

The Fabians Society

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A group of *We Are Change UK* activists and journalists attended the Fabians Society annual conference on the 19th of January 2008 in London. The title of the conference (and the slogan wrapped around our wrists on the compulsory red rubber bracelets) was '*Change the World*' – but unless a grand finale of mass suicide in the closing seminar was on the cards - there was little chance of that happening... Imagine my disappointment.

These people were the deluded, the brain dead and the deceptive, pressed so close together in the tight spaced folding seats that it was hard to tell who was who. In an ideal world these people would be the Jehovah's Witnesses of the political world – pressed suits and steam ironed faces, the focus of their glazed eyes stuck permanently in the mid-distance and with smiles which they contrived to sell as "warm" in the same way a commission-starved travel agent might try to sell a winter break in Helsinki as "balmy". If fate had morals these clones would be stopping door to door, asking people if they had ever considered the inner joy they could attain by accepting that globalisation and a move of power from the people to the corporation was inevitable, and could they be tempted to accept a leaflet about the EU? Hopeless fanatics with PowerPoint prayer-graphs and a hymn book of late 80s corporate power-pop. Ignored and occasionally humoured, most would commit suicide by 40, or realise what a mistake they had made with their life and get a hobby. But no; these are our criminal leaders, these are their campaigners, these are the young being formed in their image – this is New Labour laying the red carpet for the New World Order.

The worst of them was David Miliband, the fresh-faced foreign secretary who mistook smarm for charm at some vital point in his development. He has inherited the criminal record which comes attached to a military engaged in grave and gory war crimes. Does he care? Belinda McKenzie of *Make War History* asks him a question – is he aware that New Labour have broken both British Common Law and International war law 5 times; that anyone who is part of a government committing war crimes is a war criminal? Miliband dismisses the whole issue with "I don't agree". What a state our nation would be in if all criminals could chose whether or not they recognised their crimes. When a rapist and murderer is caught with his trousers down and a bloody knife in his hand does he have the right to say "actually I don't agree that what I'm doing here is a crime so please be on your way officer"?

The law is the law and anyone who wants to read the recognised national and international war laws that everyone in this country should be accountable to can see that our leaders are war criminals. If there was a single police officer, a single judge in this country who was willing to uphold the law every one of them would be in the dock. But there isn't and instead the death of over a million innocent Iraqi men, women and children cause the guilty no more inconvenience than the Belindas of this world, tirelessly trying to make the cheerleaders of these butchers aware of what manner of beast they are jiggling their pom-poms at in a stuffy London conference hall.

After his speech *We Are Change UK* had a few questions for Miliband regarding the EU (see the *We Are Change UK* Fabian Society video on YouTube), again he appealed to his right as a politician to disagree with reality and made his hasty exit. The sentiment of his squirming on the EU was the theme of the day. Over and over again people repeated, when questioned, the deceptive line that the EU constitution and the EU treaty are completely different things. Deceptive line rather than lie as they *do* have completely different names, but this form of weasel wording is worse than a lie in that it abuses the truth; makes it wear a lie's dirty knickers and parade around humiliating itself while it sobs horrible tears. Both the Milibandit Brothers and Hilary Benn would sully and abuse the truth in this fashion during the course of the day. If I weren't a pacifist I would like to take them all snorkelling and promise them that there were no man eating fish in the spot I chose, and then explain to them in detail as they thrashed around becoming gradually smaller, that a shark is not actually a fish as it has a cartilage skeleton rather than one made of bone.

As Angela Merkel has reported, EU treaty is 90% the same as the EU constitution. This is an issue of who rules us and this is a question of what we the people chose to do with our power. Tony Benn puts it best when he says that the people loan the government they elect their power, and if they don't like the job they've done with it, they can take it back. If New Labour gives our power to Europe without a referendum they are stealing that power; giving away what was not theirs to give. As *We Are Change UK* asked Miliband, receiving no answer, is this treason?

The second party line was the instant conflation of people criticising the EU with nationalists or bigots. Whenever a point would be raised the instant response was

"UKIP would love people to think that, but...."

We heard this over and over again from a "Young Fabian" who *We Are Change UK* interviewed after the event. If anything was more depressing than the state of the modern Labour party it was this sad example of things to come. Still unable to shave, this young man already had the fixed stare, the false smile and the politician's answers. It's easy to imagine how a young idealist might sell off their ideals step by step as they climbed the rungs of power; it is common knowledge that most of the New Labour politicians were left wing activists in their youth. But it's a bitter pill to swallow when they come pre-formed and boil in the bag straight off the production line. I couldn't help imagining he was the product of some perverted gene splicing project; formed fresh from the spittle of Blair, cultured in a tube in some neon underground lab below Westminster. His Blair impression down pat, he stood there and again and again dismissed legitimate concerns by insinuating the only people who had any argument against the EU were UKIP, as thought o state "if you resist our handing your power to the EU permanently it's only because you're a nationalist, and quite possibly a xenophobe" why does that sound familiar? Oh yes, the childish and offensive linking of questioning the government line on 9/11 to anti-Semitism.

