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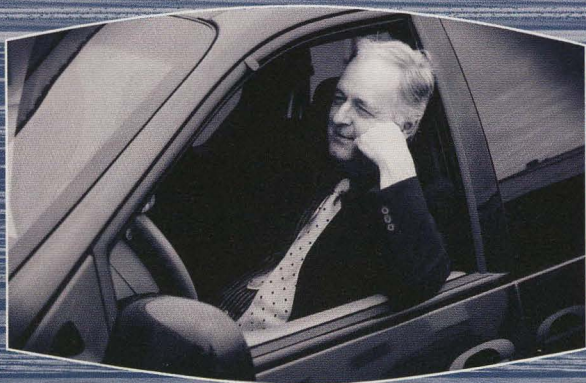
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# the FALSE CONNECTION

by Brian Klocke



*I supported three tyrannical regimes whose brutal oppression has created a breeding ground for terrorists.*



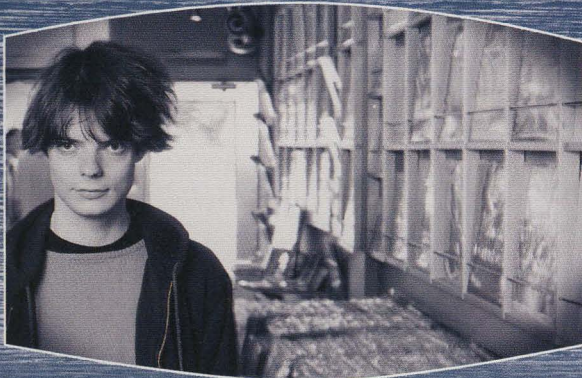
*I just filled up my SUV.*

"It's so important for Americans to know that the traffic in drugs finances the work of terror. The terrorists use drug profits to fund their cells, to commit acts of murder. If you quit drugs, you join the fight against terror in America." —President George W. Bush

*"I helped murder families in Colombia." So begins a TV ad during the 2001 Super Bowl, promoted by our nation's drug czar and featuring a variety of "confessing" teens. Another repentant teen states, "I helped kill a policeman," and another, "I helped a bomber get a fake passport." The broadcast somberly concludes with, "Drug money supports terror. If you buy drugs, you might too."*

This TV and print advertising campaign is paid for by \$10 million of taxpayers' money. The campaign targets teens on broadcast and cable TV programs as well as in 293 newspapers across the country. It aired on the Channel One network, a daily 12-minute broadcast to a captive teen audience in 40 percent of U.S. high schools. Teens in some states have been put in detention for refusing to watch Channel One broadcasts.





*I put six software startups  
out of business.*



*Hey, it came free with the  
computer, dude!*

Government hypocrisy was never more evident. The CIA has now officially admitted that for 13 years it had a "memorandum of understanding" with the Justice Department providing, in effect, legal cover to employ drug traffickers and money launderers as "agents, assets and contractors." This arrangement included the Taliban's rise to power, funded by its heroin production and U.S. aid, and trained by the CIA.

#### **DARE TO EXAMINE THE FACTS**

Approximately twice as many adults age 30 to 44 use illegal drugs than do teens age 12 to 19. So why does our government target teens in the war on drugs?

The campaign linking drugs to terrorism is not the only effort that targets teens. Drug Czar John Walters recently admitted that the government's five-year, \$929 million anti-drug ad campaign has been ineffective and actually encouraged drug use among certain teen populations. Yet Walters has brashly asked for the same budget for the next five years with promises of reengineering his agency's propaganda. Why the continued massive funding for an anti-drug program that has so clearly failed?

The most common drug education program, still used in about 80 percent of school districts, is the Drug Abuse Resistance Education

program (DARE). DARE has been admitted by its creators to be a failure and proven by scientists to not only be ineffective but to actually encourage drug use among certain populations.

The DARE program has staying power despite its proven ineffectiveness due to its institutionalization in local communities. This program involves law enforcement agencies, schools, churches, youth

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groups and families. The drugs-and-terror campaign seeks to do the same and exclaims that, "Parents, teachers, faith organizations and youth and community groups can answer the national call to fight terrorism by preventing drug use in America."

The campaign has developed a curriculum for high schools and a guidebook for parents and has sponsored a symposium of experts to create position papers. The DARE website features a drugs and terror quiz for teens to learn the "facts." One answer on the quiz states that almost half of the 28 groups classified as terrorist by the U.S. State Department are involved in drug trafficking. It neglects to tell teens that more than half are not.





*I made multi-millionaires of  
Enron executives.*



*But, tell me, who can live without  
air conditioning?*

#### THE VICTIMLESS CRIME

The War on Drugs (WOD) has led to the doubling of the prison population in the last decade to more than two million people. We have more incarcerated citizens than any other country in the world, with the majority of prisoners incarcerated through nonviolent drug convictions, mostly for marijuana use. Public opinion polls also show a majority of the public discredits the WOD. The common understanding of drug use as a victimless crime rings true for most citizens. The current WOD propaganda attempts to change this understanding by linking it to the vastly popular War On Terrorism (WOT) in order to garner political support for the continued funding of the failed WOD. The opening paragraph of the government's National Youth Anti-Drug Media Campaign's "Drugs & Terror" website tells us, "Today there is new reason to continue this important effort: The illegal drug trade is linked to the support of terror groups across the globe. Buying and using illegal drugs is not a victimless crime."

#### MORE "TERROR SUPPORTING" ACTIVITIES

Terrorist groups were recently accused of smuggling cigarettes across the Mexican border in order to generate revenue for their activities. By the government's WOD-based logic, cigarette smoking supports terrorism, so where's the War on Cigarettes?

*"For a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market,  
is a nation that is afraid of its people."*

*—JFK, February 26, 1962*

Together, the American government (especially the military) and the American people continue to purchase nearly a million barrels of oil per month from Iraq. Are we to believe that the funds used to purchase this oil are not used to support the development of the Iraqi military or siphoned off to support terrorist groups? Saddam Hussein's payout to the families of suicide bombers has been reported, and the oil-terrorism connection is easier to make than the WOD linkage, so where's the War on Oil?

#### DISCONNECT

There is a fundamental disconnect between government drug propaganda and reality, between what is preached and what is practiced ("Do as I say, not as I do"), between stated aims and actual outcomes, and between policies (against only *certain* products that fund terrorism) that are only employed when they seem to serve some agenda rather than upholding real principles.

Regardless of your position on drug use (or cigarettes and oil, for that matter), it's clear that the government's War on Drugs is inconsistent, hypocritical and, in the final analysis, ineffective. <sup>1b</sup>