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VIRULENT BACTERIAL DISEASE INFECTS WASHINGTON

WHITE HOUSE IS EPICENTER OF ALARMING NEW OUTBREAK

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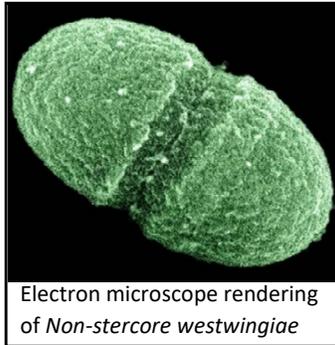
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It's source first discovered by early 20th century French epidemiologists, the under-recognized yet prevalent disease, *Je trouve dans d'autres ma merde désavoué*,¹ has broken out this month and is now rapidly spreading throughout many parts of political Washington.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, many florid symptoms highly indicative of *Non-stercore westwingiae*² were noted the Thursday "coming out" speech of President Trump's Chief Strategist, Stephen K. Bannon.

¹ Literally, "I find in others my disowned shit." More gracefully phrased, it is a condition characterized by "refusing to recognize one's own shit, seeing it only in others." It is closely related to the "Speck-Plank Virus" first identified around 32 C.E. in what is now modern Israel, cf. *Holy Bible (New International Version)*, Matthew 7:3-5. Note: The "Planck's Constant" of sub-atomic physics should not be confused with this "Plank," although the latter is as unchangingly constant as the former in those humans who refuse to engage in honest introspection.

² Following naming conventions of the International Code of Nomenclature of Bacteria (ICNB), this Latin name literally means "Not my shit West Wing" and was so-named to indicate both the nature and origin of the virulent strain now rapidly spreading.

(Pictured above, center column.)



Electron microscope rendering of *Non-stercore westwingiae*

Bannon's fiery speech was presented before the Conservative Political Action Committee (CPAC).³

Symptomatic of the malady was Bannon's comment about "the media" and the Trump administration's opponents: "If you think they're going to give you your country back without a fight, you are sadly mistaken. Every day it is going to be a fight."

Wait. "Exactly *who* is taking away our country and from *whom*?" we wondered. We noticed *The Washington Post's* food critic, Tom Sietsema, sampling the fare at various downtown *al fresco* restaurants near Capitol Hill on this spectacular, very warm February day. Tom agreed to interview some diners on our behalf.

³ Editor's Note: CPAC should not be confused with the Conservative Program for Accelerating Pollution (CPAP). We plan to examine *their* agenda in a future edition on the environment. However, on Page 2 we have printed some relevant Karaoke lyrics to sing while you can still breathe the air. ~A.F.

"Freedom, I had to stop after only eight interviews. Their reactions were all identical: they shouted, ruined tablecloths, other folks' shirts and ties. Their commotion could have been blamed on me, and I can't afford to become a *former* WaPo food critic. But Audrey's response was utterly typical. She was outside on the patio of Jaleo's on 7th St., NW, eating a salad that was 'a fetching mix of green apple, shaved fennel, crisp walnuts and nutty manchego.' So Audrey is *clearly* in-the-know.

"When I asked her your question, I ducked in anticipation of her answer. Explosively spewing her salad all over the starched white linen tablecloth in surprised incomprehension, she responded: 'WTF! He said *what*? I thought it was *Bannon* and his Chief Minion, *Trump*, who were the ones trying to take *our* country away. *Merde!* You sure know how to ruin a lunch, Tom!'"

HONDA LAUNCHES RADICALLY NEW HYBRID VEHICLE

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TORRANCE, CA (AP) ~ American Honda Motors announced today that to better compete with the Toyota Prius, it will be launching a break-through new hybrid of its own on April 1, 2017.

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Named the Priebus, this hybrid will also be 'self-driving.' Honda fessed up, saying: "It's not so much 'self-driving' as it is 'mindlessly following.' Special sensors search first for large 4x4s and off-road-capable SUVs. They then search these vehicles for bumper stickers saying 'Make America Great Again' and, most particularly, 'Administrative State Deconstruction Team.'

Driver-determined operation is for the sole purpose of finding one of these much larger and more aggressively driven vehicles. At that point, the Priebus "locks onto the larger vehicle, following its lead precisely without any driver in-put at all."

Questioned about the safety of the vehicle and this scheme, Honda assured reporters that the Priebus has 80 air-bags and, in an emergency, safely pulls off-road to the far right. "The Priebus is specifically intended for well-heeled, ultra-conservative drivers looking for the sort of thrilling ride they would never undertake on their own," Honda's spokesman explained. Swallowing hard, he added: "The Priebus will help make America -- and Honda's hybrid line -- great again."

Honda says the April 1 debut date is not a joke. But considering the Priebus' target market, a day set aside for honoring fools seems wonderfully appropriate.

THERE IS A TOXIC FUNGUS GROWING ON THE PRESIDENCY

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I remember well the Senate Watergate Committee hearings of 44 years ago which would lead to the resignation of President Richard Nixon. John Dean, the White House Counsel to the President, testified he told the president that "there is a cancer on the presidency and that if the cancer was not removed the president himself would be killed by it." He also went on to relate how "the Watergate matter was an inevitable outgrowth of a climate of excessive concern over the political impact of demonstrators, excessive concern over leaks, an insatiable appetite for political intelligence, all coupled with a do-it-yourself White House staff regardless of the law."

In so many ways, here we go again. *Brevibacterium linens*, the fungus that gives Limburger cheese its distinctively foul odor, has made its telltale appearance as a cocaine-like, white coating encircling the nostrils of the President, his advisors, and fulltime Media Disparagers. This also helps explain the symptoms of *ma merde désavoué*, for when something that smells to high heaven is right under your nose, a great many Ridiculously Benighted Partisans go around telling anyone who will listen that the whole world stinks. RBPs are considered to be a main vector in the rapid spread of *ma merde désavoué*.

Before his death earlier this month at 102, Erwin Eli Cohen, *aka* "Professor Irwin Corey: Foremost Authority," left this timeless warning: "If we don't change direction, we'll end up where we're going." So hold on tight.

KARAOKE LYRICS

Tom Lehrer's "Pollution Song"
(Selected verses. Hear him sing all of them on YouTube!)

If you visit American city,
You will find it very pretty.
Just two things of which you must beware:
Don't drink the water and don't breathe the air.

Pollution, pollution!
They got smog and sewage and mud.
Turn on your tap
And get hot and cold running crud!

Just go out for a breath of air
And you'll be ready for Medicare.
The city streets are really quite a thrill:
If the hoods don't get you, the monoxide will.

Pollution, pollution!
Wear a gas mask and a veil.
Then you can breathe,
Long as you don't inhale!

Lots of things there that you can drink,
But stay away from the kitchen sink!
The breakfast garbage that you throw into the Bay
They drink at lunch in San Jose.

So go to the city,
See the crazy people there.
Like lambs to the slaughter,
They're drinking the water
And breathing (*cough*) the air!