

# The Criminalization of Dissent

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One of the hallmarks of totalitarian systems is the criminalization of dissent. Not just the stigmatization of dissent or the demonization of dissent, but the formal criminalization of dissent, and any other type of opposition to the official ideology of the totalitarian system. Global capitalism has been inching its way toward this step for quite some time, and now, apparently, it is ready to take it.

Germany has been leading the way. For over a year, anyone questioning or protesting the “Covid emergency measures” or the official Covid-19 narrative has been demonized by the government and the media, and, sadly, but not completely unexpectedly, the majority of the German public. And now such dissent is officially “extremism.”

Yes, that’s right, in “New Normal” Germany, if you dissent from the official state ideology, you are now officially a dangerous “extremist.” The German Intelligence agency (the “BfV”) has even invented a new category of “extremists” in order to allow themselves to legally monitor anyone suspected of being “anti-democratic and/or delegitimizing the state in a way that endangers security,” like ... you know, non-violently protesting, or speaking out against, or criticizing, or satirizing, the so-called “New Normal.”

Naturally, I’m a little worried, as I have engaged in most of these “extremist” activities. My thoughtcrimes are just

sitting there on the Internet waiting to be scrutinized by the BfV. They're probably Google-translating this column right now, compiling a list of all the people reading it, and their Facebook friends and Twitter followers, and professional associates, and family members, and anyone any of the aforementioned people have potentially met with, or casually mentioned, who might have engaged in similar thoughtcrimes.

You probably think I'm joking, don't you? I'm not joking. Not even slightly. The Federal Office for Protection of the Constitution ("Bundesamt für Verfassungsschutz") is actively monitoring anyone questioning or challenging the official "New Normal" ideology ... the "Covid Deniers," the "conspiracy theorists," the "anti-vaxxers," the dreaded "Querdenkers" (i.e., people who "think outside the box"), and anyone else they feel like monitoring who has refused to join the [Covidian Cult](#). We're now official enemies of the state, no different than any other "terrorists" ... or, OK, technically, a little different.

As *The New York Times* reported last week ([German Intelligence Puts Coronavirus Deniers Under Surveillance](#)), "the danger from coronavirus deniers and conspiracy theorists does not fit the mold posed by the usual politically driven groups, including those on the far left and right, or by Islamic extremists." Still, according to the German Interior Ministry, we diabolical "Covid deniers," "conspiracy theorists," and "anti-vaxxers" have "targeted the state itself, its leaders, businesses, the press, and globalism," and have "attacked police officers" and "defied civil authorities."

Moreover, back in August of 2020, in a dress rehearsal for the "Storming of the Capitol," "Covid-denying" insurrectionists "scaled the steps of Parliament" (i.e., the Reichstag). Naturally, *The Times* neglects to mention that this so-called "[Storming of the Reichstag](#)" was performed by a small sub-group of protesters to whom the German authorities had granted a permit to assemble (apart from the main demonstration, which

was massive and completely peaceful) on the steps of the Reichstag, which the German police had, for some reason, left totally unguarded. In light of the background of the person the German authorities issued this “Steps-of-the-Reichstag” protest permit to – a known former-NPD functionary, in other words, a neo-Nazi – well, the whole thing seemed a bit questionable to me ... but what do I know? I’m just a “conspiracy theorist.”

According to Al Jazeera, the German Interior Ministry explained that these querdenking [“extremists encourage supporters to ignore official orders and challenge the state monopoly on the use of force.”](#) Seriously, can you imagine anything more dangerous? Mindlessly following orders and complying with the state’s monopoly on the use of force are the very cornerstones of modern democracy ... or some sort of political system, anyway.

But, see, there I go, again “being anti-democratic” and “delegitimizing the state,” not to mention “relativizing the Holocaust” (also a criminal offense in Germany) by comparing one totalitarian system to another, as I have done repeatedly on social media, and in [a column I published in November of 2020](#), when the parliament passed the “Infection Protection Act,” which bears no comparison whatsoever to the [“Enabling Act of 1933.”](#)

This isn’t just a German story, of course. As I reported in a column in February, [The “New Normal” War on Domestic Terror](#) is a global war, and it’s just getting started. According to a Department of Homeland Security [“National Terrorism Advisory System Bulletin”](#) (and the “liberal” corporate-media propaganda machine), “democracy” remains under imminent threat from these “ideologically-motivated violent extremists with objections to the exercise of governmental authority” and other such “grievances fueled by false narratives” including “anger over Covid-19 restrictions.”

These Covid-denying “violent extremists” have apparently joined forces with the “white-supremacist, Russia-backed, Trump-loving [“Putin-Nazis”](#) that terrorized “democracy” for the past four years, and almost overthrew the US government by sauntering around inside the US Capitol Building without permission, scuffling with police, attacking furniture, and generally acting rude and unruly. [No, they didn’t actually kill anyone, as the corporate media all reported they did](#), but trespassing in a government building and putting your feet up on politicians’ desks is pretty much exactly the same as “terrorism.”

Or whatever. It’s not like the truth actually matters, not when you are whipping up mass hysteria over imaginary “Russian assets,” “white-supremacist militias,” “Covid-denying extremists,” “anti-vax terrorists,” and “apocalyptic plagues.” When you’re rolling out a new official ideology – a pathologized-totalitarian ideology – and criminalizing all dissent, the point is not to appear to be factual. The point is just to terrorize the shit out of people.

As Hermann Goering famously explained regarding how to lead a country to war (and the principle holds true for any big transition, like the one we are experiencing currently):

*“[T]he people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is tell them they are being attacked and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger.”*

Go back and read those quotes from the German Interior Ministry and the DHS again slowly. The message they are sending is unmistakably clear. It might not seem all that new, but it is. Yes, they have been telling us “we are being attacked” and denouncing critics, protesters, and dissidents for twenty years (i.e., since the War on Terror was launched in 2001, and for the last four years in their [War on](#)

[Populism](#)), but this is a whole new level of it ... a fusion of official narratives and their respective official enemies into a singular, aggregate official narrative in which dissent will no longer be permitted.

Instead, it will be criminalized, or it will be pathologized.

Seriously, go back and read those quotes again. Global capitalist governments and their corporate media mouthpieces are telling us, in no uncertain terms, that “objection to their authority” will no longer be tolerated, nor will dissent from their official narratives. Such dissent will be deemed “dangerous” and above all “false.” It will not be engaged with or rationally debated. It will be erased from public view. There will be an inviolable, official “reality.” Any deviation from official “reality” or defiance of the “civil authorities” will be labelled “extremism,” and dealt with accordingly.

This is the essence of totalitarianism, *the establishment of an inviolable official ideology and the criminalization of dissent*. And that is what is happening, right now. A new official ideology is being established. Not a state ideology. A global ideology. The “New Normal” is that official ideology. Technically, it is an official post-ideology, an official “reality,” an axiomatic “fact,” which only “criminals” and “psychopaths” would deny or challenge.

I’ll be digging deeper into “New Normal” ideology and “pathologized totalitarianism” in my future columns, and ... sorry, they probably won’t be very funny. For now I’ll leave you with two more quotes. The emphasis is mine, as ever.

Here’s California State Senator Richard Pan, author of an op-ed in the *Washington Post*: “[Anti-vax extremism is akin to domestic terrorism](#),” quoted in the [Los Angeles Times](#):

*“These extremists have not yet been held accountable, so they continue to escalate violence against the body public ... We must now summon the political will to demand that domestic*

*terrorists face consequences for their words and actions. Our democracy and our lives depend on it ... They've been building alliances with white supremacists, conspiracy theorists and [others] on the far right ..."*

And here's Peter Hotez in [Nature magazine](#):

*"The United Nations and the highest levels of governments must take direct, even confrontational, approaches with Russia, and move to dismantle anti-vaccine groups in the United States. Efforts must expand into the realm of cyber security, law enforcement, public education and international relations. A high-level inter-agency task force reporting to the UN secretary-general could assess the full impact of anti-vaccine aggression, and propose tough, balanced measures. The task force should include experts who have tackled complex global threats such as terrorism, cyber attacks and nuclear armament, because anti-science is now approaching similar levels of peril. It is becoming increasingly clear that advancing immunization requires a counter-offensive."*

We'll be hearing a lot more rhetoric like this as this new, more totalitarian structure of global capitalism gradually develops. Probably a good idea to listen carefully, and assume they mean exactly what they say.

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# Bill Gates, China, 23andMe, and Your DNA

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### ***Is there a connection between China, Bill Gates, YouTube, and DNA collection?***

Recent reports reveal that a Chinese company with connections to the Gates Foundation is involved in COVID-19 testing and poses a potential threat to American privacy, particularly the medical and health data of those who have been tested for COVID-19.

In late January, CBS' 60 Minutes [reported](#):

*"60 Minutes has learned Chinese company BGI Group, the largest biotech firm in the world, offered to build COVID labs in at least six states, and U.S. intelligence officials issued warnings not to share health data with BGI.*

*The largest biotech firm in the world wasted no time in offering to build and run COVID testing labs in Washington, contacting its governor right after the first major COVID outbreak in the U.S. occurred there. The Chinese company, the BGI Group, made the same offer to at least five other states, including New York and California, 60 Minutes has learned. This, along with other COVID testing offers by BGI, so worried Bill Evanina, then the country's top counterintelligence officer, that he authorized a rare public warning."*

***“Foreign powers can collect, store and exploit biometric information from COVID tests”*** declared the notice. Evanina believes the Chinese are trying to collect Americans’ DNA to win a race to control the world’s biodata.”

Evanina said a foreign entity could learn about a person’s current or future medical conditions by studying their DNA and using this information to gain a monopoly over necessary drugs and treatments.

BGI Group declined to be interviewed by 60 Minutes and said the idea that Americans genomic data has been compromised by BGI is “groundless”.

Concerns around BGI also arose in late January when [Reuters reported](#) that more than 40 publicly available documents and research papers show BGI’s links to the People’s Liberation Army (PLA). *Reuters* said the research dealt with topics as varied as mass testing for respiratory pathogens to brain science.

## **The Gates Foundation and BGI**

In March, journalist Natalie Winter of *National Pulse* [uncovered documentation](#) of a relationship between the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and BGI going back nearly a decade. Winter found a [Memorandum of Understanding \(MOU\)](#) between the Gates Foundation and BGI to “*form a collaboration on global health and agricultural development with the goal of achieving common objectives in health and agricultural development.*”

Specifically, this collaboration deals with developments in human, plant, and animal genomics, the study of DNA. In the press release for the MOU, the co-founder of BGI directly mentions the partnership as focused on genomics.

*“BGI looks forward to partnering with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation in this significant collaboration to apply genomics*



*research to benefit global human health,”* said Dr. Huanming Yang, Chairman and Co-Founder of BGI.

Bill Gates also visited BGI headquarters in 2010, according to a report from the [\*Financial Times\*](#). The Times stated that BGI *“is working towards a goal of building a huge library based on the DNA of many millions of people.”* BGI’s goal is to use this information for new drugs, genetic research, and *“transforming public health policy”*.

It would appear the COVID-19 crisis has helped BGI and the Gates Foundation step into the role of influencing and transforming international health policy.

Winter’s report also notes that:

*“the Gates Foundation has also [funded](#) BGI projects relating to genome sequencing alongside Chinese Communist Party bodies such as the Ministry of Science and Technology and Academy of Agricultural Sciences.*

*Similarly, Dr. Tadataka Yamada, the former president of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation’s global health program, [serves](#) as the Chairman of BGI’s Scientific Advisory Board.”*

It’s clear that BGI Group and the Gates Foundation have a documented relationship over the last the decade. It’s equally apparent that BGI Group has an extensive relationship with the Chinese military and government. It is these connections – the relationship that exists between the Chinese government, the BGI Group, and the Gates Foundation – which has sparked fears regarding the potential misuse for the COVID-19 tests manufactured by BGI.

## **BGI and the DNA Testing Industry**

Since March 2020, BGI has sold millions of their COVID-19 test kits around the world, including the United States, Europe,

and Australia. [Reuters reports](#) that shares of BGI Genomics Co. have doubled in the last year, giving BGI a market value of around \$9 billion USD.

The company is based in Shenzhen, on the coast of Guangdong, China. They have made a name for themselves by selling genetic sequencing services around the world, which has helped them to create a large database of DNA. BGI is also well known for creating a cloned pig in 2010.

The company has regularly partnered with the Chinese People's Liberation Army. BGI and the PLA's Academy of Military Medical Science share a dozen patents for DNA tests. Coincidentally, [Reuters notes](#) that one patent from 2015 is for a *“low-cost test kit to detect respiratory pathogens, including SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) and coronaviruses.”*

Further, Chen Weijun, BGI's chief infectious disease expert, is listed as an inventor on the patent while also holding the title of one of the first scientists reported to have sequenced COVID-19 used samples from a military hospital in Wuhan.

BGI says the test kit developed with the Chinese military is not the same one sold to foreign countries.

The danger of COVID-19 tests being used as a method for gathering genomic data on the unsuspecting public is part of a larger conversation about the dangers posed by genealogy companies generally. Millions of people around the world have voluntarily submitted their DNA in exchange for information about their ancestry. The vast majority of the users of these companies, such as Ancestry and 23andMe, do not read the Terms of Service which outline how the genealogy firms can use the data.

One of the ways this data is used is to sell it to biotech companies who are interested in developing new drugs and

therapies. Clearly, there are governments and militaries who also have an interest in collecting this data.

Evanina, the former counterintelligence officer, told *60 Minutes* that Chinese companies are investing in U.S. biotech companies to gain access to the health data. He says most people do not realize that their genetic material represents *"your past and your future as well as your children's future."*

While there are clearly reasons to be concerned about the influence of the Chinese government and what they might do with your DNA, the reality is most governments with the resources will likely seek to mine DNA as well. This absolutely includes the United States government, military, and private companies.

One such company is the aforementioned 23andMe. In the January 60 Minutes report Anne Wojcicki, CEO of 23andMe, answered questions regarding her company's use of the data they are collecting. While Wojcicki says that her company has "empowered individuals with this opportunity to come together, to crowd source research", she doesn't shy away from acknowledging that her company plans to use the information to develop drugs.

*"And I absolutely stand behind: we are going to develop drugs. So that everyone is actually benefiting from the human genome. So absolutely the data is valuable,"* Wojcicki told *60 Minutes*.

While she says she agrees that Americans should be concerned about China's investments in genomic research, she believes the answer is for the United States to invest in genetic programs.

Wojcicki and 23andMe have faced their own criticisms regarding how they use the data and whether the public can truly expect records of their DNA to be safe. In February it was announced 23andMe would become a publicly traded company with help from

billionaire Richard Branson. [The Guardian noted](#) that Branson's Virgin Acquisition Group said 23andMe and their "vast proprietary dataset" of DNA would allow Virgin to "unlock revenue streams across digital health, therapeutics, and more".

Branson's interest in the study of DNA resembles the interests of wannabe billionaire Jeffrey Epstein. Epstein had an obsession with funding DNA programs. Bill Gates is also a part of this web because of his relationship with Epstein and partnership with the BGI Group. TLAV's Whitney [Webb recently reported](#):

*"[Epstein donated](#) hundreds of thousands of dollars to the institution and Epstein was also used as a channel for making donations to MIT by billionaire Bill Gates. Gates has yet to explain why he [would funnel](#) his donations through Epstein as opposed to publicly donating via his well-known "philanthropic" foundation. Epstein's funding of the MIT Media Lab in particular led to the resignation of its former director Joi Ito in September 2019 following Epstein's arrest and subsequent 'suicide.'"*

## **The DNA-Biosecurity-Big Tech Web**

What is not mentioned in the *60 Minutes* piece – or anywhere else – is the fact that Anne Wojcicki, CEO of 23andMe, is the sister of Susan Wojcicki, CEO of YouTube. Additionally, Anne Wojcicki's husband until 2015 was Sergey Brin, one of the founders of Google and president of Google's parent company, Alphabet Inc, until December 2019. Google also owns YouTube.

The reason these connections matter is because there are common threads between Google, the Gates Foundation, companies like 23andMe, and the Chinese government. While Anne Wojcicki and 23andMe work on DNA mining, her sister at YouTube censors reports on such topics that are often labeled misinformation. Understanding the incredible conflicts of interests here is of

the utmost importance.

*In a coming report I will dive deeper into this tangled web of Big Tech, Big Philanthropy, and the Chinese government.*

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# Is the U.S. Postal Service Preparing to Censor Our Mail?

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*The U.S. Postal Service is discovered to be running a 'covert operations program' that monitors Americans' social media posts. This is stunning and inexplicable except that the USPS is already scanning every piece of mail it handles. The USPS already reserves the right to open any piece of mail that it receives. Measuring your social media posts against so-called fact checkers could provide a list of senders or recipients whose mail needs to be "examined" more carefully. So, you thought your mail*

***was private? Welcome to Nineteen Eighty-Four! □ TN Editor***

by [Jane Wintervia Yahoo!](#)

The law enforcement arm of the U.S. Postal Service has been quietly running a program that tracks and collects Americans' social media posts, including those about planned protests, according to a document obtained by Yahoo News.

The details of the surveillance effort, known as iCOP, or Internet Covert Operations Program, have not previously been made public. The work involves having analysts trawl through social media sites to look for what the document describes as "inflammatory" postings and then sharing that information across government agencies.

"Analysts with the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) Internet Covert Operations Program (iCOP) monitored significant activity regarding planned protests occurring internationally and domestically on March 20, 2021," says the March 16 government bulletin, marked as "law enforcement sensitive" and distributed through the Department of Homeland Security's fusion centers. "Locations and times have been identified for these protests, which are being distributed online across multiple social media platforms, to include right-wing leaning Parler and Telegram accounts."

A number of groups were expected to gather in cities around the globe on March 20 as part of a World Wide Rally for Freedom and Democracy, to protest everything from lockdown measures to 5G. "Parler users have commented about their intent to use the rallies to engage in violence. Image 3 on the right is a screenshot from Parler indicating two users discussing the event as an opportunity to engage in a 'fight' and to 'do serious damage,'" says the bulletin.

“No intelligence is available to suggest the legitimacy of these threats,” it adds.

The bulletin includes screenshots of posts about the protests from Facebook, Parler, Telegram and other social media sites. Individuals mentioned by name include one alleged Proud Boy and several others whose identifying details were included but whose posts did not appear to contain anything threatening.

“iCOP analysts are currently monitoring these social media channels for any potential threats stemming from the scheduled protests and will disseminate intelligence updates as needed,” the bulletin says.

The government’s monitoring of Americans’ social media is the subject of ongoing debate inside and outside government, particularly in recent months, following a rise in domestic unrest. While posts on platforms such as Facebook and Parler have allowed law enforcement to track down and arrest rioters who assaulted the Capitol on Jan. 6, such data collection has also sparked concerns about the government surveilling peaceful protesters or those engaged in protected First Amendment activities.

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# Terrorist But They've Been 'Legally' Robbing Travelers for Years

## [TSA Has Never Stopped a Terrorist But They've Been 'Legally' Robbing Travelers for Years](#)

by [Matt Agorist](#), [The Free Thought Project](#)

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The TSA – whose job is supposedly “fighting terrorism” – is, without doubt, one of America’s most corrupt and incompetent agencies. However, last year, they apparently became so unsatisfied with the mere ability to [strip search](#) babies, [remove colostomy bags](#), beat up [blind cancer patients](#), and [fondle your genitalia](#), that they announced a more invasive physical pat-downs. The pat-downs, which TSA warned would [probably prompt assault complaints](#) with the police department because of their invasive nature, have been implemented.

On top of aggressive pat downs and indiscriminate molestation of the young, old, and even triple amputees, the TSA can and will steal your money if they find it in your bag. A new class action lawsuit filed by the Institute for Justice, exposes an egregious practice of agents taking money – specifically, lots of cash – from innocent people, and keeping it. And they are doing it “legally.”

The class action lawsuit seeks to put an end to this legal theft and it will now move forward against both the TSA and DEA.

“TSA and DEA routinely violate Americans’ Fourth Amendment



rights at airports across the country by detaining them for doing something completely legal: flying with cash,” said IJ Senior Attorney Dan Alban. “Seizing and forfeiting someone’s savings should not be done lightly, yet we’ve documented how easy it is for law enforcement to take money at airports without any evidence of a crime. Now, thanks to our class action lawsuit, we are going to uncover the truth behind how and why the government is targeting innocent flyers, and ultimately put an end to this predatory practice.”

Several of the victims named in the lawsuit had tens of thousands of dollars stolen from them and were never even accused of a crime, much less convicted of one. Terry Rolin and his daughter Rebecca Brown were flying from Pittsburgh to Boston with Terry’s life savings in order to open a bank account to help care for her father. When TSA found the cash in their luggage, it was stolen.

According to the IJ, additional named plaintiffs joined the suit in July 2020. DEA seized \$43,000 from Stacy Jones at the Wilmington, North Carolina, airport in May 2020 as she was flying home to Tampa. The agency returned her money after she joined the lawsuit and nine months after it was seized. Once again, criminal charges were never filed.

“TSA’s and DEA’s unconstitutional conduct across the country suggests that the agencies are more interested in seizing cash than securing safety,” said IJ Attorney Jaba Tsitsuashvili. “And these seizures subject people to a confusing bureaucratic process, without an attorney provided, where a single misstep could mean losing their life savings forever. Even those who succeed in getting their money returned are deprived of it for months or years, often upending their lives. No one should lose their money without a criminal conviction.”

We agree.

**Sadly, the TSA, who has never stopped a terror attack and is**

**unable to stop 95 percent of the tests against its tactics,** gropes and molests children and adults alike – who unquestioningly accept it.

As TFTP has previously reported, when the TSA isn't stealing from the elderly, they are molesting them – even 84-year-old survivors of the holocaust.

Eva Mozes Kor exposed her abuse by TSA in a [Tweet](#), explaining how she was forced to undergo a “very demeaning body search” just to board a plane. In her Tweet, she drew a parallel with the TSA and Auschwitz.

Kor was traveling back home after giving a lecture on the horrors of Auschwitz when she said she was able to survive being in a concentration camp but could barely survive the abuse she suffered at the hands of TSA.

“Another very demeaning body search by the TSA – there has to be some way that at age 84 I can get some clearance by the POWERS of Government from this procedure. **As I lecture about surviving Auschwitz I barely survive the TSA body search I detest it.** That ruined my experience,” wrote the 84-year-old.

Hopefully, this lawsuit exposes the problem with TSA and Americans start paying attention before TSA is deployed to malls and grocery stores, stealing our money while checking our [vaccine passports](#).

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# James Corbett's Solutions Watch: Salting Your Data

## [Salting Your Data – #SolutionsWatch](#)

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*You don't give your real data when you're signing up for things online, do you? Well, perhaps you shouldn't. Join James for this week's edition of #SolutionsWatch where he goes over the benefits of salting your data.*

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# Google and the CI@: How

# Independent Are Multinational Giants?

## [Google and the CI@: How Independent Are Multinational Giants?](#)

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**How independent are the largest corporations in the world? It is often portrayed that companies such as Google are simply private corporations that have very few connections to the establishment. Yet, as it turns out, there are endless connections between many corporate giants and the military-intelligence complex.**

We got a glimpse into this relationship back in 2016, when the former CEO of Google, Eric Schmidt, who, at the time, was Executive Chairman of Google's parent company, Alphabet Inc, [became](#) the head of a new innovation board at the Pentagon. Later that year, Jeff Bezos, the CEO of Amazon, [joined](#) the same board at the Pentagon.

### **Google and DARPA**

The ties between Google and US government agencies run much deeper than this however. The relationship started even before the tech company was founded in the late 1990s. In 1994, the US government launched the [Digital Library Initiative](#) (DLI). This initiative awarded research grants to various university projects, mostly those who focused on developments in the early and emerging internet, with the overarching aim of this

initiative being the creation of a global digital library.

Multiple organizations were involved in selecting projects for DLI funds. [Three](#) of these organizations were the National Science Foundation, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and The Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), which is the arm of the US Department of Defense that funds and develops emerging technologies.

One project that received funding through the DLI was at Stanford University, called [The Stanford Integrated Digital Library Project](#). Between 1994 and 1999, the project received over \$4.5 million in awards. The [description of the award](#) is very interesting, as it essentially describes what Google became:

“This project – the Stanford Integrated Digital Library Project (SIDLP) – is to develop the enabling technologies for a single, integrated and ‘universal’ library, proving uniform access to the large number of emerging networked information sources and collections. These include both on-line versions of pre-existing works and new works and media of all kinds that will be available on the globally interlinked computer networks of the future. The Integrated Digital Library is broadly defined to include everything from personal information collections, to the collections that one finds today in conventional libraries, to the large data collections shared by scientists. The technology developed in this project will provide the ‘glue’ that will make this worldwide collection usable as a unified entity, in a scalable and economically viable fashion.”

[Two](#) graduate students at Stanford who [received funding](#) through the DLI were Larry Page and Sergey Brin, the co-founders of what would become Google Inc in 1998. An early prototype of Google was [built](#) at Stanford using DLI funds. It was called [BackRub](#), and, amongst other things, it allowed the user to crawl from page to page by following links. The early

Google algorithms were run on a series of computers that [were](#) “mainly provided by the NSF-DARPA-NASA-funded Digital Library project at Stanford.” After a few more years of development and funding by various parties, Google was officially born in 1998.

