

DONATE NOW!



WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY 2011 / TRUTH-OUT.ORG

ARCHIVE | LOGIN | JOIN TRUTHOUT | SEARCH

### **Assassination of Afghan President's Half Brother Leaves Void**

*The assassination of a divisive political figure leaves a void in a volatile area.*

### **McConnell Offers Way Out of Debt Drama, Drives the Right Nuts**

*The proposal is actually a win for the GOP, despite the naysaying from the hard right.*

## The Fall of the House of Murdoch

*Jonathan Schell, Project Syndicate | Op-Ed*

New York - During the four decades since the Watergate affair engulfed US President Richard Nixon, politicians have repeatedly ignored the scandal's main lesson: the cover-up is worse than the crime. Like Nixon, they have paid a higher price for concealing their misdeeds than they would have for the misdeeds alone.



Rupert Murdoch, News Corp. (Photo: World Economic Forum)

Now, for once, comes a scandal that breaks that rule: the United Kingdom's phone-hacking affair, which has shaken British politics to its foundations. Over the past decade, the tabloid newspaper The News of the World, owned by Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation, targeted 4,000 people's voicemail. The list includes not only royalty, celebrities, and other VIPs, but also the families of servicemen killed in Afghanistan and Iraq, and...

[Read Article](#) / [Comment](#) / [Share](#)

**Learning the Hard Way: The Whistleblower From the Madoff Scandal Tells How to Reform the SEC**

### **Back to Square One**

*Marisa Holmes, Truthout | Report*

There is a renewed sense of unity and purpose in Egypt. People have returned to Tahrir

Search

Enter your email address...

#### LATEST STORIES

### **Lawsuit Abuse, Indeed**

*Christine Hines | Public Citizen | Op-Ed*

### **Who Killed the Bluebird of Happiness?**

*Jim Hightower | Truthout | Op-Ed*

### **Get Mad at Judges, Not Juries!**

*Michael Winship | Truthout | News Analysis*

#### BUZZFLASH DAILY HEADLINES

- » Growing Economic Inequality the Root Cause of Economic Stagnation - *BuzzFlash*
- » How Climate Change Disasters are the Biggest Threats to Our Nation and World Economies - *BuzzFlash*
- » The Richest 1% Has Tripled Its Share of the US Income Over the Past 30 Years - *BuzzFlash*

Harry Markopolos is an American hero for trying to warn the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) about the infamous Bernie Madoff, who, for years, pulled off the largest Ponzi investment scheme in history. In 1999, while an investment officer for an investment firm in Boston, Markopolos was asked by his boss to find out why Madoff's wealth management company consistently did better than other financial firms. After about four hours of investigating and running Madoff's numbers, he realized that Madoff could not legitimately have made that high a return for his investors. However, with the help of three other coworkers, he spent the next nine years peeling back the layers on Madoff's scheme and trying to get the SEC to investigate. »

[Read / Comment / Share](#)

Square and are determined to save the revolution.

### Blood of the Martyrs

On Friday, June 24, families of the 25 January martyrs began gathering in front of Maspero, the Egyptian state TV building. They carried signs depicting their loved ones and declared an open sit-in until justice was served. Former Minister of Interior Habib el Adly and six other security officers involved in the targeted killing of protesters, were called to stand trial on Sunday, June 26. However, this was postponed for a third time. The families had reached a breaking point. They flooded the streets around the New Cairo Criminal Court and found Adly's armored car, which they began pummeling with stones. At this point, the police rushed to the scene and began to beat back protesters with batons and the crowd dispersed. »

[Read / Comment / Share](#)

### More BuzzFlash Headlines

Truthout on Facebook  
Like

105,220 people like Truthout.

Madi Zachary Grigoris Dymna Nicholas  
Peter Sean Anna Heath Luciano Robi

Facebook social plugin

STATEMENT »

*Sen. Bernie Sanders: We Will Not Balance the Budget on the Backs of Working Families*

OPINION »

*Henry A. Giroux: Trickle-Down Cruelty and the Politics of Austerity*

INTERVIEW »

*Ordinary People, Great Changes: Interview With PBS "Freedom Riders" Director*

SOLUTION »

*On "Reform," Will Secretary Leon Panetta Go the Way of Past DoD Secretaries?*

OPINION »

*Joseph E. Stiglitz: The Ideological Crisis of Western Capitalism*



Learning the Hard Way: The Whistleblower From the Madoff Scandal Tells How to Reform the SEC  
*Dina Rasor, Truthout*



Back to Square One  
*Marisa Holmes, Truthout*

McConnell Offers Way Out Of Debt Drama, Drives The Right Nuts  
*Isaiah J. Poole, Campaign for America's Future*

