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An Interview with Jeffrey Epstein

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NCC: Mr. Epstein, thank you for granting this interview. It is nice to put a personality with the name I quoted so often during the 2004 campaign. I believe your efforts were essential in stopping John Kerry from becoming president.

In my opinion, you and your fellow Veterans for Truth accomplished a great service on behalf of our national security in that effort - now you are engaged in another effort on behalf of our security.

Could you tell our readers a bit about your background, and remind us of your role in the 2004 presidential election?

I'd like to begin by thanking you for this opportunity. In the autumn of 2003, I sold my company which ended my twenty-one year mortgage banking career. I previously supervised residential lending, in the Tri-state area, for Great Western Bank. I was promoted to SVP after initiating an FBI / OTS investigation that resulted in the incarceration of an Attorney and several real estate professionals who conspired to commit mortgage fraud.

I'm quite proud of my prior affiliation with Vietnam Vets for the Truth (VVT). Last year, I directed media relations for the organization and was responsible for breaking the story regarding John Kerry's photo adorning the hallway of the communist "War Crimes" museum in HCM City, Vietnam. I considered it a true honor to serve both VVT's president, Capt. Larry Bailey, and a whole generation of patriotic Americans - Vietnam veterans who honorably answered their nation's call and were united by a noble cause. That is, to prevent an opportunistic phony from securing the reins of our nation and becoming our next Commander-In-Chief.

NCC: Now, you are involved in The People's Truth Forum; what is nature and purpose of that group?

The People's Truth Forum is a non-partisan, fact-based organization whose mission is to educate the American people on controversial topics of national security. Our primary objective is to disseminate critical information that is not readily available, via conventional channels, to concerned citizens. We always deal in facts and our sources are always credible.

NCC: Tell us about your upcoming symposium, "The Radical-Islamist Threat to World Peace and National Security" - what is the goal of this program, who is involved and what should the attendees expect to learn from it?

Several short months ago, the "Peoples Truth Forum" (PTF) set out on an extraordinary mission - one of energizing a grass-roots initiative to disseminate the truth regarding "radicalized" factions of Islam and the threat posed by these barbaric terrorists to Western Society and our very way of life

As you stated, "PTF" is sponsoring an educational symposium titled, "The Radical Islamist Threat to World Peace and National Security." It will take place on September 21, 2005 in Southington, Connecticut. This symposium will delve into the minds of those who use terror as a tool. It will paint a profile of those who would slaughter innocents and it will educate both professional and average citizen on how terrorism threatens our way of life today.

All participating speakers are noted experts on the subject matter of Radical Islam and the threat that it poses to every American Citizen
Harvey Kushner, PhD., noted author, lecturer, professor and internationally

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recognized authority on terrorism. Dr. Kushner has advised and provided training to numerous government agencies, including the FBI, FAA, INS, and U.S. Customs. He is a frequent guest of all major television networks and is often quoted by news media worldwide.

Brigitte Gabriel, a prominent Arab-American journalist, will provide a first-hand account of her experience with Islamic Jihad. Ms. Gabriel, a Christian native of Southern Lebanon, survived a bombing in which her family's home was reduced to rubble by radical Muslim forces. Prompted by the serious wounding of her mother, the family sought medical treatment in Israel - a place of refuge where the generosity and compassion of the people overwhelmed them.

Robert Spencer, the director of Jihad Watch (www.jihadwatch.org), is the author of *Onward Muslim Soldiers: How Jihad Still Threatens America and the West* (Regnery) and *Islam Unveiled: Disturbing Questions About the World's Fastest Growing Faith* (Encounter). He is coauthor, with Daniel Ali, of *Inside Islam: A Guide for Catholics* (Ascension), and editor of the essay collection *The Myth of Islamic Tolerance: How Islamic Law Treats Non-Muslims* (Prometheus). His latest book, *The Politically Incorrect Guide to Islam (and the Crusades)*, will be available August 8 from Regnery Publishing.

Laura Mansfield is an author and counter-terror analyst. She uses her knowledge of the Arabic language and of Islamic culture and history to investigate jihad and jihadists both in the US and throughout the world.

The location we have procured is of the highest quality and can accommodate in excess of 1200 guests. We expect to have a large contingent of first responders in the audience and are experiencing great interest, from this demographic, in both the tri-state area and Southern New England. Surprisingly, a number of guests are planning to fly in from California, Texas and Florida.

No doubt, the symposium will sound a potent, nonpartisan alarm - a warning which is intended to serve as a "wake-up" call to all those in attendance. We cannot afford to embrace apathy or political correctness, not with this subject.

NCC: I've read that the "First Responders" are very much involved in the symposium; why do those on the front lines of the domestic War on Terror so strongly support your efforts?

Early on, a number of law enforcement agencies and military personnel signed up for our weekly newsletters. Feedback from several Sheriff's departments and Marine Corp Officers was encouraging since they proposed to incorporate some of our material into their training programs. PTF was recently contacted by a DOJ official who praised our efforts and intends to both publicize the event and be in attendance.

Bernie Kerik, New York City's former Police Commissioner and Congressman Tom Tamcredo (R-CO) both endorsed the event and are planning to be in attendance, schedule permitting.

NCC: The People's Truth Forum put together some ads to publicize the symposium; could you describe these ads?

The 60- second commercial was formulated to advertise the symposium. In summary, it began with Allahu Akbar (the Arabic phrase for praising god) and stated that these were the words heard in the cockpits of those four jets that crashed into the World Trade Center, Pentagon and a field in Pennsylvania. Then, the questions were posed as to what could have been going through the minds of those terrorists that day and what would have driven them to commit such an evil acts. . Next, we invited people to attend the symposium to find those answers and provided contact information.

