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Lockdown Therapy for Capitalism

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Artwork: "Isolation Therapy", by *Jess Ebsworth*

One might think that artists wouldn't mind being isolated and having more time in studios on account of the current Coronavirus situation. After all, we spend an enormous amount of time alone, and isolation allows us to have uninterrupted amounts of time to let our imaginations fly.

But there are other elements in play when we examine creativity. For example, it is crucial that we feel safe to expose all our senses to our environment so that we ground our minds properly to our surroundings, harmoniously with all our channels open.

When the "lockdown" started I was at an art residency in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. I lived in a communal setting with twenty other artists and writers. As soon as public spaces became inaccessible and "social distancing" became the norm at the residency, many of the fellow artists experienced lack of productivity. I felt an immediate blockage to my making process.

Perhaps, since our society does not make artists' activities a priority, this might be the last thing one would consider as a serious "problem". And to a lesser extent, such a concern might be secondary to many artists themselves who will be subjected to enormous economic difficulties.

It is “understood” that this is a “crisis” and we must “fight together” against our “common enemy” which is the virus.

But who could blame those of us who are very much suspicious of such a momentum, as we hear “decrees” being issued to dictate our social activities while all instruments of state violence and repression are in place to regulate our behaviors.

After all we live in the same society which has baselessly demonized Muslims while bombing, colonizing and destroying their countries in the name of “war on terror”. Young black people have been openly demonized to justify gentrification, mass incarceration, exploitation through substandard labor conditions and so on and so forth in the name of “war on drug” and “tough on crime”.

We know that a “crisis” presents opportunities and tools for the ruling class to shape and perpetuate the social structure. The system in which they thrive is always “too big to fail” while oppressed people keep failing so that they are safely cornered into hopelessness, cynicism and complacency to the feudal order of money and violence.

It is not a speculation that there are people who prosper and even benefit during an economic crisis—as smaller business owners struggle, large corporations and banks benefit from huge government subsidies, giving them more power to buy failing small businesses, for example. And it is a fact that many of those people have enormous economic power to shape the policies that can benefit themselves.

It is not a speculation that they would appreciate having strict measures of control against the people by limiting their freedom of

speech, freedom of assembly, and freedom to travel, or by installing means of surveillance, checkpoints and official certifications for activities that might give freedom to the people beyond the capitalist framework.

It is not a speculation that they would benefit from moving our social interactions to the digital realm, which can commodify our activities as marketable data for the advertising industry, insurance industry and any other moneyed social institutions Including education, political institution, legal institution, and financial institution. Such matters should be seen within the context of western history being shaped by unelected capitalists with their enormous networks of social institutions.

In fact, private foundations and NGOs are working with governmental organizations and global institutions to implement potentially dangerous policies of draconian measures as well as financialization of our activities for sometime.

According to researchers – Cory Morningstar, Alison McDowell and others – the potential impact of the transformation which is about to take place through the Internet, blockchain technology, artificial intelligence etc. under the banner of the fourth industrial revolution can be devastatingly inhumane to our species' path. Examining those matters must not be subjected to being labeled as “conspiracy” and dismissed.

Needless to say, a draconian momentum against the capitalist hierarchy accelerates hardships of “invisible people” who struggle against economic deprivation and social repression.

How do homeless people “stay home”? How do people in jail practice “social distancing”? How are people vulnerable to domestic violence protected? How do small business owners continue to stay in business? How do poor people survive while public services and spaces are eliminated, while affluent people are stockpiling in their generously equipped gated communities? How do people with addiction stay sober? How do people with suicidal tendency secure their dwindling connection to humanity?

But those discussions are rare among us. A hint of doubt can trigger those people who are “fighting together”. Because once our creative minds learn to live safely in an authoritarian framework of draconian rules and decrees, the narrow framework restricts our thoughts and ideas. Our minds get weaponized to uphold the authoritarianism as a path to “democracy”, “freedom”, “justice” and “humanity”, which have been mere euphemisms to describe blank checks given to the ruling class.

Once people turn into soldiers of the authoritarianism, the path to the “solutions” is paved by their relentless adherence to corporate political parties, official decrees and carefully concocted narratives within the capitalist framework. Our discussions cease to be mutually respectful exchange, instead, they become battlegrounds in which dissenting voices are vetted, attacked and eliminated.

