Quite a reversal. The American people appear to be seeing matters more clearly.

From the beginning of the war, how did the main stream misleadia cover it? Were they a bulldog, asking the hard ball questions and getting answers, or were they a lapdog, parroting what leadership fed them without questions or follow through? Unfortunately it was the latter. The main stream misleadia (hereafter called the media) covered it like *sports cast announcers*, providing a play by play description.

As the war broke out we were able to watch our wonderful killing technology on the nightly news, the missiles, the laser guided bombs alleging pinpoint accuracy, the attack helicopters, the navy ships firing their guns, and we watched the jet aircraft take off, never giving a thought about the non-military people who were about to die.

The media covered the invasion of Iraq with excitement and enthusiasm. Their war coverage was entertainment, showing explosions and awesome weaponry, just like a Hollywood movie. And, remembering the World Trade Center, the majority of Americans cheered to see these explosions. But, was it madness? Did we care who might be dying, or were we just members of the Salem witch trials, wanting someone, anyone, die? The media was sanitizing the war coverage for the government and the military, so that the American people never saw the reality of war. This was completely different journalism than that of the Vietnam era.

The media's blatant support for the decisions and policies of government leadership should have been noticed by every awake American. No where were government officials being challenged by main stream misleadia journalists. Only by abandoning the main stream misleadia for the *independent media* could Americans find the real face of war, and perhaps a more accurate truth.

What really happens when we drop bombs? Well, some enemy military personnel die, but a whole lot more civilians and innocent people die. The people of Iraq didn't direct their leadership to attack anyone, yet they are often the ones dying. After we drop bombs, did the main stream misleadia show us the fathers carrying their bloody child, wounded by bomb fragments? Are we shown the fathers, mothers and children without legs and arms? Are we shown the dead parents with their children standing over their bodies, lost, confused, and wondering what to do or where to go since their home has been destroyed? Are we shown the mothers, wailing over their dead children, lying in the street? Are we shown the husband hugging his dead family lying in the dirt? Where's our independent media?

If the media were doing its job, we would see children and adults walking aimlessly around, some with only one eye, the other blown out by bomb fragments. We would see people just like us, digging their little ones out of the rubble. We would see children and adults with burns over most of their body, in horrible pain, waiting for someone to come get them and make their pain end. But there are hundreds of people for a limited number of rescue workers, and so some of the people remain in pain and waiting, for extended periods of time. And we see our soldiers dying or dead, our fathers, our sons. But if they're alive, they will receive medical aid much more quickly

than the civilian population of Iraq.

This is what the main stream misleadia is not presenting to us and this is the reality of how our money is used. We'll continue our look at the main stream misleadia next week.