WHY I BELIEVE PATEL AND BONGINO ON THE EPSTEIN CASE

A quick visit to my Wikipedia page will confirm, “Jack Cashill is an American author, blogger and conspiracy theorist.”

If a “conspiracy theorist” is someone who exposes conspiracies, I will proudly accept the title. I broke the story that Bill Ayers helped Barack Obama write *Dreams from My Father*, I exposed the role of Enron in the likely murder of Ron Brown, and I wrote the definitive book on TWA Flight 800—more on this to come before the July 17 anniversary.

Yet, as I wrote here two months ago, I turned down a serious offer to co-author a book on Jeffrey Epstein, and this after a month of research and several proposal drafts.

I have no doubt that Jeffrey Epstein was an evil pervert. As the much discussed DoJ memo attests, “Epstein harmed over one thousand victims.” He also had in his possession “over ten thousand downloaded videos and images of illegal child sex abuse material and other pornography.”

Where I lacked confidence is that I could prove Epstein kept a client list or that he used his videos to blackmail prominent individuals, let alone that one of those individuals orchestrated Epstein’s murder.

I do have confidence, however, in the integrity of FBI Director Kash Patel and Assistant Director Dan Bongino. Attorney General Pam Bondi is another story. Her initial handling of the Epstein case was amateurish. I refuse to believe that of Patel and especially of Bongino, whom I listened to faithfully before he accepted his current job.

The investigation of any potential conspiracy begins with a theory of the case: ***why did the conspirators do what they did.***

Bill Ayers was grooming Obama to be mayor of Chicago. Bill Clinton feared Ron Brown would cooperate with the authorities in regard to his China trade, and the pending Enron deal gave Clinton an excuse to send Brown to Croatia. With the 1996 election looming, Clinton hoped to suppress the real cause of TWA 800's demise, a Naval misfire, until after November. The logic is there in every case.

By contrast, I can imagine no reason why Patel and Bongino would conspire to suppress the truth about Epstein's demise. The only person who could have effectively ordered them to do this is President Trump. Trump's only motive would have been to cover his own tracks, but if this were the case, Trump would not have allowed Epstein to be arrested and indicted on federal charges in July 2019 during his first term.

Recall that when Trump became president, mainstream media reignited the Epstein case in an effort to link Trump to Epstein's multiple crimes. The fact that Trump's friendship with Epstein ended after he publicly cancelled Epstein's Mar-a-Lago membership in 2005 and cut off all relations after his first arrest did not dissuade the media.

This effort would soon enough boomerang on mass media's Democrat allies. All of the likely suspects in Epstein's demise would have been Democrats or fellow travelers. At the top of that list had to be former president Bill Clinton, who took at least 26 flights on Epstein's Boeing 727. Not far behind was Prince Andrew, caught on camera with his literal hand in the figurative cookie jar.

Until his death in 2019, Epstein wielded extraordinary influence at JP Morgan Chase. Execs there had reason to be nervous. In November 2023, a federal judge approved a settlement of a class-action lawsuit in which their company agreed to pay $290 million to some 200 Epstein victims.

High on the anxious list, too, were former Harvard President and Clinton Treasury Secretary Larry Summers and celebrated MIT linguist and leftist activist, Noam Chomsky. Trump had no reason to protect any of these people.

Yes, the circumstances surrounding Epstein's death are extremely fishy, but by putting their imprimatur on the finding that that "Jeffrey Epstein committed suicide in his cell at the Metropolitan Correctional Center," Patel and Bongino render those details moot.

The only real question now is whether the two of them, and by extension President Trump, have engaged in a conspiracy to conceal the real cause of Epstein's death.

Those who choose to believe in their complicity need to produce some extraordinary evidence to justify their lack of trust. A string of anomalies does not a conspiracy make. It makes a conspiracy theory.

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