

# Some Conspiracies Are Real: Vietnam, Cuba, Iraq, and the Fed - Connor Boyack

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## SUMMARY

*The discussion centers on the Gulf of Tonkin incident, which was manipulated to justify U.S. involvement in the Vietnam War. The narrative reveals how faulty intelligence and political motivations led to war, paralleling other historical examples of government deception to garner public support for military actions.*

- The Gulf of Tonkin incident involved a supposed attack on the USS Maddox by North Vietnamese ships, which was later revealed to be exaggerated or fabricated.*
- President Lyndon B. Johnson used this incident to push Congress for a war resolution, despite previously claiming he would avoid sending troops to Vietnam.*
- Similar patterns of deception are noted in other conflicts, such as the Gulf War, where fabricated testimonies influenced public opinion and congressional votes.*
- The concept of "false flag" operations is discussed, highlighting plans like Operation Northwoods, which proposed staging attacks to provoke war.*
- The media's role in shaping public consent through propaganda is emphasized, with historical examples illustrating how narratives are controlled to maintain political power.*
- The discussion touches on the creation of the Federal Reserve, which was established in secrecy by influential bankers to stabilize a volatile banking system, further illustrating the intertwining of government and financial interests.*
- The manipulation of public perception and consent through misinformation is framed as a recurring theme in U.S. history, affecting both military and economic policies.*

Gulf of Tonkan. What is the true conspiracy? >> So, Gulf of Tonkan is the reason we ended up in the Vietnam War. And what happened was the USS Maddox was um in the Gulf of Tonkan and had been attacked by some Vietnamese ships, North Viet Vietnam. And and it was a little skirmish. It was like pew pew and then they ran away, right? It wasn't a big conflict. Well, the following day they came back and they started attacking the USS Maddox again. The USS Maddox, you know, sent a communicate to headquarters which worked its way up to defense uh secretary department of defense Robert McNamera which made its way to the president and they said we're being attacked a second time. This is intentional. This is a act of provocation. Intentional act of provocation, not a little skirmish. Um, and so the president immediately acts on it. He immediately calls Congress to sign a resolution of war to go against Vietnam after telling people, you know, I'm going to keep your boys out of the war. We're not going to go send, you know, all these boys to war.

>> And uh, >> this is LBJ. >> LBJ and his polling numbers are sagging. And so, like any president in that position, you want a a conflict >> among the biggest scumbag presidents. >> Well, I'll say >> a man who would

pull his private parts out and put them on the table in the Oval. That's the thing. >> I didn't know that. Okay. >> Terrible person. Okay. and uh and and so he had claimed to the public we're not going to go to war and but secretly he desired that he wanted to find a way to uh to get involved and so when McNamera came and said hey we got this intelligence he immediately jumps on it even when they started to realize that the intelligence was totally faulty as it turns out that second attack never happened >> it never it never happened >> never actually happened it was radar echoes and it was things that they thought they were being attacked but there was no actual attack and so even when that >> what about the like I don't hear any bullets hitting the hull of the ship.

>> You would think that that would be a good way to determine, you know, but they're looking at their radar and there's all these sounds and there was a storm and >> okay >> and uh and so this is more a conspiracy where they exploited faulty intelligence even when they quickly realized it all fell apart to construct a narrative to get them into war. Uh there's a lot of recurring themes and different conspiracies in this book when uh intelligence is either flawed and it's realized to be flawed or it's manufactured uh in order to deceive the public to go support a war and then push this agenda forward. And so Gulf of Tonkin is just one of those examples where there's a desire in the administration and the political class to achieve an outcome. The public was not there with them. In fact, they had been told we're not going to go there, right? Um, and then they exploit this circumstance of faulty intelligence to produce the outcome that they wanted.

