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**Jeffrey Epstein**

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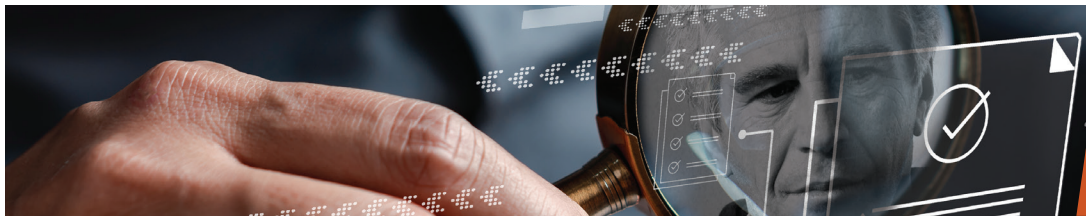
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# Part 1

In August 2025, the **Justice Department** quietly leaked to Axios<sup>1</sup> a one and a half page memorandum—unsigned, undated, unaddressed, and issued over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday weekend—declaring that the **Jeffrey Epstein** case is closed: no client list exists, no credible evidence of blackmail could be found, and Epstein’s death was a suicide. The report did reveal for the first time that, in addition to having pornographic videos of some of his victims, “Epstein harmed over one thousand victims.” There were also thousands of child pornography videos that had been downloaded from the internet.

A few days later, members of the **Trump Administration** seemed determined to dismiss the case as old news. Even the President tried to deflect questions about the case at his Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, making his hostility to discussing the matter very clear. (How can you claim transparency and then bully, berate, and mock people when they ask questions?)

The more officials try to minimize the case, the more it suggests something significant is being concealed. The fact is that a great deal is being concealed.

The short, unsigned memo not only conflicts with what current and past members of the Justice Department have said, but it is contradicted by a mountain range of evidence compiled by journalists, civil litigants, publicly available criminal records, and bank regulators.

The setup for the “old news” narrative seems to have started a few weeks ago when **Dan Bongino, Assistant Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**, and **Kash Patel, Director of the FBI**, were interviewed by **Fox News** anchor **Maria Bartiromo** on May 10, 2025. In the interview, Bongino stated that Epstein committed suicide. He said he was confident of that conclusion because he “read the file.” Patel concurred with that assessment, saying that having spent many years as a federal defense attorney, he knew a suicide when he saw one. This is a complete reversal of what they previously had detailed in many interviews, articles, and books.

Why?

Supposedly, since becoming FBI officials, they had gained access to more relevant information than they previously had available to them. But neither of them explained what information it was that convinced them.

I don’t know whether Epstein killed himself or not. What I do know is that Bongino and Patel don’t know—can’t know—either. At best, the evidence is inconclusive.

**Dr. Barbara Sampson, the New York City Chief Medical Examiner** with 20 years of experience, concluded that the death was suicide by hanging. **Dr. Michael Baden**, a forensic consultant and former New York City Chief Medical Examiner with 50 years of experience, concluded that the death was a likely homicide by manual strangulation. Baden based his conclusion on several observations—a broken hyoid bone and cartilage fractures suggesting strangulation, neck trauma inconsistent with hanging, eye hemorrhaging common in strangulation but rare in hanging, and that there was no blood pooled in his legs, as you would expect if he had been hanging. While Sampson concurred with the physical observations, she disagreed with the conclusion.

One of the curiosities that I cannot explain is that Sampson said the evidence at the scene supported her conclusions. But there was no evidence from the scene.

There were no photographs taken before the body was cut down. The sheet was removed, and the knot in the sheet was untied. The scene was thoroughly contaminated, and multiple people handled all potential evidence. The crew who transported Epstein to the hospital while resuscitation attempts were being made even cut off his clothes and dressed him in a hospital gown. Whatever evidence there might have been from the scene was practically useless.

What evidence from the scene was she talking about?

The FBI had made a big deal about the video that showed nobody entering the tier where Epstein’s cell was located. That does not mean that someone could not have entered

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.axios.com/2025/07/07/jeffrey-epstein-suicide-client-list-trump-administration>



his cell, unseen. The video does not show Epstein’s cell door, nor does it show the cell doors in the tier. At least that’s how I am reading the death investigation<sup>2</sup> conducted by the Office of Inspector General of the Bureau of Prisons. Look for yourself.

There are a couple of other curiosities as well. First, Bureau of Prisons staff allowed Epstein to make an unmonitored call on 8/9/2019. He said the call was to his mom, but it was to his girlfriend, reportedly **Karyna Shuliak**. Second, although he was supposed to have a cellmate, none was assigned. Third, extra sheets in Epstein’s cell were not removed, a clear violation of safety protocols. Of course, there were a host of other safety and security violations—falsified records, guards that didn’t make rounds because they were sleeping or playing games, multiple cameras malfunctioning and not repaired.

Did the DOJ interview Epstein’s girlfriend? What did she say?

Here’s a timeline of Epstein’s last three days. **Leslie Wexner**—billionaire owner of **L Brands** and a former client of Epstein—released a letter on Aug 7<sup>th</sup> (dated August 8, 2019) saying that Epstein had misappropriated millions from him during the time Epstein had power of attorney over all of his assets and that he was a financial victim of Epstein. That same day, it was reported in the **New York Times**. On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Epstein changed his will. On August 9<sup>th</sup>, he called his girlfriend, and on August 10<sup>th</sup>, Epstein was dead.

One of the red flags that pointed toward suicide was Epstein changing his will. This was significant. It’s significant, too, that if it were murder, it would have required a conspiracy involving multiple government agents. Anyone who’s worked in the government knows this is a stretch.

Still, neither of these facts leads me to a conclusion either way.

Like I said earlier, it is possible he committed suicide, but it’s also possible he was murdered. And it’s possible that he was threatened in a way that forced him to commit suicide.

I don’t see the suicide/murder issue resolved by any evidence or any explanation that has been given. While I like Bongino and Patel and while I believe they are honorable men with the best interests of our country at

heart, their justification for closing the case falls short of convincing.

Contrary to the position of Bongino and Patel and because of the conflicting interpretations of the autopsy findings, the manner of death should be considered Undetermined.

*Ultimately, whether he committed suicide or not, it does not make any difference. **The real issue of the Epstein case is the trafficking and sexual exploitation of children.***

At least the Justice Department has acknowledged Epstein **had more than one thousand victims**, not to mention the thousands of child pornography videos and images he produced as well as downloaded from the internet.

But the scope of the exploitation and the intensity of the investigation have not been described in detail. What did the government do? Who did they interview?

Where are the memos that lay all this out? Didn’t they say they were going to release all the files?

Let’s start with what the pathetic Justice Department memo says. I already addressed the assertion that Epstein’s death was a suicide.

Then there is the claim that there is no client list. That’s not surprising. I can’t recall any investigation I conducted or directed where the bad guys conveniently listed all of their customers and criminal associates. We had to dig for that information by interviewing witnesses and suspects and by reviewing correspondence, phone records, bank records, and so on. We built the list of suspects. Compiling the list was ongoing through the course of the investigation.

Didn’t the federal investigators do that? If not, why not?

The memorandum also states that there is no evidence of any blackmail operation. This is not at all credible. Reportedly, Epstein’s properties had multiple secret cameras in the rooms, including the bedrooms. What were they for?

Additionally, in 2017, Epstein allegedly made a veiled threat to **Bill Gates** that he would expose Gates’ previous extramarital relationship with bridge player **Mila Antonova** unless Gates donated \$100 million to a foundation managed by Epstein and/or repaid Antonova’s school tuition that Epstein paid.

Multiple accusers also allegedly testified to “blackmail



binders” containing photos, possibly compromising photos, of powerful visitors to Epstein’s various properties. Reportedly, these records remain sealed at the US Attorney’s office in the **Southern District of New York**.

Then there are the proven financial transactions in support of sex trafficking. In November 2023, **JPMorgan Chase** settled a class action lawsuit by Epstein victims for \$290 million. The suit alleged that the bank enabled and financially supported his sex trafficking operation. JPMorgan had flagged \$1 billion of Epstein-related transactions as indicative of human trafficking but did not report it until after Epstein’s death. The transactions occurred between 2003 and 2019.

I cannot imagine any investigator would think that one billion dollars, which was identified as trafficking related, could have been considered trafficking for personal use. It would be akin to having two semitruck loads of heroin in your barn and claiming it was just for personal use.

Where are the investigative files and reports on these financial transactions and the interview reports of the recipients of the money?

There is also a massive trove of evidence that is unaccounted for.

Every one of Epstein’s properties was searched. Warrants were issued, items were seized and catalogued. Where is the list for each property, including his apartment in Paris, his houses in New York and Palm Springs, his ranch in New Mexico, and his compound in the Virgin Islands? Where are the memos that describe the evidentiary value of each item and have the analysis of the items? Where are the memos that describe the contents of the “thousands of videos?”

Where are the memos of all the victims who were interviewed, all of Epstein’s staff over the years, all of the people who appear on the flight logs and address books? Epstein’s pilot was with him for about 20 years. Where is his interview? What did he see? Where are the details of **Ghislaine Maxwell’s** long-time relationship with Epstein? She’s the only one who has been convicted of anything since Epstein was arrested in 2019. Did they try to get her cooperation? What did she say? Again, didn’t they promise to release all of the files?

What about Epstein’s connection to Harvard University? Between 1998 and 2015, **Harvard University** received at

least \$18.6 million from Epstein and from associates that Epstein convinced to donate, including billionaire **Leon Black**.

