

## **Glenn Beck: Progressives and 9/11 truthers are radicals who may assassinate Obama**

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If there was Pulitzer prize in yellow journalism, corporate media mouthpiece Glenn Beck would undoubtedly have swept the category with one of his latest broadcasts, implying that politically active Americans are potential presidential assassins—especially those in the 9/11 truth movement.

Although there has not been one single violent incident involving anyone connected to the 9/11 truth movement—ever, that didn't stop Beck from haranguing for over twenty minutes on the dire threat posed by ordinary grassroots patriots during his January 21, 2010 television broadcast on the Fox News channel. In the lead up to his tirade, Beck makes the following statement in regard to Republican Scott Brown's win of Ted Kennedy's vacant Massachusetts senate seat:

"The real reason he won is because people are waking up. They know our entire system is under attack. Our system, as they designed it, is unsustainable. [...] You noticed. You informed yourself. Now we have real hope, because the tide is turning."

Of course, this may sound great to Beck's audience. However, a careful and thoughtful analysis of his following statements may have Beck's loyal followers wondering just what side Beck is truly on:

"But remember what I told you yesterday. This isn't about ordinary Democrats and Republicans. This is about progressives. [...] Progressives have been patient for decades, creeping their way into the system. And this is it; they are going for the final death blow to the Constitution."

Again, Beck first draws in his audience by gaining their confidence with flowery patriotic rhetoric. Then in the next breath, he schizophrenically blurs the line between grassroots civics and sedition by implying that such actions may be the work of malicious radicals—diabolic doublespeak that's all too typical of Beck. But, Beck really outdoes himself with the next statement about 9/11 truth groups:

"Now why is the president himself in trouble? Let me use him [Van Jones] as an example, a 9/11 truther, another guy—surrounding the president. [...] Here's a guy who thought the government was evil enough that it would murder thousands of U.S. citizens—just blow them up, destroy a building, and kill three thousand

people. Well gosh, are these people like you? Do you think that? Do you think anyone who does think that we could just kill our own people should be near the president? I mean, he thinks that anyone who sits or sat in the chair of the presidency must be evil."

Glenn Beck, who claims to oppose Obama, has now apparently joined Obama's 'truth squads' as a thought policeman. Of course, this comment presents another problem for Beck. Three of latest scientific polls conducted by CBS, Zogby, and Scripps Howard found that 81%, 67%, and 62% of Americans, respectively, doubt the government's account of 9/11. Of course this in no way proves anything—other than the fact that nearly three-fourths of Americans are coercive, bloodthirsty seditionists, if you follow the rational of Glenn Beck.

Additionally, six of the 9/11 Commission members themselves have publicly stated that the investigation was a sham. Commission member Senator Max Cleland said in an interview with Democracy Now, "One of these days we will have to get the full story because the 9/11 issue is so important to America. But this White House wants to cover it up". Commission member Bob Kerry also went so far as to remark, "The problem is; it's a thirty-year-old conspiracy," to members of the 9/11 truth group We Are Change during a climate change event in Los Angeles.

If the 9/11 Commissioners themselves claiming that 9/11 was a cover-up doesn't illustrate Beck's total delusion, who knows what will? Well, let's continue with another quote from Beck's broadcast and find out:

"He [Barack Obama] goes to church with a guy who thinks that America intentionally murdered people all throughout history. Put yourself in the mindset of a 9/11 truther. You have access to the President of the United States—the guy who has always been evil. You think now, that he was on your side, but now if he goes soft— he's joined the cabal that is capable of murdering people. He promised you a revolution. You think it's safe to have an individual like that around the President of the United States? Are you comfortable with that?"

In addition to the fact that Van Jones resigned from his Special Advisor for Green Jobs position with the White House long ago, what makes Beck's suggestion that 9/11 truthers might harm the president even more preposterous is the fact that members of the Obama administration have engaged in a McCarthy-like witch-hunt, black-balling and persecution of 9/11 truth dwarfing anything Beck himself has engaged in.

Cass Sunstein, the current White House Information and Regulatory Affairs head, wrote a proposal in 2008 that the U.S. government should hire covert agents to infiltrate online 9/11 truth groups and Web sites. He also suggested that the

government should secretly pay independent news outlets, on the assumption that those who don't believe government sources will listen to sources that appear to be independent.

Next, Beck not only makes further insinuations that 9/11 truthers may attempt to assassinate Barack Obama, but he goes on to make false allegations that 9/11 truth members have constantly attempted and/or made threats of violence against him as well!

"As a guy... ah... I... I'll tell you some day. As a guy who has to have unbelievable security because of people like that, let me tell you what these people are capable of. By the way, in a related story; why did the White House have the hearing today on the gate-crashers? Remember the gate crashers? They pleaded the Fifth. Do you think the White house or Congress had that story planted today, to have those hearings today, to bury it in a busy news day while everyone else was distracted? Please pray for our secret service. Make sure that they do their job. Please, dear God—protect our president!"

Go ahead Glenn tell us all about it now! Surely if 9/11 truthers are such a danger to you, as you've implied, there should be no harm in letting sharing. One would think that someone who's just spent an entire broadcast pleading this case would only bolster this argument by sharing these details with us? That is—unless there's nothing to tell because it's a completely made-up lie. At least his next statement below is based on fact. However, he completely contradicts himself by bringing this point up, which, even by the standards of Fox News, makes this one of the most preposterous broadcasts ever to air on the network.

"There are two kinds of radicals, the Cloward and Piven type, who said there can be a peaceful takeover through financial collapse and a reset of the system, and the other kind—the violent radicals like Bill Ayers, who bombed the Pentagon, and told The New York Times 'I don't regret setting bombs. I feel we didn't do enough.'"

So here is Glenn Beck launching into a lengthy diatribe of how Obama's White House is full of radicals, correctly pointing out the fact that one of Obama's biggest insiders and political allies had committed a terrorist act against his own people. Yet at the same time, Beck claims that anyone suggesting there may have been radicals in the government, who might have done the exact same thing as Ayers, are not simply nuts that believe in a baseless conspiracy theory—but supposedly one of the radicals he just mentioned! Talk about a doublespeaking, contradictory hypocrite!

Ironically, Beck led into this whole insane rant with a quotation of Thomas Jefferson: "It is to me a new and consolatory proof that wherever the people are

well-informed they can be trusted with their own government; that whenever things get so far wrong as to attract their notice, they may be relied on to set them to rights." Jefferson's words still ring very true; people can correct wrongs in their government if they're well informed. But unfortunately, many unwitting Americans still get their information from Glenn Beck.