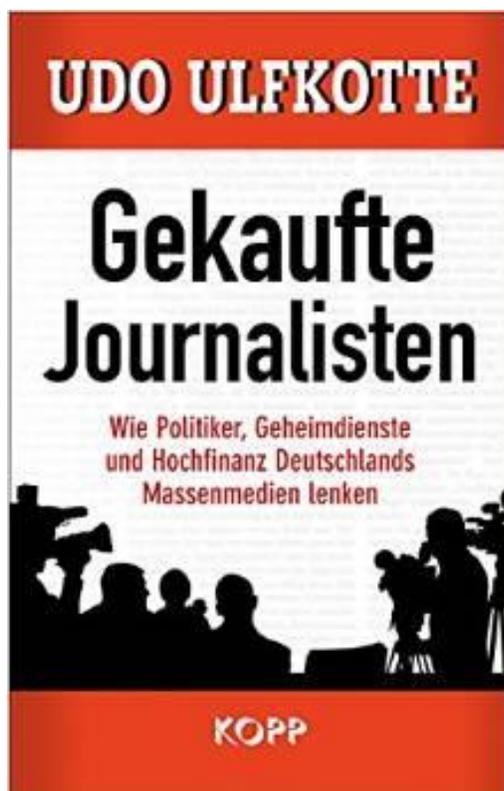


BOOK REVIEW

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Moral Apocalypse

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In Germany a book has been published this year, which can influence the journalistic ethic everywhere in the world. It is a bestseller without any publicity in German media. Written by a former leading journalist of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, the number 1 of German newspapers, the author gives a picture of the forces, persons and organizations active behind the coulisses of the main stream press-media in order to influence public opinion. According to our knowledge the book has not been published in English yet.

The author writes out of his own experiences of many years. He admits, that he was active in the same manner as the common practice sharply criticized by him in his book. On a certain moment he changed his way of handling and decided to publish what he knew. What was his 'big news'? It was – and is – the very 'down to earth' experience, that newspapers, radio and TV are not the independent,

'objective' media as believed to be by the brave 'men in the street'. The old basic rule of journalism, 'facts are holy, your meaning is free' is interpreted in a subtle way in nowadays' daily practice. The author arrives at the conclusion, that the main stream press-media became lobby-instruments for influencing public opinion in the interest of high politics, secret services and 'haute finance' – he speaks about the 'elites' - aiming at the maintaining and extending U.S. supremacy worldwide. The author gives in a schedule several names of persons as well as organizations. It is interesting to see the essential role of among many others the Bilderberg Group as well as other contact-groups and well-known personalities in finance and in global politics. At this level facts are in any case not so 'holy' as the public supposes them to be. For the brave citizen are however the press media 'the last station', where he collects his information necessary for his daily existence in the different fields of his life. This is a dramatic moment for the brave citizen. What can he do more than to continue to read *his* newspaper day after day? Consequently he accepts the continuous brain washing and he believes in the information (in fact the disinformation) he receives that way. This is exactly the intention of the manipulators of the media, i.e. the main stream media in order to form and influence our ideas over the totality of our life, but especially of our political and economic existence.

The headings of the chapters express the contents. 1. Feigned freedom of press. Experiences with editors. 2. Our media: brought into the same line, obedient to the authorities, unwilling to accept research. 3. The undercover truth. Alpha-journalists in line with the élites. 4. Buy a journalist for yourself – your news coverage is granted. 5. Some cases from the propaganda-front.

We are living in a period as described by Orwell in his visionary book *1984*. When I read it, in 1951, I felt – with WWII behind me – this can become our future. I had this impression, but I couldn't believe it. I did not want to accept, that we would be capable to deteriorate everything we have fought for during the War in order to build up a better human future than it was before the War. And really, as from the 1960's there was a general feeling everywhere on earth, that we were driving into the direction of an idealist realm of endless possibilities, where 'the sky is the limit'. We made use of our possibilities and we misused them. We are still misusing them and we see the negative 'results' of this evolution. We are arriving in the last years at the 'limit', i.e. the moral limits of our world of culture. Are we? Yes, we are. *The truth* is the limit. We have to acknowledge this as an unavoidable fact – a moral fact, which becomes a real, historic evidence – e.g. in the recent publications in the US concerning torture by the CIA. Truth is a Universal Force. We are living in an Orwellian historic period, in an apocalyptic period, but we see also the other side of this experience: the purification of the Spirit, the basic reality of our life. Yes we are underway through our 'Orwellian experiences' – purification-experiences - to the 'New Jerusalem' of the Apocalypse. 'It is a long way to Tipperary!'