Harvard gave Epstein an office in 2003 after he donated \$6.5 million to start a research center for the **Program for Evolutionary Dynamics (PED)**, headed by **Martin Nowak**.

Epstein’s office was located at One Brattle Square, and he had a key card and passcode that allowed him 24-hour access. In addition to a furnished office that he used for meetings with academics and political figures, he also had access to and used the larger University meeting rooms.

Even after Epstein was convicted of solicitation of prostitution and solicitation of a minor for prostitution in Florida, Epstein maintained the office. Harvard did not take away the office until 2018 after several complaints by Harvard staff.

Epstein apparently had a personal interest in the research being done at PED. He planned to conduct eugenics experiments of his own at **Zorro Ranch**, his remote ranch in New Mexico. Epstein wanted to speed up evolution by selective human breeding. He saw himself as one of the select breeders.

Where are the investigative reports on Epstein’s connections to Harvard and his bizarre **Island of Dr. Moreau**-like plans for his Zorro Ranch? It’s also interesting that the managers of that ranch, **Brice and Karen Gordon**, vanished after Epstein died. To date, they have not been found. Are the feds trying?

There were several dimensions to Epstein’s operations.

His businesses focused on providing financial advice services to only the wealthiest clients. Reportedly, he was gifted in mathematics and finance and was very knowledgeable of global tax laws. He was also skilled at tracking down money that had been embezzled or stolen. And he knew how to hide it.

A key to his financial success was his ability to leverage his existing contacts to expand his social network. He was very adept at that.

Epstein developed relationships with all kinds of people, with billionaires like **Leon Black**, **Bill Gates**, **Leslie Wexner**, **Mort Zuckerman**, **Glenn Dubin**, and others.

Epstein also maintained relationships with some of the



most powerful political leaders in the world.

**Bill Clinton** was one of them. In fact, during Clinton’s two terms, Epstein appears on the White House visitor logs 17 times. Clinton was also known to have flown on Epstein’s plane between 9 and 50 times, depending on various sources.

**Donald Trump** also had a relationship with Epstein, but their relationship ended in 2004 as a result of a falling out. Apparently, Epstein had attempted to recruit girls at Trump’s **Mar-a-Lago** resort. When Trump found out about it, he revoked Epstein’s membership and banned him from the property. About the same time, they were also in competition for some property in Palm Beach. Trump won the bid, which made Epstein angry.

(In an interesting side story, **Bradley Edwards**, the attorney who represented many of Epstein’s victims, said that Trump was the only person who voluntarily cooperated with his investigation: *“The only thing I can say about President Trump is that he is the only person who in 2009, when I served a lot of subpoenas on a lot of people, or at least gave notice to some pretty connected people that I wanted to talk to them, he is the only person who picked up the phone and said ‘lets just talk, I’ll give you as much time as you want, I’ll tell you what you need to know.’”* Edwards added that Trump *“was very helpful in the information he gave, and gave no indication whatsoever that he was involved in anything untoward.”*)

**Prince Andrew**, former Israeli Prime Minister **Ehud Barak**, **Ted Kennedy**, **Bill Richardson**, and others also had a relationship with Epstein. Prince Andrew was the only one named by an Epstein victim, **Virginia Giuffre**, as a person who abused her.

The European elites, including the nobility, welcomed him. In addition to Prince Andrew, there were **Crown Princess Mette-Marit** and **Crown Prince Haakon** of Norway, **Prince Ernst of Hanover**, and “more than 40 members of royalty and European nobility” who are referenced in Epstein’s book of contacts. He also maintained ties to **Hollywood** glitterati, like **Kevin Spacey**, **Woody Allen**, **Charlie Rose**, **Michael Jackson**, **Harvey Weinstein**, **Alec Baldwin**, and many more.

Where are the DOJ memos that explain the relationships of all these people with Epstein?

Epstein also had some very nefarious connections with

men like **Adnan Khashoggi**, an arms trafficker who used corrupt banks like the **Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI)**, also known as the **Bank of Crooks and Criminals International**, and the **Nugan Hand Bank** to launder money and facilitate selling weaponry. One example of Khashoggi’s activities is the **Iran-Contra Affair**. Khashoggi was the Iran–Contra Affair’s primary financial and logistical middleman. He provided the money, arranged the deals, and managed the payments that allowed arms to be secretly shipped from Israel to Iran, helping the **Reagan Administration** circumvent U.S. law and international embargoes. He worked closely with the **U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)**.

Khashoggi financed the operation through BCCI, a bank that was also regularly used by the CIA for covert operations. Another activity that BCCI did was facilitate prostitution to gain leverage against selected people.

Khashoggi reportedly was a client of Epstein’s.

Where are the DOJ’s memos that describe this relationship? Khashoggi died in 2017, so he isn’t around to answer any questions. But he was still alive in 2008, when Epstein was prosecuted in Florida.

Another criminal connection of Epstein’s was **Steven Hoffenberg**, former CEO of **Towers Financial Corporation**. Hoffenberg served 18 years in prison for ripping off investors of hundreds of millions of dollars in a Ponzi scheme operated by Towers. Epstein worked as a paid consultant for Towers, reportedly for \$25,000 per month in the late 80s and early 90s, and was described as a top strategist for the company. Hoffenberg died in 2022. Supposedly, he had offered to cooperate in the investigation of Epstein’s criminal activities and connections.

Why don’t we have a complete explanation of this relationship and Epstein’s possible involvement in the Towers Ponzi scheme? Hoffenberg is yet another potential witness against Epstein and possibly those who were involved with Epstein, who is dead or missing.

One of the most important of Epstein’s criminal connections was Jean-Luc Brunel. Brunel owned a modeling agency, with Epstein as a silent partner, and he procured many young girls from around the world for Epstein. The DOJ admits to having identified more than a thousand victims. Many of them had to have been





supplied by Brunel. We'll never know from him, though. He hanged himself in a Paris prison in 2022, while awaiting trial.

Did our DOJ investigate the suicide? What do they know about Brunel and his victims? Did they track down and interview any of the girls Brunel supplied to Epstein? To others? Who are they? Where are the memos of their interviews? What did they say? Is it possible there are victims they don't know about? Some were flown from overseas to the United States. Where did they fly into? Did they go through Customs? How did they describe the purpose of their visit? How did they explain why a 12 or 13 or 14-year-old girl is coming to the U.S. without her parents?

I don't see any of these answers in that 1 ½ page memo.

What is abundantly clear is that Epstein was involved in sex trafficking, that he was blackmailing people, that he used videos obtained at his various properties for that purpose,

that he used his networks of connections also to develop compromising information, that at least some of his financial transactions were criminal, and that in general he was an all around disgusting person who our government has protected for years.

The question is, why did our government turn a blind eye to Epstein's activities for so long, and why are they now trying to claim there is nothing to see?

I'll answer these questions in Part 2.

In the meantime, consider this. It is not just our government that turns a blind eye to this kind of corruption. The reason it happens in government is that we set the standard in our own lives.

*"Not to act is to act.  
Not to speak is to speak."*

— attributed to Dietrich Bonhoeffer



## Part 2

**So, why did our government turn a blind eye to Jeffrey Epstein's activities for so long,** and why are they now trying to claim there is nothing to see? Some argue that it's an effort to protect wealthy and prominent perpetrators—some of the people who show up in Epstein's black book, who flew on Epstein's plane that was nicknamed **"The Lolita Express"** since the early 2000s, or who visited Epstein's island, which was dubbed **"Orgy Island."**

While it is recognized that not everyone who shows up on these lists is guilty of sexually exploiting the children Epstein recruited, there is a sense that within these lists is a subset of people who are guilty of many crimes against children. And our government is letting them off scot-free because of their supposed importance and influence. But who is being protected and who is protecting them?

The belief is that our government investigators know.

I have no doubt this is true. Our government knows which people on the lists that have been made public—and the

many more who haven't appeared on these lists—have sexually abused children supplied to them by Epstein. In some cases, they can prove it; in others, they can't. But it's unlikely they'll ever see justice this side of eternity.

*The reason, quite simply, is that our government will claim it is not in the national security interests.*

I don't think I could prove this in a court of law since the evidence is not publicly available. However, the circumstantial case is excellent. It just requires presenting a substantial amount of background information to make sense of it all. Here goes.

From an early age, it was clear to everyone that Jeffrey Epstein was brilliant. He was so gifted that he moved up two grades in school. He skipped third grade at elementary school and eighth grade at his Junior High School. He graduated from **Lafayette High School** in **Brooklyn, New York**, at age 16.

After graduation, Epstein enrolled at **Cooper Union** for



**the Advancement of Science and Art**, where he attended for two years. It is an elite private college, ranking on par with the **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)** or **Stanford University**, and situated in Lower Manhattan, New York City. Founded in 1859 by inventor and industrialist Peter Cooper, it is free to all regardless of race, gender, or wealth. For some unknown reason, Epstein dropped out in 1971 without graduating. From 71 to 74, he attended **NYU's Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences**, but instead of enrolling in a degree program, he took individual classes.

NYU was not free. During his attendance, tuition was between \$2,000 and \$3,000, which was comparable to the tuition at **Harvard**. He drove a taxi to pay for his college while continuing to live at home with his parents in Sea Gate, a gated community composed mainly of middle-class Jewish and Italian families where he grew up.

Before earning a degree from NYU, Epstein applied for a job at the prestigious **Dalton School** in New York. When he applied, **Donald Barr** (father of future **US Attorney General Bill Barr**) was the headmaster and was known for hiring based on talent, rather than credentials. Epstein started as a math teacher at the school in the Fall of 1974. By then, Donald Barr had left due to disagreements with the board.

