Tucker Carlson's War on Official Narratives — Fired from Fox News



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If I wanted, I could make this the shortest article I've written for NewsWithViews.com. After all, Frosty Wooldridge scooped me with <u>this excellent piece</u> you should read right now if you haven't already, and which deserves the widest possible dissemination.

As of this writing, Tucker Carlson himself has not said why he and Fox News "parted ways." He surfaced on Twitter on Wednesday, April 26. <u>Here</u> (we'll look at what he said below).

I've no original theories of my own on this, and it wouldn't matter if I did. It's pretty obvious, is it not?

Carlson is a truth-teller. Powerful people today don't like truth-tellers. Many who identify with authority, for one reason or another, also don't like truth-tellers.

For example, Carlson routinely criticized the U.S. involvement in Ukraine, and exposed the special forces on the ground going directly up against Russian forces in violation of the law. He interviewed others such as Glenn Greenwald who are among the few voices that have criticized the assumptions on which the U.S. federal government throwing hundreds of billions of dollars at Ukraine are based.

Let's pause and just ask ourselves: isn't it weird — Charles Fort level weird — that with what is arguably the most dangerous war in human history, a war in which there have been more than mere hints of the use of nuclear weapons coming from both sides, that there is no substantial antiwar movement anywhere to be seen???

No visible protests in the streets! Nothing on college and university campuses, not on any media network or platform with visibility!

Just the opposite, in fact. If you question Ukraine's being the totally innocent victim of the vile, violent, and corrupt Russians, if you challenge the claim that Russia's Feb. 24, 2022 invasion was "unprovoked" and question the wisdom of "our" government sending hundreds of billions of dollars to the Zelenskyy regime in Kyiv, that makes you "pro-Putin"!

This smear is now sufficient to demonize anyone who criticizes America's deepening involvement in what is clearly a proxy war for which, like "our" government's disastrous incursion into Iraq in 2003, there is no end in sight. The same sorts of things were said against those of us who criticized that war, that we were "Saddam lovers"!

Careers have been derailed over this, which may be why the only visible antiwar voices are now-independent journalists/writers like Greenwald and <u>Caitlin Johnstone</u> (there are very few people further outside the boxes supplied by official narratives than she is).

Now Tucker Carlson joins them — one hopes!

I've no doubt, he'll land on his feet. How much of his audience of around 3.5 million strong he'll take with him from Fox News remains to be seen. He'll have hurdles to clear. He replaced Bill O'Reilly, whose audience diminished significantly after he left Fox. Were I Carlson, though, I'd not give that a second thought. The people who count will

stick around. I would therefore already be putting together my own news-and-commentary platform. When you've been getting paid tens of millions a year for several years and have an audience of that size, who needs an employer?

Carlson's firing appears to have come from the top: Rupert Murdoch himself. Assuming the man is not senile — not impossible as he's 92 years old — from a financial standpoint what he did was grade-A stupid. Fox's market shares plummeted last Monday after Fox announced Carlson's sudden departure.

In one day, the corporation lost more money than it will probably pay to Dominion Voting Systems (\$787.5 million according to the settlement).

One takeaway: Fox's reputation is as a conservative news network, but its uppermost enclaves are still billionaire class. They are therefore wedded to official narratives. Billionaires like Murdoch don't have to care about the bottom line if narrative control is at stake. They'll lose money before they give up control.

Could it be that he figured all this out???

The real bottom line was that Tucker Carlson could not be controlled!

He did not help the power elites "manufacture consent" (Chomsky).

Thus he criticized the official narratives on Ukraine, Hunter Biden's laptop, January 6, covid, the mRNA shots, and much more. He exposed Big Pharma and gave Robert F. Kennedy Jr. airtime, allowing Kennedy to speak for himself so that an audience of potentially 3.5 million could hear about the merger of governmental and corporate power which is RFK Jr.'s central message (not "antivax conspiracy theories" as Establishment corporate media would have you believe).

Big Pharma has tentacles everywhere, of course. One estimate I have is that the multibillion dollar pharmaceuticals industry funds 70 percent of corporate media. This is one reason every third television commercial you see is for a drug. And why you'll never hear anything critical of the industry or its products on CNN, MSNBC, NBC, CBS, ABC, PBS, or even from other Fox News hosts.

