Interim Ministry Resources

Chapter 13 Identity

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Reflections and Resources

1) Life after 9/11

A colleague related how he was engaged in a pleasant conversation with a parishioner, when suddenly the parishioner went off on a political rant. I find it helpful to remember the sage advice given by guest presenter The Rev. Dr. John Martin Mann Associates – Clergyseminars at the 1/21/2014 Interim Ministry Gathering of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin. Following 9/11, many people circled the wagons as a first stage. In the second stage, he suggested, people are engaging in fractious behavior in political correctness. A highly ideological and confrontational context is simply a reality for a pastor seeking to lead and to serve in the post 9/11 context.

2) Life after COVID-19

The high school boys' basketball team in the school district where I was serving 3 town and country congregations was doing well so that many thought this year was the year to go to the state tournament. On 3/12 they beat an opponent by 1 point in the sectional quarterfinal game. The victory was particularly sweet because they had lost to that team 2 months earlier by 20 points. Afterwards, many thought the team stood a good chance to defeat their next scheduled opponent on Saturday, 3/14 and head to the state tournament. But the season was cut short because of WIAA tournament cancellations due to the COVID-19 threat, and the team ended the season with a 24-2 record. The tournament cancellation was both a disappointment and a harbinger of things to come. I recall that the first guideline in 2020 to slow the spread of COVID-19 recommended no gatherings over 250 people. I breathed a sigh of relief because none of the 3 congregations I was serving at the time involved that many people. The next guideline to come out recommended no gatherings over 50 people. I breathed a sigh of relief because none of that many people. The next guideline 15 Days to Slow the Spread | The White House recommended no gatherings over 10 people. Because the congregations I served at the time averaged between 10 and 50, I could no longer breathe a sigh of relief. On Sunday, March 15 the congregations dispensed with the sharing of the peace, but one woman said, "When this is all over, I want to give you a big hug." I never saw her again.

On Saint Patrick's Day, 3/17, the parish president and a Congregation Council secretary informed me that the congregation presidents determined to follow the President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America: 15 Days to Slow the Spread by foregoing services of worship on Sundays, 3/22 and 29, and midweek Lenten services on 3/25 and 29. The plan at that time was to gather on 4/5 Palm Sunday. The children at one congregation were going to take a hunger offering, a mother was to present herself and 3 children for baptism, and the parish council was going to host a farewell potluck for me.

Three days later the economic shutdown resulted in Stocks log worst week since 2008: March 20, 2020 - CNN.com. On 3/23 Gov. Evers to issue order for Wisconsinites to stay home 3/25 through 4/24.

What began as a bad dream on 3/12 became a nightmare on 3/27 when I read the headlines in the StarTribune.com: News, weather, sports from Minneapolis, St. Paul, the Twin Cities - 3.3M newly jobless in U.S. - Unemployment rate could hit 13% by May - U.S. TAKES OVER BUSINESS WORLD - Postal service facing more financial strain.

Then came Wisconsin's Coronavirus 'Stay-At-Home' Order March 25 through April 24 with its provisions that "crowds of 10 or larger are specifically banned at weddings, funerals and church services and people who violate the order could face up to 30 days in jail, or a fine of up to \$250." I stated on my 3/29 video that gatherings for services of worship for the early Christians were banned by the Roman Empire so that Christians gathered in their houses. I urged them to do the same. House church – Wikipedia - For the first 300 years of <u>Early Christianity</u>, until Constantine legalized Christianity and churches moved into larger buildings, <u>Christians typically met in homes</u>, if only because intermittent persecution (before the <u>Edict of Milan</u> in 313) did not allow the erection of <u>public church</u> <u>buildings</u>. <u>Clement of Alexandria</u>, an early church father, wrote of worshipping in a house. The <u>Dura-Europos church</u>, a private house in <u>Dura-Europos</u> in <u>Syria</u>, was excavated in the 1930s and was found to have been used as a Christian meeting place in AD 232, with one small room serving as a <u>baptistry</u>.^{[41[5]} creating the current style church seen today.^[6] At many points in subsequent history, various <u>Christian groups worshipped in houses</u>, often because of persecution by the state church or the civil government. Some lived as Nicodemites. Images for House church for the first 300 years of Early Christianity

Locally, the neon sign at the edge of town stated, "<u>name, name, name</u> church services canceled til further notice," a 34-year-old man died of a self-inflicted gunshot to the head on 3/25, and a 29-year-old woman died of a drug overdose on 3/27. I was asked to officiate at the funeral for the latter but did not hear anything about the former although he came to Sunday School as a boy. The funeral director dutifully informed the family that only the allowed number would be permitted in the church building for the service, but the sister warned me in my consultation that more would show up for the committal in the adjacent cemetery. She was right as 45 people stood shoulder to shoulder during the committal, embraced afterwards, and lingered long after I left.

On Good Friday, 4/10, I could not stay inside any longer and went to the store to pick up a Star Tribune. I saw the banner headline "MN deaths hit daily high" while I read more carefully in the 2nd paragraph that "The deaths, which bring the state's total to 50, include 10 residents of long-term care facilities and seven people who lived in Hennepin County. All were between the ages of 70 and 99," On the same front page, the column on the left hand side said "17 million jobless claims in a month" and included "Janet Yellen, one of the

world's top economists, said the U.S. employment rate has jumped to at least 12% or 13% already the worst level of joblessness the nation has seen since the Great Depression."

My interim assignment ended after Easter on 4/15, the assignment I was scheduled to start 4/16 fell through, and I began a period of time on leave from call. On 4/17, Evers Extends Wisconsin Stay-at-Home Order Until May 26. On 4/23, the Wisconsin Council of Churches released Returning to Church – Wisconsin Council of Churches stating "that returning to church will have to happen in phases." The document also provided Recommended Reading/Viewing.

While the presenting argument was made in effect, "If everybody does their part, this threat can be defeated," I wondered at the time about the underside of such an argument and if something more was at stake. I wondered even more the longer the lockdown lasted.

<u>Just War</u> - I heard the argument made that the country had entered into the equivalent of a state of war against an invisible threat, but one of the criteria for a just war is the principle of proportionality. Using a military metaphor, is it warranted to carpet bomb when targeted strikes may have accomplished the mission with less damage? It seems to me that the scale of the cure (lockdown) for the disease (COVID-19) may be called into question when one considers that according to Disease Burden of Influenza | CDC "CDC estimates that influenza has resulted in between 9 million – 45 million illnesses, between 140,000 – 810,000 hospitalizations and between 12,000 – 61,000 deaths annually since 2010" and that Provisional Death Counts for Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) proved to be considerably less than the dire forecast 'Terrifying' New Research Warns 2.2 Million Could Die From Coronavirus in US Without Drastic Action - An alarming scientific report compiled by British researchers and shared with the Trump White House warns that, in the absence of drastic and coordinated government action, the novel coronavirus could kill as many as 2.2 million people in the United States alone. The new research (pdf), led by epidemiologist Dr. Neil Ferguson and published Monday by the Imperial College of London, shows that merely acting to slow rather than completely stop the spread of COVID-19 would "still likely result in hundreds of thousands of deaths and health systems (most notably intensive care units) being overwhelmed many times over."

It just so happened that UK coronavirus adviser, resigns after reports his lover visited during lockdown when he strenuously insisted on strict measures. Then, it came out that Neil Ferguson's Imperial model could be the most devastating software mistake of all time - The boss of a top software firm asks why the Government failed to get a second opinion from a computer scientist.

How can an unpublished report that did not go through standard peer review be given such credence with so much at stake? How can the lockdown of an entire society be justified?

Anthony S. Fauci, M.D. gave a more conservative death rate in the March 26, 2020 N Engl J Med 2020; 382:1268-1269. Covid-19 — Navigating the Uncharted - The New England Journal of Medicine - Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., H. Clifford Lane, M.D., and Robert R. Redfield, M.D. This suggests that the overall clinical consequences of Covid-19 may ultimately be more akin to those of a severe seasonal influenza (which has a case fatality rate of approximately 0.1%) or a pandemic influenza (similar to those in 1957 and 1968) rather than a disease similar to SARS or MERS, which have had case fatality rates of 9 to 10% and 36%, respectively.² COVID-19 Mortality Rate May Be 'Considerably Less Than 1%'

The question then becomes, "If ... the overall clinical consequences of Covid-19 may ultimately be more akin to those of a severe seasonal influenza...," then how can the lockdown of an entire society be justified?"

If the Non-pharmaceutical public health measures for mitigating the risk and impact of epidemic and pandemic influenza (World Health Organization publication October 2019) concluded that Workplace measures and closures are "unlikely to be feasible", and as for Avoiding crowding "it is still uncertain whether measures to avoid crowding alone would have a large effect",

Non-pharmaceutical public health measures for mitigating the risk and impact of epidemic and pandemic influenza

6.5. Workplace measures and closures

Ethical considerations

Workplace measures and closures could affect the economy and productivity of a society. A survey in the USA found that self-employed individuals and those unable to work from home might not be able to comply with recommended workplace measures because of job insecurity and financial considerations (125, 127). Social equity concerns may be exacerbated by workplace closure due to the lack of income to pay for necessities in lower income families. Feasibility

Telework, paid-leave policy and staggered-shift measures are unlikely to be feasible in most circumstances. Workplace closure is also likely to have a number of feasibility issues; for example, many companies provide essential services to the community or facilitate off-site working, and thus cannot be closed. Overall, the guideline development group believed that mandated workplace closure is unlikely to be feasible. 55

6.6. Avoiding crowding

Ethical considerations

Avoiding crowding may have cultural or religious implications (209). Gatherings are important places to share information during influenza, which can comfort people and reduce fear. The abolition of religious gatherings may violate the devout faith of the participants and make them feel morally guilty. The guideline development group suggested that it would not be possible to cancel some events (e.g. the Hajj).

Feasibility

There have been recommendations for the prohibition of mass gatherings but without further details in most (66%) national pandemic influenza preparedness implementation plans (65). However, it is still uncertain whether measures to avoid crowding alone would have a large effect. 58

https://www.who.int/influenza/publications/public_health_measures/publication/en/

Images for Non-pharmaceutical public health measures for mitigating the risk and impact of epidemic and pandemic influenza Images for WHO Workplace measures and closures Ethical considerations Images for WHO Avoiding crowding Ethical considerations

the question becomes, "How can the lockdown of society be justified?"

Is the Coronavirus as Deadly as They Say? - WSJ

If it's true that the novel coronavirus would kill millions without shelter-in-place orders and quarantines, then the extraordinary measures being carried out in cities and states around the country are surely justified. But there's little evidence to confirm that premise—and projections of the death toll could plausibly be orders of magnitude too high. Fear of Covid-19 is based on its high estimated case fatality rate — 2% to 4% of people with confirmed Covid-19 have died, according to the World Health Organization and others. So, if 100 million Americans ultimately get the disease, 2 million to 4 million could die. We believe that estimate is deeply flawed. The true fatality rate is the portion of those infected who die, not the deaths from identified positive cases."

The latter rate is misleading because of selection bias in testing. The degree of bias is uncertain because available data are limited. But it could make the difference between an epidemic that kills 20,000 and one that kills 2 million. If the number of actual infections is much larger than the number of cases—orders of magnitude larger—then, the true fatality rate is much lower as well. That's not only plausible but likely based on what we know so far.

A universal quarantine may not be worth the costs it imposes on the economy, community and individual mental and physical health. We should undertake immediate steps to evaluate the empirical basis of the current lockdowns. Dr. Bendavid and Dr. Bhattacharya are professors of medicine at Stanford. Neeraj Sood contributed to this article. https://www.wsj.com/articles/is-the-coronavirus-as-deadly-as-they-say-11585088464

https://fsi.stanford.edu/news/coronavirus-deadly-they-say

Images for Is the Coronavirus as Deadly as They Say? - Stanford University

https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/is-the-coronavirus-as-deadly-as-they-say-professors-claim-more-data-needed-to-know-mortality-rate

There are numbers and then again there are numbers – Numbers can be used to tell a story depending on who defines the studies.

Sen. Dr. Jensen's Shocking Admission About Coronavirus

Apr 7, 2020 - MN Sen. and Dr. Jensen said that he received a 7-page document from the MN Department of Health advising him to fill out death certificates with a diagnosis of #COVID-19 whether the person actually died from COVID-19 or not. Can we trust the death numbers we've been seeing?

https://www.valleynewslive.com/content/misc/Sen-Dr-Jensens-Shocking-Admission-About-Coronavirus-569458361.html Images for MN Sen. and Dr. Jensen

https://www.startribune.com/more-thoughtful-lockdown-rules-could-spare-us-loss-and-suffering/569234072/ Winners and losers in this shutdown are being unnecessarily and arbitrarily determined.

https://twitter.com/drscottjensen?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor https://www.facebook.com/SenatorJensen/

New ICD code introduced for COVID-19 deaths

Will COVID-19 be the underlying cause?

The underlying cause depends upon what and where conditions are reported on the death certificate. However, the rules for coding and selection of the underlying cause of death are expected to result in COVID19 being the underlying cause more often than not.

https://d33wjekvz3zs1a.cloudfront.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Alert-2-New-ICD-code-introduced-for-COVID-19deaths.pdf

Here's The Good COVID-19 News That's Being Buried By The Press

"Some doctors feel pressure from hospitals to list deaths as due to the coronavirus, even when they don't believe that is the case, 'to make it look a little bit worse than it is.,'" Lott and Allen wrote. "There are financial incentives that might make a difference for hospitals and doctors. The CARES Act adds a 20% premium for COVID-19 Medicare patients." <u>https://issuesinsights.com/2020/06/25/falling-covid-19-death-rates-are-even-smaller-than-they-look/</u>

COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) Billing - CMS

3. Question: How did CMS implement the increased payment under the IPPS for COVID-19 patients under the provisions of section 3710 of the CARES Act? Answer: To implement this temporary statutory adjustment, the IPPS Pricer will apply an adjustment factor to increase the Medicare Severity-Diagnosis Related Group (MS-DRG) relative weight that would otherwise apply by 20 percent when determining IPPS operating payments (including the calculation of payments such as for disproportionate share hospitals (DSHs), indirect medical education (IME), outliers, new technologies, and low volume hospitals and the hospital specific rates for sole community hospitals (SCHs) and Medicare-dependent hospitals (MDHs)) for discharges of patients with a principal or secondary diagnosis of COVID-19. New: 5/27/20

https://www.cms.gov/files/document/03092020-covid-19-fags-508.pdf

Stories keep coming out along the lines of Deaths incorrectly attributed to COVID-19 in Palm Beach County.

<u>Contributing conditions</u> – Is the whole story being told when the # of virus deaths are spoken of with such breathless alarm? <u>COVID-19 Provisional Counts</u> - Weekly Updates by Select Demographic and Geographic Characteristics – Updated: September 2, 2020. Comorbidities Table 3 shows the types of health conditions and contributing causes mentioned in conjunction with deaths involving coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). For 6% of the deaths, COVID-19 was the only cause mentioned. For deaths with conditions or causes in addition to COVID-19, on average, there were 2.6 additional conditions or causes per death. <u>Numbers game</u> – When the focus is placed on cases, hospitalizations, and deaths due to a virus while the numerous other Quality of life – "Standard indicators of the quality of life include not only wealth and employment but also the built environment, physical and mental health, education, recreation and leisure time, and social belonging" - are diminished, then what happens to the equation not to mention those have died because of a lack of health care, those who have been denied healthcare, those who have been afraid to even go to the doctor or hospital, as well as those who have suffered and died from psychosomatic illnesses of anxiety, depression, suicide, intentional injury as well as alcoholism, abuse and other illnesses related to the virus scare? What will the evidence-based research reveal about the secondary epidemic of burnouts and stress-related absenteeism in latter half of 2020 resulting from 2.6 billion people being locked down in the largest psychological experiment ever?

Maintaining perspective - Sometimes, lost in the hysteria over the virus is a frame of reference.

Resources

Does the news reflect what we die from? | Our World in Data

One of the primary motivations for our work at Our World in Data is to provide a fact-based overview of the world we live in — a perspective that includes the persistent and long-term changes that run as a backdrop to our daily lives. We aim to provide the complement to the fast-paced reporting we see in the news. The media provides a near-instantaneous snapshot of single events; events that are, in most cases, negative. The persistent, large-scale trends of <u>progress</u> never make the headlines. But is there evidence that such a disconnect exists between what we see in the news and what is reality for most of us?

https://ourworldindata.org/causes-of-death#does-the-news-reflect-what-we-die-from

In 2015 around 57 million people died.

https://ourworldindata.org/births-and-deaths

Images for In 2015 around 57 million people died.

Flu can cause up to 650,000 deaths a year globally - IFPMA

Influenza is a highly infectious disease that usually strikes during the winter season. Globally, it causes an estimated one billion cases of influenza, resulting in 290,000 to 650,000 deaths per year. https://www.ifpma.org/global-health-matters/flu-can-cause-up-to-650000-deaths-a-year-globally/

Images for Flu can cause up to 650,000 deaths a year globally

Economic contraction – To think that in January 2020, the US unemployment rate was at 3.6%, and in July 2020 the national unemployment rate was at 10.2%. For those who contend that others should avoid framing the situation in terms of a supposedly false choice between reviving the economy - or churches - and saving lives, how can an economic contraction of such magnitude be subject to such an airy dismissal? 3 Months Of Hell: U.S. Economy Drops 32.9% In Worst GDP Report Ever - The coronavirus pandemic triggered the sharpest economic contraction in modern American history, the Commerce Department reported Thursday. Images for U.S. Economy Drops 32.9% In Worst GDP Report Ever

<u>Herd mentality or herd immunity</u> – When a zebra perceives a threat of a lion, that zebra may start running. Soon, the herd starts running whether the threat is real or not. Would it not be better to act less like instinctual zebra animals and more like reflective human agents?

William Watson: Herd mentality versus herd immunity and the coronavirus

Then last week maybe the herd at least twitched a little again. A Wall Street Journal editorial, <u>"Re-thinking the coronavirus shutdown,"</u> pointed out that the cost of shutting down a modern economy for an indefinite period could be enormous and might well have severe public health consequences itself. An <u>article</u> in the online life sciences journal Stat by Stanford epidemiologist John Ioannidis suggested shutting down the economy was "a fiasco in the making." The New York Times' conservative columnist Bret Stephens linked to the Ioannidis piece, calling it a "must-read." Then on the weekend the Times ran a <u>piece</u> by Yale epidemiologist David L. Katz called "Is our fight against coronavirus worse than the disease?" Katz suggested there were more surgical, targeted ways to fight the disease than trying to smother it and he explicitly recommended a herd immunity strategy that concentrated preventive efforts on vulnerable populations and let those less vulnerable return to something closer to life as we knew it just a couple of weeks ago.

https://nationalpost.com/opinion/william-watson-herd-mentality-versus-herd-immunity-and-the-coronavirus

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https://www.wsj.com/articles/rethinking-the-coronavirus-shutdown-11584659154 No society can safeguard public health for long at the cost of its economic health.

<u>https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/20/opinion/coronavirus-pandemic-social-distancing.html</u> There may be more targeted ways to beat the pandemic.

Safer or worse off? – I was told that I should shelter in place because I would be safer at home. When I finally realized I might be worse off by sheltering in place, I got outside in the fresh air and out amongst the public. COVID-19 Lockdowns May Destroy Our Immune Systems - In a recent interview, two immunology doctors, former emergency-room physician Dr. Daniel W. Erickson and his partner at a California Urgent Care, Dr. Artin Massih, challenged us to consider the possibility that draconian lockdowns are counterproductive. Without exposure to pathogens, we cannot build a healthy immune system: Images for Without exposure to pathogens, we cannot build a healthy immune system:

What about the hibernators? – I get it that people with pre-existing conditions might want to quarantine, but I feel sorry for those otherwise healthy people who hide inside even after the lockdowns are lifted because they can get paid to type on the computer and

talk on the phone from the house. What are they going to do when they finally come out of hiding with a compromised physical and psychological immune system? Would it not be better to learn to live with viruses and not hide out for the rest of one's life How staying indoors affects your immune system - BBC Future "For the past two months, a sizable chunk of the world's population has been shuttered inside their homes, only stepping out for essential supplies. Although this may have reduced our chances of being exposed to coronavirus, it may have had a less obvious effect on our immune systems by leaving us more vulnerable to other infections." Images for How staying indoors affects your immune system

Staying inside could weaken the immune system from stress "Stress, too much time indoors, too few social interactions, and unhealthy coping mechanisms can actually dampen your immune system, according to experts."

<u>Adaptive challenges or technical solutions?</u> Down through the ages, nature has learned to adapt to challenges. Now in the so-called evidence-based age, will lockdowns, quarantines, and vaccines be touted as the ultimate answer moving forward?

<u>Smaller doses lead to larger doses.</u> – First, the argument was made that there would not be enough bed space, then the argument changed to flattening the curve. First, the directive was 15 Days to Slow the Spread | The White House, then came Safer at Home - Governor Tony Evers - WI.gov in which "All Wisconsinites must stay at home as much as possible and non-essential businesses and operations must cease, with limited exceptions for minimum basic operations and working from home." At what point do larger doses lead to overdoses as governors extend their reach of authority?

Limitations to linear thinking - Writing a prescription does not always address a set of circumstances. Everything is connected. Actions result in chain reactions. As Newton's Third Law of Motion states, for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.

<u>Hammer and a Nail</u> - The law of the instrument by Abraham Mazlow states, "I suppose it is tempting, if the only tool you have is a hammer, to treat everything as if it were a nail." Social Distancing & the Propaganda – Market World (DEV) "We don't want to squash a flea with a sledgehammer and bring the house down," says Auckland University epidemiologist Dr. Simon Thornley, has come out as many doctors are now criticizing this entire debacle. Images for Auckland University epidemiologist Dr. Simon Thornley, has come out as many doctors are now criticizing this entire debacle.

Obsession with COVID-19 and overlook of general health – A nurse practitioner at 1 of the 3 congregations I was serving before my assignment ended on 4/15/2020 got laid off as the clinic she was working at was shut down. Nurses and doctors are considered on-call and so not entitled to unemployment insurance. I asked myself, "How many long-term health conditions would be compromised by this lack of access to primary care?" I was scheduled for a transurethral cystolitholapaxy procedure used to treat adults with bladder stones when the procedure was postponed indefinitely. In hindsight, I wish I would have gone in earlier, but I did not know a lockdown was coming. I took to drinking a concoction composed of grated lemons, onions, garlic, cayenne pepper, and cumin made in a blender and it seemed to help, but what would have happened if I developed a urinary tract obstruction? I learned about the recipe from a friend but there are other Natural home remedies that can help you with kidney stones. I collected urine to spread along the edge of the garden in an attempt to deter the rabbits from eating my peas and beans. I am becoming even more attentive to my personal health as I realize in the future access to health care may be limited.

First of all, the lockdown was supposedly justified because hospitals would not have enough bed space for the influx of patients. Second, some clinics and hospitals shut down and headed towards bankruptcy. How the COVID-19 pandemic will change health care "Here's what the future of health care looks like after the coronavirus. More than 38,000 family physician practices will see closures or layoffs by the end of May, according to American Academy of Family Physicians estimates."

<u>Mass medicine?</u> – My uncle Thorval Soren "Ted" Norager (1924-2003) told how Dr. Robert H. Heise Sr., who established his practice in 1950 in Story City, Iowa, served as his primary doctor, confidant, and counselor. I appreciate my Family Medicine doctor in Menomonie, Wisconsin who graduated from medical school in 1983. Among other things, his father served as a Lutheran pastor, and his wife attended seminary before moving on to another field. He shows a personal interest and has assured me he likes what he is doing and does not plan to retire any time soon, but I am thinking that this relationship with a primary doctor may soon be a relic of the past. Post COVID-19 Future Of Telehealth - National Law Review. "Prior to the pandemic, health providers and stakeholders were quickly moving to develop and expand existing telehealth programs. Now we are seeing an adoption of telehealth solutions that far surpasses all of the activity we saw in the past five years combined."

<u>Computer and economy</u> – When offered the options of Sleep, Shut down, and Restart on the computer screen, I can Shutdown (computing) knowing that I can turn on the computer again. Not so easy when Bill Gates insists "on a nationwide approach to shutting down." Opinion | Bill Gates: Here's how to make up for lost time on covid-19

Opinion: America's Shutdown Over the Coronavirus Is Economic Hemlock - When Socrates swallowed hemlock in 399 BCE he already knew the outcome. The United States, on the other hand, is unwittingly swallowing economic hemlock in the fight against the coronavirus. America is presently pursuing a panic-based, blind gamble — with massive risk to all of us. Is the coronavirus pandemic a serious once-in-a-lifetime challenge? Yes. Is economic suicide the cure? No. This is not an either-or choice between a full shutdown and no shutdown at all. This is about taking a thoughtful, multi-faceted, region-by-region approach to fight a serious health threat while keeping our economy moving forward. Images for Opinion: America's Shutdown Over the Coronavirus Is Economic Hemlock

<u>Fearmongering or common sense?</u> - When reports on the virus whip people into a panic, reason goes out the window. What It's Like to Believe Everything the Media Tells You – YouTube - "What would it be like if you stopped thinking for yourself and believed everything the media tells you? Here's what it might look like to be completely brainwashed by the news." Images for What It's Like to Believe Everything the Media Tells You - YouTube Images for What would it be like if you stopped thinking for yourself and believed everything the media tells you? <u>Go without food?</u> – I received 2 masks in the mail from my health care insurance provider. The accompanying card included 2 columns of "Here's what the CDC recommends you do:" and "Here's what we can help you do:" The first 2 CDC recommendations spoke of hand washing and keeping home surfaces clean. Then, "Keep a healthy distance from others, Stay home as much as you can, and use a cloth mask to cover your face if you have to go out for things like groceries." So, has the lockdown introduced a new kind of groupthink – to regard others as threats, to hide in the house, and to go out only to restock? I'm eating out of the garden on 7/15/2020 and sharing extra produce. I go to the grocery store for basics and to get out in public.

Great American Food Shortage: How To Prepare and Protect Your Family From The Upcoming Food Shortages by J.R. Fisher (Author)

Could we soon be facing one of the biggest food shortages that has ever hit America? Could this food shortage soon hit your community with such force that you and your family will be standing in long food lines with the masses begging for whatever you can get? In this book Mr. Fisher reveals the chilling truth and facts that prove how major governments use a well established "food cartel" to control not only the food supply but also the lives of hundreds of millions of people. If you want to be prepared and protect your family from the life threatening effects of major food shortages, you will defiantly want to read this book. Learn the life saving tips that you will need to survive before it's too late.

https://www.amazon.com/Great-American-Food-Shortage-Shortages/dp/1542596807

https://www.bookdepository.com/Great-American-Food-Shortage-J-R-Fisher/9781542596800

Images for Great American Food Shortage: How To Prepare and Protect Your Family From The Upcoming Food Shortages by J.R. Fisher (Author)

Who are these masked people? – Facial coverings are supposedly intended to prevent contact with droplets, splashes and sprays that may contain germs, but the worrisome question, for me, has to do with what these facial coverings will do to the bonds of trust that holds civilization together. I suggest that in the long run these masks may turn people into lone rangers fearful and distrustful of each other, on the one hand, and compliant and subservient to government overreach, on the other hand. Covid-19: face masks could foster distrust and blame - The BMJ - The wearing of face masks would further foster an air of distrust and blame, with the loss of reassuring facial communication. Those not wearing masks might experience abuse or intimidation. While the numbers infected remain unknown and potentially high, and where the confines of a workplace or means of transport make social distancing impossible, then optional mask wearing seems sensible. But requiring us all to live in a society where our faces are concealed based on an interpretation of the "precautionary principle" as there is "little to lose?" I beg to differ. [end of quote]

At the other end of the psychological spectrum, certain individuals may be emboldened to engage in criminal behavior. Anonymous and emboldened: How mask use affects criminal behavior – WTOP.com. - With more people donning face masks to curb the spread of the coronavirus, some criminals are taking advantage of the situation. [end of quote] Financial institutions are faced with an interesting dilemma as in the past they have banned hats, hoods, headgear, and sunglasses for security reasons, and now Banks urged to require masks despite industry concern about robbery risk.

<u>Clear conscience or conflict of interest?</u> – If a dedicated civil servant living on a salary makes recommendations while understanding the gravity of the consequences, such a one can more easily be believed. But, when the major players travel in the orbits of Big Pharma and Big Money and carry questionable backgrounds, I, for one, have a harder time trusting what interests come first. Big Pharma and Health Care: Unsolvable Conflict of Interests Between Private Enterprise and Public Health – PubMed – "A landmark paper on Game Theory showed that individual maximization of profit necessarily endangers the public good, and since the problem has no technical solution, "it requires a fundamental extension in morality" (1). We propose here that public health, as a public good, now emerges as a grave example of this problem." Images for Big Pharma and Health Care: Unsolvable Conflict of Interests Between Private Enterprise and Public health, as a public good, now

What about the anti-malarial drug hydroxychloroquine? - If my goal was to

make people dependent upon the promise of a yet to be developed and administered drug for the treatment of COVID-19 and monopolize the development and administration of virus vaccines to the exclusion of other available drugs and maximize profits and tighten control,

I might oppose the use of the anti-malarial drug hydroxychloroquine,

The Corruption of Science. The Hydroxychloroquine Lancet Study Scandal. Who Was Behind It? Anthony Fauci's Intent To Block HCQ on Behalf of Big Pharma - Global Research

Dr. Anthony Fauci who is the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), has from the very outset led the campaign against *hydroxychloroquine* (largely on behalf of Big Pharma) invoking similar "scientific arguments" against HCQ, saying categorically there was no cure to COVID-19, and the only solution was the vaccine. https://www.globalresearch.ca/the-corruption-of-science-the-hydroxychloroquine-lancet-study-scandal-who-was-behind-it-anthony-faucis-intent-to-block-hcq-on-behalf-of-big-pharma/5715568 https://www.globalresearch.ca/scientific-corona-lies-and-big-pharma-corruption-hydroxychloroquine-versus-gileads-

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https://muckrack.com/michel-chossudovsky/articles

but I, for one, do not subscribe to that goal or tactics.

Resources

Chloroquine is a potent inhibitor of SARS coronavirus infection and spread - NCBI Conclusion

Chloroquine is effective in preventing the spread of SARS CoV in cell culture. Favorable inhibition of virus spread was observed when the cells were either treated with chloroquine prior to or after SARS CoV infection. In addition, the indirect immunofluorescence assay described herein represents a simple and rapid method for screening SARS-CoV antiviral compounds.

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1232869/

Early treatment with hydroxychloroquine: a country-based analysis

Many countries either adopted or declined early treatment with HCQ, effectively forming a large trial with 1.8 billion people in the treatment group and 663 million in the control group. As of August 22, 2020, an average of 47.3 per million in the treatment group have died, and 450.7 per million in the control group, relative risk 0.105. After adjustments, treatment and control deaths become 97.8 per million and 660.4 per million, relative risk 0.15. The probability of an equal or lower relative risk occurring from random group assignments is 0.006. Accounting for predicted changes in spread, we estimate a relative risk of 0.22. The treatment group has a 78.0% lower death rate. Confounding factors affect this estimate. We examined diabetes, obesity, hypertension, life expectancy, population density, urbanization, testing level, and intervention level, which do not account for the effect observed.

https://hcgtrial.com/

Images for Early treatment with hydroxychloroquine: a country-based analysis

Treatment with Hydroxychloroquine Cut Death Rate Significantly

Treatment with hydroxychloroquine cut the death rate significantly in sick patients hospitalized with COVID-19 – and without heart-related side-effects, according to a new study published by Henry Ford Health System.

https://www.henryford.com/news/2020/07/hydro-treatment-study

Images for Treatment with Hydroxychloroquine Cut Death Rate Significantly

Yale epidemiologist: Dr. Fauci running 'misinformation campaign' against hydroxychloroquine

Dr. Harvey Risch, a noted Yale epidemiologist, has accused White House coronavirus task force member Dr. Anthony Fauci of waging a "misinformation campaign" against the drug hydroxychloroquine, claiming the medication has shown consistently encouraging results in treating COVID-19 when used properly.

https://justthenews.com/politics-policy/coronavirus/yale-epidemiologist-accuses-fauci-running-disinformation-campaign Images for Dr. Harvey Risch, a noted Yale epidemiologist

https://medicine.yale.edu/news-article/26218/ Using Hydroxychloroquine and Other Drugs to Fight Pandemic

https://academic.oup.com/aje/article/doi/10.1093/aje/kwaa093/5847586 Early Outpatient Treatment of Symptomatic, High-Risk Covid-19 Patients that Should be Ramped-Up Immediately as Key to the Pandemic Crisis

https://medicine.yale.edu/profile/harvey_risch/

https://www.realclearpolicy.com/articles/2020/08/25/the tragic hydroxychloroquine debate and why dr fauci is like a scientist who_denied_smoking_causes_lung_cancer_575139.html

<u>The Great Reset</u> – Was The Great Reset the end goal all along for the Davos, Switzerland 21-24 January 2020 2020 World Economic Forum "to shape the global, regional and industry agendas at the beginning of each year"

The Great Reset | World Economic Forum

As we enter a unique window of opportunity to shape the recovery, this initiative will offer insights to help inform all those determining the future state of global relations, the direction of national economics, the priorities of societies, the nature of business models and the management of a global commons.

https://www.weforum.org/great-reset/ Images for Great Reset | World Economic Forum



and the great lockdown a means to an end for The Great Reset?

THE GREAT RESET: Davos & the Plot to Cancel Trump - YouTube

From the Editor's Desk, Michael Matt takes a look at some good news regarding the Covid recovery rate before exploring what's really going on with the global pandemic. To understand this, he takes us to Switzerland—to the World Economic Forum—where the movers and shakers of the world have been meeting on a regular basis, especially since January 2020, to plan 'The Great Reset' at the Davos 2021 Summit in January. Using multiple video clips, Michael shows how everyone from Soros, to Gates, to Schwab, to Al Gore and the Secretary-General of the United Nations are only too eager

to admit that Covid offers them a rare opportunity to reset the world economy, population control, global commerce, climate change regulation, education and the UN Sustainable Development Goals in order to "reorder," "reimagine" and fundamentally transform every aspect of life as we know it. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sb9jRqgDOJ8

Images for THE GREAT RESET: Davos & the Plot to Cancel Trump - YouTube

What has become of the Democratic Party? – The Democratic nominee for president 'Build Back Better': Joe Biden Outlines Economic Recovery Plan evidently has become beholden to To build back better, we will have to reinvent capitalism. Here's how – World Economic Forum – Thanks to the ongoing pandemic, the world is off-balance – and it will remain so for years to come. Far from settling into a 'new normal', we should expect a COVID-19 domino effect, triggering further disruptions – positive as well as negative – over the decade ahead. Images for reinvent capitalism – World Economic Forum by adopting the same platform and the same language. Is "reinvent capitalism" simply another way of saying "adopt socialism?" Has the Democratic Party become the Socialist Party?