>> Was it was Woodro Wilson also like I'm not going to take us to war and then was like, uh, n >> correct. Yep. >> So, Yep. >> Yeah. Good. That >> Well, George W. Bush said the same thing. >> Yeah. >> He, you know, like this is a recurring theme that the people don't want war until they are deceived into thinking that it's that it's necessary. Again and again, there are all these examples. I'll share a brief one really quick. The first one we open the the book with is the story of NaRa. This is the Gulf War uh in Iraq. The first war, American war at least in Iraq. And there's >> this is George Herbert Walker Bush.

>> Um correct. Correct. This is dad and uh former CIA dude and uh director. And so this 15-year-old girl is testifying before like the Congressional Human Rights Subcommittee on something or other. and she's testifying saying she had just come from her home of Kuwait that she had personally witnessed in a Kuwaiti hospital Iraqi soldiers removing premature babies infants from their their incubators, their life-saving incubators, and casting them aside to die and taking the incubators. This horrific, unspeakable act of barbarity and and everyone is incensed. Seven US senators cited her testimony as among the influences, the reasons why they decided to vote for the the resolution to go to war. I'm sure there were more senators that were influenced, but we know that seven actually cited her testimony as influence. The resolution passed by a margin of five votes, fewer than the number of people who said that they were persuaded by Naara. As it turns out, Naara was the daughter of the Kuwaiti ambassador. She was coached by a PR firm that exists still today, Hill and Nolton.

>> This PR firm had a million-dollar contract from Citizens for a Free Kuwait. >> I didn't know the story, >> which was an organization that existed solely to push for Americans getting involved in war. It was funded by the Kuwaiti government. >> So, she's the daughter of the ambassador. The whole thing is made up. It was complete fabrication. This did not happen at all. And yet it was the single act that that put just like Gulf of

Tonkan that that incensed Americans all these congressmen are like we can't stand for this. This is horrible. And I'll just say I mean at the time that we're recording this, right? I think that truth is one of the first casualties in war. You look at Ukraine, right? The ghost of Kiev, right? This this fighter pilot going around shooting like totally made up. Or these people on the island giving the middle finger to the the submarine, you know, telling all the uh the Russians to go pound. Totally made up. And then so in the early days of the conflict, all these stories emerge where people were sharing on social media and getting outraged and shaping their views on the particular situation influenced by these stories that turned out to be false. And I would just suggest that as we're recording this and Israel and Hamas is going on, we had this story of 40 babies being beheaded and then you know it was true and then oh wait it's not true and it can't be corroborated and like there's there's such a fog of war when it comes to what is actually happening and yet people are immediately taking sides.

They're jumping to conclusions. I'm not saying that for example the that Hamas didn't attack Israel wasn't horrible or anything like that. I just know having literally just uh published this book in the very week when those attacks happen that there are many historical examples of when political actors will exploit legitimate attacks and circumstances to spin an outcome that they want and to fment more war uh by deceiving and lying. Maybe it's not happening at all in the Israel Hamas conflict, but that would be an anomaly when you look at world history. the um uh longtime friend probably maybe of us both Michael Malice cites uh anarchist who said war is the health of the state.

>> Yeah. >> And that >> 100%. >> That seems to be absolutely correct. >> Well, and and and also I would say this is why the Federal Reserve has to be abolished because the only way that they can finance all these wars is to inflate the money because you can't tax people to support all this stuff. So there's so many tentacles coming out of the war apparatus and the milit like you look at Eisenhower right his farewell address warning of this military-industrial complex there's a fascinating documentary uh called why we fight >> yes it's a great doc >> Eugene Jerki highlighting this this kind of farewell address that Eisenhower gave warning people of what he himself had seen and he was worried that when someone would sit in that seat as president who did not have the military background that he did through World War II and realize the the desire of these military contractors and others to build up the standing armies and build up these huge armaments. He was really worried. So, fast forward a little bit.

Let's go to another story. You got JFK, right? He didn't have a military background. And so, here he is as president. And he's approached by this group of individuals. I'll call them some radical activists who wanted to go to war in Cuba. This is the Cuban missile crisis. The Soviets are are, you know, building up all their armaments. >> Pigs invasion. >> Exactly. So JFK is dealing with the Soviets at our at our doorstep down in Cuba. And uh at the time the American people did not want to militarily intervene in Cuba. They didn't want to trigger World War II. Very rational position to take.

