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<p>HB3 Buccaneer</p> <p>Posts: 1999 From: Altadena, CA Registered: Nov 2000</p>	<p> posted 17 August 2001 01:09 PM profile edit quote</p> <hr/> <p>Okay, so, how many of you know about Gore Vidal? I find it very encouraging that one of America's remaining public intellectuals -- even an expatriate like Vidal -- is speaking up on these issues. Of course, last week Salon published an editorial denouncing Vidal's original Vanity Fair article, headlined something like "Vidal joins the black helicopter crowd at last." Proof yet again that Salon sucks ass (as if more proof were needed).</p> <p>Gore Vidal Promises Even More McVeigh Revelations By Ed Cropley 8-17-1</p> <p>EDINBURGH (Reuters) - Author Gore Vidal promised Thursday to make another revelation on the Oklahoma City bombing case which he says may suggest executed convict Timothy McVeigh did not detonate the bomb that killed 168 people. Vidal, one of contemporary America's harshest critics, published an article last week in Vanity Fair magazine on the killer who, along with his motives, remains one of the great enigmas of modern times. There is more to come, he says. "There's a researcher out</p>

there -- I used him a great deal for this (Vanity Fair) piece and I'm using him some more," Vidal told an audience at Britain's Edinburgh Book Festival. The American writer, who maintained a three-year correspondence with the bomber, said the researcher had unearthed evidence which contradicted McVeigh's insistence he acted alone on the day of the bombing. "I'm about to drop another shoe -- (the researcher) knows at least five of the people who were involved in the making of the bomb and its detonation," Vidal said. "It may well be that McVeigh didn't do it." McVeigh, a decorated U.S. Army veteran, was executed in June for the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal building in Oklahoma City -- the bloodiest act of domestic terror ever committed on American soil. Terry Nichols was jailed for helping plan the crime but was not present when it was committed. Disgusted at the Federal Bureau of Investigation's storming in 1993 of the Branch Davidian sect's headquarters at Waco, Texas, in which 80 people were killed, one-time Gulf War hero McVeigh declared war on the U.S. state, Vidal said. "In a letter to me, he said 'When I saw -- contrary to all law - - that the FBI was using military tanks to attack the building, I thought only the Chinese did that sort of thing to their people'," Vidal told the audience. But what sparked McVeigh's murderous indignation was symptomatic of the corrupt state of modern America, Vidal said. "What is happening is reflective of a government totally out of control and a secret police -- which is what the Federal Bureau of Investigation is -- not accountable to anybody."

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Good post HB3. While I do not know if the man was guilty, or not, I DO feel he was used as a "scapegoat" or example by the guvs.

He was "processed" too quickly, everything was too "cut and dry". A distraction? From what? The silent coup d'etat? Just a theory.

Question EVERYTHING, even your OWN thoughts.
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HB3: THANK YOU VERY MUCH! I am a longtime fan of Gore Vidal, and I find his thinking to be continually stimulating, and of course, his politics, too, a quintessential interesting intellectual who -- unlike that pompous ass Wm. Buckwheat we see too often on tv and with his articles in newspapers of course always espousing the right-wing tirades -- Gore has a real sense of delightful humor and is a real thinker on many subjects.

I have listened to many hours of Gore Vidal's speeches, via PACIFICA RADIO. Too bad his views were so little covered on television. Even "public tv" is quite a big joke, to me, too, since it is hardly liberal or progressive, and of course most of its sponsors are the big-time corporate-names, too. Oh, and those on public television have huge salaries compared with main-stream tv.

All Major Media is loaded toward keeping the status quo -- and that means COPORATE OWNED and controlled, and is staunchly conservative, yet most people still donot get the Big Lie about the so-called 'liberal media'. I discerned that when I was in grade school, or junior high school.

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Thanks, here's another.

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The writer Gore Vidal yesterday compared the executed Oklahoma bomber Timothy McVeigh to Paul Revere, the hero of American independence.

In a withering address at the Edinburgh book festival, the liberal novelist and elder statesman of the Gore political dynasty, said the former soldier decorated for bravery in the Gulf war wanted to send out a warning that the government had been bought by corporate America and "its secret police, the FBI, were out of control. What McVeigh was saying was, 'The Feds are coming, the Feds are coming' "

In his strongest identification yet with the man who confessed to blowing up the Federal Building in Oklahoma City in 1995, killing 168 people in retaliation for the FBI's "slaughter at Waco", Vidal described him as a "Kipling hero" with an "overdeveloped sense of justice" who did what he did

because he was inflamed by the massacre, the FBI's subsequent cover-up, and the way it "had shredded the bill of rights and the constitution. He was the man who would be king."