Biden's 'Build Back Better' plan hits reset button on Socialism

In June, a meeting hosted by the World Economic Forum (WEF) attended by some of the planet's most powerful government officials and business leaders called upon using climate change alarmism and coronavirus pandemic disruption to implement an expansively radical plan to establish increasingly socialist policies including global wealth taxes, aggressive social justice regulations, and massive Green New Deal-like climate-premised anti-fossil fuel government programs.

https://www.cfact.org/2020/07/21/bidens-build-back-better-plan-hits-reset-button-on-socialism/

AOC's Chief of Staff Admits the Green New Deal Is Not about Climate Change

Jack Crowe National Review • July 12, 2019

Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's chief of staff Saikat Chakrabarti admitted recently that the true motivation behind introducing the Green New Deal is to overhaul the "entire economy."

Chakrabarti said that addressing climate change was not Ocasio-Cortez's top priority in proposing the Green New Deal during a meeting with Washington governor Jay Inslee.

"The interesting thing about the Green New Deal, is it wasn't originally a climate thing at all," Chakrabarti said to Inslee's climate director, Sam Ricketts, according to a *Washington Post* reporter who attended the meeting for <u>a profile published</u> <u>Wednesday</u>. "Do you guys think of it as a climate thing?" Because we really think of it as a how-do-you-change-the-entire-economy thing," he added.

The Green New Deal, proposed earlier this year by Ocasio-Cortez and Senator Ed Markey (D., Mass.), would transition the U.S. economy entirely away from fossil fuels within ten years while simultaneously providing a federal jobs and healthcare guarantee. It would also, according to its proponents, advance "social, economic, racial, regional and gender-based justice and equality and cooperative and public ownership."

https://www.nationalreview.com/news/aocs-chief-of-staff-admits-the-green-new-deal-is-not-about-climate-change/ How Saikat Chakrabarti became AOC's chief of change – The Washington Post

https://www.wsj.com/articles/notable-quotable-changing-the-entire-economy-11562970210

Images for AOC's Chief of Staff Admits the Green New Deal Is Not about Climate Change

Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez wants to raise taxes on the rich — but not pay her own.

https://nypost.com/2020/05/17/aoc-owes-2000-in-unpaid-taxes-from-failed-business-venture/

Images for Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez wants to raise taxes on the rich — but not pay her own.

"At the end of the night, when it came time to split the \$560 in tips she had gotten at the bar, Ocasio-Cortez gave the

waitress only \$50. After the waitress complained to her manager, her take was doubled to \$100, a source said." <u>https://www.westernjournal.com/report-socialist-ocasio-cortez-refused-to-share-tip-money-kept-profit-for-herself/</u> Images for Ocasio-Cortez Refused to Share Tip Money

Evidently, the nominee also has become beholden to the scientists who insisted on lockdowns as Biden vows to lock down country to curb the coronavirus if scientists say it is needed.

Biden's Lockdown Mistake - WSJ

A President's job is to consider the national interest, not to default to experts who often disagree.

Now we know why his advisers have kept Joe Biden under wraps. Asked in an ABC interview airing Sunday night whether he'd be willing to shut down the economy again to head off a new wave of coronavirus infection, he replied: "I would shut it down. I would listen to the scientists."

Ah, the resort to scientists. But which scientists? The truth is that the experts have been wrong numerous times in this pandemic, and they often disagree. They first said masks don't help but now say they do. They said ventilators were vital but soon learned other clinical methods worked better. Most of all, they counseled strict lockdowns, but we've learned the hard way that shutting down the country can be more costly than the virus.

https://www.wsj.com/articles/bidens-lockdown-mistake-11598218830

Images for President's job is to consider the national interest

https://www.wsj.com/video/opinion-joe-biden-forced-ukraine-to-fire-prosecutor-for-aid-money/C1C51BB8-3988-4070-869F-CAD3CA0E81D8.html Does this mean, if the co-founder of Microsoft turned philanthropist writes another opinion piece for the Washington Post stating that there needs to be another nationwide lockdown in 2021, that the Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases as part of the White House Coronavirus Task Force will forward the recommendation to the president and the president will do so? Follow the money to find out to whom the Democratic nominee and running mate are beholden.

Joe Biden reportedly praised pharmaceutical companies at a private party despite publicly railing against high drug prices

One of Biden's challengers for the Democratic presidential nomination, Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, criticized the comment in a statement provided to Business Insider, saying he disagreed with Biden for praising what he described as companies that were "greedy, corrupt, and engaged in price fixing."

https://www.businessinsider.com/biden-praised-pharmaceutical-companies-private-2019-9

https://berniepost.com/2020/03/bidens-campaign-wins-support-from-big-pharma-executives/

Kamala Harris Gets Donations from Big Pharma Executives

KAMALA HARRIS'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN, while releasing a new health care proposal yesterday, balked at criticism that private industry interests would seek to influence her election effort. https://theintercept.com/2019/07/30/kamala-harris-big-pharma-donations/

Did the nominee think through Black Lives Matter before stating unhesitatingly, "I would shut it down."? Coronavirus lockdowns: the 'elephant in the room' of the riots "'The frustration and anger at the lockdowns and the perception that blacks are getting the worst of it' made the rioters a seething mass waiting to explode, says medical sociologist Robert Bartholomew."

As far as masks go, evidently the Democratic nominee must not be satisfied with Americans wearing masks indoors. He seems to speak as if the presidency has been secured so that he can give directives that Americans must also wear masks outdoors, Joe Biden says all governors should mandate masks for 3 months - Every single American should be wearing a mask when they're outside for the next three months at a minimum. Every governor should mandate mandatory mask-wearing.

The Case Against Masks: Ten Reasons Why Mask Use Should Be Limited by Judy Mikovits (Author), Kent Heckenlively (Author)

Do we *really* need to wear masks? From the *New York Times* Bestselling authors of *Plague of Corruption* comes the must-read guide on masks and re-opening following the COVID-19 pandemic.

THE CASE AGAINST MASKS is the book all America needs to be reading as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. Written by New York Times bestselling authors Dr. Judy Mikovits and Kent Heckenlively, this book reviews the evidence for and against widespread public masking as provided by the Centers for Disease Control and the Mayo Clinic, as well as top scientific publications such as the New England Journal of Medicine and The Lancet. This debate needs to take place without fear and paranoia. Important questions raised in this book are the effect of masks on oxygen and carbon dioxide levels, how SARS-CoV-2 spreads, the effectiveness of various types of masks, those who are most vulnerable to COVID-19, and whether our children should go back to school in the fall, and if so, what measures they should take.

The authors' previous book, *PLAGUE OF CORRUPTION*, was the runaway science bestseller of 2020, and the authors bring that same passion and attention to detail to the mask question. As politicians and bureaucrats of all stripes are weighing in on this question, with some placing their cities and states under mandatory masking provisions, we need to understand the science behind their decisions. Are such measures a reasonable response to current circumstances, or is it a dramatic overreach, which in many cases might make the situation even worse? America desperately needs this public conversation to take place with the best science we have available. As Americans have always done during difficult times, we must summon the courage to have these challenging conversations.



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In addition, Dentists Claim 'Mask Mouth' Is Deteriorating People's Teeth and 9 Side Effects of Wearing Face Masks | Eat This Not That.

<u>Pandemic or Plandemic?</u> - Fauci Warned Trump Administration a 'Surprise Outbreak' Was Coming in 2017 in a speech given on January 11, 2017. The World Economic Forum, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and John Hopkins Center for Health Security hosted Event 201, a pandemic exercise to illustrate preparedness on October 18, 2019, in New York, NY.

The World Economic Forum Annual Meeting convened 21-24 January 2020.

The Farce and Diabolical Agenda of A "Universal Lockdown" - Global Research

First comes the farce, an (almost) universal government lie around the globe about a deadly virus, WHO named COVID-19. The decision for a global lockdown – literally for the collapse of the world economy – was already taken at the WEF conference in Davos, 21 – 24 January 2020. On January 30, WHO declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC). At that time, there were only 150 known COVID-19 cases outside of China. No reason whatsoever to declare a pandemic. On March 11, Dr. Tedros, DG of WHO converted the PHEIC into a pandemic. This gave the green light for the start of implementing "The Plan".

https://www.globalresearch.ca/covid-19-cruelty-universal-lockdown/5710798 https://muckrack.com/michel-chossudovsky/articles

Prepare or Pretext?

Global Capitalism, "World Government" and the Corona Crisis - Global Research

The World is being misled concerning the causes and consequences of the corona crisis.

The COVID-19 crisis is marked by a public health "emergency" under WHO auspices which is being used as a pretext and a justification to triggering a Worldwide process of economic, social and political restructuring.

Social engineering is being applied. Governments are pressured into extending the lockdown, despite its devastating economic and social consequences.

What is happening is unprecedented in World history.

https://www.globalresearch.ca/global-capitalism-world-government-and-the-corona-crisis/5712312 https://www.globalresearch.ca/after-the-lockdown-a-global-coronavirus-vaccination-program/5706547 Images for after-the-lockdown-a-global-coronavirus-vaccination-program

Divide and Conquer – The statement - "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all" – seems to be almost an idyllic relic of the past as people are being set over against each other. Divide, Conquer, Reset and then...Scientific Dictatorship - Western civilization, led by the US government and media, has, embarked upon a campaign of mass psychological terrorism designed to cover for the collapsing economy, set up a new pretext for Wall Street's ongoing plunder expedition, radically escalate the police state, deeply traumatize people into submission to total social conformity, and radically aggravate the anti-social, anti-human atomization of the people. The pretext for this abomination is an *epidemic* which objectively is comparable to the seasonal flu and is caused by the same kind of Coronavirus we've endured so long without totalitarian rampages and mass insanity. Images for anti-social, anti-human atomization of the people

<u>Utopian Ideology</u> – Many attempts have been made to implement the philosophy of Karl Marx. How to recognize these attempts? The Red Devil and His Playbook – YouTube - Theoretical backgrounds of two opposing ideologies. One has created the most magnificent civilization in the history of mankind, while other has pushed civilizations into the abyss of Hell during the 20th century. If not stopped, it will leave its bloody mark again in the 21st century, and the world we knew will cease to exist, forever. Images for The Red Devil and His Playbook - YouTube - Katarina Jovanović

Purpose of bat coronavirus research? – Questions are raised about funding of the controversial Wuhan Lab Coronavirus research.

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Dr. Fauci Backed Controversial Wuhan Lab with U.S. Dollars for Risky Coronavirus Research

BY FRED GUTERL ON 4/28/20 AT 2:57 PM EDT

In 2019, with the backing of NIAID, the National Institutes of Health committed \$3.7 million over six years for research that included some gain-of-function work. The program followed another \$3.7 million, 5-year project for collecting and studying bat coronaviruses, which ended in 2019, bringing the total to \$7.4 million.

Many scientists have criticized gain of function research, which involves manipulating viruses in the lab to explore their potential for infecting humans, because it creates a risk of starting a pandemic from accidental release.

https://www.newsweek.com/dr-fauci-backed-controversial-wuhan-lab-millions-us-dollars-risky-coronavirus-research-1500741 Images for manipulating viruses in the lab

Public health experts condemn 'dangerous' research funded by government

They add that this kind of research is "not ordinary science." Rather, they argue, these studies have the potential to create pandemic pathogens that could infect millions of people with a dangerous virus. Although the majority of scientific experiments are safe, Inglesby and Lipsitch suggest that the risks in this case outweigh the potential benefits for society.

They continue:

We have serious doubts about whether these experiments should be conducted at all. We also suspect that few members of the public would find compelling the rationale that the best way to fight the flu is to create the most contagious, lethal virus possible in a lab. But with deliberations kept behind closed doors, none of us will have the opportunity to understand how the government arrived at these decisions or to judge the rigor and integrity of that process.

Read more from The Washington Post

https://hub.jhu.edu/2019/02/28/inglesby-airborne-bird-flu/

Images for Public health experts condemn 'dangerous' research funded by government

In late 2017, the U.S. government lifted a three-year moratorium on funding risky research to genetically alter deadly <u>viruses</u> in ways that could make them even more lethal. Scientists including <u>Marc Lipsitch</u>, professor of epidemiology at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, worry that this work could create an accidental pandemic.

Given the risks, the public must be kept informed of these experiments, Lipsitch wrote in an opinion piece published February 27, 2019 in the *Washington Post*, co-authored by Tom Inglesby of the Center for Health Security. However, they wrote, research has moved ahead quietly, with the government confirming funding for two research groups experimenting with the <u>bird flu virus</u> only after it was uncovered by a reporter.

"Ultimately, public awareness is not enough," the authors wrote. "We need public discussion and debate about the risks and benefits of these kinds of experiments. And because viruses do not respect borders, the conversation must move beyond the national level, to coordinate the regulation of dangerous science internationally."

Read the Washington Post op-ed: The U.S. is funding dangerous experiments it doesn't want you to know about Learn more

Ban on deadly pathogen research lifts, but controversy remains (Harvard Chan School news) Bird flu experiments pose risk of accidental release (Harvard Chan School release)

https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/news/hsph-in-the-news/deadly-viruses-dangerous-experiments/ Images for Bird flu experiments pose risk of accidental release

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ANALYST TELLS US MORE TRUTH ABOUT THE CV19 FRAUD – DAVID E. MARTIN (VIDEO)

National Intelligence Analyst DAVID E. MARTIN, PhD, founder of IQ100 (NYSE) tells the world the truth about the Coronavirus research, the fraud, the patents, and the criminals...

https://www.bitchute.com/video/oWanjStAuya7/

National Intelligence Analyst - Blows the whistle on Coronavirus Patents and Developments.

https://www.bitchute.com/video/f7OopsTgc01U/

Images for David E. Martin PhD National Intelligence Analyst

Eugenics, economic cover-ups, CDC NIAID WHO collusion, genetic patents, university-based CHIMERIC construction of viruses, the global lock-down explained...

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wiHZwDqmZK8 David Martin | Creation of a Pandemic - Hr1 - YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_uSZAWQmMM Covid 19 Fact or Fiction with David Martin | TotalHealth TV

Brave New World – Is this country moving closer to the existence Aldous Huxley envisioned in his 1931 dystopian novel?

Aldous Huxley in 1958 – pharmacology and propaganda will make the masses love their slavery

As the world is forced into accepting greater and greater levels of government control in all areas of life, remember that nothing in politics happens by chance. There is a science to creating empires. Tomes have been written on the techniques of controlling masses of people.

Three important axioms stand out: people are much easier to control when they love their slavery, people in fear are very easy to control, and individualism is dangerous to the state.

During a prophetic interview with journalist Bill Wallace in 1958, Aldous Huxley commented on what he foresaw as a potential future for the United States and the world.

Huxley's classic dystopian novel, <u>Brave New World</u>, was written almost 90 years ago in 1931, prior to World War II, and his insight is still highly relevant today. We are seeing in real-time the emergence of a global, technocratic super state, of which pharmaceutical companies play a critically important role, and terrorism is always a lurking background threat. https://apokalypsnu.nl/2020/05/13/aldous-huxley-in-1958-pharmacology-and-propaganda-will-make-the-masses-love-their-slavery/

Images for Aldous Huxley in 1958 – pharmacology and propaganda will make the masses love their slavery https://www.nexusnewsfeed.com/article/geopolitics/aldous-huxley-in-1958-pharmacology-and-propaganda-will-make-themasses-love-their-slavery/?fbclid=IwAR0DcqL-ofX_ypk6XBwd-Irb5yPRodqrHanFSdBpfT2IPRRE2XZWL-9FnbU Images for Huxley's classic dystopian novel, Brave New World

<u>How will restrictive measures affect social bonds?</u> - While the masks, six-foot rules, limitations on gatherings, and workplace closures are purported by certain health officials to make people safer in the short term, will these measures in the long term further undermine the trust needed for people to cooperate when others are seen as possible threats? COVID-19: The downside of social distancing – ScienceDaily When faced with danger, humans draw closer together. Social distancing thwarts this impulse. Researchers argue that this dilemma poses a greater threat to society than overtly antisocial behavior. Images for COVID-19: The downside of social distancing - ScienceDaily How social distancing may affect mental health | Science News Social distancing comes with psychological fallout. Experts warn prolonged isolation during the pandemic may worsen or trigger mental health problems. Images for How social distancing may affect mental health | Science News

Will such restrictive measures lead to increasingly draconian measures in a concentration of power? - The People We Are Becoming – YouTube What Will Schools Look Like After COVID? Prison Camps. They'll Look Like Prison Camps. Images for What Will Schools Look Like After COVID? Prison Camps. They'll Look Like Prison Camps. And, if masks are not enough, Dr. Fauci recommends wearing goggles to prevent catching the coronavirus. In addition, 'I don't think we should ever shake hands ever again,' Fauci says. I am not so sure wearing a mask and goggles, avoiding human touch, maintaining a distance of 6 feet, and restricting large gatherings is my idea of a preferred future.

This is not a natural disaster, but a manmade one | The Spectator

I am steeped in dread. I foresee months, if not years, of inane gesturing towards 'safety' that makes no appreciable difference to the nation's health, but does manage to 1) ruin everyone's enjoyment; 2) perpetuate the socially poisonous notion that one's neighbour is a threat to one's very life; 3) maintain an atmosphere of the extraordinary, in which the state may violate civil rights at will; 4) lay waste to what little might otherwise have remained of this country's economy. The lockdown has been bad enough. Post-lockdown could be worse.

https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/this-is-not-a-natural-disaster-but-a-manmade-one

<u>Will people become increasingly compliant?</u> - Obedience to Authority: An Experimental View (The Resistance Library) by Stanley Milgram (Author) "The classic account of the human tendency to follow orders, no matter who they hurt or what their consequences." — Michael Dirda, Washington Post Book World Images for Obedience to Authority: An Experimental View (The Resistance Library) by Stanley Milgram (Author)

<u>To crate a dog or not?</u> – On the one hand, a dog owner explained to me that crating is a regular part of pet maintenance. Crate training 101 | The Humane Society of the United States - Give them a command to enter, such as "kennel." Encourage them by pointing to the inside of the crate with a treat in your hand. After your dog enters the crate, praise them, give them the treat, and close the door. Sit quietly near the crate for five to ten minutes, and then go into another room for a few minutes. [end of quote] On the other hand, a dog behavior expert warns that such behavior control can cause adjustment problems.

Why I Don't Use a Crate When Training Dogs – Dogster - In his <u>Handbook of Applied Dog Behavior and Training</u>, Steven Lindsay states that while: The role of crate confinement in the etiology of behavior problems has not been scientifically established [...] empirical impressions and logic dictate that it probably plays an important role in the development or exacerbation of many adjustment problems. He argues that: The widespread practice of routinely caging a dog at night and then again during the day for periods totaling 16 to 18 hours (or more) is an extremely problematic practice that should not be condoned or encouraged because it probably underlies the development of many adjustment problems, including aggression. [end of quote]

I do not own a dog and the only way I would assume care for a dog is if I could exercise the dog.

<u>Sleep Factor</u> – The major demarcation seems to be between those who cannot sleep at night because they are so preoccupied on how to order the lives of others and those of us who simply want to sleep at night. 17 Proven Tips to Sleep Better at Night – Healthline - Here are 17 evidence-based tips to sleep better at night. Images for evidence-based tips to sleep better at night.

<u>Smug White Liberals</u> – My observation is that the objections to restrictive measures are often dismissed most vigorously by those known as Smug White Liberals

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The Culture Of The Smug White Liberal | HuffPost

I have spent my life as a Democrat which probably isn't that surprising considering that I am African-American. One of the things that always attracted me to the party were the ideals of equality, fighting for the little guy and our openness to differing opinions, but lately I have seen my party take a turn that makes me uncomfortable. Somewhere along the way we stopped fighting for the little guy and became the party of the smug, educated elites who look down on those with less education and deem them unable or unworthy of being able to make personal decisions for their own lives.

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/nikki-johnsonhuston-esq/the-culture-of-the-smug-w_b_11537306.html Images for smug, educated elites https://www.huffingtonpost.com/author/ntreneace-711 Images for Nikki Johnson-Huston, Esq. http://nikkijohnsonhuston.com/

The smug style in American liberalism - Vox

There is a smug style in American liberalism. It has been growing these past decades. It is a way of conducting politics, predicated on the belief that American life is not divided by moral difference or policy divergence – not really – but by the failure of half the country to know what's good for them.

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who dismiss the objections as coming from the wrong side of the culture divide. Why would Smug White Liberals, who posture as progressives, endorse such repressive measures? Why would Smug White Liberals, who lecture others on white privilege, exploit that very white privilege? After all, many of these Smug White Liberals get paid to type on the computer and talk on the phone while hiding in their houses. These Smug White Liberals can avoid the commute and the face-to-face interactions, isolate themselves from others, and convince themselves they are being protected from the virus. Other Smug White Liberals work in settings that have taken extraordinary measures to shield themselves from others. Could it be that these Smug White Liberals also seek to meet certain psychological needs "of the smug educated elites who look down on those with less education and deem them unable or unworthy of being able to make personal decisions for their own lives" and to insist "the failure of half the country to know what's good for them"?

<u>Crackpot or correct?</u> - I realize that sometimes challenges to the dominant narrative are dismissed out of hand, but I take the long view and allow history to judge. Does Gates funding of media taint objectivity? | The Seattle Times - To garner attention for the issues it cares about, the foundation has invested millions in training programs for journalists. It funds research on the most effective ways to craft media messages. Gates-backed think tanks turn out media fact sheets and newspaper opinion pieces. Magazines and scientific journals get Gates money to publish research and articles. Experts coached in Gates-funded programs write columns that appear in media outlets from The New York Times to The Huffington Post, while digital portals blur the line between journalism and spin. Images for Does Gates funding of media taint objectivity? | The Seattle Times

Lunatic fringe or liberty defenders? – Those who seek to defend liberty are sometimes dismissed as part of the lunatic fringe. Let the reader decide using the test of projected retrospect.

<u>So much for free expression</u> – I thought the whole idea behind social media was to promote free expression, but when I see statements such as "This video has been removed for violating YouTube's Community Guidelines," and "This post has since been flagged as containing false information by Facebook's independent fact-checkers," and a headline from CNN "Social media giants remove viral video with false coronavirus claims," I begin to wonder. Evidently these media giants have taken it upon themselves to determine what is true and what is false rather than let the viewer decide.

<u>Conspiracy theories</u> – Often, those who refuse to accept the dominant narrative are accused of being conspiracy theorists, but the conspiring of media giants to repress dissent may actually turn out to point the finger in the other direction. Heads Of Amazon, Apple, Facebook, Google Testify On Big Tech's Power <u>4 Key Takeaways From Washington's Big Tech Hearing On 'Monopoly Power'</u>

<u>Fake News Nothing New</u> – Corrupt leaders pushing a fabricated story can be found in Matthew 28⁻¹²After the priests^{*} had assembled with the elders, they devised a plan to give a large sum of money to the soldiers, ¹³telling them, 'You must say, "His disciples came by night and stole him away while we were asleep." ¹⁴If this comes to the governor's ears, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.' ¹⁵So they took the money and did as they were directed. And this story is still told among the Jews to this day.

<u>Are vaccinations the entry point to even more regulations?</u> – In the article <u>Bill Gates: Until coronavirus vaccine</u>, world won't be 'truly normal' Life in the U.S. will not return to "normal" until a coronavirus vaccine is "gotten out to basically the entire world," billionaire Bill Gates told "Fox News Sunday."

What if the new normal includes increasingly draconian policies to distance and control, track and monitor, regulate and dictate?

When Covid-19 has done with us, what will be the new normal?

Pandemics – as the historian <u>Yuval Noah Harari</u> has observed – press the fast-forward button on history. Suddenly, changes that would in pre-corona times have generated years of debate, dissent, hesitation, opposition and delay turn out to be possible overnight.

Exhibit A in this context is the way in which hundreds of thousands of white-collar workers are suddenly able – indeed, required – to work from home.

Exhibit B – more worrying – is the way governments are either <u>already deploying</u>, or <u>actively considering</u>, surveillance technology of such intrusiveness that it would have caused outrage and furious protests even a month ago. Exhibit C is <u>the decision</u> of the two huge tech companies that control mobile phone technology – Apple with its iOS operating system and Google with Android – to create application programming interfaces (APIs) that will enable governments to build and deploy proximity-tracking apps on every smartphone in the world. This is remarkable in two ways. One, it involves cooperation between the two members of a global duopoly that would normally trigger antitrust suits – yet there hasn't been even a whimper from competition authorities. And two, the companies insist that if governments do not comply with the conditions that they – Apple and Google – are laying down, then they will withdraw

the APIs. The specific condition is that apps using the APIs are not mandatory for citizens. They have to be opt-in. So here we have two powerful global corporations laying down the law to territorial sovereigns. Unthinkable a month ago. But now...

https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/apr/18/when-covid-19-has-done-with-us-what-will-be-the-new-normal Images for governments deploying intrusive technology COVID-19

Microsoft was granted a world patent on 26 March 2020 WO2020060606A1 - Cryptocurrency system using body activity data.

<u>Psychological Terrorism</u> – Has terrorism come full circle from 9/11 to COVID-19? On 9/11, the threat came from the outside; with COVID-19, the threat comes from inside. The COVID-19 scare alarmists and climate scare alarmists are terrorizing people to the level of a personal and society anxiety disorder so that people are accepting repressive measures they would have never considered before. Terrorism as a Strategy of Psychological Warfare - Modern terrorism is psychological warfare pure and simple. It aims at isolating the individual from the group, to break up a society into so many frightened individuals, hiding in their homes and unable to go about their daily lives as citizens, employees, and family members. Images for frightened individuals, hiding in their homes. The COVID-19 scare alarmists and the climate scare alarmists are engaging in psychological warfare whose goal is to instill a sense of fear and terror that is much greater than the threat itself and to render the objects of such warfare demoralized in order to accomplish what would have been impossible without resorting to such tactics. What can be done? The lessons learned from dealing with the psychological terrorism of armed terrorists can be applied to this kind of alarmist psychological warfare. Coping With Psychological Warfare at Home – WebMD - Learn how to defend yourself from the psychological terror that war brings. Images for Coping With Psychological Warfare at Home

<u>Fear based or faith based?</u> – Many of the decisions in response to the virus threat seem to me to be panic driven based on fear. I suggest that faith leaders can be most faithful to their calling by inviting others to live out their lives in faith and not in fear.

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What does the Bible say about faith vs. fear? - Compelling Truth https://www.compellingtruth.org/faith-vs-fear.html Images for What does the Bible say about faith vs. fear? https://www.openbible.info/topics/faith https://www.biblemoneymatters.com/bible-verses-about-faith/ https://www.compassionuk.org/blogs/bible-verses-about-faith/ https://www.gotguestions.org/Bible-faith.html https://www.ibelieve.com/faith/bible-verses-about-faith.html https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/biblical-truths-to-strengthen-your-faith.html https://www.biblestudytools.com/topical-verses/faith-bible-verses/ https://www.christianbiblereference.org/fag_faith.htm https://www.jw.org/en/library/magazines/awake-no3-2016-june/faith-what-does-bible-say/ https://bibleresources.org/faith/ https://www.whatchristianswanttoknow.com/what-does-the-bible-say-about-faith-a-christian-study/ https://www.e360m.org/definition-of-faith-what-does-bible-say/ https://www.womansday.com/life/g27486745/bible-verses-faith/ https://www.pulse.ng/communities/religion/10-great-bible-verses-to-deepen-your-faith-and-trust-in-god-or-having-faith/n6ckmmg https://dailyverses.net/faith https://biblereasons.com/faith/ https://www.crosswalk.com/faith/spiritual-life/what-is-faith.html https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0cjZpwjX1o What does the Bible say about faith? - YouTube Images for What does the Bible say about faith? - YouTube 17 Bible Verses About Fear — Bible Quotes to Overcome Fear https://www.womansday.com/life/inspirational-stories/g28436392/bible-verses-about-fear/ Images for Bible Verses About Fear — Bible Quotes to Overcome Fear

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Images for Bible Verses On Fear | Scriptures For Overcoming Fear (Audio Bible) - YouTube

<u>2020 – The Year of Trauma</u> - I attended the 10:30am outdoor service of worship at Maranatha Evangelical Free Church on 8/30 where the lead pastor gave a history lesson during the message 1st asking what happened in 1918, 1929, 1968, 1974 and 2nd answering in 1918 – Spanish Flu, 1929 – stock market crash, 1968 – Martin Luther King, Jr., 1974 – Impeachment. He went on to say that 4 similar traumatic events happened in the 1st 6 months of 2020: January – Impeachment, March – COVID-19, Memorial Day – George Floyd, 2nd Quarter – GDP plummet of 32.9%. He then offered that the gift of faith can overcome the fear of trauma. Sermons - Maranatha Evangelical Free Church Rest Up & Dress Up August 30, 2020 Pastor Cody Kargus

<u>COVID-19 and the long-term health/death of the church</u> - Now on the 40th anniversary of my ordination (5/18/1980), the unthinkable has happened where the economy has been locked down and the congregants locked out. Whereas the economy is gradually being opened up, that is not the case for many congregations. Keeping the congregants locked out from their churches until "sometime in 2021" by directive of the bishop will keep them from contracting the virus at services of worship during that time, but one wonders how many congregations will survive to open their doors to their congregants then. I have served in 53 congregations in the NW Synod of WI or approximately 1 out of 4 in this synod (and 1 in the LaCrosse Synod) in the past 40 years. Most were living offering to offering. When a mid-size congregation in a city of 25,000+ posts the following on their website

We are closed with no services and no activities until further notice.

how long will such a congregation and others remain viable?

Will the church financially survive the COVID-19 pandemic?

Bill Wilson predicts that up to one-third of U.S. churches could be out of business by 2025. He points to LifeWay Research that says 5% of U.S. churches will close within the year because of the pandemic. That's five times the average closure rate for churches, according to The Christian Century magazine. <u>https://faithandleadership.com/will-church-financially-survive-covid-19-pandemic</u> Images for Will the church financially survive the COVID-19 pandemic?

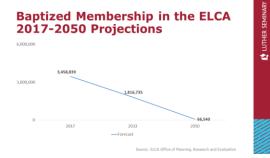
The above prediction compounds an earlier prediction for the ELCA.

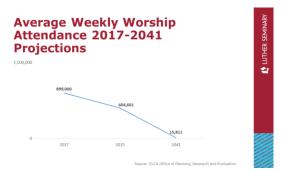
Will the ELCA Be Gone in 30 years? - Faith+Lead

DWIGHT ZSCHEILE SEPTEMBER 5, 2019

New projections forecast just 16,000 in worship across the entire ELCA by 2041. Why is this happening and what can be done? According to projections from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) Office of Research and Evaluation, the whole denomination will have fewer than 67,000 members in 2050, with fewer than 16,000 in worship on an average Sunday by 2041.

That's right: according to current trends, the church will basically cease to exist within the next generation.





In some ways, this is old news. Mainline decline has been a reality for over half a century, and the trends are well established. Yet consider how rapidly this future is arriving—well within most of our lifetimes. The ELCA had over five million members when it was launched in 1988. It has only declined since, and the decline has been accelerating. For all the energy spent on trying to turn things around over the past 40 years, there is little to show. That is because the cultural shifts underpinning this decline are largely beyond our control. To the extent to which we've tried to fix the church, we've failed. I know a lot of really smart, faithful leaders who have poured their lives into this effort. It's not their fault. The forces dismantling the established congregational and denominational system are much bigger. Something deeper is at stake.

https://faithlead.luthersem.edu/decline/ Images for Will the ELCA Be Gone in 30 years? - Faith+Lead

Actually, the above projection is optimistic compared to the following article written in 2017 about Mainline Protestantism. If the title were to be re-written for 2020, it could ask, "Will Mainline Protestantism Be Gone in 20 Years?"

If It Doesn't Stem Its Decline, Mainline Protestantism Has Just 23 Easters Left

The news of mainline Protestantism's decline is hardly new. Yet the trend lines are showing a trajectory toward zero in both those who attend a mainline church regularly and those who identify with a mainline denomination 23 years from now.

https://layman.org/doesnt-stem-decline-mainline-protestantism-just-23-easters-left/

Images for If It Doesn't Stem Its Decline, Mainline Protestantism Has Just 23 Easters Left

Even when churches open their doors again, how many congregants will return?

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Five Early Findings from Churches That Are Regathering – Church Answers

1. Early attendance is significantly lower than the pre-quarantine era. At this point, one-half of the churches we have surveyed have an attendance of 60 percent or less than the pre-quarantine numbers. We rarely hear of a church that has an attendance of 80 percent or higher. For now, those churches are the outliers.

https://churchanswers.com/blog/five-early-findings-from-churches-that-are-regathering/ Images for Five Early Findings from Churches That Are Regathering – Church Answers https://churchanswers.com/blog/

Funding Ministry in 2021 Will Be More Difficult Than Ever – Horizons Stewardship

32% of practicing Christians have stopped attending during COVID-19.

14% of practicing Christians have already switched churches.

Giving to the church is in decline.

Giving almost always falls in recessions.

Changes due to COVID-19 are impacting the reasons many donors give to the church.

Blog — Horizons Stewardship

https://www.horizons.net/blog/funding-ministry-in-2021-will-be-more-difficult-than-ever?mc_cid=d50f4f8686&mc_eid=f3389e1b88 Images for Funding Ministry in 2021 Will Be More Difficult Than Ever – Horizons Stewardship

How the coronavirus pandemic could change church attendance

Church participation has been declining for decades. Will the pandemic make it worse?