A society that can't sustain artists is a society that kills minds to care, understand, empathize and share. A society that enforces its imperatives with fear instead of trust in humanity deprives a healthy mechanism to guide itself.

As I see how public sentiment is developing over the virus situation, I must mention one more thing. There has been a proven method of silencing anti-capitalist voices within our society, used by media, political figures, corporate dissidents and others. It requires a few steps.

First, amplify the voices of people who willingly sacrifice those who they consider to hold lower positions than they do in demanding their righteous positions within the capitalist hierarchy. The voices might come from racist nationalists, patriarchal misogynists, flag waving anti-immigrant activists or heartless Trump supporters demanding old people to die during the coronavirus pandemic. Those people recognize that an aspect or a policy of the establishment will compromise their lives—after all they are also oppressed by the capitalist order. However, they do embrace the capitalist order in essence. They do not tolerate sharing their positions with people who they despise.

Second, claim that you are with victims of racism, misogyny or xenophobia, or old people who are vulnerable during the coronavirus pandemic.

Third, falsely equate an anti-capitalist perspective with that of those political villains.

Forth, dismiss those who are calling out the ruling class agenda as “racist”, “misogynists”, “fascist worshiper” and so on.

This method has been very effective. I am sure that anyone who has expressed a concern over capitalist domination can recall being

labeled as what they actually oppose.

The method achieves a few things at the same time. First, it obscures the mechanism of capitalist hierarchy. Second, it divides people who should be fighting against the system together—obscuring the meaning of class struggle. Third, it augments the capitalist hierarchy. Forth, it vitalizes the political legitimacy of corporate political parties which utilize the division. Needless to say, the narrative of division is actively generated by corporate political parties as well.

It is imperative that we recognize the predicaments of the people who are most oppressed within our society, while we firmly recognize the dynamics within the capitalist hierarchy, and stay away from being a part of the mechanism which safely turns our predicaments into driving forces of capitalism.

I hope above writing can generate much needed discussions on the topic among us.



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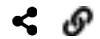

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Thany you. We have a desperate need to discuss things from a human perspective, not from the perspective of so called “experts” who discuss things from a pretended scientific standpoint in which the bonds with what is human are severed.

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Darius



Two main systems we know are socialism and capitalism, socialism fell apart and capitalism is falling apart. There is fascism we could use but we know where it takes us.

We as a society love the convenience and any change which will bring less convenience we will fight against. Basically, western society is not willing to give

up something that will destroy us.

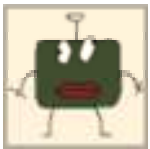
Maybe the new system with strong laws concentrating on local issues, change of priorities (less economical “dog eat dog” progress), no army or navy forces apart from the defense force of countries borders.

If there would be a need for any kind of leaders they would have to go through vigorous psychopath tests.

I know I sound naive but there needs to be a change as we can't function as a society anymore the way we do it know.

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Paola



The author confuses capitalism with socialism.

Everything he blames capitalism for, was created by too much government intervention which is socialism.

The solution is MORE capitalism, not less.

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S Cooper



What some know about political economy or political economic history can be inscribed on the head of a pin.

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Reg

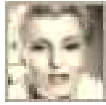


Oh dear, oh dear. Government intervention is ESSENTIAL to what you call capitalism. They go in lockstep. Capitalism has government by the short and curlies, haven't you noticed? The “socialist” bank bailouts should give you an

idea.

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Paola



Oh dear, oh dear.

Capitalism does not allow for bailouts. Capitalism would have inefficient and bankrupt banks go down.

Bailing out companies is a socialist intervention, not a capitalist one.

The problem is that the biggest enemies of capitalism are capitalists by calling on the government for more protectionist policies and interventions. Why do they do that? Because they want to be protected from competition.

But there is no capitalism without competition.

The problem is that in real capitalism competition leads to periodical healthy destruction of inefficient companies and lets only the efficient ones survive.



But people don't like this necessary healthy destruction, so they appeal to the government to intervene. Which it does. That's socialism, too.

An government intervention does not become capitalist because it has been proposed by a capitalist.

This is CRONY capitalism aka socialism.

ANY government intervention, doesn't matter who proposed it, is by definition socialism.

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Reg



Oh dear, oh dear, if you would be so kind as to humour us, how are you going to bring in this "real" capitalist Utopia of yours?

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George Mc



Capitalism does not allow for....Capitalism would have

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Yes let's hear it for fairy capitalism which denies the state but depends on it every step of the way.