## **Google Earth and the CIA**

The connections between Google and government agencies continued into the 21st century. In the early 2000s, a software company called Keyhole, which developed an earlier version of what became Google Earth, received [financing](#) from the CIA’s venture capital firm, In-Q-Tel. The CIA started In-Q-Tel in 1999 as its major [investment arm](#) to fund start-ups, businesses, and other ventures, with In-Q-Tel still operational today. The CIA had a [partner](#) in financing the Keyhole investment, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), an organization that provides satellite-based intelligence for US government agencies.

In fact, the CIA and NGA were [clients](#) of Keyhole as well as investors, with Keyhole software used by the intelligence community during the Iraq war. In 2004, Google [acquired](#) Keyhole, with their software becoming the foundation of what we know today as Google Earth. After Google bought Keyhole in 2004, certain [executives](#) from the CIA’s In-Q-Tel joined divisions of the tech company. In the coming years, Google hired a host of people from the world of intelligence and defense, and agreed [numerous deals](#) with agencies in the intelligence and military community.

## **Google and the NSA**

In 2010, [Google enlisted the National Security Agency](#) (NSA) to help them secure their network after a cyberattack. Also in 2010, the investment companies of the CIA and Google, In-Q-Tel and Google Ventures, [both invested](#) in a company called Recorded Future, which monitors real-time internet traffic to try to predict future events. In 2012, a US court ruled that

the NSA didn't have to disclose if it had a [relationship](#) with Google.

In 2013, it was reported that the NSA had [direct access](#) to servers run by Google, Apple, Facebook, Microsoft, YouTube, and other corporate giants, under the secret Prism program that had been operational since 2007. This allowed the NSA to collect user data, including search history and the content of emails. Documents from the NSA appeared to indicate that at least some of the companies were [aware of the NSA](#) operation, although all the companies denied any knowledge of the program. The connections between multinational corporations and the intelligence community continue. Last year, the CIA handed lucrative cloud computing contracts worth billions to [five tech giants](#), including Amazon, Microsoft, and Google.

### **In-Q-Tel, Data Mining, and Apple**

There are other data points that are worth noting. In relation to social media, In-Q-Tel has financed numerous [data-mining companies](#) in recent years, an unsurprising field for intelligence agencies to be interested in. These companies collect data on people's social media activity and build [unique, individual profiles](#) based on demographic, financial, geographic, and purchase histories.

Another curious data point worth noting is that Steve Jobs, the co-founder and former CEO of Apple Inc, had held a [top secret security clearance](#) during his time working at Pixar, according to reports. Over the years, Apple has worked alongside US government agencies on various occasions. In 2005, Apple built a [top secret iPod](#) for two defense contractors working on behalf of the US Department of Energy. The custom iPod looked and worked like a normal iPod, but had extra hardware in it that secretly recorded data. Only [four people](#) at Apple knew about the project, according to reports. A decade later, in 2015, Apple was one of a group of companies and universities that were working on a [Pentagon contact](#) to

design stretchable electronics with sensors that could be worn by soldiers or fitted on warplanes and ships.

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# Amazing Country Of Digital Gulag

## [James Corbett & Ryan Cristian: COVID-19 Censorship, Technocracy & The Amazing Country Of Digital Gulag](#)

by [Ryan Cristian](#), *[The Last American Vagabond](#)*

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Joining me today is James Corbett, here to discuss his recent censorship as well as 'Digital Gulag' being built around us, and the importance of why we must act now, today, in order to stop this rising technocratic state.

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# James Corbett: Our Digital Gulag

## [Our Digital Gulag](#)

by [James Corbett](#), [The Corbett Report](#)

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*And how we burned in the camps later, thinking: What would things have been like if every Security operative, when he went out at night to make an arrest, had been uncertain whether he would return alive and had to say good-bye to his family? Or if, during periods of mass arrests, as for example in Leningrad, when they arrested a quarter of the entire city, people had not simply sat there in their lairs, paling with terror at every bang of the downstairs door and at every step on the staircase, but had understood they had nothing left to lose and had boldly set up in the downstairs hall an ambush of half a dozen people with axes, hammers, pokers, or whatever else was at hand?*

– Aleksandr I. Solzhenitsyn , [The Gulag Archipelago 1918–1956](#)

It's not often that you leave the post office quoting *The Gulag Archipelago* and pondering the nature of the digital gulag that is being erected around us, but here we are.

You see, it started out as a simple, ordinary, everyday trip to go buy some stamps for a package I was sending. Back in the good old days, this would have been a minor inconvenience. Remember way back when in 2019, when the biggest hassle you'd

face at the post office was a long line up of people waiting to buy some postage for their parcel?

Well, that was then. This is now. The era of the New (ab)Normal™. And, like every other aspect of our existence, even the simple act of shipping a package has become an opportunity to reflect on our electronic enslavement.

It shouldn't have surprised me. After all, last year I had to suspend DVD sales on the website because "COVID-related postal disruptions" meant that the DVDs were, more often than not, being returned undelivered (if the post office even accepted them at all). Even my annual Christmas package back home to my Canadian family ended up not being sent last year because the "new strain" fears meant a fresh round of holiday mail disruption.

So it goes without saying that going to the post office has *not* been a part of my everyday activities for about a year now. In fact, it's so consistently been a source of dashed hopes and foiled plans that I've been more or less avoiding it altogether.

That changed this past Wednesday when I decided to test the waters by sending another parcel to the US. I went through my usual routine: I printed out a homemade shipping label, filled out the customs declaration sticker, slapped them on the envelope and headed out the door. Passing the package over to the post office clerk, I was relieved to find that mail was indeed being sent to the US as normal. He rang up the price of the postage and began affixing the stamps and I breathed a sigh of relief.

But then he stopped. He cocked his head. He made a noise that in Japanese means something like "uhhhh..."

Oh, no.

"I'm sorry, sir. You can't send mail like this anymore."

“What?”

“Oh, you can’t send packages to the US in this way anymore,” he repeated as I stared in disbelief. No doubt beginning to question my Japanese comprehension, he reached for a flyer explaining that Japan Post was no longer accepting packages to the US with homemade labels and handwritten customs declarations. No, that was the Old (ab)Normal. Here in the New (ab)Normal you have to create an account on the Japan Post website and/or download an app to your smartphone in order to send a package. You must fill out all of the destination and customs information ahead of time and then print off a special label for the envelope before they can take it.

He ripped the half-glued stamp from the package and handed it back to me. “I’m sorry, sir. You’ll have to bring it back when you have the special label.”

I left the post office without a word, my head spinning from the interaction. In a moment, I saw it all spread out before me: A future in which nothing, not even the simplest transaction at the post office, could take place without a smartphone or an electronic device. A future in which every single transaction is monitored in real time by the government. A future in which that government could at any time intervene to stop those transactions from taking place.

I immediately thought of the opening chapter of *The Gulag Archipelago*.

The gulags, of course, were the Soviet forced labor camps that started under Lenin and flourished under Stalin. They were made famous in the English speaking world by Russian writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who won the Nobel prize in 1970 for his work documenting the history of the camps and the stories of those, like himself, who had served time in them.

Solzhenitsyn didn’t refer to the gulags as internment camps, though; he thought of them, collectively, as “that amazing

country of Gulag," an Archipelago of islands that themselves "crisscrossed and patterned that other country [Russia] within which it was located, like a gigantic patchwork, cutting into its cities, hovering over its streets." In Solzhenitsyn's vision, this island chain lay "right next to us, two yards away from us," behind the brick walls and high fences surrounding the unmarked buildings that made up the prisons and camps that most people didn't even know existed.

But there they sat, just out of reach, a network of institutions housing all those who committed some (usually nameless) transgression against the state. Scooped up from their homes, lured from their workplaces, ushered from their loved ones, the "residents" of this "amazing country" were led away by the members of the Soviet security forces, often without resistance, to meet their fate.

It strikes me that the digital prison that is being erected for us is quite similar. Just out of reach in that nebulous "cyberspace," here and not here, seen and not seen, just out of reach. We know that it exists, that more and more of our life is taking place there, but we are led into it so innocuously that it seems ridiculous to question it. "Oh, James, it's just an account to send some mail. What's the big deal?"

The big deal, of course, is that this is just one more brick in one more edifice in one more institution in the amazing country of Digital Gulag. Sure, by itself the creation of an account on the post office website is hardly the end of the world. But, as you no doubt know by now, it does not end there. Soon enough we'll find that our [vaccination certificates](#) are being tied to our [digital identity](#) so that we can scan the proper bar code at the [UBI](#) office in order to receive our [protein substitute](#) rations.

And, every once in a while, someone will try to escape the digital gulag. They'll try to buy something without the proper



bar code. Or they'll try to enter a public space without a digital immunity passport. But living their lives under the watchful gaze of the electronic Big Brother panopticon, they'll discover soon enough what it means to be a prisoner in the digital gulag.

Even when we do protest the erection of this electronic enslavement grid, that protest is—almost inevitably—planned online, tweeted out under a hashtag, photographed for Instagram, videotaped for YouTube and discussed on Facebook. And if it gets a certain number of views that protest is called a “success.”

But what does it mean for the future of political resistance—of *any* resistance—that all of our interactions are now taking place online? This is the questions confronted by write Bill Blunden in his recent piece on [Internet Honey Traps For Everyone!](#)

*“If you have a movement that depends heavily upon a digital platform, you don't have a movement. What you've actually got is a honeypot that, wittingly or otherwise, will snare those drawn to it. In the end, all of that data traverses a maze of interconnected pipes which are centrally monitored and controlled by you-know-who.”*

And, just in case you didn't get the point, Blunden doubles down:

*“The whole notion that resilient long-term organizations will coalesce around social media portals is a bit naïve. Real movements don't emerge from the pseudo anonymity of internet channels, which are literally crawling with [informants](#), [hackers](#), and [artful government spies](#).”*

Yes, the act of going online to protest the online prison we are being placed in is akin to Soviet dissidents volunteering to go to the gulag so they can preach to the prisoners. It is inherently self-defeating.

What, then, is the answer to all of this? Resistance? Refusal? By yourself? How else to motivate others to join you in this day and age, if not online?

If there are pat, simple answers to these questions, I have yet to hear them. But I do know this: like the prisoners in the gulags, we will one day burn with anguish thinking of this time we are in, right now, when things could have been resisted. When resistance was even *possible*.

This is a consistent theme for Solzhenitsyn: How easy it would have been to resist at first and how impossible that resistance became later on. Putting faith in a system that they could not possibly comprehend, the average Soviet citizen believed that even if they were charged with a crime, they would surely have a chance to clear things up. As long as they were calm, as long as they let things proceed in their natural course, then surely they would be allowed to go free. As Solzhenitsyn observed, "Universal innocence also gave rise to the universal failure to act. Maybe they won't take you? Maybe it will all blow over?"

And here in the digital gulag we find ourselves in a remarkably similar situation. "If we just follow the rules then we'll be fine. Relax. It's no big deal."

But *what* rules? Just create the post office account. Just take your government-approved experimental mRNA injection. Just don't ask questions or challenge authority online, and then you can participate in all the fruits of this wonderful digital existence!

Oh, [did I mention](#) I was removed from Patreon this week for spreading "COVID misinformation" and I have received two strikes on my YouTube account for "questioning the WHO guidelines?"

So how's that rule-following thing working out for *you*? Still sure that it'll all work out if we just don't kick up too much

of.a fuss?

I write all this *not* out of a spirit of defeatism. This is 2021, after all, the year of the [people's reset](#). No, I write this because we will never be able to put the brakes on this agenda unless we look it square in the face. This is inherently difficult. No one wants to look a monster in the face. But we *must* do it, and we must not kid ourselves about the nature of the monster that we see, or the gravity of the threat that we are facing.

As Solzhenitsyn wrote, "A person who is not inwardly prepared for the use of violence against him is always weaker than the person committing the violence." Are we inwardly prepared for what is surely coming? And what does that mean?

Don't ask me. I don't have time to answer. I'm off to make an account on the Japan Post website. After all, what choice do I have?

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# **Digital Health Pass: IBM and**

# Moderna Hook Up to Capitalize on COVID Reset

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*Using what have already become clichéd industry buzzwords like “transparency,” “trust,” and even “privacy,” IBM’s Digital Health Pass marketing describes the mass tracking app as a “smart way to return to society” that allows people to “return to the activities and things they love.”*

by [Raul Diego](#), [MintPress News](#)

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ARMONK, NEW YORK – IBM is partnering with Covid-19 mRNA vaccine maker Moderna to track vaccine administration in real time through its various blockchain, Artificial Intelligence, and hybrid cloud services. According to a company [press release](#), the collaboration will “focus on exploring the utility of IBM capabilities in the U.S.,” such as a recently unveiled [pilot program](#) for a Covid-19 Digital Health Pass in the State of New York, which effectively deputizes private businesses to enforce government-imposed Covid-19 regulations.

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo [announced](#) the initiative, billed as the “[Excelsior Pass](#),” during his 2021 State of the State Address [in January](#) and the program’s initial phase was tested at the Barclays Center during an NBA game, followed by another test at Madison Square Garden for an NHL game on March 2.

[According](#) to the state’s official website, the trial runs were designed to maximize “return on investment and saving development time” before submitting the “wallet app” to the

Google and Apple app stores.

“The Excelsior Pass will play a critical role in getting information to venues and sites in a secure and streamlined way,” said Cuomo, who in February [rolled out](#) the state’s reopening guidelines for sports and entertainment venues, which would pave the way “to fast-track the reopening of these businesses and getting us one step closer to reaching a **new normal** (emphasis added).”

Built on IBM’s [Digital Health Pass](#) technology, the QR code-based health data tracking app is only one of multiple blockchain ledger applications the company will leverage as part of its partnership with Moderna. Others include their [Blockchain Transparent Supply](#) and [Food Trust](#) services, which use the open-source [Hyperledger](#) technology to share supply-chain and food sourcing “credibility” data respectively with enterprise customers.

*ANNOUNCING: IBM Digital Health Pass will integrate with [@salesforce](#) Work. com to help businesses, schools and governments verify vaccine and health status in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.*

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*– IBM Watson Health (@IBMWatsonHealth) [December 18, 2020](#)*

IBM’s [Blockchain World Wire](#) cross-border payment processing service rounds out the blockchain ecosystem that will serve to “enhance” supply chain visibility and “real-time” vaccine management and administration.

## **Transparent coercion**

Using what have already become clichéd industry buzzwords like “transparency,” “trust,” and even “privacy,” IBM’s Digital Health Pass marketing literature describes the mass tracking

app as a “smart way to return to society” that allows people to “return to the activities and things they love.”

Still in the “voluntary” stages of use, [according](#) to IBM’s Steve LaFleche, the Digital Health Pass and similar mobile health verification apps, like [CommonPass](#), cease to be so once government guidelines and regulations force the private sector to enforce their implementation, as in the case of New York’s reopening rules for stadiums, theaters and other venues.

In addition to the already widely-enforced capacity limits, social distancing and mandated facial coverings, Cuomo’s [guidelines](#) for venue operation now include the requirement that “all staff and spectators receive a negative COVID-19 PCR test within 72 hours of the event,” as well as the collection of contact information of everyone in attendance in order to “inform contact tracing efforts.”

IBM’s partnership with Moderna allows many of these requirements to be carried out unobtrusively and with minimal fuss for the general population, who are by now used to interfacing with the world on their smartphones. As LaFleche writes, the app “can interoperate easily with other solutions so that people won’t have to rely on multiple apps when going about their daily lives.”

## **Tethered to the blockchain**

The development of these health-tracking, blockchain-based technologies as part of a broader redesign of supply chain and capital organization structures – often referred to as the “new normal” or the “Great Reset – has been in the works since at least 2016. It began with the [“Use of Blockchain in Health IT and Health-related Research Challenge,”](#) co-hosted by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health IT (ONC) and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), where IBM submitted its [white paper](#), “Blockchain: The Chain of Trust and its Potential to Transform Healthcare – Our Point of View.”

Since April 2020, these efforts have sped up considerably through initiatives like the COVID-19 High Performance Computing (HPC) Consortium, a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) “spearheaded” by IBM and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, which brought Big Tech players like Google, Amazon, and Microsoft together with academic institutions and federal agencies to apply an “unprecedented scale of computing power to support COVID-19 research.”

The PPP applied its “unprecedented” computing power to [controversial](#) research topics like the [supposed](#) genetic predisposition among African Americans to Covid-19 infection and other areas of focus, such as potential treatments and “medicinal plants,” which can now all be integrated as part of IBM’s blockchain-based applications across the entire economic spectrum.

As [covered](#) by *MintPress* in a recent three-part series by this author, the intersection between blockchain technology and health data is at the center of a global campaign to recreate capitalism as a data-driven economic model based on a so-called “impact investment” paradigm, which purports to solve the world’s health, social and environmental problems through market-based solutions.

## **“Hacking the software of life”**

The collection of our genomic data lies at the core of the fraudulent concept of creating financial incentives around human misery. DNA is the single point of data convergence across humanity that allows for these new “moral” economic models to generate enough volume to replicate present-day economies of scale and design financial instruments to exploit human beings at a cellular level.

Moderna’s former Chief Medical Officer, Tal Zacks, is well aware of the opportunities. On February 25, Moderna [announced](#) their CMO’s intention to step down in

September as he looks forward to the “next leg of his career.” Zacks will leave a wealthy man, after regularly selling Moderna stock over the course of 2020, making him approximately \$1 million a week, according to SEC filings.

In 2017, Zacks delivered a [TED Talk](#) in which he plainly states what many of the mRNA vaccine detractors have been warning about. Namely, that these novel vaccination technologies are, in fact, mechanisms designed to manipulate the human genetic code.

Zacks mirrors much of what his colleague and fellow vaccine credential promoter, Dr. Brad Perkins, [said](#) in a similar presentation that same year, in which he expounded on the massive potential for profits of these kinds of technologies – and the collection of genomic data, in particular – across the healthcare and insurance industries.

“I’m here today to tell you,” Zacks informed the spectators, “that we’re actually hacking the software of life.” Aiming at a more general audience, Zacks wasn’t as forward as Perkins in his description of the implications, limiting himself to emotional appeals through anecdotal accounts of former patients who might have been saved had they lived through the “phenomenal digital and scientific revolution” of mRNA “information therapy” solutions from which he has profited so handsomely.

Conveniently, IBM’s strong presence in the law enforcement space, as one of the largest providers of digital profiling technologies and AI [policing systems](#) in the world, may also help with any obstacles Moderna may face among vaccine-hesitant populations – such as the 3,000 Romanians who [took to the streets](#) of Bucharest to protest mass vaccinations, or the [refusal](#) of entire communities in Mexico to have their personal sovereignty violated by the world’s newest crop of snake oil salesmen.



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# White House Enlists Social Media Giants to Suppress Vaccine 'Misinformation'

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*As concerns about vaccine safety grow, the Biden administration is enlisting Big Tech's help in removing social media posts that deviate from "officially distributed" COVID-19 information.*

by [Megan Redshaw, J.D.](#), *The Defender*

February 22, 2021

The White House is asking [Big Tech](#) giants Facebook, Twitter and Alphabet Inc.'s [Google](#) to "clamp down on chatter that deviates from officially distributed COVID-19 information," [according to the New York Post](#) and other news reports.

[Reuters reported](#) that Biden, concerned that "fear about taking

the vaccine has emerged as a major impediment” to his administration’s pandemic plan, wants help from the social media moguls to keep “misinformation” from going viral.

“Vaccine hesitancy is a huge obstacle to getting everyone vaccinated and there are no larger players in that than the social media platforms,” a White House source [told](#) Reuters late last week.

Biden’s Chief of Staff Ron Klain had previously [said](#) information questioning the [COVID vaccine](#) has caused others to question the vaccine. But the news out of Washington last week was the first sign that officials are directly engaged with Silicon Valley in censoring social media users, [according to Reuters](#).

“Social media tycoons are now openly serving as government surrogates in censoring factually accurate information that departs from government policies and pronouncements,” said Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., co-founder and chair of Children’s Health Defense.

The Biden administration wants to make sure that unfavorable material does not start trending on social media or become an even broader movement, [citing](#) concerns over a recent [anti-vaccine protest](#) at Los Angeles Dodgers Stadium which was organized through a Facebook page.

“We are talking to [social media companies] ... so they understand the importance of misinformation and disinformation and how they can get rid of it quickly,” a White House source [explained](#).

Sen. Richard Blumenthal (D-N.Y.) last week criticized social media companies in a [tweet](#) accusing Facebook and Twitter of moving too slowly in responding to targeted harassment of people getting vaccinated and what Blumenthal described as “dangerous conspiracy theories.”

A spokesperson for Facebook [told Reuters](#) the company has reached out to the White House to offer any assistance they can provide and recently announced a [new policy](#) to remove COVID information the company deems false, along with pages, groups and accounts that repeatedly spread such material.

Twitter [stated](#) the company is in “regular communication with the White House on a number of critical issues including COVID-19 misinformation.”

[Google](#) did not comment on engagement with the White House but did point to a [company blog](#) on how it stops the spread of misinformation.

In August, 2020 Children’s Health Defense filed a [lawsuit](#) charging Facebook, Mark Zuckerberg and several fact-checking organizations with censoring truthful public health posts and for fraudulently misrepresenting and defaming the children’s health organization.

The [complaint alleges](#) that Facebook has insidious conflicts with the [pharmaceutical industry](#) and health agencies and raised detailed factual allegations regarding the CDC, CDC Foundation, and WHO’s extensive relationships and collaborations with Facebook and Zuckerberg calling into question Facebook’s joint action in a censorship campaign with the government.

Earlier this month, Kennedy’s Instagram [account was deplatformed](#) without advance notice for what the media claimed were “[false COVID claims](#)” or “[vaccine misinformation](#).” Some [reports](#) falsely characterized Kennedy as an “anti-vaxxer.”

Kennedy unequivocally rejects those characterizations. He [wrote](#) in response to Instagram’s censorship:

“Every statement I put on Instagram was sourced from a government database, from peer-reviewed publications and from

carefully confirmed news stories. None of my posts were false. [Facebook](#), the [pharmaceutical industry](#) and its captive regulators use the term 'vaccine misinformation' as a euphemism for any factual assertion that departs from official pronouncements about vaccine health and safety, whether true or not. This kind of censorship is counterproductive if our objective is a safe and effective vaccine supply."

As Kennedy has stated numerous times, "for a democracy to function, civil debate of issues – including vaccine science – must be allowed. Censorship of that debate is anathema to democracy."

Many reports have raised serious questions about the [safety of COVID vaccines](#), including [adverse reactions](#) and other possible [long-term complications](#) that deserve debate, Kennedy said.

The Defender [reported](#) in January that a Florida doctor died three days after receiving [Pfizer's COVID vaccine](#). An expert on blood disorders at Johns Hopkins said in an interview with [The New York Times](#), "I think it is a medical certainty that the vaccine was related." Earlier this month, the CDC [announced](#) it was investigating the [death of a 36-year-old doctor](#) in Tennessee who died from an extremely rare multisystem inflammatory syndrome one month after getting his second dose of a [COVID vaccination](#).

Drene Keyes, whose [death is under investigation](#), died hours after receiving her first dose of [Pfizer's COVID vaccine](#). She experienced flash pulmonary edema likely caused by anaphylaxis, a life-threatening allergic reaction, which some have experienced after receiving the COVID vaccine.

According to [new data released Friday](#), as of Feb. 12, 15,923 adverse reactions to COVID vaccines, including 929 deaths, [have been reported](#) to the CDC's [Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](#) since Dec. 14, 2020. One-third of reported

deaths occurred within 48 hours of receiving the COVID vaccine.

“While social media companies are private entities with rights to censor information they don’t like, the involvement of the government in censorship efforts implicates the First Amendment,” Kennedy said.

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# Techno-Censorship: The Slippery Slope From Censoring ‘Disinformation’ to Silencing Truth

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*“If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.”– George Orwell*

This is the slippery slope that leads to the end of free speech as we once knew it.

In a world increasingly automated and filtered through the lens of artificial intelligence, we are finding ourselves at the mercy of inflexible algorithms that dictate the boundaries of our liberties.

Once artificial intelligence becomes a [fully integrated part of the government bureaucracy](#), there will be little recourse: we will be subject to the intransigent judgments of techno-rulers.

This is how it starts.

Martin Niemöller's warning about the widening net that ensnares us all still applies.

*"First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a socialist. Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist. Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew. [Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.](#)"*

In our case, however, it started with the censors who went after extremists spouting so-called "hate speech," and few spoke out—because they were not extremists and didn't want to be shamed for being perceived as politically incorrect.

Then the internet censors got involved and went after extremists spouting ["disinformation" about stolen elections, the Holocaust, and Hunter Biden](#), and few spoke out—because they were not extremists and didn't want to be shunned for appearing to disagree with the majority.

