

ARE PARENTAL ALIENATION STRATEGIES BEING EMPLOYED AND WEAPONIZED AGAINST PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

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Anyone who has lost a child to the dynamics of parental alienation should recognize the strategies that are being employed against the President of the United States and his struggle to hold onto his political supporters. Of course, I'm not saying the loss of the Presidency can be compared to the loss of a child, *but what I am saying* is that the strategies being employed to impeach him or defeat him for re-election align with the behaviours of an alienating parent. (Baker & Darnall, 2006)

WHAT IS PARENTAL ALIENATION

As a note to the reader Parental Alienation has a long and robust history in social science literature. No universal definition has been ascribed to this dynamic but many psychology researchers that study parental alienation agree that this parent-child relationship problem is recognized by a child's rejection of a parent for "unjustified reasons" and largely due to the negative influence of the favoured parent. (Johnston R. Janet, 2003; Baker, A.J.L. & Darnall, D. 2007) Parental alienation *most often occurs* during high conflict separation or divorce, but it can also occur within an intact family. Most psycho-legal professionals agree parental alienation can become the primary cause for the loss of a parental relationship and can lead to a *severely ruptured* or *severed relationship* between a child and a once bonded parent.

The *rupture* in this parent-child relationship can rapidly devolve into the total rejection of a parent and the strategies of parental alienation can turn into psychological weapons. The 3 stages of parental alienation can also vary from mild, moderate to severe (Gardner, 2002); and there are three types of alienating parents. Type #1. Only alienates the child, because they haven't learned it is a harmful behaviour. This type of parent is often referred to as the, "Naive Alienator." Type #2. Are parents who are conscious of their alienating behaviours, but are also capable of controlling themselves. They are referred to as, an "Active Alienator" Type #3. Is a parent incapable or highly unlikely, to stop their alienating behaviour. Social science research attributes their lack of self control to an *encapsulated delusion* that causes them to maltreat the child. (Walters & Friedlander, 2016). This parent is an "Obsessed Alienator." (Darnall, 1999). The primary objective of the alienating parent, is to seize sole custody of the child; Even if it has to come at the cost of destroying the child's memories, and love, for that parent.

There is also well founded psychological literature on attachment theory linked to the dynamic of alienation (Childress, 2015). Some professionals believe the alienated child is inculcated in steps similar to being indoctrinated into a cult. (Caddy, Glenn, 2009; Gottlieb, L. 2016), and many mental health professionals consider parental alienation to be *Child Psychological Abuse* (Childress, 2014; Gottlieb, L, 2014). The new edition of the DSM (Diagnostic Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders) is DSM-5 and in this edition, there is a v-code for Child Psychological Abuse: 995.51 T7432XA Confirmed.

In August of 2018, The International Classification of Diseases (ICD-11) included the term - Parental Alienation, in it's index. Today, "Parental Alienation" is widely accepted as a parent-child relationship problem. It is no longer a theory or junk science as some might still suggest.

WHAT IS PARENTAL ALIENATION SYNDROME

In 1985 Dr. Richard Gardner first introduced the concept of Parental Alienation Syndrome (PAS). He identified 8 behavioural symptoms that appeared in his observation of children who were caught up in the middle of high conflict cases of divorce. The 8 symptoms observed by Gardner are described below by one of the early pioneers in PAS research. (Turkat, Ira, 2002).

1. The Campaign of Denigration

The parent targeted for alienation from his or her children is the recipient of ongoing animosity from both the parent instituting the alienation and their mutual offspring. The message of denigration may come in the form of direct and indirect criticisms, sarcasm, distorted communications, and / or other modes of interpersonal attack.

2. Weak, absurd, or frivolous rationalizations for this deprecation and hatred.

When queried, the manipulated children offer weak, frivolous, or even absurd rationalizations for their hatred of the targeted parent. This may be associated with visitation refusal, whereby the minors claim experiencing negative emotional reactions to the alienated parent that are of questionable validity.

3. Lack of the usual ambivalence about the targeted parent

In normal interpersonal relationships it is appropriate to experience both positive and negative reactions to others. This is particularly apparent in close relationships. In PAS, the evaluation of the targeted parent lacks appropriate balance. The alienated parent is seen as "all bad."

4. Strong assertion the decision to reject a parent is theirs alone ("independent-thinker phenomenon")

A child that is alienated unjustly against a parent is supported by the alienating parent to claim that the antagonism is a reflection of the minor's independent judgment and not due to the campaign of the alienator. However, this "independent thinker" may use the exact same verbiage of attack utilized by the alienating parent.

5. Reflexive support of the favored parent in the conflict

The child manipulated inexcusably to despise the other parent aligns unconditionally with the parent instituting the alienation campaign. Gardner compares this alignment to the "identification-with-the-aggressor-phenomenon," a maneuver based on the principle: "If you can't fight 'em, join 'em."

6. Lack of guilt over the treatment of the alienated parent

Children exploited to unfairly denigrate the targeted parent fail to display appropriate feelings of guilt about their antagonistic behavior. The alienated parent's feelings are generally ignored. The affection, gifts, and/or child support provided by the targeted parent are often disregarded as well.

7. Use of borrowed scenarios and phrases from the alienating parent

The child utilizes the alienating parent's stories and explanations to articulate what is wrong with the targeted parent and as a rationale for despising the alienated parent. These "borrowed scenarios" may include topics and words that are way beyond the conceptual level of functioning and/or knowledge base appropriate to a child of that age (e.g., a five year old complaining that the alienated parent is "in arrears"). As one expert has observed, "these children express themselves like perfect little photocopies of the alienating parent.

8. The denigration not just of the targeted parent but also to that parent's extended family and friends.

The campaign to alienate the victimized parent may extend to his or her friends, relatives, and others. Like the targeted parent, these individuals may also be viewed with unwarranted hostility and treated with contempt.

WHAT DOES PARENTAL ALIENATION, HAVE TO DO WITH PRESIDENT TRUMP

The vitriolic statements and behaviours aimed at Trump have been so intense it should be considered not only a strategy, but a form of emotional abuse, and parental alienation is an example of this abuse.

Note #1

Treatment of parental alienation has a long history of failure because not only do children suffer from this maltreatment they have suffered from the iatrogenic effects of untrained and incompetent, mental health and legal professionals. Fortunately, treatment plans are improving with Reunification Therapy.

This article examines the similarities between *the vilification of a targeted parent*, and *the vilification of President Trump*. In addition an analysis of the alienation strategies frequently aimed at a targeted parent will be compared to the strategies being leveled at Trump.

Note # 2

While debate continues over the legal-scientific acceptability of PAS in the courts (The Frye v. Daubert standards.) There is already a substantial amount of legal precedence that has been established on PAS and PA (Berg-Perlow v. Perlow, 15th Circuit Court, Palm Beach County, FL., Case no. CD98-1285-FC. Mar 15, 2000; Bates v. Bates 18th Judicial Circuit, Dupage County IL., Case No. 99D958, Jan 17, 2002).

There is also wide acceptance of PAS from mental health professionals. According to a study on U.S. custody evaluators (Baker, 2007), 50% of the surveyed evaluators still use the 8 symptoms identified by Dr. Richard Gardner in their assessment of PAS; and a majority of psycho-legal professionals agree that parental alienation can cause significant harm to a child including damage to the child's critical thinking and development. (Baker, 2005; Johnston J.R., Walters, M., & Olesen N.W. (2005b); Meier, J.S. (2009; Baker, A.J.L. & Ben-Ami, N. (2011); Ben Ami, N., and Baker, A.J.L. (2012); Gottlieb, L. J. (2012); Bernet, W. (2016a).