Pandemic-related defections could harm houses of worship already struggling with empty pews.

Recent research found that around half of U.S. adults who attended church before COVID-19 hit are unlikely to return to church right now even if public health officials deemed it safe.

https://www.deseret.com/indepth/2020/6/5/21279399/coronavirus-church-attendance-religion-data-pandemic-covid-19-online-worship-reopening

Images for How the coronavirus pandemic could change church attendance

Will coronavirus hasten the demise of religion - or herald its revival

Stephen Bullivant, whose book *Mass Exodus* studied Catholic attrition in Britain and America, offers three reasons why he believes churches will shrink after the pandemic. First, he says, churchgoers (both lay and clergy) tend to be elderly and therefore more likely to die of coronavirus. Second, many churches rely on a steady influx of immigrants. With the world in

lockdown, that supply has, at least temporarily, dried up. Third, churchgoing is a habit, and once that habit is broken it is hard to take it up again.

https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/will-coronavirus-cause-a-religious-resurgence-or-its-ruination Images for churchgoing is a habit, and once that habit is broken it is hard to take it up again

One congregation in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin that opened its doors to congregants listed an average worship attendance of 230 in its congregation trend report. The congregation averaged 40-45 when it opened its doors after the state lockdown was lifted. The congregation's motto is "Opening hearts and doors to the love of Jesus Christ." The congregation is served by a long-tenured, beloved pastor, and the members send in their offerings. According to Wisconsin | Data USA the county in which the congregation is situated "had a population of 87.1k people with a median age of 38.3 and a median household income of \$77,768. Between 2016 and 2017 the population of (*the county*) grew from 86,726 to 87,142, a 0.48% increase and its median income grew from \$73,743 to \$77,768, a 5.46% increase." Other congregations in the synod are not so fortunate.

I saw a two-point parish listed on the Congregational Vacancies - Northwest Synod of Wisconsin and inquired about the vacancy. The synod minister first wrote that the previous pastor served 2/3 time and thought something could be worked out. He then called the Congregation Council president who said they thought they could get by with supply preachers. My guess is that more small membership congregations will do the same.

Congregations in various other church bodies stand a better chance of remaining viable because they possess the latitude of reopening, but when congregants are locked out of their churches, such congregations face increasing odds against remaining viable. For instance, where I am residing while on leave from call in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, St. Joseph Catholic Church: Four Parishes, One Faith Catholic Church and Red Cedar Church reopened 6/7 and 6/14 respectively. I listened to the service of worship from Bethany Lutheran Church (ELCA) on WJMC Radio | Rice Lake, Wisconsin | The Best Country Station on Sunday, 6/14 at 9am and attended the service of worship at Red Cedar Church that day at 11am. I also attended the mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Tuesday, 6/16, at 5:30pm. Other people who want to attend in-person services of worship and who may grow tired of waiting for the directives to lock out congregants be lifted may simply start going to these other churches.

ELCA open country congregation First Lutheran Church of Arland 30 miles SW of Rice Lake reopened 6/7. Their pastor also shared the leadership in outdoor services of worship at the Stardust Drive-In between Cameron and Chetek. I served Arland as well as West Akers 1980-90.

As of 6/14, 3 months after 15 Days to Slow the Spread | The White House, there were 20 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 0 deaths in Barron County, Wisconsin. Interestingly, while Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., NIAID Director | NIH: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases warned Dr. Fauci: Protests are 'a perfect set-up' for spreading COVID-19, a report stated that Early test results show few protesters caught COVID-19 – TwinCities.com.

On 7/5, I listened to the radio service mentioned above at 9am, attended the service of worship at Maranatha Evangelical Free Church in Rice Lake at 10:30am, and the mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 5:30pm. Interestingly, the pastors at Maranatha were offering a series on the minor prophets. When I attended on 6/28, the lead pastor spoke without notes for 50 minutes on Obadiah, and on 7/5 the youth pastor spoke from a manuscript for 60 minutes on Jonah. The youth pastor referenced his Hebrew class in seminary during the course of the message. People around me followed along in their Bibles, and some took notes. It occurred to me that the evangelical congregations and the Roman Catholic Church congregations, while dissimilar in many ways, are similar in that they can be characterized as high expectation, while many congregations in mainline Protestant denominations, such as those denominations being advised by the Wisconsin Conference of Churches to keep congregants locked out, can be characterized more closely as low expectation. It is my estimation that high expectation congregations of the evangelicals and of Roman Catholics will stand a better chance of persevering in the long run than the low expectation congregations of the mainline Protestant denominations. Best practices for stewardship during a pandemic recommend online giving, but the reality according to The National Study of

Congregations' Economic Practices is that "On average, congregations received 22% of their giving digitally and nearly a fourth (24%) of attendees gave at least once in a digital form over the last year," which means that 78% of their giving comes other than digitally. The 22% figure is actually considerably higher than most of the congregations I have served. For instance, in the last assignment I served which concluded on 4/15 before I ended up on leave from call on 4/16, there were 2 giving units online. A few more started giving digitally using the option provided on the parish website after the lockout went into effect, but the total number giving digitally would still have been a small minority. The reality is that Small churches are in particularly big trouble due to the pandemic

Clergy in some other church bodies are more adaptable as far as compensation and livelihood goes, whereas most ELCA congregations have become dependent upon seminary trained clergy operating with synod compensation standards in place. The Pew Forum Members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

Age distribution among members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

% of members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) who are ages...

graph shows 30% 50-64 and 31% 65+.

The ELCA is 95.3% white according to figures in the <u>Religious Landscape Survey</u>, collected by Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life while The United States is becoming more diverse. According to The Context for Mission and Ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, "The ELCA has a difficult time negotiating demographic change. Congregations may grow in Minnesota, but they struggle in states that are more diverse (in every way) like California and Florida. These states, however, are among the fastest growing states in the U.S."

While, on the one hand, there is a denouncing by church leaders of police brutality and white supremacy and a declaring silence to be a sin, it seems to me, on the other hand, to be a non sequitur for church leaders to lock congregants out of their churches rather than follow Constitutions - Evangelical Lutheran Church in America - ELCA

Chapter 6.

CHURCH AFFILIATION

*C6.03. This congregation acknowledges its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in which:

a. This congregation agrees to be responsible for its life as a Christian community.

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and allow congregations to be responsible for their life as a Christian community.

I do not claim to be a statistician or forecaster, but I am willing to consider that the above prediction by Bill Wilson could be adapted for the ELCA, "Up to one-half of ELCA churches could be out of business by 2025," and that the above question by Faith+Lead DWIGHT ZSCHEILE could be rephrased, "Will the ELCA Be Gone in 15 years?" I hope I'm wrong. Pray for the best, prepare for the worst.

Power obtained for whatever purpose and by whatever means is not easily relinquished.

Caesar, God and the Lockdowns - WSJ

As governors consider how to ease their lockdowns, they might take a moment to read a pair of unanimous opinions this month from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. They rebuke the idea of giving office parks greater pandemic leeway than churches.

https://www.wsj.com/articles/caesar-god-and-the-lockdowns-11589238548

Images for Caesar, God and the Lockdowns - WSJ

Are 50 parishioners wearing masks and gloves, sitting 10 feet apart in a church that holds 500 really more dangerous to the general health and welfare of the public than 10 people lined up in a small gas-station store?

https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-arbitrary-lockdowns-violate-the-constitution-11589924317

From bridal shops to conservation groups, plaintiffs are challenging state-imposed restrictions on travel and business as unconstitutional.

https://www.wsj.com/articles/lawsuits-pile-up-against-coronavirus-lockdown-measures-11587807000

Ordinary Americans protesting to reopen the economy face only contempt from elites.

https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-lockdown-rebellion-11587400850

Images for Lockdown Rebellion - WSJ

The stage is set for a post-shutdown showdown between personal freedom and public health. https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-looming-civil-liberties-battle-11588198523

Limited government or expanded government? - I suggest that Moses' words, "neither exalting himself above other members of the community nor turning aside from the commandment,"

Limitations of Royal Authority

14 When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and have taken possession of it and settled in it, and you say, 'I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me', ¹⁵you may indeed set over you a king whom the LORD your God will choose. One of your own community you may set as king over you; you are not permitted to put a foreigner over you, who is not of your own community. ¹⁶Even so, he must not acquire many horses for himself, or return the people to Egypt in order to acquire more horses, since the LORD has said to you, 'You must never return that way again.' ¹⁷And he must not acquire many wives for himself, or else his heart will turn away; also silver and gold he must not acquire in great quantity for himself. ¹⁸When he has taken the throne of his kingdom, he shall have a copy of this law written for him in the presence of the LORD his God, diligently observing all the words of this law and these statutes, ²⁰neither exalting himself above other members of the community nor turning aside from the commandment, either to the left, so that he and his descendants may reign long over his kingdom in Israel.

deuteronomy 17: 14-20 - oremus Bible Browser <u>http://bible.oremus.org/?gl=164121896</u> Images for Limitations of Royal Authority deuteronomy 17: 14-20

and Samuel's report of "all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king" can be instructive in the debate over limited government or expanded government.

Israel Demands a King

10 So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; ¹²and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.

1 Samuel 8:10-22 - oremus Bible Browser http://bible.oremus.org/?gl=248761466 Images for Israel Demands a King

A case can be made to support limited government.

Does the Bible Support Limited Government?

While the Bible does not provide support for one form of government over another, a strong case can be made for a limited role of government. Regardless of where you come down on these issues, here are some key points to consider from scripture:

https://tifwe.org/bible-support-limited-government/ Images for Does the Bible Support Limited Government? https://tifwe.org/resource/a-biblical-case-for-limited-government/ Images for a-biblical-case-for-limited-government

<u>Is science the new religion and Deism the new faith?</u> – If ideological adherence to evidence-based research becomes the new norm, will otherwise Trinitarian Christians become convinced research alone can determine the future? What if certain research is geared to reach desired outcomes in order to justify a larger agenda? What if the research is paid for to accomplish a political objective? What can be said about research that ends up supporting the interests of the financial sponsor?

<u>Short-term security and long-term viability?</u> – If evidence-based research of the present situation is the sole determinant for keeping congregants locked out from their churches, what will the future of such churches look like?

Evangelical Protestants and Mainline Protestants – While many mainline Protestants adhered to evidence-based research to decide if/when to lift the lockout of congregants from their churches, many evangelical Protestants opened the doors to their congregants ASAP. The Pew Research Center gave the following assessment 5 years earlier in 2015: Pew: Evangelicals Stay Strong as Christianity Crumbles in America - Amid changing US religious landscape, Christians 'decline sharply' as unaffiliated rise. But born-again believers aren't to blame. Images for Pew: Evangelicals Stay Strong as Christianity Crumbles in America

What will evidence-based research reveal 5 years later in 2025 about the different outcomes between Evangelicals and the Mainline?

<u>Post-Christendom</u> - If Christendom offered leaders in the Christian church the ability to be a moral determinant in the dominant culture of church-state partnership, and Post-Christendom increasingly marginalizes the church from the public square, are the efforts of certain church leaders to align themselves with the power of the state to impose measures simply last gasp attempts at agency?

The Death of Protestant America: A Political Theory of the Protestant Theory of the Protestant Mainline - First Things

And that leaves us in an odd situation, unlike any before. The death of the Mainline is the central historical fact of our time: the event that distinguishes the past several decades from every other period in American history. Almost every one of our current political and cultural oddities, our contradictions and obscurities, derives from this fact: The Mainline has lost the capacity to set, or even significantly influence, the national vocabulary or the national self-understanding.

https://www.firstthings.com/article/2008/08/001-the-death-of-protestant-america-a-political-theory-of-the-protestant-mainline https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joseph_Bottum_(author)

https://www.firstthings.com/author/joseph-bottum

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<u>Counter-cultural or cultural accommodation?</u> – If some people of faith go along to get along, will such people keep the faith let alone share the faith? Or will other people of faith see themselves as over against the go-along-to-get-along mindset in order to keep the faith and share the faith? Will cultural Christians accommodate themselves right off the map? Will counter-cultural Christians stand up to at least stand a chance? The Benedict Option by Rod Dreher came out 2 years before COVID-19 but becomes all the more pointed after COVID-19. The author compares the present period to the fall of the Roman Empire and "In this controversial bestseller, Rod Dreher calls on American Christians to prepare for the coming Dark Age by embracing an ancient Christian way of life."

Alexis de Tocqueville warned in 1835 about the dangers of soft despotism in Democracy in America.

Soft despotism - Wikipedia

In Volume II, Book 4, Chapter 6 of <u>Democracy in America</u>, de Tocqueville writes the following about soft despotism: Thus, after having thus successively taken each member of the community in its powerful grasp and fashioned him at will, the supreme power then extends its arm over the whole community. It covers the surface of society with a network of small complicated rules, minute and uniform, through which the most original minds and the most energetic characters cannot penetrate, to rise above the crowd. The will of man is not shattered, but softened, bent, and guided; men are seldom forced by it to act, but they are constantly restrained from acting. Such a power does not destroy, but it prevents existence; it does not tyrannize, but it compresses, enervates, extinguishes, and stupefies a people, till each nation is reduced to nothing better than a flock of timid and industrious animals, of which the government is the shepherd.

I have always thought that servitude of the regular, quiet, and gentle kind which I have just described might be combined more easily than is commonly believed with some of the outward forms of freedom, and that it might even establish itself under the wing of the sovereignty of the people.

Our contemporaries are constantly excited by two conflicting passions: they want to be led, and they wish to remain free. As they cannot destroy either the one or the other of these contrary propensities, they strive to satisfy them both at once. They devise a sole, tutelary, and all-powerful form of government, but elected by the people. They combine the principle of centralization and that of popular sovereignty; this gives them a respite: they console themselves for being in tutelage by the reflection that they have chosen their own guardians. Every man allows himself to be put in

leading-strings, because he sees that it is not a person or a class of persons, but the people at large who hold the end of his chain.

By this system the people shake off their state of dependence just long enough to select their master and then relapse into it again. A great many persons at the present day are quite contented with this sort of compromise between administrative despotism and the sovereignty of the people; and they think they have done enough for the protection of <u>individual freedom</u> when they have surrendered it to the power of the nation at large. This does not satisfy me: the nature of him I am to obey signifies less to me than the fact of extorted obedience. I do not deny, however, that a constitution of this kind appears to me to be infinitely preferable to one which, after having concentrated all the powers of government, should vest them in the hands of an irresponsible person or body of persons. Of all the forms that democratic despotism could assume, the latter would assuredly be the worst. When the sovereign is elective, or narrowly watched by a legislature which is really elective and independent, the oppression that he exercises over individuals is sometimes greater, but it is always less degrading; because every man, when he is oppressed and disarmed, may still imagine that, while he yields obedience, it is to himself he yields it, and that it is to one of his own inclinations that all the rest give way. In like manner, I can understand that when the sovereign represents the nation and is dependent upon the people, the rights and the power of which every citizen is deprived serve not only the head of the state, but the state itself; and that private persons derive some return from the sacrifice of their independence which they have made to the public.^[1]

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soft_despotism

Images for Soft despotism by Alexis de Tocqueville in Democracy in America

Cracks and Craters - The cracks in the social fabric are increasingly becoming craters.

Coronavirus Will Change the World Permanently. Here's How.

A crisis on this scale can reorder society in dramatic ways, for better or worse. Here are 34 big thinkers' predictions for what's to come.

Expect a political uprising.

Cathy O'Neil is founder and CEO of the algorithmic auditing company ORCAA and author of Weapons of Math Destruction: How Big Data Increases Inequality and Threatens Democracy.

The aftermath of the coronavirus is likely to include a new political uprising—an Occupy Wall Street 2.0, but this time much more massive and angrier. Once the health emergency is over, we will see the extent to which rich, well-connected and well-resourced communities will have been taken care of, while contingent, poor and stigmatized communities will have been thoroughly destroyed. Moreover, we will have seen how political action is possible—multitrillion dollar bailouts and projects can be mobilized quickly—but only if the cause is considered urgent. This mismatch of long-disregarded populations finally getting the message that their needs are not only chronically unattended, but also chronically dismissed as politically required, will likely have drastic, pitchfork consequences.

https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2020/03/19/coronavirus-effect-economy-life-society-analysis-covid-135579 Images for Coronavirus. Expect a political uprising.

<u>COVID-19 and Civil Unrest</u> – The governor of Minnesota allowed his stay-at-home order, which went into effect 3/28, to expire 5/18. The original order directed Minnesotans to stay home except for essential needs and services or if they worked in critical sectors. On Memorial Day, 5/25, an unarmed black man named George Floyd died while a white police officer named Derek Chauvin pressed his knee on Floyd's neck for 7 minutes and 46 seconds while detaining him. Chauvin was charged with unintentional second-degree murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter. Peaceful protests escalated into violent rioting with looting, arson, vandalism, and other destruction. Rioters maintained the upper hand on Thursday and Friday until the National Guard gained the upper hand on Saturday. I contacted my brother and family who live 3.5mi away from the epicenter to assure them of my prayers for their safety and well-being. He assured me the family was doing well in the midst of the troubling times of the pandemic and rioting especially so close to home.

Did COVID-19 Lockdown Orders Help Fuel Riots Nationwide?

Millions of people out of a job and stuck at home for months is a recipe for civil unrest. The lockdown orders imposed by America's governors and mayors already inspired one wave of "reopen" protests explicitly aimed at lifting those restrictions. There's also good reason to think these same heavy-handed shelter-in-place mandates helped to fuel the anti-police protests currently sweeping the nation. https://reason.com/2020/06/02/did-covid-19-lockdown-orders-help-fuel-riots-nationwide/

https://reason.com/2020/06/02/did-covid-19-lockdown-orders-help-fuel-riots-nationwide Images for COVID-19 Lockdown Orders Help Fuel Riots Nationwide

Countering the climate scare alarmists – I wrote 5 booklets offered on this website as Rural Ministry Resources:

Who Will Stand Up for the Family Farm?

Strengthening Our Rural Communities

Family Farm or Factory Farm: A Time to Choose

Rural Communities: Dying or Being Reborn?

The Earth Is Our Home

in which I offered possibilities for how people of faith and people of good will could work together for the common good of the family farm, rural communities, and care of the earth.

The past 50 years since Earth Day 1970 I have heard the climate scare alarmists make their doomsday predictions, Doomsday climate predictions: wrong then, wrong now | CFACT - Jan 16, 2020 - How many doomsday predictions about the Earth's climate must fail before they finally get broadly ignored and dismissed out of hand?, which are increasingly being accepted by some true believers as gospel truth even if the forecasts do not come true. I have wanted to hear a more nuanced response from an otherwise respected voice and so was pleasantly surprised when I came across an apology for the climate scare by an esteemed environmentalist

On Behalf Of Environmentalists, I Apologize For The Climate Scare

On behalf of environmentalists everywhere, I would like to formally apologize for the climate scare we created over the last 30 years. Climate change is happening. It's just not the end of the world. It's not even our most serious environmental problem.

https://environmentalprogress.org/big-news/2020/6/29/on-behalf-of-environmentalists-i-apologize-for-the-climate-scare Images for On Behalf Of Environmentalists, I Apologize For The Climate Scare

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eq60W2pRk84 "I apologize for the climate scare" | Michael Shellenberger interviewed by Alex Epstein - YouTube

Images for "I apologize for the climate scare" Michael Shellenberger interviewed by Alex Epstein - YouTube

and then his book Apocalypse Never. I was struck by the religious language the author used to describe the climate scare:

"What's really behind the rise of apocalyptic environmentalism? There are powerful financial interests. There are desires for status and power. But most of all there is a desire among supposedly secular people for transcendence. This spiritual impulse can be natural and healthy. But in preaching fear without love, and guilt without redemption, the new religion is failing to satisfy our deepest psychological and existential needs."

Apocalypse Never: Why Environmental Alarmism Hurts Us All by Michael Shellenberger (Author)

Climate change is real but it's not the end of the world. It is not even our most serious environmental problem. Michael Shellenberger has been fighting for a greener planet for decades. He helped save the world's last unprotected redwoods. He co-created the predecessor to today's Green New Deal. And he led a successful effort by climate scientists and activists to keep nuclear plants operating, preventing a spike of emissions.

But in 2019, as some claimed "billions of people are going to die," contributing to rising anxiety, including among adolescents, Shellenberger decided that, as a lifelong environmental activist, leading energy expert, and father of a teenage daughter, he needed to speak out to separate science from fiction.

Despite decades of news media attention, many remain ignorant of basic facts. Carbon emissions peaked and have been declining in most developed nations for over a decade. Deaths from extreme weather, even in poor nations, declined 80 percent over the last four decades. And the risk of Earth warming to very high temperatures is increasingly unlikely thanks to slowing population growth and abundant natural gas.

Curiously, the people who are the most alarmist about the problems also tend to oppose the obvious solutions. What's really behind the rise of apocalyptic environmentalism? There are powerful financial interests. There are desires for status and power. But most of all there is a desire among supposedly secular people for transcendence. This spiritual impulse can be natural and healthy. But in preaching fear without love, and guilt without redemption, the new religion is failing to satisfy our deepest psychological and existential needs.



WHY ENVIRONMENTAL ALARMISM HURTS US ALL MICHAEL SHELLENBERGER



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The co-founder of Microsoft turned philanthropist acts the part of the ultimate COVID-19 scare alarmist sounding the alarm on COVID-19 with a 4/2 Opinion | Bill Gates: Here's how to make up for lost time on covid-19 insisting "on a nationwide approach to shutting down," and the ultimate climate change alarmist sounding the alarm on the climate with a 8/4 COVID-19 is awful. Climate change could be worse. | Bill Gates that "we also need to act now to avoid a climate disaster."

<u>COVID-19</u> scare alarmism and climate scare alarmism are the psychological warfare to pull off a coup d'etat of democracies to supplant them with authoritarian surveillance states – What if COVID-19 and global climate are not the real issues but only the pretexts to exercise psychological warfare to topple democracies around the world and replace them with repressive socialist states?

<u>Who will resist?</u> – The resistance to Microsoft's intent to monopolize the computer industry came from the top down in the form of the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice. It is hard to imagine that resistance to its co-founder's intent to monopolize health care and climate change will come from the top down this time. Resistance will have to come from the bottom up.

<u>Becoming dependent on handouts</u> – I received a 4/15/2020 letter from the White House titled Your Economic Impact Payment Has Arrived. - I am pleased to notify you that as provided by the CARES Act, you are receiving an Economic Impact Payment of \$1,200 by direct deposit. We hope this payment provides meaningful support to you during this period. [end of quote] As of 6/27/2020, I have yet to check my bank account to see if the amount was deposited even though I have been on leave from call since 4/16/2020. Is this CARES Act one more step in making people dependent on handouts and subservient to lockdowns?

Collective hysteria - Is the cure worse than the disease?

Former Supreme Court Justice: 'This is what a police state is like'

The former Supreme Court Justice Jonathan Sumption, QC, has denounced the police response to the coronavirus, saying the country is suffering 'collective hysteria'. https://www.spectator.co.uk/article/former-supreme-court-justice-this-is-what-a-police-state-is-likehttps://soundcloud.com/spectator1828/lord-sumption-discussing-the-police-response-to-coronavirus https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/mar/30/covid-19-ex-supreme-court-judge-lambasts-disgraceful-policing https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/coronavirus-outbreak-uk-hysteria-lord-sumption-supreme-court-a9435981.html https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-derbyshire-52095857 https://www.express.co.uk/videos/6146086509001/Coronavirus-Lord-Sumption-outlines-police-response-problems

<u>More than isolation, sanitation, and vaccination</u> – I picked up the Healthy Living Newsletter May 2020 while getting my adjustment at Stucky Chiropractic Center in Eau Claire, Wisconsin on 5/22 and read with interest the article on page 2. Americans Unfit to Fight a Pandemic | MedPage Today - While the public health focus has been on isolation and sanitation to slow the spread of the virus, one thing we are not talking about is how our baseline health as a country makes us more susceptible to not only getting the virus but also succumbing to it. There is plenty of evidence and studies on the common flu and colds that have warned us that as a country we are just not mentally or physically fit to fight a pandemic. The following are foundational cracks in our health and wellness that will make COVID-19 far more deadly.

In addition, I asked for and received a photocopy of a poster on Wisconsin United For Freedom: Defending Fundamental Rights to Protect Health Freedom in Wisconsin posted on the front desk.

Wisconsin United For Freedom
AFTER VACCINES BECAME LIABILITY FREE – DOSES TRIPLED
4 billion+ and no liability
VACCINE INJURY IS REAL
In 1986, Ronald Reagan signed into law the "National Vaccine Injury <u>Act</u>" removing all liability from vaccine manufacturers in the event of any injury or death resulting from their products.
Vaccine injury was <u>classified</u> as "unavoidably unsafe" in the supreme court.
Less than 1% of vaccine injury is ever reported.
Prior vaccine schedules.

I picked up the Healthy Living Newsletter September 2020 while getting my adjustment on 9/25 and read with interest the article on page 3 - What Are the Effects of Masking Facial Expressions? – Masks have removed a crucial way in which people use visual cues to communicate and understand each other. <u>https://muckrack.com/joseph-mercola/articles</u>

I went to the Farmer's Market sponsored by Country Lane Market & Pantry on 9/3 and paid \$10 for a 12 minute chair neck and back massage. As it turned out, there were no other people waiting in line, so she worked longer and talked along the way. She suggested taking a zinc supplement to increase immunity. I checked out the suggestion and found an article that asks Could zinc protect against COVID-19? - Medical News Today and suggests "A review of the evidence on zinc suggests the mineral could have protective effects against COVID-19 by boosting anti-viral immunity and curbing inflammation."

Not every health official bought into the agenda of Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., NIAID Director | NIH: National Institute of Health.

America's Frontline Doctors SCOTUS Press Conference Transcript - Rev

Simone Gold: (00:01)

Thank you. Thank you so much congressmen. So, we're here because we feel as though the American people have not heard from all the expertise that's out there all across our country. We do have some experts speaking, but there's lots and lots of experts across the country. So, some of us decided to get together. We're America's Frontline Doctors. We're here only to help American patients and the American nation heal. We have a lot of information to share. Americans are riveted and captured by fear at the moment. We are not held down by the virus as much as we're being held down by the spider web of fear. That spiderweb is all around us and it's constricting us and it's draining the lifeblood of the American people, American society, and American economy. Dr. Dan Erickson: (12:12)

That's all right. Dr. Dan Erickson, Dr. Gold asked me to talk about the lockdown, how effective they were and do that cause anything nonfinancial? They always talk about the financial, but you have to realize that lockdown, we haven't taken a \$21 trillion economy and locked it down. So, when you lock it down, it causes public health issues. Our suicide hotlines are up 600%, our spousal abuse. Different areas of alcoholism are all on the rise. These are public health problems from a financial lockdown. So, we have to be clear on that fact that there is, it's not like you just lock it down and have consequences to people's jobs. They also have consequences, health consequences at home. So, we're talking about having a little more of a measured approach, a consistent approach. If we have another spike coming in cold and flu season, let's do something that's sustainable.

https://www.rev.com/blog/transcripts/americas-frontline-doctors-scotus-press-conference-transcript

Former Dutch Scientist Willem Engel Speaks Up - A Crisis In Science, Lockdown Is a Disgrace - YouTube

On the 29th of May Willem Engel (means Angel) held a 1,5hours long interview with the online media platform Weltschmerz. Within just a few hours the video went viral. In this short SUBTITLED version of that 1,5 long conversation Willem tells and shows the Dutch audience a simple model that explains why * The lockdown is a disgrace * Why many scientist and medical experts do not dare to speak out * Why the models used by the governments are wrong * Why the PCR testing should not be used And much more

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PiwhYpvvNck

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Never Has So Little Done So Much Harm to So Many: The Latest Coronavirus Attack Is A Cover for Restricting Our Health Freedoms

In February 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) – never known for its accuracy or consistency – declared a "Pandemic" for the coronavirus and claimed that the mortality rate for the novel coronavirus disease now designated as COVID-19 was 3.4%, while that for the seasonal flu was 0.1%. Of course, the news media ran with those numbers and splashed scary headlines across the World stating how much more deadly this new virus was than the seasonal flu. The problem with WHO's statement, however, was that they applied two different formulas for the two viruses. For the COVID-19 disease, for example, they simply didn't count any of the mild cases of COVID-19 that resolved themselves; yet, they did with the seasonal flu. If WHO were to apply the same formula to seasonal flu cases as it did with COVID-19 cases, then the seasonal flu is revealed more truthfully as being *twice as deadly* as the COVID-19 virus.

In fact, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) itself has stated that for the 2019-2020 flu season, 24,000-62,000 Americans have died of the seasonal flu, while it's claimed that 53,922 Americans have died of the COVID-19 flu as of April 26, 2020. Even applying reported *worldwide* figures for COVID-19 deaths, we have 208,000 deaths claimed. That is tragic, but the worldwide COVID-19 figures are still less worldwide than are the seasonal flu deaths. Not to even mention that the European death rates are lower so far in 2020 than those in 2017.

And for all of this, the U.S. and State and local governments are willing to trash the American economy and destroy the domestic and international financial markets, most of which are based on the U.S. dollar? And why now? We must ask

ourselves these questions because this drastic approach was not adopted during earlier epidemics with far more deadly viruses. So, why now?

https://thenhf.com/2020/04/04/never-has-so-little-done-so-much-harm-to-so-many/

https://www.pressenza.com/2020/04/the-elites-covid-19-coup-against-a-terrified-humanity-resisting-powerfully/

Perspectives on the Pandemic | Dr John Ioannidis of Stanford University | Episode 1 - YouTube

Perspectives on the Pandemic Episode 1: Dealing with Coronavirus, a fiasco in the making? As the coronavirus pandemic takes hold, we are making decisions without reliable data.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d6MZy-2fcBw

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIGSIkijht5jFHF2o8rlhiOPHNT1OzyWE Perspectives on the Pandemic: Alternative views on the coronavirus crisis - YouTube

Images for Perspectives on the Pandemic: Alternative views on the coronavirus crisis - YouTube

https://www.globalresearch.ca/video-perspectives-pandemic-dr-john-ioannidis-stanford-university/5707737 Video:

Perspectives on the COV-19 Pandemic, A Fiasco in the Making: Dr. John Ioannidis, Stanford University

https://www.statnews.com/2020/03/17/a-fiasco-in-the-making-as-the-coronavirus-pandemic-takes-hold-we-are-making-decisions-without-reliable-data/

https://www.globalresearch.ca/coronavirus-pandemic-takes-hold-we-are-making-decisions-without-reliable-data/5707168

Perspectives on the Pandemic | Professor Knut Wittkowski | Episode 2 - YouTube

Perspectives on the Pandemic Episode 2: In this explosive second edition of Perspectives on the Pandemic, Professor Knut Wittkowski, for twenty years head of The Rockefeller University's Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design, says that social distancing and lockdown is the absolutely worst way to deal with an airborne respiratory virus. Further, he offers data to show that China and South Korea had already reached their peak number of cases when they instituted their containment measures. In other words, nature had already achieved, or nearly achieved, herd immunity.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGC5sGdz4kg

https://www.bitchute.com/video/uMPDa1yY2KJ9/

[00:00:44.20] WITTKOWSKI: As with every respiratory disease, we should

protect the elderly and fragile because when they get pneumonia, they have a high risk of dying of the pneumonia. So that is one of the key issues that we should keep in mind. On the other hand, children do very well with these diseases. They're evolutionarily designed to be exposed to all sorts of viruses during their lifetime, and so they should keep going to school and infecting each other. Then, that contributes to herd immunity, which means after about four weeks at the most, the elderly people could start joining their family because then the virus would have been extinguished.

https://www.journeyman.tv/film_documents/7815/transcript/

https://www.aier.org/article/stand-up-for-your-rights-says-bio-statistican-knut-m-wittkowski/

Knut Wittkowski, previously the longtime head of the Department of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design at the Rockefeller University in New York City, said in an interview with the Press and the Public Project that the coronavirus could be "exterminated" if we permitted most people to lead normal lives and sheltered the most vulnerable parts of society until the danger had passed.

"[W]hat people are trying to do is flatten the curve. I don't really know why. But, what happens is if you flatten the curve, you also prolong, to widen it, and it takes more time. And I don't see a good reason for a respiratory disease to stay in the population longer than necessary," he said.

https://matzav.com/epidemiologist-social-distancing-and-lockdown-are-absolutely-worst-way-to-deal-with-an-airbornerespiratory-virus/

With all respiratory diseases, the only thing that stops the disease is herd immunity. About 80% of the people need to have had contact with the virus, and the majority of them won't even have recognized that they were infected, or they had very, very mild symptoms, especially if they are children. So, it's very important to keep the schools open and kids mingling to spread the virus to get herd immunity as fast as possible, and then the elderly people, who should be separated, and the nursing homes should be closed during that time, can come back and meet their children and grandchildren after about 4 weeks when the virus has been exterminated.

https://ratical.org/PerspectivesOnPandemic-II.html Perspectives on the Pandemic, Episode 2: A Conversation with Dr. Knut Wittkowski

Perspectives on the Pandemic Episode 5: In this highly-charged follow-up interview, Knut Wittkowski says his initial claim has been vindicated: The lockdowns - always a dubious proposition for a respiratory virus - came too late in the U.S. and elsewhere, and were therefore even worse than useless. By turns emotional and darkly comic, Wittkowski ranges across all the essential topics of the crisis, and gives answers you are unlikely to see in the major media. Not to be missed.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k0Q4naYOYDw Perspectives on the Pandemic | Episode 5 - YouTube https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLIGSlkijht5jFHF2o8rlhiOPHNT1OzyWE Perspectives on the Pandemic: Alternative views on the coronavirus crisis – YouTube

Big Tech companies are aggressively tamping down on COVID-19 "misinformation" — opinions and ideas contrary to official pronouncements.

Dr. Knut M. Wittkowski, former head of biostatistics, epidemiology and research design at Rockefeller University, says YouTube removed a video of him talking about the virus that had racked up more than 1.3 million views.

Wittkowski, 65, is a ferocious critic of the nation's current steps to fight the coronavirus. He has derided social distancing, saying it only prolongs the virus' existence, and has attacked the current lockdown as mostly unnecessary.