By the time the techno-censors went after extremists spouting "misinformation" about the COVID-19 pandemic and vaccines, the censors had [developed a system and strategy for silencing the](#)

[nonconformists](#). Still, few spoke out.

Eventually, “we the people” will be the ones in the crosshairs.

At some point or another, depending on how the government and its corporate allies define what constitutes “extremism, “we the people” might *all* be considered guilty of some thought crime or other.

When that time comes, there may be no one left to speak out or speak up in our defense.

Whatever we tolerate now—whatever we turn a blind eye to—whatever we rationalize when it is inflicted on others, whether in the name of securing racial justice or defending democracy or combatting fascism, will eventually come back to imprison us, one and all.

Watch and learn.

We should all be alarmed when prominent social media voices such as [Donald Trump](#), [Alex Jones](#), [David Icke](#) and [Robert F. Kennedy Jr.](#) are censored, silenced and made to disappear from Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Instagram for voicing ideas that are deemed politically incorrect, hateful, dangerous or conspiratorial.

The question is not whether the content of their speech was legitimate.

The concern is what happens *after* such prominent targets are muzzled. What happens once the corporate techno-censors turn their sights on the rest of us?

It’s a slippery slope from censoring so-called illegitimate ideas to silencing truth. Eventually, as George Orwell predicted, telling the truth will become a revolutionary act.

We are on a fast-moving trajectory.

Already, there are [calls for the Biden administration to appoint a “reality czar”](#) in order to tackle disinformation, domestic extremism and the nation’s so-called “reality crisis.”

Knowing what we know about the government’s tendency to define its own reality and attach its own labels to behavior and speech that challenges its authority, this should be [cause for alarm across the entire political spectrum](#).

Here’s the point: you don’t have to like Trump or any of the others who are being muzzled, nor do you have to agree or even sympathize with their views, but to ignore the long-term ramifications of such censorship would be dangerously naïve.

As Matt Welch, writing for *Reason*, rightly points out, [“Proposed changes to government policy should always be visualized with the opposing team in charge of implementation.”](#)

In other words, whatever powers you allow the government and its corporate operatives to claim now, for the sake of the greater good or because you like or trust those in charge, will eventually be abused and used against you by tyrants of your own making.

As Glenn Greenwald [writes](#) for *The Intercept*:

*The glaring fallacy that always lies at the heart of pro-censorship sentiments is the gullible, delusional belief that censorship powers will be deployed only to suppress views one dislikes, but never one’s own views... Facebook is not some benevolent, kind, compassionate parent or a subversive, radical actor who is going to police our discourse in order to protect the weak and marginalized or serve as a noble check on mischief by the powerful. They are almost always going to do exactly the opposite: protect the powerful from those who seek to undermine elite institutions and reject their orthodoxies. Tech giants, like all corporations, are*



*required by law to have one overriding objective: maximizing shareholder value. [They are always going to use their power to appease those they perceive wield the greatest political and economic power.](#)*

Welcome to the age of technofascism.

Clothed in tyrannical self-righteousness, technofascism is powered by technological behemoths (both corporate and governmental) working in tandem to achieve a common goal.

Thus far, the tech giants have been able to sidestep the First Amendment by virtue of their non-governmental status, but it's a dubious distinction at best. Certainly, Facebook and Twitter have become the modern-day equivalents of public squares, traditional free speech forums, with the internet itself serving as a public utility.

But what does that mean for free speech online: [should it be protected or regulated?](#)

When given a choice, the government always goes for the option that expands its powers at the expense of the citizenry's. Moreover, when it comes to free speech activities, regulation is just another word for censorship.

Right now, it's trendy and politically expedient to denounce, silence, shout down and shame anyone whose views challenge the prevailing norms, so the tech giants are lining up to appease their shareholders.

This is the tyranny of the majority against the minority—exactly the menace to free speech that James Madison sought to prevent when he drafted the First Amendment to the Constitution—marching in lockstep with technofascism.

With intolerance as the new scarlet letter of our day, we now find ourselves ruled by the mob.

Those who dare to voice an opinion or use a taboo word or image that runs counter to the accepted norms are first in line to be shamed, shouted down, silenced, censored, fired, cast out and generally relegated to the dust heap of ignorant, mean-spirited bullies who are guilty of various “word crimes” and banished from society.

For example, a professor at Duquesne University was [fired for using the N-word in an academic context](#). To get his job back, Gary Shank will have to go through diversity training and restructure his lesson plans.

This is what passes for academic freedom in America today.

If Americans don't vociferously defend the right of a minority of one to subscribe to, let alone voice, ideas and opinions that may be offensive, hateful, intolerant or merely different, then we're going to soon find that we have no rights whatsoever (to speak, assemble, agree, disagree, protest, opt in, opt out, or forge our own paths as individuals).

No matter what our numbers might be, no matter what our views might be, no matter what party we might belong to, it will not be long before “we the people” constitute a powerless minority in the eyes of a power-fueled fascist state driven to maintain its power at all costs.

We are almost at that point now.

The steady, pervasive censorship creep that is being inflicted on us by corporate tech giants with the blessing of the powers-that-be threatens to bring about a restructuring of reality straight out of Orwell's *1984*, where the Ministry of Truth polices speech and ensures that facts conform to whatever version of reality the government propagandists embrace.

Orwell intended *1984* as a warning. Instead, it is being used

as a dystopian instruction manual for socially engineering a populace that is compliant, conformist and obedient to Big Brother.

Nothing good can come from techno-censorship.

Again, to quote [Greenwald](#):

*Censorship power, like the tech giants who now wield it, is an instrument of status quo preservation. The promise of the internet from the start was that it would be a tool of liberation, of egalitarianism, by permitting those without money and power to compete on fair terms in the information war with the most powerful governments and corporations. But just as is true of allowing the internet to be converted into a tool of coercion and mass surveillance, nothing guts that promise, that potential, like [empowering corporate overlords and unaccountable monopolists to regulate and suppress what can be heard](#).*

As I make clear in my book [Battlefield America: The War on the American People](#), these internet censors are not acting in our best interests to protect us from dangerous, disinformation campaigns. They're laying the groundwork to preempt any "dangerous" ideas that might challenge the power elite's stranglehold over our lives.

Therefore, it is important to recognize the thought prison that is being built around us for what it is: a prison with only one route of escape—free thinking and free speaking in the face of tyranny.

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# Understanding The Dangers Of Innovation Zones And Smart Cities

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*Following the news that Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak plans to launch so-called “Innovation Zones” where tech companies can create their own cities and governments, privacy advocates are responding with fear and concern.*

During his [State of the State address](#) in mid-January, Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak noted that the state is suffering because of the COVID-19 restrictions and the effect on tourism. Sisolak called on the launch of “Innovation Zones”, a plan aimed at bringing companies working on “groundbreaking technologies” to Nevada and turning the state into the “epicenter of this emerging industry and creating the high paying jobs and revenue that go with it.” However, in these Innovation Zones, corporations are given the power to collect taxes, and essentially, operate as a quasi-independent government.

While the full plan for the Innovation Zones has yet to be released, [The Las Vegas Review-Journal](#) [obtained a draft copy](#) of proposed legislation which would grant tech corporations previously unheard of powers within the jurisdiction of these zones. The draft of the legislation states that traditional local governments are “inadequate alone to provide the flexibility and resources conducive to

*making the State a leader in attracting and retaining new forms and types of businesses and fostering economic development in emerging technologies and innovative industries.” In response, the draft calls for an **“alternative form of local government”**.*

This “alternative form of local government” will be built around the use of innovative technologies, including:

- Blockchain
- Autonomous technology
- Internet of Things
- Robotics
- Artificial intelligence
- Wireless technology
- Biometrics
- Renewable resources

While the zones would at first operate under the authority of the county in which they are located, the legislation describes how tech companies could use Innovation Zones to form their own separate government that would act as the equivalent to a county authority. These zones would have the ability to impose taxes, form school districts and local court systems, and provide government services. The zone would have a board of supervisors with the same powers as a board of county commissioners.

During his State of the State address, Sisolak noted that Blockchains, LLC was committed to developing a “smart city” east of Reno which would run on blockchain technology. [Blockchain technology](#) is essentially a digital ledger that cannot be altered. The concept was first popularized because of Bitcoin and cryptocurrency. Digital tech experts have been predicting for years that blockchain technology would revolutionize our world by integrating with various industries. Some blockchain enthusiasts believe the technology could remove the need for centralized institutions,

like banks and governments. Others worry that the use of blockchain will lead to a future where every interaction is logged on a public blockchain.

Blockchains CEO Jeffrey Berns has been promoting his vision of a blockchain smart city since 2018, when the company purchased 67,000 acres of land in the Tahoe Reno Industrial Center, which also houses Google and Tesla. Berns first revealed his plans for the blockchain city in November 2018 at the Prague Blockchain Week event.

*“Imagine a world where anybody, anywhere can collaborate, establish the rules of that collaboration, enforce those rules, exchange value, and do it all on the blockchain,”* Berns [said during his talk](#). *“No government. No bank. No corporation. Just trusting in math.”*

While Berns claims to be concerned with the growth of Big Tech companies and aims to use blockchain to eliminate the need for banks, corporations, or governments – ideas which are popular among libertarians and crypto-anarchists – his company also describes a vision where all life is placed on the blockchain. The Blockchains [website](#) describes how smart devices could be connected to a blockchain:

*“By connecting smart devices to a blockchain – from smartphones and computers to internet-enabled cars, smart locks, advanced manufacturing machines, and security systems – we can facilitate marketplaces, payment services, or even a sharing economy for the Internet of Things. This makes possible not just peer-to-peer transactions, but even machine-to-machine payments for services, from tollbooth payments to battery storage, consumption, and trading. Best of all, because these interactions are on a blockchain, they will not rely on financial intermediaries or be subject to the security risks inherent in centralized data storage systems.”*

Of course, blockchains are a tool. As with any tool their purpose is defined by the person wielding or creating the tool. A blockchain can be created with privacy, transparency, and speed in mind. Additionally, a developer could create a blockchain where every interaction is stored and publicly available for any company, government, or individual to see. What matters is how the technology is applied. Berns may care about privacy and have a desire to eliminate centralized authorities, but not all blockchains are equal and it seems inevitable that less savory actors will come along and attempt to use blockchain, Innovation Zones, and “smart cities” for the purposes of monitoring and controlling the population within the city.

For example, [it has been reported](#) that the infamous Bill Gates and his investment firm Belmont Partners purchased a 25,000-acre plot of land near Arizona for \$80 million. Gates and Belmont Partners plan to built a smart city named “Belmont”. Details on what exactly will take place within Belmont are scarce, but Gates has said he intends to grow the population to nearly 200,000 people in the coming years. However, based on Gates’ role in the [COVID-19 operation](#), his plans to control farmland, block out the sun, genetically engineer the food supply, and [vaccinate the world](#), it seems unlikely that Belmont will be a place that values privacy and individual liberty.

## **The Danger of Smart Cities and the Lack of Privacy Protections**

The smart city trend is apparently rising as more corporations and local governments are seeking to partner together in various types of special economic or innovation zones. India has [pledged to build](#) 100 smart cities, Africa is seeing [\\$100 billion pumped into](#) at least 20 projects, and China reportedly has as many as 500 of its own smart city pilots. Saudi Arabia has also jumped into the fray with [Neom](#), a \$500 billion project that could one day rival Silicon Valley. The city will

be larger than New York City and is being promoted as the center for [“the next era of human progress”](#).

Clearly, smart cities are not going away. However, what is often not mentioned is that these smart, autonomous cities also involve massive invasions of privacy, and in some cases, giving up the right to drive or own a vehicle.

One current example of a so-called “smart city” is the Songdo International Business District (Songdo IBD), a 1,500 acre stretch of land along the Incheon waterfront, just 20 miles southwest of Seoul, South Korea. The project was built from the ground up on reclaimed land at a cost of about \$35 million. The Guardian previously described Songdo as, *“a place where the garbage is automatically sucked away through underground pipes, where lampposts are always watching you, and where your apartment block knows to send the elevator down to greet you when it detects the arrival of your car. Sensors in every street track traffic flow and send alerts to your phone when it’s going to snow, while you can monitor the children’s playground on TV from the comfort of your sofa.”*



Figure 8 Active crime prevention monitoring



Songdo was designed not simply as a smart city, but a “ubiquitous city”, a smart city with “ubiquitous” technology. A city where computers and sensors are built into the buildings and streets, sensors are gathering information on daily life, traffic, and energy consumption. As [WorldCrunch described](#) it, “In Songdo, everything has a “U” in front of it: U-traffic, U-safety, U-governance, U-health, and of course U-entertainment. The “U” stands for “ubiquitous,” omnipresent. In other words: Big Brother is here.”

According to the [“International Case Studies of Smart Cities: Songdo, Republic of Korea”](#), Songdo offers a number of safety and environmental measures to make life safer and more sustainable. However, there is no mention of privacy protections or the implications of having a living city that is connected to the grid and listening to it’s citizens on a daily basis. The report states that, “Songdo U-City collects 24-hour real-time data from on-site equipment such as CCTV, various sensor devices, traffic detectors.”



Figure 7 Vehicle Monitoring for Crime Prevention

Additionally, there is a central command center where all *“footage from crime prevention, disaster prevention, environment, and traffic surveillance cameras”* is monitored to provide useful information to the citizens. Internet of Things sensors installed in houses and building are also designed to provide *“real-time information to users, of how much energy has been consumed and what measures can be taken to minimize utility bill.”* The plan for Songdo also envisions a driverless city where residents use ride sharing services like [SOCAR](#) exclusively.

Again, there is no mention of privacy or data protections for the residents of Songdo. However, we already have examples of how a lack of privacy protections can be disastrous for residents of Smart Cities.

Quayside is a planned smart city that has been in the works since 2016. Located on 12 acres of waterfront property southeast of downtown Toronto, Canada, Quayside represents a joint effort by the Canadian government agency, Waterfront Toronto, and Sidewalk Labs, which is owned by Google’s parent company Alphabet. Sidewalk Labs claims Quayside will solve traffic congestion, rising home prices and environmental pollution. Unfortunately, residents of Quayside will be using a centralized identity management system through which they access public services, such as library cards and health care. This means their data will be highly centralized, leaving it open to access by hackers and law enforcement. In fact, Quayside has consistently faced pushback due to a failure to build-in the necessary privacy protections.

At least two officials involved in the project have resigned. Saadia Muzaffar [resigned from Waterfront Toronto](#) in protest after the board showed *“apathy and a lack of leadership regarding shaky public trust.”* In October 2018, Ann Cavoukian, one of Canada’s leading privacy experts and Ontario’s former privacy commissioner, also [resigned from the project](#). Cavoukian was brought on by Sidewalk Toronto as a

consultant to help install a “privacy by design” framework. She was initially told that all data collected from residents would be deleted and rendered unidentifiable. She later learned that third parties would have access to identifiable information gathered at Quayside.

*“I imagined us creating a Smart City of Privacy, as opposed to a Smart City of Surveillance,” she [wrote](#) in her resignation letter. “I have to resign because you committed to embedding privacy by design into every aspect of your operation.”*

The fears around Quayside grew in late October 2019, when [The Globe and Mail reported](#) that previously unseen documents from Sidewalk Labs detailed how people living in a Sidewalk community would interact with and have access to the space around them. This experience in the proposed smart city largely depends on how much data you’re willing to share, which could be used to reward or punish people for their behavior.

Although the document – known internally as the [“yellow book”](#) – was designed as a pitch book for the company and predates Sidewalk’s formal agreements with the City of Toronto, it does provide a vision of what the Google sister company would like to do. Specifically, the document details how Sidewalk will require tax and financing authority to finance and provide services, including the ability to *“impose, capture and reinvest property taxes.”* The company would also create and control its public services, including charter schools, special transit systems and a private road infrastructure.

The document also describes reputation-based tools that sound disturbingly similar to the social credit system we have seen in TV shows like [Black Mirror](#) and [those unfolding in modern China](#). These tools would lead to a *“new currency for community co-operation,”* effectively establishing a social credit system. Sidewalk could use these tools to “hold people or

businesses accountable” while rewarding good behavior with easier access to loans and public services.

In response to the document leaks, Sidewalk spokesperson Keerthana Rang said, *“The ideas contained in this 2016 internal paper represent the result of a wide-ranging brainstorming process very early in the company’s history.”*

Perhaps due in part to the push back against privacy invasions, in November 2019 Sidewalk Labs [released](#) a 482-page [Digital Innovation Appendix](#) stating that none of Quayside’s systems will incorporate facial recognition, and that Sidewalk Labs won’t sell personal information or use it for advertising. Sidewalk Labs says it will require explicit consent to share personal information with third parties.

Whether Sidewalk Labs, Blockchains LLC, Bill Gates, and others’ involved in the creation of Smart Cities will respect individual privacy remains to be seen. Regardless, the importance of these protections cannot be overstated. In April 2018, the American Civil Liberties Union released a guide detailing important questions that should be asked by city officials seeking to join the Smart City craze. The guide, [“How to Prevent Smart Cities from Turning to Surveillance Cities”](#), was written by Matt Cagle, an attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California.

In a previous interview, Cagle told me that *“smart city technology can be a wolf in sheep’s clothing”* because *“it can be another way for the government to amass information that it may not have wanted to collect for law enforcement purposes.”*

*“This technology is often going to be collected by companies that have developed it,”* Cagle continued. *“So it’s really important for the city and the community to be on the same page about who’s going to own this data as we go forward with this project, who’s going to be able to sell this data, and at the end of the day are communities in control of these*

*technologies.”*

## **Smart Cities Are Only The Beginning**

In early February, South Korean President Moon Jae-in said the government will invest \$8.8 billion into South Korea’s “smart city” project nationwide by 2025. *“The key to smart cities is to establish an intelligence-type city operation system by utilizing urban data collected from CCTVs and sensors,”* [Moon said in his speech](#) at the Smart City Integrated Operation Center of Songdo. *“First, (the government) will realize ‘smart cities’ nationwide more speedily and digitalize the public infrastructure, like roads and railways.”*

With the exporting of smart city models from Korea and recent announcements about building a smart “eco-city” in Singapore, it appears the smart city trend is not going anywhere. For the moment, these innovation zones and smart cities are simply marketing tools designed to bring people and money to the newly created cities. They are voluntary, with people freely choosing to live there and to leave if they are unhappy. However, with the understanding that the goal is to turn all cities into “smart cities”, we need to ask what happens if the smart grid is everywhere and there is nowhere to go.

In a future where all towns and cities are outfitted with the latest smart tech, fighting to maintain privacy and freedom of movement is crucial. It’s also important to understand the “innovation zones”, “special economic zones”, and “smart cities” in the context of the World Economic Forum’s [“The Great Reset”](#) vision. *How do these emerging technologies and concepts play a role in fomenting the centralized, authoritarian vision imagined by the talking heads at the WEF?*

In my next investigation I will further illustrate how the push for Smart Cities is directly related to Klaus Schwab, Bill Gates, and the push towards a Great Reset.

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# **Building the Beast System: FDA Wants GPS on Crops – Spinach Sends Email – Cow Registration Mandates**

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Spinach Sends Email – Cow Registration Mandates](#)

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The FDA is considering requiring GPS coordinates of every crop harvested, and data on when it was planted/harvested/chilled/packed/shipped. Not only would this put small farms OUT of business, it effectively requires robotic automation. British Columbia has mandated livestock registration for your safety “in this age of dangerous pandemics.” The technocratic takeover of farming continues,

and the stage is now set for the introduction of the blockchain/AI beast system. Christian breaks it down in this Ice Age Farmer broadcast.

Video available at Ice Age Farmer [BitChute](#) and [Lbry](#) channels.

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# Bill Would Force Social Media Users to Secretly Report Suspicious People to Law Enforcement

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Senator Joe Manchin wants to bring DHS's spy on your neighbors "If You See, Something Say Something" program to social media, blogs, websites, and much more. Manchin's bill, the ["See Something, Say Something Online Act"](#) would essentially turn social media users into Federal spies by forcing them to report suspicious people to law enforcement.

Just how bad is this bill?

This bill would essentially force anyone on social media to report suspicious “transmissions” to law enforcement.

*“Known Suspicious Transmission.—The term ‘‘known suspicious transmission’’ is any suspicious transmission that an interactive computer service should have reasonably known to have occurred or have been notified of by a director, officer, employ, agent, interactive computer service user, or State or Federal law enforcement agency.”*

*Major Crime —The term ‘‘major crime’’ means a Federal criminal offense that is a crime of violence (as defined 13 in section 16 of title 18, United States Code); relating to domestic or international terrorism (as those terms are defined in section 16 2331 of title 18, United States Code)*

What exactly is a known suspicious transmission or major crime?

***“Suspicious Transmission is defined as any post, private message, comment, tag, transaction, or any other user-generated content or transmission that government officials later determine commits, facilitates, incites, promotes, or otherwise assists the commission of a major crime. Major crimes are defined as anything involving violence, domestic, or international terrorism, or a serious drug offense.”***

How could social media users, bloggers, web forum moderators, web conferencing users etc., know that a comment left or uttered by someone would later lead to them committing a major crime?

The See Something, Say Something Online Act would force social media users into red flagging every person’s comments just in case someone commits a major crime in the future.

This bill would effectively destroy the First Amendment as we



know it, dispelling any vestiges of America still being a free country.

Social media users would be forced to submit a Suspicious Transmission Activity Report (STAR) on suspicious individuals within 30 days.

*“In General.—If a provider of an interactive computer service detects a suspicious transmission, the interactive computer service, including any director, officer, employee, agent, or representative of such provider, shall submit to the Department a STAR describing the suspicious transmission in accordance with this section.”*

As Reason [warned](#), the See Something, Say Something Online Act would put reporting on your fellow American on steroids. It would create a glut of frivolous reports, including many that are politically motivated, or otherwise disingenuous.

Social media users and law enforcement would keep detailed personal information, including metadata of suspicious people for five years.

*“Each STAR submitted under this section shall contain, at a minimum— (1) the name, location, and other such identification information as submitted by the user to the provider of the interactive computer service; (2) the date and nature of the post, message, comment, tag, transaction, or other user-generated content or transmission detected for suspicious activity such as time, origin, and destination; and (3) any relevant text, information, and metadata related to the suspicious transmission.”*

*“Retention Of Records —Each provider of an interactive computer service shall— (A) maintain a copy of any STAR submitted under this section and the original record equivalent of any supporting documentation for the 5-year*

*period beginning on the date on which the STAR was submitted. (B) make all supporting documentation available to the Department and any appropriate law enforcement agencies upon request.”*

## **No one can tell a person that they have been flagged as suspicious**

*“Non-Disclosure—Except as otherwise prescribed by the Attorney General, no provider of an interactive computer service, or officer, director, employee, or agent of such a provider, subject to an order under subsection (a) may disclose the existence of, or terms of, the order to any person.”*

## **Social media users could face prosecution for not reporting suspicious people**

Imagine someone leaving a comment on social media like the police suck or calling someone a bitch, twit or twat and then they go on to commit a crime in the future. Would anyone like to guess what might happen next?

Every social media user who refused to file a STAR report on a suspicious person would open themselves up to prosecution or a lawsuit.

*“Compliance—Any provider of an interactive computer service that fails to report a known suspicious transmission shall not be immune from civil or criminal liability for such transmission under section 230(c) of the Communications Act of 1934 (47 U.S.C. 230(c)).”*

Where does one begin when it comes to describing just how bad this bill is?

Forcing social media users to essentially submit STAR reports on people they deem as suspicious opens up a Pandora’s box of

problems.

Social media users who are forced into reporting on people could flag everyone's comments to guard against being prosecuted or sued. This bill, if passed as it is written, would have a devastating effect on the civil rights and freedoms of every American.

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# Enemies of the Deep State: The Government's War on Domestic Terrorism Is a Trap

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*"This is an issue that all Democrats, Republicans, independents, Libertarians should be extremely concerned about, especially because we don't have to guess about where this goes or how this ends. What characteristics are we looking for as we are building this profile of a potential extremist, what are we talking about? Religious extremists, are we talking about Christians, evangelical Christians, what is a religious extremist? Is it somebody who is pro-life? [\[The proposed legislation could create\] a very](#)*

*dangerous undermining of our civil liberties, our freedoms in our Constitution, and a targeting of almost half of the country.*—Tulsi Gabbard, former Congresswoman

This is how it begins.

We are moving fast down that slippery slope to an authoritarian society in which the only opinions, ideas and speech expressed are the ones permitted by the government and its corporate cohorts.

In the wake of the Jan. 6 riots at the Capitol, “domestic terrorism” has become the new poster child for expanding the government’s powers at the expense of civil liberties.

Of course, “domestic terrorist” is just the latest bull’s eye phrase, to be used interchangeably with “anti-government,” “extremist” and “terrorist,” to describe anyone who might fall somewhere on a very broad spectrum of viewpoints that could be considered “dangerous.”

Watch and see: we are all about to become enemies of the state.

In a déjà vu mirroring of the legislative fall-out from 9/11, and the ensuing build-up of the security state, there is a growing demand in certain sectors for the government to be given expanded powers to root out “domestic” terrorism, the Constitution be damned.

