

Bulldust, Lies and Fabrications

IT SEEMS to me that we live in a society where the level of bulldust is so great and increasing so rapidly, that we will all drown in it if something isn't done.



David Hicks

Dishonesty and Art Form

We have a Government that has turned dishonesty into an art form. Sure, we expect our politicians to be dishonest, but the present mob have set the bar so high that I can't see them being out-fibbed for years to come.

The Opposition isn't much better. I'm sure they'd like to be as dishonest as the Government; they just aren't as organised.

Now that the Democrats are a half senate election away from extinction, someone has to keep the bastards honest.

My brief is to fearlessly point out that the emperor is naked, when everyone around me swears that he is wearing new clothes. And there are so many lies to expose, so let us begin with the most dangerous lies; the ones that need the greatest amount of fearlessness to expose. Let's start with the War on Terror.

War on Terror

There is no war on terror. Terrorism is not the enemy, it is a tactic used by the enemy (and some allies). To declare war on terror is disingenuous, a cheap political trick to justify all sorts of dubious activity, in order to maintain a grip on power.

ASIO Raids Only Show

How about these ASIO raids? The bulldust surrounding them is so on the nose that it would make a dung beetle gag. In fact, I bet that none of the people questioned or detained will ever be arrested.

The raids were merely for show, to justify ASIO's extended powers. If they so desire they can hold you for 48 hours without charge, explanation or access to a lawyer.

ASIO is like a child who can't wait to play with a new toy. 'They're not going to leave it in the box, are they?'

Here's another big fat lie, that **David Hicks** is a suspected terrorist. Who suspects him; only the media as far as I can tell; not the Americans.

They've charged him with being an illegal enemy combatant. None of the charges relate to terrorist activities. Even **John Howard** says he hasn't broken any Australian laws. Why hasn't the Australian Government sent two QCs to defend him? The Americans are offering an amnesty to Taliban commanders. Poor David, if only he'd been further up the chain of command, he could have sold someone out in the same way he was sold out.

It's time for a definition. Terrorism — 'the use of violence against civilians creating terror in order to achieve a military or political goal.'

September 11

Finally there's the lie that justifies all the other lies: that the world changed on September 11. Yes, thousands of innocent Americans lost their lives in a heinous terrorist attack, but did it change the world?

What about the two Moscow apartment buildings full of innocent Russians that were blown up by terrorists the year before? Didn't they count? Then, of course, there were those two cities full of innocent Japanese that were destroyed in the two greatest terrorist attacks of the 20th century by those American weapons of mass destruction, Big Boy and Little Boy. That didn't change the world? Anyway, I hope I haven't attracted unwanted attention from ASIO.

Next month the Lie Detector will expose the huge rot surrounding the Nicotine patch/gum industry.

By The Lie Detector

Reigning in the Spendthrifts

HOW DO you get a generation of shoppers to address their quasi non-existent savings? How will a generation who have known nothing but economic good times cope with a potential reversal to their financial circumstances?

Those who have endured fiscal setbacks and known hard times have memory and experience to fall back on. What about those who have no such experience?

This country has a sizable professional, entrepreneurial class of 20 to 30 somethings who have done quite well for themselves, materially speaking, over this last decade. They've earned well and acquired costly lifestyles in the process.

The majority have known nothing but economic good times as most are too young to have experienced or to have been affected by the early 1990's recession.

A healthy portion would have advanced through the corporate ranks with salary increases, their homes and investment properties would have risen in value substantially and in turn they've spent accordingly.

Prosperity has been omnipresent, well certainly within their myopic corporate culture. How will this group adjust to a potential reversal to their financial circumstances?

What happens when those bonus and inducement fattened 6 figure annual salaries dry up and replacement ones aren't forthcoming?

Common sense dictates that they'll just have to dip into their savings? Now that's going to be the tricky bit, as they guys have been prodigious spenders, not savers.

Saving is not of their zeitgeist, that's what their grandparent's generation did.

Is there salvation for a generation overdosing on credit supported consumption?

Well they could start by seeking advice from that generation who were ingrained with the ethos of putting it away for a rainy day.

I suspect that this guidance won't be found in the local tanning salon but a couple of lessons in fiscal prudence could prove invaluable to our present crop of spendthrifts."

So Grandma, you actually put aside a percentage of the family wage on a regular basis? Amazing, didn't that affect your lifestyle?

"Party's eventually have to come to an end."

To think that these good times will go on indefinitely may prove to be the undoing of those who can't contemplate or imagine a reversal to their present boundless prosperity.

History is littered with examples of once prosperous casualties who suffered the shock and indignity of a reversal to their financial situations.

They thought The Party would never end.

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