Wittkowski, who holds two doctorates in computer science and medical biometry, believes the coronavirus should be allowed to create "herd immunity," and that short of a vaccine, the pandemic will only end after it has sufficiently spread through the population.

"With all respiratory diseases, the only thing that stops the disease is herd immunity. About 80% of the people need to have had contact with the virus, and the majority of them won't even have recognized that they were infected," he says in the now-deleted video.

https://nypost.com/2020/05/16/youtube-censors-epidemiologist-knut-wittkowski-for-opposing-lockdown/

Images for respiratory diseases, the only thing that stops the disease is herd immunity. Lee: You're not of the opinion that the reason the lockdowns are being extended and extended is to wait upon a

vaccine?

Knut: That is not feasible. We cannot keep the lockdown going for a year or something like that. Not even knowing whether a vaccine could ever be developed because vaccines against flus are not that effective in the first place, and sometimes it's impossible the development. And we have seen with corona viruses the vaccines that we make, make the situation worse. And so, to wait for a vaccine is plain stupid. It's unnecessary.

Images for Knut Wittkowski

while one distinguished German physician gives a historical perspective on false pandemics,

We are Currently Not Measuring the Incidence of Coronavirus, but the Activity of Specialists Searching for Them

Dr. Wolfgang Wodarg is a distinguished physician and German politician. *In 2009-2010, he was chairman of The Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Committee (PACE), which investigated the WHO's motives in declaring the H1N1 2009 a Worldwide pandemic.*

Wolfgang Wodarg, <u>declared that</u> the "false" H1N1 swine flu pandemic was "one of the greatest medicine scandals of the century." (Forbes, February 10, 2010) Scroll down below video for January 2010 statement by the European Parliament. Watch the video below for Dr. Wolfgang Wodarg's opinion on the coronavirus.

https://www.globalresearch.ca/we-are-currently-not-measuring-the-incidence-of-coronavirus-diseases-but-the-activity-of-the-specialists-searching-for-them/5708477

https://www.globalresearch.ca/video-how-dr-wolfgang-wodarg-sees-current-corona-pandemic/5707298

The 'false' pandemic: Drug firms cashed in on scare over swine flu, claims Euro health chief

The swine flu outbreak was a 'false pandemic' driven by drug companies that stood to make billions of pounds from a worldwide scare, a leading health expert has claimed.

Wolfgang Wodarg, head of health at the Council of Europe, accused the makers of flu drugs and vaccines of influencing the World Health Organization's decision to declare a pandemic.

This led to the pharmaceutical firms ensuring 'enormous gains', while countries, including the UK, 'squandered' their meagre health budgets, with millions being vaccinated against a relatively mild disease.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1242147/The-false-pandemic-Drug-firms-cashed-scare-swine-flu-claims-Euro-health-chief.html

and another

German Official Leaks Report Denouncing Virus as A Global False Alarm

Germany's federal government and mainstream media are engaged in damage control after a <u>report</u> that challenges the established Corona narrative leaked from the interior ministry.

Some of the report key passages are:

- The dangerousness of Covid-19 was overestimated: probably at no point did the danger posed by the new virus go beyond the normal level.
- The people who die from Corona are essentially those who would statistically die this year, because they have reached the end of their lives and their weakened bodies can no longer cope with any random everyday stress (including the approximately 150 viruses currently in circulation).
- Worldwide, within a quarter of a year, there has been no more than 250,000 deaths from Covid-19, compared to 1.5 million deaths [25,100 in Germany] during the influenza wave 2017/18.
- The danger is obviously no greater than that of many other viruses. There is no evidence that this was more than a false alarm.
- A reproach could go along these lines: During the Corona crisis the State has proved itself as one of the biggest producers of Fake News.

So far, so bad. But it gets worse.

The report focuses on the "manifold and heavy consequences of the Corona measures" and warns that these are "grave". More people are dying because of state-imposed Corona-measures than they are being killed by the virus. https://www.strategic-culture.org/news/2020/05/29/german-official-leaks-report-denouncing-corona-as-global-false-alarm/

which inevitably led to an admission that German lockdown was too harsh says health minister.

<u>Not all governors</u> gave lock down orders for their states. One governor took a more targeted approach for the long term. Arkansas governor defends no stay-at-home statewide order as 'successful' - <u>Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson</u> on Sunday defended his decision not to issue a statewide stay-at-home order amid the coronavirus pandemic, saying that his <u>"targeted approach" has proven to</u> be effective. Images for Arkansas governor defends no stay-at-home state-home statewide order as 'successful'

Not all municipalities acquiesced to state orders?

Here in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, where I reside when not on site for my assignments, the City Council took action, Rice Lake goes against state orders, allows businesses to reopen - Rice Lake City Council approved a resolution Tuesday inviting businesses to reopen ahead of the May 26 timeline of the Safer At Home order issued by Gov. Tony Evers... Diercks introduced the agenda item one day prior to the meeting. "Our local businesses need some help," he said. "A lot of these business are sole proprietors—not big corporations. We need to do whatever we can to help these businesses go forward." Diercks said he had been told by several businesses that if they could not reopen soon, they risked not reopening at all.

Images for Rice Lake goes against state orders, allows businesses to reopen

and in a neighboring county the sheriff took action. Western Wisconsin sheriff says he will defy Stay at Home order, allow businesses to reopen - A sheriff in a Wisconsin border county has said that businesses can reopen, despite the state's Stay at Home order being extended for another month from Friday. The message from Polk County Sheriff Brent Waak shared on the department's Facebook page Tuesday has been shared more than 2,600 times. Waak said he believes the extension of Gov. Tony Evers' original order, which expires on Friday, is an "over-reach of the State Government," and claims that since the pandemic started he adopted a "common sense" approach to the virus and watched the county "self-regulate and adapt to the order." "I believe that most Polk County businesses can safely operate with some protective measures in place such as social distancing and protective equipment for staff/patrons," he wrote. "I believe that our business community can be innovative and reopen safely with everyone's health in mind. "I will work with our local Public Health officials to make sure our community continues to stay healthy and expect we can start to safely reopen our economy." Images for Western Wisconsin sheriff says he will defy Stay at Home order, allow businesses to reopen I served in Hayward, Wisconsin for a year. The community depended on tourism and suffered from the stay-at-home order. Hayward passes ordinance, won't fund enforcement of stay home order - HAYWARD, WI-- The Hayward City Council passed an ordinance Monday night, asking their state lawmakers and the governor to allow businesses to reopen. City Councilor Lonnie Kennel said the COVID-19 shutdown is destroying their community. Many of the small, locally owned shops are struggling to survive. The city council also passed an ordinance, saving the city will not fund enforcement of the Safer-at-Home order. Images for Hayward passes ordinance, won't fund enforcement of stay home order

<u>A state supreme court struck down the governor's order</u> stating that "An agency cannot confer on itself the power to dictate the lives of law-abiding individuals as comprehensively as the order does without reaching beyond the executive branch authority." Wisconsin Supreme Court strikes down Gov. Tony Evers Safer at Home order The Wisconsin Supreme Court has struck down Gov. Tony Evers' extended Safer at Home order. After listening to arguments from state leaders both for and against the extended order, the court ruled that the Safer at Home order was unconstitutional and struck it down. The order went into effect on March 25 and was originally expected to expire on April 24, but Gov. Tony Evers extended the order until May 26. Republican legislators filed a lawsuit challenging the order, arguing that Department of Health Services Secretary-designee Andrea Palm exceeded her authority when she extended the order. According to the Supreme Court decision, Palm's Emergency Order was declared "unlawful, invalid and unenforceable." Images for Wisconsin Supreme Court strikes down Gov. Tony Evers Safer at Home order.

Not all religious leaders complied with the limit on religious gatherings.

Dissent in Catholic Church Against Government Lockdowns

We are even witnessing dissent in the Catholic Church against these lockdowns. Archbishop Carlo Maria Vigano of Italy listened to American bishops about the closure of the right to freedom of religion. He has filed a conservative objection to the Pope, styling coronavirus lockdowns as a massive threat to religious freedom and "a disturbing prelude to the realization of a world government beyond all control."

https://www.newsbreak.com/news/0P70jpYj/dissent-in-catholic-church-against-government-lockdowns Images for coronavirus lockdowns a massive threat to religious freedom

Minnesota's Catholic bishops say they'll defy Walz' limits on church attendance

Minnesota's Roman Catholic bishops said Wednesday that they will allow Masses to resume next week despite Gov. Tim Walz's continued prohibition on most religious gatherings...

Lutheran leaders from Wisconsin and Missouri synods, as well as Evangelical Lutheran Synod also criticized the Walz administration over his COVID-19 policy. In a <u>separate letter</u> forwarded by the Archdiocese, the Lutherans noted the Constitutional guarantee of freedom to exercise religious belief and said the prohibition of "people from gathering together in a church regardless of its size, but allowing malls and other 'non-critical' businesses to open, fails to uphold that guarantee.

"We have accordingly chosen to move forward in the absence of a timeline from Gov. Walz. We cannot allow an indefinite suspension of in-person worship," the Lutherans said.

https://www.mprnews.org/story/2020/05/20/minnesotas-catholic-bishops-say-theyll-defy-walz-limits-on-church-attendance Images for Minnesota's Catholic bishops say they'll defy Walz' limits on church attendance

The Catholic Church in Wisconsin stood up for their religious rights under the First Amendment and the Wisconsin Constitution.

Wisconsin officials have a change of heart after Catholic Church stands up for religious rights — Becket — Religious Liberty for All

WASHINGTON –The Public Health Department for the City of Madison and Dane County, Wisconsin put out a new "Forward Dane" <u>order</u> today, removing a 50-person cap on in-person religious services that did not apply to any similar secular activities. The new order came after the Roman Catholic Diocese of Madison stood up for its right to free exercise of religion. Global law firms Sidley Austin and Troutman Sanders, along with the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty sent a <u>letter</u> to Dane County Executive Joe Parisi, Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, and Public Health Director Janel Heinrich on Wednesday, June 3. The letter explained that Madison/Dane County's arbitrary 50-person cap on houses of worship violated the First Amendment as well as the Wisconsin Constitution. Because the Diocese stood up for its rights, Catholic churches in Madison/Dane County will now conduct in-person Masses at the same 25 percent capacity level as secular activities such as malls and theaters, but with even more rigorous social distancing and hygiene protocols. <u>https://www.becketlaw.org/media/wisconsin-officials-change-heart-catholic-church-stands-religious-rights/</u> <u>https://www.becketlaw.org/</u>Becket defends religious liberty for all – in principle and in practice. <u>Images for Wisconsin officials have a change of heart after Catholic Church stands up for religious rights — Becket — <u>Religious Liberty for All</u></u>

Catholic priests and Orthodox Jews in New York objected to unequal restrictions on gatherings as Politicians Shutter Churches and Synagogues, Then Tolerate Riots.

Judge: New York State wrong to restrict religious gatherings while allowing protests

A federal judge ruled on Friday that New York State is violating the First Amendment by restricting religious gatherings during the coronavirus pandemic while simultaneously allowing both much larger protests sparked by the death of George Floyd and the opening of other activities and businesses.

https://www.newsday.com/news/region-state/new-york-religious-gathering-restriction-1.46135503 Images for Judge: New York State wrong to restrict religious gatherings while allowing protests

Father Robert Altier Archives | Church of Saint Raphael of the Archdiocese of St. Paul/Minneapolis assumed the role of the watchman in Ezekiel 3:17 Fr. Altier: Coronavirus - The Truth Revealed - YouTube

Did world leaders think all the people would just roll over?

COVID Restrictions and Mandatory Vaccinations Are Outlawed and Nullified by Common Law Assembly

In an historic act of direct democracy last night, the Oceanside Common Law Assembly (OCLA) passed a Public Safety Bylaw that prohibits COVID restrictions and mandatory distancing, masking, quarantines, and vaccinations anywhere in the communities of Parksville and Qualicum Beach on Canada's west coast.

Breaking News Release: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 COVID Restrictions and Mandatory Vaccinations Are Outlawed and Nullified by Common Law Assembly

http://murderbydecree.com/2020/08/25/breaking-news-release-tuesday-august-25-2020-covid-restrictions-and-mandatory-vaccinations-are-outlawed-and-nullified-by-common-law-assembly-citizens-are-encouraged-to-resist-police-state-measures/

Fury in Germany with thousands protest across country over lockdown measures and a vaccine plan by Bill Gates as Angela Merkel's popularity falls

Initially starting as a handful of protesters decrying tough restrictions on public life to halt transmission of the coronavirus, the protests have grown in recent weeks to gatherings of thousands in major German cities.

https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-8325909/Fury-Germany-thousands-expected-protest-country-lockdown-measures.html

Images for thousands protest across Germany over lockdown measures

Protesters rally against coronavirus measures across Europe

A new wave of protests gripped Germany as thousands rallied against coronavirus restrictions. At a separate event in Warsaw, police used tear gas to break up the crowd, while 19 people were arrested in London. https://www.dw.com/en/protesters-rally-against-coronavirus-measures-across-europe/a-53467398

Images for Protesters rally against coronavirus measures across Europe

Thousands of anti-lockdown protesters gather in London to claim coronavirus is a 'hoax' Large crowds gathered at Trafalgar Square calling for 'no more lockdowns' and 'no to vaccinations' https://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/thousands-anti-lockdown-protesters-gather-22597555

Model constitution and life after COVID-19

Chapter 6.

CHURCH AFFILIATION *C6.03. This congregation

- . This congregation acknowledges its relationship with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in which:
 - a. This congregation agrees to be responsible for its life as a Christian community.

On Saint Patrick's Day, 3/17/2020, the parish president informed me that the congregation presidents determined to follow the **President's Coronavirus Guidelines for America:** 15 Days to Slow the Spread by foregoing services of worship on Sundays, 3/22 and 29, and midweek Lenten services on 3/25 and 29. The plan at that time was to gather on 4/5 Palm Sunday. On 3/23 Gov. Evers to issue order for Wisconsinites to stay home 3/25 through 4/24. The Wisconsin Supreme Court ended the order on 5/13 and "Worship services can now be held in person as long as there are no local restrictions on holding them. It will be up to individual churches, synagogues and mosques to decide whether to allow them."

The Bishop of the NW Synod of WI sent the following letter on 5/14:

Dear Pastors, Deacons, and SAMS,

The Milwaukee Brewers, the Green Bay Packers, and your churches are all struggling with similar questions! When can we go to the stadium to see a game again? When can we go to our church buildings to worship again? When can we return to worship?

Professional sports teams can't fill their stadiums and we can't fill the pews. It isn't safe. I wish I could see into the future and tell you exactly when we can safely gather in groups of more than 10, but I can't.

I am grateful that well over 100 of you were a part of the ZOOM conversation about Returning to Church with me and the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, Rev. Kerri Parker Tuesday, May 5. What we learned was this: *It's going to take a long time. We aren't going to rush back into our sanctuaries in June.*

To protect the most vulnerable members in our congregations, the elderly and those with underlying health conditions we will not be having normal in person face-to-face worship for a long while. Singing, Holy Communion, Sharing the Peace, offering plates, coffee fellowship, hymnals, bulletins, your friends that show no symptoms, bathroom door handles, can all pass on the coronavirus!

Church is a dangerous place. Whatever you can do to help your members accept this longer timeline to return worship will lower the anxiety. **Fulfilling the greatest commandment, Loving God and Loving our neighbor will be best done by staying home for some time.**

I encourage you to share as much information with your congregation as you can. This will help them have more realistic expectations about when they will be able to gather together again in worship. Below are the links I believe are most helpful. I am hopeful that sometime in 2021, this will all be in the rearview mirror. As you know, it all depends on development and mass production of a vaccine and/or herd immunity; 60% of the population being infected.

Attached here is the link to the official <u>ELCA Recommendations on Returning to Worship</u>. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Churchwide staff has prepared a comprehensive resource that will help you make decisions as you consider when and how you will return to worship.

Share this letter, ELCA Recommendations and these links with your church council, worship committee, and entire membership if you like.

Badger Bounce Back Plan

<u>Video recording - Conversation with Rev. Kerri Parker (WCC)</u> Printed summary of conversation with Rev. Kerri Parker (WCC) <u>Returning to Worship Recommendations from the WCC</u>

Minneapolis Area Synod Zoom conversation with Dr. Mike Osterholm

There is a great deal of confusion about when we can return to church and what the Wisconsin Supreme Court decision on May 13 means for the church. Please see the attached <u>Pastoral</u> <u>Message</u> from the Six ELCA Bishops of Wisconsin and the other resources attached.

Dear friends, this is an opportunity to reflect on God's Word, the purpose of worship and connect in new ways. Dear friends, this is also a stressful time. Take care of yourselves; take care of your neighbor, lean on your family and friends, we are in this together. Don't hesitate to reach out to the synod ministers. We are here to help.

Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson

Psalm 100: 1-2 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

I sent a response on 5/18/2020 at 5:18 AM.

To:	Bishop Laurie Skow-Anderson	
From:	Interim Pastor Lowell Bolstad	5/18/2020
Re:	Returning to Worship	

¹⁷Though the fig tree does not blossom, and no fruit is on the vines; though the produce of the olive fails and the fields yield no food; though the flock is cut off from the fold and there is no herd in the stalls, ¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will exult in the God of my salvation. Habakkuk 3:17-18

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church, He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day, He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

The Third Article of the Apostles' Creed in Martin Luther's Small Catechism

Towards the end of my assignment at <u>(name)</u> a 34-year-old man died of a self-inflicted gunshot to the head on 3/25, and a 29-yearold woman died of a drug overdose on 3/27. I was asked to officiate at the funeral for the latter at <u>(name)</u> but did not hear anything about the former although he came to Sunday School at <u>(name)</u> as a boy. The funeral director dutifully informed the family that only the allowed number would be permitted in the church for the service, but the sister warned me in my consultation that more would show up for the committal. She was right as 45 people stood shoulder to shoulder during the committal, embraced afterwards, and lingered together long after I left.

This response to the Returning to Worship from the Office of Bishop is carried out in respect for church order of Matthew 18:15-20 in that I have not shared my reservations with any other Pastors, Deacons, and SAMS. I wanted to share these reservations with the bishop first. I am no historian, but I cannot recall a more momentous letter from the office of the bishop in my tenure. As it turns out, I am sending this response on the 40th anniversary of my ordination (5/18/1980). There is no way I could have imagined then that on my 40th anniversary and on leave from call I would be writing to challenge the decision of the bishop. I do so with great reluctance. I pray that the Spirit will continue to call, gather, enlighten, and sanctify the whole Christian church on earth.

To protect the most vulnerable members in our congregations, the elderly and those with underlying health conditions we will not be having normal in person face-to-face worship for a long while. I am hopeful that sometime in 2021, this will all be in the rearview mirror.

I grant that this directive from the bishop to lock out congregants from their churches will accomplish its stated objective "to protect the most vulnerable members in our congregations, the elderly and those with underlying health conditions." I am concerned about the long-term viability of our congregations and synod to carry out the Great Commission in this increasingly secular age. One of my assignments was to serve at First Lutheran in Hayward before their present pastor. I read with interest the following article:

Hayward passes ordinance, won't fund enforcement of stay home order

HAYWARD, WI-- The Hayward City Council passed an ordinance Monday night, asking their state lawmakers and the governor to allow businesses to reopen.

City Councilor Lonnie Kennel said the COVID-19 shutdown is destroying their community.

Many of the small, locally owned shops are struggling to survive.

The city council also passed an ordinance, saying the city will not fund enforcement of the Safer-at-Home order. <u>https://wqow.com/2020/05/12/hayward-passes-ordinance-wont-fund-enforcement-of-stay-home-order/</u> Images for Hayward passes ordinance, won't fund enforcement of stay home order

My point corresponds to that of the City Councilor – This COVID-19 lockout of congregants from their churches by directive of bishop will destroy congregations in this synod.

I am no forecaster but I base my warning on various factors.

First, most of the 54 congregations I served since 1980 were living offering to offering. For instance, the <u>(name)</u> treasurer... Second, I go by the projections of the ELCA Office of Research and Evaluation. Will the ELCA Be Gone in 30 years? - Faith+Lead According to projections from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's (ELCA) Office of Research and Evaluation, the whole denomination will have fewer than 67,000 members in 2050, with fewer than 16,000 in worship on an average Sunday by 2041. That's right: according to current trends, the church will basically cease to exist within the next generation. <u>Images for Will the</u> <u>ELCA Be Gone in 30 years? - Faith+Lead</u> and ask the question, "Will the downward line grow steeper?" To fixate on flattening the curve of the virus and to overlook the downward trajectory of baptized membership in the ELCA seems to miss the big picture. I did not think I would live to see the end of the ELCA, but now I think the end will occur in my lifetime.

Third, I go by the amount of \$47,000 that the synod is behind as of 4/27. How many synod ministers will remain on staff "sometime in 2021" at that rate? Is the bishop prepared to be the last one standing if that is what it takes to hold out until the "development and mass production of a vaccine and/or herd immunity; 60% of the population being infected." To use the guilt inducing "scarcity mindset" phrase is highly unfortunate, in my mind, to cajole congregations to contribute. This is not so much a mindset as it is a scarcity.

I gave messages that were put on Facebook while still on assignment and encouraged people to continue giving either online or by postal mail but is it aspirational to think that congregations can survive a lockout directive by the bishop until sometime in 2021? Some congregations may be able to exercise the emergency distributions in their endowment funds, but how long will that last? Many of the most faithful people in attendance at services of worship at the parish where I last served were not connected by email or Facebook. I am not on Facebook. I do not have high speed internet at my house in Rice Lake, and it is costly to operate Zoom and other video mediums on my Verizon Jetpack. I only plug it in when I want to connect to the internet. Of those congregations that survive, how many congregants will still be interested in attending services of worship? Of those that are interested in services of worship, how many will opt to stay home and watch on Facebook because they have been convinced the church is a dangerous place? I hope my concerns are unfounded and that congregations return stronger than ever from the lockout, but only time will tell.

I must admit that I found myself cheering the decision of the Tavern League and lamenting the decision by the WCC and NW Synod. This admission comes from someone who grew up in an abstinent family in the Bible Belt of central Iowa and who does not frequent taverns. One of the reasons that the taverns are full and the churches empty is that people find the taverns more earthy and the church more sterile. In (*name*) there were five locations where people could purchase liquor and only one church gathered around bread and wine. Will the establishments that sell liquor outlast the local church? It sounds like according to the letter from the bishop

Singing, Holy Communion, Sharing the Peace, offering plates, coffee fellowship, hymnals, bulletins, your friends that show no symptoms, bathroom door handles, can all pass on the coronavirus!

that congregants will be locked out from their churches even if it means the congregations are destroyed, but the churches will remain sterile even to their death. It remains to be seen if people contract the virus at the taverns, but it is highly likely that congregations, if nothing else, will continue their steep decline. I drove past a funeral home in Rice Lake on Friday and saw cars lined up on the street. As for the occasional services of funerals as well as weddings, the trend has been to move away from the church already. Will many give up on the church now for these services and go elsewhere for good?

Whatever you can do to help your members accept this longer timeline to return worship will lower the anxiety. This admonition places rostered ministers in a difficult place between the office of bishop and the congregations. When I reviewed the Resolution to Divest from Fossil Fuels by the Northwest Synod Environmental Justice Group, I wrote the following on 2/18/2020:

Basically, this resolution seems to be a single-issue referendum on a specific diagnosis and strategy. Having served 54 congregations during the last 40 years, I can say from my experience that <u>people are not of one mind in NW WI</u>. They may be in the UCC and WCC, but not in this synod and area. To compel people into compliance in the name of care of the earth is to do a disservice. If I were to push congregations into divesting in fossil fuels particularly in areas where many of the workers work in the sand mines, it would be a prescription for <u>political suicide</u>. Unity comes from acknowledging God as the creator, Jesus as Lord, and the Holy Spirit as the one who calls, and then respecting the diversity of opinions and looking for common ground. As an interim pastor, I recommend that a congregation refrain from bringing a proposal to a vote if it is going to divide the congregation.

What I wrote in my review of the Resolution to Divest that <u>people are not of one mind in NW WI</u> applies here also. This directive by the bishop will continue to polarize as people contrast the ruling of the state supreme court - "It will be up to individual churches, synagogues and mosques to decide whether to allow them." - and the directive by the bishop to lock out congregants from their churches because

As you know, it all depends on development and mass production of a vaccine and/or herd immunity; 60% of the population being infected.

In the Questions & Answers of Vaccine Effectiveness; How Well Do the Flu Vaccines Work, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state, "While vaccine effectiveness (VE) can vary, recent studies show that flu vaccination reduces the risk of flu illness by between 40% and 60% among the overall population during seasons when most circulating flu viruses are well-matched to the flu vaccine." Should congregants be locked out of their churches waiting an indefinite period of time for a vaccine between 40% and 60% effective? How can rostered ministers be expected to communicate that all their hopes for returning to church hinge on a roughly 50-50 proposition? In Bill Gates says the world will need 7 billion vaccine doses to end COVID-19 pandemic, "Like Fauci, Gates says the January time frame is conceivable — but he also says the vaccine development effort could take as long as two years." Is the bishop prepared to lock out congregants from their churches for as long as two years waiting for this vaccine? Are Gates and Fauci the higher authority than the Wisconsin State Supreme Court? If Gates makes even \$1 on each vaccine, that could potentially mean \$7 billion for him not to mention the vaccines for each new virus season. People are going to eventually wake up and see the connection of Big Pharma and Big Money. How many congregations will still be alive after two years? What is the bishop prepared to do if members contract the virus after the vaccines are administered? Is the bishop going to lock the doors again? Is "I am hopeful that sometime in 2021, this will all be in the rearview mirror" aspirational thinking to believe that one vaccine will make everyone safe again? Rostered ministers in my mind are not only being asked to commit political suicide but mass selfdestruction. Congregations are going to be destroyed, and rostered ministers are going to go down with them for adherence to this equation. 15 Days to Slow the Spread was one thing, but having to wait for as long as two years is guite another. I have written an alternative narrative below titled Life after COVID-19 as a part of my reflections and resources for interim ministry. The post titled Life after 9/11 is included to provide context.

Church is a dangerous place.

Part of leadership, in my mind, is to instill confidence. Even as economic life is all about confidence, congregational life is about confidence. I regard the above phrase as highly unfortunate. To ask rostered ministers to convey the message from the bishop that the "church is a dangerous place" is to unintentionally sabotage the life of the congregation. There is so much fearmongering going around without a bishop adding to it. Perfect love casts out all fear. To be sure members can exercise due diligence and self-regulate in their precautions, but speaking of the church as a dangerous place is counterproductive in the long run.

your friends that show no symptoms

Part of leadership, in my mind, is to instill trust. I regard the above phrase as highly unfortunate. Though unintentional, this kind of language is common to the psychological warfare of divide and conquer used by repressive regimes.

we will not be having normal in person face-to-face worship for a long while

I can understand the bishop's support of the Wisconsin's Coronavirus 'Stay-At-Home" Order

What To Know About Wisconsin's Coronavirus 'Stay-At-Home' Order

Crowds of 10 or larger are specifically banned at weddings, funerals and church services. People who violate the order could face up to 30 days in jail, or a fine of up to \$250. https://www.wpr.org/what-know-about-wisconsins-coronavirus-stay-home-order as risk of jail or fine is not something a bishop would want to submit congregants to, but to dismiss the state supreme court ruling as politically motivated and to insist "As you know, it all depends on development and mass production of a vaccine and/or herd immunity; 60% of the population being infected." as the higher authority sets the bishop up as highly partisan and fosters polarization since it communicates a disregard for the pain of people who are suffering under the lockdown as evidenced by the Hayward City Council. The divide in Madison may be along party lines, but in local communities the pain cuts across all dividing lines.

Wisconsin stay home order ended by Supreme Court ruling

Are in-person religious services allowed?

Worship services can now be held in person as long as there are no local restrictions on holding them. It will be up to individual churches, synagogues and mosques to decide whether to allow them.

https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/politics/2020/05/13/wisconsin-stay-home-order-ended-supreme-court-ruling-schoolsclosed-coronavirus-safer-at-home-evers/5187903002/

Congregations will be faced with a choice:

- 1) Worship services can now be held in person as long as there are no local restrictions on holding them. It will be up to individual churches, synagogues and mosques to decide whether to allow them.
- 2) We will not be having normal in person face-to-face worship for a long while.

Would the bishop have sent out a letter applauding the decision if the decision had gone 4-3 the other way or simply waited until the order ended to tell the congregations "we will not be having normal in person face-to-face worship for a long while?" Would the bishop have appealed to the "As you know, it all depends on development and mass production of a vaccine and/or herd immunity; 60% of the population being infected." as the higher authority if the other party had filed the lawsuit? The president of this country has come out and said that he is prepared to mobilize the military to distribute vaccines. Will this military maneuver satisfy the formula laid down by the bishop to lift the directive to lock congregants out of their churches? Is this the magic date the bishop has in mind for the churches to reopen? Is the bishop going to be one of the first in line to receive the vaccine? Is the bishop going to send out another letter telling rostered ministers to tell members that it is their civic duty to consent to the vaccine or face the consequences? If a rostered minister does not consent to the vaccine, will that rostered minister be disqualified from serving? What if the Microsoft ID2020 digital implant is the next recommendation from Gates and Fauci? Is the bishop prepared to recommend this procedure to regulate people even though it may go against conscience? Some of the postings and videos challenging the narrative that life outside the home is not safe until a vaccine is administered are being taken down by social media providers as misinformation. Is the bishop going to join this trend with a similar dismissive attitude?

On 3/17, the president and secretary of the Congregation Council at <u>(name)</u> asked to see me. They informed me that they had contacted the other members of the parish executive committee and had decided to comply with the 15 Days to Slow the Spread and to forego services of worship the next two weeks. Fortunately, the president's wife offered to record videos on her smartphone and put them on Facebook. I stayed in <u>(name)</u> rather than go up to Rice Lake and hide in my house. Among other things I attended to the church office because the parish secretary had been furloughed. I called people to see how they were doing and urged them to take care and keep the faith. I hung my clothes on the line to dry to let the village know I continued to reside there. The president and secretary did not ask for my opinion, they simply informed me of their decision. But, if a Congregation Council or Parish Council makes a decision to avail themselves of the court ruling to reopen the church(s) in opposition to the bishop's directive to lock out members from their church(s), what is the bishop prepared to do? What is the bishop prepared to do if a rostered minister(s) refuses to accept the council's decision in order to honor the bishop's directive? What will be the consequence for those pastors who agree to serve churches desiring to be reopen? Will they be blacklisted? Will this conscientious objection on my part remove me from consideration for interim assignments? Even the 2009 Churchwide Assembly respected congregation autonomy by including the local option.

I read the synod constitution particularly Chapter 8. Officers and congregation constitution particularly Chapter 6. Church Affiliation and cannot find anywhere that the office of bishop can confer unto itself the authority to lock out congregants from their churches without reaching beyond its constitutional authority. Members in other hierarchal churches, such as the Roman Catholic Church, are used to following such directives without question but not the ELCA and many of its predecessor church bodies. Many people left Scandinavia, Germany, and other countries, in part, to escape the heavy handedness of the state church. Some people who left the ELCA following the 2009 Churchwide Assembly gave official overreach as one of the reasons for leaving. By now many of the people willing to put up a fight have left and many will simply drift away as they see the bishop as highly partisan. Bishop Hoyme lamented at the end of his tenure that too many people in the church are like Golden Retrievers anxious to please. He encouraged independent thinking. With the synod assembly being canceled, there is no large platform for dissent to such a draconian directive based on probabilities. The office of bishop is that of oversight, not overreach. Synod is walking together, not a bishop walking way ahead.

Chapter 6.

CHURCH AFFILIATION

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According to the model constitution for congregations, "<u>this congregation</u> agrees to be responsible for its life as a Christian community." I think it would behoove the bishop to listen to the advice the bishop tells others, "The constitution is your friend." This provision is in keeping with the polity of congregation autonomy. Although I do not claim to be a church historian, while studying at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN, I wrote a paper on "The Lay Activity Controversy among Norwegian Lutherans in America," which was later published by the Concordia Historical Institute Quarterly in VOL. 55, NO. 4 WINTER 1982 ISSN 0010-5260. I possess some sense of this understanding through service in 54 congregations during the last 40 years, which amounts to approximately 1 out of 4 congregations in this synod. I believe that the office of bishop in the ELCA is best advised to adhere to the constitution and

to allow the congregations to be responsible for their lives as Christian communities and not presume to preempt that responsibility.

Is the bishop willing to suspend ***6.03.a**. of the model constitution for congregations in order to enforce "As you know, it all depends on development and mass production of a vaccine and/or herd immunity; 60% of the population being infected?" Is this directive "we will not be having normal in person face-to-face worship for a long while." the church equivalent of the declaration of martial law? What is the bishop prepared to do to enforce this directive, or is this directive unconstitutional and unenforceable? How many congregations is the bishop willing to allow to slide into unsustainability, rostered ministers and synod staff going on leave from call without the possibility of collecting unemployment and ever diminishing chances of receiving another call, partner agencies and the wider church defunded until the "development and mass production of a vaccine and/or herd immunity; 60% of the population being infected?" If the mission model reverts to a chaplaincy model "To protect the most vulnerable members in our congregations, the elderly and those with underlying health conditions," will it be only a matter of time before the synod staff and rostered ministers are compelled to adopt a hospice model of ministry? How many congregations will be destroyed "to protect the most vulnerable members in our congregations, the elderly and those with underlying health conditions?"