Epstein taught at the school from the Fall of 1974 to the Spring of 1976. The headmaster who succeeded Barr, **Peter Branch**, dismissed Epstein because "he was a young teacher who didn't come up to snuff." He later stated that he could recall no inappropriate behavior on the part of Epstein. Students remember Epstein as charismatic, dressing flamboyantly, frequently socializing with students outside class hours, and as someone who was particularly attentive to female students.

Epstein also made it a point to get to know the influential parents of the children he taught. One of the parents was **Alan Greenberg**, a **Senior Partner at Bear Stearns**. When Epstein was let go by the Dalton School, Greenberg hired Epstein to work in the options department. That started a five-year rise through the ranks. After four years, Epstein became a limited partner of the firm, the youngest ever to achieve that position.

Epstein became an expert at developing tax mitigation strategies for clients and at tracking labyrinthine international financial transactions. He also further

developed his skill at cultivating relationships with the wealthy and powerful.

His tenure at Bear Stearns was cut short due to Epstein's breach of **Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)** rules, a Regulation D violation. He loaned money to a friend who was also a client, which is not allowed as a broker. He also made distributions of new issues in a manner that violated company policy but did not violate the law. Rather than accept a \$2,500 fine and a 60-day firm suspension, Epstein took offense at the action and chose to resign his position effective March 12, 1981. Despite the contentious way he left the firm, Epstein maintained a good relationship with many of his colleagues.

Upon leaving Bear Stearns, Epstein founded the **International Assets Group (IAG)** in August 1981. The company was incorporated in New York and initially listed at his apartment on Manhattan's East 66<sup>th</sup> Street. Epstein described IAG as a consulting firm that provided complex financial advice to ultra-wealthy clients, including guidance on mitigating tax liability, protecting their assets, and concealing investments. He also conducted complicated investigations to track and recover stolen assets.

He provided these services to the network of wealthy people he developed during his years on Wall Street. He was adept at capitalizing on those relationships to advance his business. As an example, about a year before leaving Bear Stearns, Epstein attended a party reportedly hosted by Texas oil tycoon **Oscar Wyatt** at his Houston mansion. He flew to Houston with his co-worker and girlfriend, **Paula Heil Fisher**. Their goal was to develop relationships with the wealthy attendees and to recruit them as clients of Bear Stearns.

It was at that party where Epstein made the acquaintance of **Nicholas Leese**, the son of British arms dealer **Douglas Leese**. It was through this connection that Douglas Leese became one of Epstein's earliest clients when he started IAG. Epstein reportedly assisted Leese in structuring offshore financial networks used to advance secret arms deals.

It was Leese who introduced Epstein to **Adnan Khashoggi**, a billionaire Saudi arms dealer. Epstein helped Khashoggi in the same way he assisted Leese, by creating opaque financial structures to hide his activities from scrutiny.

Leese was a central figure in the **Al-Yamamah** arms deal, and Khashoggi was a key player. Khashoggi was also the





money man who facilitated the **Iran-Contra** arms deal, which was underway at the same time, in the early 80s.

Epstein reportedly facilitated both arrangements by creating financial structures that enabled the operations to proceed. Both the **British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6)** and the **U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)** were also intimately involved in these deals. **Saudi Intelligence** was most certainly involved, at least in the Al-Yamamah arms sales. And **Israeli Intelligence** helped to facilitate Iran-Contra.

*These two arms deals are significant because they provide essential evidence linking Epstein to US, British, Israeli, and Saudi intelligence services. He most likely also established connections with officials from Honduras, Taiwan, Panama, and Costa Rica, as they were also involved in the network of shell companies.*

*Another important fact is that Epstein was fully aware that both operations were initiated intentionally to evade U.S. law.*

Yet another indicator that intelligence agencies favored Epstein was the false passport found in his New York mansion when it was searched in 2019, which he apparently kept as a souvenir since it had expired (in addition to being fake). The fake Austrian passport showed Epstein under a different name and with an address in Saudi Arabia. Entrance and exit stamps indicate that the passport was used in the early 1980s and was used in locations that parallel those used to facilitate the Al-Yamamah arms deal.

I can't imagine Epstein getting a fake passport or using one without official government backing and cover. Intelligence services made counterfeit passports. In those days, some Organized Crime groups could have managed that as well, but it's unlikely they were involved. (Epstein's defense attorneys claimed Epstein had it because he was Jewish, and he used it for his protection from terrorists as he traveled internationally. This explanation is not credible.)

The British Al-Yamamah arms deal would not have happened if the US Congress had not blocked US companies from selling arms to Saudi Arabia out of concern that they might be used to attack Israel. With the blessing of and help from the Reagan Administration, the British filled the Saudi need. Whatever support the Administration gave to help the Saudis get weapons did not conform to U.S. law. But it was a subtle violation.

The Iran-Contra arrangement, on the other hand, was a blatant violation of U.S. law. The Reagan Administration arranged for the shipment of more than 2,000 TOW anti-tank missiles, approximately 500 HAWK surface-to-air missiles, around 40 Phoenix air-to-air missiles, approximately 200 Sidewinder missiles, and spare parts for U.S.-made aircraft and missile systems that had been left over from the Shah's rule. The sales were used to fund the Contras in Nicaragua. It was all illegal.

Epstein was not only aware of all this, but he also played a key role in executing both arms deals.

*Did he work for the CIA, MI6, the Mossad, or some other intelligence service? It doesn't appear so. It seems more likely that he cooperated with them, working alongside them.*

While all this was going on, Epstein was hired by the famous Spanish actress **Ana Obregón** to recover millions of dollars of her father's money that had been lost. Obregón's father, **Antonio Garcia Fernández**, had invested heavily in **Drysdale Government Securities**. The firm collapsed in May 1982 due to fraudulent bond practices. Drysdale's failure triggered a \$300 million loss, putting Fernández's entire holdings in jeopardy.

To pursue the recovery of Obregón's money, Epstein hired **Robert A. Gold**, a former **Assistant U.S. Attorney of the Southern District of New York**, to partner with him. Gold specialized in securities law, and he had contacts in the Southern District of New York, which was prosecuting the Drysdale fraud. Epstein, using his research abilities, leveraging his contacts, and with the help of Gold and his contacts, the 29-year-old Epstein engineered the recovery of millions of Obregón's money.

So, at the same time the young Epstein was impressing MI6, the CIA, the Israelis, and everybody else involved in the nefarious transactions that facilitated Al-Yamamah and Iran-Contra arms sales, he was dazzling his famous and very well connected client Ana Obregón, and earning the respect of seasoned attorneys like Gold and of the prosecutors in the Southern District of New York.

Epstein knew his stuff. Obregón spread the word, and I imagine Gold did as well.

In 1987, Douglas Leese introduced Epstein to **Steven Hoffenberg**, the CEO of **Towers Financial**, a debt-collection firm. Regarding Epstein, Leese reportedly said



to Hoffenberg, *“The guy’s a genius, and he has no moral compass.”*

Hoffenberg hired Epstein as a consultant for \$20,000 per month and loaned him \$2,000,000, which Epstein never paid back. According to Hoffenberg, it was Epstein who created the strategic plan that led to Towers Financial becoming one of the largest Ponzi schemes in U.S. history. Instead of being prosecuted, Epstein helped in the prosecution of Hoffenberg.

Hoffenberg pled guilty to securities fraud, tax evasion, and obstruction of a Securities and Exchange Commission inquiry. He admitted to bilking investors out of \$475 million through Towers Financial and was sentenced to 20 years in prison. He served 18.

According to Hoffenberg, it was Epstein’s relationship with Robert Gold and with the prosecutors at the Southern District of New York that kept Epstein from being prosecuted.

All indications are that Hoffenberg was probably right.

While Epstein was working with Douglas Leese and Adnan Khashoggi, he was introduced to **Robert Maxwell**. Epstein reportedly helped Maxwell recover and restructure assets tied to Maxwell’s publishing empire, including offshore trusts in Liechtenstein and the Channel Islands.

Maxwell expanded Epstein’s international network of contacts, and it was through Robert Maxwell that Epstein became acquainted with Maxwell’s daughter, Ghislaine. Between Leese, Khashoggi, and the Maxwells, Epstein had access to all the top social circles, including the royal families of Europe. Robert Maxwell introduced Epstein to contacts with the **Mossad** and **MI6**, and possibly with the **KGB**, as Maxwell had ties to all three organizations.

While still consulting for Towers Financial, Epstein formed a new company, **J. Epstein & Company**, to manage the assets of clients who had a net worth of at least \$1 billion. The company was managed by Epstein and his two longtime attorneys, **Darren Indyke** and **Jeffrey Schantz**.

It appears that Epstein formed the company after he met **Leslie Wexner**, who was to become one of his most important clients. Wexner was the billionaire founder of **The Limited**, later rebranded as **L Brands**, which included **Victoria’s Secret**, **Bath & Body Works**, and **Abercrombie & Fitch**. Epstein was introduced to Wexner through

**Robert Meister**, an insurance company executive whom Epstein met on a flight to Palm Beach. Epstein developed a relationship with Meister, who became impressed with Epstein’s financial acumen and made the introduction to Wexner. Wexner immediately put Epstein to work sometime around 1986 or 1987, but it’s not clear what, exactly, Epstein did for him.

Whatever he did, Epstein impressed Wexner because, by 1991, Wexner had granted Epstein full power of attorney, giving him extensive control over Wexner’s finances, real estate holdings, and even his charitable foundations. Now, Wexner’s contacts were Epstein’s.