In a seminar on how democracy can fight terrorism *We Are Change UK* asked the panel that since 9/11 had been referenced so many times by them as the genesis of the war on terror, what they thought about Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth (www.ae911truth.org) – a coalition of 244 qualified experts who state that the collapse of the Twin Towers and WTC7 could not have been achieved without controlled demolition, and therefore the whole prospectus of the war on terror and the level of threat we face is false? Immediately on cue a

woman in the audience mockingly asks “did Mossad do it?” to laughter from the rest of the audience. Where did this come from? When presented with the fact that many respected professionals are going public to say that they know from their education and professional experience that these building collapses are impossible, the response is to insinuate that the person bringing this news to them is trying to “pin it on the Jews”. In his response Tony McNulty MP (government cheerleader for ID Cards, CCTV and the DNA database) said that he didn’t believe in “conspiracy theories”, to which *We Are Change UK* asked “are you an architect or an engineer?” and McNulty snapped back “I’m neither, but I know enough about what really did happen to reject conspiracy theories” – demonstrating that he in fact knew next to nothing about what really did happen, or was a liar, the audience then erupted in rapturous applause demonstrating they knew even less, or were fools.

This is the centre left; so terrified of being called a “conspiracy theorist” that they flatly refuse to look further into any matter than the Guardian or New Statesman will allow. The policy is to judge things at all times not by whether or not it is truthful or moral, but by how it will make them look. Chami Chakrabarti (the head of Liberty and supposed “lefty liberal” who spent the entire seminar making sure everyone knew how much she agreed with everything the rest of the panel, who should be her natural enemies, were saying) stated that Liberty did not oppose ID Cards because they were “conspiracy theorists” (i.e. for any silly reason like protecting our civil liberties or the opposition to a totalitarian state) but simply because it wasn’t safe to have all our data in one place because some bad people might get their hands on it – look at what happened to the Inland Revenue records after all. I fought the urge to vomit. This woman threw away the entire basis of her organisation, belittled the struggle against the very real attack on our civil liberties which is a key facet of the war on terror in exchange for jumping on the band wagon of an over-blown news story about some encrypted data a contract courier firm misplaced. Why? Because *We Are Change UK* were in the room, and she didn’t want anyone to think she was a “conspiracy theorist” as well.

What exactly is a conspiracy theory? I like the definition of US Political Economist Chris Sanders best – which is that the term ‘conspiracy theory’ is nothing less than the most successfully developed propaganda term of the 20th century; that it is a get-out-of-jail-free-card which can be played at any point to silence articulate dissent. It has been so well twinned with an image of the laughable nut that once applied to a topic the image-conscious will automatically drop it, and who is more image conscious than the modern political caste? So if someone says that 240 experts on building design and structure say that the Twin Towers could not fall without explosives it is ridiculed, because someone else has said “if you believe that, you’re a conspiracy theorist”. It doesn’t matter what the scientific evidence says, what the historical precedent suggests, what simple empirical observation or simpler common sense tells you – don’t listen, or everyone will think you’re a nut!

If all a conspiracy theorist means is a nut, then it is not a conspiracy theory to say that ID Cards, CCTV and the DNA Database are a threat to our civil liberties, or the building blocks of a police state. It is not a conspiracy theory to report that qualified independent experts say that a plane hitting a sky scraper should not cause it to crumble to dust and bent steel in 10-12 seconds from top to bottom.

The real conspiracy theory and the dangerous one is that reinforced by Hollywood through a thousand films, through the history books we are indoctrinated with – the conspiracy theory that the population of Nazi Germany were monsters, aliens and not normal human beings

who were led from manufactured fear to submission and from submission to irrational hate just like we could be. It is a conspiracy theory that, as Zappa mockingly said "it couldn't happen here"; that it could not happen again and isn't happening now, as our civil liberties scale down in an identical pattern, as our rhetoric against Muslims eases towards theirs about communists, about the Romany, about the Jews, and that it didn't all start with a cynically crafted false flag attack; a catastrophic and catalysing event that allowed the seed of evil within their government to whisk its people into hysteria and lead them to place their trust, their democracy and their freedom in their rulers hands and result in a mark being left on history so black and so foul that it would be remembered forever. They liked to applaud the criminals in their midst as well.

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