If this is a test of Joe Biden’s worthiness to head up the American police state, he seems ready.

As part of his inaugural address, President Biden pledged to confront and defeat “a rise of political extremism, white supremacy, domestic terrorism.” Biden has also asked the Director of National Intelligence to work with the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security in carrying out a “comprehensive threat assessment” of domestic terrorism. And

then to keep the parallels going, there is the proposed Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act of 2021, introduced after the Jan. 6 riots, which aims to equip the government with "[the tools to identify, monitor and thwart](#)" those who could become radicalized to violence.

Don't blink or you'll miss the sleight of hand.

This is the tricky part of the Deep State's con game that keeps you focused on the shell game in front of you while your wallet is being picked clean by ruffians in your midst.

It follows the same pattern as every other convenient "crisis" used by the government as an excuse to expand its powers at the citizenry's expense and at the expense of our freedoms.

As investigative journalist Glenn Greenwald warns:

*"The last two weeks have ushered in a wave of new domestic police powers and rhetoric in the name of fighting 'terrorism' that are carbon copies of many of the worst excesses of the first War on Terror that began nearly twenty years ago. This New War on Terror—one that is domestic in name from the start and carries the explicit purpose of fighting 'extremists' and 'domestic terrorists' among American citizens on U.S. soil—presents the whole slew of historically familiar dangers when [governments, exploiting media-generated fear and dangers, arm themselves with the power to control information, debate, opinion, activism and protests.](#)"*

Greenwald is referring to the USA Patriot Act, passed almost 20 years ago, which paved the way for the eradication of every vital safeguard against government overreach, corruption and abuse.

Free speech, the right to protest, the right to challenge government wrongdoing, due process, a presumption of

innocence, the right to self-defense, accountability and transparency in government, privacy, press, sovereignty, assembly, bodily integrity, representative government: all of these and more have become casualties in the government's war on the American people, a war that has grown more pronounced since Sept. 11, 2001.

Some members of Congress get it.

In a letter opposing expansion of national security powers, a handful congressional representatives urged their colleagues not to repeat the mistakes of the past:

*"While many may find comfort in increased national security powers in the wake of this attack, we must emphasize that [we have been here before and we have seen where that road leads](#). Our history is littered with examples of initiatives sold as being necessary to fight extremism that quickly devolve into tools used for the mass violation of the human and civil rights of the American people... To expand the government's national security powers once again at the expense of the human and civil rights of the American people would only serve to further undermine our democracy, not protect it."*

Cue the Emergency State, the government's Machiavellian version of crisis management that justifies all manner of government tyranny in the so-called name of national security.

This is the power grab hiding in plain sight, obscured by the political machinations of the self-righteous elite. This is how the government continues to exploit crises and use them as opportunities for power grabs under the guise of national security. Indeed, this is exactly how the government added [red flag gun laws, precrime surveillance, fusion centers, threat assessments, mental health assessments, involuntary confinement](#) to its arsenal of weaponized powers.

The objective is not to make America safe again. That has

never been the government's aim.

Greenwald explains:

*“Why would such new terrorism laws be needed in a country that already imprisons more of its citizens than any other country in the world as the result of a very aggressive set of criminal laws? What acts should be criminalized by new ‘domestic terrorism’ laws that are not already deemed criminal? They never say, almost certainly because—just as was true of the first set of new War on Terror laws—their real aim is to criminalize that which should not be criminalized: speech, association, protests, opposition to the new ruling coalition.”*

So you see, the issue is not whether Donald Trump or Roger Stone or [MyPillow CEO Mike Lindell](#) deserve to be banned from Twitter, even if they're believed to be spouting misinformation, hateful ideas, or fomenting discontent.

Rather, we should be asking whether any corporation or government agency or entity representing a fusion of the two should have the [power to muzzle, silence, censor, regulate, control and altogether eradicate so-called “dangerous” or “extremist” ideas.](#)

This unilateral power to muzzle free speech represents a far greater danger than any so-called right- or left-wing extremist might pose.

The ramifications are so far-reaching as to render almost every American an extremist in word, deed, thought or by association.

Yet where many go wrong is in assuming that you have to be doing something illegal or challenging the government's authority in order to be flagged as a suspicious character, labeled an enemy of the state and locked up like a dangerous

criminal.

Eventually, all you will really need to do is use certain trigger words, surf the internet, communicate using a cell phone, drive a car, stay at a hotel, purchase materials at a hardware store, take flying or boating lessons, appear suspicious, question government authority, or generally live in the United States.

The groundwork has already been laid.

The trap is set.

All that is needed is the right bait.

With the help of automated eyes and ears, a growing arsenal of high-tech software, hardware and techniques, government propaganda urging Americans to turn into spies and snitches, as well as social media and [behavior sensing software](#), government agents have been busily spinning a sticky spider-web of [threat assessments](#), behavioral sensing warnings, flagged “words,” and “suspicious” activity reports aimed at snaring *potential* enemies of the state.

It's the American police state's take on the dystopian terrors foreshadowed by George Orwell, Aldous Huxley and Phillip K. Dick all rolled up into one oppressive [pre-crime](#) and [pre-thought](#) crime package.

What's more, the technocrats who run the surveillance state don't even have to break a sweat while monitoring what you say, what you read, what you write, where you go, how much you spend, whom you support, and with whom you communicate. Computers by way of AI (artificial intelligence) now do the tedious work of trolling social media, the internet, text messages and phone calls for potentially anti-government remarks, all of which is carefully recorded, documented, and stored to be used against you someday at a time and place of the government's choosing.



For instance, [police in major American cities have been using predictive policing technology that allows them to identify individuals—or groups of individuals—most likely to commit a crime](#) in a given community. Those individuals are then put on notice that their movements and activities will be closely monitored and any criminal activity (by them or their associates) will result in harsh penalties.

In other words, the burden of proof is reversed: you are guilty before you are given any chance to prove you are innocent.

Dig beneath the surface of this kind of surveillance/police state, however, and you will find that the real purpose of pre-crime is not safety but control.

Red flag gun laws merely push us that much closer towards a suspect society where everyone is potentially guilty of some crime or another and must be preemptively rendered harmless.

This is the same government that has a growing list—shared with fusion centers and law enforcement agencies—of ideologies, behaviors, affiliations and other characteristics that could flag someone as suspicious and result in their being labeled *potential* enemies of the state.

For instance, if you believe in and exercise your rights under the Constitution (namely, your right to speak freely, worship freely, associate with like-minded individuals who share your political views, criticize the government, own a weapon, demand a warrant before being questioned or searched, or any other activity viewed as potentially anti-government, racist, bigoted, anarchic or sovereign), you could be [at the top of the government's terrorism watch list](#).

Moreover, as a *New York Times* editorial warns, you may be an anti-government extremist (a.k.a. [domestic terrorist](#)) in the eyes of the police if you are afraid that the [government is plotting to confiscate your firearms](#), if you believe

the [economy is about to collapse](#) and the [government will soon declare martial law](#), or if you display an unusual number of [political and/or ideological bumper stickers](#) on your car.

According to one FBI latest report, you might also be classified as a domestic terrorism threat if you espouse conspiracy theories, especially if you "[attempt to explain events or circumstances as the result of a group of actors working in secret to benefit themselves at the expense of others](#)" and are "usually at odds with official or prevailing explanations of events."

Additionally, according to Michael C. McGarrity, the FBI's assistant director of the counterterrorism division, the bureau now "[classifies domestic terrorism threats into four main categories: racially motivated violent extremism, anti-government/anti-authority extremism, animal rights/environmental extremism, and abortion extremism.](#)"

In other words, if you dare to subscribe to any views that are contrary to the government's, you may well be suspected of being a domestic terrorist and treated accordingly.

Again, where many Americans go wrong is in naively assuming that you have to be doing something illegal or harmful in order to be flagged and targeted for some form of intervention or detention.

In fact, U.S. police agencies have been working to identify and manage potential extremist "threats," violent or otherwise, before they can become actual threats for some time now.

In much the same way that the USA Patriot Act was used as a front to advance the surveillance state, allowing the government to establish a far-reaching domestic spying program that turned every American citizen into a criminal suspect, the government's anti-extremism program renders otherwise lawful, nonviolent activities as potentially extremist.

In fact, all you need to do these days to end up on a government watch list or be subjected to heightened scrutiny is [use certain trigger words](#) (like cloud, pork and pirates), surf the internet, communicate using a cell phone, [limp or stutter](#), [drive a car](#), stay at a hotel, attend a political rally, [express yourself on social media](#), [appear mentally ill](#), serve in the [military](#), [disagree with a law enforcement official](#), [call in sick to work](#), purchase materials at a hardware store, take flying or boating lessons, [appear suspicious](#), appear confused or nervous, fidget or whistle or smell bad, be seen in public waving a toy gun or anything remotely resembling a gun (such as a water nozzle or a remote control or a walking cane), [stare at a police officer](#), question government authority, or [appear to be pro-gun or pro-freedom](#).

Be warned: once you get on such a government watch list—whether it's a terrorist watch list, a mental health watch list, a dissident watch list, or a red flag gun watch list—there's no clear-cut way to get off, whether or not you should actually be on there.

You *will* be tracked wherever you go.

You *will* be flagged as a potential threat and dealt with accordingly.

This is pre-crime on an ideological scale and it's been a long time coming.

The government has been building its pre-crime, surveillance network in concert with [fusion centers](#) (of which there are 78 nationwide, with partners in the corporate sector and globally), data collection agencies, behavioral scientists, corporations, social media, and community organizers and by relying on cutting-edge technology for surveillance, facial recognition, [predictive policing](#), biometrics, and behavioral [epigenetics](#) (in which life experiences alter one's

genetic makeup).

If you're not scared yet, you should be.

Connect the dots.

Start with the powers amassed by the government under the USA Patriot Act, note the government's ever-broadening definition of what it considers to be an "extremist," then add in the government's detention powers under NDAA, the National Security Agency's far-reaching surveillance networks, and fusion centers that collect and share surveillance data between local, state and federal police agencies.

To that, add tens of thousands of armed, surveillance drones and balloons that are beginning to blanket American skies, facial recognition technology that will identify and track you wherever you go and whatever you do. And then to complete the picture, toss in the real-time crime centers being deployed in cities across the country, which will be attempting to "predict" crimes and identify so-called criminals before they happen based on widespread surveillance, complex mathematical algorithms and prognostication programs.

Hopefully you're starting to understand how easy we've made it for the government to identify, label, target, defuse and detain anyone it views as a *potential* threat for a variety of reasons that run the gamut from mental illness to having a military background to challenging its authority to just being on the government's list of *persona non grata*.

There's always a price to pay for standing up to the powers-that-be.

Yet as I make clear in my book [\*Battlefield America: The War on the American People\*](#), you don't even have to be a dissident to get flagged by the government for surveillance, censorship and detention.

All you really need to be is a citizen of the American police state.

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# Is the Pandemic Being Used To Create a Surveillance State?

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by [Russell Brand](#)

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The pandemic has taken surveillance of workers to the next level – but with existing data showing that working from home already achieved better productivity, could there be other motives?

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# 2020: The Year the Tree of Liberty Was Torched

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*“The people are unaware. They’re not educated to realize that they have power. The system is so geared that everyone believes the government will fix everything. [We are the government.](#)”–John Lennon*

No doubt about it: 2020—a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad year for freedom—was the culmination of a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad decade for freedom.

Government corruption, tyranny, and abuse coupled with a Big Brother-knows-best mindset and the COVID-19 pandemic propelled us at warp speed towards a full-blown police state in which nationwide lockdowns, egregious surveillance, roadside strip searches, police shootings of unarmed citizens, censorship, retaliatory arrests, the criminalization of lawful activities, warmongering, indefinite detentions, SWAT team raids, asset forfeiture, police brutality, profit-driven prisons, and pay-to-play politicians were accepted as the norm.

Here’s just a small sampling of the laundry list of abuses—cruel, brutal, immoral, unconstitutional and unacceptable—that have been heaped upon us by the government over the past two decades and in the past year, in particular.

**The government failed to protect our lives, liberty and happiness.** The predators of the police state wreaked havoc on our freedoms, our communities, and our lives. The government didn’t listen to the citizenry, refused to abide by the Constitution, and treated the citizenry as a source of funding and little else. Police officers shot unarmed citizens and their household pets. Government agents—including local police—were armed to the teeth and encouraged to act like soldiers on a battlefield. Bloated government agencies were allowed to fleece taxpayers. Government technicians spied on our emails and phone calls. And government contractors made a killing by waging endless wars abroad.

**The American President became more imperial.** Although the Constitution invests the President with very specific, limited powers, in recent years, American presidents (Trump, Obama, Bush, Clinton, etc.) claimed the power to completely and almost unilaterally alter the landscape of this country for good or for ill. The powers that have been amassed by each successive president through the negligence of Congress and the courts—powers which add up to a toolbox of terror for an imperial ruler—empower whoever occupies the Oval Office to act as a dictator, above the law and beyond any real accountability. The presidency itself has become an imperial one with permanent powers.

**Militarized police became a power unto themselves, 911 calls turned deadly, and traffic stops took a turn for the worse.** Lacking in transparency and accountability, protected by the courts and legislators, and rife with misconduct, America's police forces continued to be a menace to the citizenry and the rule of law. Despite concerns about the government's steady transformation of local police into a standing military army, local police agencies [acquired even more weaponry](#), training and equipment suited for the battlefield. Police officers were also given free range to pull anyone over for a variety of reasons and subject them to forced cavity searches, forced colonoscopies, forced blood draws, forced breath-alcohol tests, forced DNA extractions, forced eye scans, forced inclusion in biometric databases.

**The courts failed to uphold justice.** With every ruling handed down, it becomes more apparent that we live in an age of hollow justice, with government courts more concerned with protecting government agents than upholding the rights of "we the people." This is true at all levels of the judiciary, but especially so in the highest court of the land, the U.S. Supreme Court, which is seemingly more concerned with establishing order and protecting government agents than with upholding the rights enshrined in the Constitution. A review

of critical court rulings over the past two decades, including some ominous ones by the U.S. Supreme Court, reveals a startling and steady trend towards pro-police state rulings by an institution concerned more with establishing order and protecting the ruling class and government agents than with upholding the rights enshrined in the Constitution.

**COVID-19 allowed the Emergency State to expand its powers.** What started out as an apparent effort to prevent a novel coronavirus from sickening the nation (and the world) became yet another means by which world governments (including our own) could expand their powers, abuse their authority, and further oppress their constituents. While COVID-19 took a significant toll on the nation emotionally, physically, and economically, it also allowed the government to trample our rights in the so-called name of national security, with talk of mass testing for COVID-19 antibodies, screening checkpoints, contact tracing, immunity passports, forced vaccinations, snitch tip lines and onerous lockdowns.

**The Surveillance State rendered Americans vulnerable to threats from government spies, police, hackers and power failures.** Thanks to the government's ongoing efforts to build massive databases using emerging surveillance, DNA and biometrics technologies, Americans have become sitting ducks for hackers and government spies alike. [Billions of people have been affected by data breaches and cyberattacks.](#) On a daily basis, Americans have been made to relinquish the most intimate details of who we are—our biological makeup, our genetic blueprints, and our biometrics (facial characteristics and structure, fingerprints, iris scans, etc.)—in order to [navigate an increasingly technologically-enabled world.](#)

**America became a red flag nation.** Red flag laws, specifically, and pre-crime laws generally push us that much closer towards a suspect society where everyone is potentially guilty of some crime or another and must be preemptively rendered harmless. Where many Americans go wrong is in naively assuming that you



have to be doing something illegal or harmful in order to be flagged and targeted for some form of intervention or detention. In fact, all you need to do these days to end up on a government watch list or be subjected to heightened scrutiny is [use certain trigger words](#) (like cloud, pork and pirates), surf the internet, communicate using a cell phone, [limp or stutter](#), [drive a car](#), stay at a hotel, attend a political rally, [express yourself on social media](#), [appear mentally ill](#), serve in the [military](#), [disagree with a law enforcement official](#), [call in sick to work](#), purchase materials at a hardware store, take flying or boating lessons, [appear suspicious](#), appear confused or nervous, fidget or whistle or smell bad, be seen in public waving a toy gun or anything remotely resembling a gun (such as a water nozzle or a remote control or a walking cane), [stare at a police officer](#), question government authority, [appear to be pro-gun or pro-freedom](#), or generally live in the United States. Be warned: once you get on such a government watch list—whether it's a terrorist watch list, a mental health watch list, a dissident watch list, or a red flag gun watch list—there's no clear-cut way to get off, whether or not you should actually be on there.

**The cost of policing the globe drove the nation deeper into debt.** [America's war spending has already bankrupted the nation](#) to the tune of more than \$20 trillion dollars. Policing the globe and waging endless wars abroad hasn't made America—or the rest of the world—any safer, but it has made the military industrial complex rich at taxpayer expense. The U.S. military reportedly has more than *1.3 million* men and women on active duty, with [more than 200,000 of them stationed overseas](#) in nearly every country in the world. Yet America's military forces aren't being deployed abroad to protect our freedoms here at home. Rather, they're being used to guard oil fields, build foreign infrastructure and protect the financial interests of the corporate elite. In fact, the United States military spends about [\\$81 billion a year just to protect oil](#)

[supplies around the world](#). This is how a military empire occupies the globe. Meanwhile, America's infrastructure is falling apart.

**Free speech was dealt one knock-out punch after another.** [Protest laws](#), free speech zones, bubble zones, trespass zones, anti-bullying legislation, zero tolerance policies, hate crime laws, shadow banning on the Internet, and a host of other legalistic maladies dreamed up by politicians and prosecutors (and championed by those who want to suppress speech with which they might disagree) conspired to corrode our core freedoms, purportedly for our own good. On paper—at least according to the U.S. Constitution—we are technically free to speak. In reality, however, we are only as free to speak as a government official—or corporate entities such as Facebook, Google or YouTube—may allow. The reasons for such [censorship](#) varied widely from political correctness, so-called safety concerns and bullying to national security and hate crimes but the end result remained the same: the complete eradication of free speech.

**The Deep State took over.** The American system of representative government has been overthrown by the Deep State—a.k.a. the police state a.k.a. the military/corporate industrial complex—a profit-driven, militaristic corporate state bent on total control and global domination through the imposition of martial law here at home and by fomenting wars abroad. The “government of the people, by the people, for the people” has perished. In its place is a shadow government, a corporatized, militarized, entrenched bureaucracy that is fully operational and staffed by unelected officials who are, in essence, running the country and calling the shots in Washington DC, no matter who sits in the White House. Mind you, by “government,” I’m not referring to the highly partisan, two-party bureaucracy of the Republicans and Democrats. Rather, I’m referring to “government” with a capital “G,” the entrenched Deep State that is unaffected by

elections, unaltered by populist movements, and has set itself beyond the reach of the law. This is the hidden face of a government that has no respect for the freedom of its citizenry. This [shadow government](#), which “[operates according to its own compass heading regardless of who is formally in power](#),” makes a mockery of elections and the entire concept of a representative government.

The takeaway: Everything the founders of this country feared has come to dominate in modern America. “We the people” have been saddled with a government that is no longer friendly to freedom and is working overtime to trample the Constitution underfoot and render the citizenry powerless in the face of the government’s power grabs, corruption and abusive tactics.

So how do you balance the scales of justice at a time when Americans are being tasered, tear-gassed, pepper-sprayed, hit with batons, shot with rubber bullets and real bullets, blasted with sound cannons, [detained in cages and kennels](#), sicced by police dogs, arrested and jailed for challenging the government’s excesses, abuses and power-grabs, and then locked down and stripped of any semblance of personal freedom?

No matter who sits in the White House, politics won’t fix a system that is broken beyond repair.

For that matter, protests and populist movements also haven’t done much to push back against an authoritarian regime that is deaf to our cries, dumb to our troubles, blind to our needs, and accountable to no one.

So how do you not only push back against the government’s bureaucracy, corruption and cruelty but also launch a counterrevolution aimed at reclaiming control over the government using nonviolent means?

You start by changing the rules and engaging in some (nonviolent) guerilla tactics.

Take your cue from the Tenth Amendment and nullify everything the government does that flies in the face of the principles on which this nation was founded. If there is any means left to us for thwarting the government in its relentless march towards outright dictatorship, it may rest with the power of juries and local governments to invalidate governmental laws, tactics and policies that are illegitimate, egregious or blatantly unconstitutional.

In an age in which government officials accused of wrongdoing—police officers, elected officials, etc.—are treated with general leniency, while the average citizen is prosecuted to the full extent of the law, nullification is a powerful reminder that, as the Constitution tells us, “we the people” are the government.

For too long we’ve allowed our so-called “representatives” to call the shots. Now it’s time to restore the citizenry to their rightful place in the republic: as the masters, not the servants.

Nullification is one way of doing so.

America was meant to be primarily a system of local governments, which is a far cry from the colossal federal bureaucracy we have today. Yet if our freedoms are to be restored, understanding what is transpiring practically in your own backyard—in one’s home, neighborhood, school district, town council—and taking action at that local level must be the starting point.

Responding to unmet local needs and reacting to injustices is what grassroots activism is all about. Attend local city council meetings, speak up at town hall meetings, organize protests and letter-writing campaigns, employ “militant nonviolent resistance” and civil disobedience, which Martin Luther King Jr. used to great effect through the use of sit-ins, boycotts and marches.

The power to change things for the better rests with us, not the politicians.

As long as we continue to allow callousness, cruelty, meanness, immorality, ignorance, hatred, intolerance, racism, militarism, materialism, meanness and injustice—magnified by an echo chamber of nasty tweets and government-sanctioned brutality—to trump justice, fairness and equality, there can be no hope of prevailing against the police state.

We could transform this nation if only Americans would work together to harness the power of their discontent and push back against the government's overreach, excesses and abuse.

As I make clear in my book [Battlefield America: The War on the American People](#), the police state is marching forward, more powerful than ever.

If there is to be any hope for freedom in 2021, it rests with “we the people.”

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# **Big Brother in Disguise: The Rise of a New, Technological World Order**

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## Technological World Order

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*“You had to live—did live, from habit that became instinct—in the assumption that every sound you made was overheard, and, except in darkness, every movement scrutinized.”—George Orwell, 1984*

It had the potential for disaster.

Early in the morning of Monday, December 15, 2020, Google suffered a major worldwide outage in which [all of its internet-connected services crashed](#), including Nest, Google Calendar, Gmail, Docs, Hangouts, Maps, Meet and YouTube.

The outage only lasted an hour, but it was a chilling reminder of how reliant the world has become on internet-connected technologies to do everything from unlocking doors and turning up the heat to accessing work files, sending emails and making phone calls.

A year earlier, a Google outage resulted in Nest users being unable to access their Nest thermostats, Nest smart locks, and Nest cameras. As *Fast Company* reports, “This essentially meant that because of a cloud storage outage, [people were prevented from getting inside their homes, using their AC, and monitoring their babies.](#)”

Welcome to the Matrix.

Twenty-some years after the Wachowskis’ iconic film, *The Matrix*, introduced us to [a futuristic world in which humans exist in a computer-simulated non-reality powered by authoritarian machines](#)—a world where the choice between existing in a denial-ridden virtual dream-state or facing up

to the harsh, difficult realities of life comes down to a blue pill or a red pill—we stand at the precipice of a technologically-dominated matrix of our own making.

We are living the prequel to *The Matrix* with each passing day, falling further under the spell of technologically-driven virtual communities, virtual realities and virtual conveniences managed by artificially intelligent machines that are on a fast track to replacing human beings and eventually dominating every aspect of our lives.

Science fiction has become fact.

In *The Matrix*, [computer programmer Thomas Anderson a.k.a. hacker Neo is wakened from a virtual slumber by Morpheus](#), a freedom fighter seeking to liberate humanity from a lifelong hibernation state imposed by hyper-advanced artificial intelligence machines that rely on humans as an organic power source. With their minds plugged into a perfectly crafted virtual reality, few humans ever realize they are living in an artificial dream world.

Neo is given a choice: to take the red pill, wake up and join the resistance, or take the blue pill, remain asleep and serve as fodder for the powers-that-be.

Most people opt for the blue pill.

In our case, the blue pill—a one-way ticket to a life sentence in an electronic concentration camp—has been honey-coated to hide the bitter aftertaste, sold to us in the name of expediency and delivered by way of blazingly fast Internet, cell phone signals that never drop a call, thermostats that keep us at the perfect temperature without our having to raise a finger, and entertainment that can be simultaneously streamed to our TVs, tablets and cell phones.

Yet we are not merely in thrall with these technologies that were intended to make our lives easier. We have become

enslaved by them.

Look around you. Everywhere you turn, people are so addicted to their internet-connected screen devices—smart phones, tablets, computers, televisions—that they can go for hours at a time submerged in a virtual world where human interaction is filtered through the medium of technology.

This is not freedom.

This is not even progress.

This is technological tyranny and iron-fisted control delivered by way of the surveillance state, corporate giants such as Google and Facebook, and government spy agencies such as the National Security Agency.