Tucker Carlson, though, on a recent show:*

Is any news organization you know of so corrupt that it's willing to hurt you on behalf of its biggest advertisers? Anyone who would do that is obviously Pablo Escobar level corrupt!...

Suppose the Trump administration had made it mandatory to buy My Pillow [Mike Lindell's company].

Imagine if the administration had said that if you don't rush out and buy at least one My Pillow, and then get another "booster" Pillow, you'd not be allowed to eat out, couldn't reenter your own country, you couldn't have a paying job.

My Pillow, they told you with a straight face, was the linchpin of our country's public health system.

Now imagine, as they told you that, Fox as a news organization endorsed it, amplified the government's message. Imagine if Fox News attacked anyone who refused to buy My Pillow as an ally of Russia, an enemy of science.

And then imagine that Fox kept up those libelous attacks even as evidence mounted that My Pillow caused heart attacks, fertility problems, and death. If Fox News did this, would you trust us? Of course you wouldn't, you would know that we were liars.

Thank heaven Fox News never did anything like that. But the other channels did. The other channels took hundreds of

millions of dollars from Big Pharma companies, and then they shilled for their sketchy products on the air, and as they did that, they maligned anyone who was skeptical of those products.

Pow!

Carlson routinely delivered monologues very much like that one on Russia-Ukraine — including the unintentional irony of corporate media embracing RussiaGate back in 2016-18 which implied that with the help of Russian collusion (which never happened) the Trumpists basically stole that election, while branding doubts about the legitimacy of Election 2020 as "baseless conspiracy theories" and "election denial."

Carlson openly called out the DOJ's utter lack of interest in what was on Hunter Biden's laptop (a topic Big Tech suppressed). Also labeled "Russian disinformation."**

His material on January 6 should have been enough to raise doubts about that event being an "insurrection," however many times the Establishment calls it that.

The only thing he did not do, at least not openly that I ever heard, was talk about the globalists, and the encroaching techno-feudalist political economy globalists are gradually laying into place. Probably well over 90 percent of the technological infrastructure necessary for a world government now exists.

Maybe it's a good thing that, again to the best of my knowledge, he left such topics alone. He might have been let go by Fox long ago. (Glenn Beck was gotten rid of, let us remember, following his exposing globalist-leftist George Soros who, through his Open Society Institute and the organizations it bankrolls, also has tentacles everywhere.)

Tucker Carlson surfaced a day ago as this is written, with this video. It's long, but I think it's worth a look:

Good evening, Tucker Carlson here....

[W]hen you take a little time off, you realize how unbelievably stupid the debates you see on television are. They're completely irrelevant. They mean nothing. In five years, we won't even remember that we had them. Trust me as someone who participated....

And yet at the same time ... the undeniably *big* topics, the ones that will define our future, get virtually no discussion at all. War. Civil liberties. Emerging science. Demographic change. Corporate power. Natural resources.

When was the last time you heard a legitimate debate about any of those issues? It's been a long time. Debates like that are not permitted in American media. Both political parties, and their donors, have reached consensus on what benefits them, and they actively collude to shut down any conversation about it.

Suddenly the United States looks very much like a one-party state. That's a depressing realization, but it's not permanent. Our current orthodoxies won't last. They're brain dead. Nobody actually believes them. Hardly anyone's life is improved by them. This moment is too inherently ridiculous to continue, and so it won't.

The people in charge know this; that's why they're hysterical and aggressive. They're afraid. They've given up persuasion; they're resorting to force. But it won't work. When honest people say what's *true*, calmly and without embarrassment, they become powerful.

At the same time, the liars who've been trying to silence them shrink. They become weaker. That's the iron law of the universe. True things prevail. Where can you find still find Americans saying true things? There aren't many places left, but there are some. And that's enough. As long as you can hear the words, there's hope.

See you soon.

In other words, Tucker Carlson will be back. What "current orthodoxies" is he talking about? We enumerated them above, and as owner of his own platform (hopefully!), he'll be able to talk about them more openly.