Actually existing capitalim is "crony" capitalism which depends on "healthy" destruction and wastage – like the "healthy" destruction wrought by a cancer.

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Paola



Yes, let's hear it for fairy socialism and communist utopia. Those worked out really well in the past 100 years.

The conservative estimates stand at around 100 million dead people at the hands of Stalin, Maotsetung, Lenin, or Hitler, who decimated millions in the name of "Gemeinnutz über Eigennutz", or "the wellbeing of others over the wellbeing for oneself". Which is a quintessential socialist motto.

Capitalism does not deny the state, it denies the intervention of the state into the economy.

But it does concede that a limited government is necessary to uphold private property rights.

But there are others who say that not even this may be necessary and call for an anarcho-capitalist society with private companies being responsible for every service we need, including the one which is currently provided by the judiciary and executive.

One thing is clear: socialism does not work. Never has, never will.

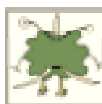
Yet people are currently so brainwashed that they yearn for the very government form which has caused some of the worst genocides in human history.

Being completely oblivious to the fact that the only thing which ever elevated people out of poverty is – capitalism.

Always will be. Because it is based on universal law: economic law.

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Reg



How are you going to implement your “pure” capitalism? I asked you that before.

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George Mc



Socialism does not go along with the false distinction of self/other. That distinction is part of the parasitical capitalist whose system “works” for him.


As for the endlessly regurgitated figures of whatever million killed by Stalin, I have been subjected to the most awful bullshit from the media which I know lies. The deaths accrued by capitalism are naturally something that capitalist propaganda will never raise – because, as Brecht once so correctly noted, “Capitalism is a gentleman who doesn’t like to hear his name mentioned”. It’s not even that capitalism presents itself as a “natural” system. No, it goes one better than that, and doesn’t talk about itself at all. It is simply presupposed.

Capitalism needs the state to set up property rights and to provide the basis for its economy. This was never a natural matter but had to be brutally enforced to coerce the peasants into the great soulless grinding machine by depriving them of resources which had been theirs for untold generations. How many millions starved to death to make way for the industrial revolution? How many died in enforced colonisation from the constant drive to exploit abroad? How many economic crashes? And then there is the enthusiastic creation and backing of fascism by our wonderful philanthropic industrialists. Which leads us naturally to those imperialist world wars, the deaths from which can be laid at the feet of capitalism.

And then there is the topic of deception, without which capitalism could not survive for a second. How much money is sunk into advertising – a field which is nothing more than legalised lying? Which also raises the question as to WHY capitalism has to lie about everything. (Including of course your ahistorically assumed “economic law”.)

As John McMurtry once noted, the perfect description of capitalism is “a system that turns living things into dead things”.

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Socialism and capitalism are mortal enemies... like the pig ignorant destroying the only hope of human survival

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Doctortri some years ago – when visiting friends for a few days, I noticed they had a computer playing a game, it was left to run, and all very busy seeming, with medieval folk running around building things – I asked what it was about, ” oh, you just leave them to it” , friend said...”it goes on and on, we look in briefly, check their progress, interesting fun”...it reminded me of the Gods in Olympus – looking over Jasons progress – and Philip K Dick – ” we live in a Computer-Programmed Reality”.....and then, as it does, the mind wonders, and a plot of my own came to mind, I called it “Principium” – briefly we moved through the generations, the levels, in-time...and reached the inevitable point where humans returned to their artificial origin – – it didn’t just appear when we reached it, it was there always, we being an Augmented Intelligence, awaiting our own result, when at which point the system was reset – the idea, was to break free of it, all one had to do was to find the origin – search for the true nature outside of the simulated fabrication, failure was like a very long Lockdown, to repeat, suffering generations of rebirth, and all that came with it..... .



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1of7billion

I think the problem we face is there are different types of people on the planet – not just races or genders or even religious or non-religious groupings, but types. i.e. though a large part of the population would like to be artists – and of course what an artist is, has a wide range of possible definitions, as even some sportsmen and women might well consider themselves artists – most of those in the world we live in are not able to do that even if they wanted to, except maybe as a hobby.

Historically, artists tended to need patrons, who were often persons holding positions of authority or aristocrats or royalty, or rich merchants.

The ones we know from history almost all had patrons, like Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Rembrandt and so on.