Also in 1991, Wexner, along with **Charles** and **Edgar Bronfman, Sr.** of **Seagram’s**, founded **“The Study Group,”** later to become known as the **“Mega Group,”** which was established to advance Israel’s interests. Membership was by invitation only and was limited to Jewish billionaires. According to reports, between 20 and 50 individuals joined the group.

Early members of the group were **Leonard Abramson**, **U.S. Healthcare** founder; **Michael Steinhardt**, hedge fund manager and “New Democrats” financier; **Max M. Fisher**, former **“Purple Gang”** bootlegger turned oil tycoon; **Marvin Lender**, bagel magnate; **Harvy “Bud” Meyerhoff**, Baltimore real estate developer; **Charles Schusterman**, Tulsa investment broker; and **Laurence Tisch**, **Loews Corporation** chairman.

Later members included **Lester Crown**, son of Chicago financier **Henry Crown**; **Steven Spielberg**, film director, and producer; **A. Alfred Taubman**, shopping mall developer and owner of **Sotheby’s**; and **Ronald Lauder**, heir to the **Estée Lauder** fortune and former **U.S. Ambassador to Austria**.

This group allegedly had ties to Israeli Intelligence and served as influencers for the Israeli government. Robert Maxwell, although not a member of the group, had ties to both Wexner and Bronfman.

The only two that show up in Epstein’s contact list, besides Maxwell, were Wexner and Lauder. Bronfman, Jr. also appears as a corporate connection to Epstein, although he’s not listed in Epstein’s contact book.

Let’s recap what we know about Epstein so far. At this point, in 1991, Epstein had been in business on his own for 10 years, and there is no doubt that Epstein had become



extraordinarily successful. He had:

- a vast network of wealthy and influential connections that spanned the globe, which he could use to expand and further his business interests and those of his clients
- established working relationships with the CIA, MI6, Israeli Intelligence, Saudi Intelligence
- created financial and possibly intelligence contacts in Honduras, Costa Rica, Panama, the Bahamas, Bermuda, and others
- become an expert in finding and hiding money for his clients, and setting up financial structures to help his clients mitigate taxes
- gained the respect of prosecutors in the Southern District of New York, which probably led to him being a cooperating witness rather than a target in the Towers Financial fraud

Many Epstein researchers have concluded that Epstein's securing Leslie Wexner as a client contributed significantly to Epstein's success. While it certainly helped him financially, Epstein would have been successful without him. Wexner is the only publicly known client of J. Epstein & Company. That does not mean he was the only client, and he probably wasn't.

Additionally, Epstein had many clients of IAG. I do not doubt that governments all over the world, including our own, hired Epstein to set up, or advise on setting up, the same kind of financial networks that he did in the Al-Yamamah and Iran-Contra deals, that they offered a bounty for finding funds embezzled from government coffers globally, and that he helped to identify tax cheats for a reward.

Our government engages contractors in the same manner. Look at how the **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)** offered **Christopher Steele** \$1 million if he could provide verifiable evidence that at least some of the claims in his dossier, which he compiled on **Donald Trump**, were true. He never did, but the offer makes it clear that even our government offers rewards for information.

Consider this: Christopher Steele's network of influential contacts, including high-level intelligence contacts, paled in comparison to Epstein's. If our FBI was willing to pay Steele \$1 million, imagine what they would be willing to

pay Epstein to use his unique skills and extensive contacts on behalf of the U.S.

Another example is the standard IRS whistleblower reward. Suppose your tip leads to the IRS collecting taxes, penalties, and interest exceeding \$2 million, and the individual's income surpasses \$200,000 in at least one year involved. In that case, you qualify for a mandatory award of 15% to 30% of the recovery. If your information is publicly available (such as from media reports, court records, or government audits) or if you did not originate the information, but it still contributes to the recovery, then the IRS may limit your reward to 10%.

Much of Epstein's wealth appears to have originated from wealthy individuals and businesses seeking to conceal their assets and minimize their tax liabilities. Public records indicate that he earned a substantial amount in that role. For example, billionaire **Leon Black** of **Apollo Global Management** hired Epstein in 2012 for "estate planning, tax structuring, and philanthropic advice." Over the course of six years, he reportedly paid Epstein \$170 million. Allegedly, Epstein saved him \$500 million. It looks like Epstein acted like a lawyer on contingency, taking a third of what you get, plus expenses.

Only a few of his clients' names have been made public, which is not surprising since his companies were privately owned and offered highly confidential services.

A few other notable events took place in 1991. Robert Maxwell drowned in November 1991. Shortly afterward, Ghislaine Maxwell moved to the U.S. and initially stayed in various luxury hotels and apartments.

Also in 1991, the world was in chaos. The **Soviet Union** had collapsed. The Middle East was recovering from the **First Gulf War**. Additionally, there was a significant increase in antisemitism across Europe and the United States.

The **Crown Heights** riots in Brooklyn lasted three days and targeted Jews in the Hasidic community. Jewish businesses and homes were attacked, and **Yankel Rosenbaum**, a visiting Australian-Jewish student, was beaten and later died from stab wounds. It is believed that all these contemporary threats to Israel and the Jewish people everywhere led to the creation of the Mega Group. As I mentioned earlier, its goal was to more effectively promote Jewish and Israeli interests in the United States by influencing political and business decisions.





Soon after Ghislaine Maxwell moved to New York, she attended a party also attended by Jeffrey Epstein. That encounter led to a romantic relationship, and Ghislaine eventually moved in with him sometime in mid-1992.

Before 1992, Epstein lived in various locations around Manhattan. In February 1992, he leased the former **Iranian Embassy** building at 34 East 69th Street. The State Department had taken over the building during the Iranian Revolution. Epstein rented the 9,000-square-foot townhouse, which resembled a small castle, featuring a white marble foyer and three kitchens, for \$15,000 per month.

Epstein bought his 14,000-square-foot mansion in Palm Beach in 1990 for \$2.5 million. Both properties were perfect for hosting events. His rented New York townhouse could accommodate 50 to 80 guests, while his Palm Beach mansion could host 80-120, or even more if including the area around his 20x50 pool.

Besides being Epstein's girlfriend, Ghislaine quickly assumed the role of his primary social organizer, arranging and hosting gatherings for select guests from the political, academic, and financial worlds. Before Ghislaine joined him, Epstein seems to have attended parties rather than hosted them, although the records documenting this are limited.

It seems she also rapidly got involved in his businesses and established herself as his second-in-command.

Two additional things coincided with Epstein's involvement with Ghislaine. Before Ghislaine entered the picture, there was no indication that Epstein ever had any sexual interest in underage girls. Before Epstein and Ghislaine became involved, there was no evidence that Ghislaine had any sexual interest in teenage girls either.

The earliest known instance of recruiting an underage girl occurred in 1994. **Jane Doe** made this claim during Ghislaine Maxwell's trial in Florida in 2021. "Jane" alleged that she first met Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell at the **Interlochen Center for the Arts** in Michigan in 1994, when she was 14 years old. Epstein had attended the same camp as a child and later became a benefactor of the camp.

Jane was enjoying ice cream with her friends between classes when Epstein and Maxwell approached her. Epstein asked for her mother's phone number after learning

she lived in Palm Beach, Florida, where he also owned property. No abuse is alleged to have occurred on the Interlochen campus — the alleged grooming and sexual abuse began after she returned home to Florida.

Besides Jane, multiple other girls testified to Ghislaine's involvement in recruiting them, teaching them what to do and how to act, desensitizing them to sexual activity, and mentoring them on how to please Epstein and his guests.

The other change involved hidden surveillance cameras throughout Epstein's properties, even in the bedrooms. There is no indication that such surveillance was ever installed in Epstein's residences until Ghislaine entered the picture.

When Ghislaine became involved with Epstein, there was a dramatic shift in Epstein's method of operation. He changed:

- from attending parties to hosting them
- from being exclusively involved in relationships with adult women to recruiting young girls for sexual purposes
- from having no training for any of his staff to becoming a facilitator orchestrating the grooming and training of underage girls, and girls barely of age, to become sexual companions of powerful men, similar to the training described in the **Kama Sutra**
- from having no surveillance cameras on his properties to having multiple hidden cameras, including in bedrooms and bathrooms

Reportedly, every one of Epstein's properties was equipped with multiple hidden surveillance cameras, even in private spaces. In addition to his Palm Beach mansion, the buildings at his **Zorro Ranch** in New Mexico, which he acquired in 1993, his New York mansion that he took over from Leslie Wexner at 7-9 East 71st Street in 1995, and the buildings on Little St. James in the Virgin Islands, which he bought in 1998. Although Epstein purchased Great St. James in 2015, the buildings were still under construction when he died in 2019, so no surveillance had been installed at that time.

It seems clear that this operation, which Epstein and Maxwell established together, was not for their personal pleasure. Instead, it was designed to compromise a multitude of targets.



But who, and for what purpose?

The evidence suggests multiple groups were behind Epstein, and his activities served various purposes.

Let's start with intelligence services. We know from Epstein's first prosecution in Florida in 2007 that Epstein had high-level clout. The outcome of the trial resulted in the most pathetic sentence any serial sex abuser ever got: 18 months of work release and served 13. Six days a week, he was allowed to return to his home office for 12 hours per day. Additionally, the prosecution entered into a secret non-prosecution agreement with Epstein, with multiple accomplices and co-conspirators. Some of the co-conspirators were named: **Sarah Kellen**, **Adriana Ross**, and **Lesley Groff**—his assistants. Additionally, **Nadia Marcinkova** (aka **Marcinko**), who is a victim and an accomplice, was named.

