â€œFlashbangâ€• Reporting

Description

Unpaid Ad (for my own post): While youâ€™re here: Captain B, of the USMC! (OOOORAH!) has a great ideaâ€¦.get a full page ad in a major newspaper for the 4th of July, supporting the troops. Details here!

I struggled last night to determine a way you label the type of information we now deal with on a more and more frequent basis. The â€œnewsâ€• items, in the MSM and in more informal forums such as the â€˜net, suddenly appear. The little flags in the back of your brain are rasiedâ€¦something stinks about it, and then the Army of Davids comes out of the woodwork to discredit/disprove the presented â€œstory.â€•

default watermark

Examples (because Iâ€™m trying to discuss concepts here, at least a few examples are needed to connect the dots):

- Dan Ratherâ€™s Texas Air National Guard memo in fall 2004 (Câ€™monâ€¦Word XP in the early 70s?)
- Murder charges leveled at 1st Lt Ilario Pantano, USMC
- The roving bands of murderers in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina
- The Duke Lacrosse Team rape case (allegations by the first women are not being supported by the original statements by the second woman to the police that nothing happened and the credit card and phone records for one of the suspects)
- Everyoneâ€™s very special friend, Jesse McBeth, the Special Forces Ranger (who served a total of a few days in the Army before being discharged)
- The supposed Israeli shelling of Palestinian families on the beach (Palestinian explosives laid to deter landings on the beach?)
- The faked massacre by US Army troops where MSM outlets used a photo of a group of civilians executed by Islamic terrorists, captioned as thought the Army had sent or had allowed the troops to do that.
- A Variant form, part truth, part lies, but plenty enought to poison the well: The Haji Girl song. Itâ€™s really about terrorists killing their own family in an effort to kill US troops, not about US troops indiscriminately killing innocent Arabs

Common thread: Stories, quickly â€œtossedâ€• at the public in a shrill manner, or with highly energized words. Some have been proven to have been hoaxes, others are looking very much like they will meet the same endâ€¦.butâ€¦not before they are widely circulated around the globe. They are, much like a flashbang grenade, designed to take over your senses to thoroughly and long enough that you do not see the others slipping into position to secure you, hence the title of the post.

In thinking this through, I realized that the blogging community, so powerful in bringing reality to the table in many of these cases, can only react to such a forcible attack on the truth. In the meantime, the horses have left the barn. we are doing a great job of telling how the horses got loose, and that we surveyed the area, assessed the situation and determined, with cold and unflapable logic, that the gate

needed closing and we have done that. The good news: No more horses will get loose. On the other side of the issue, weâ€™d have to become omnicient in order to have posts up in advance, and imbedded electronics just arenâ€™t that capable yet.

Impact statement of such tactics:
In the case of the proven to be a fake Army Special Forces Ranger, I wondered how the words of Jesse McBeth, dicussing how they were told to massacre innocent men, women and children were echoed in the days leter major release of the Haditah story about a week ago. I dislike conspiracy theories, but could his video taped interview have been purposely â€œplacedâ€• to add credibility to the soon to some re-reporting of an indiscriminate rampage by American troops? You know, just another little weight on the scale.

Once it hit the street, particularly on YouTube, you can bet those who already believed this type of behavior was happening, and those who never thought about it, but could call it logical when asked, got their hands on the files of the interview, and then forwarded them on to other like minded people and organizations. Same with the Rather TXANG memo. The blogosphere jumped up, within an hour (for the TXANG memo) and called the niche experts to arms, yet the enemy was already racing from the area, the false message, delivered from â€œcredible sources,â€• was planted. Like the storeis of the anarchy in New Orleans, and the absense of any governmental forces, they placed a perception, taken as truth even now half a year later, in the minds of those who have come to demand instant delivery of everything in society. Our need for instant gratification has driven the methodolgy for the delivery systems (CNN, Fox, MSNBC, etc). This format is now the accepted style, so we extrapolate that all reported is correct, we quickly, feeling the need to be â€œincludedâ€• in all discussions on all topics, make sweeping judgments, more often than not devoid of any personal understanding and there you have it: â€œI BELIEVE!â€•

default watermark

Taking the deliverer to task is still necessary, but the masses have moved on beyond the Da Vinci Code contreversies, and now are worried about reacting to tropical storms as though they were Category 5 hurricanes, while a state governor declares heâ€™d rather be overly prepared then not doing enough. He, too, is driven by not being â€œNaginedâ€• an losing his political stature, at the expense of cajoling many millions to leave home, but not before they empty the grocery stores shelves and gas stationâ€™s tanks, to then have to use cold hard cash for hotels, camp ground, and the stuff you buy when you get to your friend/relativeâ€™s house on high ground, to make amends for your intrusion.

Thatâ€™s it:

Background Noise: SMASH! â€œBANG!â€•
You: â€œI CANâ€•T SEE! I CANâ€•T SEE!â€• (said loudly over the ringing in the ears)
Reporter/Newscaster: â€œDonâ€™t worry! Weâ€™re here from the MSM to tell you whatâ€™s happening while you are temporarily blinded!â€•
â€œMARINES MASSACRE IN INNOCENT IRAQIS IN COLD BLOODâ€•
You: â€œNO! NOT OUR GUYS!â€•
R/N: â€œOH, yesâ€¦I know you donâ€™t want to believe it, butâ€¦Jesse McBeth said he did it with the Special Forces Rangers, as ordered by his superiors!â€•
Y: â€œSounds fishy to me.â€•
R/N: â€œNope, itâ€™s true. Jack Murtha (who was highly decorated in Vietnam and donâ€™t you

dare question him on his patriotism) Said they are MURDERERS! and he was one of them once.â€• Uncle Jimbo/Matt/Smash/Bill Roggio/Steve Shippert: â€œHey! That R/N is full of crap and besides, we need to let the system run itâ€™s course before we start yelling about firing squads.â€• R/N: â€œDonâ€™t listen to those whining bloggers. They just wish they got our salaries, so theyâ€™ll try to make us out as liars.â€•

I think you can extend and revise without objection where that type of discussion has gone in actual cases.

Some amount of mental energy will go into this this weekend, trying to see what the counter may be. I think a good start will be the full page ad in a major newpaper on July 4th. Putting forth the good done, and real â€œsupport the troopsâ€• messages will begin to push back, but Iâ€™m sure thereâ€™s more that can be done.

Comments anyone? (is this mic on?)

Welcome LGF Lizardsâ€¦.You may fire when ready (comments are open).

default watermark

Category

1. Blogging
2. Geo-Political
3. Political

Date Created
June 15, 2006
Author
admin