And unless you can in modern times somehow get such a patron, or a commercial backer who will sell you to the public, or you get some kind of arts grant out of the authorities, it's still extremely hard to be an artist in the current capitalist dominated world.

But on the other hand, without the capitalist system as it has been for the past few centuries, would artists like the Beatles or Pink Floyd for example ever have seen the light of day, ever been famous worldwide?

But there is indeed a massive change underway now, really since the industrial revolution, and it has intensified massively since the computer and robot age, so that the truth is very few people are actually needed to keep the system running, and the fact this lockdown is happening at all is a reflection of that fact.

If the rich people needed thousands of people to go down the mines to produce energy as they used to do, and millions to harvest wheat in the fields like they used to (think of Russia with its hammer and sickle or scythe) you can rest assured there wouldn't be any lockdown.

And what this means is for essential work, up to 75% to 90% of the public are either no longer needed for formal work, or that will be the case increasingly so in the future.

If you think about it hard enough and long enough you will come to the conclusion that there are very few jobs indeed that cannot be carried out by some sufficiently sophisticated machine or robot or computer system.

Arguably art is itself one of the very few remaining.

We are rapidly moving to a situation like in John Wyndham's short story "The Machine Stops", in which the automation had got to such a level, that people's limbs had even atrophied, and when the machine that provided all they needed finally stopped, they were utterly helpless.

But obviously in our future world, one assumes that the small minority of people needed to maintain the machines and computers and robots would still be available, though even that is not a certainty if the machines/robots get so sophisticated they can not only repair themselves but each other, which of course computers already do to a large extent, carrying out all kinds of automatic

maintenance of which the user is seldom aware.

So the real truth is, this supposedly temporary mass unemployment that perhaps 80%-90% or more of the population is currently in, is in due course going to be “the new normal.”

Despite the tyranny and freedom and rights denial, this lockdown therefore, in which huge numbers of people are now relying on government handouts, is in some senses “the trial run” for what in the economic sense may be “the new normal.”

Because when I'd guess 90% of people are not needed for work, and what jobs that exist are likely to be shared, so people are likely to work say 2 or 3 days a week rather than 5, 6 or even 7 (small businesses often do that to some degree, as do artists/writers) basically most people are not going to have any money unless the government gives it to them, or certainly if they only do part time hours, *not enough* – in the UK a lot of jobs and businesses are already propped up by government subsidies, so this is happening widespread already.

I mean, there is already far more mass unemployment than is being admitted by governments worldwide.

It is being hidden massively in the UK for example by the fact we have about 5 million carers (for elderly relatives mostly) who might otherwise be working and don't appear on the unemployed register however in most cases, many millions of part-time, many millions who are self-employed but not working much or viable in many cases.

And also millions of part-time workers and millions in general who are being subsidized by tax-credits, and then also you have up to about a million students or so at any time, and also an unknown number of people who have been forced off benefits by the Draconian benefit regime (of working age) who are simply surviving on the charity of their parents or relatives.

So I've worked out in recent years that though the government usually claims about 1 million unemployed lately, there are probably at least 15 to 20 million who are not employed in full-time work on a salary that they could support themselves with, or only exists because it is subsidized by the state.

So personally I am not against a “universal basic income” because otherwise I see a future in which only extremely highly qualified and skilled people will have jobs, and almost nobody else will.

We’re most of the way to that already, and the only exceptions seem to be near slave labour like cycling up a big hill in the middle of winter with a Deliveroo box on your back, as if the internal combustion engine had never been invented.

The problem isn’t a universal basic income, but ensuring it’s enough to live an at least basically comfortable life on.

As much as I personally resent this lockdown therefore, it is possible that we can come out of it closer to reality – in a world that starts acknowledging that less people than ever are needed to work at production or maintenance jobs, and acknowledges therefore, instead of calling people “benefits scroungers” (I suspect now that huge numbers of millions are dependent on them, they’ll think twice about using that language in future against unfortunates who can’t find or cope with the available work for whatever reason), that we are living in a technocratic society so sophisticated now that there simply aren’t enough jobs to go round, and unless this technology somehow disappears *there never again will be*.

To put it differently, the governments of the future are going to have to pay people to do whatever they like!

Or else they will starve.

So the important thing is to make sure that the government starts facing up to and talking about this new reality – the “new normal” in which most people aren’t and won’t ever will be need to do “essential” or “necessary” work – and start determining how the wealth of the world is going to be shared out more fairly.