One of the most eyebrow-raising provisions was the government's agreement not to prosecute a host of unnamed parties. Anyone who was in any way an accomplice would not be charged. (Ghislaine Maxwell was not named but was indicted and convicted despite the non-prosecution agreement. She has appealed the conviction and is awaiting action by the U.S. Supreme Court.)

**Alan Dershowitz** and the other famous, well-connected, and skilled attorneys involved in the case—**Roy Black**, **Jay Lefkowitz**, and **Kenneth Starr**—would like to think it was their genius that got him such a lenient sentence.

They may have contributed, but the real reason was revealed years later by then—**U.S. Attorney Alexander Acosta** when he was being vetted for confirmation as Donald Trump's Labor Secretary in 2017. He reportedly told the people vetting him that he was told to back off, that *Epstein "was with intelligence," and that "it was above his pay grade."*

Recently, when Acosta was directly asked about his alleged statement, he provided a lengthy answer that gave the impression of a denial but did not address the question.

Evidence that Epstein collaborated with our intelligence agencies is further supported by his involvement in the **Iran-Contra** arms deal. The **Al-Yamamah** weapons sale to Saudi Arabia is another example. In both cases, Epstein allegedly helped set up complex financial networks to launder the payments. As previously stated, both

arms deals involved multiple government intelligence agencies. The CIA, MI6, and Mossad were involved in both operations. Al-Yamamah included the Saudi Intelligence, and Iran-Contra involved Iranian Intelligence services. These arms deals concluded long before Epstein began recruiting young girls and installing surveillance equipment in his homes.

Assume that Epstein was working, at least at times, for various intelligence agencies, including our own. Does it make sense that these agencies would condone the use of underage girls to sexually compromise their targets? Sadly, we know this certainly is possible from the documentation of past wrongs by the CIA.

One of the egregious examples of misconduct by the CIA surfaced during the **Church Committee** investigations of the CIA in the mid-70s—**Operation Midnight Climax**. In that operation, the CIA set up apartments in San Francisco and New York City equipped with hidden cameras to film sexual encounters of targeted individuals. It was an experiment, which continued from 1954 to 1966, to see what combination of drugs and blackmail tactics would work best.

The agency hired prostitutes to cruise the bars, drug the drinks of random men, and lure them back to the apartments where hidden cameras would film the sexual encounters. The prostitutes were trained to use leading questions and to stroke the man's ego to coax confidential information from the subject before, during, and after having sex. All this was filmed.

The experiment also involved blackmailing the subject while he was still under the influence of the drugs and alcohol, and after he had sobered up. The purpose was to determine what information they could extract and to see whether it was more effective while the person remained intoxicated or was sober.

A variety of drugs were used—LSD, mescaline, DMT, barbiturates, sodium pentothal, cocaine, scopolamine, and, of course, alcohol—to determine which drug/alcohol combinations were most effective in achieving the information objectives using coaxing by the prostitutes or blackmail.

More than 500 unwitting men were drugged and filmed. None of them had given consent. None of them were ever compensated. Very few ever learned what happened.



Given this very disturbing and sad experiment by our government on our own unwitting citizens, one that lasted more than a decade, do you think it's possible this same agency would endorse the use of underage girls for espionage? Or that other agencies would likewise approve?

I do.

*Like Douglas Leese described Epstein, these are people without a "moral compass."* To say the least. As for MI6 and Mossad, there is ample documentation that these agencies have a worse moral compass than ours. For intelligence agencies, expedience often takes precedence over virtue.

I believe Epstein collected intelligence for all three agencies—CIA, MI6, and Mossad—by leveraging his extensive international networks as sources. I'm confident that he also carried out specific tasks on behalf of these agencies when requested, either directly or indirectly, in exchange for payment or rewards upon successful completion.

The same type of information that proved valuable to government intelligence agencies was also valuable for businesses' corporate purposes. Whoever Epstein knew, whether a client or a perceived information source, was advantageous to him. Epstein used social relationships to gain an informational edge. He aimed to understand what businessmen and investors were thinking, who had political influence, their financial standings, who was vulnerable to pressure, and how to apply that pressure. He utilized the information gathered through those relationships for business intelligence, both for his clients and himself, as well as for government intelligence purposes.

The girls and women Epstein recruited, trained, abused, and used became part of his efforts to expand and strengthen his social connections. Sometimes they were just an attractive presence, other times they provided massages, and in some cases, they were there to seduce and help gather information he wanted to know. There is no evidence that the primary purpose was blackmail. They were primarily used to enhance some social relationships.

Let's look at the case of **Jes Staley** at JPMorgan Chase as an example. Staley became a close friend of Epstein's (although he now denies he was a friend). Staley's boss at

JPMorgan reportedly instructed Staley to cultivate a close relationship with Epstein to leverage Epstein's extensive network of wealthy friends and acquaintances. Staley's charge was to infiltrate the network and attract more clients to JPMorgan. Which he did.

In the process, Staley looked out for Epstein's interests, who was also a large client at the bank. During the time Staley was there, he blocked hundreds of **Suspicious Activity Reports (SAR)** linked to suspected human trafficking from being sent to the government. The total amount of cash transactions was approximately \$1 billion, in increments of \$20,000 to \$50,000, made payable to victims, recruiters, and accomplices. JPMorgan suppressed the reporting of these transactions until after Epstein died.

So far, nobody has gone to jail for this deliberate violation of reporting requirements.

Among the perks of Staley looking out for Epstein, and most likely also providing confidential banking information that Epstein wanted, he was traveling with Epstein, attending his parties, and enjoying the hospitality of the Epstein party girls. He admitted to having sex with at least one member of Epstein's staff.

This seems to be the most likely model that Epstein, assisted by Ghislaine Maxwell, used to compromise people. Make them friends and exchange favors. As a result, it is incredibly challenging to distinguish between friends, clients, and information sources. Epstein leveraged all his relationships.

Leslie Wexner was a financial client of Epstein, as shown by the full power of attorney Wexner granted to Epstein. In that role, Epstein had considerable freedom in making investments, seeking tax advantages, and hiring staff. However, regarding Wexner's position as the head of the Mega Group, it appears that Epstein's same political, business, and academic connections were utilized to promote the interests of the Mega Group under Wexner's direction, although there is no definitive proof of this. On the other hand, there is no doubt that Epstein also used Wexner and the others in the Mega Group to gather information for his own purposes.

The entire system was symbiotic. And corrupt.

In the 2007 prosecution of Epstein, the only victims identified in the case appear to have been girls from the United States. There is no indication that victims from





overseas were developed as prosecution witnesses. Nor were there any recruiters or accomplices who were charged.

But we know there were foreign victims and perpetrators.

Ghislaine Maxwell introduced Epstein to Jean-Luc Brunel sometime around 1998. Brunel had a modeling agency that spanned the globe. He recruited models for magazine ads, conventions, parties, and wherever there was a need for young, attractive girls and women. After becoming involved with Epstein, he also began to provide girls to Epstein. In the early 2000s, Epstein became a part-owner of a new agency that Brunel started, MC2. Epstein helped Brunel expand from offices in Paris and Ukraine to include New York, Miami, and Tel Aviv. Their relationship fell apart around 2015, in part, it appears, because Epstein began using an agency based in Lithuania, the **Baltic Model Management**, headed by **Massimo Parisi**, starting around 2013.

From 1998 to 2019, there was at least \$1.5 billion suspected to be linked to human trafficking that reportedly flowed through various Epstein accounts. Brunel's and Parisi's agencies apparently were involved in some capacity in many of these payments. Imagine this: if Epstein spent at least \$1.5 billion on his trafficking enterprise, what must he have earned in return? Two times? Five times?

We should know, but we don't.

Brunel's involvement was known, or should have been known, in 2007. But he was not drawn into the criminal case.

Even when Epstein was indicted and arrested in 2019, he was not charged with any foreign trafficking. All the charges stemmed from supposedly newly identified victims from the 2002 to 2005 time period, and all were from the United States. Again, there were no charges involving victims trafficked into the U.S., nor were any recruiters or accomplices charged.

Maxwell was not charged in Epstein's first prosecution, but when she was prosecuted in 2021, her charges likewise involved victims from 1994 to 2005.

Twelve years after the first prosecution of Epstein in 2007, twelve years of continuing known trafficking and abuse, there were no charges involving crimes by Epstein, Maxwell, or any recruiters, accomplices, or other abusers for the period between 2006 and 2019.

There are only three possible explanations for this: incompetent investigative and prosecuting authorities, corruption by those authorities, or intervention by intelligence agencies on national security grounds.

Federal law enforcement agents are many things, but overall, they are not incompetent. Some are, but generally they rank among the best in the world. The reason is not incompetence.

Corruption? There are some corrupt agents. I've known a few, and we've all heard about some. Nevertheless, in a case as big as Epstein's, a corrupt agent or a few corrupt agents could not dominate the investigation. There would be too many whistleblowers who would ensure the case got back on track. It's not corruption, either.

*The only logical explanation is that the case was suppressed and downplayed due to national security concerns. The excuse likely would be that prosecution would lead to the exposure of classified information, endanger an ongoing intelligence operation, or reveal intelligence sources or methods. Or all three reasons together.* This also explains why Kash Patel, Dan Bongino, and Pam Bondi suddenly reversed their positions so abruptly. It also clarifies why Patel and Bongino, during their appearance on Maria Bartiromo's show, looked as if someone had a gun to their heads when they claimed there was nothing to see in the case files.

The Epstein case is a mess for any administration.

For years, prominent businessmen, politicians, multiple intelligence agencies, and probably law enforcement agencies have benefited from the information supplied by Epstein's operation. Whether they knew about the sexual abuse and trafficking or not, many were aware that women, and sometimes teens, were a common feature at Epstein's gatherings.

