

Privacy has always been an ambiguous topic in general when talking about legal procedures. When somebody is being investigated, curiosity hits everybody when it's unrelated to them. As soon as you're involved in an investigation, you suddenly want privacy. It's a double edged sword. The section which talked about spoilage reminded me a lot about my last history class in undergraduate called "Conspiracy Planet" which covered the history of conspiracy theories in America. Conspiracy theorists romanticized the term "Spoilage" because of its common usage in conspiracies.

An author by the name of Jesse Walker wrote a book called *The United States of Paranoia: A Conspiracy Theory* wrote a section about how conspiracies were not limited to one group but rather from many. I bring this up because our lecture talked about the Enron scandal featuring Arthur Andersen. Their act of spoilage from behind scenes sabotaged any hope for future potential and ruined their numbers to 200. My father worked for an accounting firm known as CRI 2000 at the time and was shaking his head at the improper methods of recordkeeping that took place. As a CPA he had a records retention schedule requirement for his company very similar to the one that Arthur Andersen used to follow. When this scandal had taken place, he added an extra two years to his record lifespan for job security. While "Just in Case" sounds like an idealistic preference for recordkeeping, it is irrational because you do compromise your company's privacy as a result.

Jesse Walker mentioned that there are five primal myths that help layout the different types of conspiracies. The first one is the *enemy outside* which is a foreign force conspiring outside the community. The second one is *enemy inside* which is a force within the community conspiring against it. The third one is *enemy above* which refers to the higher-class conspiring. The fourth one is *enemy below* which involves a conspiracy from the lower class. The fifth and final one is *benevolent conspiracy* which is a group conspiring in the people's interest.

The Enron scandal has most if not all these elements present. I am curious to hear your thoughts on what this kind of conspiracy you see this as.