What is going to happen to the empty buildings once congregations close? Is the bishop prepared to deal with undisposed property if congregants simply walk away because they cannot maintain the property? Bishop Pederson talked about facilities being an albatross around the neck. The congregation he last served before becoming bishop sold their building and merged with another congregation. His words are proving prophetic. I was admonished that many small congregations were simply hanging on to preserve their buildings as museums and that it might be better to close and urge their members to attend services of worship at the closest bigger church in order to better provide rostered ministers in the midst of the clergy shortage. Well, now, many of these congregations may be closing on their own, and many people may simply fall through the cracks or drift away as they become preoccupied with personal survival in the unfolding economic collapse forecast by some to rival the Great Depression. Is it possible that there may be a clergy abundance in the not too distant future when pre-retirement pastors are laid off and retired pastors want back in? Even if the congregations reopened immediately, they are going to face an uphill battle. For instance, in (name)... One of my criteria for making decisions is to ask how history will judge. I believe history will acknowledge that the directive by the bishop will have accomplished its stated objective "To protect the most vulnerable members in our congregations, the elderly and those with underlying health conditions" but will not look kindly on the ever accelerating precipitous rate of decline that the lockout brought about and the resultant inability to carry out the Great Commission in an increasingly secular age. Is the bishop going to be OK with that verdict and simply assert that it is time for the emerging church to move to house churches and cell groups anyway and that this is one way to move the process along? The early Christians were known as those who stayed behind when others left and tended to the sick and buried the dead during the plagues, so that others said of them, "See how they love one another," while congregants today are urged to hide inside because it is safer at home and to lock out people from the churches because the church is a dangerous place.

Psalm 100: 1-2 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

These verses are some of my favorite and in almost any other context I find them inspiring, but in this letter from the bishop to lock out congregants from their churches, I find the use of them puzzling. The book of psalms is filled with both praise and laments. To gloss over the gravity of the situation and to invite people into praise without lament seems incongruous. Also, to say "we will not be having normal in person face-to-face worship for a long while" and then to conclude "*come into his presence with singing*." does not hang together to say the least and seems to reflect disjunctive thinking on the grave implications of this directive. I started out by stating my contention that I believe that the directive of the bishop to lock out congregants from their churches will destroy congregations. This cure will end being far worse than the disease. I want to respect the office of the bishop but at the same time raise conscientious objection. I respectfully suggest that the wiser course of action is to walk back from this presumptuous concentration of power in the office of bishop transfixed on a technical solution before it is too late and to adhere to

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to allow congregations to be responsible for their life as Christian communities as adaptive challenges in these uncertain times.

<u>The Wisconsin Conference of Churches: Courage, Justice, Holy Imagination asked for financial support</u> in an email on 5/22 titled Invest in Professional, Compassionate, Forward-Thinking Ministry. I found it interesting that I was being asked to "invest" when an earlier document Returning to Church – Wisconsin Council of Churches Ministry during the COVID-19 outbreak Released April 23, 2020 Resetting our Expectations admonished, "But we must avoid framing our situation in terms of a false choice between reviving the economy - or our churches -- and Saving lives."

I sent the following response on 5/25.

To: Wisconsin Conference of Churches

From: Pastor Lowell Bolstad – 7/8/2020

Re: Investing in the Wisconsin Conference of Churches

As a rostered minister of the NW Synod of WI – ELCA, I am on leave from call as of 4/16 and reluctant to draw down my savings to donate a gift. I can understand the personal appeal as I received a letter from the bishop on 4/27 informing the recipients that the synod financial status was -\$47,000 at that time. I do not know what the financial status is now a month later. The bishop sent out a letter on 5/14 on Returning to Worship in which the bishop stated, "As you know, it all depends on development and mass production of a vaccine and/or herd immunity; 60% of the population being infected." I wanted to know how long this timetable might be and found it in Bill Gates says the world will need 7 billion vaccine doses to end COVID-19 pandemic, "Like Fauci, Gates says the January time frame is conceivable — but he also says the vaccine development effort could take as long as two years." I

am not sure how many congregations will remain viable in two years to contribute to the synod which, in turn, contributes to the Wisconsin Conference of Churches. Based on my experience in 54 congregations over the last 40 years (10 years in the installed pastorate and 30 years in interim ministry) I am not sure how many congregations are going to remain viable even if the churches unlocked their doors for the Day of Pentecost on 5/31 as most of the congregations I served live offering to offering and as an ever-increasing number of workers are being laid off and businesses are declaring bankruptcy. As one living in the western side of the state, I pay more attention to the Twin Cities than to Madison, Milwaukee, and Chicago. I found interesting the articles Minnesota's Catholic bishops say they'll defy Walz' limits on church attendance and then Tim Walz, MN church leaders agree on holding services as well as Many Minnesota churches remain wary of reopening. I am guessing that your counterpart Minnesota Council of Churches may find it necessary to send out a similar email as long as congregants remain locked out of their churches by directives of the judicatory officials in those church bodies wary of reopening. Lowell Bolstad

Interim Pastor

<u>The Wisconsin Conference of Churches asked for input regarding the Task Force on Climate Change - Governor Tony Evers as the task force held a Zoom conference on May 21. Policy recommendations were expected by October 31.</u> I sent the following response:

To: Wisconsin Conference of Churches

From: Pastor Lowell Bolstad – 7/8/2020

Re: Governor's Task Force on Climate Change

I care for the earth and want to see the earth cared for.

At the same time, I have grown weary of the doomsday predictions of the climate scare alarmists the last 50 years.

Climate Change Activists Should Skip the Doomsday Predictions, Guys

Climate-change activists will insist this sort of dramatic license is necessary to stir a naturally apathetic public. But the metronomic regularity of doomsday predictions like these are part of why the public is so apathetic — they've heard it all before, and life went on.

https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/climate-change-activists-doomsday-predictions/

The latest round of doomsday predictions are being used to justify a radical intervention:

The Great Reset | World Economic Forum

As we enter a unique window of opportunity to shape the recovery, this initiative will offer insights to help inform all those determining the future state of global relations, the direction of national economics, the priorities of societies, the nature of business models and the management of a global commons.

https://www.weforum.org/great-reset/

I find more honest the apology by an esteemed environmentalist:

On Behalf Of Environmentalists, I Apologize For The Climate Scare

On behalf of environmentalists everywhere, I would like to formally apologize for the climate scare we created over the last 30 years. Climate change is happening. It's just not the end of the world. It's not even our most serious environmental problem.

https://environmentalprogress.org/big-news/2020/6/29/on-behalf-of-environmentalists-i-apologize-for-the-climate-scare

I commend his book on Apocalypse Never for a more commonsense approach to care of the earth.

Apocalypse Never: Why Environmental Alarmism Hurts Us All by Michael Shellenberger (Author)

Climate change is real but it's not the end of the world. It is not even our most serious environmental problem. Michael Shellenberger has been fighting for a greener planet for decades. He helped save the world's last unprotected redwoods. He co-created the predecessor to today's Green New Deal. And he led a successful effort by climate scientists and activists to keep nuclear plants operating, preventing a spike of emissions.

But in 2019, as some claimed "billions of people are going to die," contributing to rising anxiety, including among adolescents, Shellenberger decided that, as a lifelong environmental activist, leading energy expert, and father of a teenage daughter, he needed to speak out to separate science from fiction.

Despite decades of news media attention, many remain ignorant of basic facts. Carbon emissions peaked and have been declining in most developed nations for over a decade. Deaths from extreme weather, even in poor nations, declined 80 percent over the last four decades. And the risk of Earth warming to very high temperatures is increasingly unlikely thanks to slowing population growth and abundant natural gas.

Curiously, the people who are the most alarmist about the problems also tend to oppose the obvious solutions. What's really behind the rise of apocalyptic environmentalism? There are powerful financial interests. There are desires for status and power. But most of all there is a desire among supposedly secular people for transcendence. This spiritual impulse can be natural and healthy. But in preaching fear without love, and guilt without redemption, the new religion is failing to satisfy our deepest psychological and existential needs.

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07Y8FHFQ7/ref=dbs_a_def_rwt_hsch_vapi_tkin_p1_i0

The Wisconsin Conference of Churches sent July 7, 2020 The Honorable Scott Fitzgerald, Senate Majority Leader The Honorable Robin Vos, Assembly Speaker Wisconsin State Capitol Madison, WI 53708 WCC-COVID-Letter-to-legislative-leaders, which included the statement "This should include the possibility of a "Stay at Home" order, should conditions warrant." I sent the following response to the signers:

To: WCC Religious Leaders From: Pastor Lowell Bolstad – 7/13/2020 Re: Response to WCC-COVID-Letter-to-legislative-leaders

This email is written to state my strenuous objection to the provision "This should include the possibility of a "Stay at Home" order, should conditions warrant." in the letter July 7, 2020 The Honorable Scott Fitzgerald, Senate Majority Leader The Honorable Robin Vos, Assembly Speaker Wisconsin State Capitol Madison, WI 53708 WCC-COVID-Letter-to-legislative-leaders.

Never in my worst nightmares did I ever imagine church executives would advocate that the state should impose a lockdown on its citizens. I remember being admonished in Returning to Church – Wisconsin Council of Churches Ministry during the COVID-19 outbreak Released April 23, 2020 Resetting our Expectations, "But we must avoid framing our situation in terms of a false choice between reviving the economy -- or our churches -- and saving lives." but never anticipated that church executives would take the next step and urge the state to impose Lockdown #2.

Moses warned the people about Limitations of Royal Authority in Deuteronomy 17:14-20. Samuel warned the people when Israel Demands a King 1 Samuel 8:10-22. Benjamin Franklin warned, "Those who would give up essential liberty to purchase a little temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Aldous Huxley in 1958 – pharmacology and propaganda will make the masses love their slavery asserted, "Three important axioms stand out: people are much easier to control when they love their slavery, people in fear are very easy to control, and individualism is dangerous to the state."

It is one thing for unscrupulous government rulers to use a crisis as an excuse to grab power, but for church executives to justify that the government should take unto itself more power over the people in their workplace, gatherings, and personal lives, in my mind, defies comprehension. For those who can reside in their residence and get paid to type on the computer and talk on the phone, this period can euphemistically be called Stay At Home. For those losing their livelihoods, this period can rightfully be called a lockdown.

The civil unrest following Memorial Day is just one manifestation of what happens when people are locked down.

George Floyd: Anger over his death sparked in part by coronavirus - USA Today - For starters, the coronavirus pandemic that has sequestered most Americans to their homes, forced millions into unemployment and has disproportionately infected African Americans already had many black Americans and white supporters simmering with rage and frustration, said Kristen Clarke, president and executive director of the National Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. "The depths of despair are enormous right now for black people in this country," she said. "You pile on unchecked police violence and it makes for a perfect storm."

Pandemic-Related Unemployment and Shutdowns Are a Recipe for Social Unrest – "Why would economic shutdowns lead to social unrest? Because, contrary to the airy dismissals of some members of the political class and many ivory-tower types, commerce isn't a grubby embarrassment to be tolerated and avoided—it's the life's blood of a society. Jobs and businesses keep people alive. They represent the activities that meet demand for food, clothing, shelter—and that develop and distribute the medicine and medical supplies we need to battle COVID-19."

How church executives sheltering in place can watch cities close by and far away go up in flames after Memorial Day and then three days after Independence Day exercise the tunnel vision audacity to advocate Lockdown #2 defies comprehension. How church executives can self-righteously denounce police brutality as well as white supremacy, on the one hand, and then shamelessly urge the state to enforce Lockdown #2 of the citizens, on the other hand, also defies comprehension. Is all this talk this past month about acknowledging white privilege only so much knee-jerk pandering?

According to the statement "But we must avoid framing our situation in terms of a false choice between reviving the economy -- or our churches -- and saving lives." evidently "reviving the economy -- or our churches" does not merit sufficient consideration to question a lockdown, and evidently civil unrest does not merit sufficient consideration to question a lockdown either, which leads me to ask, "What more collateral damage would merit consideration to question a lockdown?" Does the forfeiture of fundamental freedoms warrant consideration? Are virus #s the only pieces of evidence of any significance to base a scientific decision? I contend that the connectedness of life is a circle not a straight line and that (Maslow) if all you have is a hammer everything starts to look like a nail. There are ethical considerations and feasibility to be examined for individuals and society. For instance, just war ethical thought includes the principle of proportionality. To deny proportionality goes against the principles of just war. As an interim pastor who has served in 53 ELCA congregations in the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin and 1 in the LaCrosse Synod since 1980, I do not want to be placed in such a morally compromised position. Do not count on me to be an ambassador for this morally suspect pronouncement. Count me as a conscientious objector to this attempt to justify Lockdown #2. I do not want to place a knee on the neck of another. I want to let the other breathe.

It was one thing for the governor to make Wisconsin's Coronavirus 'Stay-At-Home' Order March 25 through April 24 "crowds of 10 or larger are specifically banned at weddings, funerals and church services and people who violate the order could face up to 30 days in jail, or a fine of up to \$250." It is another thing for church executives to urge the state to usurp religious freedom by this lockdown. Memorial Day and Independence Day acknowledge the price of freedom, but the lesson of history is that these freedoms can be lost quickly. The WCC-COVID-Letter-to-legislative-leaders sent just three days after Independence Day in effect voluntarily forfeits the First Amendment right of the people peaceably to assemble and the commerce clause economic liberty. If 15 Days to Slow the Spread | The White House was supposed to be the sacrifice people were asked to make for the common good, and now Coronavirus may never go away, even with a vaccine, are lockdowns or threats of lockdowns going to be a way of life from here on out? Are church executives going to provide the justification to leverage that threat against the citizens? This moment comes at a historical crossroads. The legacy of people will be established on where they stood. I look back at history to gain perspective. While I am proud to recall the heritage of the reformer Martin Luther to separate the church from the state, I am embarrassed how he called on the sovereign to put down the peasants when they rose up against the nobility and clergy in 1524. While I am proud of the Confessing Church in Germany before and during WWII. I am embarrassed by the collaborating church of that time. And now, while I appreciate the congregational resources provided by the WCC during this time of uncertainty, I am embarrassed how church executives have sought to justify a groupthink ideologically draconian theory of virus containment in the form of Lockdown #2.

As of 7/11, almost 4 months after 15 Days to Slow the Spread | The White House, there were 41 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 1 death in Barron County where I own my residence and reside when not on assignment. The total damage from the collapse

of the economy and of civil society as a result of the lockdown far outweighs that of the virus. One can only anticipate the devastation of Lockdown #2.

Have these church executives talked with leaders of other religious bodies whose congregations have opened their doors? I cannot imagine such a moral argument for Lockdown #2 would resonate. If the state somehow goes ahead with Lockdown #2, how could the breach ever be repaired? I have been on leave from call since the conclusion of an assignment on 4/15 when an assignment I was scheduled to start on 4/16 fell through. I listen to the ELCA service on the local Rice Lake radio station on Sunday at 9am, then attend a service of worship at either the Evangelical Free Church at 10:30 or Wesleyan Church at 11, and then attend a Catholic mass at Sunday 5:30pm or Tuesday 5:3pm. I do not experience these assemblies as engaging in "problematic behavior" in compromising the common good by wanting to assemble in person for services of worship.

The contrast between the Roman Catholic Church Wisconsin officials have a change of heart after Catholic Church stands up for religious rights — Becket — Religious Liberty for All and the WCC "This should include the possibility of a "Stay at Home" order, should conditions warrant" WCC-COVID-Letter-to-legislative-leaders could not be more stark. I support the former and oppose the latter.

Evidently, it is not enough for church executives to give directives to lock out congregants from their churches, such executives now pronounce that the state is justified in Lockdown #2 of the economy and of the assembly. Are the church executives going to send a letter to the congregations in their jurisdiction justifying such a pronouncement or do they expect the rostered ministers to do the dirty work? My understanding of judicatory officials in the Protestant tradition is that of oversight and not overreach. I wonder what would happen if the press were to grab onto this story and headline it as State Protestant Leaders Advocate Lockdown #2. Are church executives prepared to call a press conference with all executives present to answer questions about their moral justification for Lockdown #2? What if protesters show up to disrupt the event?

Have church executives talked with workers who have lost their jobs and business owners who have lost their businesses and so many others who have suffered pain and misery and lost their hopes and dreams? It is one thing for church executives to shelter in place, it is quite another for people who have to stay home from work without pay and for people who lose their jobs. How can church executives convince them that it is in their best interests and in the interests of others who still have jobs to endure Lockdown #2? What happens if people refuse to comply? Will the church executives call on the state to employ increasingly heavy-handed measures to enforce compliance? I contend that these church executives are moving down a very dangerous slippery slope in providing moral arguments urging the state to take on more power to execute heavy-handed measures. History demonstrates that such heavy-handed measures do not end well. Could the events of Memorial Day and following be only the beginning? Not to mention the increased violence in the homes and on streets...

I find it interesting that the WCC-COVID-Letter-to-legislative-leaders speaks with righteous indignation about those who have been mocked for masking, but does not speak with the same righteous indignation about the pain and suffering caused by the lockdown across all the rest of Quality of life indices. Verbal abuse of those who choose to mask is inexcusable, but to call on the heavy hand of the state to mandate masking only increases the misery index.

I wrote to The Honorable Scott Fitzgerald, Senate Majority Leader The Honorable Robin Vos, Assembly Speaker Wisconsin State Capitol on 7/8 to tell them I did not concur with This should include the possibility of a "Stay at Home" order, should conditions warrant. and urged them to resist such calls for this measure.

I urge you to take the long view and prayerfully discern the ramifications. Consider which side of history to be on. How will history judge such actions? A concentration of power happens when people acting out of fear relinquish long-held freedoms in return for temporary safety. I do not believe history will look kindly on religious leaders who use their moral status to justify a lockdown. I urge you to walk back before it is too late.

As for • Provide relief for those economically impacted by the ongoing crisis: accept any federal aid for which Wisconsin is eligible; extend eligibility for unemployment, food assistance, and late rent/utility moratoriums. • Provide economic relief for medical expenses: mandate that insurers waive cost-sharing requirements and prior authorization requirements for COVID-19 treatment; and mandate that a COVID-19 vaccine, when available, be offered at no cost., the letter does not explain how these measures should be funded especially if Lockdown #2 happens and even more workers are laid off, businesses close their doors for good, industries shut down, and social unrest increases as well as other physical and mental illnesses and various other collateral damage. Are taxes to be raised on those workers who can type on the computer and talk on the phone from home, on those businesses deemed essential and allowed to stay open, on industries that meet climate change standards, and on landowners who can still afford to own property? Is the state supposed to go into deficit spending? Will the state beg the federal government for

more money when the federal government already borrows more and more money with no intent to repay? Will it only be a matter of time before church executives cast their moral weight behind mandatory vaccines, chip implants, tracking devices, enforced compliance, and other intrusive measures in the lives of the citizens? Will these church executives send out more emails and posts online to justify a new normal including increasingly draconian policies to distance and control, track and monitor, regulate and dictate?

Some black leaders and white supporters across the country are advocating a defunding of the police, while it seems that some church executives mostly white in this state are advocating a government moving closer to a police state. Perhaps, if church executive positions become defunded because of the downward economic spiral, such executives might not be so self-assured to make such pronouncements justifying a lockdown. Or are church executives simply content to be the last ones standing? Liberty or lockdown? I contend for the former and against the latter!

<u>The Wisconsin Council of Churches sent</u> a Call to Action <u>Contact your legislators now in support of the statewide mask mandate</u> on 8/5. I sent the following message to legislators:

Please stand up to the governor's overreach and repeal his mask mandate. Otherwise, he may take seriously the report <u>Dr. Fauci</u> recommends wearing goggles to prevent catching the coronavirus and mandate goggles too. These mandates could become a slippery slope in an assault on individual freedom if the governor is not stopped.

County officials chose whether to enforce the \$200 fine. In the county in which I reside, Barron County DA will not prosecute mask violations | Rice Lake Chronotype - The District Attorney's Office sent a press release out on July 31 stating that Ever's authority to issue the order and to expose Wisconsin citizens to forfeiture liability for violating the order is unresolved. The District Attorney's Office sent a press release out on July 31 stating that Ever's authority to issue the order and to expose Wisconsin citizens to forfeiture liability for violating the order is unresolved. The District Attorney's Office sent a press release out on July 31 stating that Ever's authority to issue the order and to expose Wisconsin citizens to forfeiture liability for violating the order is unresolved. "I will not deprive citizens of property via a forfeiture prosecution if there is not clear authority for such a prosecution. At this time, I am not satisfied that such a clear authority exists," DA Brian Wright said in the release.

The Wisconsin Council of Churches sent a Call to Action <u>Demand Action by State Lawmakers on Police Reform Bills</u> on 8/31. I sent a response to the Coordinator for Public Policy (ELCA), Executive Director (UCC), Treasurer of the Board of Directors (ELCA), and Bishop of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin - ELCA.

The Contact your legislators now in support of the statewide mask mandate and Demand Action by State Lawmakers on Police Reform Bills from the Coordinator for Public Policy at the Wisconsin Council of Churches reveal that this agency serves as an unabashed apologist for a Democratic governor and acts as a dismissive critic of Republican legislators. In addition, the July 7, 2020 The Honorable Scott Fitzgerald, Senate Majority Leader The Honorable Robin Vos, Assembly Speaker Wisconsin State Capitol Madison, WI 53708 WCC-COVID-Letter-to-legislative-leaders from the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches asserted, "This should include the possibility of a "Stay at Home" order, should conditions warrant." This assertion mirrored the later statement of the candidate - who was nominated by the Anchored in Milwaukee, 2020 Democratic National Convention will be a "Convention Across America" to be the Democratic presidential nominee - that he would be willing to shut down the country again if scientists recommend. As a pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America who has served in 54 congregations since 1980 in installed and interim ministry, I can relate that the members of these congregations are not of one mind. Members of these congregations represent the breadth of the political spectrum. Members of Christian churches and faith-based organizations who do not share this partisan bias should not be compelled to fund this agency. If this agency is going to behave more like a political action committee than "The Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC) is a network of Christian churches and faith-based organizations committed to working together across our many differences." About - Wisconsin Council of Churches, perhaps it is time for the sponsoring Christian church bodies and faithbased organizations to defund this agency and for this agency to change its name, description, and funding, as well as to forfeit its tax-exempt status. The new agency could then appeal to church executives, executives of faith-based organizations, church members, and members of faith-based organizations of a similar partisan bias for their funding. Rev. Lowell Bolstad Rice Lake. Wisconsin

Attend a hearing – I sent the following email to the Barron County Board, Committee on Health and Human Services, and Public Health Officer regarding a proposed ordinance for a public health officer in Barron County, Wisconsin.

To: Barron County Board

Health and Human Services Committee Public Health Officer

From: Lowell Bolstad – Property owner in Rice Lake, Wisconsin

Re: Public input regarding proposed health officer ordinance

I came to the Barron County Courthouse on Monday, August 31 at 8:45am to attend the scheduled 9:30am hearing sponsored by the Health and Human Services Committee to receive public input on the proposed ordinance to spell out how the public health officer can issue general (countywide) orders – like face masks or broad shutdown orders – when faced with a public health emergency. I left when I read that the proposed ordinance had been withdrawn from consideration. Before attending the meeting, I took part in an internet poll sponsored by the Chetek Alert.

You voted: The officer should not have the power to issue any general orders.

I am disappointed that I could not receive an explanation as to how the county board and this committee exercised the audacity of government overreach to propose such an ordinance when the state supreme court struck down the governor's order stating that "An agency cannot confer on itself the power to dictate the lives of law-abiding individuals as comprehensively as the order does without reaching beyond the executive branch authority."

I am writing to articulate my opposition since I was not able to speak or make my presence known at a hearing. There are many ways to measure public health. To focus only on the number of confirmed cases of a virus and the deaths resulting from the virus overlooks the overall public health. I am concerned about the health of democracy and particularly the freedom of commerce, assembly, and religion. Admittedly, these are public health metrics that are difficult to measure by evidence-based research. I offer the following points:

<u>Growth in bureaucracy and diminishment of democracy</u> – Most worrisome given the trajectory is that the worst could be yet to come. A trend in the past several decades is <u>Bureaucracy</u> vs. <u>Democracy</u> - The <u>American Interest</u> The main premise of modern bureaucracy is that it can prescribe a correct way of doing things. For 50 years, regulation writers have been trying to dictate choices in every area of conceivable public interest. Unlike regulatory goals, which are relatively straightforward, most regulatory detail prescribes the correct way to achieve the goals. It is this assumption—that bureaucratic structures should dictate the details of implementation—that accounts for much of the failure and frustration of modern government.

COVID-19 and Regulation | Regulatory Studies Center. A comprehensive list of bills introduced and passed by Congress and rules introduced and finalized by US federal agencies to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

<u>Unprecedented government intervention in the personal lives of its citizens</u> – As one who values personal liberties and favors limited government, I am appalled at how intrusive government has become. Panic attacks become opportunities for power

grabs. Coronavirus Will Be Deadly To Your Liberty – Reason.com Nothing makes government grow like a crisis. People get scared, politicians respond to that fear with promises that the state will step in and make everything better, and government ends up larger and more powerful. The pandemic of COVID-19 coronavirus threatens a world-wide wave of sickness, but it's the healthiest thing to happen to government power in a very long time. As it leaves government with a rosy glow, however, our freedom will end up more haggard than ever.

Lesson learned the hard way – I survived the lockdown mercifully shortened by action of the state supreme court stating that "An agency cannot confer on itself the power to dictate the lives of law-abiding individuals as comprehensively as the order does without reaching beyond the executive branch authority," but never want to have to go through that again. Biden's Lockdown Mistake – WSJ - A President's job is to consider the national interest, not to default to experts who often disagree. Now we know why his advisers have kept Joe Biden under wraps. Asked in an ABC interview airing Sunday night whether he'd be willing to shut down the economy again to head off a new wave of coronavirus infection, he replied: "I would shut it down. I would listen to the scientists." Ah, the resort to scientists. But which scientists? The truth is that the experts have been wrong numerous times in this pandemic, and they often disagree. They first said masks don't help but now say they do. They said ventilators were vital but soon learned other clinical methods worked better. Most of all, they counseled strict lockdowns, but we've learned the hard way that shutting down the country can be more costly than the virus.

I trust that the Barron County Board and the Committee on Health and Human Services have learned their lesson and will not attempt this maneuver against their own people again. Lowell Bolstad

Lockdowns a big mistake – Is it possible to learn from a mistake so as not to repeat such a mistake? After all, those who do not learn from their mistakes are condemned to repeat them.

Resources

Germany's biggest newspaper says lockdown was mistake

Prof. Klaus Püschel, a pathologist and head of the Institute of Forensic Medicine at Hamburg University Hospital, argued that "in the end, COVID-19 is a viral disease like the flu, which in most cases is harmless and is only fatal in exceptional cases." https://gript.ie/germanys-biggest-newspaper-says-lockdown-was-mistake/

The Worldwide Lockdown May Be the Greatest Mistake in History

Foreign Policy magazine reports that, according to the International Monetary Fund, the global economy will shrink by 3% in 2020, marking the biggest downturn since the Great Depression, and the U.S., the eurozone and Japan will contract by 5.9%, 7.5% and 5.2%, respectively. Meanwhile, across South Asia, as of a month ago, tens of millions already were "struggling to put food on the table." Again, all because of the lockdowns, not the virus.

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Were the COVID-19 Lockdowns a Mistake? - YouTube

"Lockdowns just don't actually alter behavior all that much," says Lyman Stone, an economist and demographer who's an adjunct fellow at the American Enterprise Institute and a research fellow at the Institute for Family Studies. He argues that there's no correlation between the timing of statewide or regional shelter-in-place orders and a decline in the COVID-19 death rate.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e9GsWx4bnBE

What If the Lockdown Was All a Big Mistake? | Mises Institute

Imagine if we had used even a fraction of the resources spent to lock down the entire population and focused on providing assistance and protection to the most vulnerable—the elderly and those with serious medical conditions. We could have protected these people and still had an economy to go back to when the virus had run its course. And it wouldn't have cost us \$6 trillion dollars either.

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When the co-founder of Microsoft wrote Opinion | Bill Gates: Here's how to make up for lost time on covid-19 insisting "on a nationwide approach to shutting down," I asked, "What is the reason for such a pronouncement?"

A software engineer

Gates is a ruthless schemer, says his Microsoft co-founder

Bill Gates is a ruthless schemer who demeaned his employees and conspired to rip off his business partner, according to a memoir written by the co-founder of Microsoft, Paul Allen.

Mr Allen's forthcoming book reveals a deep-seated bitterness at the heart of the famous relationship that created the most successful software company the world has ever seen. In *Idea Man: A Memoir*, Allen also claims that Gates never gave him enough credit for his contribution to Microsoft's earliest development, nor a big enough share of the company. In effect, Mr Allen is accusing his friend of bullying him out of shares that would have been worth billions of dollars. <u>https://www.independent.co.uk/news/people/news/gates-is-a-ruthless-schemer-says-his-microsoft-co-founder-2257843.html</u> Images for Gates is a ruthless schemer, says his Microsoft co-founder

https://www.amazon.com/Idea-Man-Memoir-Cofounder-Microsoft/dp/1591845378

Lesley Stahl speaks to Microsoft co-founder and billionaire Paul Allen in his first interview about his upcoming book in which he criticizes his Microsoft co-founder. Bill Gates.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4IM0SvIiMI4 Paul Allen on Gates, Microsoft - YouTube

Images for Paul Allen on Gates, Microsoft – YouTube

Back then, Gates was famously the office bully. He dressed down employees in public, hurled sarcasm at rivals, and would reportedly troll around Microsoft's parking lots on weekends to see which employees were working overtime. He was even pretty mean to his one-time business partner. Paul Allen. In his memoir, the Seattle Seahawks owner writes that Gates seemed to thrive on conflict, always pressed for advantage, and even schemed to dilute Allen's stake in the company when Allen was ill with Hodgkin's disease. "I'd assumed that our partnership would be a 50-50 proposition. But Bill had another idea," Allen writes. "I'd been taught that a deal was a deal and your word was your bond. Bill was more flexible."

https://www.gq.com/story/young-bill-gates-was-an-angry-office-bully Images for Gates mean to his one-time business partner Paul Allen

The Microsoft File : The Secret Case Against Bill Gates by Wendy Goldman Rohm (Author)

The Microsoft File is an extraordinary fly-on-the-wall account of Microsoft's intent to monopolize the computer industry. Wendy Goldman Rohm takes you to the inner sanctum of Microsoft, has you sit in on meetings between Microsoft and important customers and competitors, and looks at the struggles of the Federal Trade Commission and Department of Justice as they try to develop a strategy to counter one of the most serious charges of market manipulation since John D. Rockefeller and Standard Oil.

The Microsoft File is based on information from not one but many "Deep Throats," as well as internal documents that tell a story of:

> How Microsoft's predatory marketing and pricing behavior belies its claims of fair competition.

> How Microsoft killed the market for a competitor's operating system, a system that could have challenged MS-DOS. > How bugging devices were found in the hotel room of a supposed business partner of Microsoft's the day before a critical meeting with Microsoft.

> How Microsoft inserted hidden code in the beta version of Windows 3.1, creating fear in the marketplace that competing products would crash and adding a byte in the final version that was marketed so the hidden code wouldn't appear on the screen.

> How close Apple came to discarding the Macintosh operating system for Windows, and the real reason why Bill Gates decided to invest some \$250 million in Apple.

> How Microsoft, despite nondisclosure agreements, obtained and used technological secrets from competitors.

> How the biggest mergers in the software industry unfolded, blow-by-blow, as Microsoft's competitors tried to survive the increasing power of the Gates juggernaut.

Is Microsoft's rise as the world's most powerful and successful company a classic example of the free market, as many Microsoft apologists contend? Is its success, and the failure of other companies, the result of the creative destruction that makes capitalism so strong? The Microsoft File suggests that other forces were at work.

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becomes a social engineer.

How Bill Gates Monopolized Global Health : The Corbett Report

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BILL GATES: Hello. I'm Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft. In this video you're going to see the future. SOURCE: Hello, I'm Bill Gates, Chairman of Microsoft

Who is Bill Gates? A software developer? A businessman? A philanthropist? A global health expert?

This question, once merely academic, is becoming a very real question for those who are beginning to realize that Gates' unimaginable wealth has been used to gain control over every corner of the fields of public health, medical research and vaccine development. And now that we are presented with the very problem that Gates has been talking about for years, we will soon find that this software developer with no medical training is going to leverage that wealth into control over the fates of billions of people.

GATES: [...] because until we get almost everybody vaccinated globally, we still won't be fully back to normal. SOURCE: Bill Gates on Finding a Vaccine for COVID-19, the Economy, and Returning to 'Normal Life'

Bill Gates is no public health expert. He is not a doctor, an epidemiologist or an infectious disease researcher. Yet somehow he has become a central figure in the lives of billions of people, presuming to dictate the medical actions that will be required for the world to go "back to normal." The transformation of Bill Gates from computer kingpin to global health czar is as remarkable as it is instructive, and it tells us a great deal about where we are heading as the world plunges into a crisis the likes of which we have not seen before.

This is the story of How Bill Gates Monopolized Global Health.

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Images for How Bill Gates Monopolized Global Health : The Corbett Report

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In January of 2010, Bill and Melinda Gates announced a \$10 billion pledge to usher in a decade of vaccines. But far from an unalloyed good, the truth is that this attempt to reorient the global health economy was part of a much bigger agenda. An agenda that would ultimately lead to greater profits for big pharma companies, greater control for the Gates Foundation over the field of global health, and greater power for Bill Gates to shape the course of the future for billions of people around the planet.

https://www.corbettreport.com/bill-gates-plan-to-vaccinate-the-world/ Bill Gates' Plan to Vaccinate the World Images for Bill Gates' Plan to Vaccinate the World : The Corbett Report

The takeover of public health that we have documented in How Bill Gates Monopolized Global Health and the remarkably brazen push to vaccinate everyone on the planet that we have documented in Bill Gates' Plan to Vaccinate the World was not, at base, about money. The unimaginable wealth that Gates has accrued is now being used to purchase something much more useful: control. Control not just of the global health bodies that can coordinate a worldwide vaccination program or of the governments that will mandate such an unprecedented campaign, but control over the global population itself.

https://www.corbettreport.com/bill-gates-and-the-population-control-grid/ Images for Bill Gates and the Population Control Grid : Corbett Report

There can be no doubt that Bill Gates has worn many hats on his remarkable journey from his early life as the privileged son of a Seattle-area power couple to his current status as one of the richest and most influential people on the planet. But, as we have seen in our exploration of Gates' rise as unelected global health czar and population control advocate, the question of who Bill Gates *really* is is no mere philosophical pursuit. Today we will attempt to answer that question as we examine the motives, the ideology, and the connections of this man who has been so instrumental in shaping the post-coronavirus world.