Vidal, whom McVeigh asked to witness his execution in June after the pair corresponded for three years, insisted McVeigh did not actually carry out the bombing, and hinted he was now close to revealing the names of those who did.

"I am about to drop another shoe. I have been working with a researcher who knows at least five of the people involved in the making of the bomb and its detonation. It may well be that McVeigh did not do it. In fact, I am sure he didn't do it. But when he found out he was going to be the patsy, he did something psychologically very strange. He decided to grab all credit for it himself, because he had no fear of death."

Vidal maintained this was because "McVeigh saw himself as John Brown of Kansas", the anti-slavery campaigner who was executed after leading a raid into the south which sparked the American civil war.

Vidal alleged that the FBI not only knew about the plot, it was involved in it. Having infiltrated the rightwing militia group that planned it, it did nothing because it wanted to pressure President Clinton into pushing through draconian anti-terrorist legislation he was refusing to sign. "Within a week of the bombing, Clinton signed it for 'the protection of the state and of persons', using the exact language that Adolf Hitler used after the Reichstag fire of 1933."

America was in the grip of what he called "a revolutionary situation" because wealth had become concentrated in the hands of only 1% of the population. "The truth is that 80% are not doing well, and many of those are farmers out in the mid-west who have been driven off their land by big business. They are the backbone of the militia movement. Many of them are as crazed as you can find. But they number over 4m, 300,000 of which are active."

Vidal revealed that having had his last meal of mint ice-cream with chocolate sauce, McVeigh spent his last hours watching the Coen Brothers' film Fargo on a

black and white TV. "It's a great film but bloody, a body is shredded and suchlike, and not quite what he wanted to see, poor fellow."

He saved his greatest venom for Janet Reno, the attorney general during the 52-day Waco siege, for "persecuting a perfectly harmless bunch of religious nuts" and for presiding over the "lies and cover-up" that followed it. "Her mother was a very famous alligator wrestler in Florida, a family profession she herself should have pursued."

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HB3: Oh, and as for Salon, I have been thinking for some time that it is some very clever Madison Avenue-slick-time thing that has been "creeping" into, oh, say, even Pacifica Radio, and other formats.

I donot know anything about Gore's article -- do you know if it is available on computer website yet? Well, if they are saying that Vidal is becomming a strange leftist paranoid who thinks that there is something real about, for instance, black helicopters, well, that only makes me PRAISE GOD more for having Vidal's appraisals to consider.

Not so incidentally, I have seen those un-marked black helicopters, some were parked in remote area near Hemet, California, painted all black, no markings on choppers, appeared to be two-seaters. I suppose that those choppers are part of the elite wing of the NEW ORDER's 'storm troopers' ready-in-waiting for some FEMA-declared disaster, and I think that Dabboodaddy is telling it just about the way it likely is, too!

Gore Vidal, in my opinion, is one great intellectual thinker who has many interesting and critical things to state about America. And I just love his witty sense of humour, too.

When I see or hear, as you state, that Salon is seeking to ridicule a very erudite mind such as Gore Vidal, who is extremely scholarly and bright, as with Salon's reference to black helicopters mind-set and thus seeking to ridicule everything about Gore Vidal, via reductio ad absurdum arguments, then I think Salon has shown its true colours to everyone.

And just having read further on in your posting, I see that this is about Gore Vidal's critiquing of the OK City bombing -- which is certain to get the FBI's dander flying, as many think they are just FIBBERS, even as the Los Angeles Times has pointed out from some pundits. What are they really trying to hide about the OK City bombing? What exactly is is that they fear the public may discover about it?

GB3, THANK YOU

again for bringing this important matter to our attention on FAN-TASTIC FORUM!

This topic is so much more important to all of us, here, who though we have our partisan differences, know when there is a skunk set loose in the church.

Please present more to us!

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Readers: Please consider that when a great learned-mind such as Gore Vidal states that the FBI is a 'secret police' within the United States, please appreciate that as a possible fact, unless you have already discerned the truth long ago, that the FBI is an agency which has been "out of control" for a very long time, and though I differ as to that sentiment, when I state that the FBI is totally in control and wanted to create something such as occurred at Waco, Texas.

Those who may think that the FBI is simply hunky dory, really donot know about MK-ULTRA see, www.gulfwarvets.org and simply donot understand that the FBI has sought to control many political issues in America, and donot understand that the FBI has gone after liberals as if we are the crazed dogs in the back yard, foaming at the mouth, and need to be taken out and shot as quickly as possible. That is the sort of thuggery that we usually rant about as existing in foreign nations, eg. Russia!