So consumed are we with availing ourselves of all the latest technologies that we have spared barely a thought for the ramifications of our heedless, headlong stumble towards a world in which our abject reliance on internet-connected gadgets and gizmos is grooming us for a future in which freedom is an illusion.

Yet it's not just freedom that hangs in the balance. Humanity itself is on the line.

If ever Americans find themselves in bondage to technological tyrants, we will have only ourselves to blame for having forged the chains through our own lassitude, laziness and abject reliance on internet-connected gadgets and gizmos that render us wholly irrelevant.

Indeed, we're fast approaching Philip K. Dick's vision of the future as depicted in the film [Minority Report](#). There, police agencies apprehend criminals before they can commit a crime, driverless cars populate the highways, and a person's biometrics are constantly scanned and used to track their movements, target them for advertising, and keep them under



perpetual surveillance.

Cue the dawning of the Age of the Internet of Things (IoT), in which internet-connected “things” monitor your home, your health and your habits in order to keep your pantry stocked, your utilities regulated and your life under control and relatively worry-free.

The key word here, however, is *control*.

In the not-too-distant future, [“just about every device you have – and even products like chairs, that you don’t normally expect to see technology in – will be connected and talking to each other.”](#)

By the end of 2018, “there were an estimated 22 billion internet of things connected devices in use around the world.. Forecasts suggest that by 2030 around 50 billion of these IoT devices will be in use around the world, creating a massive web of interconnected devices spanning everything from smartphones to kitchen appliances.”

As the technologies powering these devices have become increasingly sophisticated, they have also become increasingly widespread, encompassing everything from toothbrushes and lightbulbs to cars, smart meters and medical equipment.

It is estimated that [127 new IoT devices are connected to the web every second.](#)

This “connected” industry has become the next big societal transformation, [right up there with the Industrial Revolution](#), a watershed moment in technology and culture.

Between driverless cars that completely lacking a steering wheel, accelerator, or brake pedal, and smart pills embedded with computer chips, sensors, cameras and robots, we are poised to outpace the imaginations of science fiction writers such as Philip K. Dick and Isaac Asimov. (By the way, there is

no such thing as a driverless car. Someone or something will be driving, but it won't be you.)

These Internet-connected techno gadgets include [smart light bulbs](#) that discourage burglars by making your house look occupied, [smart thermostats](#) that regulate the temperature of your home based on your activities, and [smart doorbells](#) that let you see who is at your front door without leaving the comfort of your couch.

Nest, Google's suite of smart home products, has been at the forefront of the "connected" industry, with such [technologically savvy conveniences](#) as a smart lock that tells your thermostat who is home, what temperatures they like, and when your home is unoccupied; a home phone service system that interacts with your connected devices to "learn when you come and go" and alert you if your kids don't come home; and a sleep system that will monitor when you fall asleep, when you wake up, and keep the house noises and temperature in a sleep-conducive state.

The aim of these internet-connected devices, as Nest proclaims, is to make "[your house a more thoughtful and conscious home](#)." For example, your car can signal ahead that you're on your way home, while Hue lights can flash on and off to get your attention if Nest Protect senses something's wrong. Your coffeemaker, relying on data from fitness and sleep sensors, will [brew a stronger pot of coffee](#) for you if you've had a restless night.

Yet given the speed and trajectory at which these technologies are developing, it won't be long before these devices are operating entirely independent of their human creators, which poses a whole new set of worries. As technology expert Nicholas Carr [notes](#), "As soon as you allow robots, or software programs, to act freely in the world, they're going to run up against ethically fraught situations and face hard choices that can't be resolved through statistical models. That will

be true of self-driving cars, self-flying drones, and battlefield robots, just as it's already true, on a lesser scale, with automated vacuum cleaners and lawnmowers."

For instance, just as the robotic vacuum, Roomba, "[makes no distinction between a dust bunny and an insect](#)," weaponized drones—poised to take to the skies en masse this year—will be incapable of distinguishing between a fleeing criminal and someone merely jogging down a street. For that matter, how do you defend yourself against a robotic cop—[such as the Atlas android being developed by the Pentagon](#)—that has been programmed to respond to any perceived threat with violence?

Moreover, it's not just our homes and personal devices that are being reordered and reimaged in this connected age: it's our workplaces, our health systems, our government, our bodies and our innermost thoughts that are being plugged into a matrix over which we have no real control.

Indeed, it is expected that by 2030, we will all experience The Internet of Senses (IoS), enabled by Artificial Intelligence (AI), Virtual Reality (VR), Augmented Reality (AR), 5G, and automation. The Internet of Senses relies on connected technology interacting with our senses of sight, sound, taste, smell, and touch by way of the brain as the user interface. As journalist Susan Fournier explains:

*Many predict that [by 2030, the lines between thinking and doing will blur](#). Fifty-nine percent of consumers believe that we will be able to see map routes on VR glasses by simply thinking of a destination... By 2030, technology is set to respond to our thoughts, and even share them with others... Using the brain as an interface could mean the end of keyboards, mice, game controllers, and ultimately user interfaces for any digital device. The user needs to only think about the commands, and they will just happen. Smartphones could even function without touch screens.*

In other words, the IoS will rely on technology being able to access and act on your thoughts.

Fourtane outlines [several trends related to the IoS](#) that are expected to become a reality by 2030:

*1: [Thoughts become action](#): using the brain as the interface, for example, users will be able to see map routes on VR glasses by simply thinking of a destination.*

*2: Sounds will become an extension of the devised virtual reality: users could mimic anyone's voice realistically enough to fool even family members.*

*3: Real food will become secondary to imagined tastes. A sensory device for your mouth could digitally enhance anything you eat, so that any food can taste like your favorite treat.*

*4: Smells will become a projection of this virtual reality so that virtual visits, to forests or the countryside for instance, would include experiencing all the natural smells of those places.*

*5: Total touch: Smartphones with screens will convey the shape and texture of the digital icons and buttons they are pressing.*

*6: Merged reality: VR game worlds will become indistinguishable from physical reality by 2030.*

Unfortunately, in our race to the future, we have failed to consider what such dependence on technology might mean for our humanity, not to mention our freedoms.

[Ingestible or implantable chips](#) are a good example of how unprepared we are, morally and otherwise, to navigate this uncharted terrain. Hailed as revolutionary for their ability to access, analyze and manipulate your body from the inside,

these smart pills can remind you to take your medication, search for cancer, and even send an alert to your doctor warning of an impending heart attack.

Sure, the technology could save lives, but is that all we need to know?

Have we done our due diligence in asking all the questions that need to be asked before unleashing such awesome technology on an unsuspecting populace?

For example, asks [Washington Post reporter Ariana Eunjung Cha](#):

*What kind of warnings should users receive about the risks of implanting chip technology inside a body, for instance? How will patients be assured that the technology won't be used to compel them to take medications they don't really want to take? Could law enforcement obtain data that would reveal which individuals abuse drugs or sell them on the black market? Could what started as a voluntary experiment be turned into a compulsory government identification program that could erode civil liberties?*

Let me put it another way.

If you were shocked by [Edward Snowden's revelations](#) about how NSA agents have used surveillance to spy on Americans' phone calls, emails and text messages, can you imagine what unscrupulous government agents could do with access to your internet-connected car, home and medications? Imagine what a SWAT team could do with the ability to access, monitor and control your internet-connected home—locking you in, turning off the lights, activating alarms, etc.

While President Trump signed the [Internet of Things Cybersecurity Improvement Act](#) into law on Dec. 4, 2020, in order to establish a baseline for security protection for the billions of IoT devices flooding homes and businesses, the law

does little to protect the American people against corporate and governmental surveillance.

In fact, the [public response to concerns about government surveillance has amounted to a collective shrug](#).

After all, who cares if the [government can track your whereabouts on your GPS-enabled device](#) so long as it helps you find the fastest route from Point A to Point B? Who cares if the [NSA is listening in on your phone calls and downloading your emails](#) so long as you can get your phone calls and emails on the go and get lightning fast Internet on the fly? Who cares if the government can monitor your activities in your home by tapping into your internet-connected devices—thermostat, water, lights—so long as you can control those things with the flick of a finger, whether you're across the house or across the country?

Control is the key here.

As I make clear in my book [Battlefield America: The War on the American People](#), total control over every aspect of our lives, right down to our inner thoughts, is the objective of any totalitarian regime.

[George Orwell understood this](#).

Orwell's masterpiece, *1984*, portrays a global society of total control in which people are not allowed to have thoughts that in any way disagree with the corporate state. There is no personal freedom, and advanced technology has become the driving force behind a surveillance-driven society. Snitches and cameras are everywhere. And people are subject to the Thought Police, who deal with anyone guilty of thought crimes. The government, or "Party," is headed by Big Brother, who appears on posters everywhere with the words: "Big Brother is watching you."

Make no mistake: the Internet of Things and its twin, the

Internet of Senses, is just Big Brother in disguise.

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# Rutherford Institute Challenges Baltimore's Use of City-Wide, Daytime Aerial Surveillance to Spy On and Track Citizens

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**PDF:**

[The amicus brief in](#)

[Leaders of a Beautiful Struggle v. Baltimore Police Department](#)

RICHMOND, Va. – Pushing back against efforts to extend the government's spying powers, The Rutherford Institute has asked a federal appeals court to end Baltimore's use of aerial surveillance to continuously track and monitor the activities of citizens throughout the city. In an [amicus brief](#) filed in partnership with Electronic Freedom Foundation, National Assn. of Criminal Defense Lawyers, and Brennan Center for Justice,

Rutherford Institute attorneys have asked the U.S. Court of Appeals to rule that the city's Aerial Investigative Research program, which uses plane-based cameras to record ground movements and is integrated with other city surveillance systems, violates the Fourth Amendment's prohibition on unreasonable searches and seizures. The [brief](#) in *Beautiful Struggle v. Baltimore Police Department*, which asks the Appeals Court to reconsider and reverse its earlier ruling upholding the program, argues that the comprehensive collection of data and tracking of over a half million people every day is a severe infringement on privacy rights and chills the exercise of the rights of speech and assembly protected by the First Amendment.

"We're on the losing end of a technological revolution that has already taken hostage our computers, our phones, our finances, our entertainment, our shopping, our appliances, and now, it's focused its sights on us from the air," said constitutional attorney John W. Whitehead, president of The Rutherford Institute and author of [Battlefield America: The War on the American People](#). "By subjecting Americans to surveillance without their knowledge or compliance and then storing the data for later use, the government has erected the ultimate suspect society. In such an environment, there is no such thing as 'innocent until proven guilty.'"

Concerned over rising crime rates within the city, in 2016, the Baltimore Police Department began secretly implementing an Aerial Investigative Research (AIR) program that deployed three planes equipped with cameras to record activities and the movements of persons throughout the entire city during daytime hours. When news reports revealed the existence of the AIR program, it was shut down due to strong public opposition. But the program was revived when a new police chief was appointed and its implementation was approved by the city council. Under the reimplemented program, airborne cameras continuously capture video of 90% of the city during daylight



hours. The captured images can detect individuals and track their movements. Although individuals appear as a pixelated dot on the AIR images and cannot be identified from those images, the AIR system is also integrated with other surveillance systems, including over 800 surveillance cameras using facial recognition technology and automated license plate readers that can track the movements of vehicles. In April 2020, a coalition of community organizers and activists sued the city, asserting that AIR's pervasive surveillance violates the Fourth Amendment's prohibition on unreasonable searches and seizures. After the district court refused to order that the AIR program be stopped, the coalition appealed to a panel of circuit court judges, which determined that the aerial surveillance was no more extensive than other systems used by the government. In the [appeal](#), The Rutherford Institute and its coalition partners argue that the AIR program's capacity to track individuals is just as objectionable as the government's use of cell phone location information, which the Supreme Court found violates the Fourth Amendment.

The Rutherford Institute, a nonprofit civil liberties organization, provides legal assistance at no charge to individuals whose constitutional rights have been threatened or violated and educates the public on a wide spectrum of issues affecting their freedoms.

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## **Warp Speed Ahead: COVID-19 Vaccines Pave the Way for a**

# New Frontier in Surveillance

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*[“Man’s conquest of Nature, if the dreams of some scientific planners are realized, means the rule of a few hundreds of men over billions upon billions of men.”](#) –C. S. Lewis, *The Abolition of Man**

Like it or not, the COVID-19 pandemic with its veiled threat of forced vaccinations, contact tracing, and genetically encoded vaccines is propelling humanity at warp speed into a whole new frontier—a surveillance matrix—the likes of which we’ve only previously encountered in science fiction.

Those who eye these developments with lingering mistrust have good reason to be leery: the government has long had a tendency to unleash untold horrors upon the world in the name of global conquest, the acquisition of greater wealth, scientific experimentation, and technological advances, all packaged in the guise of the greater good.

Indeed, “we the people” have been treated like lab rats by government agencies for decades now: caged, branded, [experimented upon without our knowledge or consent](#), and then conveniently discarded and left to suffer from the after-effects.

You don’t have to dig very deep or go very back in the nation’s history to uncover numerous cases in which the government deliberately [conducted secret experiments on an](#)

[unsuspecting populace, making healthy people sick](#) by spraying them with chemicals, injecting them with infectious diseases and exposing them to airborne toxins.

Now this same government—which has taken every bit of technology sold to us as being in our best interests (GPS devices, surveillance, nonlethal weapons, etc.) and used it against us, to track, control and trap us—wants us to fall in line as it prepares to roll out COVID-19 vaccines that owe a great debt to the Pentagon's Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency for its [past work on how to weaponize and defend against infectious diseases](#).

The Trump Administration by way of the National Institute of Health awarded \$22.8 million to seven corporations to develop artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, etc., with smart phone apps, wearable devices and software “that can [identify and trace contacts of infected individuals, keep track of verified COVID-19 test results, and monitor the health status of infected and potentially infected individuals](#).”

This is all part of [Operation Warp Speed](#), which President Trump has likened to the Manhattan Project, a covert government effort spearheaded by the military to engineer and build the world's first atomic bomb.

There is every reason to tread cautiously.

There is a sinister world beyond that which we perceive, one in which power players jockey for control over the one commodity that is a necessary ingredient for total domination: you.

By you, I mean you the individual in all your singular humanness.

Remaining singularly human and retaining your individuality and dominion over yourself—mind, body and soul—in the face of

corporate and government technologies that aim to invade, intrude, monitor, manipulate and control us may be one of the greatest challenges before us.

These COVID-19 vaccines, which rely on messenger RNA technology that [influences everything from viruses to memory](#), are merely the tipping point.

The groundwork being laid with these vaccines is a prologue to what will become the police state's conquest of a new, relatively uncharted, frontier: inner space, specifically, the inner workings (genetic, biological, biometric, mental, emotional) of the human race.

If you were unnerved by the rapid deterioration of privacy under the Surveillance State, [prepare to be terrified by the surveillance matrix that will be ushered in](#) on the heels of the government's rollout of this COVID-19 vaccine.

The term "matrix" was introduced into our cultural lexicon by the 1999 film *The Matrix* in which Neo, a computer programmer/hacker, awakens to the reality that humans have been enslaved by artificial intelligence and are being harvested for their bio-electrical energy.

Hardwired to a neuro-interactive simulation of reality called the "Matrix," humans are kept inactive and docile while robotic androids gather the electricity their bodies generate. In order for the machines who run the Matrix to maintain control, they impose what appears to be a perfect world for humans to keep them distracted, content, and submissive.

Here's the thing: Neo's Matrix is not so far removed from our own technologically-hardwired worlds in which we're increasingly beholden to corporate giants such as Google for powering so much of our lives. As journalist Ben Thompson explains:

*Google+ is about unifying all of Google's services under a*

*single log-in which can be tracked across the Internet on every site that serves Google ads, uses Google sign-in, or utilizes Google analytics. Every feature of Google+—or of YouTube, or Maps, or Gmail, or any other service—is [a flytrap meant to ensure you are logged in and being logged by Google at all times.](#)*

Everything we do is increasingly dependent on and, ultimately, controlled by our internet-connected, electronic devices. For example, in 2007, there were an estimated 10 million sensor devices connecting human utilized electronic devices (cell phones, laptops, etc.) to the Internet. By 2013, it had increased to 3.5 billion. By 2030, it is [estimated to reach 100 trillion.](#)

Much, if not all, of our electronic devices will be connected to Google, a neural network that approximates a massive global brain.

Google's resources, beyond anything the world has ever seen, includes the huge data sets that result from one billion people using Google every single day and the Google knowledge graph "which consists of [800 million concepts and billions of relationships](#) between them."

The end goal? The creation of a new "human" species, so to speak, and the NSA, the Pentagon and the "Matrix" of surveillance agencies are part of the plan. As William Binney, one of the highest-level whistleblowers to ever emerge from the NSA, said, "[The ultimate goal of the NSA is total population control.](#)"

Mind you, this isn't population control in the classic sense. It's more about controlling the population through *singularity*, a marriage of sorts between machine and human beings in which artificial intelligence and the human brain will merge to form a superhuman mind.

“Google will know the answer to your question before you have asked it,” predicts transhumanist scientist Ray Kurzweil. “It will have read every email you’ve ever written, every document, every idle thought you’ve ever tapped into a search-engine box. [It will know you better than your intimate partner does. Better, perhaps, than even yourself.](#)”

The term “singularity”—that is, computers simulating human life itself—was coined years ago by mathematical geniuses Stanislaw Ulam and John von Neumann. “The ever accelerating progress of technology,” warned von Neumann, “gives the appearance of [approaching some essential singularity in the history of the race](#) beyond which human affairs, as we know them, could not continue.”

The plan is to [develop a computer network that will exhibit intelligent behavior equivalent to or indistinguishable from that of human beings](#) by 2029. And this goal is to have computers that will be [“a billion times more powerful than all of the human brains on earth.”](#)

Neuralink, a brain-computer chip interface (BCI), paves the way for AI control of the human brain, at which point the disconnect between humans and AI-controlled computers will become blurred and human minds and computers will essentially become one and the same. “In the most severe scenario, [hacking a Neuralink-like device could turn ‘hosts’ into programmable drone armies capable of doing anything their ‘master’ wanted,](#)” writes Jason Lau for *Forbes*.

Advances in neuroscience indicate that future behavior can be predicted based upon activity in certain portions of the brain, potentially creating a nightmare scenario in which government officials select certain segments of the population for more invasive surveillance or quarantine based solely upon their brain chemistry.

Case in point: researchers at the Mind Research Center scanned

the brains of thousands of prison inmates in order to track their brain chemistry and their behavior after release. In one experiment, researchers determined that inmates with lower levels of activity in the area of the brain associated with error processing allegedly had a [higher likelihood of committing a crime](#) within four years of being released from prison. While researchers have cautioned against using the results of their research as a method of predicting future crime, it will undoubtedly become a focus of study for government officials.

There's no limit to what can be accomplished—for good or ill—using brain-computer interfaces.

Researchers at Duke University Medical Center have created a brain-to-brain interface between lab rats, which allows them to transfer information directly between brains. In one particular experiment, researchers trained a rat to perform a task where it would hit a lever when lit. The trained rat then had its brain connected to an untrained rat's brain via electrodes. The untrained rat was then able to learn the trained rat's behavior via electrical stimulation. This even [worked over great distances using the Internet](#), with a lab rat in North Carolina guiding the actions of a lab rat in Brazil.

Clearly, we are rapidly moving into the “posthuman era,” one in which humans will become a new type of being. “Technological devices,” writes journalist Marcelo Gleiser, “will be implanted in our heads and bodies, or used peripherally, like Google Glass, [extending our senses and cognitive abilities.](#)”

Transhumanism—the fusing of machines and people—is here to stay and will continue to grow.

In fact, as science and technology continue to advance, the ability to control humans will only increase. In 2014, for

example, it was revealed that scientists have [discovered how to deactivate that part of our brains that controls whether we are conscious or not](#). When researchers at George Washington University sent high frequency electrical signals to the claustrum—that thin sheet of neurons running between the left and right sides of the brain—their patients lost consciousness. Indeed, one patient started speaking more slowly until she became silent and still. When she regained consciousness, she had no memory of the event.

Add to this the fact that increasingly humans will be implanted with microchips for such benign purposes as tracking children or as medical devices to assist with our health. Such devices “point to an uber-surveillance society that is Big Brother on the inside looking out,” warns Dr. Katina Michael. [“Governments or large corporations would have the ability to track people’s actions and movements](#), categorize them into different socio-economic, political, racial, or consumer groups and ultimately even control them.”

As I make clear in my book [\*Battlefield America: The War on the American People\*](#), control is the issue.

In fact, Facebook and the Department of Defense are working to manipulate our behavior. In a 2012 study, [Facebook tracked the emotional states of over 600,000 of its users](#). The goal of the study was to see if the emotions of users could be manipulated based upon whether they were fed positive or negative information in their news feeds. The conclusion of the study was that [“emotional states can be transferred to others via emotional contagion](#), leading people to experience the same emotions without their awareness.”

All of this indicates a new path forward for large corporations and government entities that want to achieve absolute social control. Instead of relying solely on marauding SWAT teams and full-fledged surveillance apparatuses, they will work to manipulate our emotions to keep



us in lock step with the American police state.

Now add this warp speed-deployed vaccine to that mix, with all of the associated unknown and fearsome possibilities for altering or controlling human epigenetics, and you start to see the perils inherent in blindly adopting emerging technologies without any restrictions in place to guard against technological tyranny and abuse.

It's one thing for the starship Enterprise to boldly go where no man has gone before, but even Mr. Spock [recognized the dangers of a world dominated by AI](#). "Computers make excellent and efficient servants," he observed in "The Ultimate Computer" episode of *Star Trek*, "but I have no wish to serve under them."

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# James Corbett: When False Flags Go Virtual

## [When False Flags Go Virtual](#)

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Imagine this: you wake up to the blaring of your alarm clock and immediately reach for your smartphone to scroll your Insta feed before getting out of bed. But instead of the usual delightful and informative Instagram posts, today you're greeted by a "server not found" error.

Deciding that it's too early in the morning to deal with this,

you hop in the shower . . . but for some reason Alexa won't play your Spotify playlist through your bathroom smart speakers. You have to shower in silence like a luddite.

Getting frustrated, you head downstairs for breakfast. You prop your iPad up next to you and go to check your email while stuffing your face with your morning bowl of Cheerios-GMOs (now with extra HFCS!) but you're not getting any new messages. You turn on your smart TV and navigate to YouTube so you can catch up on all the latest news from MSNBC, but all you get is the never ending spiral of the spinning "loading" wheel.

Twitter? Down.

Facebook? No luck.

Reddit? Forget it!

Increasingly desperate, you try in vain to remember how to turn on your regular terrestrial TV. Then you recall you have something collecting dust in a closet somewhere: a radio. You turn it on, fumble with the dial, and find a station just in time to hear the announcement:

". . . is claiming responsibility for the outage. Once again, widespread outages across a range of internet services is sweeping the globe this morning, as a shadowy new terror group emerges to take responsibility . . ."

Suddenly, your phone starts making a strange sound. You don't know what it's doing at first, until you realize it's ringing. One of your friends is *calling* you. On the phone. Not texting, tweeting, messaging or snapchatting. Actually calling you.

"Hello?"

"Hey Norm! You hear about the big news? Internet's down!"

"Yeah."

“They say it’s some kind of new terror group. Cybeterrorists In Action. C.I.A. for short. Sounds pretty scary.”

. . . Oh, OK, I’ll stop teasing. Of course this doesn’t describe *you* or *your* daily routines, dear reader. I know you’re the clued-in, switched-on sort who peruses The Corbett Report and avoids normie internet sites like the plague (the real plague, not this ginned-up COVID cold).

But don’t scoff at the scenario. A scene like this one could play out one day for billions of Normie McNormesons around the world. And when it does, there will already be a plan in place for changing the internet as we know it.

As I know you know, the transition from the homeland security state to the biosecurity state that I documented in [COVID-911](#) raises the specter of [false flag bioterrorism](#). But there are other vectors for false flag attacks that could cause massive disruption to our lives, and, like every spectacular false flag event, increase the power and control of the deep state. In this case, I’m thinking of false flag cyberterrorism.

The idea of a “cyber 9/11” coming along to disrupt the internet has been around since the actual 9/11 occurred. Back in 2003, even as the Pentagon was feverishly drafting [its plans](#) to “fight the net” as if it were “an enemy weapons system,” Mike McConnell, the ex-director of the National Security Agency (NSA), was [fearmongering over the possibility of a cyber attack](#) “equivalent to the attack on the World Trade Center” if a new institution were not created to oversee cybersecurity. In the following years, [report](#) after [report](#) continued to use the horror of 9/11 as a way of fueling public hysteria over cyberterrorism until just such a US Cyber Command was created.

But the creation of CYBERCOM did not end the cyber threat anymore than the creation of the Department of Homeland

Security ended the terror threat, and for precisely the same reason: the *real* terror threat doesn't come from the cave-dwelling terrorists that the politicians tell us to be afraid of. No, the real terror threat comes from the very agencies that have been tasked with "saving" the public from the terrorist bogeymen.