Assassination of Afghan President's Half Brother Leaves Void  
*Alissa J. Rubin and Scott Shane, The New York Times News Service*

Get Mad at Judges, Not Juries!  
*Michael Winship, Truthout*

Climate Change Gridlock: Where Do We Go From Here? (Part 2)  
*Making Contact, National Radio Project*



Gordon Brown Alleges Shattered Murdoch Paper Hired "Known Criminals"  
*John F. Burns, Jo Becker and Alan Cowell, The New York Times News Service*

Tea Party Group Admits It Wants to "Shut Down Public Schools"  
*Zaid Jilani, ThinkProgress*



The Fall of the House of Murdoch  
*Jonathan Schell, Project Syndicate*

Lawsuit Abuse, Indeed  
*Christine Hines, Public Citizen*

Does Medicaid Matter? New Study Shows How Much  
*Judy Solomon, Off The Charts*



Grassroots Solutions to American Crises: From Collapse to Action  
*Benjamin Dangl, Toward Freedom*



Is the Obama National Security Team a Pilotless Drone?  
*Tom Engelhardt, TomDispatch*



Nearly \$2 Trillion Purloined From US Workers in 2009  
*James M Cypher, Dollars & Sense*

No Agreement is Better Than a Bad Agreement  
*Mehdi Shafaeddin, Triple Crisis*

Something to Squawk About  
*Eugene Robinson, The Washington Post Writers Group*

End Trickle-Down Economics to Pay Off Debt  
*Robert Weiner and John Horton, The Miami Herald*

TRUTHOUT PROGRESSIVE PICK:  
**CAPITALISM HITS THE FAN**

A MEDIA EDUCATION FOUNDATION PRODUCTION

**CAPITALISM HITS THE FAN**

RICHARD WOLFF ON THE ECONOMIC MELTDOWN

With soaring coherence and unimpaired breadth of knowledge, Rick Wolff offers a rich and much needed corrective to the views of mainstream economists and pundits. It would be difficult to come away from this viewing with anything but an acute appreciation of what is needed to get us out of this mess.

—Stanley Aronowitz, distinguished professor of sociology and urban education, City University

Economist Richard Wolff gets to the bottom of the economic meltdown in an edifying recount of just how we got to this abysmal, inequitable financial state. Get this DVD as a gift from Truthout for a minimum donation of \$25.

**DONATE NOW FOR THIS DVD!**

READ CHAPTERS FROM:

SECOND EDITION • REVISED & EXPANDED

**UNEQUAL PROTECTION**

THOM HARTMANN

 **SOLUTIONS**  
MAKING GOVERNMENT WORK

[CLICK HERE](#)  
TO VIEW PREVIOUS COLUMNS



Super-PACs and Dark Money: ProPublica's Guide to the New World of Campaign Finance  
*Kim Barker and Marian Wang, ProPublica*



Why the Euro Is Not Worth Saving  
*Mark Weisbrot, The Center for Economic and Policy Research*



"Unequal Protection": Corporations Go Global  
*Thom Hartmann, Berrett-Koehler Publishers*



On the News With Thom Hartmann: Republicans Cut Off Money for High-Speed Rail, and More  
*Thom Hartmann, The Thom Hartmann Program*

Israeli Knesset Bans Free Speech for Jews  
*Robert Naiman, Truthout*



Feds Report That Massey Hid Mine Violations Through Two Sets of Safety Records  
*Roger Bybee, Working In These Times*



Monsanto and Gates

War Without Humans: Modern Blood Rites Revisited  
*Barbara Ehrenreich, TomDispatch*

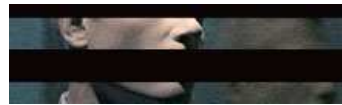
Bring Our Troops Home: The Afghan War Is Over  
*Jim Hightower, Other Words*

Greed at a Glance  
*Too Much, The Institute for Policy Studies*

Civil Society Movements vs Corrupt Politics  
*Lawrence Davidson, To The Point Analyses*



Trickle-Down Cruelty and the Politics of Austerity  
*Henry A. Giroux, Truthout*



The Strange Silencing of Liberal America  
*John Pilger, Truthout*



Carlos Montes and the Security State: A Cautionary Tale  
*Chris Hedges, Truthdig*

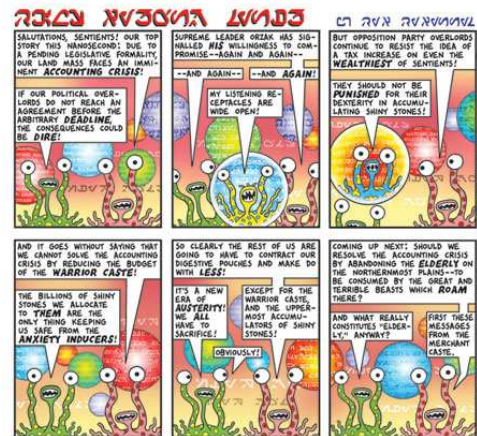
The Death Penalty and the Cost of an Obsession  
*E.J. Dionne Jr., The Washington Post Writers Group*