Most of what we hear on the news today about one prominent person or another being a predator because he shows up on the flight log of Epstein's plane, or appears as an entry in his phone book, or appears in one or more photos with Epstein is complete nonsense. The flight logs, phone entries, photos, and even the 17 recorded visits to the Clinton White House serve only to provide further proof that Epstein sought relationships with the rich, and powerful, and well-connected. We also know that he attempted to exploit all of them. We don't know whether



he was successful based only on a name in a phone book.

What we do know is that one person saw Epstein for the predator that he was at least two years before he was prosecuted the first time—Donald Trump. Reportedly, in 2004, Trump revoked Epstein’s membership at Mar-a-Lago because of a complaint by another member about Epstein’s conduct toward the member’s daughter.

Almost all the wild and irresponsible speculation about the various people involved would evaporate if all the files were made available to public scrutiny and the names of witnesses and victims were disclosed. At least it would be a step closer to revealing the truth.

Even that is not enough, though.

It appears that many avenues of investigation have not been adequately pursued. Several insiders have invoked the 5th Amendment, but no offers of immunity have been explored. (The exception is the recent offer by Ghislaine Maxwell to talk to Deputy Attorney General Todd Blanch. He seems to be considering it.)

Additionally, it looks like there are numerous potential witnesses, including employees, accomplices, victims, perpetrators, and business associates, who have not been interviewed. Some of the potential witnesses are now missing—Nadia Marcinko, whom I mentioned above, and **Karen and Brice Gordon**, who were the managers of

Epstein’s **Zorro Ranch** in New Mexico, for example. Brunel is dead, Massimo Parisi closed his business, and now lives in Italy. He’s not talking. Neither are Epstein’s business attorneys, his accountant, or other employees.

There seems to have been no serious attempt to sort out the good guys from the bad guys in this case—a case that appears to be a \$1.5 billion trafficking case involving hundreds of underage victims, at least. I know from other investigations I have conducted that an exploration of Epstein’s trafficking network will lead to other trafficking networks, child porn networks, drug trafficking operations, and other criminal enterprises as well.

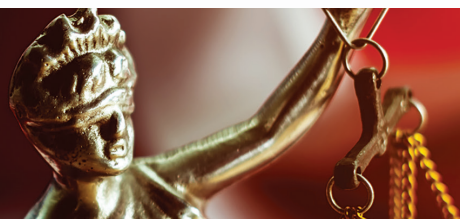
The solution to this issue is multi-faceted and somewhat complicated, so I will leave the explanation for that to Part 3.

In the meantime, every person named in the publicly released Epstein documents or court cases should explain why their names are listed, how they met Epstein, and the nature of their relationship with him, as well as if, when, and why they severed ties. If they don’t, I have to wonder why not.

Few cases illustrate the institutional rot more clearly than Epstein’s—it shows corruption that extends across all branches at every level.

Time to clean it all out.

## Part 3



**In both the 2008 and 2019 cases against Jeffrey Epstein, the prosecution made no serious effort to pursue justice.** To see this for yourself, compare how the prosecution handled the **Keith Raniere/NXIVM** case with how they dealt with Jeffrey Epstein’s case.

In June 2019, Keith Raniere, the founder of the sex cult NXIVM, was convicted at the federal level of racketeering and other crimes. His case illustrates the most rigorous and relentless federal prosecution. Raniere operated his criminal organization for more than twenty years.

He was found guilty of seven felony charges, including racketeering, sex trafficking, human trafficking, sexual exploitation of a child, and conspiracy to force labor, after a six-week trial with powerful testimony from dozens of victims.

Raniere established a secret society within NXIVM called **Dominus Obsequious Sororium (DOS)**, meaning “*Master Over Slave Women*.” In this group, women were branded with his initials using a cauterizing pen, forced to produce blackmail material such as nude photos of themselves, subjected to starvation diets of 500-800 calories daily, and coerced into sex. Evidence also showed his sexual



abuse of a 15-year-old girl, confining victims for years, and employing psychological manipulation that shattered marriages, careers, and lives.

**Judge Nicholas Garaufis**, in addition to sentencing Raniere to 120 years in prison, imposed a \$1.75 million fine. Garaufis described his crimes as “*cruel, perverse, and extremely serious*” after hearing from 15 victims who called him a “*monster*,” “*predator*,” and “*terrorist*.”

The prosecution didn’t stop with Raniere—five co-conspirators were prosecuted and sentenced, with the entire organizational hierarchy held accountable despite all initially being victims. The case against NXIVM covered the full 20 years of its operation, from 1998 to 2018, and included financial restitution of \$3.46 million for 21 victims.

Raniere’s co-conspirators, who all pled guilty, were:

- **Nancy Salzman**: Co-founded NXIVM with Raniere in 1998, but court documents and her sentencing statement reveal she was manipulated and controlled by Raniere from the start. Her daughter Lauren testified that Nancy was also a victim of Raniere’s psychological manipulation. Salzman was sentenced to 3 years, 6 months.
- **Lauren Salzman**: Introduced to NXIVM by her mother at age 23 during college. She testified extensively about being victimized by Raniere for years, including being promised a relationship and children that never happened. She received 5 years’ probation because she cooperated with prosecutors.
- **Clare Bronfman**: Seagram’s heiress and daughter of Edgar Bronfman, Sr., was described by prosecutors and court records as being psychologically manipulated and exploited by Raniere. Nevertheless, she used her wealth to support Raniere’s activities, including funding legal harassment campaigns to silence critics and defectors. Raniere exerted control over her through the same coercive techniques used on other members. She refused to cooperate with prosecutors or to denounce Raniere. Besides Raniere, she received the longest sentence of 6 years, 9 months.
- **Allison Mack**: The “Smallville” actress initially joined NXIVM for personal growth and was slowly drawn into Raniere’s inner circle. She became a victim of his manipulation and sexual exploitation before

eventually becoming a recruiter and a “master.” She assisted in recruiting and controlling other women. Due to her cooperation, she was sentenced to three years.

- **Kathy Russell**: NXIVM’s bookkeeper was also described as being manipulated and controlled by the organization’s structure, having joined seeking personal development. Due to her limited involvement and cooperation, she received two years’ probation.

A month after Raniere’s conviction in a Brooklyn courtroom, Jeffrey Epstein was indicted and arrested next door in Manhattan. Unlike the thorough NXIVM case, however, the *Jeffrey Epstein case shows a clear failure of justice, a failure that allowed a huge criminal network to go unpunished because of narrowly crafted charges.*

The **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)** *evidence confirmed that Epstein “harmed over one thousand victims” across multiple decades, states, and countries, orchestrating what prosecutors acknowledged was an extensive sex-trafficking enterprise that “created a vast network of underage victims for him and others to sexually exploit” in locations including New York, New Mexico, Florida, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Paris, France.* There are likely other locations as well that have not yet been publicly disclosed.

Court records and civil litigation revealed a complex operation involving many co-conspirators who recruited, transported, and facilitated the abuse of minors, with evidence dating from the early 1990s to 2019. The organization included assistants like **Sarah Kellen, Adriana Ross, Lesley Groff, and Nadia Marcinkova**, who reportedly helped recruit victims, along with high-profile facilitators and enablers providing logistics, financing, and protection.

Federal prosecutors in 2019 had evidence of crimes involving “*more than 30 minor girls*.” They acknowledged that “*Epstein worked in concert with others to obtain minors not only for his sexual gratification, but also for the sexual gratification of others.*”

Yet Epstein was charged with only two counts: sex trafficking conspiracy and sex trafficking of minors, with the indictment intentionally limited to alleged conduct from 2002 to 2005.

These three years excluded most of his documented criminal acts and the majority of his victims. Even more





revealing, despite substantial evidence of a criminal enterprise involving multiple co-conspirators, only two individuals were ever prosecuted: Epstein (who died before trial) and **Ghislaine Maxwell** (convicted and sentenced to 20 years).

The 2007 non-prosecution agreement (**NPA**), which I discussed in part 2, explicitly protected Epstein along with named and unnamed co-conspirators, stating that “*the United States also agrees that it will not bring any criminal charges against any potential co-conspirators of Epstein, including but not limited to*” four named assistants. The government argues that the NPA only applies to cases brought in the Southern District of Florida.

That’s debatable.

Two different appellate courts have issued conflicting rulings on the scope of the NPA. Ghislaine Maxwell’s attorneys have appealed to the **Supreme Court** to settle the disagreement. Why did the government bring charges that could be challenged based on the NPA when there were so many other possible charges that could have been brought?

According to the **DOJ** memo released to **Axios** over the 4th of July weekend, federal investigators could “*not uncover evidence that could predicate an investigation against uncharged third parties.*” Really? What about **JPMorgan Chase** and its executive, **Jes Staley**, who blocked submission of suspicious activity reports on payments by Epstein, totaling \$1 billion, that were suspected to be related to human trafficking? What about all the recipients of those payments? Thousands of them.

No evidence?

*That conclusion shielded hundreds of facilitators, recruiters, and enablers who helped Epstein abuse more than 1,000 victims over decades. Many of Epstein’s victims later became perpetrators themselves. Unlike in the Raniere case, none of them were held accountable for their role.*

*This stands as one of the most blatant examples of the disparities in modern American criminal justice: a case where the amount of evidence was inversely related to the scope of prosecution, ensuring that a large criminal enterprise involving some of society’s most influential figures was reduced to the prosecution of just two individuals, with the main perpetrator conveniently dying*

*before he could implicate others.*

How does this happen?