HYPOTHESIS

My hypothesis is that the strategies of parental alienation are being employed and weaponized against President Trump by a group of factions that include: The News Media, Progressive Democrats, Entertainment Celebrities, and Deep State Actors within the State Department, the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. My hypothesis would like to answer the question:

Can an understanding of parental alienation and parental alienation strategies, lead to less conflict in the dynamics that are polarizing and destabilizing political leadership in the United States of America ?

HOW SUCCESSFUL ARE ALIENATION STRATEGIES

It is highly probable that many voters who were shocked and disillusioned by the election of Trump were to some degree alienated before his ascension. In cases of parental alienation there is social science research that details how the process of alienation can begin prior to stages of separation and divorce, and even in an *intact family* (Baker, A.J. 2006; 2014; Garber, Benjamin, D., 2011; Kline, Chelsea L., 2017). Based on polling data the population of voters that disapproved of Trump before his election are fixated in their rejection of him today . (CNN, Quinnipiac; The Guardian, 2018).

Some recent polls indicate Trump's success is also changing voter opinions. One such poll in August 2018 showed African American's gave a 36% approval rating to Trump. (Rasmussen August 16, 2018). This is a significant shift from the 2016 election, when Trump was only polling 8% from African American voters.

Why is Trump doing so much better with this segment of the population now ?

Maybe the efforts to inculcate *Trump-Alienation* is failing because of bad messengers like Hillary Clinton, who continues to voice opinions that are highly criticized. (Lima, Cristiano, 2016; Abraham Alana, 2018; Singman, Brooke, 2018; Parnes, Arnie, 2018). Possibly these strategies were not effective because Trump is viewed as more authentic than his campaign counter-parts. What seems obvious, is that Trump support is climbing in unexpected democratic-minority segments of the population, including a crossover of Hispanic voters. In another poll, Republicans gave Trump an 88% approval rating; second only to poll numbers that Bush attained in 2001.

This data tends to support the conclusion *sometimes parental alienation strategies fail*.

Many family members are divided over their opinions of Trump. One way to explain the inter-family conflict is through the social science research in parental alienation. (Baker, A.J. & Darnall, D; 2006; Bow, J.N., Gould, J.W., & Flens, J.R., 2009; Ellis & Boyan, 2010; Baker, 2005; Kristen, Carr, Holman, Amanda, Abetz, Jenna, Kellas, Jody Koenig & Vagnoni, Elizabeth, 2015). Some younger children, can be alienated from a parent due to the negative influence of an older sibling. (Kelly, J.B. & Johnston, J.R., 2001; Stahl, P.M., 2001). Based on research conclusions, young siblings who are susceptible to the influence of an older sibling, may be rejecting Trump largely due to this influence or pressure. This may account for some of Trump's unjustified rejection.

There are other factors that foster alienation of Trump, including pressures within the workplace. In one example employees working at Facebook felt forced to reject Trump to avoid the negative consequences. (Carbone, Christopher, 2018). It is highly probable this example spreads widely across the landscape of America. This raises the question: Do we always hold a view based on the freedom to decide, or is that a situational factor that has to be analyzed from a broader, more forensic perspective ? There is a plenty of research to support the fact, many people believe what they believe, because of other people exercising a form of mind control over them; and this control takes place outside of their conscious awareness.

The relevance of this issue can be traced to an explanation in PAS called *The Independent Thinker*. This symptom refers to the child's belief, that resistance to having contact with the rejected parent, originates from their own independent views and has nothing to do with influence from the other parent. (Gardner, 1985.) When the *independent thinker phenomena* is operating, the alienation process (or mind control) takes place outside of the child's awareness.

Note # 3

The processes of mind control can influence large populations of adults. There's widely accepted social science research on the effects of advertising. (McAlister, Leigh, Srinivasan, Raji, Jindal, Niket, Canella, Albert, A., 2016; Bendixen, M. 1993; et al.). Another avenue in mind control is through mass hypnosis, and there is one form of hypnosis referred to as Mass Psychogenic Illness (MPI). This form of MPI is called *motor hysteria*. The symptoms include, twitching, shaking, trouble walking, uncontrollable laughter and weeping, communication difficulties and trace states. (Bartholomew, Robert E., Wessley, Simon, & Rubin, James E., 2012). Some reporters in the media think Trump has people in a mass hypnotic state (Forbes, 2015). Lastly, there are people who only believe what they say based on False Memories. (Giuliana, Mazzoni, Amina, Memon. 2003; Storbeck, Justin, Clore, Gerald L., 2005; David. A., 2010; Gallo, David A., 2010). It is more than possible, that alienation strategies are driven by false memories and it is well known that children are vulnerable to suggestions. (Pezdek, Kathy & Roe, Chantal. 1997; Bruck, Maggie. 1999; Ceci, Stephen, J. & Friedman, Richard, D., 2000; Otgar, Henry & Candel, Ingrid, 2011.) In large or in small populations attitudes or beliefs can be shaped by underlying factors that can also leave a person vulnerable to the dynamics of parental alienation.

There are also ways to learn about alienation strategies from legal professionals. For example there are parents that want *sole custody* of a child for selfish reasons. They would tell a lawyer to come up with a plan to achieve that goal. Most lawyers, will explain that they can only achieve that outcome under specific conditions i.e. (a) If your ex-souse is/was physically or sexually abusive or causing emotional harm to the child, or (b) If s/he has/d a substance abuse problem endangering the child, or (c) If the child was or, is fearful of the other parent or feels unsafe around him or her, or (d) If a child was or is being exposed to domestic violence, or (e) If the other parent had/s a rigid parenting style or is overly passive and disinterested in the welfare of the child. If a self serving parent learned any of those details through a lawyer, they might decide to manufacture evidence to support that false-narrative. That is the very thing many of them do. Political usage of alienation strategies can be applied in similar ways with advertising messages; emotional or political threats and blackmail; through bribes or corruption. It's all about power and how to get it and keep it; and this time it's how to keep it out of the hands of President Trump.

It is also important to understand the prevalence of parental alienation. In a study on the prevalence of parental alienation (spanning a twelve year period of time), 86% of the cases had elements of parental programming and brainwashing behaviour (Clawar & Rivlin, 1991). A more current article, estimates that over twenty-two million adults are currently being alienated from their children (Harman, Jennifer, J., Leder-Elder, Sadie, & Biringen, Zeynep. 2016) Quoting from their article :

Prevalence of Parental Alienation Drawn from a Representative Poll, the authors state :

“ In 2015, the population of adults over the age of 18 years old was approximately 245,201,000 adults (derived from the US Census Bureau 2015). Of these adults, we estimate that 22,141,650 adults (9.03% of the total U.S. adult population) are currently being alienated from their children by the other parent.”

Accordingly if there are 22,141,650 corresponding *alienating parents* it seems logical to conclude that learning about alienation strategies could come from many different people, and places. In another study researching the types and numbers of strategies employed, this study, identified over 1,000 different strategies already exist. (Baker, A.J.L., Darnall, D., 2006). It would be reasonable to project that a significant number of alienating parents are now directing their hatred at Trump. This would contribute to the metastasis of alienation strategies.