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<u>Mr. Rogers or Dr. No?</u> – Is the co-founder of Microsoft turned philanthropist more like as described in Opinion | Bill Gates Is the Right Tycoon for a Coronavirus Age – The New York Times <u>He's everywhere, this lavender-sweatered Mister Rogers for the curious and</u> <u>quarantined</u>? Is he more like <u>Dr. Julius No is a brilliant scientist with an implied Napoleon complex</u>. Dr. Julius No (Joseph Wiseman) | James Bond Wiki | Fandom?

<u>Before COVID-19 became front and center</u> - A report in 2016 entitled <u>Gated Development: Is the Gates Foundation Always a Force for</u> <u>Good?</u> called into question who benefits from the global giving of billionaires.

Just Who Exactly Benefits Most from the Global Giving of Billionaires Like Bill Gates

Released on Wednesday, the study by the UK-based social justice group Global Justice Now takes a specific look at the impact of the world's largest philanthropic charity, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), to assess how large-scale private giving may be "skewing" how international aid works. In its conclusion, the report argues that what may look like altruism on a grand scale may actually mask a sinister reality about how the billionaires of the world insulate their personal fortunes while using their out-sized influence to project their private ideologies and further financial interests. The result, the report suggests, is that many of the people and communities who such charities purport to be helping, may actually be worse off in the long run.

https://www.commondreams.org/news/2016/01/20/just-who-exactly-benefits-most-global-giving-billionaires-bill-gates# Images for Just Who Exactly Benefits Most from the Global Giving of Billionaires Like Bill Gates <u>https://www.globaljustice.org.uk/sites/default/files/gated_development_final_version.pdf</u> 5. The need for independent scrutiny – vaccines <u>https://www.globaljustice.org.uk/resources/gated-development-gates-foundation-always-force-good</u> Images for Gated Development Is the Gates Foundation always a force for good?

Another study in 2015 asked,

Philanthropic Power and Development - Who shapes the Agenda?

2. Influence on policies and agenda-setting

Philanthropic foundations can have enormous influence on political decision-making and agenda setting. This is most obvious in the case of the Gates Foundation and its role in global health policy. Through the sheer size of its grantmaking, its practice of providing matching funds, and its active advocacy, the Gates Foundation influenced priority setting in the WHO and the political shift towards vertical health funds. The Gates Foundation's increased influence on the priorities and operations of the WHO is also due to changes in the funding patterns of its traditional state donors. Because in recent years the WHO has faced a serious lack of resources, which stands in stark contrast to the enormous and growing funding needs in global public health, including emergency preparedness and crisis response, the increasing imbalance of voluntary in relation to assessed contributions has led the WHO to "attract new donors and explore new sources of funding."206 As the influence of these sources increased, so too have gaps in the WHO ability to respond adequately to global health emergencies, as seen in the case of its response to the Ebola outbreak in 2014. https://www.globalpolicy.org/images/pdfs/GPFEurope/Philanthropic Power online.pdf Images for Philanthropic Power and Development - Who shapes the Agenda?

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Before the lockdowns were imposed based on Gates' theory of virus containment described in Opinion | Bill Gates: Here's how to make up for lost time on covid-19 insisting on a "nationwide approach to shutting down," there were failed experiments in education. Inside Bill Gates' Hubris: Propaganda to Make America Neoliberal Again "No one has had a greater negative impact on public schools than Gates. With his so-called philanthropic contributions, he has steered the course of education policy away from research-based pedagogy to a business-minded approach favored by corporate raiders."

Images for New Gates documentary is a cry for oligarchy in an age of idiocracy; a love letter to neoliberalism in a time of neofascism.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Chairman, Children's Health Defense, son of Robert F. Kennedy Attorney General of the United States (1961-1964) and nephew of John F. Kennedy President of the United States (1961-1963), states what he believes to be the reason for Bill Gate's ambitions: "dictatorial control of global health policy."

Gates' Globalist Vaccine Agenda: A Win-Win for Pharma and Mandatory Vaccination

By Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Chairman, Children's Health Defense

Vaccines, for Bill Gates, are a strategic philanthropy that feed his many vaccine-related businesses (including Microsoft's ambition to control a <u>global vaccination ID enterprise</u>) and give him dictatorial control of global health policy. Gates' obsession with vaccines seems to be fueled by a conviction to save the world with technology.

Promising his share of \$450 million of \$1.2 billion to eradicate polio, Gates took control of India's National Technical Advisory Group on Immunization (NTAGI), which mandated up to 50 doses (Table 1) of polio vaccines

through overlapping immunization programs to children before the age of five. Indian doctors blame the Gates campaign for a devastating non-polio acute flaccid paralysis (NPAFP) epidemic that paralyzed 490,000 children beyond expected rates between 2000 and 2017. In 2017, the Indian government dialed back Gates' vaccine regimen and asked Gates and his vaccine policies to leave India. NPAFP rates dropped precipitously.

In 2017, the World Health Organization (WHO) reluctantly admitted that the global explosion in polio is <u>predominantly</u> <u>vaccine strain</u>. The most frightening epidemics in <u>Congo</u>, <u>Afghanistan</u>, and the <u>Philippines</u>, are all linked to vaccines. In fact, by 2018, <u>70% of global polio cases</u> were vaccine strain.

In 2009, the Gates Foundation funded tests of experimental HPV vaccines, developed by Glaxo Smith Kline (GSK) and Merck, on <u>23,000 young girls</u> in remote Indian provinces. Approximately <u>1,200 suffered severe side effects</u>, including autoimmune and fertility disorders. <u>Seven died</u>. Indian government investigations charged that Gates-funded researchers committed <u>pervasive ethical violations</u>: pressuring vulnerable village girls into the trial, bullying parents, forging consent forms, and refusing medical care to the injured girls. The case is now in the country's Supreme Court.

In 2010, the Gates Foundation funded a phase 3 trial of GSK's experimental malaria vaccine, <u>killing 151 African</u> <u>infants</u> and causing serious adverse effects, including paralysis, seizure, and febrile convulsions, to <u>1,048 of the 5,949</u> <u>children</u>.

During Gates' 2002 MenAfriVac campaign in Sub-Saharan Africa, Gates' operatives forcibly vaccinated thousands of African children against meningitis. <u>Approximately 50 of the 500 children vaccinated developed paralysis</u>. South African newspapers complained, "<u>We are guinea pigs for the drug makers</u>." Nelson Mandela's former senior economist, Professor Patrick Bond, describes Gates' philanthropic practices as "<u>ruthless and immoral</u>."

In 2010, when Gates <u>committed \$10 billion</u> to the WHO, he said "We must make this the decade of vaccines." A month later, Gates said in a <u>TED Talk</u> that new vaccines "could reduce population." And, four years later, in 2014, Kenya's

Catholic Doctors Association accused the WHO of chemically sterilizing millions of unwilling Kenyan women with a <u>"tetanus" vaccine campaign</u>. Independent labs found a sterility formula in every vaccine tested. After denying the charges, WHO finally admitted it had been developing the sterility vaccines for over a decade. Similar accusations came from <u>Tanzania</u>, <u>Nicaragua</u>, <u>Mexico</u>, and the <u>Philippines</u>.

A 2017 study (Morgenson et. al. 2017) showed that WHO's popular DTP vaccine is killing more African children than the diseases it prevents. DTP-vaccinated girls suffered 10x the death rate of children who had not yet received the vaccine. WHO has refused to recall the lethal vaccine, which it forces upon tens of millions of African children annually. Global public health advocates around the world accuse Gates of steering WHO's agenda away from the projects that are proven to curb infectious diseases: clean water, hygiene, nutrition, and economic development. The Gates Foundation spends only about <u>\$650 million of its \$5 billion dollar budget</u> on these areas. They say he has diverted agency resources to serve his personal philosophy that good health only comes in a syringe.

In addition to using his philanthropy to control WHO, UNICEF, GAVI, and PATH, Gates funds <u>a private pharmaceutical</u> <u>company</u> that manufactures vaccines and is donating \$50 million to <u>12 pharmaceutical companies</u> to speed up development of a coronavirus vaccine. In his <u>recent media appearances</u>, Gates appears confident that the Covid-19 crisis

will now give him the opportunity to force his dictatorial vaccine programs on all American children – and adults. <u>https://childrenshealthdefense.org/news/government-corruption/gates-globalist-vaccine-agenda-a-win-win-for-pharma-and-mandatory-vaccination/</u>

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Robert F. Kennedy jr., speech at the Festival for Freedom and Peace, Germany Berlin, August 29, 2020 - YouTube

In the afternoon around 4 p.m. Robert F. Kennedy jr. spoke to the people of historic Berlin directly at the Siegessäule. He concluded his speech by repeating the famous Kennedy quote "Ich bin ein Berliner".

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1DfW8k6BRXA In #Berlin launching @ChildrensHD Europe. Tomorrow, I will speak to largest crowd in #German history. We are expecting 1 million+ people protesting Bill Gates' bio security agenda, rise of authoritarian surveillance state + Pharm sponsored coup d'etat against liberal democracy.

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https://www.facebook.com/rfkjr/posts/2725699684423430

https://childrenshealthdefense.org/news/robert-f-kennedy-jr-holds-a-press-conference-in-berlin-after-launching-chds-europechapter/

BERLIN FESTIVAL FOR FREEDOM AND PEACE: ANTI-CV19 GOVERNMENT MEASURE PRESS CONFERENCE: CV19 SCAM IS THE BIGGEST CRIME OF THE CENTURY AND IT IS THE FOURTH TIME IN HISTORY <u>https://www.bitchute.com/video/i6PjgCYJQbaQ/</u> Berlin festival for Freedom & Peace - Anti Covid 19 Government Press Conference

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. wrote the foreword for *Plague of Corruption: Restoring Faith in the Promise of Science* by Judy Mikovits and Kent Heckenlively.

Plague of Corruption: Restoring Faith in the Promise of Science (Children's Health Defense) by Judy Mikovits (Author), Kent Heckenlively (Author), Robert Jr. F. Kennedy (Foreword)

Dr. Judy Mikovits is a modern-day Rosalind Franklin, a brilliant researcher shaking up the old boys' club of science with her groundbreaking discoveries. And like many women who have trespassed into the world of men, she uncovered decades-old secrets that many would prefer to stay buried.

From her doctoral thesis, which changed the treatment of HIV-AIDS, saving the lives of millions, including basketball great Magic Johnson, to her spectacular discovery of a new family of human retroviruses, and her latest research which points to a new golden age of health, Dr. Mikovits has always been on the leading edge of science.

With the brilliant wit one might expect if Erin Brockovich had a doctorate in molecular biology, Dr. Mikovits has seen the best and worst of science. When she was part of the research community that turned HIV-AIDS from a fatal disease into a manageable one, she saw science at its best. But when her investigations questioned whether the use of animal tissue in medical research were unleashing devastating plagues of chronic diseases, such as autism and chronic fatigue syndrome, she saw science at its worst. If her suspicions are correct, we are looking at a complete realignment of scientific practices, including how we study and treat human disease.

Recounting her nearly four decades in science, including her collaboration of more than thirty-five years with Dr. Frank Ruscetti, one of the founders of the field of human retrovirology, this is a behind the scenes look at the issues and egos which will determine the future health of humanity.

Review

"One of the main problems of our time is the public loss of confidence in the scientific community because of a too often corrupt coalition of governmental and corporate entities. Judy Mikovits's and Kent Heckenlively's book delves into the midst of this rampant corruption, which hides from the public scientific truths which might go against these corporate economic interests."

-Dr. Luc Montagnier, 2008 Nobel Laureate for the isolation of the HIV retrovirus

"Kent Heckenlively and Judy Mikovits are the new dynamic duo fighting corruption in science."

- Ben Garrison, America's #1 political satirist

"What this book teaches you more than anything else is that science is a dangerous game. The notion that science is precise and unambiguous is wrong. When there is doubt, there is the potential for powerful interested parties to make life miserable for a scientist with integrity. Throughout the book, intrigue is seamlessly intertwined with fascinating revelations about the still poorly understood science behind the potential role of retroviruses in mysterious debilitating diseases like chronic fatigue syndrome and autism."

—Dr. Stephanie Seneff, Senior Research Scientist, MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory "The breathtaking story of an extraordinary scientist who discovered the most likely cause of chronic fatigue syndrome, only to witness a cover-up and character assassination emanating from the highest levels of the scientific community. An incisive critique of what's wrong with science today, and yet a hopeful portrait of how science still has the means to find the truth. It leaves you overwhelmed by the insidious methods and players corrupting science, but hopeful for truthseekers in the scientific community like Dr. Mikovits who are persevering against all odds."

— J.B. Handley, co-founder of Generation Rescue and author of *How to End the Autism Epidemic* "This book is a jaw-dropping excursion through the lies of Big Money, Big Government and Big Pharma. God bless Dr. Mikovits for her courage in sharing this story!"

- Max Swafford, author and educator

"Anthony Fauci, Bill Gates and Big Pharma don't want you to read this book. Get PLAGUE OF CORRUPTION now and learn the truth about public health industrial complex's decades of research fraud and vaccine cover-ups."

- Michelle Malkin, New York Times bestselling author and political commentator

PLAGUE OF CORRUPTION is a once-in-a-generation eye-opener that is likely to have a profound impact on how Americans view their country's public health and scientific establishment.

- Preston Flemming, author of Maid of Baikal and Forty Days at Kamas



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https://www.fr24news.com/a/2020/05/judy-mikovits-5-quick-facts-you-should-know.html

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= YgEd-Kq24U "People Are Brainwashed by The Big Pharma" - Judy Mikovits Leaves You Speechless - YouTube

http://justwatchtoday.com/movie/701305/plandemic.html

Images for Plague of Corruption: Restoring Faith in the Promise of Science (Children's Health Defense)

FBI Investigation Targeted Dr. Fauci Through 2014

Top U.S. scientist and research pioneer Dr. Judy Mikovits said she cooperated with the FBI during an investigation of Dr. Anthony Fauci and the National Institute of Health, alleging Fauci was a workplace tyrant who was under investigation for swiping scientific research, covering up tainted vaccines, doling out lucrative federal grants to feckless cronies and much more.

https://scientists4wiredtech.com/2020/04/fbi-investigation-targeted-dr-fauci-through-2014/

https://truepundit.com/exclusive-robert-f-kennedy-jr-drops-new-bombshell-bill-gates-coronavirus-vaccine-will-pay-outbillions-in-profits-to-dr-faucis-agency/

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Plandemic - the movie : Banned Interview with Dr Judy Mikovits Plandemic Dr. Judy Mikovits, PhD Interview Dr Fauci's Criminal Activities Come to Light This film has been censored/banned by the media giants like YouTube, Google & Facebook because it exposes criminals in government. Decide for yourself! https://architectafrica.com/blog/plandemic-movie-banned-interview-dr-judy-mikovits

<u>Character counts</u> – When trying to decide between the co-founder of Microsoft and the son of a former attorney general and nephew of a former president, I choose the son/nephew over the co-founder. His father and uncle crusaded against organized crime and racketeering in their day. The son/nephew knows the price of speaking out as his father and uncle were both assassinated.

Do Black Lives Matter to Bill Gates? - During the Progressive Era of 3 to 4 decades after 1890, the eugenics movement emerged, which argued for the superiority of the Nordic and Anglo-Saxon race. Gates Sr. belonged to the American Eugenics Society as explained in The Gates Family, Eugenics and COVID-19. Gates Jr. spoke proudly of his father's leadership of Planned Parenthood in Bill Moyers interviews Bill Gates.

Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, wrote in a December 19, 1939 Letter to Dr. Clarence Gamble, "We should hire three or four colored ministers, preferably with social-service backgrounds, and with engaging personalities. The most successful educational approach to the Negro is through a religious appeal. We don't want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members." She also wrote in Margaret Sanger, "The Eugenic Value of Birth Control Propaganda" "Birth control is not contraception indiscriminately and thoughtlessly practiced. It means the release and cultivation of the better racial elements in our society, and the gradual suppression, elimination and eventual extirpation of defective stocks— those human weeds which threaten the blooming of the finest flowers of American civilization." "Apostle of Birth Control Sees Cause Gaining Here", *The New York Times*, 1923-04-08, p. XII. While Planned Parenthood champions women's reproductive rights, the argument can be made that the lesser known goal of population control continues to be a driving force From Margaret Sanger to Bill and Melinda Gates, Abortion is Racist Eugenics. Interestingly, while many so-called progressives of the 2020s denounce white supremacy and embrace Black Lives Matter, many such activists seem strangely silent on Gates' elitist agenda.

An excerpt from the above article Gates' Globalist Vaccine Agenda: A Win-Win for Pharma and Mandatory Vaccination By Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Chairman, Children's Health Defense points out the results of Bill Gates' agenda in Africa - "During Gates' 2002 MenAfriVac campaign in Sub-Saharan Africa, Gates' operatives forcibly vaccinated thousands of African children against meningitis. Approximately 50 of the 500 children vaccinated developed paralysis. South African newspapers complained, "We are guinea pigs for the drug makers." Nelson Mandela's former senior economist, Professor Patrick Bond, describes Gates' philanthropic practices as "ruthless and immoral."

<u>Who wants to live under authoritarianism?</u> – It is one thing when the co-founder of Microsoft employed a fear-based authoritarian leadership style to destroy the competition and dominate the industry, but it is another thing when he declared as a philanthropist on 4/2 Opinion | Bill Gates: Here's how to make up for lost time on covid-19 insisting "on a nationwide approach to shutting down," and on 8/4 COVID-19 is awful. Climate change could be worse. | Bill Gates that "we also need to act now to avoid a climate disaster."

Various writers look beneath the veneer of Gates's giving to expose a charity paradox

Bill Gates Gives to the Rich (Including Himself) | The Nation - Bill Gates's Charity Paradox When Gates <u>announced</u> in 2008 that he would step away from Microsoft to focus his efforts on philanthropy, he described his intention to work with and through the private sector to deliver public-goods products and technologies, in the same way that Microsoft's computer software expanded horizons and created economic opportunities. Describing his approach by turns as "<u>creative capitalism</u>" and "<u>catalytic philanthropy</u>," Gates oversaw a shift at his foundation to leverage "all the tools of capitalism" to "connect the promise of philanthropy with the power of private enterprise." <u>Images for Bill Gates's Charity Paradox</u>

and to expose a philanthropic racket.

Bill Gates's Philanthropic Giving Is a Racket - Jacobin

Bill Gates recently resigned from the board of Microsoft to focus full time on philanthropy. It's a perfect time to remember: billionaire-funded philanthropy is a public-relations scam.

https://www.jacobinmag.com/2020/04/bill-gates-foundation-philanthropy-microsoft

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Philanthropy is how the global elite cast themselves as do-gooders — <mark>the people destroying the world are posing as its saviors.</mark>

https://jacobinmag.com/2018/08/the-philanthropy-racket

Images for Philanthropy Racket - Jacobin

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Global North or South, private foundations are part of the problem, not the solution.

https://jacobinmag.com/2015/11/philanthropy-charity-banga-carnegie-gates-foundation-development Images for Philanthropy Hustle - Jacobin

Images for Global North or South, private foundations are part of the problem, not the solution.

<u>I heard the argument that life cannot return to normal until a vaccine is developed and administered</u> for basically the whole world. I wanted to know about the effectiveness of vaccines and found In the Questions & Answers of Vaccine Effectiveness: How Well Do the Flu Vaccines Work, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention state, "<u>While vaccine effectiveness (VE) can vary</u>, recent studies show that flu vaccination reduces the risk of flu illness by between 40% and 60% among the overall population during seasons when most circulating flu viruses are well-matched to the flu vaccine."

I wanted to know how long vaccine development could take and found in Bill Gates: 14 billion doses of coronavirus vaccines may be needed to stop the virus "Bill Gates believes we may eventually need to produce as many as 14 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines globally and that we're anywhere from nine months to two years away from making that happen."

Bill Gates, Big Pharma, Bogus Philanthropy - Mediapart

By Ruben Rosenberg Colorni NEWS JUNKIE POST Jun 7, 2013 at 9:55 am

The Bill & Melinda Gates "Foundation" is essentially a huge tax-avoidance scheme for enormously-wealthy capitalists who have made billions from exploiting the world's people. The foundation invests, tax free, money from Gates and the "donations" from others, in the very companies in which Gates owns millions in stocks, thus guaranteeing returns through both sales as well as intellectual-property rights. To add insult to injury, the system perpetuates the spread of disease rather than aids in their eradication, thus perpetually justifying his endeavors to "eradicate" them (solving a problem they are creating).

https://static.mediapart.fr/files/2017/12/31/20130613-newsjunkiepost-b-bill-gates-big-pharma-bogus-philanthropy.pdf Images for Bill Gates, Big Pharma, Bogus Philanthropy

<u>If Italy was used as a vaccine experiment</u> for Gates and the WHO, The 2016 Lifetime Immunization Schedule, approved by the Italian scientific societies: A new paradigm to promote vaccination at all ages and then, New Epicenter: Italy's Coronavirus Death Toll Surpasses China how can people be expected to be confident that basically the whole world needs to be vaccinated with his vaccine? Is it any wonder that 1 in 3 Americans would refuse COVID-19 vaccine, new Gallup poll finds? A report that Coronavirus: Oxford University vaccine trial paused after participant falls ill does not inspire confidence either.

The question can next be asked, "Then what?" According to a 5/27 article in the Washington Post, Coronavirus may never go away, even with a vaccine, which invites the rhetorical question, "How can life return to normal after a vaccine is developed and administered if coronavirus may never go away, even with a vaccine?"

Is Gates the gracious benefactor out of his largesse? Or is it the case that

The most dangerous and unqualified doctor in the world is Bill Gates.

Each point above perhaps isn't so suspicious on its own, but taken together as a whole it reeks of conflicts of interest, influence over the UN and WHO and world governments, and wanting to exert his beliefs of reducing the population, mandatory vaccinations with digital proof, and monitoring and tracking of the world's population. The timing of all of the above points is significant, with all taking place since November 2019. Everything is linked for one purpose - to create a pandemic and then benefit in every possible way from it. As the saying goes, "follow the money trail", to find out who really benefits from any situation. The money trail seems to be end up at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation at every single step in this pandemic.

http://www.rosswalter.com.au/articles/archives/04-2020 Images for "follow the money trail" to find out who benefits http://www.rosswalter.com.au/uploads/4/5/7/9/45795871/coronavirus links to bill gates exposed.pdf

<u>What about the proposed vaccine candidates?</u> – When church executives direct that congregants be locked out of their churches until such congregants have received a vaccine, have such church executives deliberated the ethical objections raised by Abortion opponents protest COVID-19 vaccines' use of fetal cells? One electronic church sign located on the corner of a stoplight stated, "Pray for a COVID-19 vaccine?" Was such a congregation, which at the time did not offer in-person services of worship, prepared to deliberate Will a COVID19 Vaccine be the First Vaccine to Alter Human DNA to Further Advance Transhumanism?

<u>Elites and commoners</u> – Maybe it's just me, but there seems something incongruous about a man who owns Xanadu 2.0 the \$127.48 million 66,000 sf mansion in Medina, Washington for himself, his wife, and 3 children lecturing the rest of the world about carbon footprint and population control. Half a million board feet of lumber was needed to build the house. Is he still climate change correct because the property includes solar panels <u>Images for bill gates house xanadu 2.0</u> and he drives an electric car <u>Images for Bill Gates</u> <u>electric Porsche Taycan</u>? Add to that How the World's Billionaires Prepare for the Apocalypse – VICE - Some of these doomsday bunkers come equipped with a cinema, spa, fully-stocked gym, garden, and pool. "Bill Gates, for example, is rumored to have these types of facilities across all his properties." It's one thing for Gates to shelter in place and make his pronouncements from home about how life can go back to truly normal only after basically the whole world has been vaccinated, it's another thing that people get laid off and businesses declare bankruptcy. And how about the Bill and Melinda Gates - The Giving Pledge commitment to dedicate the majority of wealth to philanthropy? Maybe my math isn't so good, but how does that equate with an increase Net worth: US\$ 72.7 billion (2013) Net worth: US\$105.6 billion (May 2020) according to Bill Gates – Wikipedia.

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Bill Gates is a pretty smart guy. So why did he embark on a massive vaccination campaign when the same funds could have been invested in genuinely sustainable community development and public-health programs? Because that does not make money. The B&MGF invested one billion dollars to develop a Malaria vaccine produced by GSK, in which (you

guessed it) Bill Gates holds large numbers of shares and on which he exerts considerable influence. GlaxoSmithKline recently had to settle for \$3 billion to resolve criminal and civil liability charges related to illegal drug marketing and withholding of information about health hazards associated with its diabetes drug Avandia, and in 2012 an Argentinian court found GSK guilty of "experimenting with human beings as well falsifying parental authorizations so babies could participate in the vaccine trials conducted by the laboratory from 2007 to 2008."

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Is Gates the ultimate revenge of the nerds? – Gates was small for his age and was bullied as a child.^[21] Bill Gates - Wikipedia (Leibovich, Mark (December 31, 2000). "Alter Egos". *Washington Post.* ISSN 0190-8286)

If there is one lesson to be learned from the Gate's concentration of power, it may be, "Don't pick on a Geek. You may live to regret it." It is one thing to see pictures of him and his wife smiling for the cameras. It is another to understand his management style. Bill Gates – Wikipedia Management style. Gates met regularly with Microsoft's senior managers and program managers, and the managers described him as being verbally combative. He also berated them for perceived holes in their business strategies or proposals that placed the company's long-term interests at risk.^{[65][66]} He interrupted presentations with such comments as "that's the stupidest thing I've ever heard"^[67] and "why don't you just give up your options and join the Peace Corps?"^[68] The target of his outburst would then have to defend the proposal in detail until Gates was fully convinced.^[67] When subordinates appeared to be procrastinating, he was known to remark sarcastically, "I'll do it over the weekend."^{[69][70][71]} Images for Bill Gates management style combative sarcastic

<u>Philanthropist or monopolist?</u> - Is the philanthropist version of Gates a kinder, gentler Bill or has he cleverly reinvented himself with help from others to convince people he is out to save the world

Who Is Bill Gates? His Plans To Monopolize Global Health and Vaccinate the World

More to the point, John D. Rockefeller knew that to gain the adoration of the public, he had to appear to give them what they want: money. He devoted hundreds of millions of dollars of his vast oil monopoly fortune to establishing institutions that, he claimed, were for the public good. The General Education Board. The Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research. The Rockefeller Foundation.

Similarly, Bill Gates has spent much of the past two decades transforming himself from software magnate into a benefactor of humanity through his own Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In fact, Gates has surpassed Rockefeller's legacy with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation long having eclipsed The Rockefeller Foundation as the largest private foundation in the world, with \$46.8 billion of assets on its books that it wields in its stated program areas of global health and development, global growth, and global policy advocacy.

And, like Rockefeller, Gates' transformation has been helped along by a well-funded public relations campaign. Gone are the theatrical tricks of the PR pioneers—the <u>ubiquitous ice cream cones</u> of Gates' mentor Warren Buffett are the last remaining holdout of the old Rockefeller-handing-out-dimes gimmick. No, Gates has guided his public image into that of a modern-day saint through an even simpler tactic: buying good publicity.

https://www.helleniscope.com/2020/05/12/who-is-bill-gates-his-plans-to-monopolize-global-health-and-vaccinate-the-world/ Images for Bill Gates Plans To Monopolize Global Health

while monopolizing beyond comprehension?

Under the cover of philanthropy: A monopoly machine at work - GRAIN

The possibility of a handful corporations monopolizing healthcare and agriculture in the developing world is a very real risk today. Closely associated with these corporations, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) - the richest and the most powerful philanthropic foundation shaping these sectors globally - aids them in the process of monopolization by granting huge funds to its network of NGOs to carry out activities which mainly benefit these selected corporations, in many of which the foundation has considerable financial stakes.

https://www.grain.org/en/article/5910-under-the-cover-of-philanthropy-a-monopoly-machine-at-work Images for Under the cover of philanthropy: A monopoly machine at work

Economic forecaster Martin A. Armstrong follows the money and asks who benefits,

Did Bill Gates Buy the CDC? | Armstrong Economics.

Dr. Anthony Fauci has a \$100 million conflict of interest which is why he was opposing Trump. He is in league with Bill Gates who has pledged \$100 million for Fauci to play with. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/did-bill-gates-buy-the-cdc/ Anthony Fauci has created a Great Depression, and unemployment will jump from the lowest since the 1960s and may retest the Great Depression high of 20%. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/is-anthony-fauci-the-destroyer-of-worlds/ Preface Page 1 Origin of the Coronavirus Page 10 Was the Virus Engineered? Page 23 https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/products_services/products/coronavirus-the-socialist-revolution/ https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/allegations-of-fraud-fbi-previous-invested-fauci/ https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/dr-judy-michowitzs-video-restored/ https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/tag/fauci/

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then asserts,

Bill Gates Has Been Controlling WHO | Armstrong Economics

We have a major crisis on our hands. Bill Gates is a VERY SERIOUS threat to not just the world economy, but to world peace. He has been using a loophole that allows health organizations to appear to be government agencies but are not independent and have been actually controlled by Gates. You will see that 90% of the funding of WHO is not from governments, but from donations. Then you see that Gates is the largest donor after countries listed on their website. Behind the curtain, the WHO has been bullied and pushed around by Bill Gates according to various sources one who is even writing a book on the domination of the WHO by Gates...

Bill Gates has taken over the world health issue as he allegedly ruthlessly ran Microsoft. This man, I believe, has threatened civilization itself.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/conspiracy/bill-gates-has-been-controlling-who/ Images for Bill Gates Has Been Controlling WHO | Armstrong Economics

Gates has funded every study that predicted 2 million Americans should be dead by now and others that said 500,000 will be dead. He controls the World Health Organization, the UN Climate Change, the CDC, NIH, FDA, every medical research university around the globe – he controls them all! He has organized a Global Monopoly of the Health Industry as he did with Microsoft. That is his greatest talent – monopolization.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/how-to-stop-bill-gates-we-need-everyone-to-write-now/ Images for Gates controls the World Health Organization

Is Bill Gates a Megalomaniac Gates Always Attaches Strings Page 136 Page 144

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[time and quotes from video about Gates body language]

7:44 he doesn't seem to be affected by tragic events

8:15 asymmetrical smile a sign of contempt

9:22 poker faced sign of contempt

10:09 full of contempt

11:04 look of contempt and disgust

11:21 recurring issue of manipulating

13:08 disgust and even contempt

14:53 he signals contempt and even disgust

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/conspiracy/gates-body-language/

Images for gates-body-language contempt disgust manipulate

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and concludes that Fauci has become beholden to Gates the benefactor and has been doing his bidding,

Gates & Fauci Conspiracy | Armstrong Economics

The conspiracy between Gill Gates and Anthony Fauci is in the open. We now have Fauci saying the same thing as Gates – the country will NEVER return to normal until everyone is vaccinated against this pretend virus. Fauci has suggested that until a vaccine is developed, we will NEVER be allowed to do anything in public.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/conspiracy/gates-fauci-conspiracy/

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The advice being carried out by Fauci and Bill Gates is ABSOLUTELY wrong, and it has unnecessarily destroyed the economy. There should be a class-action suit filed against the Gates Foundation – NOW!!!!!!

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/there-is-so-much-professional-dissent-against-fauci-gates/ There is clearly a deliberate move to keep the world shut down and to force everyone to be tracked and vaccinated. Someone really needs to expose Anthony Fauci for there is a ton of circumstantial evidence that besides being beholding to Bill Gates, he funded the very research to create this type of virus and when scientists complained, he sent it off to Whuan and funded China to do the work he was not allowed to do in the USA.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/no-football-this-season/

Therefore, relying on these decisions, the attempt by the states to lock-down the economy is **UNCONSTITUTIONAL** and the President has the power even under National Security to reopen the economy since it has been illegally shut down at the request of Bill Gates and his surrogate Anthony Fauci. This is dealing **DIRECTLY** with interstate commerce which is no different than protectionism that each state could then impose tariffs on imports from another state, which was the clear intention of the Founding Fathers to prohibit.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/rule-of-law/limitation-of-the-president-have-the-states-violated-theconstitution-imposing-a-lockdown/ There should be a class-action lawsuit filed against Fauci to expose all of his conflicts of interest and taking over \$100 million from Bill Gates for his agencies. He has rejected prior NIH studies of previous decades with no explanation. Something is just not right about how political this drug has become, and the benefactor of refusing this drug is to maintain the lockdowns, destroy the economy further, and line the pockets of Bill Gates and his vaccines.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/why-is-fauci-not-in-prison/

Here is a clip of Gates publicly admitting he is in a partnership with Fauci to bring in vaccines. This is his ONLY solution and they will not listen to anything else. It is astonishing how US agencies are allowed to accept money and be taken over by private donors.

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Did this Consortium Create & Release the Virus?

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and further points out major conflicts of interest,

WHY is Nobody Investigating Bill Gates? | Armstrong Economics

Gates has huge investments in vaccine companies. If he vaccinates the entire world and made just \$1 from each person, <mark>that is \$7.5 billion.</mark> This is a huge violation of the Securities Exchange Act as he has <mark>maior conflicts of interest</mark> that are undisclosed. If I did that without disclosing my conflicts, I would go to jail for 20 years.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/why-is-nobody-investigating-bill-gates/

You cannot vaccinate the entire world. CDC data shows that the very best vaccines are only 60% effective. There will NEVER be 100% guarantees. Then the formula has to change every year. So, this is something he intends to rule the world and sell his vaccines yearly for what? \$15 to \$50 billion annually? Vaccines are NOT 100% safe and they are endless for every new virus mutation would require another vaccine.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/conspiracy/bill-gates-vaccine-to-alter-peoples-beliefs-crime-againsthumanity/

There is no investigation of the conflicts of interest with regard to these health organizations, and they place Bill Gates on a pedestal as the savior of the world.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/trump-v-gates-is-gates-winning-to-overthrow-trump/

I do not think 700,000 people should sacrifice their lives for Bill Gates and what kind of person would even demand the entire world be vaccinated?

