hear from the Jacksonian Democrats today, most em-
phatically including Barack Obama.

The Party System

Most people today, even Members of Congress,
don’t think in terms of such overarching economic pol-
cies, of course. They are too stuck in local issues, or
just fighting to defend what they have, without paying
any attention to how to create new national wealth.
They are controlled not by the lure of policies, but by
political party ties, the other major curse that has come
down to us from Andrew Jackson.

Jackson himself, Kirsch shows, never created any-
thing. His personality was simply the vehicle for Wall
Street types such as Martin Van Buren to build a mind-
less political party system, which would direct the ener-
gies of the public into supporting a party leader, even if
they absolutely disagreed with his policies. This hap-
pened repeatedly with Jackson’s campaign to take
down the BUS and the credit system. Democrats who
knew Jackson’s policies were destroying the nation,
nonetheless went along with them out of party loyalty,
or because of party patronage on which their livelihood
might well have depended. They capitulated to what
appeared to be popular, an expression of the “demo-
cratic will,” rather than thinking about what policies
would benefit the entire nation.

Today, the very same process prevails. The parti-
san warfare in Washington and around the country
overwhelms any discussion of the real political and
strategic issues that confront us: bankruptcy and po-
tential nuclear war. The so-called democratic process
is nothing but a power struggle between two factions
whose loyalty is to their short-term advancement, and
leaves them open to manipulation by the oligarchy
which in fact controls the financial system—centered
in London.

You know it’s true. Red team vs. Blue team? Is this
what should determine the fate of the nation on which
the world’s future heavily depends?

This is why we must break the Jackson myth, once
and for all, freeing Democrats to take the necessary ac-
tions to remove Obama from office for his impeachable
crimes, and Republicans to embrace the economic pol-
cies of the American System, which their standard-
bearer Abraham Lincoln gave his life to defend.

By the way, Abraham Lincoln knew what treason
Jackson was up to. But you’ll have to read How Andrew
Jackson Destroyed the United States to get the story.

Obama Revives Truman ‘Loyalty Program’

by Edward Spannaus

Dec. 3—In a yet further Unitary Executive power-grab
which has received little attention, President Obama
issued a Presidential Memorandum on Nov. 21—just
before the Thanksgiving weekend—establishing an In-
sider Threat Program in every Executive Branch de-
partment and agency, targeting potential whistle-blow-
ers and anyone else who is deemed to represent a “threat
to national security.”

This action constitutes nothing less than a revival of
President Harry Truman’s Federal Employee Loyalty
Program, established in 1947—the precursor of Sen.
Joe McCarthy’s witchhunts, years before they got un-
derway. It creates a police-state atmosphere in Federal
agencies, in which everyone is expected to spy on their
colleagues, and report their suspicions under the cloak
of anonymity—just as the Truman Loyalty Program
was based on anonymous charges, often just office
gossip.

Obama has already gone far beyond his predeces-
sors in his arrogation of Executive power to himself:
No other President has claimed the legal right to assas-
sinate a U.S. citizen without due process; he carried out
military action and acts of war for 70 days in Libya
before informing Congress; he has repeatedly claimed
that he can rule by Executive and administrative actions
without Congressional legislation (his “we can’t wait”
mantra); and his Administration has repeatly invoked
the doctrine of “state secrets” to bar disclosure of gov-
ernment wrongdoing.

And now, anyone who talks out of turn, or says any-
thing critical of His Highness, may find himself tar-
targeted for “disloyalty,” or as a threat to national security.

Crackdown on Whistle-Blowers

Obama’s Nov. 21 three-paragraph covering memo-
randum for Federal department and agency heads, was
entitled “National Insider Threat Policy and Minimum
Standards for Executive Branch Insider Threat Pro-
grams.” The still-secret detailed policy and standards
document was transmitted with it.
The purpose, Obama stated in the public memorandum, is to promote the development of “insider threat” programs “to deter, detect and mitigate actions by employees who may represent a threat to national security.” These threats are defined as encompassing “potential espionage, violent acts against the Government or the Nation, and unauthorized disclosure of classified information….”

That last item is clearly aimed at whistle-blowers—not only those disclosing information about wrongdoing and corruption to the press, but also, disclosures to Congress. One of EIR’s intelligence sources advised that this is intended to purge potential whistle-blowers, and to shut down Congressional oversight. Examples of Obama’s potential targets are the Drug Enforcement Administration agents who were sources for Congressional committees looking into the Fast and Furious gun-walking to Mexican drug cartels; military officers who were prime sources of information on what actually happened in Benghazi, Libya; and NSA employees who have provided information to the public on the continuation and expansion, under Obama, of the Bush-Cheney surveillance program launched after the 9/11/2001 attacks.

Obama’s Justice Department has already used the 1917 espionage laws to press criminal charges in cases of national-security leaks—more than all other previous administrations combined.

Beyond the 2011 Executive Order

The development of the Insider Threat Policy was mandated by Executive Order 13587, issued by Obama on Oct. 7, 2011. Entitled “Structural Reforms to Improve the Security of Classified Networks and the Responsible Sharing and Safeguarding of Classified Information,” it established, among other things, an inter-agency “Insider Threat Task Force,” staffed by personnel from the FBI and the National Counterintelligence Executive, which was directed to develop the policy and minimum standards to be issued within one year. All agencies were directed to implement an “insider threat detection and prevention program,” following the guidance and standards to be developed.

The final document issued by Obama went significantly beyond the mandate of the 2011 Executive Order, in encompassing the much broader and ambiguous categories of “threats to national security” and “violent acts against the Government or the Nation.”

The delay in the issuance of the classified policy guidelines raised the question of whether Obama and the White House were dissatisfied with the Task Force product, and revised it to their liking. The fact that the final version appears to go well beyond the 2011 mandate, and that Obama waited until after the election to issue it, strongly suggests that this is the case.

The issuance of the classified Insider Threat Policy comes at the same time that Congress is considering whistle-blower protection legislation, and legislation to crack down on leaks—which will probably more or less cancel each other out. Obama’s intention is to emasculate Congressional oversight as much as possible, which will make it more difficult for any government employees or contractors to take their concerns about wrongdoing or corruption to Congress. Of course, on the other hand, the Obama White House, like the Bush-Cheney White House before it, has no compunction about leaking classified information and spoon-feeding it to gullible reporters whenever they think it makes them looks good.

‘See Something, Say Something’

A Pentagon lawyer told EIR that he sees the new program as “very dangerous,” and fraught with potential Constitutional violations. He particularly put this in terms of First Amendment protections of freedom of expression.

Another important Constitutional issue is the abrogation of the right to due process. This is clear from an existing FBI manual on “The Insider Threat,” prepared for private companies and government contractors. Among “behavioral indicators” are: interest in matters outside the scope of one’s duties; showing unusual interest in the personal lives of co-workers; unnecessarily copying material; remotely accessing the company’s computer network; notable enthusiasm for overtime work, weekend work, or unusual schedules (as one lawyer commented to EIR, this could apply to any large law firm); or living beyond one’s means (which applies to about 90% of Americans at the present time).

Any employees witnessing these or other specified behaviors are urged to report them to the FBI or other counterintelligence personnel. No hard evidence is required to trigger an investigation, nothing more than one employee secretly accusing another of asking too many questions, or spending too much money, or working too much overtime—or probably just making disparaging comments about President Obama and his policies.