>> We got a lot of like awesome opportunities to trigger World War II right now. So >> exactly. And here we go again. So at the time >> it's like not funny at all, but I'm laughing out of pure fear and discomfort. >> Exactly. It's awkward humor. >> Yep. So the polling numbers were very low, but this group of radical activists were like, "No, we need we need to intervene. We should go to war." They came up with this plan. They said, "What if we

killed a bunch of Americans, but we made it look like the Cubans did it so that the Americans would get upset and say, "We got to go to war and and get justice against these these Cubans."

So their plan was, well, we could bomb Miami. We could shoot down a plane. uh we could uh uh shoot at, you know, rafts of Cuban exiles, you know, trying to float their way to freedom. We'll do all this in a way, this is what's called a false flag event, stemming from the days of piracy, when a pirate ship might hoist an American flag so that the nearby American ship would get closer and then they would board and attack.

And so, similarly, these guys said, "We'll do all this to make it look like the Cubans are attacking. will kill Americans to deceive other Americans into sending yet other American soldiers to go fight. So this radical group of activists, >> did this happen? Did this start under Eisenhower? Because my understanding was that the Bay of Pigs actually had planning that began in the Eiser Eisenhower. >> The broader issues did. Yes. But but this particular plan was under JFK's administration. Um so this radical group of activists gets an audience somehow with JFK and they pitch their idea. They say, "Look, we got to go stop the commies. Here's how we do it. we do a false flag event and paint uh the Cuban nationalists having done it. JFK reviews the plan. He says, "No, we're not doing that." He shoots it down, which is why it didn't happen. Although, I would contend that had he approved it and had it happened, all of our history books for decades would have been teaching us as kids that these horrible Cuban communists attacked America and all, right? Because like it would have been classified and everything else. We would have been told that the false flag event was actually true. It did not happen.

JFK shot it down. And the reveal is that this radical group of activists I've been mentioning that formulated this plan was the joint chiefs of staff of the United States military together with top Department of Defense officials literally proposed in writing like like if you're if you're going to propose killing >> here's our de demonic conspiracy in which we kill our own people to spark a potential nuclear war. >> Uh what do you think? It's insane. It's called Operation Northwoods. One word, Northwoods. You can Google it. You'll find the declassified document. Again, this was classified forever, right? And had it actually happened, I'm sure it would not have been just like JFK's assassination that under a law, they're supposed to have released all the records and yet the government continues to refuse. This is in fact where we get the very term conspiracy theorist because the CIA after JFK was assassinated said there's going to be all these people who think that the government was involved and that the intelligence community was a part of it.

Truth. Yes. >> Exactly. So, so we need to brand them as conspiracy theorists and attack them. And that was it's not the first time that that term exists in the in our lexicon, but it's the first time that it's popularly used. It was like in a random book here and it was randomly there. It wasn't really a common term until the government itself said, "Here's how we're going to brand these people." Just like you're saying, racist and and white supremacist and these terms. You know, similarly, conspiracy theorist is a great way to paint someone as fringe, even when what they're saying is not a conspiracy theory, but a true actual verified conspiracy.

>> Uh, so that one, um, so I guess separately then is the actual Bay of Pigs invasion. >> Right. >> Yeah. >> Which another guest of the show, um, Martin Gur has talked about in his book, *The Revolt of the Public*. And he paints

this picture which sort of speaks to a softer kind of conspiracy theory we live with a lot. And I think that you touch on which is the US works towards first under Eisenhower and then executed by JFK to support this kind of ridiculous 3000 or so invasion of Cuba to try to overthrow Castro and it fails. They're all killed that this is this Bay of Pigs invasion.

>> Yeah. >> The president and I like JFK. I think he's actually one of our better presidents. gets in front of the press corp and says, "This is like on camera. We uh the United States was not involved. This was Cuban nationals trying to take back their home from bad guys." >> Yeah. >> But I take full responsibility anyway, which is also weird and like what are you talking about? >> And everyone in the room knows that JFK is lying, that the US was involved. Like like they know it. They know this for a fact.