SPECIFIC ALIENATION STRATEGIES BEING AIMED AT THE PRESIDENT

During the 2016 Presidential campaign, Trump was endorsed by David Duke who is the Grand Wizard of the KKK. In response, Trump rebuked David Duke's endorsement. However, the monolithic press seemed only interested in reporting opinions that Trump rebuked David Duke *a day to late* or not at all.

President Obama made speeches saying, if Trump would accept the endorsement of the KKK before the election he would accept their endorsement after the election. The press continued to broadcast opinions and reports that Trump *was a racist*. In Charlotte, groups from Antifa and the KKK clashed leading to violence on both sides. In response President Trump said “ There are good people on both sides “ and he was heavily criticized for not condemning the KKK.

In retort, Republicans and others siding with Trump expressed the viewpoint that all the racial epithets amounted to nothing more than *identity politics*, but there is another explanation that “trumps” this one. It comes from the journal literature pertaining to the 8 symptoms of PAS. I refer to the symptom called :

A Campaign of Denigration.

PAS is a childhood disorder that arises almost exclusively in the context of child-custody disputes. Its primary manifestation is the child's campaign of denigration against a parent, a campaign that has no justification. It results from the combination of a programming (brainwashing) parent's indoctrinations and the child's own contributions to the vilification of the target parent. When true parental abuse and or neglect is present, the child's animosity may be justified and so the PAS explanation for the child's hostility is not applicable. (Gardner).

If there is one thing that everyone pays attention to it's how Trump responds to the criticism he gets. Trump's *reactive behaviour* is a response to the criticism; and in social science research specifically on the topic of reactive behaviour from a targeted parent, “ When the targeted parent is under attack they sometimes make unintended contributions to a child's rejection. “ (Reay, K.M., 2011). This reactive behaviour doesn't mean Trump is a racist, but it does explain why he feels a need to defend himself and counter punch his critics.

In addition to racial violence in Charlotte other cities like Ferguson and Baltimore had their own racial problems with rioting over alleged police brutality in the death's of Michael Brown and Freddie Gray. The nation was reeling from racial division. Adding fuel to this fire NFL player Colin Kaepernick took a knee during the National Anthem to draw attention to his view on police brutality. In response Trump took umbrage over copycat players taking the knee, and he started the debate that taking a knee was an insult to American's that fought and died for the National Anthem. His views, led to further allegations of racial insensitivity.

Some examples that disprove Trump is a racist include the fact (1.) He commuted the sentence of Alice Johnson, a black woman left in jail for 20 years on a minor drug charge (2.) He pardoned Jack Johnson posthumously. Johnson was African American, and the World's Heavyweight Boxing Champion who died in 1946. (3.) Black unemployment dropped under Trump to its lowest level in American history. (4) Polling statistics confirm his support from African American's *tripled* since his election (5) Trump is preparing a Prison Reform Bill that will have a " First Step Act, this will enable prisoners to get an *early release*. Given the fact there is a disproportionate number of African American's in jail, Trump is demonstrating credible sensitivity for African American's (5.) Median black family incomes also increased by \$1,000. (6.) Trump is enabling African American families to have the same choice wealthy families can afford for their children's education. (7) Trump is advocating for more job training and apprentice programs to substantially benefit blacks.

Like the old saying goes, " Words matter but action speaks louder than words. "
On this point Trump is continuing to deliver positive results for African Americans, which disproves he is a racist.

The press and other critics opine that Trump is against Mexicans, Muslims and Immigrants and some believe this view on the basis of an Executive Order to ban visitors from countries that couldn't be properly vetted. The Supreme Court upheld the ban, weakening the argument his Executive Order, is or ever was borne out of hatred for minorities or related to racism. In a 2018 poll, 61% of Hispanics and 55% of African American's supported Trump's proposal on DACA. In addition, 88% of voters agreed with Trump that chain immigration was wrong, and that immigration should be based on merit including 83% of Hispanics. 70% of voters opposed the visa lottery including 56% Hispanics, and 58 % support from African Americans.

Overall polling statistics validate that *denigration strategies* aimed at turning minority voters against President Trump met with mixed results. In part, denigration strategies failed because there was and there still is a substantial increase in support for Trump from minority voters. Trump won barely 8% of the black vote in 2016 but today polls show his approval rating among African American's at 29%.

And some post election polls say Trump's popularity has increased to an all-time high. Other polling shows Trump's approval rating during his first term to be " incredibly stable " (The Guardian, July 2018). One explanation for this mixed result is a " lack of ambivalence " towards President Trump. The term lack of ambivalence is one of the 8 symptoms of PAS.
One of the leading experts in alienation research explains this dynamic:

" In my view, the alienated child's lack of ambivalent connection to the once loved parent is essentially unnatural. It simply cannot be the result of occurrences only between that child and that parent. Parent-child relationships are simply not that fragile. The deterioration must come from another source. Obviously that source is the alienating parent. When this symptom is present, the child can find no positive thing to say about the targeted parent, past or present. They can offer no positive or endearing quality regarding that parent, nor can they describe any positive or even "light" experience with them. This is one of the most severe symptoms of parental alienation, and I have found it only in severe cases."

Not all, but many people that do not like Trump demonstrate this behaviour and one external source for this *lack of ambivalence* is the constant media programming that's badmouthing him.

The press is slanting the news with extremely negative stories about Trump. (Kurtzleben, Danielle, 2017; Kass, John, 2017), *but* if we compared Trump's popularity prior to him running for office, to his popularity today, we might just learn how much he has suffered from alienation strategies. A targeted parent has this problem for a fact. The once bonded relationship they have with their child, is destroyed when the alienating strategies are employed and weaponized. There is also research that a *lack of ambivalence* is linked to severe parental alienation (Alan M. Jaffe, Melanie J. Thaker and Pascale Piron, 2017).

There are other examples of *badmouthing* Trump. The allegations include: spousal abuse, xenophobia, domestic violence, adultery, misogyny, senility, demagoguery, and more. However, there is nothing of substance or very little substance to support those allegations. As an example, in one story reported by the New York Times (2016) several women accused Trump of sexism. The women named, came out publicly to call the article a lie. Here are some other examples of press errors. (Athedy, Amber. 2018).

1. CNN Accuses Don Jr. of Wikileaks Collusion
2. ABC Tanks Stock Market with Fake Flynn News
3. The Mooch is NOT under Investigation
4. Bloomberg's Daily Deutsche Bank Scoop
5. Sessions Exonerated
6. Russians aren't just Hacking the Election, they're hacking our Power Grid
7. Republican's Funded the Dossier
8. CNN Gets Comey Prediction Wildly Wrong?
9. The 17 Intel Agencies lie
10. Manafort Notes a Nothing Burger

To sum it up, alienation strategies often succeed, sometimes they only appear to succeed, and some times alienation strategies fail. False and distorted narratives frequently appear in cases of alienation. Strategies to alienate the child include abusive behaviours *to program the child* into cooperation. In the same way, it is Trump who finds himself the target of false and misleading stories aimed at *programming voters*, and it appears the strategies to turn the voters against Trump, have only polarized the nation.

ARE PARENTAL ALIENATION STRATEGIES BEING EMPLOYED BY DEEP STATE ACTORS

Until now, it was unthinkable that anyone in the leadership of the FBI and or the DOJ would attempt to rig a Presidential election. It would be even harder to imagine, that if such a plot had failed, it would then lead to deep state officials plotting to remove and or stage the impeachment of a President. The sad truth is this is not a fictional vignette. The assistant Attorney General, Rod Rosenstein, suggested wearing a wire when meeting with President Trump then finding a way to invoke the 25th amendment *to remove him from office*. (NY Times Article, September 21, 2018).

