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## Episode 999

### Mueller Investigation

**Jacki Schechner** is editor-in-chief of The Committee To Investigate Russia. On episode 999, Jacki suggests that Republican leaders are rolling over for Trump out of personal fear stemming from his long history of mafia ties.

### Kelly's Replacement

Also on episode 999, **Howie Klein** from Down With Tyranny tells us the real reason Nick Ayers can't be the new White House chief of staff. It's the same reason that Larry Craig could no longer be senator, it's the same reason Marco Rubio never talks about Hollywood Park, the same reason Mitch McConnell had to leave the service, and for you history buffs, it's the same reason Richard Nixon had to change his mind and rescind his nomination of G. Harrold Carswell for the Supreme Court.



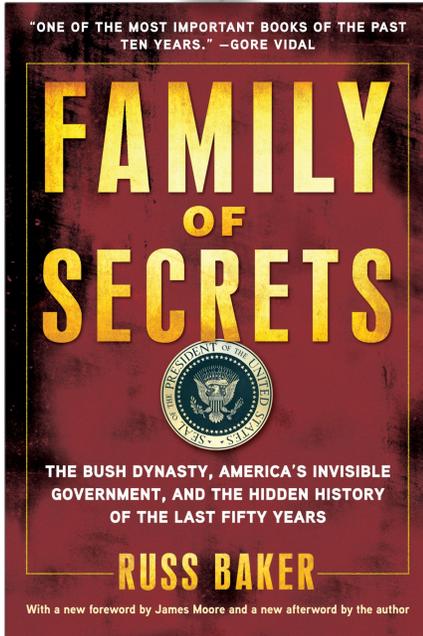
## Yellow Vests Spread

It started in Paris and has now spread to the countryside and even Belgium.

France has been rocked by four weekends of massive protests and riots sparked by French President Macron's decision to reduce greenhouse gases with a new diesel tax. This past weekend saw 125,000 protestors and 1,200 were arrested.

Forty-million tourists visit France annually. Since the turmoil, restaurants report a downturn of anywhere between twenty and fifty percent. One month of rioting is reported to have caused \$1.1 billion in damage to the French economy. By the time it's over, damage could top \$10 billion. Our guest, **Judah Grunstein**, editor-in-chief of World Politics Review, warns, however, these numbers have been inflated. Grunstein also says 125,000 protestors taking to the street is pretty small by French standards.

The Yellow Vests rose up a month ago after French President Macron introduced a 6.5 cent tax on the "people's fuel,"



## Russ Baker On Bush

On Episode 9100 Founder and Editor-in-Chief of Who, What, Why **Russ Baker** on George H.W. Bush's Sins Against Democracy.

- Russ is author of Family of Secrets published by Bloomsbury Press in 2008.
- Gore Vidal called it, "One of the most important books of the last ten years."
- Family of Secrets describes alleged connections between the Bush family with the Central Intelligence Agency.
- The book asserts that President George H.W. Bush was linked to the Watergate scandal and the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

otherwise known as diesel. Previously, diesel was spared taxation because the French rely primarily on diesel to get to work.

Protestors wore yellow vests in solidarity with the drivers who all carry yellow vests in their trunks so, should their car break down at night, they'll be easier to spot.

The diesel tax was expected to be implemented in January of 2019 as part of an effort to lower France's carbon footprint. But just as the tax was announced, diesel prices spiked nearly twenty percent which President Macron blamed on the world oil market. Workers reportedly felt they were being asked to shoulder most of the burden in combating Climate Change.

While the protest started as a demonstration against the high cost of diesel, it has morphed into cri de Coeur over wage stagnation, university costs and pension benefits.

Meanwhile, Donald Trump has misled Americans by insisting the Yellow Vests are evidence that even the French oppose fuel taxes to reduce carbon emissions.

In Episode 999 we go to Paris and get a background briefing on Macron, Austerity and the European Union from **Judah Grunstein**, editor-in-chief of World Politics Review.



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Mika Brzezinski's say sorry.

**Zack Ford** is the LGBTQ editor for Think Progress and on episode 9100 he talks about Mika Brzezinski's use of the word "butt boy," Kevin Hart's Oscar unworthy homophobic tweets, and the use of the word "queer" in the LGBTQ community.

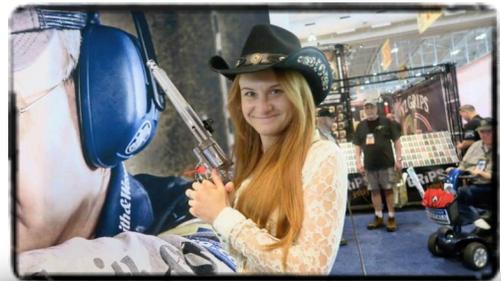
**Comedian Dave Sirus** says YouTube has a PewDiePie problem.

Felix Arvid Ulf Kjellberg, YouTube's most popular vlogger continues to

dabble in white nationalism, Maria Butina pleads guilty,

David Pecker and The National Enquirer admit to making Karen McDougal payment to help Trump's presidential campaign, and Michael Cohen gets three years.

**Comic Kevin Bartini** looks back at the week in weird, and tells us about men who vape viagra, how Christmas Eve is the most common time of the year to suffer a heart attack, nutritionists say we should eat more dirt, and a human heart is found on a Southwest jet.



Maria Butina says guilty!



# Critical times require critical thinking

-David Feldman