

Ken Pedeleose Op-ed Series

Op-ed 3 – No Surprise to Me

With my observations and knowledge of institutional corruption, weaponized government, and lawfare, I am not surprised by the other similar events that have occurred in Government.

Those events include the Fat Leonard scandal, Boeing door blow out, Boeing guilty plea to defraud the U.S. for two fatal 737 MAX crashes, September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, fall of Enron & World-Com, Valerie Plame case, Pentagon failing audits, Minnesota fraud case, and many other such events.

Meaning, my experiences are a subset of a bigger picture and more entrenched, institutional, problem and corruption in Government that prompt a look at root causes versus just the symptoms. In short, a true remedy will go to the heart or “belly of the beast” of the problems. For me, the “belly of beast” was my immersion in the Government Swamp of corruption for over 26 ½ years. I documented every step of the way as events unfolded and traced problems back to 1970, the Nixon Administration and Watergate.

My book, *The Cost of Weaponized Government and Lawfare*, has the entire evidentiary, forensic, trail to understand the ancestry pattern and practice behavior of corrupted government, weaponization, and lawfare. Meaning, institutional corruption has an ancestral link and shouldn't be treated as discrete, or individual, events.

In short, a common ancestry linked via institutional corruption, weaponization, deteriorating ethics, lawfare, and oversight infrastructure failure, and enabling, which link to the national debt.

The end result of the common ancestry is an institutional, eviscerating, effect on competence, ethics and skills necessary to run efficient government. Meaning, competence, skills and ethics are the casualty of weaponization and lawfare. Keep in mind, this is only Op-ed 3 of 30 meaning that there is a lot more to come that will substantiate this point.

For example, when I heard of the Trump assassination attempt in Butler, Pennsylvania (July 13, 2024) my first thought was an eviscerated skill set of the Secret Service. An internet search stated “significant lapses in Secret Service planning and coordination” where a lone gunman got off eight shots injuring President Trump, killing one person, and critically injuring two others.

I extrapolated my experience with institutional corruption and eviscerated skills to the “significant lapses” of the U.S. Secret Service. I had no surprise because I know how government operates from my immersion (being surrounded by) corruption and incompetence for over 26 ½ years. Another link I saw was with the Valerie Plame case.

Specifically, on October 17, 2005 my mentor, Arthur Ernest (Ernie) Fitzgerald, a major Department of Defense whistleblower, appeared on the same page in Time Magazine, Notebook section, as the Valerie Plame case update. Fitzgerald's subtitle read “Air Force cost analyst Fitzgerald says his job has been eviscerated.”

Fitzgerald's proximity to Valerie Plame, on the same page, in Time Magazine on October 17, 2005 was too close to be a coincidence. Most notably when 2005 was a major effort against whistleblowers by the Bush administration.

The following day, October 18, 2005, I received a 30-Day suspension that resulted from weaponized government and lawfare. That case is labeled Falsified Trail 3 in my book, and is my flagship case that explains weaponization and lawfare in extreme detail, in some cases minute-by-minute.

Another example was in January/February 2004 when the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) did an article titled “Defense Guts Civil Service Protections.” The article centered on the Bush Administration’s National Security Personnel System (NSPS) which gutted civil service law. In effect, enhancing and enabling institutional corruption by facilitating the quick removal of dissenters. NSPS had nothing to do with national security except putting national security at further risk.

A recent example in 2025 and 2026 is with the Epstein case. Meaning, Congress is having hearings and calling witnesses on an issue that should have been resolved by the U.S. legal system several years earlier. There was no surprise to me.

As I was writing this Op-ed on July 29, 2026 Dr. Anthony Fauci was testifying before Congress and invoked a 5th amendment privilege approximately 111 times regarding the origins of COVID 19 and Gain of Function research, among other issues. I saw this as another link to the decay of government; The need for whistleblowers in government to provide answers; And, the need to understand the root of problems and corruption versus dealing with symptoms.

The point is, an ancestry link does exist with weaponized government, lawfare, and institutional corruption that has eviscerated ethics, skills, and competency. Meaning, any corrupt event, incompetence, lack of skills, lingering cases such as the Epstein case, should be handled as a part of a linked pattern versus discrete, individual events.

On/about June 25, 2026, even Vice President Vance said Watergate would be like a “12-hour news story.” This shows that corruption is common in today’s thinking. Which is another reason why Congress and the President need to go to the “Belly of the Beast” and understand where the corruption really emanates from versus just dealing with the symptoms.

Op-ed 4 will focus on the oversight organizations (“Belly of the Beast”, heart of the problem) and is titled “From Watchdogs to Enablers - Insulating and Inbreeding the Deep State.”