Emergency Labor Network Crafts Program to Reverse the American Tax Shift  
*Jack Rasmus, Truthout*



POLITICAL IMAGE



The Debt Crisis on Planet Glox

VIDEO



Exclusive: David House on Bradley Manning, Secret WikiLeaks Grand Jury, and U.S. Surveillance

VIDEO



Keith Olbermann | Bernie Sanders: Cutting Medicare Is Not the Answer

VIDEO

Foundation Push GE Crops on Africa

*Mike Ludwig, Truthout*

Murdoch Gets Rich Off High-Profile Evangelicals

*Frank Schaeffer, AlterNet*

Global Markets Tumble on Continued Worries Over Europe's Debt Crisis

*Christine Hauser, The New York Times News Service*



By Torpedoing the Gaza Flotilla, Israel Sunk Its Own Ship

*Medea Benjamin, Truthout*

University Professors in Egypt Stage Open Sit-in, Call for Reform

*Sharif Abdel Kouddous, Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting*



Budget Blowhards: Why the Budget Debate Is Destined to Become Ever More Painful

*Dean Baker, Truthout*

In Iraq, Panetta Says US Will Maintain "Enduring Presence"

*Elisabeth Bumiller, The New York Times News Service*



On the News With Thom Hartmann: Not Jailing Marijuana Users Saved Philadelphia Over \$2 Million, and More

*Thom Hartmann, The Thom Hartmann Program*

Cost of Mental Health Programs for Soldiers Is

Farm Workers Need Drastic Change

*Dick Meister, San Francisco Bay Guardian: Bruce Blog*

Tax the Rich - Problem Solved

*Carl Gibson, The Cagle Post*



We Will Set Sail for Gaza Again

*Richard Levy, Truthout*



Congressman Ryan: The Rich Man's Robin Hood

*Kathy Mulady, Equal Voice Newspaper*



The Ideological Crisis of Western Capitalism

*Joseph E. Stiglitz, Project Syndicate*

Foreclosure and Renters: Banks Break the Law

*Curtis Black, Community Media Workshop*

Losing the Plot: The Afghan War After Bin Laden

*Jim Naureckas, Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting*



Into My Father's Wake  
*Eric Best, Truthout*



Reading Ethan Bronner in Athens: How the New York Times Gets It Right - and Very Wrong - on the Gaza



Murdoch Loses: Court Strikes Down FCC's Attempt to Relax Media Ownership Rules

TRUTHOUT PROGRESSIVE PICK:  
WOULD YOU PUT YOUR LIFE ON THE LINE?

A FILM BY STANLEY NELSON

**FREEDOM RIDERS**

THREATENED. ATTACKED. JAILLED.

COULD YOU GET ON THE BUS?

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

Fifty years ago, blacks and whites from across the nation risked their lives to desegregate bus travel in the deep South - and their moral authority prevailed against the highest powers in the land. Get this DVD as a gift from Truthout for a minimum donation of \$30.

**DONATE NOW FOR YOUR COPY!**

High

*Adam Ashton, McClatchy  
Newspapers*

Obama, Lawmakers Meet on  
Debt, Agree to Talk Again  
Monday

*Lesley Clark and David  
Lightman, McClatchy  
Newspapers*



Five Prison Reform Ideas  
Being Ignored on Capitol  
Hill

*Shani O. Hilton, Colorlines*

Libya: Will Air War Become  
an Occupation? (Part Two)

*Rob Prince, Foreign Policy in  
Focus*



Nonviolent Revolution  
Clarified: Five Myths and  
Realities Behind Egypt's  
Uprising


*Dr. Cynthia Boaz, Truthout*

Flotilla

*Robert Naiman, Truthout*

**TRUTHOUT PROGRESSIVE PICK:  
THE AMERICAN ECONOMY  
SABOTAGED**

NATIONAL BESTSELLER  
**AFTERSHOCK**  
THE NEXT ECONOMY  
& AMERICA'S FUTURE  
UPDATED



**ROBERT B. REICH**

"Important and well executed.... Reich is fluent and fearless."  
— THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW

Robert Reich relentlessly dissects the root causes of our failing economy and the need for massive investment in our working class. Get this book as a gift from Truthout for a minimum donation of \$25.

**DONATE NOW FOR YOUR COPY!**