NCC: CBS has refused to run your ads, claiming that they are "too controversial" and "too emotional." What is it about these ads that they find so objectionable?

That's the million dollar question... Initially, I thought that the incorporation of Arabic might have appeared to be less than politically correct. In hindsight, I believe that educating the public to the threat of radical Islam doesn't fit CBS's leftist agenda - an opinion supported by their latest posting of an "AP" article on terrorism. Once again, CBS was duped. They posted a faulty Fatwa, on their news site, which was issued by a questionable Islamic organization with reputed ties to terrorism. If the article wasn't bad enough, they chose to accompany it with a picture of a Muslim man praying next to an American flag. CBS redesigned the flag by replacing the stars with a crescent. Many of us consider this to be the ultimate act of desecration - something particularly offensive when our servicemen are dying overseas.

NCC: Is this simply a case of political correctness run amok, or is something else behind it? Could the reasons be more partisan in nature, or might they fear angering Islamic pressure groups such as CAIR?

In consideration of ABC's recent firing of conservative talk show host Michael Graham, I believe something far more sinister might be in play. The "MSM" is partisan and is committed to undermining the war effort and our support for the State of Israel. Just weeks ago, the BBC began to generically label Islamist terrorists as "bombers". Not to be outdone, The New York Times, America's greatest liberal rag, decided to revise history by showing respect for a barbaric butcher. Accordingly, Abu Musab Zarqari, the SOB who not only fathered the "IED" but is responsible for the loss of thousands of military and civilian lives, is now being referred to as a Jordanian fighter.

I have been told that media-related organizations are intimidated by the threat of legal action from groups like CAIR. Additionally, rumors have it that several talk show hosts are fearful of reprisal by Islamist extremists - especially when dealing with topics concerning Iran.

NCC: Mr. Epstein, of recent weeks we have witnessed horrific terrorist attacks in London and the Middle East - are we any safer here?

Relying on the opinions of those counter-terrorism experts which I consult with, the answer would be no. We've come a long way but not far enough. Unfortunately, we will suffer from horrific attacks over the coming years. Any labeling of the current conflict as a war on terrorism is a misnomer. We are engaged in a struggle between two diametrically opposed cultures. A religious war was declared on the West by Islamic extremists who are committed to our very destruction. We can expect this war to last for decades and no military options should be taken off the table. If and when the Islamo-fascists secure nuclear weaponry, they will use them.

NCC: Are we more or less vulnerable than pre-9/11, and why?

I believe that we are significantly more vulnerable now because the Jihadists learned much from our response to the attacks... They tested American resolve and discovered how quick we were to forget even the most horrendous acts committed against us. Just consider how our "enemies from within" set out on their treasonous quest to "Vietnamize" the war effort in Iraq. We're currently engaged in fighting a war on two fronts - a war which is our to lose if not supported on the home front.

I believe that the threat we are now facing is far more dangerous than that posed by the Third Reich in the thirties. The Nazis were regionalized and for the most part in uniform. Our Islamist enemies are widely disbursed and disguised within our own borders. With a global population in excess of 1.2 billion Muslims, consider the consequences of only having a mere 10% of them or 120 million sworn to our

destruction.

Last week, one of my associates questioned a Muslim foreigner as to whether he or his "brothers" could be trusted. In response, the man emphatically stated "NEVER" adding "that they are taught to be great neighbors and obey the laws of the countries in which they reside until they are called up. Then, they will slice your throats as easily as they came to your BBQ's"

NCC: If the goal of the symposiums sponsored by The People's Truth Forum is to further efforts against terrorism and enhance our security, why would anyone oppose your efforts?

Our country is divided and many amongst us refuse to recognize the existence of evil. Naïve ideologues contend that Islamic "freedom fighters" are lashing out at the West - and especially Americans - because of the provocative nature of Western life or the Western presence in Islamic States. To hold these contentions is to be blind to the truth either through ignorance or deliberate oversight.

NCC: Are those who hamper our security not complicit in our danger?

If we choose to ignore the facts as presented - that radical Islamists are waging war against the free West and especially the United States of America - then future deaths at the hands of terrorists must find the blood of the slaughtered on our hands as well.

NCC: What should America do to protect ourselves against Islamic terrorism?

All efforts must be made to reverse the tide. Muslims, of questionable repute - meaning having known ties to terrorism, have infiltrated various institutions across America. They have gained access to the highest levels of government and are exerting influence on policy making in Washington. These people must be exposed and incarcerated. Additionally, our politicians must be held accountable for their actions as well.

NCC: What can our readers do to help you and The People's Truth Forum in your efforts to make America safer? How can we help get those ads on the air?

Time is not on our side with respect to CBS's questionable behavior. At this juncture, trying to convince them to run the commercials would waste valuable energy and resources. However, I am committed to publicizing the matter in hopes of waking up the American people to CBS's dubious agenda.

Most importantly, everyone should immediately make reservations to attend the symposium and encourage their associates and relatives to do likewise. If you can't make it, please consider donating toward the event. Contributions received will benefit law enforcement officers and others through reduced ticket prices.

Clearly, time is of the essence for the security and well-being of the greatest nation on earth is at stake.

Reservation forms are available on our website: www.peoplestruthforum.com

Again, thank you Mr. Epstein. Daily, Americans must choose between vigilance and complacency; you are doing a great service in educating us about the threats to our nation and way of life. Keep up the good work.

As a free people and a constitutional democracy, Americans have a duty to be active in our governance. Our duty does not stop at the ballot box. I urge our readers to remain vigilant against all threats to our society, learn about our enemies and take an active role in defending our nation. Mr. Epstein is the epitome of what it means to be a good and responsible citizen. I encourage each of you to help Mr. Epstein and The People's Truth Forum in their Paul Revere - like mission to alert America to the dangers we face.

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