This is going to require more socialist inclined governments of course, which too many people have been for too long resisting.

But when this coming era of forcible mass unemployment arrives, they are suddenly going to see the necessity for this sharing of the world’s wealth in a way they never did before, and an awful lot of capitalist supporters are going to turn into socialists when they see that capitalism isn’t working for them any more.

If you think about it, it's already happening with the likes of Bernie Sanders in America getting close to power, and Jeremy Corbyn in Britain, getting even closer.



But to speed this transformation up, as I've said here and elsewhere many times before, we badly need electoral reform, as for example under this UK electoral system, what is generally happening is that less than 25% of the electorate (so mostly the wealthiest 25%) can keep putting a Conservative government into power, and thereby dominate the other 75%.

David Cameron got a slim majority in his last election with less than 25% of the electorate vote (his proportion of the actual vote was higher than that, but that's discounting those who didn't vote, as many rightly believe there is little point, so about 1/3 don't bother to vote, which is a staggering 15 million in the UK who don't vote!).

Under full proportional representation voting that would never have happened, and I suspect neither would this lockdown.

Because bear in mind Boris Johnson's main argument for it was "to protect the NHS", but if it had been properly funded by him or those who preceded him, it would not have had any problems coping.

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Hugh O'Neill



Excellent analysis. Leading the Pedants' Revolt, I had thought E.M. Forster had written "The Machine Stops" but I don't recall withered limbs, so maybe Whyndam's story had a different title. Here in NZ, we have PR, but every system can be corrupted alas.

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1of7billion



Yes, thanks Hugh – you seem to be right about The Machine Stops being written by E M Forster but I've not been able to find a copy of it to check.

Whatever it was it was a very long time ago when I read it (maybe even 50 years or more), so I remember the story, but maybe I did get the author wrong. I just have a fragment in my head of the passage in which the machine stopped and the person was unable to move to get what they needed, due to I'm not totally sure if it was withered limbs or just ones too weak from long term lack of use.

As to full PR, the problem we have in the UK is the domination of the 2 or 3 party system which has more or less mutated into a 1 party state aka dictatorship.

So parties like the Greens get 1 seat for their roughly 1 million votes, but would get about 13 under full PR, and could quite possibly have a lot of influence then they don't have now.

Likewise UKIP in a recent election got 4 million votes, but no seats whatsoever in parliament! – that's nearly 12% of the electorate, but no seats, so under full PR would get about 80 (out of 650 in total).

So basically, under FPTP no other party stands a chance, so we basically have a lockdown in politics here worse than the covid-19 one, and that since about 1979 when Mrs Thatcher rose to power and destroyed most of British industry and energy self-sufficiency within a few short years.

So by the early 80s we had about 3 million unemployed, from not long earlier it being "an employee's market", with more jobs available than workers to fill them.

I mean, honestly, I recall those days when you could get a job on a Monday, and if you didn't like it, you could pack it in and get another one you liked better the following week!

The lower classes have never recovered from this destruction of most of their jobs by Mrs Thatcher under globalisation policy, and that's one of the reasons the Brexit vote happened.



Of course, I don't think full PR on its own is enough to make enough change, and the other thing that needs doing is getting control over electoral candidate lists, which are often now just comprised of people from "special interest groups", so they do not actually represent the public in general, and so you are right in thinking that no system will work well unless that is also addressed.

Perhaps that is your problem in New Zealand. I don't know.

So sorry to hear you don't think PR is working well there, but I think most people in the UK envy the idea of living in a beautiful country like New Zealand apart from the earthquakes!

Anyway, thanks again for the input and support.

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PS I said UKIP would get about 80 seats for 4 million votes, I meant about 50.

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Hugh O'Neill



1of7 Billion. We quit the UK because of Blair's supposedly Labour Government completely ignoring our 2 million strong march through London protesting against the illegal invasion of Iraq. I realised that Democracy was truly dead in the UK. We came out to NZ and Helen Clark was PM. Hurrah! Until she was replaced by National Party's John Key, a Wall Street Banker!!! Then they re-elected him twice more. Maybe it's me that has a problem with Democracy? However, despite the madness, we are blessed to live in NZ. The people, despite their poor understanding of deep state politics, are wonderful.