Some of the differences in the charges are due to different jurisdictions with different people in charge. But that can’t account for such a gross disparity between the handling of the Raniere case and the Epstein case.

Both cases were highly visible and generated national interest. Especially in high-profile cases like these, the DOJ in Washington gets involved in prosecution decisions. I can’t imagine main Justice was not involved in these cases.

**Bill Barr** served as the Attorney General before and during Raniere’s trial, as well as when Epstein was indicted. The fact that Barr was the Attorney General is significant. Barr’s father hired Epstein at the **Dalton School**; he was a legal counsel at the **CIA** during the **Church Committee** investigation and hearings, and he is closely connected to **Jay Lefkowitz**, one of Epstein’s attorneys and the architect of the NPA. What this means is that Barr would have had more insight into Epstein than the average prosecutor. He would know the implications of Epstein’s actions and the gravity of the offenses.

Why did he OK charges that failed to cover the full range of Epstein’s criminal activities, and why did he allow such disparity in the handling of these two cases?

Anyone can see the glaring differences if they know the facts. But most people are so unfamiliar with the details of any case that they have no way to evaluate whether our laws are enforced evenhandedly.

Why don’t we know more?

**Alan Dershowitz’s** relationship with Epstein is an example. **Virginia Giuffre** accused Dershowitz of being one of Epstein’s clients with whom she was told to have sex. She sued Dershowitz in April 2019. Dershowitz denied the allegations and filed a countersuit against Giuffre. Eventually, the two fought the case to a standstill, and in November 2022, the case was dismissed “*with prejudice and without costs or award of fees to either party.*”

In a public statement accompanying the dismissal, Giuffre said she now recognizes “she may have made a mistake in identifying Mr. Dershowitz.” At the same time, Dershowitz reiterated that he “never had sex with Ms. Giuffre” and acknowledged that she believed what she said at the time. There was no judicial finding on the underlying facts.



At every opportunity, Dershowitz now claims that he proved his innocence. He may be innocent. But that is not what the public record shows. Additionally, Dershowitz continues to explain away his relationship with Epstein, his

travel on Epstein's plane, and visits to Epstein's Island as being related to his legal representation.

What legal representation?

## Here's what we know about Dershowitz's association with Epstein before he became Epstein's attorney:

### 1998

- Dershowitz first appears in Epstein's private-jet flight logs as a passenger, flying routes between Teterboro, NJ, and Palm Beach, FL. These manifest entries mark the beginning of a recurring travel association.

### 1999–2000

- Multiple weekend trips to Epstein's Palm Beach estate.
- Attendance at private dinners in Epstein's Manhattan townhouse, often timed around social events in New York City.
- Flight manifests from this period list at least five separate legs carrying Dershowitz to or from Palm Beach.

### 2001–2002

- Continued inclusion on Epstein's flight records for domestic routes, including repeated New York – Florida runs.
- In 2015, Dershowitz publicly acknowledged receiving a massage at Epstein's Palm Beach home during one of these visits, characterizing it as a courtesy paid

for by Epstein, that it was provided by an "old Russian woman," that his daughter and granddaughters were there also, and that they too got massages.

### 2003–Early 2005

- Dershowitz remains a named passenger on Epstein's flight logs. Records show at least three overseas segments—trips to Paris and the Virgin Islands—where Epstein's jet lists Dershowitz among guests.
- The "black book" of Epstein contacts (unsealed in later litigation) includes Dershowitz's home address and private numbers, indicating social acquaintance beyond mere legal consultancy.

### Mid-2005

- In July 2005, following a Palm Beach Police investigation into Epstein's conduct with minors, Dershowitz transitions from social acquaintance to legal counsel, formally representing Epstein in Florida.

This is all the detail we know. But it's suspicious. Why was Dershowitz hanging around Epstein so much, and why is he now glossing over the relationship?

Epstein routinely lavished favors on people. It was his style to get his hooks in them. What did Epstein get in return from Dershowitz? What was Epstein using him for? What was Dershowitz getting out of the relationship? What did Dershowitz see?

Dershowitz has so downplayed his relationship with Epstein, since Epstein has been widely revealed as a despicable monster, you cannot trust anything he says now about Epstein or their relationship.

My point is not to attack Alan Dershowitz. The point is that he has been allowed to mischaracterize his relationship with Epstein, again because so few people know the facts

of the case. And there is no place to go to find out.

Dershowitz is only one of more than 1,500 contacts that Epstein kept in the contact list he and his staff maintained—only one of more than 1,500 stories from people who collectively could provide a more accurate picture of who Epstein was. They could also provide considerable insight into the extent of Epstein's crimes.

One story Dershowitz recounted in his 2013 book "Taking the Stand" was about a luncheon he attended at a private home in Martha's Vineyard hosted by President Bill Clinton and Caroline Kennedy. Although he didn't specify



the date of the party, it was likely in August 1993. During lunch, Clinton's phone rang. He excused himself and spoke privately for about fifteen minutes. When he returned to the table, he handed Dershowitz the phone and said, "Alan, Jeff wants to say hello." Dershowitz said he had a brief "awkward hello" with Epstein before giving the phone back to the President.

Why was it an "awkward hello?" What did Epstein talk to President Clinton about for fifteen minutes? Why did Epstein ask to speak to Dershowitz? Why did Epstein visit the White House 17 times during Clinton's presidency?

Clinton, himself, has never given a detailed account of his ties to Epstein. A spokesman stated in 2019 that Clinton flew on Epstein's private plane four times in 2002 and 2003, all in connection with Clinton Foundation work. There were no details, however.

There has never been an explanation of why Epstein enjoyed the level of access to the White House that he did during Clinton's presidency. Why hasn't this been examined more thoroughly?

Maybe it has, and we don't know.

Not one person listed in Epstein's contact list has fully explained their relationship with Epstein publicly. Very few members of the press have even tried to pursue explanations. It's not clear whether or how much law enforcement officials have sought these answers either.

Another example of things we don't know is the story of Nadia Marcinko (originally Marcinkova). In some victims' testimony, she was referred to as Epstein's Yugoslavian sex slave. But she's not from Yugoslavia. She reportedly was born in Košice, Czechoslovakia, in 1986, which since 1993 has been Košice, Slovakia.

According to what has been reported, she came to the United States to stay with Epstein on a modeling visa arranged by Epstein. She stayed in an apartment at 301 E. 66<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City, which is in a building owned by Epstein's brother. She's had that address ever since. How did Epstein find her in Slovakia? How did he get her parents to let her come to America to live under Epstein's supervision?

In 2011, Marcinko co-founded **Aviloop LLC**, an aviation marketing and brand consulting firm, which is headquartered at the same E. 66<sup>th</sup> Street address. The

company was incorporated in Delaware and licensed to do business in New York, and at one time, in New Hampshire. When the business started, it was positioned to provide discounted flight training. It is still listed in good standing in Delaware and New York. However, it appears that the company's annual report is overdue, with the last one filed in March 2024.

Ten years after she came to the U.S. on a modeling visa, Marcinko was a licensed pilot and certified flight instructor. How did Marcinko go from a 15-year-old "sex slave" for Epstein, who arrived in the U.S. without her parents, to a licensed pilot who ran an aviation business ten years later?

How was she able to stay in the United States so long? Did she overstay her visa? Did she ever get a green card? Citizenship? What is the rest of the story?

Can anyone recruit a young teen in Eastern Europe and bring her here to live together? How is this possible?

We don't even know if our government has answers to these questions. It's unlikely that we will find out from Marcinko. Her whereabouts are unknown and have been since January 2024, when a judge unsealed files from civil cases involving Epstein. She has not been seen publicly. She has not been seen at her apartment. People who know her say they have not heard from her. And her social media has been inactive.

Parts of her deposition were also released at that time, but not the whole deposition. What we know is that she took the fifth on the questions she was asked. Why did parts of her deposition remain sealed?

Everything we know about the Epstein case raises even more questions. We have nothing but small chunks of information, with the totality of what is known largely hidden from view and fragmented across multiple criminal and civil cases in multiple jurisdictions, including international jurisdictions. We have no idea what information is buried in intelligence files of the **CIA, Mossad, MI6, MI5, Saudi, Russian, and French Intelligence**, and a myriad of other services.

*The biggest problem with this case, and everything that has to do with any government or legal issue, is a lack of transparency and accountability. You can't have accountability without transparency, yet our system has reached the point where there is very little of either.*

Our government and our legal system are supposed to





be accountable to the people. But it is not and has not been for a very long time. A patchwork of laws, rules, and regulations has steadily eroded transparency. This has eliminated accountability. Not even our elected representatives could access most of the Epstein files if they wanted to or tried.

Here are some of the barriers crippling our ability to find the truth:

- **Grand Jury Secrecy Rules**

Federal grand jury proceedings are protected by law to preserve the integrity of the criminal process, prevent witness intimidation, and promote honest testimony. Rule 6(e) of Federal Criminal Procedure forbids the public release of grand jury testimony, exhibits, and related documents except under rare circumstances, such as a court order for ongoing judicial proceedings or when the government agrees. This secrecy applies regardless of case closure and is strictly upheld, making unredacted disclosure nearly impossible unless a judge finds extraordinary public interest and legal exceptions.

These rules have to change. They are overly restrictive and give judges immense, God-like power over the case files.

- **Victim Privacy Protection Laws**

Numerous federal and state laws require protecting the identities and sensitive information of sexual abuse victims, most notably the Crime Victims' Rights Act (CVRA). These protections mandate redaction or anonymization of names, images, and personal details, even in court records. Disclosing information without survivor consent can retraumatize victims, breach legal obligations, and discourage future reporting. The issue is even more complex when minor victims are involved, prompting courts and agencies to err on the side of excessive redaction.