Contrary to what the Establishment will push, the above message offers hope. For as I've previously noted, empires built on lies and brute force never survive. Eventually they go down in flames, often at the hands of their own. People who can get out from under their reach do so. Those who cannot, are increasingly likely to start burning things down in numbers eventually too large to stop when they get the chance.

There is a vast difference within the human race. The difference is psychological as well as philosophical. On the one hand there are the few, sociopaths who literally worship power and believe themselves most fit to rule, like the Philosopher-Kings of the ancient Greek philosopher Plato's Republic. Think World Economic Forum, the most visible organization that fits that bill. Think of some of those at the helms of global corporations, entities like the EU, and of course the U.S. Deep State. Think finally of the American cultural left, which talks a lot about "freedom" and "democracy" but exhibits no actual faith in either. Collectively these few fancy themselves as having dethroned God. They have what Thomas Sowell called "unconstrained vision": given sufficient time and resources and a capacity to enslave whole populations, they'll build Utopia!

And then there is the rest of us, the many, who would like to think we live in the real world. At least we try. We do not worship power. We honor prescriptions like "Thou shalt not murder" and "Thou shalt not steal." We wish only to be *left alone*. Some of our best philosophers, long ago, formulated such notions as the "natural rights of man," of freedom of speech, of due process, of the rule of law. We have what

Sowell described as "constrained vision." What constrains society is human nature, which is sinful, fallible, not perfectible; but with great potential to solve problems and build limited greatness.

Fail to recognize limitations, and you end up with Dystopia!

It might be worth noting, though, that there is a heck of a lot more of *us* than there are of *them*.

Maybe this is why they are fundamentally afraid of us, afraid of people making their own choices, especially when those choices are circumscribed by a morality that does not position them and their institutions at the center, and refuses to regard human lives as expendable and disposable.

Tucker Carlson will continue to be praised by some and condemned by others. When you've taken stands that threaten powerful people and moneyed interests, that is inevitable. Just note who is giving him praise, and which voices are condemning him, or simply calling him names (e.g., "fascist").

He hasn't really gone anywhere. I, for one, look forward to his next venture. Something tells me it's going to be good. Maybe he'll do a massive information dump at some point and post all the January 6 footage he still presumably has in his possession. What an exercise in transparency that will be!

*I can't see the point of linking to this, or other YouTube videos where Tucker Carlson appears, because I expect them to be scrubbed any day now, either by Fox itself or YouTube. Which means any links I put in will cease to work, obviously.

**Some with free minds might wonder in their idle moments, why are we being encouraged to hate Russia so much? Well....

Russia is a Christian nation (Orthodoxy) and was, for centuries. Its populations are mostly lily-white. It has traditional family and social structures. The perversions being celebrated in the West are therefore not accepted there. Putin, moreover, is a *nationalist* if he's anything, and will do what he can to protect ethnic Russians. One reason for his invading Ukraine was to put a stop to the brutalizing of Russians by the Kyiv regime in the Donbas. The Russian political philosopher and geopolitical strategist who most likely has Putin's ear, Aleksandr Dugin, defends a multi-polar (not globalist-controlled) world, and wrote a book entitled, in English translation, *The Great Awakening Vs the Great Reset* (2021).

In other words, Russia's Establishment is everything ours is not, and vice versa. What better explanation could there be of the visceral, irrational hatred being spewed at everything Russian by our Establishment via its countless shills in government, media, academia, Hollywood, and elsewhere?

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philosophy courses in years past, walked away from academia, still writes philosophy emphasizing the need to identify, clarify, and evaluate the success (or failure) of worldviews in civilization, on stages of civilization, on the quest to build free communities in the face of encroaching globalism and technocracy, and how worldviews either enhance or hobble responsible freedom. Course/tutorial outline here. For more information or to get on our email list: freeyourmindinsc@yahoo.com.

Steven Yates's latest book What Should Philosophy Do? A Theory (2021) is available here and here. His earlier Four Cardinal Errors: Reasons for the Decline of the American Republic (2011) is available here.

While admittedly the real world can be scary enough, he has also written a novel of cosmic horror. The Shadow Over Sarnath will be published later this year.