That is what the FBI arranged at Ruby Ridge. They didnot have enough fun there, with a woman's head blown off holding her baby in her arms standing at her front door, so they arrange for the doings at Mount Carmel. These are not very nice people.

They are thugs and criminals, but no-one can say differently because they are too powerfully protected. They get raises, and they get very nice stipends, and they get sizeable promotions when they use MILITARY TANKS against American citizens, tear down their homes with tanks, fire-up the CS-gass to enflame the citizens and the women and children, cooking 'em well-done as Reno didnot caution with her own special recipes in her own cook-book, and then use the Major Media to manipulate the sentiments to just "burn 'em out" as their very well-paid agents grew "weary" with no fresh ones to replace them in sight, so "burn 'em out" they did, and mock our judiciary in the process, and yet, they are praised for their sick and heinous deeds.

Why does the FBI even exist, is some big question in the minds of those who dare to ask themselves some awful things. Oh, I know, it is when those horrible movies such as endorse the "exciting likes" of Hannibal, in SILENCE OF THE LAMBS, one of the most disgusting movies I have ever witnessed, a movie genre that was never never given such high publicity until just relatively recently, a more disgusting political manuever in seeing how the movie industry has sought to embrace the doings of the FBI, and has to stoop to such horrors in order to make the FBI a credible agency, some of us do wonder! I was outraged to see that the movie industry used such an ugly filthy movie in

order to bolster the public's sentiments as to why the FBI is such a wonderful agency -- and then gave that movie-genre academy award(s?), when the subject-matter was presented in such a titillating and ENTERTAINING realistic manner, and pandered to the most basic and very primitive instincts of voyeurism degraded beyond belief. Now THAT is perverse movie-"entertainment", but no-one said a word, perhaps in "defense" of the FBI-image?! Maybe that is the "best" that the FBI can muster for credibility, then, horror of horrors!

The FBI has more than any other agency in the United States, sought to track and maintain surveillances upon all who are perceived to be political dissidents -- that is, those people as citizens who actually question the political motives, the horrors, the war-mentality, the group-think mind-set of the military-industrial/medical complexes. The FBI seeks to undermine any and every progressive movement, and have done so for many years. They are the ones who arranged to have secret mind-kontrol experiments done on American citizens without their consent, without their knowledge. They are the group-think who honor the man, J. Edgar Hoover, the sexually-suppressed homosexual (with his long-term lover, Tolson) who used the FBI to go after other gay men with a vengeance. They are the mind-set which praises Hooverisms, such as: "There is no organized crime problem in America." Hoover stated that mantra over and over, and all the other agencies apparently harmonized with him, were in accord, as ORGANIZED CRIME gave us Al Capone during Prohibition Era, and booze became a mighty valuable commodity (even Kennedy's understand that much); and following American times in Vietnam, they gave us the drug prohibitions, under which many otherwise non-costly drugs, once prohibited, those outlawed drug's prices have soared, and the bank-syndicates which receive the \$SIXTY BILLIONS or more each year, funneled through and laundered via banks, though few tell it like it is, and the FBI still honors Hooverisms, and apparently must think that 'there are no organized crime problems in America' because they are surely the ones who know how the Cocainne Intelligence Agency has worked things. But lordy, just throw a bone at the people, give them a luciously violent and disgusting movie, and they will be docile as little lambykins led to the slaughter.

Perhaps they were also the group mind-set who sought to endorse the likes of that little Hitlerian-in-drag, no not Hoover's penchant for pretty men and frilly things this time, but that other little henchman, the one who tried to find a pinko-commie underneath every bed in the movie-industry and went on a witch-hunt for all commies, the nut-driven case who became known as McCarthyism. So, you think they all just became silent?

Those nut-driven people are all over Washington D.C., and they usually love to pound their Bible on every head, when their bile-hatred works them into a frenzy over everything they would create or rather destroy, which is their lust to destroy every free-thinking person on this planet.

Ranting onward,
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Cherry Kelly: Talk about "coincidence", I was just thinking of you and the past postings we all have had on this important topic.

Yes, I agree, would be great to hear more from Gore Vidal over our regular Major Media, but not likely to happen, and even as equally important to understand, is that our so-called 'public television' is not "public" at all, either.

I wonder if Gore Vidal would ever consider being interviewed over C2C, of if someone such as IAN PUNNETT, might consider reviewing some of Vidal's stuff by someone whom Vidal appointed?

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Gore Vidal is one of the most brilliant men alive. Period.

np:The City And The Pillar- Gore Vidal

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I've been a fan of Gore Vidal for as long as I can remember. Wish we heard more of him, he's a brilliant man. Thanks GB3 and Ninerism for the information. Barbara R.

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