Case in point: Stuxnet. As you might recall, Stuxnet was a military-grade cyberweapon [co-developed by the United States and Israel](#) that specifically targeted Iran's nuclear enrichment facility at Natanz. As we later learned, Stuxnet was only one part of a full-scale military cyberattack against Iran codenamed [Nitro Zeus](#).

Yes, to the surprise of absolutely no one, the largest and costliest cyberweapon ever developed (or at least officially acknowledged) was not the product of an Al-CIA-da cyberterror group or even the dreaded "Russian hackers," but the militaries of the US and Israel. Neither should it be surprising to learn that the intelligence agencies have crafted ways of making such cyberweapons *appear* to have been created by other entities, which is a functionality that is essential to any false flag attack.

We know, for example, that the CIA has already developed the [Marble Framework](#), an anti-forensic tool that "might be used to disguise the CIA's own hacks to appear as if they were Russian, Chinese, or from specific other countries." In other words, the CIA has spent time and energy developing a way to pin the blame for its own cyberweapons on its enemies. Although the CIA obviously will not confirm why, how or even if Marble has been deployed in the past, there is no other explanation for its existence: it is a tool for enabling virtual false flag terrorism.

This is important because, exactly as the Patriot Act was already [ready and waiting in the wings](#) pre-9/11, so, too, is an "iPatriot Act" ready and waiting in the wings for a "cyber

9/11” to come along and justify its enactment

We do not have to speculate about this. It was confirmed by Harvard Law professor Lawrence Lessig at a conference in 2008. “I had dinner once with Richard Clarke at the table,” he [told the audience](#) at Fortune’s Brainstorm Tech conference in Half Moon Bay, California. “And I said, ‘Is there an equivalent to the Patriot Act – an iPatriot Act – just sitting, waiting for some substantial event? Just waiting for them to come have the excuse for radically changing the way the Internet works?’ And he said, ‘Of course there is’ – and I swear this is what he said – ‘and Vint Cerf is not going to like it very much.’”

Keep in mind that the Richard Clarke who told Lessig about the iPatriot Act is the same Richard Clarke who came out after the [death of Michael Hastings](#) to note that intelligence agencies have ways to remotely hijack cars, steer people to their deaths and disguise their tracks well enough to “[get away with it](#).” Also keep in mind that Joe Biden likes to brag about having [written the \[regular\] Patriot Act in 1994](#).

So what kinds of things might be contained in such an iPatriot Act? Once again, we don’t have to speculate. Various government officials have talked about their wish list for an internet clampdown in recent years.

- In March of 2009, Senator Jay Rockefeller [opined](#) during a subcommittee hearing that the internet is proving to be such a threat to America’s national security that it would have been better if it had never existed.
- In June of 2010, Senator Joe Lieberman [stated](#) that he believed the US needed the same ability to shut down the internet as China currently has.
- Also in 2010, Microsoft Senior Advisor and Bilderberg attendee Craig Mundie [called for](#) the creation of a “World Health Organization for the internet” and suggested creating government-issued licenses to authorize internet usage.

- In 2011, Bill Clinton [advocated](#) the idea that the US government create an agency for “fact-checking” websites on the internet.
- In 2015, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (yes, [that NIST](#)) unveiled the “[Trusted Identities Group](#),” part of a national strategy for standardizing online identification systems.

Given all of this, it is not hard to imagine how a cyberterror event may play out: A cataclysmic attack on the internet’s infrastructure massively disrupts people’s online lives for a period of days or weeks. Social media is inaccessible. Online banking and shopping is halted. All news and information during the internet blackout comes from the old, controlled dinosaur media. A shocked and distressed public learn that the Russians (or whatever *bogeyman du jour* is convenient) are being blamed for the attack. In order to prevent such a thing from reoccurring, emergency legislation is passed in the US (and, coincidentally, in all other Western nations) requiring proof of identity to use any and all internet services.

In one fell swoop, not only would the last vestiges of internet anonymity be eliminated, but a key part of the erection of the social credit control grid would be in place. Now, just like in China, all of your online activity would be tied directly to your social credit score. Lieberman must be wetting his pants in anticipation.

Of course, this is not to say that the internet as we’ve known it would be gone altogether if such a scenario were to play out. In a network that was literally designed to be accessible and usable in the wake of any cataclysm, even nuclear holocaust, there will always be alternative ways of getting online access. There will be [pirate internet](#) and [mesh networks](#) and [dweb sites](#) and peer-to-peer protocols like [LBRY](#) that will be accessible to anyone able and willing to put in the effort to learn about such technologies. But the Normie McNormieson we met in the imaginary tale at the

beginning of this article would be forever cut off from the free and open internet of old. (Good thing we're not Normie McNormieson, huh?)

As ever, it is important to know about these false flag possibilities so that when a spectacular cyberterror event takes place we are not railroaded into a phony solution that will serve only to increase the power and control of the *real* terrorists. And, in the meantime, it is important to be researching and preparing ourselves for just such an event so that, regardless of whether it happens as predicted or not, we will be less dependent on the systems of control that are increasingly defining the normie internet.

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[The Rutherford Institute’s letter to Socrates Academy](#)

[“Parental Reservation of Rights – Remote Learning Surveillance” opt-out letter](#)

MATTHEWS, N.C.— The Rutherford Institute has come to the defense of a North Carolina student who was suspended from school and reported to police for possessing a look-alike weapon and making a threat after he displayed a toy gun during a virtual class as part of a Halloween assignment to “look scary.” In a [letter](#) to the principal of Socrates Academy in Matthews, N.C., Rutherford Institute attorneys are demanding that the weapons charges be removed from the child’s school records. In the wake of a growing number of incidents in which students have been suspended and reported to police by school officials for having toy guns nearby (at home) while taking part in virtual schooling, The Rutherford Institute has also made available to parents a [precautionary “opt out” letter](#) as a means by which families whose children are taking part in remote learning / virtual classes might assert their Fourth Amendment privacy rights and guard against intrusive government surveillance posed by remote learning technologies.

“While the COVID-19 pandemic has undoubtedly introduced



significant challenges for the schools, as they vacillate between holding classes online, in-person or a hybrid of the two, remote learning (by way of online or virtual classes) should not be used to justify the expansion of draconian zero tolerance policies to encompass so-called 'violations' that take place in students' homes and home environments," said constitutional attorney John W. Whitehead, president of The Rutherford Institute and author of [Battlefield America: The War on the American People](#). "This incident should serve as a cautionary tale for the rest of the nation's public schools on what *not* to do when similar circumstances arise as they undoubtedly will: students would be better served if school officials opted to employ some common sense and did *not* overreact, overstep and overreach."

Like many other schools around the country since the COVID-19 pandemic struck, Socrates Academy conducts virtual classes using the Zoom meeting application. For at least part of their schooling, students remain at home and receive instruction and participate in classes at a webcam-enabled computer where they see and are seen by their teacher and classmates. On October 27, a sixth grader at Socrates Academy was participating from home in a Chinese class via Zoom when the teacher asked students to make a scary face when asked "Trick or Treat" as part of a Halloween activity. When this particular sixth grader's turn came, he wordlessly pointed a broken toy gun at the computer screen as his scary gesture. It was the only time the toy appeared during the class. Afterwards, the teacher reported the incident to the Academy's principal. School officials subsequently suspended the boy until November 2 for violating school policies banning weapons and threatening another student. The incident was also reported to the police, who visited the child's home to conduct a "safety check." In its [letter demanding that the weapons charge be expunged](#) from the child's record, Rutherford Institute attorneys point out that state law forbids application of school disciplinary policies to off-campus conduct unless the conduct has a direct

impact on the safety of individuals in the school.

The Rutherford Institute, a nonprofit civil liberties organization, defends individuals whose constitutional rights have been violated and educates the public about threats to their freedoms.

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## Case History

[September 17, 2020 • Rutherford Institute Issues 'Opt Out' Letter for Families to Preserve Privacy Rights at Home in the Presence of Virtual Classroom Surveillance](#)

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# UN Announces Biometric Digital ID Wallet

[UN Announces Biometric Digital ID Wallet](#)

by [Spiro Skouras](#), *Activist Post*

November 17, 2020

Recently, the United Nations had some big announcements that went largely unnoticed, including the rollout of a biometric digital wallet and an announcement that one of its specialized agencies The International Civil Aviation Organization is one step closer to a internationally recognized digital travel

credential.

As reported by Biometric Update, this particular UN biometric digital wallet is intended for UN employees and it can be used for data related to human resources, medical status, travel, payroll and pensions.

I hope you see where this is going, every aspect of our lives will be centralized digitally using biometrics and in many cases the blockchain, AI and 5G.

I can't help but to raise the question, what kind of social controls could this possibly provide the technocrats if people decide not to obey certain restrictions or requirements?

Example: If you didn't get your latest shot, individuals may face travel restrictions. Or, you may not be able go to work, or your payments may be frozen until you comply.

They may not have to mandate anything if they can 'encourage' you to obey.

**Digital travel credential one step closer with ICAO implementation model approval**

<https://www.biometricupdate.com/202011/digital-travel-credential-one-step-closer-with-icao-implementation-model-approval>

**Replacing a conventional passport with digital travel credentials**

<https://unitingaviation.com/news/security-facilitation/replacing-a-conventional-passport-with-digital-travel-credentials/>

**Acuant Joins Canada's Digital Identity Organization to Impact a More Secure Future**

<https://www.globenewswire.com/news-release/2020/11/17/2128087/0/en/Acuant-Joins-Canada-s-Digital-Identity-Organization-to-Impact-a-More-Secure-Future.html>

**Biometric smart cards and civic digital identity apps to redefine wallets**

<https://www.biometricupdate.com/202011/biometric-smart-cards-and-civic-digital-identity-apps-to-redefine-wallets>

**Anti-Vaxxers Could Be Banned from Work if They Refuse to Get the COVID-19 Vaccine**

<https://www.distractify.com/p/anti-vaxxers-banned-work-refuse-vaccine>

**Trust Stamp integrating biometric hash solution with Mastercard on children's vaccine record system**

<https://www.biometricupdate.com/202007/trust-stamp-integrating-biometric-hash-solution-with-mastercard-on-childrens-vaccine-record-system>

**Fact Checking the Fact Checkers: Bill Gates, ID2020 & Vaccine Microchips**

<https://www.activistpost.com/2020/04/fact-checking-the-fact-checkers-bill-gates-id2020-vaccine-microchips.html>

**Henry Kissinger & Bill Gates Call For Mass Vaccination & Global Governance**

<https://www.activistpost.com/2020/04/henry-kissinger-bill-gates-call-for-mass-vaccination-global-governance.html>

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**Ticketmaster Says No Vaccine, No Entry! What Was Once “Conspiracy Theory” Is Now**

# Conspiracy Fact.

## [Ticketmaster Says No Vaccine, No Entry! What Was Once “Conspiracy Theory” Is Now Conspiracy Fact](#)

by [Dan Dicks](#), *[Press for Truth](#)*

November 13, 2020

Vaccine certificates and immunity passports were just “conspiracy theories” 6 months ago and now they’re conspiracy fact as IBM, the CDC and the WHO are conspiring together to mass inoculate as much of the population as possible with a COVID-19(84) vaccine. In this video Dan Dicks of Press For Truth explains why IBM is a terrible choice for third party data handling while proving that so called “conspiracy theories” are slowly becoming conspiracy facts as the powers that ought not to be incrementally crank up the heat in a boiling frog scenario that is starting to get extremely hot!

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## Online Exam Software Sparks Global Student Revolt + More

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*The Defender's Big Brother NewsWatch brings you the latest headlines related to governments' abuse of power, including attacks on democracy, civil liberties and use of mass surveillance.*

by [Children's Health Defense Team](#)

November 13, 2020

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**'Unfair Surveillance'? Online Exam Software Sparks Global Student Revolt. [Thomson Reuters Foundation News reported:](#)**

"As [COVID-19](#) restrictions force students to take remote exams, universities around the world are relying on proctoring software like Examplify. But many students are [wary of the technology](#), including mass data collection and bias in facial recognition."

**The Post Covid World, The WEF's Diabolical Project: 'Resetting the Future of Work Agenda' – After 'The Great Reset.' A Horrifying Future. [Global Research reported:](#)**

"They call 'Resetting the Future' a White Paper, meaning it's not quite a final version. It is a draft of sorts, a trial balloon, to measure people's reactions. It reads indeed like an executioner's tale. Many people may not read it – have no awareness of its existence. If they did, they would go up in arms and fight this latest totalitarian blueprint, offered to the world by the WEF.

"It promises a horrifying future to some 80%-plus of the (surviving) population. George Orwell's "1984" reads like a benign fantasy, as compared to what the WEF has in mind for humanity."

**How Artificial Intelligence May Be Making You Buy Things. [BBC](#)**

## **News reported:**

“‘Our AI system tracks people’s behaviour patterns rather than their purchases, and the more you shop the more the AI knows about what kinds of products you like,’ he says.

“‘The AI module is designed not only to do the obvious stuff, but it learns as it goes along and becomes anticipatory. It can start to build a picture of how likely you are to try a different brand, or to buy chocolate on a Saturday.’”

## **On U.S. Digital Rights, Biden Presidency Could Be ‘a Real Opportunity.’ Thomson Reuters Foundation News reported:**

“U.S. President-elect Joe Biden should move fast to protect digital rights by curbing the use of facial recognition and surveillance, regulating big tech and tackling discrimination perpetuated by algorithms, campaigners said this week.

“As the Democratic former vice president lays the groundwork for his administration, 10 U.S.-based digital rights and racial justice groups signed a statement setting out their [policy proposals for his first 100 days](#) in office.”

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## **November 12, 2020**

### **How Ticketmaster Plans to Check Your Vaccine Status for Concerts. Billboard reported:**

“Here’s how it would work, if approved: After purchasing a ticket for a concert, fans would need to verify that they have already been [vaccinated](#) (which would provide approximately one year of [COVID-19](#) protection) or test negative for coronavirus approximately 24 to 72 hours prior to the concert. The length of coverage a test would provide would be governed by regional health authorities – if attendees of a Friday night concert had to be tested 48 hours in advance, most could start the testing process the day before the event. If it was a 24-hour

window, most people would likely be tested the same day of the event at a lab or a health clinic.”

**San Diego City Council backs surveillance technology ordinances. [Cities Today reported:](#)**

“The move comes after San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer [recently ordered](#) sensors and cameras on the city’s 3,200 smart streetlights to be deactivated until an ordinance is in place. The [Smart Streetlight Program](#), which originally aimed to save costs and use data to improve mobility, public safety and more, faced mounting criticism over [privacy and surveillance](#) and additional controversy recently relating to San Diego police accessing [video footage](#) from streetlights to help solve crimes.”

**Contact Tracing Apps Were Big Tech’s Best Idea for Fighting COVID. Why Haven’t They Helped? [Time reported:](#)**

“‘Concern about privacy is one of the things that’s suppressing adoption,” says Christian Sandvig, director of the Center for Ethics, Society, and Computing at the University of Michigan. That’s despite the fact that the Google-Apple protocol – which doesn’t track or share users’ locations or identities – represents the ‘gold standard’ for privacy protection, Sandvig says . . .

“But many users may not see it that way, especially in an era when Americans’ trust in Big Tech is [eroding](#) and technology firms are catching flak from all sides of the political spectrum. In some instances, privacy concerns are even killing contact-tracing apps in the cradle – South Carolina, for instance, announced plans in May to deploy a Google-Apple powered contact-tracing app, only to [shelve the plan](#) the next month after lawmakers banned such software over privacy concerns.”

**Video Greatly Enhances Contact Tracing at Chicago Juvenile Detention Center. [Infection Control Today reported:](#)**



“Video surveillance isn’t available in most healthcare settings, at least not the sort of video surveillance employed at a juvenile detention center. The use of video surveillance greatly increased the ability of administrators and medical personnel to contact trace at the Cook County Juvenile Temporary Detention Center (JTDC) in Chicago, according to a preprint [study](#) in the American Journal of Infection Control.”

**Compliance Revolution: Digital ID Apps to Exceed 6.2 Billion By 2025 Says Research. [Finance Feeds reported:](#)**

“A new study from [Juniper Research](#) has found that the number of digital identity apps in use will exceed 6.2 billion in 2025, from just over 1 billion in 2020. The research found that civic identity apps, where government-issued identities are held in an app, will account for almost 90% of digital identity apps installed globally in 2025; driven by the increasing use of civic identity in emerging markets and the lasting impact of the pandemic.”

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# End the Government’s War on America’s Military Veterans

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by [John W. Whitehead](#), [The Rutherford Institute](#)

November 09, 2020

*[“For soldiers ... coming home is more lethal than being in combat.”](#) – Brené Brown, research professor at the University of Houston*

The 2020 presidential election may be over, but nothing has really changed.

The U.S. government still poses the greatest threat to our freedoms.

More than terrorism, more than domestic extremism, more than gun violence and organized crime, even more than the perceived threat posed by any single politician, the U.S. government remains a greater menace to the life, liberty and property of its citizens than any of the so-called dangers from which the government claims to protect us.

This threat is especially pronounced for America's military veterans, especially that portion of the population that exercises their First Amendment right to speak out against government wrongdoing.

Consider: we raise our young people on a steady diet of militarism and war, sell them on the idea that defending freedom abroad by serving in the military is their patriotic duty, then when they return home, bruised and battle-scarred and committed to defending their freedoms at home, we often treat them like criminals *merely for exercising those rights they risked their lives to defend.*

The government even has a name for its war on America's veterans: [Operation Vigilant Eagle](#).

As first reported by the *Wall Street Journal*, this Department of Homeland Security (DHS) program tracks military veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan and characterizes them as extremists and potential domestic terrorist threats because they may be "disgruntled, disillusioned or suffering from the psychological effects of war."

Coupled with the DHS' dual reports on [Rightwing and Leftwing "Extremism,"](#) which broadly define extremists as individuals, military veterans and groups "that are mainly antigovernment,

rejecting federal authority in favor of state or local authority, or rejecting government authority entirely,” these tactics bode ill for anyone seen as opposing the government.

Yet the government is not merely targeting individuals who are voicing their discontent so much as it is taking aim at *individuals trained in military warfare*.

Don't be fooled by the fact that the DHS has gone extremely quiet about Operation Vigilant Eagle.

Where there's smoke, there's bound to be fire.

And the government's efforts to target military veterans whose views may be perceived as “anti-government” make clear that something is afoot.

In recent years, military servicemen and women have found themselves increasingly targeted for [surveillance](#), censorship, threatened with incarceration or involuntary commitment, labeled as [extremists](#) and/or mentally ill, and [stripped of their Second Amendment rights](#).

In light of the government's efforts to lay the groundwork to weaponize the public's biomedical data and [predict who might pose a threat to public safety based on mental health sensor data](#) (a convenient means by which to penalize certain “unacceptable” social behaviors), encounters with the police could get even more deadly, especially if those involved have a mental illness or disability coupled with a military background.

Incredibly, as part of a proposal being considered by the Trump Administration, a new government agency HARPA (a healthcare counterpart to the Pentagon's research and development arm DARPA) will take the lead in [identifying and targeting “signs” of mental illness or violent inclinations among the populace](#) by using artificial intelligence to collect data from Apple Watches, Fitbits, Amazon Echo and Google Home.

These tactics are not really new.

Many times throughout history in totalitarian regimes, such governments have declared dissidents mentally ill and unfit for society as a means of rendering them disempowering them.

As Pulitzer Prize-winning author Anne Applebaum observes in *Gulag: A History*: “The exile of prisoners to a distant place, where they can ‘pay their debt to society,’ make themselves useful, and not contaminate others with their ideas or their criminal acts, is a practice as old as civilization itself. [The rulers of ancient Rome and Greece sent their dissidents off to distant colonies.](#) Socrates chose death over the torment of exile from Athens. The poet Ovid was exiled to a fetid port on the Black Sea.”

For example, government officials in the Cold War-era Soviet Union often used psychiatric hospitals as prisons in order to isolate political prisoners from the rest of society, discredit their ideas, and break them physically and mentally through the use of electric shocks, drugs and various medical procedures.

Insisting that “[ideas about a struggle for truth and justice are formed by personalities with a paranoid structure,](#)” the psychiatric community actually went so far as to provide the government with a diagnosis suitable for locking up such freedom-oriented activists.

In addition to declaring political dissidents mentally unsound, Russian officials also made use of an administrative process for dealing with individuals who were considered a bad influence on others or troublemakers.

Author George Kennan describes a process in which:

*The obnoxious person may not be guilty of any crime . . . but if, in the opinion of the local authorities, his presence in a particular place is “prejudicial to public order” or*

*“incompatible with public tranquility,” he may be arrested without warrant, may be held from two weeks to two years in prison, and may then be removed by force to any other place within the limits of the empire and there be put under police surveillance for a period of from one to ten years. Administrative exile—which required no trial and no sentencing procedure—was an ideal punishment not only for troublemakers as such, but also for political opponents of the regime.*

Sound familiar?

This age-old practice by which despotic regimes eliminate their critics or potential adversaries by declaring them mentally ill and locking them up in psychiatric wards for extended periods of time is a common practice in present-day China.

What is particularly unnerving, however, is how this practice of eliminating or undermining potential critics, including military veterans, is happening with increasing frequency in the United States.

Remember, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) opened the door for the government to detain as a threat to national security anyone viewed as a troublemaker. According to government guidelines for identifying domestic extremists—a word used interchangeably with terrorists—technically, anyone exercising their First Amendment rights in order to criticize the government qualifies.

It doesn't take much anymore to be flagged as potentially anti-government in a government database somewhere—Main Core, for example—that identifies and tracks individuals who aren't inclined to march in lockstep to the government's dictates.

In fact, as the *Washington Post* reports, communities are being mapped and residents assigned a color-coded threat

[score](#)—green, yellow or red—so police are forewarned about a person's potential inclination to be a troublemaker depending on whether they've had a career in the military, posted a comment perceived as threatening on Facebook, suffer from a particular medical condition, or know someone who knows someone who might have committed a crime.

The case of [Brandon Raub](#) is a prime example of Operation Vigilant Eagle in action.

Raub, a 26-year-old decorated Marine, actually found himself interrogated by government agents about his views on government corruption, arrested with no warning, labeled mentally ill for subscribing to so-called "conspiratorial" views about the government, detained against his will in a psych ward for standing by his views, and isolated from his family, friends and attorneys.

On August 16, 2012, a swarm of local police, Secret Service and FBI agents arrived at Raub's Virginia home, asking to speak with him about posts he had made on his Facebook page made up of song lyrics, political opinions and dialogue used in a political thriller virtual card game.

Among the posts cited as troublesome were lyrics to a song by a rap group and Raub's views, shared increasingly by a number of Americans, that the 9/11 terrorist attacks were an inside job.

After a brief conversation and without providing any explanation, levying any charges against Raub or reading him his rights, [Raub was then handcuffed and transported to police headquarters](#), then to a medical center, where he was held against his will due to alleged concerns that his Facebook posts were "terrorist in nature."

Outraged onlookers filmed the arrest and posted the footage to YouTube, where it quickly went viral. Meanwhile, in a kangaroo court hearing that turned a deaf ear to Raub's explanations

about the fact that his Facebook posts were being read out of context, Raub was sentenced to up to 30 days' further confinement in a psychiatric ward.

Thankfully, [The Rutherford Institute came to Raub's assistance](#), which combined with heightened media attention, brought about his release and may have helped prevent Raub from being successfully "disappeared" by the government.

Even so, within days of Raub being seized and forcibly held in a VA psych ward, news reports started surfacing of other veterans having similar experiences.

["Oppositional defiance disorder"](#) (ODD) is another diagnosis being used against veterans who challenge the status quo. As journalist Anthony Martin explains, an ODD diagnosis

*"denotes that the person exhibits 'symptoms' such as the questioning of authority, the refusal to follow directions, stubbornness, the unwillingness to go along with the crowd, and the practice of disobeying or ignoring orders. [Persons may also receive such a label if they are considered free thinkers, nonconformists, or individuals who are suspicious of large, centralized government...](#) At one time the accepted protocol among mental health professionals was to reserve the diagnosis of oppositional defiance disorder for children or adolescents who exhibited uncontrollable defiance toward their parents and teachers."*

Frankly, based on how well my personality and my military service in the U.S. Armed Forces fit with this description of "oppositional defiance disorder," I'm sure there's a file somewhere with my name on it.

That the government is using the charge of mental illness as the means by which to immobilize (and disarm) these veterans is diabolical. With one stroke of a magistrate's pen, these veterans are being declared mentally ill, locked away against

their will, and stripped of their constitutional rights.

If it were just being classified as “anti-government,” that would be one thing.

Unfortunately, anyone with a military background and training is also now being viewed as a heightened security threat by police who are trained to shoot first and ask questions later.

Feeding this perception of veterans [as ticking time bombs](#) in need of intervention, the Justice Department launched [a pilot program in 2012 aimed at training SWAT teams to deal with confrontations involving highly trained and often heavily armed combat veterans](#).

The result?

Police encounters with military veterans often escalate very quickly into an explosive and deadly situation, especially when SWAT teams are involved.