And yet because of the like super controlled structure of the media and there's only a handful of papers in any city and the New York Times is the paper of record for the country and there's only three broadcast networks because the government won't allow them to be anymore because of FCC control. So it's all cartel control. Um you know Walter Kankite is the most trusted man in America and all he does is deliver three stories a night and that's the way it is. That story gets out, the p the press basically parrots the president and the next week JFK's approval rating goes up 10 points >> and >> like clockwork >> manufactured consent.

>> Yeah. >> By an a structure of essentially power power support. >> That's what these these propagandists literally call it. Edward Bernay's uh wrote the book on this uh called the engineering of consent. Like you think of the declaration of independence. that says that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the govern. And I would argue that to have consent, you actually need to understand the truth. You need to understand what's the true nature of our relationship for me to then be able to consent to it. If I'm, you know, >> if you consent to something that's based on a lie, then that's called fraud. And you can actually be prosecuted for fraud. If you convince somebody to do something on the basis of a lie, that's fraud.

>> And so then take it to all these stories that we're talking about. the consent is literally being engineered uh not just for political actions but commercial ones as well. I mean Edward Bernay's he he's the double nephew of Sigman Freud by birth and by marriage. And so he's learning from Uncle Freud how the mind works and how you know and then he starts he he worked for the committee on public information which was the World War I propaganda arm of the federal government where they were trying to you know buy war bonds and we got to go to war and literally the government was propagandizing its own people. So he's working in this department >> World War I which is which is really the terrible one where we basically >> get involved in something we had no business getting involved in and then set the stage for World War II by doing it.

>> Yeah. The dominoes start falling from there. So he cuts his teeth learning about the power of propaganda. Um and so he writes this this one book called Crystallizing Public Opinion, another one called Propaganda, which I recommend everybody read. It's short and you realize, oh my gosh, if this what he he talks about, I'm not going to quote it exactly, but he says that um the the uh the people who control the the thoughts and opinions of the masses constitute a true the true ruling power of our government and they are the invisible government that truly rules our society or something like and so you read this over 100 years ago. Great stuff.

>> Yeah. You're like if that was the case 100 years ago before technology and the NSA and you know all these things like what is how is our consent being engineered today in support of particular like think of you know COVID and you know that's safe and effective and it's you know wear masks like like all these things you're you're cons >> if you're walking around outside wearing a mask you have you have absolutely accepted nonsense >> right 100%. Oh, but you're an asymptomatic carrier that might kill grandma. So, you better do it just because this authority figure told you to. And massive social pressure coming in.

>> It's Mgrim experiments all the way down. >> All the way down. And it is down, not up. >> Couple more I want to touch on. >> Yeah. >> So, you already mentioned this, alluded to it. Um, and this is a personal favorite of mine, having made the Kane's Hayek rap videos and having come into this like world of ideas through Ron Paul. uh the creature from Jackal Island. >> So paint the picture for those who don't know this story.

>> Y >> what what is this uh conspiracy theory and why is it true? >> So Alexander Hamilton was the first one to propose a national bank. There existed several national banks uh that were wildly unconstitutional. Uh but the very people who passed the constitution said okay yeah sure we'll do this. Uh they failed. They were shut down. They their charters weren't renewed. So there there were always these banking experiments where the government was involved in kind of a central national bank, but they'd always failed.

>> And Britain had a central bank, >> right? >> They were maybe they might have been the first central bank if I'm remembering correctly, but yeah. So coming out of the English >> Yeah. Yeah. They had a lot of uh systems in Europe to look to uh by way of example. And that's why Hamilton was like, "Hey, we need one of those two. You can control, you know, the the production of money. You can control where it goes." And and uh so those banks were eventually shut down and not renewed. and and and in the early 1900s there were a lot of bank there were a ton of banks but they were all just private banks little pop-up banks here and there and a lot of them would fail because they didn't really have a lender of last resort they didn't have bailout opportunities and so it was a risky entrepreneurial enterprise >> well and I'll add one layer to that which is um in the great depression there's something like 9,000 US bank failures >> and there was a Fed already there was zero in Canada.

