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Media manipulation via government

:http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentagon_military_analyst_program
was an information operation of the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) that was launched in early 2002 by then-Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Victoria Clarke.[1] The goal of the operation is "to spread the administrations's talking points on Iraq by briefing retired commanders for network and cable television appearances," where they have been presented as independent analysts;[2] Bryan Whitman, a Pentagon spokesman, said the Pentagon's intent is to keep the American people informed about the so-called War on Terrorism by providing prominent military analysts with factual information and frequent, direct access to key military officials.[3] [4] The Times article suggests that the analysts had undisclosed financial conflicts of interest and were given special access as a reward for promoting the administration's point of view.

Here is Bush being interviewed about it - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sITmVizv6X4&feature=youtu.be>

Here is an article about it - <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/04/20/us/20generals.html>
>The Pentagon military analyst program was revealed in David Barstow's Pulitzer Prize winning report appearing April 20, 2008 on the front page of the New York Times and titled Behind TV Analysts, Pentagon's Hidden Hand
>The Bush/Cheney/Rumsfeld covert propaganda program was launched in early 2002 by then-Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs Victoria Clarke. The idea was to recruit "key influentials" to help sell a wary public on "a possible Iraq invasion." Former NBC military analyst Kenneth Allard called the effort "psyops on steroids." [1]
Eight thousand pages of the documents relative to the Pentagon military analyst program were made available by the Pentagon in PDF format online May 6, 2008 at this website:

<http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/milanalysts/>
http://www.sourcewatch.org/index.php/Pentagon_military_analyst_program

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>Records and interviews show how the

Bush administration has used its control over access and information in an effort to transform the analysts into a kind of media Trojan horse — an instrument intended to shape terrorism coverage from inside the major TV and radio networks.

You can view the files/transcripts here - [https://wayback.archive-](https://wayback.archive-it.org/all/*/http://www.dod.mil/pubs/foi/milanalysts/)

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Here is a snippet speaking about detainee treatment at Gitmo :

> Fox and Friends 6/26/2005

> Command Sargent Major Steven Greer

> "What we have done to "consistently ensure human

> treatment" is amazing"

> CNN 6/27/2005

> Major General Donald. W. Shepperd

> Gitmo "bears no resemblance" to how it is portrayed in the press. The guards are dedicated and doing "an extremely

> tough job" with dangerous detainees.

See also -

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Mockingbird

And also - The Guardian: [From Britain to Beijing: how

governments manipulate the internet]

([http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/apr/02/russia-troll-factory-](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/apr/02/russia-troll-factory-kremlin-cyber-army-comparisons)

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[British army creates team of

Facebook warriors]([http://www.theguardian.com/uk-](http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jan/31/british-army-facebook-warriors-77th-brigade)

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[How Covert Agents Infiltrate the Internet to Manipulate, Deceive, and Destroy

Reputations]([https://firstlook.org/theintercept/2014/02/24/jtrig-](https://firstlook.org/theintercept/2014/02/24/jtrig-manipulation/)

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[Hacking Online Polls and Other Ways British Spies

Seek to Control the Internet]

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[GCHQ's "Chinese menu" of

tools spreads disinformation across Internet-

"Effects capabilities" allow

analysts to twist truth subtly or spam relentlessly.]

([http://arstechnica.com/security/2014/07/ghcqs-chinese-menu-of-tools-](http://arstechnica.com/security/2014/07/ghcqs-chinese-menu-of-tools-spread-disinformation-across-internet/)

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the net' revealed]

(<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/americas/4655196.stm>)

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Pentagon plans propaganda war]

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I did, but it's taking 4 minutes to complete it! Maybe if I hack the Pentagon and FBI with my iWatch we can get this done faster.

I'd love this mainly because they're just so hard to obtain. \n\nI can't quite remember, but I think the VGC rules require all Pokemon to have a blue pentagon. So, literally all of the legendaries had to have been soft reset for, and almost every player has like four. Sketchy. I can believe that they traded them over from previous games where they might have done RNG abuse, but if it's blue pentagon... yeah. \n\nThere are tons of super strong and versatile breedables. M-Kang as you said, I see lots of Gengar as well, salamence, Rotom-Wash, Aegislash. I doubt the meta would be less oversaturated by banning legendaries, but it would be load more approachable to people who don't want to hack and want to play competitively. \n\nTL;DR: I'm salty because my physical sceptile isn't working out well

Russia allegedly hacks Pentagon unclassified email server. But yep, I need minimum 8 characters and a number in my password to make it hack-proof.

[Anger]

I'm sorry, but is it seriously still news that someone attacked DoD systems?

[Anger] The Pentagon, and other DoD sites and systems, are some of the most popular targets to try and breach, both for foreign governments, and wannabe "elite" that just want to brag that they've breached a DoD system.