For example, Jose Guerena, a Marine who served in two tours in Iraq, was [killed after an Arizona SWAT team kicked open the door of his home during a mistaken drug raid](#) and opened fire. Thinking his home was being invaded by criminals, Guerena told his wife and child to hide in a closet, grabbed a gun and waited in the hallway to confront the intruders. He never fired his weapon. In fact, the safety was still on his gun when he was killed. The SWAT officers, however, not as restrained, fired 70 rounds of ammunition at Guerena—23 of those bullets made contact. Apart from his military background, Guerena had had no prior criminal record, and the police found nothing illegal in his home.

John Edward Chesney, a 62-year-old Vietnam veteran, was [killed by a SWAT team](#) allegedly responding to a call that the Army veteran was standing in his San Diego apartment window waving what looked like a semi-automatic rifle. SWAT officers locked down Chesney’s street, took up positions around his home, and



fired 12 rounds into Chesney's apartment window. It turned out that the gun Chesney reportedly pointed at police from three stories up was a "realistic-looking mock assault rifle."

[Ramon Hooks' encounter with a Houston SWAT team did not end as tragically, but it very easily could have.](#) Hooks, a 25-year-old Iraq war veteran, was using an air rifle gun for target practice outside when a Homeland Security Agent, allegedly house shopping in the area, reported him as an active shooter. It wasn't long before the quiet neighborhood was transformed into a war zone, with dozens of cop cars, an armored vehicle and heavily armed police. Hooks was arrested, his air rifle pellets and toy gun confiscated, and charges filed against him for "criminal mischief."

Given the government's increasing view of veterans as potential domestic terrorists, it makes one think twice about [government programs encouraging veterans to include a veterans designation on their drivers' licenses and ID cards.](#)

Hailed by politicians as a way to "[make it easier for military veterans to access discounts from retailers, restaurants, hotels and vendors across the state,](#)" it will also make it that much easier for the government to identify and target veterans who dare to challenge the status quo.

Remember: no one is spared in a police state.

Eventually, as I make clear in my book [\*Battlefield America: The War on the American People\*](#), we all suffer the same fate.

It stands to reason that if the government can't be bothered to abide by its constitutional mandate to respect the citizenry's rights—whether it's the right to be free from government surveillance and censorship, the right to due process and fair hearings, the right to be free from roadside strip searches and militarized police, or the right to peacefully assemble and protest and exercise our right to free speech—then why should anyone expect the government to treat

our nation's veterans with respect and dignity?

It's time to end the government's war on the American people, and that includes military veterans.

Certainly, veterans have enough physical and psychological war wounds to overcome without adding the government to the mix. Although the U.S. boasts [more than 20 million veterans](#) who have served in World War II through the present day, large numbers of veterans are impoverished, unemployed, traumatized mentally and physically, struggling with depression, [suicide](#), and marital stress, homeless, subjected to sub-par treatment at clinics and hospitals, and left to mold while their [paperwork piles up within Veterans Administration offices](#).

[At least 60,000 veterans died by suicide](#) between 2008 and 2017.

On average, [6,000 veterans kill themselves every year](#), and the numbers are on the rise.

The plight of veterans today—and their treatment at the hands of the U.S. government—remains America's badge of shame.

So here's a suggestion: if you really want to do something to show your respect and appreciation for the nation's veterans, why not skip the parades and the flag-waving and instead go exercise your rights—the freedoms that those veterans swore to protect—by pushing back against the government's tyranny.

It's time the rest of the nation did its part to safeguard the freedoms we too often take for granted.

Freedom is not free.

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# British Army to Begin Testing, Barcoding & “Securing” Children Without Parental Consent

[Covid19: British Army to Begin Testing Children Without Parental Consent](#)

by [Kit Knightly](#), *OffGuardian*

November 7, 2020



The Liverpool-based Broadgreen International School is in the “privileged position” of running a pilot scheme with Public Health England that will:

- Bring in the military to run Covid19 tests.
- Test children without getting parental consent first.
- Identify each individual with a “unique barcode”.

- “Isolate” and “secure” anyone who tests positive.

It’s all pretty bleak reading. Here is a [link to it on the school website](#). You can also read the letter here:

And we suggest you [download a copy](#), just in case they try and retract it.



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Dear Parents/Carers

As you may be aware Liverpool is in tier 3 Covid-19 safeguarding arrangements.

As part of this process central government has identified Liverpool to pilot a new Covid-19 testing system. This is being called the Lateral Flow System. Sites across the city are due to be positioned across the City in order to carry out testing.

I am pleased to inform you that we at Broadgreen International School are in the privileged position of being one of the first schools within the city to have the testing brought to our site.

I have met this afternoon with representatives of the British Army who will be in school next week to Covid-19 to test all our students and staff. Each child and adult will be identified with a unique barcode to ensure personal identification of test and subsequent results. Results will be distributed to students and staff as soon as we are in receipt of them. If positive results are received the school will secure the individual concerned and in case of students inform parents/ carer immediately we will then operate our usual process of identifying others who may have been in close or direct contact for our self-isolation system will be put in place.

We are currently working with Public Health to identify how this pilot might benefit school communities now and in the future

I am expecting that the testing at BGIS will start on Monday 9 November.

Under normal circumstances parental permission is sought for the testing of children, however under these very challenging and unprecedented circumstances that is not possible, therefore we would ask that if you wish to exclude your child from this test please do so in writing to me first thing on Monday morning.

It is important that for the health of your child, those of other parents and carers and all adults in our school and local and wider Liverpool community that we co-operate 100% with this system of health protection.

As soon as we have further information, as we receive further information will share.

We can expect immediate major disruption as to how schools may be able to function once our city and eventually across the country such testing sites are operational and the resulting implications. Individual schools may be affected differently and subsequently we may need to respond on an individual need basis.

Your understanding and support at this very difficult time is much appreciated.

Yours faithfully

Ms P Towey  
Headteacher



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This is one scheme at one school for now, but there's no

reason to assume it will stay that way. The only way to guarantee it doesn't spread is to denounce it, loudly.

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# Signed As Law: Vermont Bans Police Use of Facial Recognition Technology

[Signed As Law: Vermont Bans Police Use of Facial Recognition Technology](#)

by [Mike Maharrey](#), [Tenth Amendment Center](#)

October 15, 2020

**MONTPELIER**, Vt. (Oct. 15, 2020) – Last week, Vermont Gov. Phil Scott signed a bill into law that bans police from using facial recognition technology. The growing movement to prohibit the use of facial recognition at the state and local levels could hinder the operation of a growing national facial recognition network.

Sen. Jeanette White (D-Putney) introduced Senate Bill 124 ([S.124](#)) back in February. The legislation makes a number of reforms relating to law enforcement, including a complete ban on the use of facial recognition technology unless it “is authorized by an enactment of the General Assembly.” The law

prohibits the use of facial recognition technology and the use of any information acquired through facial recognition. It does make an exception if the use of facial recognition is allowable under the state law regulating police drones – permissible only with a warrant.

The Senate passed S.124 in June by [a 28-0 vote](#). The House approved the measure with some amendments on Sept. 22. The Senate concurred with the amendments and Gov. Scott signed the bill into law on Oct. 7.

The new law establishes the strongest limits on the police use of facial recognition in the country. ACLU of Vermont Advocacy Director Falko Schilling [called it](#) “a historic win for Vermonters’ right to privacy.”

*“By enacting the broadest outright ban on police use of facial recognition in the country, Vermont has taken the lead in protecting residents’ civil liberties from this invasive and inaccurate technology.”*

## **Impact on Federal Programs**

A [recent report revealed](#) that the federal government has turned state drivers’ license photos into a giant facial recognition database, putting virtually every driver in America in a perpetual electronic police lineup. The revelations generated widespread outrage, but this story isn’t new. The federal government has been developing [a massive, nationwide facial recognition system](#) for years.

The FBI [rolled out a nationwide facial-recognition program](#) in the fall of 2014, with the goal of building a giant biometric database with pictures provided by the states and corporate friends.

In 2016, the Center on Privacy and Technology at Georgetown Law released “The Perpetual Lineup,” a massive report on law enforcement use of facial recognition technology in the U.S.

You can read the complete report at [perpetuallineup.org](https://perpetuallineup.org). The organization conducted a year-long investigation and collected more than 15,000 pages of documents through more than 100 public records requests. The report paints a disturbing picture of intense cooperation between the federal government, and state and local law enforcement to develop a massive facial recognition database.

*“Face recognition is a powerful technology that requires strict oversight. But those controls, by and large, don’t exist today,”* report co-author [Clare Garvie said](#). *“With only a few exceptions, there are no laws governing police use of the technology, no standards ensuring its accuracy, and no systems checking for bias. It’s a wild west.”*

There are [many technical and legal problems](#) with facial recognition, including significant concerns about the accuracy of the technology, particularly when reading the facial features of minority populations. During a test run by the ACLU of Northern California, [facial recognition misidentified 26 members of the California legislature](#) as people in a database of arrest photos.

With facial recognition technology, police and other government officials have the capability to track individuals in real-time. These systems allow law enforcement agents to use video cameras and continually scan everybody who walks by. According to the report, several major police departments have expressed an interest in this type of real-time tracking. Documents revealed agencies in at least five major cities, including Los Angeles, either claimed to run real-time face recognition off of street cameras, bought technology with the capability, or expressed written interest in buying it.

In all likelihood, the federal government heavily involves itself in helping state and local agencies obtain this technology. The feds provide grant money to local law



enforcement agencies for a vast array of surveillance gear, including ALPRs, stingray devices and drones. The federal government essentially encourages and funds a giant nationwide surveillance net and then taps into the information via fusion centers and the Information Sharing Environment (ISE).

Fusion centers were sold as a tool to combat terrorism, but that is not how they are being used. The ACLU pointed to a [bipartisan congressional report](#) to demonstrate the true nature of government fusion centers: "They haven't contributed anything meaningful to counterterrorism efforts. Instead, they have largely served as police surveillance and information sharing nodes for law enforcement efforts targeting the frequent subjects of police attention: Black and brown people, immigrants, dissidents, and the poor."

Fusion centers operate within the broader ISE. According to [its website](#), the ISE "provides analysts, operators, and investigators with information needed to enhance national security. These analysts, operators, and investigators...have mission needs to collaborate and share information with each other and with private sector partners and our foreign allies." In other words, ISE serves as a conduit for the sharing of information gathered without a warrant. Known ISE partners include the Office of Director of National Intelligence which oversees 17 federal agencies and organizations, including the NSA. ISE utilizes these partnerships to collect and share data on the millions of unwitting people they track.

[Reports that the Berkeley Police Department in cooperation with a federal fusion center deployed cameras](#) equipped to surveil a "free speech" rally and Antifa counterprotests provided the first solid link between the federal government and local authorities in facial recognition surveillance.

In a nutshell, without state and local cooperation, the feds have a much more difficult time gathering information. Passage

of state laws and local ordinances banning and limiting facial recognition eliminates one avenue for gathering facial recognition data. Simply put, data that doesn't exist cannot be entered into federal databases.

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# The 2020 Election Bamboozle: We Are All Victims of the Deep State's Con Game

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*"We're run by the Pentagon, we're run by Madison Avenue, we're run by television, and as long as we accept those things and don't revolt we'll have to go along with the stream to the eventual avalanche... As long as we go out and buy stuff, we're at their mercy... [We all live in a little Village. Your Village may be different from other people's Villages, but we are all prisoners.](#)"— Patrick McGoohan*

This is not an election.

This is a con game, a scam, a grift, a hustle, a bunko, a swindle, a flimflam, a gaffle, and a bamboozle.

In this carefully choreographed scheme to strip the American citizenry of our power and our rights, "we the people" are

nothing more than marks, suckers, stooges, mugs, rubes, or gulls.

We are victims of the Deep State's confidence game.

Every confidence game has six essential stages: 1) the foundation to lay the groundwork for the illusion; 2) the approach whereby the victim is contacted; 3) the build-up to make the victim feel like they've got a vested interest in the outcome; 4) the corroboration (aided by third-party conspirators) to legitimize that the scammers are, in fact, on the up-and-up; 5) the pay-off, in which the victim gets to experience some small early "wins"; and 6) the "hurrah"—a sudden manufactured crisis or change of events that creates a sense of urgency.

In this particular con game, every candidate dangled before us as some form of political savior—including Donald Trump and Joe Biden—is part of a long-running, elaborate scam intended to persuade us that, despite all appearances to the contrary, we live in a constitutional republic.

In this way, the voters are the dupes, the candidates are the shills, and as usual, it's the Deep State rigging the outcome.

Terrorist attacks, pandemics, civil unrest: these are all manipulated crises that add to the sense of urgency and help us feel invested in the outcome of the various elections, but it doesn't change much in the long term.

No matter who wins this election, we'll all still be prisoners of the Deep State.

We just haven't learned to recognize our prison walls as such.

It's like that old British television series *The Prisoner*, which takes place in a mysterious, self-contained, cosmopolitan, seemingly idyllic retirement community known only as The Village.

Perhaps the best visual debate ever on individuality and freedom, *The Prisoner* (17 episodes in all) centers around a British secret agent who abruptly resigns only to find himself imprisoned, monitored by militarized drones, and interrogated in The Village, a beautiful resort with parks and green fields, recreational activities and even a butler.

While luxurious, the Village is a virtual prison disguised as a seaside paradise: its inhabitants have no true freedom, they cannot leave the Village, they are under constant surveillance, all of their movements tracked. Residents of the Village are stripped of their individuality and identified only by numbers.

First broadcast in Great Britain 50-some years ago, *The Prisoner* dystopian television series –[described as “James Bond meets George Orwell filtered through Franz Kafka”](#)–confronted societal themes that are still relevant today: the rise of a police state, the loss of freedom, round-the-clock surveillance, the corruption of government, totalitarianism, weaponization, group think, mass marketing, and the tendency of human beings to meekly accept their lot in life as prisoners in a prison of their own making.

The series’ protagonist, played by Patrick McGoohan is Number Six.

Number Two, the Village administrator, acts as an agent for the unseen and all-powerful Number One, whose identity is not revealed until the final episode.

“I am not a number. I am a free man,” was the mantra chanted on each episode of *The Prisoner*, which was largely written and directed by Patrick McGoohan, who also played the title role.

In the opening episode (“The Arrival”), Number Six meets Number Two, who explains to him that he is in The Village because information stored “inside” his head has made him too valuable to be allowed to roam free “outside.”

Throughout the series, Number Six is subjected to interrogation tactics, torture, hallucinogenic drugs, identity theft, mind control, dream manipulation, and various forms of social indoctrination and physical coercion in order to “persuade” him to comply, give up, give in and subjugate himself to the will of the powers-that-be.

Number Six refuses to comply.

In every episode, Number Six resists the Village’s indoctrination methods, struggles to maintain his own identity, and attempts to escape his captors. “I will not make any deals with you,” he pointedly remarks to Number Two. “I’ve resigned. I will not be pushed, filed, stamped, indexed, debriefed or numbered. My life is my own.”

Yet no matter how far Number Six manages to get in his efforts to escape, it’s never far enough.

Watched by surveillance cameras and other devices, Number Six’s attempts to escape are continuously thwarted by ominous white balloon-like spheres known as “rovers.” Still, he refuses to give up. “Unlike me,” he says to his fellow prisoners, “many of you have accepted the situation of your imprisonment, and will die here like rotten cabbages.”

Number Six’s escapes become a surreal exercise in futility, each episode an unfunny, unsettling *Groundhog’s Day* that builds to the same frustrating denouement: *there is no escape*.

As journalist Scott Thill concludes for *Wired*, “[Rebellion always comes at a price](#).” During the acclaimed run of *The Prisoner*, Number Six is tortured, battered and even body-snatched: In the episode ‘Do Not Forsake Me Oh My Darling,’ his mind is transplanted to another man’s body. Number Six repeatedly escapes The Village only to be returned to it in the end, trapped like an animal, overcome by a restless energy he cannot expend, and betrayed by nearly everyone around him.”

The series is a chilling lesson about how difficult it is to gain one's freedom in a society in which prison walls are disguised within the seemingly benevolent trappings of technological and scientific progress, national security and the need to guard against terrorists, pandemics, civil unrest, etc.

As Thill noted, "*The Prisoner* was an allegory of the individual, aiming to find peace and freedom in a [dystopia masquerading as a utopia](#)."

*The Prisoner's Village* is also an apt allegory for the American Police State: it gives the illusion of freedom while functioning all the while like a prison: controlled, watchful, inflexible, punitive, deadly and inescapable.

The American Police State, much like *The Prisoner's Village*, is a metaphorical [panopticon](#), a circular prison in which the inmates are monitored by a single watchman situated in a central tower. Because the inmates cannot see the watchman, they are unable to tell whether or not they are being watched at any given time and must proceed under the assumption that they are always being watched.

[Eighteenth century social theorist Jeremy Bentham](#) envisioned the panopticon prison to be a cheaper and more effective means of "obtaining power of mind over mind, in a quantity hitherto without example."

Bentham's panopticon, in which the prisoners are used as a source of cheap, menial labor, has become a model for the modern surveillance state in which the populace is constantly being watched, controlled and managed by the powers-that-be while funding its existence.

Nowhere to run and nowhere to hide: this is the new mantra of the architects of the Deep State and their corporate collaborators (Facebook, Amazon, Netflix, Google, Instagram, etc.).

Government eyes are watching you.

They see your every move: what you read, how much you spend, where you go, with whom you interact, when you wake up in the morning, what you're watching on television and reading on the internet.

Every move you make is being monitored, mined for data, crunched, and tabulated in order to amass a profile of who you are, what makes you tick, and how best to control you when and if it becomes necessary to bring you in line.

When the government sees all and knows all and has an abundance of laws to render even the most seemingly upstanding citizen a criminal and lawbreaker, then the old adage that you've got nothing to worry about if you've got nothing to hide no longer applies.

Apart from the obvious dangers posed by a government that feels justified and empowered to spy on its people and use its ever-expanding arsenal of weapons and technology to monitor and control them, we're approaching a time in which we will be forced to choose between obeying the dictates of the government—i.e., the law, or whatever a government official deems the law to be—and maintaining our individuality, integrity and independence.

When people talk about privacy, they mistakenly assume it protects only that which is hidden behind a wall or under one's clothing. The courts have fostered this misunderstanding with their constantly shifting delineation of what constitutes an "expectation of privacy." And technology has furthered muddied the waters.

However, privacy is so much more than what you do or say behind locked doors. It is a way of living one's life firm in the belief that you are the master of your life, and barring any immediate danger to another person (which is far different from the carefully crafted threats to national security the

government uses to justify its actions), it's no one's business what you read, what you say, where you go, whom you spend your time with, and how you spend your money.

Unfortunately, George Orwell's *1984*—where “you had to live—did live, from habit that became instinct—in the assumption that every sound you made was overheard, and, except in darkness, every movement scrutinized”—has now become our reality.

We now find ourselves in the unenviable position of being [monitored, managed, corralled and controlled by technologies](#) that answer to government and corporate rulers.

Consider that on any given day, [the average American going about his daily business will be monitored, surveilled, spied on and tracked in more than 20 different ways](#), by both government and corporate eyes and ears.

A byproduct of this new age in which we live, whether you're walking through a store, driving your car, checking email, or talking to friends and family on the phone, you can be sure that some government agency, whether the NSA or some other entity, is listening in and tracking your behavior.

This doesn't even begin to touch on the corporate trackers that monitor your purchases, web browsing, Facebook posts and other activities taking place in the cyber sphere.

[Stingray devices](#) mounted on police cars to warrantlessly track cell phones, [Doppler radar devices](#) that can detect human breathing and movement within in a home, license plate readers that can [record up to 1800 license plates per minute](#), [sidewalk and “public space” cameras](#) coupled with facial recognition and behavior-sensing technology that lay the groundwork for police [“pre-crime” programs](#), [police body cameras](#) that turn police officers into roving surveillance cameras, the [internet of things](#): all of these technologies (and more) add up to a society in which there's little room for indiscretions, imperfections, or acts of independence—especially not when the



government can listen in on your phone calls, read your emails, monitor your driving habits, track your movements, scrutinize your purchases and peer through the walls of your home.

As French philosopher Michel Foucault concluded in his 1975 book [\*Discipline and Punish\*](#), "[Visibility is a trap.](#)"

This is the electronic concentration camp—the panopticon prison—the Village—in which we are now caged.

It is a prison from which there will be no escape. Certainly not if the government and its corporate allies have anything to say about it.

As Glenn Greenwald notes:

*"The way things are supposed to work is that we're supposed to know virtually everything about what [government officials] do: that's why they're called public servants. They're supposed to know virtually nothing about what we do: that's why we're called private individuals. This dynamic – the hallmark of a healthy and free society – has been radically reversed. [Now, they know everything about what we do, and are constantly building systems to know more.](#) Meanwhile, we know less and less about what they do, as they build walls of secrecy behind which they function. That's the imbalance that needs to come to an end. No democracy can be healthy and functional if the most consequential acts of those who wield political power are completely unknown to those to whom they are supposed to be accountable."*

None of this will change, no matter who wins this upcoming presidential election.

And that's the hustle, you see: because despite all of the work being done to help us buy into the fantasy that things will change if we just elect the right candidate, the day

after a new president is sworn in, we'll still find ourselves prisoners of the Village.

This should come as no surprise to those who haven't been taking the escapist blue pill, who haven't fallen for the Deep State's phony rhetoric, who haven't been lured in by the promise of a political savior: we never stopped being prisoners.

So how do you escape? For starters, resist the urge to conform to a group mind and the tyranny of mob-think as controlled by the Deep State.

Think for yourself. Be an individual. As McGoohan commented in 1968, "At this moment individuals are being drained of their personalities and being brainwashed into slaves... As long as people feel something, that's the great thing. It's when they are walking around not thinking and not feeling, that's tough. [When you get a mob like that, you can turn them into the sort of gang that Hitler had.](#)"

You want to be free? Remove the blindfold that blinds you to the Deep State's con game, stop doping yourself with government propaganda, and break free of the political chokehold that has got you marching in lockstep with tyrants and dictators.

As I make clear in my book [\*Battlefield America: The War on the American People\*](#), until you come to terms with the fact that the government is the problem (no matter which party dominates), you'll never be free.

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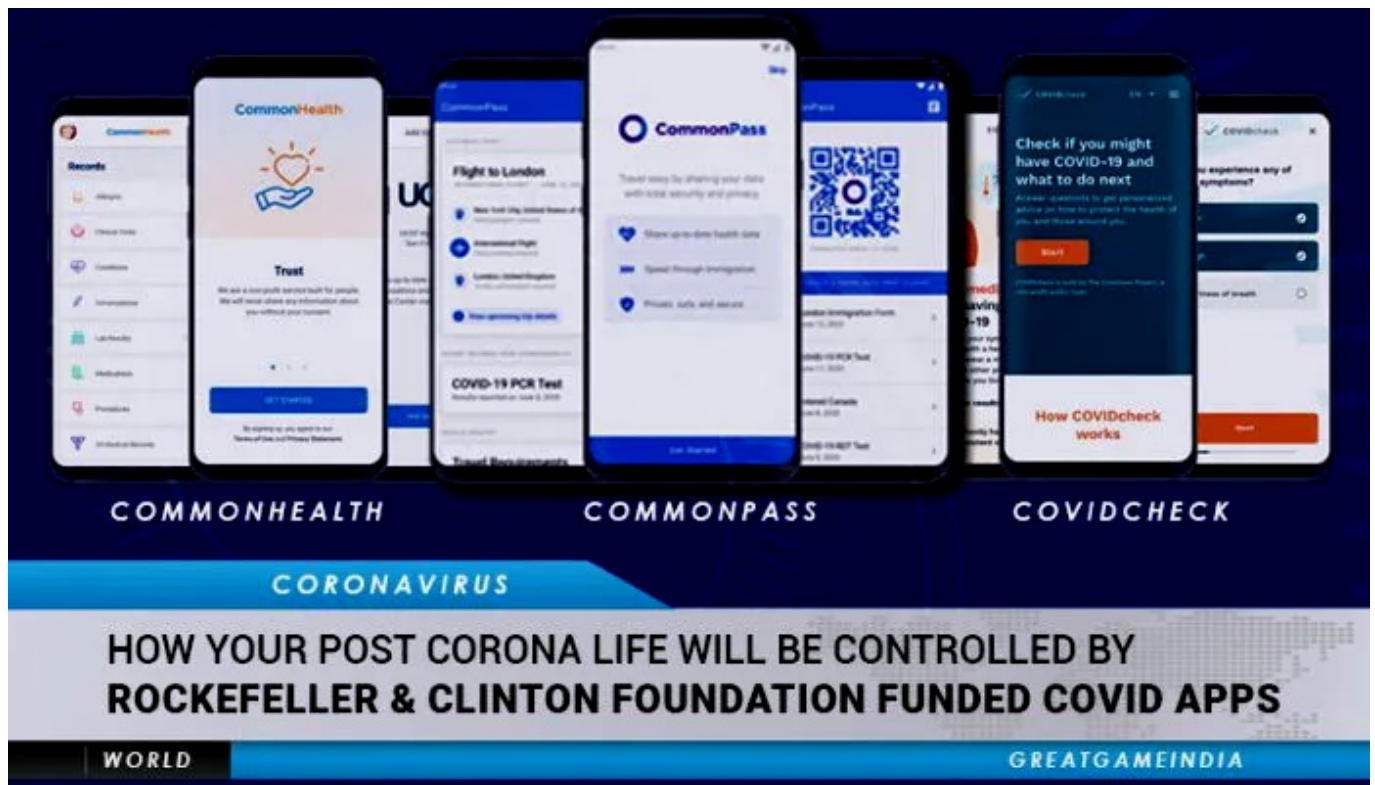
# How Your Post COVID Life Will Be Controlled by Rockefeller & Clinton Foundation Funded Apps

[How Your Post COVID Life Will Be Controlled by Rockefeller & Clinton Foundation Funded Apps](#)

by [GreatGameIndia](#)

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The [Rockefeller Foundation and the Clinton Foundation](#) have developed a series of COVID apps which will tightly control your post-covid life. The initiative is launched by non-profit trust Commons Project Foundation which is part of the World Economic Forum. The [Commons Project](#) include three COVID apps – [CommonHealth](#), [COVIDcheck](#) and [CommonPass](#). Together, they will collect, store and monitor your health data based on which the apps will decide whether you are eligible to travel, study, go to office, etc.



