



Daily Article (Bharath's Reading list) - Answers and Explanations 12.05.2023

Article link : <https://bit.ly/41pYc6c> (Kerry Howley's new book shows how the government distorts reality to turn whistleblowers into public enemies.)

1.Which of the following best describes what Kerry Howley's book Bottoms Up and the Devil Laughs is about?

- A.The book is about how the government distorts reality to turn whistleblowers into public enemies
- B.The book describes the omniscient surveillance state, with its associated secret military and intelligence operations overseas, that has emerged post 9/11
- C.The book is about the darkly ironic, misplaced accountability of US foreign policy
- D.The book describes the crude ideological narratives of whistleblowers, exiles, turncoats and other outcasts

Explanation :A

Refer to the lines, “Collect it all” is a semiofficial intelligence community motto; and from the resulting heaps of information, details can always be carefully adapted to fit a narrative. Bottoms Up is a sophisticated, artful tour through the dark recesses of this machine and a sympathetic reconsideration of the figures who have fallen afoul of it.”

2.According to the article, which of the following could be the reason why Winner, like 90 percent of federal defendants before her, including John Kiriakou, decided to plead guilty?

- A.The absence of whistleblower protections for classified material involving national security
- B.Complex procedural rulings and limitations imposed by the government on defendants' ability to launch a coherent defense
- C.Being subject to rough torture practices like waterboarding
- D.All of the above

Explanation:B

Note to the context in which the statement given is made: ““You can’t fight these cases,” one of Winner’s lawyers tells Howley, “because the government has made it so you can’t fight.” National security cases, especially around the leaking of classified material, inevitably become farragoes of complex procedural rulings and limitations on defendants’ ability to launch a coherent defense. Whistleblower protections exist, but it can be almost impossible to claim them.’

3.The author is least likely to agree with which of the following statements?

- A.Surveillance is selected, interpreted, and deployed to create elaborate untruths in the service of state power
- B.One of the more powerful fictions wielded by the state is the illusion of accountability
- C.We live in an era where there is not much faith placed on surveillance data
- D.Personal data and official secrecy are weaponized by the state

Explanation:

Correct option **C**

Refer to the penultimate paragraph: “The battle she is fighting may be a rearguard action, because we live in an era when faith in data and surveillance is ascendant.”