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"Because bear in mind Boris Johnson's main argument for it was "to protect the NHS", but if it had been properly funded by him or those who preceded him, it would not have had any problems coping."

And then I found this

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Arby



And he pushes the idea that the pandemic is real.

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Willem



There is always something 'curious' about your comments. This time it is the notion that the government will give basic income, as otherwise the population would starve.

But the government doesn't care of populations starve (ask Madeleine Albright)

I find it much more likely that governments will give basic income, otherwise people will revolt! And because their system needs obedient people who buy trash as that keeps the economy going.

I also find it quite curious why you place your comments in relatively old threads. It is as if you don't want skeptical people to read your comment. And

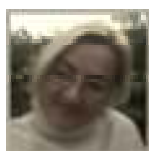
the length of your comment of course prevents people to read on below your comment.

Of course only a commenters who is payed to gaslight people would do such a thing. And I think that you are such a person. Cannot proof it of course, but you certainly behave like a gaslighter.

'We are what we pretend to be, so we must be very careful what we pretend to be'

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Rachel Wild



Thank you for your very insightful article. As you welcome discourse, these are my thoughts, which are much more fully expanded upon and substantiated in my series of articles **Covid-19 Crash**.

We need to come together like never before. Today they announce we should all carry mobile phones so they can monitor our every move... and it's not just so they can monetise our every gesture, as suggested above... it is so they can exercise complete control. I wrote about this form of social control, (which, in the case of China employs social credits), last year, where I warned our freedoms are under attack. At that time 23 million Chinese were in Smart prison', not permitted to have a job, rent an apartment or get a ticket out of their predicament. This is a death sentence if no-one is willing to help you! I quizzed Carne Ross about it, and he said the Chinese system was coming here. The stark facts are this. The economy tanked before Con-Vid-19. The Western currencies are bankrupt. The extremely wealthy own all the assets worth having. Lockdown has shut us up, but has intensified our suffering. Lay offs and business failure is widespread. But, technology is set to make 9 out of 10 people utterly redundant, and there's a lot of people out there who are saying the world is over-populated... The green movement has long since been 'captured' by corporate interests, so there's no-one more zealously touting this BS than your average eco warrior.

But, the truth is... We need to learn to share and co-operate... and fast. But, the filthy rich, who have rigged the system and created this utterly stinking state of


affairs, would rather keep all of their ill-gotten wealth and community be damned. But, what they don't understand, in their psychopathic haze, is they are very much cutting off their nose to spite their face. Just like corporations are poisoning the planet we all live on!

We must acknowledge that many of those who now wield the power and who are willing to forego so many and so much, are actually clinically unwell and need to be removed from positions of power, within corporations and governments, so that the sane caring elements of society can deal with the very real, and appalling fall-out of our fiat currencies having finally crashed out into oblivion.

As mentioned, I have written a series of articles further expounding and substantiating my ideas here :: <https://www.wilddigital.co.uk/covid-19-crash/>

This article deals specifically with the financial situation :: **Our Economy Is Way More Sick Than Us!**

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these so-called “leaders” are free to decide whatever they like – though their directions are only of meaning to those who listen and believe – is it forgotten that there is an unquestionable right to refuse it mandate – that to comply isn't absolute...as only ever has meaning and becomes real, if the people bend to it – and in doing so, impede themselves...just as with any who tells other to do a thing, there is the choice to deny obedience...that the True problem, and it the same thing as ever, “People” – just as they foolishly return to the ballot box with it's repeated promises and manifest lies...it can only be assumed that they've become addicted to dishonesty and invention – What does that say of them, their lives and values – how small minded and sick with falsity, weakness, and insecurity are they – and what does that announce of a system that governs over them – one that doesn't look to cure the sickness – but is at its most gratified when feeding from it – because, it knows, that the weaker they are...the more extended security It has.

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Richard Le Sarc



The 'society' being created by Western elites is NOT a mass society. The future is neo-feudalism, or extermination.

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Charlotte Russe



PUT ON YOUR RABBIT EARS

The “intuitive antenna” immediately rises for all those with an in-depth knowledge of significant past events. Every security state driven crisis, namely 9/11 and all subsequent military invasions turned out to be riddled with falsehoods awash in exaggerations resulting in unneeded death and destruction. The decimation of the World Trade Center brought us the Patriot Act which promptly eliminated the Fourth Amendment. So naturally, the notion of a lockdown would shutdown sensitive soulful minds. The fear these delicate folks feel is less from a virus, but more from the impending iniquitous agenda hidden until it suddenly surfaces under the guise of a crisis.

