How to Control a Nation by Lies and Manipulation

Joseph Goebbels was the chief propagandist for the Nazi Party in Germany. The following are several well-known quotes by Goebbels: (How to implement such questionable advice is suggested in the parentheses following the quotation.)

"Think of the press as a great keyboard on which the government can play." (Have former employees of the FBI, CIA, NSA and other intelligence agencies get jobs with media outlets so that the media can be played.)

"...the rank and file are usually much more primitive than we imagine. Propaganda must therefore always be essentially simple and repetitious." (Come up with catchy phrases and sound bites and distribute these to various media outlets so that dozens of reporters repeat the message over and over.)

"Not every item of news should be published. Rather must those who control news policies endeavor to make every item of news serve a certain purpose." (First: Suppress facts and stories that would negatively impact certain politicians who are 'in favor" with the elite. Second: Make up and promote negative salacious stories about certain politicians who are "out of favor" with the "ruling elite.")

"The most brilliant propagandist technique will yield no success unless one fundamental principle is borne in mind constantly - it must confine itself to a few points and repeat them over and over." (Use a tactic that is a variation of the "wrap-up smear," where a lie is leaked to the media, and then they use that media report as "evidence" that the lie is true, and it just goes in circles from there.)

"If you repeat a lie often enough, people will believe it, and you will even come to believe it yourself." (Even when evidence is presented that certain illegal practices have been happening, continue to claim that it is all part of a "conspiracy theory.")

It appears that this same demented spirit of Goebbels is alive and well in the various interactions of government and media today.