Staging events to paint the targeted parent in a negative light is a common alienation strategy. [Trump was and still is facing a challenge from deep actors within his administration.] Frequently, targeted parent are talked into the selection of a mental health professional by their lawyers in an effort to settle a conflict with the other parent. Soon after, the targeted parent finds out that the person selected was favoured by the other parent for a good reason (e.g. Their training and education is inadequate, and favours a far more likely and better outcome for the alienating parent.)

Trump repeatedly voiced similar regrets about appointing Jeff Sessions to be his Attorney General. He also expressed regrets that Rod Rosenstein is in charge of the Muller investigation.

In 2012, the House Committee investigating the US Consulate scandal in Benghazi, issued a subpoena asking Hillary Clinton to turn over her Libya-related emails. In 2014, she released 55,000 pages but left out her personal emails. When the FBI, and the US House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform started to ask questions about her 33,000 missing emails she deleted them and wiped her computer server clean with BleachBit.

For anyone unfamiliar with how far an alienating parent will go to obstruct a targeted parent from having access to information about their child, don't be surprised to learn, its totally expected. An alienating parent will go to any lengths to block access.

Hillary also lost (and) or destroyed all of her mobile devices, some of them with hammers. She installed the server in her home against the policies of the State Department exposing the nation to hacking into our National Security information. The FBI also believed that our political enemies had already hacked in. But the email scandal was soon overshadowed by the next one involving the Clinton Foundation.

This narrative is important in understanding the role of deep state actors and the strategies they employed to protect Hillary and to promulgate disinformation targeting Trump.

The Clinton Foundation scandal exposed a “ pay for play scheme “ where political favours and access to the power brokers was facilitated by Hillary (acting as Secretary of State), in exchange for donations to the Foundation. The largest donation came from *the Russians* who paid her \$145 million in exchange for 20% of the country's uranium. (“ Uranium One. “).

The country was also becoming restless over what appeared to be a lack of urgency on the part of the FBI to report to the American people *exactly* what was happening regarding the various Clinton investigations. At the same time, Hillary was telling reporters she would never be indicted. Suspicion was rising, that the FBI was protecting Clinton and giving out immunity to witnesses to contain any testimony that could hurt her.

In the course of investigating the Clinton email scandal the Director of the FBI James Comey read a statement saying no reasonable prosecutor would go after her, and all he could find wrong, was that she was a little careless. A lot changed after Comey made this statement exonerating her. The conclusion now based on facts that have recently been disclosed, is that the DOJ and FBI protected Hillary while simultaneously targeting incoming President Trump for collusion and obstruction of justice.

Essentially the FBI and DOJ shifted attention away from Clinton and onto Trump. This is a very common alienation strategy inside the playbook of an alienating parent.

It's called, the strategy of shifting blame.

This strategy of shifting blame, has been very successful for the deep state actors at least to the extent it is blocking exposure to sensitive documents, potential crimes committed and the identity of the conspirators. In some cases of alienation this is reminiscent of legal strategies by a lawyer to submit evidence to a Judge under seal or redacted, or limited to viewing only in the office of the lawyer; which limits the ability of the targeted parent to effectively defend themselves from false allegations and distorted information.

By now the public is also aware of the involvement of a British spy named Christopher Steele, paid by the FBI as a Confidential Human Source (CHS). He is also the one who produced a fake Russian dossier, on then Presidential candidate Donald Trump. The FBI paid Steele \$168,000, however those payments, were never explained or documented for the benefit of the investigators.

Leaks to the press, and investigator questions led to unwrapping the involvement of more deep state actors when it became known that Nellie Ohr (the wife of FBI Agent Bruce Ohr)was working with a firm called Fusion GPS. This firm, produced the fake Russian dossier so the FBI could obtain FISA warrants to target Trump during the Presidential campaign. (Yglesis, Matthew & Prokop, Andrew, 2018)

The House Intel investigation led to the disclosure that Nellie Ohr, turned the Russian dossier over to her husband, Bruce Ohr, who then passed it on to another agent within the FBI. Shortly after, the FBI handed the dossier over to Andrew Weissman who is Deputy Investigator in the Robert Muller investigation. The Alienation strategies show a determination to go after Trump based on bias.

There's no reason to dismiss this bias on the part of these deep state actors. If not true, the shakeup in the FBI and DOJ would not have been so publicly announced by their agencies.

The secrecy between these various participants and their efforts to hide their secrets from President Trump is exactly like the secrets an alienating parent has with an alienated child. They conspire to stage events to make the targeted parent look bad, and the target parent has no idea that they have this connection. (Stahl, Phillip, M., 2001; sharp, Kristina, M. & Hall, Elizabeth, Torrance, 2017.) This alienation strategy employed against Trump *has been effective in fixating rejection and distrust* in the President, but not in removing him from office.

There were also facts within the IG report(Inspector General's report) that confirmed the identity of FBI personnel engaged in disrupting Trump's agenda. According to some of the emails and text messages the investigators were able to retrieve, including 70 communications between Christopher Steele and Bruce Ohr, there was an " insurance policy " planned to block Trump in his quest to become President. (Carter, Sara, 2018.) In cases of parental alienation the alienating parent often gains the support of their extended family to join in on the attacks against the targeted parent. The fact the FBI worked with former spymaster Christopher Steele for years, is analogous to Steele being *an extended family member who is related to the FBI.*

The IG report, also revealed collaboration between the FBI and the press to leak information about Trump linking him to Russian collusion *and* Obstruction of Justice in the firing of FBI Director James Comey. The confirmation of these deep state actors and their existence in the Clinton scandals, was elevated when the Inspector General Micheal Horowitz made a criminal referral against the FBI Deputy Director Andrew McCabe.

Many believed, the Inspector General report had understated the severity of the FBI and DOJ misconduct. Targeted parents and their family members have a similar view about professionals who are court appointed (e.g. Custody evaluators, GALS, Parenting co-ordinators and MHP's,etc.), to state the facts and make helpful legal and therapeutic intervention recommendations; but instead are compromised, by their own bias, or incompetence, conflicts of interest or failures to adequately investigate the facts, and this ends up leading judges into rulings that are based on faulty information.

Note # 4

There is however, a solution to more effectively vetting custody evaluators, mental health professionals or other court appointed experts; this conundrum for the Targeted parent can easily be resolved if they find a Mental Health Consultant to assist them, and their lawyer working with them on the case. (Dale, Milfred D. & Gould, Jonathan W. 2014.)

Meanwhile the Robert Muller Special Counsel investigation has relied heavily on the fake Russian dossier. His staff is infested with biased Obama or Clinton loyalists. Say some in the media (Cheney, Kyle., 2017)

A majority of the time when a case of alienation is in need of an assessment or evaluator, the selection of a professional is decided (as stated previously) by their lawyers coming to an agreement by joint consent. Often times, the *alienating parent* and their lawyer are given the chance to select that professional as part of their "deal " This only leads to cherry picking or doctor shopping *that favours the alienating parent*. In the Muller probe, the cherry picking of his staff, stacked the deck against Trump; but after facts came out regarding the conflicts of interest, Muller was forced to dismiss some of his staff. (McCarthy, Andrew, Washington Post, 2017; Gibson, Jake, Fox News, 2017.)

