

# AMERICA BETRAYED

A film by  
Leslie Cardé

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## **SYNOPSIS**

One of America's proudest achievements, our national infrastructure, is now its most dangerous embarrassment. Our bridges, dams, levees and highways are crumbling, toppling, being washed away, and putting American citizens and cities at risk. How could the most powerful nation on the planet let this happen?

With a particular focus on Hurricane Katrina – the cause of this monumental disaster, and our pathetic response to it – ***America Betrayed*** is a timely and riveting story of waste, fraud, and abuse at the highest levels of our government. It exposes how much-needed funding is misappropriated for questionable uses; how we've wasted tax dollars building other nation's infrastructure and not our own; how lobbyists and greedy politicians direct money to pet projects; and how shoddy planning and construction often makes things worse.

Featuring interviews with Pulitzer Prize-winning journalists from the Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times and TIME Magazine, noted scientists from Berkeley and Harvard, and U.S. Senators and Congressmen, this searing documentary is both a cautionary tale for those who trust their government, and a wake-up call to Washington and Americans everywhere.

## **FILMMAKER BIO**

Filmmaker Leslie Cardé has had a long and stellar career in network news. She covered everything from the Iran hostage crisis in Tehran to the Daniel Pearl murder trial in Islamabad, Pakistan, and produced an investigative documentary on healthcare across the African continent for NBC. She was one of the first anchors at CNBC when it launched back in 1989. She has executive produced and hosted her own syndicated lifestyle/entertainment show and was a Supervising Producer at E! Entertainment Television. Leslie's first love is investigative journalism.

## **PRAISE FOR *AMERICA BETRAYED***

"With *America Betrayed* the government's secrets are out." –*New York Daily News*

"*American Betrayed* will give you a new view of your government. See it!" –*Fox News Radio*

"Smart, galvanizing documentary." –*PopMatters*

"A captivating edgy, in-your-face documentary...factual and riveting." –*Dolce Dolce Magazine*

"An in-depth look at how government's dirty little secrets impeded an investigation into 9/11 and nearly ruined a great American City, New Orleans." –*Laguna Beach Independent*

## **CREDITS**

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MUSIC

“The Lamb”  
Written by Benjamin Britten  
Performed by The Sixteen  
Courtesy of Universal Classics and Jazz

“Move On”  
Written by Fredrick Kron, and Joanna Balloonknot,  
Performed by the TunEdge Orchestra  
By arrangement with ASCAP

“Evans Shuffle”  
Written and performed by Muddy Waters  
Courtesy of the Estate of McKinley Morganfield

“Adagio for Strings”  
Written by William Orbit Barber  
Performed by I Sollisti Italiani  
Courtesy of Roma Records

“The Complete Funeral Music for Queen Mary Purcell”  
Written by James Paisible

Performed by Harry Christophers, The Sixteen, and The Symphony of Harmony & Invention  
Courtesy of Universal Classics

“Slow and Sad”

Written and Performed by Jeffrey Fisher  
Courtesy of Fresh Music Library

“Pièce en Forme de Habañera” (Bob, please note the proper symbol accents over these Spanish letters)

Written by Maurice Ravel  
Performed by Wynton Marsalis  
By Arrangement with Sony Classics

“Fragments of a Prayer”

Written by John Tavener  
Performed by Sarah Connolly  
Courtesy of Decca Music Group Ltd.

“Oboe Sunset Prayer”

Written and performed by Nick Kachulis  
Courtesy of Fresh Music Library

“Kol Nidrei”

Written by Max Bruch  
Arranged and composed by Conquest/Talbot  
Courtesy of Fresh Music Library

“Grey Area”

Written and performed by George Del Barrio  
Courtesy of TunEdge Music, Los Angeles

“Adagio in G Minor for Strings and Organ”

Written by Tomaso Albinoni  
Performed by The London Festival Orchestra  
Courtesy of Warner Chappell Music  
By Arrangement with BMI