THERE'S NO FREE LUNCH

The state-run mainstream media news is implying those who want to end the lockdown are population

“cullers.” Know-it-all obnoxious commentators want everyone to remain at home until the entire population is either tracked and traced or a vaccine magically appears. A media “terror blitz” is causing mass hysteria. These loudmouths seem almost proud their propaganda campaign resulted in massive unemployment. Well, that brings me to our charitable government. Let's just say, large-scale

unemployment forces the implementation of Universal Basic Income (UBI), millions will be dependent on the largess of capricious legislators. UBI would

create a whole “new class” designated as “non-

essentials.” Non-essential people are like non-essential activities they’re easily eliminated. Didn’t the lockdown prove that, functions designated as non-important are kaput. Autocratic bureaucrats now have the authority to determine where and when you can have fresh air. So isn’t it a bit scary to think these same thugs will control whether millions receive vital resources.

So who’s really doing the culling? Anyone who truly has the best interests of workers in mind would be against the consolidation of businesses into monopolistic beasts and avidly promote local small business owners. By the way, when workers remain in lockdown they’re proving they’re non-essential.

THERE’S NOWHERE TO HIDE



The manufactured hysteria associated with COVID-19 is artfully being used to step up the restructuring of US society where AI will reign supreme, and millions are no longer needed. Heightened surveillance techniques and contact surveillance tracing will be initially deployed in the most indigent communities. These lucky folks, might be the first to test the new COVID vaccine.

Having said that, let me reiterate it’s always a mistake to advance any crisis the security state promotes. They always have an ulterior motive especially, when advancing widespread terror and that motive never benefits the working-class. Case in point, Baltimore just passed a law allowing surveillance airplanes to monitor the city for a six months. “The pilot program is aimed at helping law enforcement investigate violent crime, and will effectively restart a tactic secretly used three years ago. The flights, which civil liberties groups oppose, will start in May 2020 and gather footage during the hours when the city experiences high rates of crime.” As Baltimore goes, so goes the rest of the country. The next step will be cameras everywhere. They’ll be so many cameras the surveillance state will put proctologists out of business.

And that takes me back to Whitney Webb’s recent article which I cited in a previous post: “Techno-Tyranny: How the US National Security State is Using Coronavirus to Fulfill an Orwellian Vision.” She cites a report mentioning that “prior” to COVID-19 the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence

recommended the US adopt “AI-driven mass surveillance systems” far beyond those used in any other country in order to ensure American hegemony in artificial intelligence. This commission believes the hysteria associated with COVID-19 is eliminating all “obstacles” that previously prevented the implementation of such a program. To put it simply, Covid-19 is paving the way for a new and improved “AI driven Patriot Act.”

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Seamus Padraig



Good points all, Charlotte.

Another thing about UBI that I would like to add is that it's basically just going to be another government subsidy (albeit indirect) for the likes of Jeff Bezos and Bill Gates. Pretty much all of our small- and medium-sized businesses are gone at this point! Unlike Bezos & Frenzd, family-owned businesses just aren't considered 'essential' anymore. So UBI will be the only way for these oligarchs to continue to sell anything to us.

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Charlotte Ruse



Yes, UBI will be a way for business to continue as usual, while the US devolves into a neofeudal surveillance state.

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(UK) Cummings was apart of the leave e.u campaign also helped the CONservaties during the s-election in December 2019 and has connections to Peter Thiel Palantir

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hence why not much intel on 'scientific' advisory group *as such*

as a computer AI is helping run the stimulation's

Peter Thiel Palantir has been asked by unmppe lumppa to help with CV in tracking CV

aka people

Palantir has already been used for future crimes by some usa state

Neil sanders articles *Cambridge Analytica and the creation of right wing media* shows how Bannon and his lot used AI algorithms during trump campaign they also did the same for Brexit Nigel fraage brexit party and in many othe counters and other parts of e.u and allover it has military clearance as neil saunder show in the link below

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DWP department of work and pensions has invested in bots and also algorithms AI

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in essence they been doing this a long time but one can appeal a decision of they find out they can opt out to quote them

automated decision-making is when a decision is made solely by automated means without any meaningful human involvement.

local councils have been doing it also IT just unless you read you not going to find out.

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