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/gates-admits-700000-people-may-die-from-his-vaccine/ It really would be a patriotic act for the Department of Justice to open a case on these conflicts of interests. If the public can be show that this was a deliberate scare tactic used by Gates to launch his worldwide vaccine program when he controls the entire health system as a monopoly, then this will help to restore the public confidence and get them to turn AGAINST any politician who has been supporting Gates.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/fauci-knew-since-2005-that-the-malaria-drug-can-even-curecoronaviruses-conflicts-of-interest-abound/

A reader drafted this as a sample. The ONLY way to reverse this trend is to expose the corruption and only then will the people understand that they have been used and played as fools for a sinister deeper agenda. Dear

Bill Gates foundation needs to be investigated. Hello. I need you to look into something. We must bring Gate's Monopoly of Global Health Care to an end. DEMAND that the Justice Department investigates the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for non-disclosure of conflicts of interest regarding profits from philanthropic investments, including vaccines, which exposes them to violation of BOTH the Securities and Exchange Act as well as the Sherman Anti-Trust Act. All heads of pharmaceutical companies working with Gates should be included in this investigation as potential co-conspirators.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/letter-to-your-politician-worldwide/

Images for Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation non-disclosure of conflicts of interest regarding profits from philanthropic investments, including vaccines

Gates is merely using this to further his theory on vaccines without any regard for the economic destruction these policies have caused and Fauci is compromised by Gate's donations to all the health organizations.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/opinion/letter-to-president-trump-send-it-everywhere-you-can/ This has been an ego-driven world of power politics where Ferguson really went over the top. But was this really just about personal feuds, or was there a lot of money behind this fake research?

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/the-health-forecasts-are-politically-motivated/

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https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/imperial-collage-with-more-fake-research-should-bedefunded/

Neil Ferguson of Imperial College in Britain is ground zero for this world lockdown. He even testified before the British Parliament and nobody really interrogated him. He projected that the death rate would be 20% of the population and then had to admit he made a mistake. While many have focused on the sex scandal between Oxford and Imperial, behind the curtain lurks Bill Gates. Yes, you have it. Even on the Gates Foundation site, they admit they provide funding to Imperial College.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/conspiracy/gates-imperial-colleges-ferguson-who-started-this-nightmare-jeffrey-epstein/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/tag/imperial-college/

Gates is the person who has manipulated this virus into the global headlines, and funded fake studies to justify a global lockdown (Ferguson). I have reviewed his code. It is a complete joke. It is incapable of forecasting anything as a stochastic. Gates will use this to forecast on 1% death rates from his vaccine (700,000 people to die), but what if his models are wrong again and 5% or more die? Will that satisfy his agenda?

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/gates-modi-connection-from-india/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/tag/neil-ferguson/

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https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/gates-the-forecast/

There is a rising discontent against politicians who have scared the hell out of people using this virus. They did so without ANY justification other than a bogus old program from Imperial College, funded by Bill Gates, that used a stochastic to try to forecast the future like the child's game Sim City.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/is-it-time-to-throw-every-politician-out-of-office-who-imposed-lockdowns/

That said, Christine Grady is Anthony Fauci's wife. Her role seems to be to preside over the ethical questions of testing vaccines. This may present a conflict of interest. It does not inspire confidence given the questions surrounding Fauci and his involvement with the Wuhan lab.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/faucis-wife-control-approval-of-gates-vaccines/

The only reason there is this war against hydroxychloroquine is that it negates Bill Gates⁷ vaccine. The media will not report how much Gates and his vaccine partners stand to make from this agenda. Why? By also denying that hydroxychloroquine works, it allows them to take even more draconian steps to impose lockdowns and imprison people for violating their decrees.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/press/the-medias-conspiracy-against-the-people/ It is hard to argue this is not a hoax to move toward a new world order of authoritarianism. Many have deep concerns

about Bill Gates because he has also taken stock positions in all the big pharmaceutical companies since 2002 like Merck & Co., Pfizer Inc., and Johnson & Johnson. Pfizer will have a vaccine up for approval by October. They really should distance themselves away from Gates to have any credibility.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/britain/london-protests-against-covid-restrictions/

There is a serious question that COVID-19 may have been created, shipped to Wuhan, and someone bribed to release it. <u>https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/patenting-viruses-can-only-be-done-if-they-are-created-in-a-lab/</u> The entire COVID scam is enriching hospitals beyond belief. They have financial incentives to keep you and to put you on

a ventilator.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/medicine/ventilators-the-kill/

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as well as the preemptive moves and purpose in doing so.

COVID-19 Behind the Curtain | Armstrong Economics

COVID-19 Orchestrated Economics Manipulated Crash

Everyone knows I do not support conspiracy theories. I had ABSOLUTE confirmation BEYOND question that there were people <u>associated</u> with Bill Gates who sold their entire portfolios in January and it was because there was a coming "virus" that was arriving weeks before WHO said anything.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/covid-19-behind-the-curtain/

Images for COVID-19 Orchestrated Economics Manipulated Crash | Armstrong Economics

Bill Gates resigned both from Microsoft and Warren Buffet's boards. It is curious that he has helped to create probably an \$80 bill loss for Buffet for his solutions will destroy both as the world economy implodes. Microsoft was worth \$1.435 trillion on February 10th and \$1.115 trillion on March 23rd. Bill Gates helped to cause a \$320 billion loss there. You can imagine with a \$400 billion loss on the two companies where he was a board member, he would not be very popular. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/unprecedented-power-grab/

Every university, agency, and official including at the UN and the WHO, anyone connected with the Climate Change movement, including Green Peace, should now be compelled to reveal all the transactions in February.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/senator-burr-family-sell-market-1-day-after-high-feb-13th/

I believe the WHO waited to declare this a pandemic to ensure friends and family were all divested. It is time to include them in this investigation along with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and everything they are associated with. <u>https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/its-time-to-investigate-the-players-to-prove-the-public-have-</u> been-manipulated-for-personal-gain/

Based upon information and belief, the World Economic Forum knew in advance and liquidated their investments moving to cash in January/February...

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All I can say is that the trend can be determined by Socrates because like war, instead of moving your money ahead of an invasion, this time they were doing that ahead of the revelation that they would use this virus as a psychological tool to shut down the world economy for Climate Change but use the scare tactic of the virus to create a global lockdown. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/products_services/socrates/how-can-socrates-forecast-thing-well-in-advance/

Bill Gates is the single greatest threat to your future. His entire agenda is to outlaw all gatherings until you are vaccinated and chipped so they know you are vaccinated. This man is conspiring to take down Western culture.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/conspiracy/bill-gates-is-the-greatest-threat-to-your-future/

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At this time, there is an all-out war in the financial markets with the Climate Change Activists trying to force major funds to diverse of anything that produces CO2. This is undoubtedly a deliberate crash that has been orchestrated. The computer was picking up these subtle changes beginning last August.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/markets-by-sector/stock-indicies/the-us-share-market-behind-the-scenes/ Never before in recorded history has there ever been an attempt to use a virus as justification to lockdown everyone and purposefully destroy the economy to achieve a goal of ending fossil fuels. They have used this virus to usher in a new age of socialism as governments find themselves unable to meet all the obligations promised as a social contract post-World War II.

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Climate Change activists are attacking fund managers to try to force them to sell investments in China because they are the biggest producer of CO2. We are witnessing this coalition of Gates Foundation, Climate Change, and Socialists all working together to end paper money and change the entire world economy using the claimed virus to justify the destruction of the old world in an effort to manufacture Creative Destruction – out with the old in either New Green Deal by sheer force.

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This is a well-funded and well-organized scheme and everyone should understand what they are really trying to accomplish for this is necessary for your future survival.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/understand-what-is-at-foot/

This has been a bait & switch. You have an elite group cheering the destruction as an opportunity to rebuild the world economy the way they think it should run. They are threatening fund managers to divest from China in hopes of bringing them to their knees to accept their agenda. That is NOT going to succeed. We are staring in the eyes of absolute ruthless tyranny and the markets are starting to perform in anticipation of a major financial crisis.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/the-covid-bait-switch/

I have direct information that some players began to sell all government bonds and shares at the peak just before the virus was whipped up into a major issue. They knew what was coming for they manufactured and orchestrated this event and continue to do so.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/are-gates-soros-all-powerful/

This man is very dangerous, and I know for a FACT that people he is in partnerships with sold stocks and bonds at the top and even said it was because of a "virus." He has pushed the destruction of the world economy and has strategic

investments in everything he is pushing, right down to alternative meat production. He even had the audacity to tell Bloomberg News this will not end before the conclusion of 2021.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/gates-v-putin/

Klaus Schwab needs to answer why the World Economic Forum sold all its stocks and bonds ahead of everyone else.

Schwab has exploited this virus within weeks, launching his vision for the Great Reset. This highly likely man-made virus was also highly likely to have been leaked in China deliberately by another group with a personal agenda involving climate change. They have succeeded in shutting down the world economy, increasing the world oil reserves by three years, and destroying over 300 million jobs as collateral damage. We have been subjected to fear tactics used even by the Nazis to gain power. This has been a huge corporate propaganda agenda to reduce the population to sheep.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/klaus-schwab-his-great-reset-unrealistic-academic-proposal-asdangerous-as-marxism/

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Armstrong provides a historical perspective to explain that this lockdown is unprecedented in human history.

Constitutional Convention | Armstrong Economics

There really is nothing in the Constitution that allows for the states or the feds to lockdown the entire country. There have been decisions and historical precedents where those who are sick can be quarantined. But no government in 6,000 years has ever imprisoned the entire population on the theory of protecting public health.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/socialist/constitutional-convention/

Images for Constitutional Convention | Armstrong Economics

There is **ABSOLUTELY** no historical precedent to lock down the entire world economy/population. You quarantine the sick, not the healthy.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/black-plague-returning-in-asia/

Socrates has also shown that this COVID-19 pandemic has been manufactured and by no means has the entire society ever been locked down in a quarantine of this magnitude. Historically, **ONLY** those who are sick are put into quarantine. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/new-add-depicts-2020-election-as-a-war/

People just do not realize that this is a major coup being carried out on a global basis to subjugate the world all for this insane Global Warming/Climate Change. These people are carrying out their agenda and they have no problem destroying everyone's future. The Democrats are on board and are also planning to roll out **Guaranteed Basic Income** based on discussions I have had behind the curtain.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/mailboxes-election-2020/

BERLIN FESTIVAL FOR FREEDOM AND PEACE. ANTI-CV 19 GOVERNMENT MEASURES PRESS CONFERENCE. CV19 September 2020 SCAM IS THE BIGGEST CRIME OF THE CENTURY, AND IT IS THE FOURTH TIME IN HISTORY

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/1000-doctors-come-out-against-covid/ https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/products_services/products/coronavirus-the-socialist-revolution/ Conclusion Page 189

Armstrong explains that hydroxychoroquine works for early treatment of COVID-19 and that there are political forces at work in the opposition to this drug.

Hydroxychloroquine Is Being Suppressed to Keep COVID & Climate Change Agenda | Armstrong Economics There are so many doctors now coming out against Fauci and Bill Gates who have been trying to stop people from using Hydroxychloroquine in order to keep the real agenda going – destroying the economy to recreate it GREEN – Great Reset.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/hydroxychloroquine-is-being-suppressed-to-keep-covidclimate-change-agenda/

Many states have directed pharmacies to refuse to honor a doctor's prescription for hydroxychloroquine when there are previous studies by the NIH that have shown the drug works on coronaviruses that attack the lungs. This entire pandemic has become a tool for political change. Doctors who I have personally spoken to all agree with what is being said in this video. Politicians are letting people die all for political purposes and the media will not report the truth. I have never seen such unethical behavior in my entire life.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/doctors-appear-in-washington-to-protest-against-paniccreated-by-media-over-covid/

https://www.rev.com/blog/transcripts/americas-frontline-doctors-scotus-press-conference-transcript

Fauci's attack on a drug that has been approved for decades and is over the counter even in Iran and available to their people fighting COVID is unimaginable. Many people are coming out against Fauci and his deliberate campaign against this drug to support Bill Gates' vaccines.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/why-is-fauci-not-in-prison/

I reported that my cousin was a front line-nurse in New Jersey. She caught COVID-19 and it passed in a couple of days. But she gave it to her husband who was overweight and had diabetes. He had to go to the hospital with lung problems. They gave him hydroxychloroquine and zinc, and he was home in two days. The only reason there is this war against hydroxychloroquine is that it negates Bill Gates' vaccine.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/press/the-medias-conspiracy-against-the-people/

I have stated that my cousin was taken to the hospital with COVID-19; they gave him hydroxychloroquine, and he was released in two days. Gates continues to put out false information claiming hydroxychloroquine carries with it the risk of "severe side effects" and arguing that medical officials should instead pursue the numerous "good therapeutic drugs" currently in development. He is absolutely lying! This would defeat his vaccine, which he intends to profit off of by charging each person on the planet \$3 annually.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/gates-v-putin/

The left media like the Washington Post, New York Times, and CNN protect Fauci and have constantly come out against hydroxychloroquine. They insist we all must be vaccinated or be denied the right to freely move, hold a job, or travel. Fauci is working with Bill Gates; he and Gates talk all the time and are involved in this vaccine conspiracy, so naturally, Fauci will always reject any study of hydroxychloroquine.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/gates-fauci-above-the-law/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/medicine/sky-news-hydroxychloroquine-it-saves-lives/ https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/gates-you-do-not-have-a-choice-fear-mongering-for-power/ https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/tag/hydroxychloroquine/

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Armstrong warns of a great depression,

Coronavirus & Next Great Depression | Armstrong Economics

We have also a Creative Wave of Economic Destruction ongoing right now before our eyes.

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https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/the-2020-2022-great-depression-coming-toneighborhood-near-you/

To be direct our computer is showing that if the economy remains closed beyond May 1st, we are looking at a global economic decline that will not bottom for 13 years until we reach 2032...

The current rate of unemployment is outpacing the loss experienced during the Great Depression when it took three years to reach a rate of 25%. This economic closure is being used to exploit the people for political gain. It is hurting the poor the most, for they are losing the jobs that will not return. Gates and Fauci have no respect for the economic damage and stress they have imposed upon the people nor do they take any responsibility for the economic collapse they have instigated...

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/opinion/letter-to-president-trump-send-it-everywhere-you-can/ We are staring into the eyes of a very serious Great Depression that will topple governments all because of an overreaction and hyping of this virus. Far more people die of the flu and even smoking than this virus. We do not shut down commerce because of such diseases.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/dr-wolfgang-wodarg-confirms-this-is-an-insane-panic/ This report goes into the logistics about this Coronavirus Pandemic and moves into the dangers it presents economically as well as the crisis we face in famine. These people think that they can simply crash the economy and rebuilt it from scratch as if that is a simple task. They risk creating a major economic depression that we will not be able to escape for 13 years.

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The Coronavirus Bankruptcy Pandemic will terminate more jobs than people who were ever hospitalized with the virus... Where in the Great Depression it was the Dust Bowl which sent unemployment spiraling to record highs over the course of three years, this Gates Depression has accomplished this in 8 weeks.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/coronavirus-bankruptcy-pandemic/

The sovereign debt on a global scale is unprecedented. <mark>This COVID-19 shutdown has pushed the debt system over the</mark> edge.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/sovereign-debt-crisis/the-fed-trying-to-hold-up-the-world/

The sheer magnitude of the damage that has been unleashed on the world population is <mark>unprecedented in human history.</mark>

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/press/the-press-conspiracy-to-overthrow-our-way-of-life/

The official unemployment rate is about 19%, but counting the full scope we have reached the same levels of the Great Depression.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/recession-part-ii/

The impact of Coronavirus is far worse than most can imagine. GDP dropped 32% during the 2nd-quarter which is a new historical record surpassing every recession and the Great Depression of both the 19th and 20th centuries.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/gdp-consumer-confidence-in-crash-mode/ They have wiped out about 33% of the world economy and intend to do even further as Gates told the Economist this nonsense pandemic will now take millions of lives and not stop before the end of 2021 when they look to achieve their Green New Deal. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/rule-of-law/are-gates-schwab-committing-crimes-against-humanity/

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and of civil unrest,

Civil Unrest | Armstrong Economics

Gates and his puppet the WHO think they can restructure the world by forcing the economy to collapse. They fail to grasp that the civil unrest will rise.

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Images for Civil Unrest | Armstrong Economics

The civil unrest is turning violent right on schedule. These lockdowns have destroyed so many jobs and the future of people which the government never even bothered to consider. The more governments try to pretend they did the right thing, the greater the violence will become.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/civil-unrest-turning-violent-on-schedule/

Civil Unrest has been taking place for a very long time. If you step back and correlate it to the economy, you will notice that it rises when people start to struggle. The race riots right now would **NOT** takes place has we also accelerated the unemployment dramatically to where there are officially 40 million people who have lost their jobs.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/rule-of-law/supreme-court-is-once-again-inspiring-civil-war/ The rise of civil unrest spreading across the country is more than just the death of George Floyd. People have been dying in police confrontations for many years. The fact that they have destroyed the economy and 40 million jobs with this fake coronavirus scam has added fuel to the fire, which our computer has been projecting since 2014. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/civil-unrest-that-trump-does-not-understand/

After weeks on end of forced isolation, the people are waking up to the control that the government possesses over every area of their lives. Anger is overtaking fear as thousands are disregarding the CDC's continued pleas to stay at home and avoid crowds. There is no rule of law. Governments can and will act in their own self-interests and continue to view the people as "the great unwashed" who are not worthy of basic human rights. They can kill us, take away our jobs, our freedoms, and destroy the economy at will. Is it any wonder that the people have lost confidence in their governments? https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/civil-unrest-ignites-on-schedule/

Why has this one incident cascaded into a global contagion? Because of this COVID-19 virus abuse of locking people down which has resulted in people losing their jobs which has exceeded 300 million on a worldwide basis, this provides the incentive to protest regardless of the incident.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/defunding-police-is-this-the-right-choice/ This is what I mean it is not racist – it is pent up frustration that these elitists do not understand that their quest to shut down the world economy so they can rebuild it green is going to very violent.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/street-battles-in-france-with-weapons/ Riots are erupting all over Europe. In Stuttgart, a total of 400 to 500 people participated in the riots since Sunday night with 19 police officers injured. The same is unfolding in the Hague in the Netherlands. These politicians know nothing about human nature. Our studies of time and riots warned that a simple correlation provided a forecast that the civil unrest would turn violent after 4 to 6 weeks. We have even provided a listing of US civil unrest incidents.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/europes-current-economy/european-civil-unrest-erupting-in-germany-the-netherlands/

It definitely appears that this plan to keep people locked down through the election will only result in an eruption of civil unrest.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/qa-backfiring-lockdowns/

I believe we are heading more into a major confrontation and these politicians who have been eager to oppress the people may wish they never joined this madness. This is the civil unrest Socrates has been projecting.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/the-elitists-are-rising-their-lives-to-maintain-lockdowns/ They are making a major effort to take over the world by sheer force using this virus to destroy the economy as much as possible and use this to justify nationalizing industry. This is part of their planned takeover and is behind the rising civil unrest that will unleash international war.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/draft/

Never in the history of any election, has there ever been such a political war game played. This warns what our computer has been forecasting about the rise in civil unrest and the risk that this will prove to be the most corrupt election in American history.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/podesta-military-coup/

The civil unrest our computer is forecasting is global and not limited to the United States.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/what-kind-of-civil-unrest-are-we-looking-at/

This ruling is important for it is clear that any pretense of locking down the entire country on a fabricated virus with only 3,600 deaths out of 130,450 confirmed cases with a population of 82 million bringing the death rate in Germany to

0.0000439%. This by no means justifying the destruction of the world economy.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/berlin-protest-going-forward-8-29-2020/

A massive rally took place also in London demanding an end to what they call is a hoax. They are telling the politicians that "people are coming today to make their voices heard against mandatory vaccinations, mandatory masks, mandatory anything really. No more lockdowns, no more second wave business." The resistance to this absurd over-reaction is massively rising around the globe. With a British population of about 67 million, 40,000 deaths are minimal. There are around 32,000 stroke-related deaths in England each year. They do not require mandatory statins to be taken. Nor do they do not shut down the economy for that.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/britain/london-protests-against-covid-restrictions/ They are pleading for lawyers to help protect them and their children against the Gates Agenda.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/berlin-protest-is-multi-national-and-huge/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/tag/civil-unrest/

Images for Civil Unrest | Armstrong Economics

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/predicting-civil-unrest/

and of war,

We are Headed into War | Armstrong Economics

There is clearly a new Cold War that has begun between China and the United States which is not going to end nicely. This is the direct result of this Politically Manipulated Virus.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/china/we-are-headed-into-war/

Images for We are Headed into War | Armstrong Economics

There are forces using this virus for ulterior moves and creating a global economic collapse. They are dangerously undermining the entire world financial system, which threatens the rise of war. Historically, war never emerges as long as everyone is fat and happy. Rome fell because it first was weakened internally by corruption which then encouraged the barbarians to storm the gates.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/opinion/letter-to-president-trump-send-it-everywhere-you-can/ Hong Kong's greatest security was economics. Now that the coronavirus is being used to kill the economy to further climate change and socialism, we are cascading faster and faster into a very dark future that we will all need to address. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/war/hong-kong-the-matchstick-to-war/

Images for Hong Kong - The Matchstick to War? | Armstrong Economics

This is inviting war because someone will sue China, the decision will be political without proof, and then a judgment would be entered against the assets in the United States. This will **ONLY** invite China to start confiscating American assets in China. If you wanted to know how hard the West is going to fall, you now have the answer.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/rule-of-law/creating-the-new-war-that-will-justify-the-confiscation-of-american-assets-in-china/

China is flexing its muscles because the West is committing politic-economic suicide with COVID. China knows the agenda and it is being driven by Bill Gates. Activists have been pushing US institutions to sell all investments in China because they are not yielding to the Climate Change Agenda. This is breaking the economic link the does prevent war. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/war/china-us-war-in-3-months/

This is feeding into the War Cycle as society has become extremely divided which in itself appears to be intentional. We

are witnessing live the fall of Western Society to intentionally bring in an authoritarian government ending meaningful elections and adopting another version of Marx's Dream.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/new-add-depicts-2020-election-as-a-war/ This is an all-out war for the domination of the world economy as these globalists seek to redesign our lives to the

arrogant views they have crafted in their minds.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/opinion/my-personal-opinion/

These people have no idea how much damage has been created within the global economy. You cannot buy many computer parts and items because they are manufactured in Asia where they are ignoring their Green Agenda. Even imported liquor has dropped 30%. Gates is proudly telling everyone this must continue until the end of 2021. This will unleash a world war. Perhaps that's the objective.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/biden-supports-the-green-agenda/ Gates' Threat to National Security Page 155

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/products_services/products/coronavirus-the-socialist-revolution/

Our sources are warning that there are people in the US government who are moving as if Trump has already lost. It certainly appears that war is becoming more likely, and this is really about the climate change agenda to force China to comply.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/war/deep-state-preparing-for-war/

The United States is self-destructing and this is typically resolved only in a civil war.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/poltics-the-decline-fall-of-america/

These people are on a global mission and they will not rest until the subjugate the entire world. This will only lead to war. They will not be able to subjugate the world. Gates is obsessed with Global Warming and overpopulation.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/canada/parksville-qualicum-beach-in-bc-canada-outlaw-covidrestrictions/

Images for Gates' Threat to National Security | Armstrong Economics

This is really a global coup to adopt Marxism once again.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/war/war-civil-unrest-chaos/ https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/category/world-news/war/ https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/election-chaos-civil-war/ https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/tag/war-cycle/

and of destruction of a way of life,

Social Distancing – The Destroyer of Civilization? | Armstrong Economics

Social distancing has been a form of psychological warfare that is as old as strategies for war – divide and conquer. <u>https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/china/social-distancing-the-destroyer-of-civilization/</u> <u>https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/tag/cycle-of-civilization/</u>

Images for collapse of civilization | Armstrong Economics

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/social-distancing-covert-tactic-against-civil-unrest/

This [propaganda that we had to destroy the world economy all because the "peak of the epidemic so that healthcare capacity can be expanded to support patients" is total nonsense.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/social-distancing-the-propaganda/ Images for social-distancing-the-propaganda | Armstrong Economics

The unfunded liabilities and the perpetual model of borrowing with no intention of paying anything back are all coming to an end. It appears that there are people who foresee civil unrest becoming the real new norm as people realize that all the promises cannot be fulfilled.

The high-tech companies are rushing to get into the new market of social distancing apps, which the governments are covertly supporting as they did with cryptocurrencies to get people accustomed to surrendering all freedom.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/the-new-norm-social-distancing-forever/ This has been a deliberate attempt to destroy the economy and our way of life as we have known it.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/what-different-this-time-between-1987-2020-33years-later/

I just give up. You can't get regular medical attention anymore. This COVID scare has destroyed medical care. You walk in and they have to take your temperature and God help you if you have the flu or are sick for any other reason – off to COVID isolation you go.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/covid-testing-going-nuts/

We must understand what Gates has done to society. He has used scare tactics that if you dare go outside you will die. There are a lot of people naive and are so afraid of death that they have been permanently damaged psychologically. In order to overcome this, we need to expose the very strategy that Gates has used to terrorize the world at large. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/gates-the-forecast/

Nevertheless, there are serious shortages of food on the horizon. Those who are attempting to destroy the economy so they can recreate it in their image are clueless about how the world economy functions.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/markets-by-sector/agriculture/socrates-its-forecast-of-shortages-in-food-for-this-8-6-year-wave/

This will be the **GRAND COLLAPSE** and this scheme will only destroy western culture and divide the world. It will be like the Biblical story of the Tower of Babel. There, people could no longer speak a common language and were incapable of completing any task. This is an important parable for what we see is the inability to communicate philosophically, which will render their Utopian dream a complete disaster.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/why-when-will-the-west-crash-burn/

It is very clear that governments are trying to paint money as dirty, and the solution is to eliminate physical money, despite the fact that it has been in use since about the 7th century BC. All of a sudden, it is a danger after 28 centuries. This plays nicely into the Socialist's dream to control everything!

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/hoarding-cash-2/

Eliminating physical money will further that hi-tech goal of knowing everything we do and how much we are worth to sell to the highest bidder. Gates and his wife were behind India canceling their currency, and they are pushing that agenda at the United Nations and in Europe.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/cryptocurrency/bill-gates-pushing-to-eliminate-physical-money/

People can be indoctrinated to distrust other groups very easily. This is what they are doing with social distancing. They are indoctrinating people to psychologically assume all other people are a threat.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/this-virus-is-causing-psychological-damage-to-the-general-population/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/markets-by-sector/technology/governments-moving-to-compel-tracking-tracing-tocontrol-everyone/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/the-cure-is-far-worse-that-the-virus/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/covid-rules-make-no-sense/

I grew up during a period everyone helped everyone. You didn't even need to lock your doors. The more society moved toward socialism, the more the image of being the victim replaced basic common ground. Those days are long gone. This story from World War II illustrates how people once cared for one another. Perhaps we can return to that post-2032.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/socialist/is-it-time-for-people-to-help-people/ There will be the risk of total chaos, for neither side will accept a loss. The Democrats are pushing this Socialist agenda, and they will no longer accept defeat. Likewise, there are people on the opposite side from Republicans to Libertarians who will not stand for the policies of the Democrats they intend to impose by force. Either way, this will lead to blood in the streets.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/election-chaos-civil-war/

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https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/products_services/products/coronavirus-the-socialist-revolution/ The Plot Against Civilization Page 117

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https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/category/world-news/human-rights/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/category/international-news/rule-of-law/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/category/international-news/disease/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/socialist-property-rights/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/category/world-news/violence/

and of the breaking of the bonds of civilization,

Why & When Will the West Crash & Burn? | Armstrong Economics

This will be the GRAND COLLAPSE and this scheme will only destroy western culture and divide the world. It will be like the Biblical story of the Tower of Babel. There, people could no longer speak a common language and were incapable of completing any task. This is an important parable for what we see is the inability to communicate philosophically, which will render their Utopian dream a complete disaster.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/why-when-will-the-west-crash-burn/ Images for Why & When Will the West Crash & Burn? | Armstrong Economics

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https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/tag/socialism/

They are breaking civilization at its core and this is the first required step to the breakup of the United States and Europe. People will no longer trust each other and fear they may be diseased and prefer to keep their distance. Once that begins, the economy starts to crumble and there will be no reversing this trend.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/government-media-induced-psychologicalterrorism/

By forcing people to wear masks, they are breaking the bonds of civilization. From here on out, many will look at anyone else as a potential threat. That is the goal, for it prevents organized resistance. You cannot tell any facial expressions if they are joking or nasty. This is how you destroy society and it was the very objective of the Communists. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/black-plague-returning-in-asia/

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The philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900), was very anti-religion and it appears that his ideas have captured the recommendations of Epidemiologists. These people have utterly destroyed civilization from sports to a simple buffet, that the invisible strings that bind society together and make it function has been snipped and do not appear anywhere on the horizon for a return.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/the-end-of-a-culture-epidemiologists-are-becoming-thedestroyer-of-civilization/

Rome broke apart and people fled the cities because of taxes and corruption.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/basic-concepts/the-fate-of-yugoslavia-is-the-same-fate-of-theroman-empire/

Our model clearly shows that Bill Gates and Soros will also fail. They have unleashed the destruction of Western Society, and this social distancing is precisely the opposite of what encourages the formation of civilization.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/ga/the-fall-of-the-united-nations/

Images for Rome broke apart and people fled the cities because of taxes and corruption.

This is not going back to normal and we are staring into the eyes of the worst economic collapse since the Black Death. This 860 years from that event and it risks wiping out Western Civilization.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/rule-of-law/belgium-files-suite-against-gates-neil-ferguson/ We are declining into the collapse of Western Civilization as we have known it. There is nothing that will stand the test of

time

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/can-truth-and-reconciliation-prevent-the-crash-burn/

The cycle of civilization is we all come together to create great empires because this BENEFITS all concerned. However, then governments always become draconian which then sets in motion their own demise. The more they lose power, the more drastic they become. This leads to people leaving and the ultimate collapse of that empire.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/what-kind-of-civil-unrest-are-we-looking-at/

Gates and crew have really created the decline of Western Culture. They have crossed the line I honestly believe they will go down in history as one of the worst usurpers in history.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/have-gates-crew-crossed-the-line/

But this is precisely what was carried out in East Germany. They deliberately tried to turn the children against their parents. That was a strategic tool of the left. This entire COVID-19 scheme is dividing the country. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/education/covid-19-tearing-families-apart/

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and of an assault on religion,

Constitutional Convention | Armstrong Economics

They even shut down religion under the pretense of this virus, which is the same as the Marxists before. If you make a list of everything the Marxists did before, you will see they are checking them off one by one. In the United States, governors refused to declare religion as essential.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/socialist/constitutional-convention/ Images for Constitutional Convention | Armstrong Economics

I believe Republican Governor of Massachusetts is unqualified for public office. He has no idea about the Constitution nor does he really seem to even care. The First Amendment is the Freedom of Religion and there is NO exception in there that allows for a lock-down anywhere including in the Commerce Clause. He imposed a law without justification that there cannot even be religious practices with gatherings of more than 10 people.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/govt-incompetence/why-lock-downs-are-unconstitutional/ Images for armstrongeconomics/why-lock-downs-are-unconstitutional

Not long ago, all churches were forced to close for more than two months and public Masses were banned. Now they're opened, but Communion is banned. This virus is allowing the destruction of religion which was indeed part of the Marxist agenda. It is really amazing how draconian politicians are becoming, which is stirring up the religious right, and was a direct consequence of the Communist Revolution.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/canada/toronto-bans-holv-communion-in-churches-is-historyrepeating/

I have met most of these people trying to redesign the world. You look into their eyes and you see something far beyond a cold contempt for human society. They do not believe in God. They have taken upon themselves to play God. If they even considered there was a God, their view is he was an idiot for the economy does not function the way they would like it to operate. So, they either blame God or more likely do not believe in any higher power beyond themselves. This was the very same attitude that dominated Communism. They have used this virus to justify shutting down even religion.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/opinion/my-personal-opinion/

I have warned that the LEFT will never tolerate opposition. They demand everything must be their way or no way. They are not satisfied with I leave you alone and you leave me alone. They do not believe in freedom and they even try to shut down religion. That was standard in all Communist movements.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/mailboxes-election-2020/ Page 198

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Images for The Inevitable Battle between Good & Evil? | Armstrong Economics

The objective is to abandon all religions and to turn to government as your supreme overload who is here only to help you obey their authoritarian rules, commands, and laws.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/war/the-plot-to-create-a-terror-state-following-hitlers-playbook/ https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/now-priests-are-starting-to-come-out-against-covid-scam/ https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/katarina-jovanovic-video-from-romania/

and of creation of a New Green World Order shaped by the World Economic Forum and collaborators,

Seizing the Moment - Mandating New Green World Order Manipulating the Press | Armstrong Economics

We are witnessing the takeover of the world by the Climate Change Activists backed with unlimited funds from what ABC News called – our SUPER RICH FRIENDS. Gates has successfully manipulated the press into creating a global lockdown with a minimal virus for the sole objective of shutting down fossil fuel use. It is amazing how blind the majority really are – just outright willfully ignorant of sacrificing their own future and employment.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/press/seizing-the-moment-mandating-new-green-world-order-manipulatingthe-press/

Images for Seizing the Moment - Mandating New Green World Order Manipulating the Press | Armstrong Economics

Gates has used India and Africa as his Guinea Pig for his vaccines and his New Green World Order. Bill Gates already has 1 billion Indians already tagged biologically and they can be tracked even if they move.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/markets-by-sector/precious-metals/gold/risk-of-making-gold-illegal/ This report goes into great detail about a well-funded & well-organized coalition to not just impose vaccines and depopulate the world, which may even be a ploy knowing they will not vaccinate China or Russia, but to actually destroy the world economy to end fossil fuels and impose by bribery and collusion their vision of how the world should function to stop Climate Change and impose by decree ZERO CO2.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/product/the-great-reset/

Despite all the data that show far fewer people have died of this virus than the flu, it is the biggest event of their life because he has destroyed the world economy to create a New Green World Order.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/gates-modi-connection-from-india/

They have used the coronavirus as a ploy to shut down the world economy all for their Climate Change Agenda. <u>https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/the-great-reset-the-final-battle-against-marxists/</u>

Besides health, Gates has been also involved in buying into energy companies. He has put together a consortium of investors into Breakthrough Energy. While this operation has been funding thermal energy development in Japan, they are pushing for the elimination of fossil fuels in Europe as well. He has been funding many other secretive energy operations all of which will benefit by shutting down fossil fuels. He and his consortium have major stakes in alternative energy and stand to financially gain massively by keeping the world economy closed and the people locked in their houses.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/the-international-energy-agency-has-joined-the-conspiracy-against-the-world/

The computer has been forecasting that Western Civilization would crash and burn by 2032 and the financial capital of the world would shift to China. We can see with each passing month how that forecast is unfolding on schedule. NEVER in my wildest dreams would I have suspected that a group of billionaires would ban together to destroy our world economy so they could reshape it in the fashion they desire.