These laws go way too far. Allowing victims to remain anonymous can lead to excessive opportunities for false claims. Everyone involved in the case, including the public, needs to be able to assess the credibility of testimony. That's impossible if you don't know who is testifying. If there's a risk to the witness or the victim, or if either could be harmed by revealing their name, they should be supported in creating a new

identity or placed in long-term witness protection. Nobody should be allowed to testify anonymously.

- **Ongoing Litigation and Appeals**

Many civil lawsuits and appeals are pending against the Epstein estate, Epstein's associates, and other institutions that were connected to his trafficking operation. If the complete records were released, it would risk prejudicing these cases by exposing confidential evidence, legal arguments, or private communications protected by discovery orders. Parties may argue that unsealing documents could influence witness testimony, settlement talks, or due process rights, giving courts a reason to keep them sealed until all appeals are resolved.

This is a fair restriction, but once the case concludes, there should be no more sealed documents or redactions.

- **Law Enforcement Investigative Materials**

Active and closed law enforcement files, including FBI case records and police investigative notes, enjoy special exemptions. Such records can reveal investigative techniques, the identity of informants, or potential new crimes. Releasing them prematurely could compromise ongoing investigations, sensitive information sharing with other agencies, or expose vulnerabilities exploited in future cases. Law enforcement agencies often resist disclosure until all aspects of an investigation are fully closed and there is no prospect of new charges.

This practice is often misused, mainly to hide misconduct or mistakes rather than to protect informants. Protecting confidential informants is the only valid reason to redact information in these files. There should also be a limit on how long law enforcement can claim an active investigation as an excuse to keep files confidential.

- **The 2007 Non-Prosecution Agreement (NPA) Complications**

Epstein's NPA included immunity provisions for himself and unnamed co-conspirators connected to Florida crimes through 2007. This broad immunity makes it difficult to publicly release information about co-conspirators since it could lead to the improper



exposure of protected individuals who cannot be charged under the agreement. Debate over the scope of the NPA (for example, whether it applies outside Florida or to crimes committed before 2001 or after 2007) adds uncertainty for the courts. It encourages them to keep details confidential while awaiting Supreme Court review.

This is absurd. Protected parties may be immune from prosecution, but we deserve to know precisely which government officials forgave them, and for what, in our name. They are supposed to serve us and thus need to justify their actions to us.

#### ■ **National Security and Intelligence Classifications**

Epstein's likely intelligence connections could mean national security laws protect some materials. Documents might mention foreign spies, intelligence techniques, or sources whose disclosure could harm U.S. interests or diplomatic relationships. Intelligence agencies have the authority to block the release of such documents, and courts often prioritize national security concerns, making transparency difficult.

This is a common excuse used to justify secrecy. Estimates from government agencies themselves suggest that 50% to 90% of classified materials do not need to be classified. Currently, hundreds of millions of pages are still waiting to be declassified. The declassification of the Epstein files should be sped up.

#### ■ **Corporate and Financial Privacy Claims**

Federal and state laws protect sensitive financial information, bank transactions, and personal business records. Banks (such as JPMorgan and Deutsche Bank) and their executives can claim privacy or business confidentiality over wire records and suspicious activity reports. Financial privacy laws also shield the identities of depositors or transferees—some of whom may be innocent third parties—making the unredacted mass disclosure legally risky.

I'm sorry that innocent parties get caught up in crimes. There is a victim in every case. Usually, those victims are innocent. However, their innocence should not limit the public's right to know the whole story. In a civil or criminal case, all relevant records should be made available, at least once the case is closed.

#### ■ **International Legal Complications**

Epstein's network crossed multiple countries, each with its privacy laws, legal procedures, and diplomatic claims. Materials involving foreign nationals or referencing overseas criminal activity might need approval or cooperation from foreign courts. Cross-border treaties like the EU's GDPR or UK privacy laws can prevent the transfer of sensitive data outside the US jurisdiction. Some suspects may claim diplomatic or sovereign immunity, making release even more complicated.

It should not matter how a foreign government perceives information we have developed that is relevant to cases in the United States. These complications need to be resolved.

#### ■ **Prosecutorial Discretion and DOJ Policy**

DOJ's internal policies favor restricting disclosure of investigative records after a case is closed to preserve fairness, protect informants, and avoid chilling future cooperation. Prosecutors weigh the public interest in transparency against risks of exposing methods or inadvertent harm to bystanders. In high-profile cases, the DOJ and local U.S. Attorneys may choose not to release complete records for institutional or political reasons, regardless of legal permissibility.

This is a problem. Options available to prosecutors need to be tightly restricted. They have way too much unchecked discretion.

#### ■ **Technical and Practical Barriers**

The immense volume and complexity of the Epstein files—hundreds of gigabytes of digital data, multimedia files, scanned records, and handwritten notes—require each item to be reviewed and processed for legal compliance. Human and technological resources needed for extensive redaction, indexing, and secure release can be costly, delaying what could otherwise be a straightforward public records process.

The more evidence there is, the more we can see how unnecessarily complicated our laws have become. Eliminating the legal maze makes it easier to release large amounts of materials.



### ▪ Sealed Court and Protective Orders

Many proceedings, both in civil litigation and criminal cases, were protected by court sealing orders or stipulated protective agreements. These orders prohibit the disclosure of evidence, witness identities, or sensitive court filings until further notice. Protective agreements may also exist between parties, including survivors or third parties who negotiated confidential settlements with Epstein's estate, and such agreements are typically strictly enforced by judges.

Sealing these records goes against the public interest. In every case, criminal or civil, regardless of how many parties are involved, there is always an unlisted party: the public. While prosecutors file cases in the name of the "People," that is ultimately in the interest of justice. The general public has a further right, far beyond justice, to understand what went wrong and to be involved in finding solutions to address underlying issues.

### ▪ Pending Criminal Referrals and Investigations

Although SDNY and DOJ statements indicate that no new indictments are planned, victim attorneys and other jurisdictions (such as the US Virgin Islands and foreign governments) are actively reviewing evidence for additional criminal referrals. Releasing unredacted evidence from old cases could jeopardize new investigations, taint witness pools, or expose information that is not yet legally admissible, which justifies maintaining secrecy until all investigations are concluded.

These kinds of restrictions are too broad. If information has already been used in one case, there is no reason to withhold it from the public.

*All promises that the Epstein files would be fully released were empty.*

*No one in government, not even the President of the United States, has the authority to release all the files.*

This is ludicrous.

*We have allowed our government to become completely unaccountable, where those who work for us can operate in the dark, free to do almost anything they can get away with. And there is a lot they can and do get away with.*

In the Executive, in the Courts, in Congress, every branch of our government has become corrupted by the power they wield in the darkness they have created for themselves.

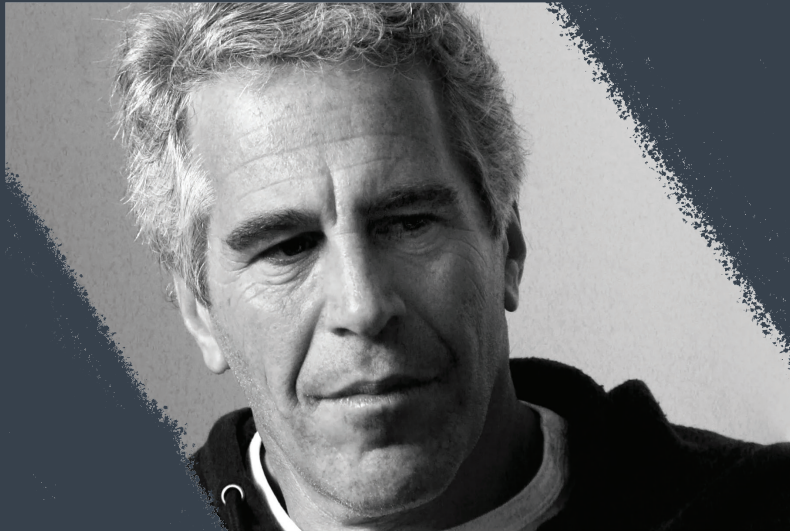
What the Epstein case reveals is that we need another **Church Committee**. This one needs to examine not just the intelligence community, but every government agency that routinely conceals information from the public. Ideally, everything the government does should be in plain view. While that may seem unrealistic, it should be the required goal of every agency, every branch. Those organizations that have been the least accountable—the courts, the prosecutors, law enforcement, and the intelligence agencies—should be a central focus of the Committee's investigations.

When **UK** arms dealer **Douglas Leese** introduced Jeffrey Epstein to **Steven Hoffenberg**, he described Epstein as a genius lacking a moral compass. From Leese's perspective, both qualities were highly favorable. Hoffenberg viewed these qualities as a sterling recommendation as well.

In public, most of us would express disapproval of those who have no moral compass. What view do we say in private? What are our actual core values?

The truth is, every one of us has a moral compass that will point toward evil, and does every day, under the right conditions. Who are you when nobody is looking?

Lack of transparency and accountability has allowed darkness to foster the corrupt system we see today. There are many individuals like Douglas Leese, Jeffrey Epstein, and Steven Hoffenberg working in and with the government. There may also be a few Billy Grahams. But the only way to reduce the damage caused by the bad actors is to create universal transparency. Without it, the Jeffrey Epsteins of the world are free to run amok. And look at the damage he and his network have caused and the damage our government has facilitated. ■



Have nothing to do  
with the fruitless deeds of darkness,  
**but rather expose them.**

EPHESIANS 5:11



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