## *How Your Post COVID Life Will Be Controlled By Rockefeller & Clinton Foundation Funded Apps*

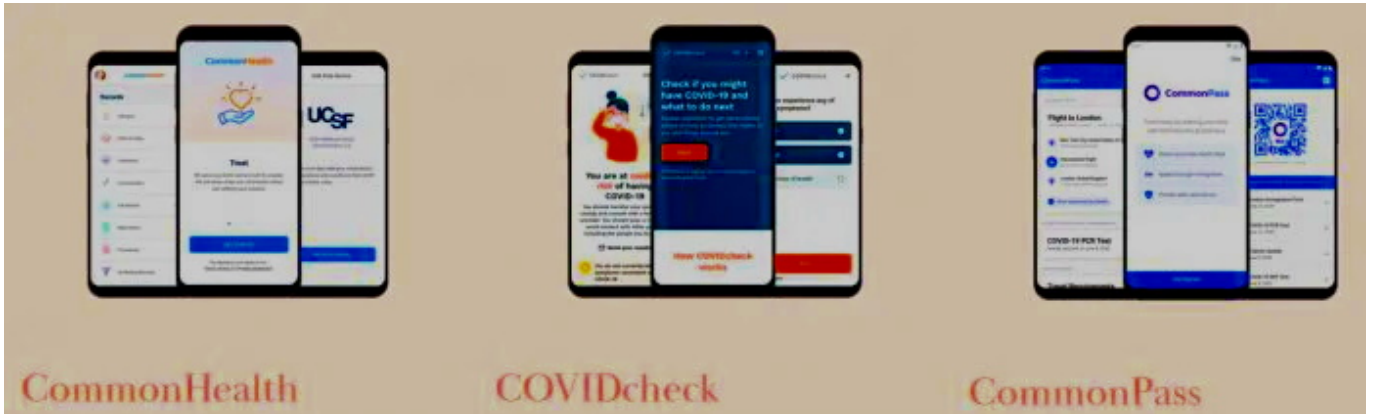
The [Commons Project](#) is a nonprofit public trust established with support from the Rockefeller Foundation to build platforms and services which will tightly regulate your post-covid life. The initiative is part of the World Economic Forum implementing [The Great Reset](#) agenda.

The Commons Project [website](#) describe its role as:

*The [Commons Project](#) is a non-profit public trust, established with support from the **Rockefeller Foundation** to build digital services that put people first.*

*The [Commons Project](#) fills the void between tech companies, government agencies and traditional non-profits to build and operate the digital services that constitute public infrastructure for the digital era.*

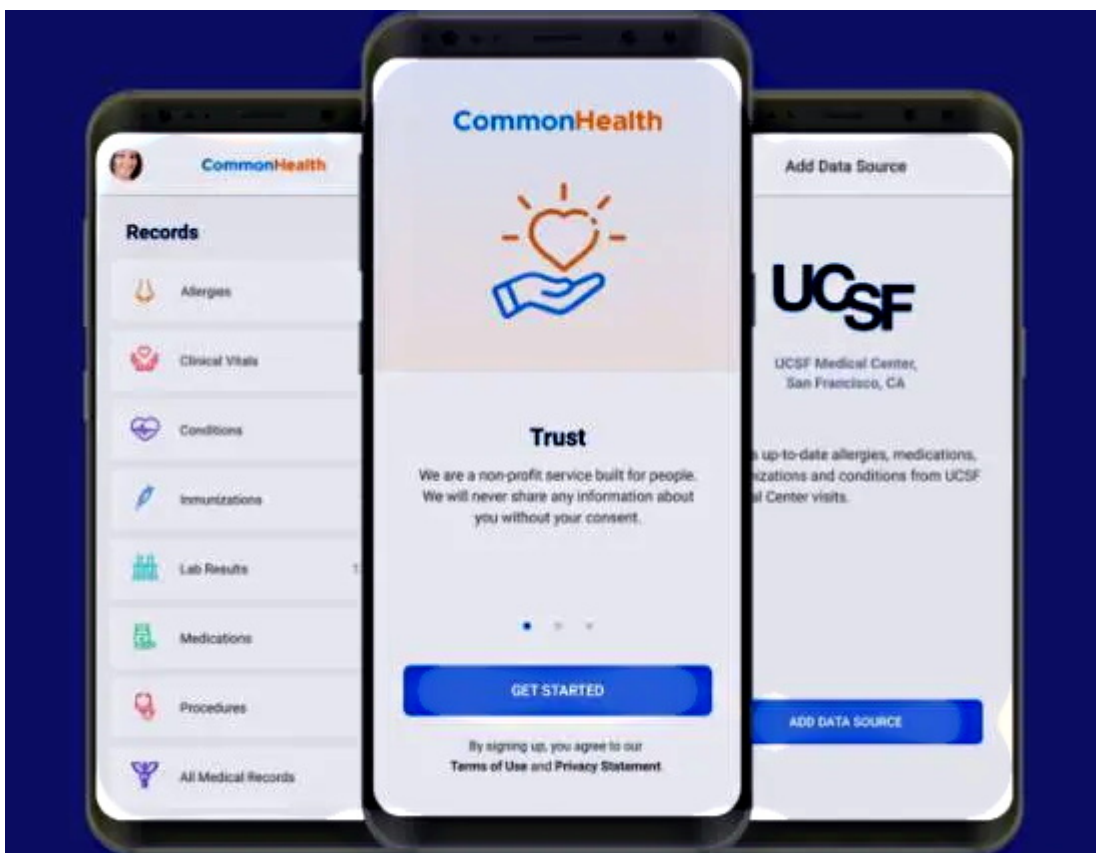
The [Commons Project](#) includes three COVID apps.



*Rockefeller and Clinton Foundation funded COVID apps – CommonHealth, COVIDcheck and CommonPass*

## CommonHealth

[CommonHealth](#) will collect and manage your personal health data and share it with the health services, organizations and other apps. [CommonHealth](#) aims to extend the health data portability and interoperability model pioneered by Apple Health to the 73% of people around the world who use Android devices.



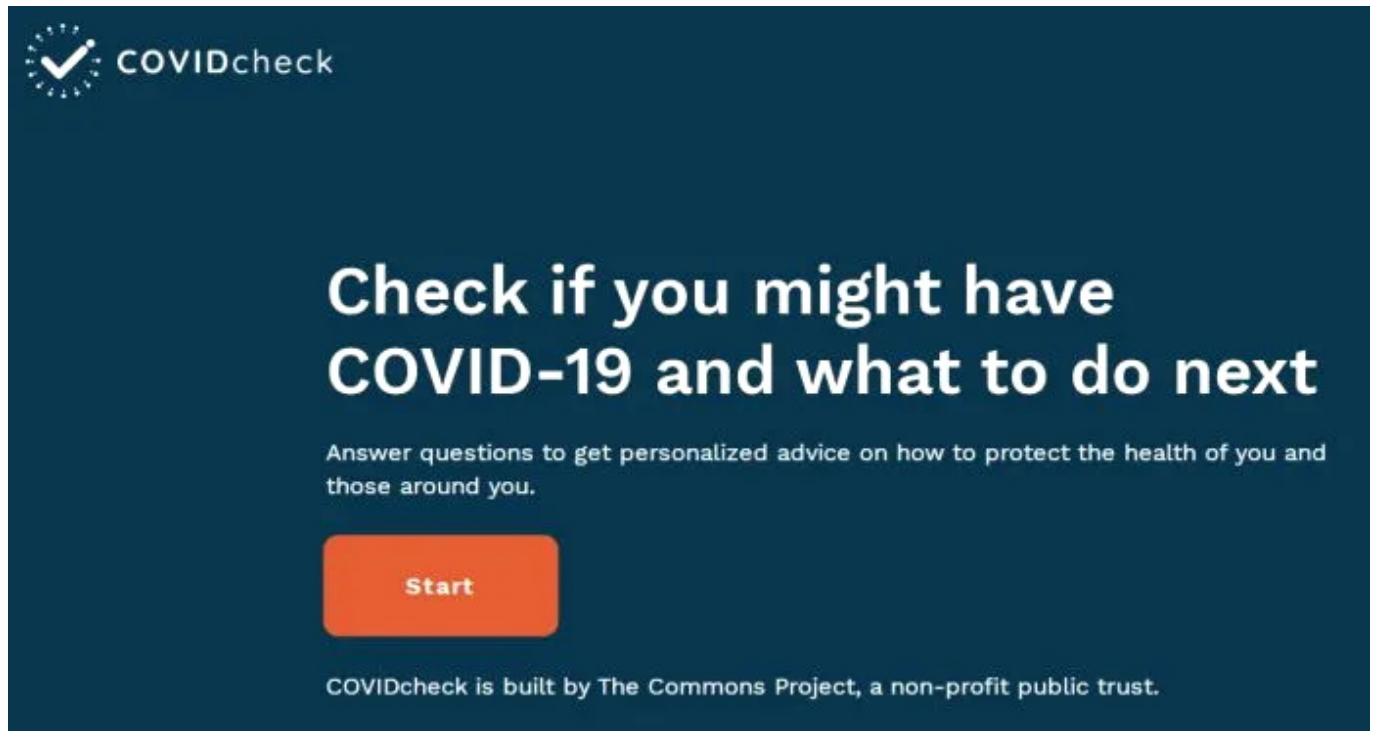
*Rockefeller and Clinton Foundation funded COVID app CommonHealth*

It was developed in collaboration with UCSF, Cornell Tech and

Sage Bionetworks.

## COVIDcheck

[COVIDcheck](#) is developed in collaboration with CDC, Clinton Foundation and the World Medical Association. It will create a new normal for schools, universities, employers and public health agencies through a set of questions which will decide what you should do next.



*Rockefeller and Clinton Foundation funded COVID app COVIDcheck*

## CommonPass

[CommonPass](#) is a digital health passport which will hold a certified COVID-19 test status or show if you have been vaccinated in future in a way designed to satisfy various governments' different regulations.

The pass works by passengers taking a test at a certified lab before uploading it. It generates a QR code that can be scanned by airline staff and border officials. However, it will require Governments to trust coronavirus tests taken at foreign labs. Based on your [CommonPass](#) status you may or may not be allowed to travel.

Meanwhile, the [CommonPass COVID passport](#) technology is already being [tested](#) on flights from Heathrow Airport.

## **Rockefeller's Operation Lockstep**

In 2010, the Rockefeller Foundation funded a scenario-planning exercise that shows how global elites can manipulate and influence public policies during a pandemic.

### **[Rockefeller Foundation 2010 – Scenarios for the Future of Technology and International Development PDF](#)**

The “Scenarios for the Future of Technology” document envisions four scenario narratives, one of which, dubbed “Lock Step,” deals with a global pandemic. This document is regarded by many as sort of “operation manual”, a playbook for how to create a new normal once a global pandemic hits.

*For latest updates on the outbreak check out [GreatGameIndia's Coronavirus Coverage](#).*

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# **Medical Nanobots Designed to Track & “Save” You During Times of Epidemic**

## **[Medical Nanobots Designed to Track & “Save” You During Times of Epidemic](#)**

by [Alchemical Tech Revolution](#)

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# Nanorobot Hardware Architecture for Medical Defense...Next Level Contact Tracing...

Original video can be found at [Alchemical Tech Revolution YouTube channel](#).

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# Operation Coronavirus Is Working Hand-in-Hand With the Nanotech Agenda | Nanotech



# Contaminants Are Already Present in Current Vaccines

[Operation Coronavirus Is Working Hand-in-Hand With the Nanotech Agenda | Nanotech Contaminants Are Already Present in Current Vaccines](#)

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The nanotech agenda – involving the placement of tiny sensors, devices and machines measured in nanometers inside the human body – is receiving a boost from the current fake pandemic which I have labeled Operation Coronavirus. My earlier article [Hydrogel Biosensor: Implantable Nanotech to be Used in COVID Vaccines?](#) discussed the possibility that the coming COVID vaccines may incorporate nanotechnology funded by DARPA called hydrogel, a biosensor which would monitor your body as well as send and receive information to the 5G Smart Grid. However there is much, much more to the story. The NWO conspirators have not only been planning this scandemic for decades, but also have been planning the nanotech agenda for a long time too; now, with the advent of COVID, the two agendas are merging, with sinister implications for humanity. This article will take a closer look at the nanotech agenda and the current state of nanotechnology inside existing products such as vaccines. The agenda is already far more advanced than many people realize.

## **2008 Paper Outlines Plan to Construct a Nanorobot Hardware Architecture**

A 2008 research paper entitled [Nanorobot Hardware Architecture for Medical Defense](#) analyzes in fine detail how nanotech devices such as nanorobots could be used to for various

purposes such as “medical defense” and “epidemic control.” It states that it provides details on an “integrated platform and hardware architecture for nanorobots application in epidemic control, which should enable real time in vivo prognosis of biohazard infection.” The idea is to place nanotech inside our bodies which communicates in real time with the Smart Grid (powered by 5G) to provide intimate information to the authorities about us. Wayne from Alchemical Tech Revolution does a great commentary [here](#). Following are some quotes from the paper:

*“Normally, for areas in public calamity or conflict zones, the absence of drinking water, any sort of fuel, electricity, and the lack of towers for network communication, including cable and wireless telephony, is a constant. In such a situation, the available infrastructure is far from ideal to enable a large scale medical laboratory with precise and fast analysis. For such aspect, nanorobots integrated with nanobiosensors can help to transmit real time information, using international mobile phones for wireless data transmission through satellite communication. In fact, nanorobots should mean an efficient and powerful clinical device to provide precious biomedical monitoring, both for soldiers as for civilian population.”*

Notice how they admit that there is dual use (for military and civilians) which usually connotes a weapons system with another use. In this case, they are disguising the deeper purpose (embedded surveillance) with the superficial purpose (a medical application):

*“Taking from the moment of infection, some contagious diseases may show the first symptoms after hours, a week, or longer time, like years or even decades. It means, for example, that when the public authorities noticed the infection from a contaminated person, showing external symptoms, a virus had enough time to spread itself through a circle of friends and workmates of the infected victim. Meantime, those mates were adversely driving the virus forward, and had started a*

*catastrophic chain circle. The use of nanorobots with embedded nanodevices for real time epidemic control, as lab on a chip, can be useful to avoid serious contamination with large proportions.”*

The above quote hypes the danger of contagion, and specifically a virus, as a reason for you to willingly submit to the nanotech agenda and get embedded with nanotechnology. It appeals to the concepts of contagion and germ theory, however especially since the COVID scamdemic began, a number of brave independent researchers and doctors are questioning these ideas, which reinforce the current Medical Industry's business model of petrochemical pills and vaccines.

*“We implemented a system simulation and architecture of nanorobots for sensing the bloodstream, targeting biochemical changes against pathological signals. Actual advances in wireless technologies, nanoelectronics devices, and their use in the implementation of nanorobots applied to epidemic control, illustrate what upcoming technologies can enable in terms of real time health monitoring. The approach for in vivo monitoring chemical concentrations should also apply to other.”*

As Wayne says, this stuff is next level contact tracing. Forget an app on your phone; the plan is for in vivo (taking place in a living organism) surveillance. There are many significant quotes from the paper, but here is one last one:

*“Frequencies ranging from 1 to 20MHz can be successfully used for biomedical applications without any damage.”*

Is the implication that there could be damage if frequencies are higher than 20MHz, such as in the 30-100 GHz range of 5G?

## **2017 Study Shows Nanotech Contaminants Already Widely Present in Vaccines**

The nanotech invasion is already here. It's not a question of

“will they place nanotech in vaccines” since they already have. This 2017 Italian study entitled [New Quality-Control Investigations on Vaccines: Micro- and Nanocontamination](#) details an astonishing array of nanocontaminants in vaccines, including particles made of lead, cadmium, cerium, iron, titanium, nickel, zirconium, hafnium, strontium, tungsten, gold, silver, platinum, antimony, bismuth and aluminum. The study (which analyzes 44 types of 15 traditional vaccines) states that these contaminants are “non biodegradable and non biocompatible”, that their inclusion is “not declared” and that their presence is “inexplicable.” It gives the benefit of the doubt to Big Pharma and its controllers when it concludes that “our hypothesis is that this contamination is unintentional, since it is probably due to polluted components or procedures of industrial processes (e.g. filtrations) used to produce vaccines, not investigated and not detected by the Producers. If our hypothesis is actually the case, a close inspection of the working places and the full knowledge of the whole procedure of vaccine preparation would probably allow to eliminate the problem.” Knowing the background of the human microchipping and nanotech agenda, I would suggest there is another way to see things.

The study reveals how these nanoparticles can interact with the body in negative ways and cause harmful effects:

*“... investigations revealed that some particles are embedded in a biological substrate, probably proteins, endo-toxins and residues of bacteria. As soon as a particle comes in contact with proteic fluids, a nano-bio-interaction occurs and a “protein corona” is formed. The nano-bio-interaction generates a bigger-sized compound that is not biodegradable and can induce adverse effects, since it is not recognized as self by the body. Figure 5a-5f show examples of these nano-bio-interactions. Aggregates can be seen (stable composite entities) containing particles of Lead in Meningitec, of stainless steel (Iron, Chromium and Nickel) and of Copper,*

*Zinc and Lead in Cervarix.”*

*“After being injected, those microparticles, nanoparticles and aggregates can stay around the injection site forming swellings and granulomas ... But they can also be carried by the blood circulation, escaping any attempt to guess what will be their final destination ... As happens with all foreign bodies, particularly that small, they induce an inflammatory reaction that is chronic because most of those particles cannot be degraded. Furthermore, the protein-corona effect ... due to a nano-bio-interaction ... can produce organic/inorganic composite particles capable of stimulating the immune system in an undesirable way ... It is impossible not to add that particles the size often observed in vaccines can enter cell nuclei and interact with the DNA ... “*

*“In some cases, e.g. as occurs with Iron and some Iron alloys, they can corrode and the corrosion products exert a toxicity affecting the tissues ... “*

So here is the question to ponder: are these so-called accidental and dangerous nanocontaminants just particles that deleteriously affect human health in numerous ways, or are they also nanosensors that can receive and transmit data to the Smart Grid?

## **Nanotechnology is at the Forefront of Cutting-Edge Vaccine Research**

The nanotech agenda is closely connected to vaccines. For example, this 2019 study [Nanoparticle-Based Vaccines Against Respiratory Viruses](#) touts the advantages of nanotech vaccines:

*“Conventional vaccines based on live-attenuated pathogens present a risk of reversion to pathogenic virulence while inactivated pathogen vaccines often lead to a weak immune response. Subunit vaccines were developed to overcome these issues. However, these vaccines may suffer from a limited immunogenicity and, in most cases, the protection induced is*

*only partial. A new generation of vaccines based on nanoparticles has shown great potential to address most of the limitations of conventional and subunit vaccines. This is due to recent advances in chemical and biological engineering, which allow the design of nanoparticles with a precise control over the size, shape, functionality and surface properties, leading to enhanced antigen presentation and strong immunogenicity.”*

This July 2020 study COVID-19 vaccine development and a potential nanomaterial path forward explains how there are many nanotech platforms that will be included in future vaccines:

*“Nanotechnology-based approaches offer enabling solutions to the delivery challenge by trafficking the vaccine to appropriate cellular populations and subcellular locations ... Moderna’s mRNA vaccine is based on a lipid nanoparticle platform, but there are many other emerging nanotechnologies for delivery of nucleic acid vaccines ... Nanotechnology platforms including cationic nanoemulsions, liposomes, dendrimers or polysaccharide particles have been employed for improving the stability and delivery of mRNA based vaccines.”*

The coming Moderna COVID vaccine funded by NWO frontman and eugenicist Bill Gates is a new type of technology: an mRNA vaccine that uses nanotechnology. This goes for other COVID vaccines that are being developed. The COVID plandemic is being used as a pretext to rush forward even faster with nanotech vaccines, which ultimately accelerates the central NWO (New World Order) scheme: the human microchipping agenda. The nanotech agenda via COVID is on full display:

*“Nanomaterials play an important role in all aspects of vaccine design, delivery and administration. Nanoparticles enable multivalent antigen presentation and stabilization of antigens upon administration, they can serve as adjuvants to boost the immune response, and they can act as carriers for*

*the targeted delivery of antigens. Indeed, an mRNA vaccine delivered by a liposomal nanoparticle is amongst the candidates currently in clinical trials against SARS-CoV-2. While it remains a fact that no mRNA or DNA vaccine is currently approved for any disease, the delivery of nucleic acids requires some form of modification or a nanodevice to prevent degradation in the body, and liposomal devices have indeed already been approved for RNA delivery, albeit not yet for vaccines.”*

## **Final Thoughts on the Accelerating Nanotech Agenda**

This is it! It's game on! All the things that many alternative researchers have been writing, talking and warning about for years are arriving. Operation Coronavirus is the gateway to bring in the New World Order. COVID has been the excuse offered by tyrants for just about every draconian restriction under the sun. Now, with the coming COVID vaccine, we know it will include some kind of nanotechnology, since as I have outlined above, there are a plethora of nanotechnology platforms being developed in addition to things like hydrogel. Various studies and the pharmaceutical companies themselves are openly stating that there will be nanotech COVID vaccines. With plans to make this vaccine widespread, administered by the military (as admitted in both the US and the UK) and “as mandatory as possible” (according to Aussie PM Scott Morrison), time is running out for people to wake up to the nanotech agenda – before it's too late.

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# Home in the Presence of Virtual Classroom Surveillance

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – The Rutherford Institute has issued a precautionary “opt out” letter as a means by which families whose children are taking part in remote learning / virtual classes might assert their Fourth Amendment privacy rights and guard against intrusive government surveillance posed by remote learning technologies. The Institute released its model ["Parental Reservation of Rights – Remote Learning Surveillance" letter](#) in the wake of a growing number of incidents in which students have been suspended and reported to police by school officials for having toy guns nearby while taking part in virtual schooling.

“Remote learning should not justify the expansion of draconian

zero tolerance policies to encompass so-called 'violations' that take place in students' homes and home environments. Nor should remote learning be used as a backdoor means of allowing government officials to conduct warrantless surveillance into students' homes and home environments," said constitutional attorney John W. Whitehead, president of The Rutherford Institute and author of [\*Battlefield America: The War on the American People\*](#). "While COVID-19 has undoubtedly introduced significant challenges for the schools, the protocols adopted for navigating these circumstances demand a heightened degree of caution lest government officials heedlessly, needlessly and unlawfully violate key constitutional safeguards established to protect the citizenry against invasive and warrantless intrusion into the home."

In issuing the model Reservation of Rights letter for use by parents with children enrolled in virtual classes, Rutherford Institute attorneys warned government officials against leveraging the current public health situation to further erode the privacy of American citizens: "At a minimum, schools must not use virtual learning platforms to conduct unwarranted surveillance of students' homes nor use observations made from within the home as a basis for alleging a crime has been or is being committed." The issue arose after Isaiah Elliott, a seventh grader at Grand Mountain School in Colorado Springs, Colo., was reported to police by school officials for playing with a toy gun in the privacy of his own home during a virtual class on the morning of August 27, 2020. Not only was the 11-year-old suspended for five days for "bringing" a "facsimile of a firearm to school," but he was also traumatized when a police officer showed up at his home to interrogate him. School officials reported the incident to the El Paso County Sheriff's office, and a deputy was dispatched to the school. The deputy reviewed a video of the art class that was recorded without the knowledge or consent of students or their parents and saw the boys playing with the toy gun. A police officer was then dispatched to the Elliott home, where he confronted

Isaiah, warning him that he could face criminal charges in the future. Rutherford Institute attorneys have [called on school officials to expunge Isaiah's suspension](#). Institute attorneys also warned school officials against adopting draconian disciplinary measures that fly in the face of common sense and constitutional standards.

The Rutherford Institute, a nonprofit civil liberties organization, defends individuals whose constitutional rights have been violated and educates the public about threats to their freedoms.