- https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/the-future-safe-havens/
- This has all been planned and it is being promoted by the infamous Davos World Economic Forum. These people are all elitists who would never walk among us who they consider the great unwashed.
- https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/the-great-reset-the-final-battle-against-marxists/ In comparison, Gates' virus is overly exaggerated for the sole purpose of terrorizing people into complying with his agenda and to defeat Trump to usher in the New Marxist Green Order.
- https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/russia/gates-dream-of-controlling-the-world-is-hitting-a-brick-wall/ The World Economic Forum is taking a lead role in trying to destroy the world economy, and in the typical arrogant academic manner, they think they can rebuild it in their own image precisely as did Karl Marx. This will be the source of great bloodshed and its arrogant philosophy will, at last, be exposed.
- https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/conspiracy/eugenics-now-climate-change-but-still-racist/ Just look at the World Economic Forum which supports Gates' vaccines, sponsored Event 201, supports Thomas Piketty's 400% increase in taxation, and does not believe that corporations owe anything to their shareholders. One of their trustees is AI Gore and they support the entire destruction of fossil fuels and the zero CO2 agenda.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/socialist/constitutional-convention/ Based upon reliable sources, the agenda is to bankrupt as much of the economy as possible to take it over via nationalization which is their Great Reset to reconstruct the economy in only their vision.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/uncategorized/they-are-deliberately-trying-to-bankrupt-businesses-to-recreate-a-marxist-world/

This immediate health crisis has been really been the covert means of forcing the climate change agenda to alter the economy trying an elitist view to recast our fate.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/why-mmt-is-governments-option-of-choice/ Klaus Schwab is a very dangerous man, and a typical academic who thinks talking to the average person on the street is pointless since we are all stupid. Schwab, who is the founder of the Davos **World Economic Forum**, now has the audacity to warn that a failure to tackle the deep-rooted ills of our society in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic could exacerbate the risk of "violent shocks," such as conflicts and revolutions. In other words, we **MUST** accept his **Great Reset.** He is in league with Bill Gates and others and sees no problem with destroying jobs and sharply reducing the food supply all to further his nonsense to stop global warming when CO2 is only **0.04% of the atmosphere**.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/can-schwab-of-world-economic-forum-ever-be-trusted/

This is clearly an all-out war to take over the government and force a Socialistic agenda to raise taxes dramatically and impose this **Great Reset** agenda upon everyone by eliminating all freedom under the pretense of public health. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/press/the-medias-conspiracy-against-the-people/

This is the merger of the dream of George Soros and his one-world government and Bill Gates who wants to control everyone with digital IDs, eliminate cash, and reduce the population with his Fourth Economic Revolution based on technological control. These have been merged with Klaus Schwab's **World Economic Forum** which is the typical academic idea that they can change the economy and redesign it like Marx when they have no idea how it actually functions. They assume we can be made economic slaves for the betterment of their ideal world.

<u>https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/opinion/my-personal-opinion/</u> Consequently, this current virus is a contrived event that is being done for political purposes of pulling off this Great Reset, which they had already planned to do. They are hell-bent on controlling the world to reduce the population. This has been a longtime goal to which Bill and Melina Gates have joined.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/the-agenda-is-right-in-the-open-but-the-media-politiciansturn-a-blind-eye/

This is an economic contrived collapse to further this Great Reset which is being organized by Klaus Schwab at the World Economic Forum.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/protest-are-rising-worldwide-against-these-lockdowns/ Biden's comment about how he will create jobs by joining Gates and Klaus Schwabs' World Economic Forum "Great Reset" is revealing. They intend to keep this going to destroy as much of the economy as possible and they now realize it will take at least another year to be able to wipe out fossil fuels. The deaths formally attributed to COVID-19 stand at 175,000. How are we now facing "millions more" deaths according to Gates? Anyone who cannot see this is not about a virus, this is about climate change and destroying the fossil fuel industry and forcing electric cars and transportation while shutting down air travel.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/biden Consequently, we are always confronted by the left, which insists of the best of humanity — our imagination and creativity. They pursue individuality. This is why I do not see how a one-world government people you bring together, there is always a division who sees the mad. They demand conformity. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/basic-fw/like in the United States, Twitter, Youtube, CNN, and the rest of saying less than 10,000 people have died of only COVID-19, the C publicly admitted that the lockdowns were too harsh and uncalled the investigation. There is hope that perhaps this conspiracy to use the intentionally not to really cause massive deaths, will lead to the exploitly this Great Reset may at last unfold. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/germany/ger Never in all my years have I witnesses the computer correlating or The civil unrest will escalate. Both sides will not accept a loss. This about Trump than it is about pushing this Great Reset through the https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/the-d People like Klaus Schwab have used their influence to lobby politic This will only lead to civil unrest and blood in the streets. They will must surrender all of our freedoms for the sake of Democracy. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/kennedy Under a Green Sky Evil of CO2 New Green World Order The World Economic Forum Pushing Communism Conclusion https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/products_services/products/cord	pon controlling everything. In the process, they dest a unrealistic goals that always denigrate human is even feasible because no matter what body of glass half-full or half-empty. This is what drives the le concepts/we-all-act-in-our-sel-interest/ the growing Marxist supporters try to claim the CDC erman Health Minister Jens Spahn has come out an or. This is starting where many are now calling for a svirus, that may have been created in a lab bosure of this conspiracy to crash the economy in ord nan-health-minister-admits-lockdowns-were-a-mistal a global scale around the US presidential elections. election is tearing the population apart. This is less United States. emocrats-are-indeed-looking-for-a-coup-detat/ ians to impose, by force, this Utopian Great Reset. claim they are protecting us from ourselves, so we ment-from-sweden/ age-indoctrinating-the-youth/ s-speech-in-berlin/ Page 62 Page 72 Page 158 Page 186 Page 189
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Bill Gates on Africa's population boom

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/conspiracy/gates-on-africa-population/ He is obsessed with reducing the world population, yet has three kids himself.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/is-bill-gates-really-a-racist-using-climate-change-as-the-excuseto-depopulate-africa/ I believe it is merely his excuse for the depopulation of the earth and his father was a member of Eugenics which believed in the superiority of the Nordic-Anglo-Saxon Race genetically and were actively seeking to reduce the population of darker skinned people where Gates has focuses – India & Africa.

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Gates may get his wish of reducing the world population by the age-old method of starvation. The most interesting aspect of this is that historically first you have food shortages which result in a reduction of population, but they also lower the health of the population which then makes them susceptible to disease.

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There is **Gate's agenda** linking his vaccines and digital IDs and then there will be passports required to even leave your home proving you are vaccinated. Then there are chips to be inserted for birth control which somehow I suspect will be subject to control by the state and a permit will be required to even have a child since Gate and his crew is obsessed with the population reduction.

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Armstrong asserts that Gates follows his father's elitist view of eugenics in believing that the Nordic or Anglo-Saxon race is superior and the dark-skinned races are inferior.

Gates' Eugenics End Goal – Population Control | Armstrong Economics This entire Coronavirus scam is part of his end-goal to control the population. It was even Gates who has funded remote control birth-control by implanting chips into women. Then Gates will be able to turn on and off births according to whatever criteria he desires like a TV with remote control. That will lead to only one place - required permission and permits to even have children. Given Gates' father's involvement in Planned Parenthood and a member of eugenics, you would think someone would investigate. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/gates-eugenics-end-goal-population-control/ Images for Gates' Eugenics End Goal - Population Control | Armstrong Economics Bill Gates will unleash civil war. You cannot suppress people in this manner. I think he is highly dangerous and a megalomaniac. His ideas of reducing the population were clearly installed during his childhood. I find it very disturbing that and he and Soros are trying to impose their ideas upon society by force. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/bill-gates-will-fail/ I believe it is merely his excuse for the depopulation of the earth and his father was a member of Eugenics which believed in the superiority of the Nordic-Anglo-Saxon Race genetically and were actively seeking to reduce the population of darker skinned people where Gates has focuses – India & Africa. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/is-gates-stupid-of-very-clever-with-vaccines/ This is the world we live in, which has become excessively politically correct, yet nobody is willing to mention a word about Bill Gates and how eugenics was clearly racist. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/is-bill-gates-really-a-racist-using-climate-change-as-the-excuseto-depopulate-africa/ https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/bill-gates-the-agenda/ The Collapse of Civilization & the Inevitable Dark Age Page 122 Page 161 The Bill Gates Famine Population Reduction Page 201 https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/products_services/products/coronavirus-the-socialist-revolution/ Images for The Collapse of Civilization & the Inevitable Dark Age | Armstrong Economics Bill Gates, who nobody cares to investigate, is once again using blacks in Africa as his guinea pigs; allegedly bribing politicians to allow him to conduct his experiments. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/the-gates-agenda-control-everything/ They seem to be at it again with vaccines testing them out in Africa. They were using South Africans for testing other vaccines which led to protesters taking the position: "We are not guinea pigs," shouted South African anti-vaccine protesters. Nobody stops these efforts, and local politicians in these poor countries are routinely bribed to allow such experiments on their own people. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/the-agenda-is-right-in-the-open-but-the-media-politiciansturn-a-blind-eye/ They are destroying everyone's future for a concern they have which is by no means a conclusion in fact. For someone who wants Africans to have only one child, Gates has three: Jennifer Katharine Gates, Phoebe Adele Gates, and Rory John Gates. They have been using the COVID to scare people into submission. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/less-than-15000-people-have-died-from-covid-with-other-causesunder-55/ Depopulating the Earth & Food Crisis Page 131 **Eugenics & Racism** Page 134 Supreme Court Upheld Eugenics Page 137 2009 Secret Meeting to Depopulate the World Page 139 Gates Wants to Vaccinate Blacks & Indigenous People First Page 141 https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/product/the-great-reset/ https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/tag/eugenics/

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Armstrong gives insight into the complicity of many in government, "Politicians will never let a serious crisis go to waste. They love crises because they will always present the opportunity to do things they never believed they could do legally before."

The Stupidity of Politicians Who Listened to Neil Ferguson | Armstrong Economics

Why would any politician listen to Ferguson alone? Not a single economist was asked what would happen if they locked everyone down on Ferguson's recommendation. Throughout history, NEVER has any government EVER been so foolish as to lockdown the entire economy. If someone was sick, they were quarantined. That is why leper colonies were created throughout history to contain such diseases.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/the-stupidity-of-politicians-who-listened-to-neil-ferguson/ There is a rising discontent against politicians who have scared the hell out of people using this virus. They did so without ANY justification other than a bogus old program from Imperial College, funded by Bill Gates, that used a stochastic to try to forecast the future like the child's game Sim City.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/is-it-time-to-throw-every-politician-out-of-office-who-imposed-lockdowns/

There is clearly a new Cold War that has begun between China and the United States which is not going to end nicely. This is the direct result of this Politically Manipulated Virus. Western politicians have so abused their power in locking down society and in the United States the Democrats have nothing to stand on but the virus for the 2020 election. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/china/we-are-headed-into-war/

There is a political agenda here that seems to go beyond just trying to overthrow Trump and Merkel. This is also about rushing in ID2020 to infuse us all with chips, thanks to Bill Gates.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/conspiracy/hypocrisy-conspiracy-manufacturing-a-crisis-for-politicalagendas/

These politicians are clueless as to what they are trying to do, using this virus as the excuse to civilly imprison people until they destroy all CO2 producing companies. They are fully conspiring with the climate change people by using the virus as the excuse to destroy the world economy.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/europes-current-economy/european-civil-unrest-erupting-in-germany-the-netherlands/

Even standard modeling of the virus warns that this has been hyped simply for political gain.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/the-virus-has-become-the-political-weapon-of-2020/ Socrates has forecast that this is going to be the most corrupt election in American history and with each passing day, there is another step toward making this forecast come to pass.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/the-most-corrupt-election-in-history/

There are serious questions about our politicians. Are they being paid-off to allow Gates to experiment on the world population? The correlation between Italy and the only country to allow a Gates experimentation needs to be addressed. The problem we really have is no politician will allow an investigation that exposes their own corruption or bad decisions. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/vaccines-that-change-your-dna-gates-italian-experiment/

the deliberate strategy of destroying jobs to win this election is just beyond comprehension.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/democrats-admit-killing-the-economy-is-key-to-overthrow-trump/

I added a section in the **Great Reset** which people can pull down as an update where the United Nations is now calling for a one-world government and that all politicians should come together and join under their banner. This is a major political coup that is unfolding on a global scale, but they are focusing on getting rid of Trump so they can include the United States along with Europe.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/comment-from-texas-the-end-result/

Welcome to the **New Green Socialist World Order** they're strategically marketing as the **Great Reset.** This is probably the most outrageous political strategy every devised to deliberate defraud everyone of any human rights that will only exist at their pleasure. There has been no greater diabolical plot perhaps in human history.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/products_services/products/great-reset-we-have-expanded-it-its-available-now-no-charge-for-those-who-purchased-already/

There are serious questions about our politicians. Are they being paid-off to allow Gates to experiment on the world population? The correlation between Italy and the only country to allow a Gates experimentation needs to be addressed. The problem we really have is no politician will allow an investigation that exposes their own corruption or bad decisions.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/vaccines-that-change-your-dna-gates-italian-experiment/ Governments realize that they have reached the point of no return when it comes to debt. The ECB moved rates to negative in 2014 and after 6 years of total failure of Keynesian Economics, they are confronted with the realization that the global debt system and socialism are collapsing.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/prepare-for-the-2nd-lockdown/

The world has changed dramatically in the course of this orchestrated and intended collapse of the global economy in order to launch this Great Reset. In the course of several months, we have watched a deliberate economic disaster under the pretense of this coronavirus pandemic. While the main objective of one group has been the create a **New Green World Order**, they relied upon Socialists who realize that their economic dreams are also collapsing. As a result, this combined force is out to change the world and the real agenda is the **New Green Socialist Agenda**.

<u>https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/sovereign-debt-crisis/world-economy-preparing-for-collapse/</u> This is an orchestrated deliberate attack upon the economy to kill capitalism which is our ability to be free. Bankers and billionaires bribing politicians is **NOT** capitalism — that is corruption.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/canada/alberta-separatism-in-canada/

The entire reason for the lockdown was because of the forecast that 3 million would die from COVID-19, which meant that there would not be enough bed spaces in hospitals. This is the chart put out to justify the lockdown. Well, the hospitals were empty and the excuse for the lockdown was nonsense, particularly when applied nationwide. But ever since, these lockdowns no longer talk about a shortage of bed space to justify them. Now, it is just a prerogative of state governors and it has been abused for political purposes.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/opinion/optimistic-for-the-future/

The Democrats are in an all-out war to get rid of Trump to usher in this global Socialist agenda because everything is collapsing. They have promised states that if they maintain lockdowns to overthrow Trump, they will bail them out since they will lose nearly one year's worth of tax revenue.

<u>https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/nobody-will-accept-2020-election-result/</u> The computer is showing the ultimate corruption this time around, which is why they have been exploiting this virus to keep people home so they can fix the election.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/ga-backfiring-lockdowns/

There is **MASSIVE** fraud taking place in COVID-19 reporting, which is clearly occurring for political purposes and should be declared a criminal act.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/covid-tests-are-deliberately-being-used-for-politicalpurposes/

I do not support people like Soros or Bill Gates using their money to take over huge swaths of government.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/history/europes-economic-history/was-genoa-the-best-form-of-government/ Many states have directed pharmacies to refuse to honor a doctor's prescription for hydroxychloroquine when there are previous studies by the NIH that have shown the drug works on coronaviruses that attack the lungs. This entire pandemic has become a tool for political change.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/doctors-appear-in-washington-to-protest-against-paniccreated-by-media-over-covid/

This coronavirus has been a political coup, and we are heading into a confusing time for markets as well as politics. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/australia-oceania/wheat-the-4th-quarter-2020/

The real sad change in politics has been just to win votes from people by saying anything and just installing figure-heads while the Deep State really runs the show.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/the-degeneration-or-politics/

Governments are using this virus for some of the most communistic, authoritarian, and draconian regulations that are in conflict with any idea of human rights or a free society.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/tyranny/german-states-threat-to-take-children-from-parents-if-they-suspectcoronavirus/

All career politicians are a problem for they lack contact with the people. Longer-term, this form of government I seriously doubt will last. This is the very same problem of corruption that infected the Roman Republic which ended in the civil war and then Imperial Rome began. If you look at Athens, there was a constant battle between the oligarchy and those who were Democrats. Representative government has never been sustainable because politicians can be bribed. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/left-right-middle-inevitable/

Many are starting to question if Gates or others have simply bribed politicians to turn against their own people in these dramatic ways.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/uncategorized/police-in-australia-have-gone-nuts/

Schwab and his World Economic Forum in Davos is a critical factor to influence all world politicians to accept this Gates-Schwab Agenda. Add to this George Soros and his drive to overthrow governments to forge his vision of a one-world government. This is not speculation. This is an agenda that Soros has well designed calling it his Open Society. Yet it is Schwab who has put on the line the World Economic Forum to push his Great Reset.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/the-real-masters-behind-the-scenes/

We are looking at politicians around the world. It makes no sense with such a low death rate that is equivalent to the flu and all the forecasts of Neil Ferguson have proven false that they would continue these lockdowns. It makes no sense. They are either deliberately hurting people or they have been bribed by the consortium to further the Great Reset. I am open to any other explanation. Even moderate Democrats are not comfortable with what is taking place. This is a deliberate agenda to destroy the economy to rebuild it GREEN.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/the-covid-bait-switch/

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https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/the-degeneration-or-politics/

Politicians fail to consider the economic implications of changes the tax code. If taxes are too erratic, that introduces political risk and business will move elsewhere just for security. Politicians ascribe to Karl Marx who empowered all governments with the idea that they possess the power to manipulate the economy and society by regulation. All economists have accepted that Marxist principle and as such they ascribe to the principle that government can intervene and manage the economy.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/political-analysis/

It is just amazing how corrupt the politicians are and the media to constantly misrepresent the character of the people who disagree with Gates and Schwab with his World Economic Forum.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/berlin-protest-is-multi-national-and-huge/

These politicians know full well that there is no pandemic. They are deliberately doing this because their economies are collapsing and using this virus is the best way to pretend they are protecting the people while they are preparing to try to reorganize the economy and cleverly default on national debts.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/britain/the-insanity-of-boris-johnson-the-destruction-of-britain/ The Democrats are approaching the military to remove Trump as long as the major press declares Biden the winner. They also have the intelligence agencies in their back pocket.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/the-democrats-are-indeed-looking-for-a-coup-detat/ In Thailand, there were 58 deaths from this virus, yet 2,551 suicides because of losing everything. This virus has impacted absolutely everybody. No politician in their right mind would do this unless they are being bribed.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/markets-by-sector/precious-metals/gold/gold-repo-crisis-new-green-world-order/ These politicians know full well that there is no pandemic. They are deliberately doing this because their economies are collapsing and using this virus is the best way to pretend they are protecting the people while they are preparing to try to reorganize the economy and cleverly default on national debts.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/britain/the-insanity-of-boris-johnson-the-destruction-of-britain/ We really need to know if politicians took bribes to pull this off for the Great Reset, or were they acting out of stupidity because everyone else was locking down.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/covid-hoax-more-more-people-are-coming-out-around-the-world/

The Democrats are working in tandem with this globalist agenda to subjugate all freedoms and impose dictatorial socialistic policies that will lead to civil war.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/the-2020-election-buckel-up-for-the-most-corrupt-violentelection-in-history/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/who-will-really-be-running-the-government-behind-biden/ https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/united-nations-trying-to-influence-us-election-against-trump/ https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/letter-to-your-politician-worldwide/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/products_services/products/coronavirus-the-socialist-revolution/ Conclusion Page 189 https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/co2-0-04-of-the-atmosphere-its-all-propaganda-for-socialism/

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https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/tag/panic-cycle/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/north_america/americas-current-economy/the-confessions-ofcongressman-x/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/armstrongeconomics101/economics/government-media-induced-psychological-terrorism/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/tag/political-indoctrination/

Armstrong gives insight into the complicity of many in the mainstream press and in social media providers.

The Media's Conspiracy Against the People | Armstrong Economics

Never in the history of the United States has such a misinformation/propaganda campaign been waged against the people by the media.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/press/the-medias-conspiracy-against-the-people/

Nikita Khrushchev, the former head of the Soviet Union, made a famous statement about the press: "The press is our chief ideological weapon." The press is a very dangerous tool, and it is clearly degenerating in the United States.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/press/the-press-is-always-the-chief-ideological-weapon-to-brainwash-the-people/

There is a civil war inside the New York Times as is the case in just about every major newspaper. This war is emerging between the young journalists and the 40+ old-wing liberals who have lost their way and surrendered all ethics of what was once journalism. What has changed is that the classically liberal process has transformed from investigative objectivity to always criticizing in public any opposition which in itself requires that one holds certain opposite convictions which means any objectivity has been surrendered.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/press/civil-war-inside-mainstream-newspapers/

There is civil unrest rising within the major media institutions in Europe and the United States including the New York Times, Philadelphia Inquirer, Washington Post just for example. The younger generation journalists are starting to rebel against management for the fake news

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/rule-of-law/civil-unrest-in-media-the-supreme-courts-wrongful-decision/

Journalists have not gotten the message — they are now viewed even below police as a trusted ethical profession in society. They spend all their time trying to scare people and disregard the economic havoc they have caused, no less the massive job loss and futures they have destroyed. About 30% of mortgages are behind and commercial property has crashed and burned.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/refusing-to-wear-masks-in-the-south/

We have a very serious crisis unfolding and the left has seized control of social media including Wikipedia. Larry Sanger, the co-founder of Wikipedia, published a <u>blog post</u> this month declaring that the online encyclopedia's "neutral point of view" policy is "dead" due to the wholesale assault by the left-wing bias of the site.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/wikipedia-youtube-facebook-twitter-are-all-social-media-is-being-manipulated-by-the-left/

Meanwhile, YouTube is in an all-out war against free speech. They will use any excuse they can use to remove content exposing the false evidence of this virus. Now, they are even supporting the climate change agenda as they removed Michael Moore's documentary exposing the fake agenda of that movement. We have Twitter claiming it has a

right to do fact-checking only on Trump. They do not fact check the WHO, Fauci, Bill Gates, or the CDC. We have Twitter entering political censorship if it disagrees with their political agenda.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/is-it-time-to-throw-every-politician-out-of-office-who-imposed-lockdowns/

What is truly amazing is how the mainstream media is so intent upon just accepting whatever Bill Gates says and his entire agenda without the slightest bit of investigation.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/gates-eugenics-end-goal-population-control/

Ironically, now hospitals are in danger of going bankrupt. We were told that we had to flatten the curve because there were not enough bed spaces. Then they did the subtle switch and the lockdown was justified until COVID-19 was eradicated. The interesting thing is how many institutions are sending us various materials because mainstream media will not cover it when it goes against their position of maintaining this lockdown. They are endangering our lives for political nonsense by refusing to report the truth.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/hospitals-are-empty-going-broke-as-normal-healthcare-has-been-suspended/

The press has hyped this up the coronavirus beyond all reason to just terrify people in hopes of influencing the election as they accused Putin of doing. If Putin influenced the 2016 election, he did it respectfully. This is diabolical and deliberately harming people which violates the manipulating market legislation. The FBI should be launching a probe now into the media which has been supporting this lockdown. Any journalist who also sold out all his stock while writing on this issue NEEDS to be investigated!

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/its-time-to-investigate-journalists-for-inside-trading/

The media has completely shifted their 24/7, 365, coverage of the coronavirus over to the worldwide protests and the racial war narrative. So, according to the media, I guess the coronavirus is no longer a concern.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/press/is-covid-19-over/

The level of corruption that I believe Bill Gates has funded in health and energy is simply beyond description. But he also controls much of the media right down to the BBC in London, which accepts money from him to cover health. There is NOBODY in the media willing to investigate this consortium. They are signing their own death warrants, but for now, they enjoy the free money and never look past the end of their nose.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/faucis-wife-control-approval-of-gates-vaccines/

There are about 9.5 million people who die every year from cancer compared to Bill Gates' virus of fewer than 500,000 deaths worldwide. About 645,000 die of heart attacks annually. There are about 15.2 million deaths annually from various diseases. We do not hear about that every night on CNN delivering a daily death count. If they did, it would probably also change behavior.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/russia/gates-dream-of-controlling-the-world-is-hitting-a-brick-wall/ This is the real news that the elitist leftist press will not cover because it exposes the irresponsibility of both Bill Gates, his

Foundation, and the WHO with no regard to the dangers they have inflicted upon the entire world. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/what-gates-who-have-done-to-third-world-countries-is-criminal/

Forbes Magazine published an article by a climate expert admitting this has been a mistake. They were forced to retract the article showing that the climate change movement has a lot of political power.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/forbes-bows-to-climate-change-censorship/ The media and politicians have no problem with people losing their jobs, their homes unable to earn income, the

destruction of the food supply, and imprisoning the population as a whole when there is **NO** such historical precedent for such action in 6,000 years of recorded history. You quarantine the sick – not everyone. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/lockdowns-when-will-the-end/

That is why **CNN, Washington Post,** and the **New York Times** celebrate him for he has inflicted more damage on the average person than anyone in history after Marx. Why this media is so against the country and deliberately trying to harm the average person simply for political objectives is disgusting.

<u>https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/lockdowns-when-will-the-end/</u> Youtube Has Removed the Video of the Front Line Doctors calling it FAKE news because it challenges not just the WHO, but Bill Gates, the entire Democratic position against Trump, and the media itself which refuses to allow any contrary view. The freedom of speech does not allow Google, Youtube, CNN, Washington Post to deliberately censor news. This is becoming very abusive and clearly a threat to National Security.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/press/youtube-is-engaged-in-sedition-to-overthrow-the-government/ https://www.rev.com/blog/transcripts/americas-frontline-doctors-scotus-press-conference-transcript I am getting a lot of emails from Germany saying the government and the press have grossly downplayed the number of people out there for the protest. This is just more of the same trying to convince people only the lunatic fringe disagrees with the lockdowns.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/german-protest-was-seriously-understated-by-government-media/

You do not destroy the economy and people's futures, pensions, and employment for such a virus. Socrates has from the start projected that this was tremendously exaggerated and whipped up into a panic by the left media. CNN, New York Times, and Washington Post have been doing everything in their power to destroy the country.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/trudeau-using-covid-to-push-his-green-agenda-in-canada/ As expected, **Facebook** is hard at work preventing postings of Berlin in support of Bill Gates. Facebook's policies of suppressing the truth should disqualify them as a social media platform and should be shut down as propaganda promoters against the Constitutional principles of a free society.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/civil-unrest/berlin-protest-going-forward-8-29-2020/

The government creates that story and then they are on the phone to the press who only report that to discourage others from ever joining a march. The press is in on this and they are doing everything in their power to subjugate the people. https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/politics/storming-the-reichstag-another-false-flag-by-the-government/

The death rate of 175,000 Americans out of 328 million is about half a percent. Yet CNN constantly terrorizes people every day reporting how many cases and deaths. Yet about 647,000 Americans die from heart disease each year—that's 1 in every 4 deaths according to the CDC. They do not report that every single day. According to the Association for Safe International Road Travel, about 1.35 million people die in road crashes each year, on average 3,700 people lose their lives every day on the roads. An additional 20-50 million suffer non-fatal injuries, often resulting in long-term disabilities. The U.S. traffic fatality rate is 12.4 deaths per 100,000 inhabitants.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/corruption/patenting-viruses-can-only-be-done-if-they-are-created-in-a-lab/ The press has always been a major tool to create revolutions.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/press/fake-news-has-been-around-for-thousands-of-years/ The leftist media is continuously supporting the overthrow of our democracy. They remain dishonest propaganda artists who threaten our very way of life. Once again, we have the media trying to convince us to surrender all our freedoms to create a better world that they dream of along with all other Marxists.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/press/the-ny-times-supported-stalin-communism-as-the-way-to-the-future/ This is indeed a conspiracy by those running Twitter to YouTube to suppress the truth and further the destruction of all our rights and freedoms. This is about supporting an agenda to crash the economy for their precious Great Reset that they could not accomplish by a democratic process.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/climate/less-than-15000-people-have-died-from-covid-with-other-causesunder-55/

This is no longer the "free press" for they interpret that as being free to twist the truth to what they want you to believe. Journalists are even less trusted than police according to Gallup.

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/world-news/press/journalist-are-less-trusted-than-police/

https://www.armstrongeconomics.com/international-news/disease/covid-deaths-are-only-9000/

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Armstrong reports on Protests Are Rising Worldwide Against these Lockdowns in a way that the mainstream press does not. Protests Against Lockdown in Berlin

Berlin Protest is Multi-National and Huge

Huge Protests in Germany Against Government's Lockdowns

German Protest was Seriously Understated by Government and Media

European Civil Unrest Erupting in Germany & the Netherlands

Paris Erupts into Protests Against Macron & Lockdowns

Thousands Protest Lockdowns in Ireland

Tens of Thousands Protest in Victoria After Andrews Arrests a Pregnant Woman

If You Want to See A Police State – Look At Australia.

Police Infiltrating Protests

London Freedom Protest September 19, 2020

What and who – I get it that some people do not know what to believe. One way of approaching this question is to ask who to believe.

On the one hand, there is Gates, Fauci, and Ferguson.



William Henry Gates III



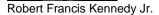
Anthony Stephen Fauci

On the other hand, there is Kennedy, Mikovits, and Armstrong.



Neil Morris Ferguson





Judy Anne Mikovits

I choose to disbelieve the former and believe the latter.



Martin Arthur Armstrong

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and World Health Organization (WHO) – I participated in 2 travel seminars at my own expense with Lutheran World Relief to Peru and Bolivia in in South America and to Senegal, Mauritania, Niger, and Mali in West Africa as well as 2 travel seminars at my own expense with the Center for Global Education and Experience | Augsburg University to Mexico, El Salvador, and Nicaragua in Central America and to the Philippines in Southeast Asia. I shared my learning experiences as part of the booklets in the Rural Ministry Resources. My will states that the bulk of my estate is to go to LWR. LWR is a strong, efficient, faith-based, international relief organization. The philosophy of LWR is accompaniment, and the practice is context appropriate. After reading Gates' Globalist Vaccine Agenda: A Win-Win for Pharma and Mandatory Vaccination by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., I ask, "Why would anyone donate to the World Health Organization?" "Chemically sterilizing millions of unwilling Kenyan women" under the pretense of vaccines goes against my values. I do not want my tax dollars to support such an agenda let alone personal donations.

<u>Be careful what you ask for</u> – When I hear well-meaning people dutifully repeating the Gates' line that life cannot go back to truly normal until there is a mass development and production of vaccine for basically the entire world, I think of the article Robert F. Kennedy Jr: Bill Gates Is Obsessed With Vaccines And 'Seems Fueled By A Messianic Conviction' That He Is Destined To 'Save The World With Technology And A God-like Willingness To Experiment On The Lives Of Lesser Humans' and ask myself, "Do these people have any idea what they are asking for?" In addition, most vaccines are effective 40% to 60% of the time at best and new vaccines may need to be developed to meet each new mutation. The experimental vaccine program in Italy does not inspire confidence when Italy became an epicenter for the virus. Do these people dedicated to protecting the most vulnerable in the congregations, the elderly, and those with underlying health conditions show the same degree of consideration for those in other parts of the world who have suffered the adverse consequences from the actions and experiments of Gates and the WHO?

Archimedes stated, "Give me a place to stand and with a lever I will move the whole world."

The co-founder of Microsoft has leveraged his unimaginable wealth to exercise unimaginable power.

As a software engineer, he stated his goal to put "a computer on every desk, and in every home, running Microsoft software." (Gates 1981). It was his intent to destroy the competition to dominate the industry.

As a social engineer, the co-founder of Microsoft turned philanthropist acted the part of the ultimate COVID-19 scare alarmist sounding the alarm on COVID-19 with a 4/2 Opinion | Bill Gates: Here's how to make up for lost time on covid-19 insisting "on a nationwide approach to shutting down," and the ultimate climate change alarmist sounding the alarm on the climate with a 8/4 COVID-19 is awful. Climate change could be worse. | Bill Gates that "we also need to act now to avoid a climate disaster."

Was it his intent to leverage the virus threat to collapse the economy in order to re-engineer his New Green World Order? Is this leverage the ultimate Hegelian Dialectic of a false flag in a Problem-Reaction-Solution maneuver?

Is the world safer now or worse off? As far as justifying this maneuver, "Was it necessary to destroy in order to save?"

Is he a savior? Is he a dark lord? Is he a hero? Is he a villain? Is he a rescuer? Is he a usurper? Is he a benefactor? Is he a dictator? Is he the answer to the pandemic? Is he the architect of the plandemic?

Is he the one great hope? Is he the grand master of manipulation and monopolization?

Is Robert F. Kennedy Jr. right when he claims, "Vaccines, for Bill Gates, are a strategic philanthropy that feed his many vaccine-related businesses (including Microsoft's ambition to control a <u>global vaccination ID enterprise</u>) and give him dictatorial control of global health

policy" and that protests are to be commended against "Bill Gates' bio security agenda, rise of authoritarian surveillance state + Pharm sponsored coup d'etat against liberal democracy?'

Is Klaus Schwab right when he asserts, "If in the 22nd century a book will be written about the entrepreneur of the 21st century, I'm sure — or even of the 20th century — I'm sure that the person who will foremost come to the mind of those historians is certainly Bill Gates." Bill Gates: World Economic Forum 2008 – Stories <u>Remarks by Bill Gates</u>, <u>Chairman, Microsoft Corporation World Economic Forum 2008 "A New Approach to Capitalism in the 21st Century" Davos, