

The Farm Crisis

Defeating inflation —at a cost

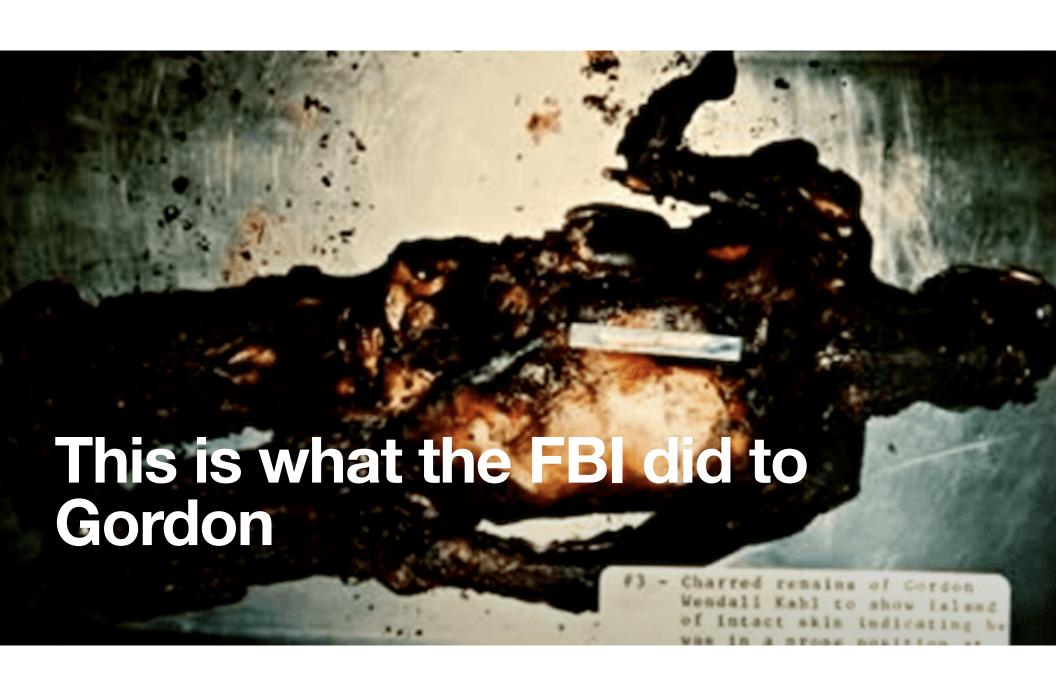
- By 1980, North Dakota had highest # of millionaires per capita in the US
- "Get big or get out" Ag. Sec. Ed Butz
- Interest rates go from 12% to 18%
 bubble pops and farm land drops from \$2100 to \$700 while costs soared
- By 1983, ND was losing three farmers per day, farm debt went from \$2.5B to almost \$5B



Tax Protestor Gordon Kahl

WW2 vet who participated in 57 bombing missions, earning four Bronze Stars, a Silver Star, two Purple Hearts and a Presidential Unit Citation.





The Order

In response to Kahl's death, the right-wing underground declared war on the federal government. "The Order," a terroristic group linked to the Aryan Nations, robbed more than \$4 million from banks and armored cars. The Order also assassinated a Jewish radio host



Sedition Trial

After taking down The Order, the DOJ tried charging an entire network of right-wing extremists with sedition. The DOJ was lost and humiliated



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- The FBI launches an undercover operation featuring undercover agents posing as Nazi bank robbers.
- In 1993 Aryan Nations was present in only three states. By 1995, AN was in 30 states.
- "We were infiltrated. We knew it and we always used that to our advantage ...we kept them close for the money. We always got money from them. They paid for everything. They handed out stacks of money like it was paper."



Robert Mueller's Right-Wing Terror Factory

- The National Socialist Movement (NSM) held a series of Nazi rallies in the mid-2000s
- It turns out, those rallies were staged by the FBI
- FBI records show that they knew the rallies were increasing the number of card-carrying Nazis
- The FBI justifies its program on the grounds that it conducted surveillance and made its own informants into the movement's leaders



Charlottesville

A Nazi coalition known as the "Nationalist Front" marched there. That coalition included the NSM, League of the South and Vanguard America.





Recommended Reading/Watching

Reading:

- My 40th anniversary story on Gordon Kahl's death: https://headlineusa.com/40th-anniversary-u-s-government-murders-tax-protestor/
 - My "Fed Files" series goes into a lot of what I talked about re Charlottesville and the mid-2000s: https://https://https://https://headlineusa.com/tag/fed-files/
 - Aberration in the Heartland of the Real (a PhD thesis-turned book on Timothy McVeigh)
 - The Libertarian Institute's archives on the OKC bombing: https://libertarianinstitute.org/okc/
 - It's All about Power (local officer's account of the Kahl incident)

Watching:

- Death and Taxes: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zYf9_RbWvV8
- American Bombing (good HBO doc on OKC): https://www.hbo.com/movies/an-american-bombing-the-road-to-april-19th