

Some Recent US Government Cover-Ups and Dirty Tricks

There are dozens of historic instances of US government deceptions, lies, corruption and cover-ups, especially since WW II. Here are but 8 examples. Is 9/11 part of the pattern?



Kennedy's Assassination – The official story states this was the deed of lone gunman Lee Harvey Oswald, who shot from the rear. “No conspiracy, foreign or domestic.” One reasonable doubt can shatter the official view. Here are two: “Nearly 100 persons believed that the shots ... came from the knoll,” Mark Lane reports. Dr. Kemp Clark, Chief of Neurosurgery, Parkland Hospital, testified Kennedy’s throat bullet wound was from the front. (This according to: 1. Anthony Lewis, Preface, *Report on the Warren Commission*; 2. Mark Lane, *Rush to Judgment*, 1966; 3. Mark Lane, *Plausible Denial: Was the CIA involved in the Assassination of JFK?* 1991.)



The Pentagon Papers – The Pentagon Papers refers to a 7,000-page, top-secret US Department of Defense history of the US’ political and military involvement in the Vietnam War from 1945 to 1971. Most of the Pentagon Papers were ‘leaked’ to *The New York Times* in early 1971 by DoD employee Daniel Ellsberg. They revealed that the government had deliberately expanded its role in the war, well before the American public was told that such actions were necessary ... even while president Lyndon Johnson had been promising not to expand the war.



Mỹ Lai – The Mỹ Lai Massacre was a massacre committed by US soldiers of hundreds of unarmed Vietnamese civilians, mostly women and children, on March 16, 1968, during the Vietnam War. It prompted widespread outrage around the world and reduced American support at home for the war in Vietnam. The soldiers in one platoon killed from 347 to 504 Vietnamese civilians – primarily old men, women, children, and babies. Some were tortured or raped. Dozens were herded into a ditch and executed with automatic weapons.

The King Assassination – The official story states this was the deed of lone gunman James Earl Ray. No conspiracy. However, a month-long civil jury trial into King’s death (led by William Pepper who represented the King family) involving a jury consisting of six blacks and six whites, was held in Memphis, Tennessee in 1999, with 70 witnesses. The Verdict: “Guilty against (among others) co-conspirators ... US Government, Memphis Police Department, Earl Clark, Frank Liberto, J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI, Richard Helms and the CIA, and the military.” The King family was awarded \$100 as a symbolic gesture in this landmark ruling.



Watergate – The term ‘Watergate’ refers to a series of events, spanning from 1972 to 1974, that began with US President Nixon’s administration’s abuse of power – involving the bugging of the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee in the Watergate Hotel – in order to undermine political opposition within the public anti-war movement and the Democratic Party. With the prospect of certain impeachment, Nixon resigned on August 9, 1974. Indirectly, Watergate was the cause of new laws leading to extensive changes in campaign financing and amendments to the Freedom of Information Act in 1986.

Iran-Contra – The Iran-Contra Affair took place during the 1980s involving several members of the Reagan administration who engaged in the sale of arms to Iran, an avowed enemy, and used proceeds from the sales to illegally fund the Contras, a right-wing guerrilla group in Nicaragua. President Reagan appeared before the American public and told a national television audience that the US had not sold weapons to Iran. Later he admitted it had. Oliver North and John Poindexter were indicted on multiple charges (March 16, 1988).



The Savings and Loan Debacle – The Savings and Loan crisis of the 1980s was a wave of savings and loan association failures in the US in which over 1,000 savings and loan institutions failed. The ultimate cost of the crisis is estimated to have cost the US government about \$125 billion. Fraud and insider abuse were the worst aggravating factors in the wave of S&L failures. Charles Keating’s conviction led to the ‘Keating Five’ political scandal, in which five US senators were implicated in an influence-peddling scheme to assist Keating.

Monicagate – The Monica Lewinsky scandal was a political sex scandal emerging from a short-term sexual relationship between US President Bill Clinton and a then-22-year-old White House intern. The news of this extra-marital affair and the resulting investigation eventually led to the impeachment of Bill Clinton in 1998. Taxpayers ended up paying \$40-million for Ken Starr’s investigation into the affair and President Clinton’s Whitewater real estate deals. (Compare that to the \$15-million given to Kean-Zelikow Commission to investigate the 9/11 attacks which followed.)



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