The negotiation between the lawyers in the selection of a court appointed expert is not a well documented example of a parental alienation strategy, but it should be.

Some critics of parental alienation claim fathers that complain about alienation do so as a legal strategy to cover up their bone fide abuse of the child. From that perspective a lawyer *is* engaged in an alienation strategy by wrongly accusing a parent of a severe form of emotional child abuse. Also, some professionals are in agreement that *unethical lawyers* promote the agenda of the alienating parent. (Bernet, William, 2008.)

Most of the social science literature pertaining to professionals that contribute to parental alienation is still focussed on mental health professionals, but without exception, all lawyers engage in *parental alienation strategies*. The concept is deserving of a special name for social science research so for this purpose I will refer to it as “ **Legalized-Parental-Alienation-Strategies** “ because all of these strategies are attributed solely to the actions of a family law lawyer.

Sometimes lawyers have a conscious awareness in using legalized parental alienation strategies (LPAS), but other times they overlook the significance of these strategies or ignore the significance because they consider it a part of their job being a lawyer. More research is needed to evaluate the effects of LPAS to determine their impacts on children.

During the time of Hillary’s email investigation Attorney General Loretta Lynch, and former President Bill Clinton were caught by a reporter having a private meeting at an airport tarmac. They tried to explain they were only having an innocent, casual conversation about golf, and their grandchildren but few people accepted that answer and continued to see it as a conflict of interest. As a result, Loretta Lynch recused herself in the Clinton -DOJ investigation and turned over the matter to the FBI Director James Comey.

In cases of alienation it is nearly impossible to gain any co-operation from an *obsessed alienator*. The control agenda of an alienating parent is to block the access of the targeted parent to view the child’s medical records, school records and access to information about after school activities. This parental alienation strategy is referred to as *Gatekeeping*.

There is certainly a strong correlation between the “ Gatekeeping “ alienating strategies of an alienating parent, and the Gatekeeping alienation strategies of the deep state actors,

DEEP STATE ACTORS ARE NO LONGER HIDING IN THE SHADOWS

FBI Director James Comey stated under testimony before the House Intelligence Committee that AG, Loretta Lynch insisted he refer to the Clinton investigation as ‘*a matter* ‘ rather than call it an invest-igation. President Obama was also mediating what the FBI was doing to protect her and maybe it was over an embarrassing reason. Obama was communicating with Hillary and using a pseudonym on her private server.. (Gerstein, Josh., 2016). An effort to cover that up for National Security reasons would have been understandable but not necessarily acceptable to voters during an election campaign and this may have played a factor in protecting Clinton.

Often times in a case of alienation the alienating parent will violate a court order and seek cover, and protection from a child’s Therapist. It was convenient for Lynch to hand the hot potato over to Comey and for Comey to pass the hot potato back to Lynch. This alienation strategy of *hot-potato*, is not just a game to the alienating parent, it is a form of mental abuse for the child, because the child is not able to get the psychological services they need if the child’s therapist is aligned with an alienating parent.

The FBI reported that Hillary's emails were very likely hacked by numerous countries unfriendly to us and there is new speculation that China hacked Hillary's email's in real time and may actually have the 33,000 emails she deleted and bleached from her server. (Shaw, Adam., 2018). Could this also help to explain why, *or maybe even justify why*, the FBI needed to protect Clinton ? According to the FBI and their affirmed belief she would win the election, FBI Director Comey, would have been right to assume *Hillary would be an easy target for blackmail.* (In that scenario the FBI's need to protect Hillary to buy time to better protect national security makes more sense than an overly simplistic view the FBI was or is merely biased in her favour, however those dynamics can co-apply)

This of course is just speculation, but I raise this speculation for a good reason. In cases of alienation the custody evaluator, *court involved therapist*, or reunification therapist *must consider every hypothesis* before coming to any conclusion about the causal factors in a parent-child relational problem; so the appropriate treatment plan can be integrated. (AFCC guidelines for a CIT.)

Alienating parents employ strategies that constantly violate court orders and rarely do they suffer any serious consequences because even if the other parent wins in a contempt hearing, many times a judge will allow the contempt to be vacated if that offending parent proceeds with future compliance. This is an example of a judicial system that is out of balance in the family law courts, and the same imbalance appears to exist within the DOJ and FBI.

As pressure mounts with the various investigations, deep state actors appear to be in a panic.

In one story, Christopher Steele stated in emails and text messages to Bruce Ohr, that he's concerned about, " The firewalls holding up " and " being exposed. " (Carter, Sara, August, 2018) His involvement may lead to revelations that other government officials could be exposed next. Is it possible that at the very top of the totem pole is the participation of President Obama ? There's reason to believe it, not just from Christopher Steele. Here's why. On Inauguration Day, National Security Advisor, Susan Rice logged *an unusual email to herself*, documenting a meeting she had with President Obama, FBI Director James Comey, and Deputy AG Sally Yates. She wrote:

On January 5, following a briefing by IC leadership on Russian hacking during the 2016 Presidential Election, President Obama had a brief follow-up conversation with FBI Director Jim Comey and Deputy Attorney General Sally Yates in the Oval Office. Vice President Biden and I were also present. That meeting reportedly included a discussion of the Steele dossier and the FBI's investigation of it's claims. President Obama began the conversation by stressing his continued commitment to ensuring that every aspect of this issue is handled by the intelligence and law enforcement communities ' by the book '. The President stressed that he is not asking about, initiating or instructing anything from a law enforcement perspective. He reiterated that our law enforcement team needs to proceed as it normally would by the book. From a national security perspective, however, President Obama said he wants to be sure that, as we engage with the incoming team, we are mindful to ascertain if there is any reason that we cannot share information fully as it relates to Russia. The President asked Comey to inform him if anything changes in the next few weeks that should affect how we share classified information with the incoming team.

Senator's Grassley and Graham members of the House Intel Committee, found it odd that Susan Rice would make this entry only hours before the end of the Obama administration. Is it possible Rice was documenting this to protect herself from any blame in the future, and to put on the public records, her recollections of events ?

Rice must have assumed that Trump and his new administration would one day stumble on whatever devious actions were still ongoing. There is a correlation, in the way deep state actors use the authority and power of government officials to steer their control of events; and how an alienating parent will also turn to government officials to control events (e.g. Making false allegations and contacting CPS to block access with the child).

Note # 5

There's also a term to extinguish the target parent from having any contact or relationship with a child. It's called a Parentectomy. (Collette C. Summers & David M. Summers, 2006; William Bernet, MD & Amy J.L. Baker, 2013; Kimber Adams, 2018)

In another troubling disclosure involving the FBI, Peter Strzok, the FBI 's Chief of Counterespionage made a substantive change to Director Comey's public statement regarding the Clinton scandal. Strzok removed the words " criminal negligence ,"changing it to " extremely careless " and by doing so he eliminated the risk of Clinton being charged with a criminal penalty. This "*email investigation*" contained numerous FBI irregularities, and in cases of alienation there are often times when there are irregularities in the parameter of services provided by custody evaluators, parenting consultants, parenting coordinators, GAL'S, and it badly contaminates the public trust.

Note # 6

It's important to understand that not all cases of child abuse involve false accusations of abuse; and not all cases of parental alienation correctly identify the validity of alienation. The larger issue, the one that is relevant here, is that strategies employed to turn the public against Trump, can be found rooted in the strategies of parental alienation.

SOMETIMES ALIENATION STRATEGIES ARE AIMED AT ATTACKING CREDIBILITY

While most of the literature on alienation discusses strategies that are aimed at turning the child against the other parent, we may be understating the complexity of alienation strategies. I believe, that this is a process that contains multiple strategies including (a) the alienation of the child, (b) shifting blame for the child's rejection to the other parent, (c) empowering that child to speak out openly about their views as if they had individuated themselves from the negative influence of the alienating parent... and (d) attacking the credibility of the targeted parent.

Does Trump help or hurt his credibility ?

If Trump has a weakness that he fails to recognize it might be in the way he quickly reacts to criticism, and in a not so politically correct way. His choice of words using social media has distorted the clarity of many of his intended messages. At other times, he has overshadowed his achievements by trying to set the record straight or correct what he perceived as a personal slight. The way Trump is capitalizing on the use of social media to off-set the negativity he obviously gets from the press, is really a double-edged sword, sometimes helping him and others times creating controversy. I find it important to point this out because while alienation strategies may also be aimed at damaging his credibility, it is equally important to take into consideration any contribution Trump adds to damaging the trust people place in him. A majority of alienation cases involve more than just the contributions from the alienating parent, they also include the errors and mistakes made by the targeted parent. (Ellis, Elizabeth M. 2005; Wars-hak, Richard A., 2015)

There is no disputing the fact, this "*campaign of denigration*" against Trump includes a focus on many distortions in his statements. Some things said about Trump are also completely false. We have already seen a number of media retractions over these false and misleading stories. If the Press has an agenda to convince the public that Trump's credibility is worthless, then is it any wonder why they are so willing to fall on their own sword to sacrifice truth ? The media is culpable of badmouthing Trump and the truth doesn't seem to matter as far as it concerns CNN and a bushel of other TV networks. This is the same mindset of an alienating parent. To an alienating parent, the truth is not what matters all that does matter is **destroying** that other parent's relationship with the child.

Trump's credibility has been under constant attack since Attorney General Sessions recused himself in the Russian collusion investigation. After Sessions's recusal, the Deputy AG Rod Rosenstein issued a recommendation to fire FBI Director Comey, and after that he was fired by Trump.

Comey leaked to a friend his recollection of private conversations with the President. In testimony before a Congressional Intelligence Committee Comey said he hoped leaking the story would trigger the appointment of a special investigation. Who better to cast doubt on the credibility of the President than Comey and his close friend Robert Mueller the Special Counsel ?

If that doesn't look like a set up, if that doesn't look like a conflict of interest, the justice system is badly in need of repair.

Additional rupture in the justice system appeared at the hearing to confirm Brett Kavanaugh. specifically the germination of being guilty until proven innocent. When a person's credibility is attacked with allegations that cannot be corroborated and the attack continues it's not about justice it's about misguided morality. This misguided morality appears to be in the bedrock of alienation strategies to destroy Trump, which is exactly how an alienating parent thinks, and acts, in order to get their way.

Alienation strategies aimed at attacking a person's credibility- could lead to false accusations. I know it's been said that you can't prove a negative, but the belief you can't disprove a negative, is nothing more than pseudologic because there are many proofs in math, and science and economics, including *Arrow's impossible theorem*, so disproving a negative is possible. It is also possible for a target parent to disprove the false accusations lodged against them. Trump is having a hard time disproving some of the accusations against him, but if voters support Republicans in the mid term election in overwhelming numbers, it will be considered a referendum of support for Trump. That may be all he needs, to get past the rejection he once faced.

THE PROGRESSIVE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

After the Clinton election loss and the Democratic Party losses in both houses of Congress, the party was left with the leadership of Chuck Schumer and Nancy Pelosi. After an unexpected primary victory, the new face of the Party turned out to be a 28 year old socialist by the name of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Ms. Cortez is strongly endorsed by the radical left progressive leadership including: Bernie Sanders, Maxine Waters, and Elizabeth Warren. Even moderates in the party are advocating a socialist-democratic platform. If they succeed in the midterm elections, they make no bones about their intention to impeach President Trump. (Bacon, Jr., Perry, March, 2018).

What the democratic leadership is doing by using polemics to seize power, could backfire in the mid-term election. (Scherer, Michael, July 2018; Markay, Lachlan, Suebsaeng, Asawin, Resnick, Gideon & Stein, Sam. 2018). And in high conflict cases of parental alienation, an alienating parent can over play their hand in front of a Judge causing their entire narrative to blow up in their face.

American history in the form of confederate statues are being torn down on college campuses and in national parks. Kneeling for our National Anthem has turned into a cause for social justice. The denigration and termination of ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) is advocated for, based on the falsehood that ICE agents are separating children from parents. The left is gaining support from a " Me To " movement and from the " Black Lives Matter " coalition. Progressives turn their back and reject endorsement from former President Clinton because of his sexual misconduct with women, and the traditional values of the Democratic Party are being scraped to wipe the slate clean for the millennial generation. Many congressional democrats have publicly come out to announce that Nancy Pelosi will not be considered as the next Speaker of the House. The progress democrats are constantly on the march, but their protestations are being paid for by allies of Clinton and paying protesters for a staged rally does not reflect what may be in the minds of voters who can still think for themselves. An alienating parent will buy opinions and favours to try and win when the outcome seems unpredictable.

Nevertheless, the parental alienation strategy of faking staged events is very common.

When parents go through a routine divorce with children, normally the role of co-parenting continues in a co-operative, collaborative way. That is because both parents understand it's in the best interest of the children to minimize parental conflict. However, in cases of **parental alienation** the alienating parent will terminate the co-parenting relationship and destroy the ability to even discuss a reasonable way to communicate. The same division appears to describe an ongoing dynamic between progressive Democrats and Conservative Republicans.

Furthermore the message emanating from the left is aimed at provoking verbally hostile confrontations with Trump's cabinet members in restaurants, gas stations, in the halls of the Senate, and anywhere else his cabinet members and supporters may appear in public. Hillary said American's do not have to act in a "civil way until the democrats take back their political power." Former Obama AG Eric Holder said that when the Republicans go low we kick them and, that this is the view of the New Democratic Party. Clearly these desperate parental alienation strategies are being employed ... **and weaponized.**

Former President Obama is also on the campaign trail condemning Trump for not standing up to Nazi sympathizers (The New Yorker, 2018). He said Trump is shameless, a fear monger, a demagogue promising simple fixes to complex problems. (Los Angeles Times, 2018) and contrary to actions from former Presidents who have stepped off the stage of politics after their terms ended, Obama, 'will not go gentle into that good night.'

As the former leader of the democratic party, he is more than just the symbol of progressive leadership, he is a political father figure, desperately trying to regain political control over the electorate and breaking political norms for revenge, because he knows his legacy is being torn apart root and branch by his successor, President Trump. Researches in parental alienation might suggest the political narcissism of President Obama is not all that different from personality disordered parents that harm their children. (Baker, 2006; Jaffe, Thakkar, Piron, 2017; Wilson, Weaver, Michelson, Day, 2018).

In cases of parental alienation when an obsessed alienating parent refuses to listen to their lawyer advising them to take a more cooperative position, this parent would rather lose in court than change any of their behaviours. According to psychological literature on the subject of alienating parents, most of them have a Narcissistic Personality or a Borderline Personality Disorder. This helps to explain, why some of the people that hate Trump, also suffer from a psychological condition that limits their ability to see and understand their own shortcomings.

WHAT ABOUT THE FAULTS OF THE PRESIDENT, DOESN'T THAT DISPROVE ALIENATION

Part of the definition of alienation is that when there is bona fide abuse by a parent, then there cannot be a diagnosis of alienation; Because when there is bona fide abuse the diagnosis changes to estrangement (which is the justified rejection of a parent). Trump has done nothing to validate he's abused his position of authority and perhaps the most obvious evidence this is true is the absence of anything concrete coming out of the Muller investigation. (It's now two years, *after* the investigation started.)

All parents have shortcomings and the other parent can highlight those shortcomings to a child or say they have the best parent in the world; or at least encourage the child to have a normalized relationship with that other parent. *Badmouthing* the other parent to a child, only harms the child, who is one half of that parent's identify. Trump may not be the President everyone voted for, but, he is our duly elected President and no parent will ever be a perfect parent. The child has to come to terms with that and so do Americans who are still fixated in hatred against him.

Sadly, the alienating parent that loses in court never stops doing what they do, and they never give up.

Obama is like an alienating parent *that lost*. He is a political zombie and his political days ended in the Democratic Party apocalypse of 2016. Hillary Clinton is another Democratic zombie. So is Comey, so is Clapper, Brennan, and so many others. Their political determination is not a sign of strength but rather a sign of weakness. They cannot control their own behaviours, and they refuse to take responsibility for their own losses, living in a state of denial. This is identical to the behaviour of an obsessed alienating parent.

A parent having imperfections does not validate abuse, or neglect or a poor parenting style. In fact, an 'adequate parent' is the new judicial standard. It is also important to explain, when a parent is under constant attack they can become *reactive* or defensive and unavoidably make mistakes that contribute kernels of truth to a child's reasons for rejection; But the fire that keeps building is stoked by the alienating parent who is actively fanning the flames of this rejection.

While many have feared the election of Trump would lead to disasters, he has certainly done, a more than adequate job of running the economy, and he has also had success in foreign policies as well. Trump is not perfect either. He may have made statements that could have been better expressed. For example statements that led people to conclude he's racist or a liar.

There remains a rejection of the President that is disproportionate to any wrongdoing on his part, and it appears many people who also reject him, would rather see the country fail, than have him succeed. There are numerous examples of opinions that express a disapproval of Trump even when the subject is solely focussed on his positive achievements (e.g. the economy, Korea) and they hold a belief that Trump is incapable of doing anything right, that everything he does is wrong. Those that hate Trump, think he's undeserving of any credit, or support, or any admiration. This attitude and belief system, is the mirror image of a severely alienated child. Their brain circuitry is hard wired into beliefs that have little justification.

DO PARENTAL ALIENATION STRATEGIES BACKFIRE

Some members within the House Select Committee on Intelligence (Nunes, Jordan, et.al.,) are seeking a special investigator to probe into the dysfunction and corruption in the FBI and DOJ. There are also complaints being voiced by the same members of this committee that the Muller investigation is infested with partisans who refuse to even explore the FISA Application and their misrepresentations to the court. Deputy AG Rod Rosenstein, signed off on FISA subpoenas that were based on false intelligence bought and paid for by Hillary Clinton and the Democratic National Committee. At this time only a glimpse into all the facts can be known due to the slow walking of disclosure by the DOJ and FBI.

One thing to keep in mind about an alienating parent is their complete lack of boundaries. Although Trump gave the order to declassify FBI documents, he may be doing so with some trepidation. If he still has concerns about damage that could be done to him by deep state actors, and why wouldn't he, then maybe President Trump is concerned about the possibility of doctoring documents or falsifying declassified documents. If they got away with it, then the parental alienation strategies of presenting false and misleading information could backfire on him. Is it really that far fetched, after all that we have heard and read about since the 2016 election ?

Leaders within the Congressional Intelligence Committee have said it's not fair and not possible for the DOJ and FBI to investigate themselves with neutrality and that the failure for them to recognize this concern is simply *outside their awareness*. In cases of parental alienation the way that a child is manipulated into alienation is also a process that's outside their awareness. (Baker, Amy, & Darnall, Douglas. 2009; Baker, Amy, 2009; Jaffe, Alan M., Thakkar, Melanie & Piron, Pascale, 2017).

In many cases of parental alienation, the adult child may come to the realization that they were denied a relationship with a good and loving parent. Many adult children coming to understand this, later ended up turning their hatred against the alienating parent for causing them so much loss, pain and suffering. This is more than just an example of a parental alienation strategy that backfires; It is also an example of the consequences that can follow. On the internet adult children of alienation are posting videos and stories about waking up to reality of what had been done to them as children.

Will voters, react in the same way when the mid-term election comes around ? Could the alienation strategies turn off the voters and backfire ? We won't know for sure until after this election, but we do know that after the Kavanaugh hearings Republicans are voicing the belief that a " Red Tide "of voters will come out to demolish the Democrats in revenge for the strategies they employed (Those strategies that fit so neatly into the tactics of a parental alienator.)

Other facts support the supposition that parental alienation strategies do sometimes backfire. Let us take for example the firing of FBI Director James Comey, FBI agent Peter Strzok, Deputy Director of the FBI Andrew Mc Cabe, and many others, who tried to experiment in using parental alienation strategies, *only to get burned.*

Although there are differing opinions on what constitutes parental alienation, there is one research expert who defines parental alienation as follows : "*Parental alienation is a set of strategies that a parent uses to foster a child's rejection of the other parent.*" (Baker, 2008). It may turn out that the lesson learned from employing parental alienation strategy is: " What goes around, comes around. "

THE MEDIA AND PARENTAL ALIENATION STRATEGIES

When Trump leaped into office leaks started to emerge in the press about his private conversations with foreign leaders like the Australian Prime Minister and later on with Putin. The press started to publish false stories escalating into more conflict with Trump and the employment of badmouthing parental alienation strategies. Trump labeled the stories Fake News, and others started to talk about " The Trump Derangement Syndrome. "

The President turned to social media to try and get his messages out to the world. In a recent news story, a lawyer representing Michael Cohen admitted he lied about his story to CNN but CNN still refused to retract it. In another story the NY Times published an article written by - **Anonymous.** Failing to vet and check the credentials of professionals is an everyday problem for target parents.

It was not until the release of the IG Report that it was also learned some members of the Press had payed FBI agents for leaked information that they could report as news to the public. The most egregious leak was the fake and misleading Russian dossier.

In findings of bias against the media it was reported in various studies that 90% of the daily news reports about the President were negative. (Wemple, Erik. 2017; Harper, Jennifer, 2018.) His achievements were either ignored or given scant attention. In an effort to get his side of the news out to the public, Trump turned to social media where he is followed by over 100 million people. (Burke, Samuel., 2017). Badmouthing is considered one of the clearest examples of an alienation strategy. So the neutrality of the press is no longer in question; Where it concerns Trump, truth and facts don't matter to them. (Wiseman, Ben, 2017; Gomez, Melissa, 2018.)

And when articles hide behind unnamed sources or sources that don't even exist, that's not *freedom of the press*, it's corruption of the press, or manipulation of the press; and maybe some of the blame for that corruption belongs to FBI officials accepting bribes for leaking stories with alleged dirt on Trump. This fact is reported in the DOJ - IG Report. (Brian McNicoll June 25, 2018 News Article).

It is also a media fact CNN has employed former Obama spy agency cabinet members John Brennan and James Clapper. There is well established evidence that James Clapper lied to congress on at least two occasions. Once regarding the spying on millions of Americans and the second time over the lies about not using the fake dossier for FISA subpoenas. When dishonest officials are welcomed into the media as broadcasting experts, knowing this is their reputation, it demonstrates a very poor judgment on the part of CNN or a likelihood CNN has an agenda that is biased. To defuse this bias, President Trump revoked the privilege of Brennan to have ongoing access to national security records and he is considering the revocation of access to security records for numerous other deep state actors. The *dishonest, fake news-press*, that Trump refers to is not his blanket opinion of the Press. Clearly

Trump likes and respects Fox News.

When the alienating parent makes a decision to target the other parent, they are willing to, throw the baby out with the bath water. The media is acting in the same way towards Trump. Their alienation strategies are motivated by ratings and at least one news anchor agrees with that analysis, Ted Koppel. (Concha, Joe, 2018).

PARENTAL ALIENATION STRATEGIES EMPLOYED BY ENTERTAINMENT CELEBRITIES

There are many celebrities who have made badmouthing statements promulgating hate for President Trump. Here are a few examples, but the list is very long and remains continuous :

Johnny Depp said,, “ When was the last time an actor assassinated a president. Maybe it is time. “
Robert DeNiro said, “ I’d like to punch Trump in the face. “
Madonna said, “ I have thought an awful lot about blowing up the White House. “
LeBron James said, “ U bum Going to the White House was a great honour until you showed up. “
John Legend said, “ The president is a racist. “
Stephen Hawking said, “He is a demagogue, who seems to appeal to the lowest ... denominator. “
Cher said, “ He’s a pathological liar, a racist, a fascist, he’s disgusting & despicable. “
JK Rowling said, “ Voldemort was nowhere near as bad. “
George Clooney said, “ Now he’s a fascist; a xenophobic fascist. “
Jennifer Lawrence said, “ If Trump is president ... it will be the end of the world. “
Louis C.K said, “ But the guy is Hitler ...He’s an insane bigot ...He is dangerous. “
Richard Gere said, “ He’s finding villains everywhere ... telling people he’ll get rid of them.

Another outspoken critic of Trump is Alec Baldwin. Several years ago Mr. Baldwin alleged he was being alienated from his daughter by his former wife Kim Basinger. During that time there was also a tape recording of Baldwin calling his daughter a “**rude, thoughtless little pig.**” It may have been an example of “ reactive behaviour, “ which is what happens, when a targeted parent “ineffectively” and “ inappropriately, "responds to the child’s rejection. This type of behaviour only adds to the fire of alienation. Whether or not Mr. Baldwin was *acting out* in response to his daughter’s rejection; or mistaken about his belief he was a victim of alienation; or not mistaken, just trying to cover up *his* maltreatment of his daughter by claiming to be a false victim of alienation, *he* of all people, should be attuned to the *fact he* is creating a campaign of denigration against Trump and his vilification of Trump is disproportionate to anything Trump did or said against him. Sadly, Alec Baldwin used his celebrity status to run the President down using parental alienation strategies, he claimed his former wife employed against him.

Another outrageous example of Trump hatred, came from Kathy Griffin who posted a photo of her doing a beheading of Trump. As stated early in this article, in cases of alienation the hatred also spreads to extended family members. An example of this was a tweet from Peter Fonda:

“ We should rip Barron Trump from his mother’s arms and put him in a cage with pedophiles and see if (his) mother will stand up against the giant asshole she is married to. “

Similar comments from celebrities have attacked - First Lady, Melania Trump, Donald Trump Jr, Eric Trump, Ivanka Trump and even his grandchildren. With so much constant badmouthing of the President by celebrities being picked up by TV stations, and radio stations, newspapers and in magazines, it is hard to imagine how this “ **media programming** “ is any different from the “ parental programming “ of an alienating parent. The strategies of alienation are similar if not exactly the same. It would be reasonable to say that celebrities have a *parasitic relationship with the media* in their alliance against President Trump.

Trump also has his supporters in the entertainment industry, but when expressing their support of Trump they pay a severe price. Roseanne Barr, lost a job in one of the highest rated comedy comeback shows in television history. Kayne West was condemned and shunned for saying he liked Trump. Tiger Woods has been attacked for saying Trump should be respected because of the office he holds as the President. As stated before, in cases of alienation, the parental alienation strategies extended out to include family members. While his supportive celebrity friends are not his family, friends can be as close as family members, sometimes even closer and sometimes more supportive.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS TRUMP DERANGEMENT SYNDROME

For decades critics have said there is no validity to Parental Alienation Syndrome but many Disorders have taken a long time for recognition by the American Psychiatric Association. In one example Tourettes Syndrome, took nearly 100 years to be accepted by the APA. Given the determination of so many mental health professionals enhancing scientific validity of PAS, I believe it will take a much shorter time to get into the DSM. However, there is nothing currently in any scientific literature to indicate there’s even any motivation to put Trump Derangement Syndrome into a diagnostic codification.

However, it can be said that there are a large number of people that are so reactive and rejecting of Trump, it does not appear to be just a matter of political differences. Is it possible, there’s some environmental factor causing a contagion in the population ? Could a removal of that contagion reduce the polarization seen everywhere and all of the time. Perhaps this entire dynamic will just one day lead to more scientific research to explain this phenomena.

What is a Syndrome ?

A syndrome is, “ A group of symptoms that consistently occur together or a condition characterized by a set of associated symptoms “

In severe cases of alienation one of the recognized ways to restore the child’s relationship with the targeted, rejected parent, is to remove the child from access to the alienating parent. Over a short period of time, and with mental health services, the child can repair not only the parental relationship, but repair the damage that impaired their critical thinking. If that is way to give The alienated child a life with the better more healthy parent, what is the solution for Trump ? The answer might be for a tidal wave of Red voter support in the mid term election. Only such a victory could erase the negative influence of the forces determined to poison the minds of the American voters.

DISCUSSION

This article aimed its hypothesis at whether or not parental alienation strategies were being both employed and weaponized against President Trump by factions including: The News Media, Progressive Democrats, Entertainment Celebrities and Deep State Actors.

Based on data collected in print from a collection of resources including: The Inspector General's Report, The House Intel Committee Disclosures, News Articles, Social Science Research, Legal Case Law, Polling Statistics, Scientific Organization Reports, Political Analysis Opinions, Government Records, and ancillary organizations that provided input including: The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, The American Psychiatric Association, DSM-5, International Centre of Diseases, and ICD-11:

The conclusion reached is that these strategies were employed and are being weaponized by each of these factions.

The second part of the hypothesis hoped to answer the question:

Can an understanding of parental alienation and parental alienation strategies lead to less conflict in the dynamics that are polarizing and destabilizing political leadership in the USA ?

The answer is yes and no.

Some adult children of parental alienation never come to the realization that they were turned against a parent they loved for unjustified reasons. Others that do, take a long time to come to this conclusion. Borrowing from social science research in parental alienation, there is a way to help correct the damage caused by alienation strategies and that way is through psycho-education. Dr. Richard Warshak is one of the leading experts in this treatment intervention and his program now in it's first decade of development is called Family Bridges.

This article also had limitations that will not be specified. The author has hope that other social science researchers will share an interest in this subject and make further contributions to building a consensus in future findings and conclusions

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