>> And the reason for that is is that people think, "Oh, well, we needed the Fed because there was all these bank failures and that run the the 1907, you know, financial crisis. JP Morgan had to bail out the bail out the Treasury and that's crazy." And but at the at America has always had a weird banking system in which basically state level cronies kind of like car dealerships actually car dealerships are structured like this. They have like these weird local monopolies. Yeah.

>> You couldn't have a bank, >> you couldn't even have branches in a state in most states and you couldn't have branches across state lines, >> which means banks in the US were very very fragile because like what was a lot of the lending? A lot of the lending at that time was agricultural. Okay, we're planting our seeds. We need money. we need to borrow money at the start of the the season to plant our seeds and to get through until we have harvest. And it turns out the weather affects all the farmers. So if you're a local bank and you've lent to all the farmers and then you have like extreme drought or >> a failed crop, >> they can't repay you and you go bust.



And that was happening all the time. And and this was not a failure of the free market. This wasn't like, well, that's why we need blah blah blah. It's like this was a very peculiar government-created fake crisis. And um >> and yet who got the blame? >> Well, >> not the not the government, not the policies. It was the the market, right? The the market is too volatile. This is a problem. The 1907 panic is is exactly the backdrop of this situation. And of course, the bankers want like any uh industry with all their protectionism, you know, sitting at the the top perch of their industry. They want to be bailed out. They want securities. They want guarantees. They want to socialize their losses and make everybody else pay for them while they can concentrate those benefits.

>> And there's one other component to this. I happen to be a geek on this one. Um William Jennings Bryant there is is like this really um like a populist at the time >> and is part of this free silver movement. There is a rural urban divide here too. So, one of the things that motivates keeping the banks all sort of protected is is this fear that, oh, the big New York banks will just run the whole show and we'll all be uh sort of subject to >> big New York centered banks. So, >> that was one of the other things going on there was this sort of populism that that made things worse. even if you could sort of understand it like people have hated bankers forever. It goes back to the Bible and usually laws and >> well >> there's always been ignorance basically.

>> But I'm glad you mentioned that because this is why the creature creature from Jackal Island uh was born in such secrecy because it was the big money. It was the New York bankers. It was the politically connected banking cartel that designed the system that we have today. So, what happened was you had Senator Nelson Aldrich uh who was over the like the finance committee and he wanted to create a central bank. He wanted to say, "Oh, we're going to fix these market inequities and volatility and we're going to have this one bank."

So, he had this fancy uh train. He said he says to all these different bankers and their their design, their their associates, "Come meet me on this train under assumed name. Do not use what your name is. We're going to go on a duck hunting trip." So, wear appropriate attire to fool every so that the reporters don't recognize you. You're just going to be all kind of dressed up and >> take your monles off. >> Exactly.

>> No top hats, guys. Come on. >> And so he says, you know, use an assumed name. Uh we're going to keep this out of the papers. We don't want anybody to know. So they all end up on this train car. Not even the servants know what's going like everyone is kind of kept in the dark. And so Aldrich and everybody, they take the train down to Jackal Island in Georgia where there was this swanky resort. still exists today. I went there a few years ago, not swanky by today's comparisons. And JP Morgan uh owned like half the resort. And so these guys went there and and kind of had accommodations for the week where they hold themselves up in a room and they architected in secret um this this system that became the Federal Reserve.

Of course, they had to go convince Congress and they had to get a public vote. So it's not like the entire thing was a conspiracy. the conspiracy was who the actors were, how they were involved, and what they were trying to force on the public using kind of propaganda talking points about why we need this. If you like this clip, you should check out the full video and all the other great content we've got at Dad Saves America. So, be sure to hit the like button, subscribe, and ring that bell so you won't miss our new stuff as it drops each week.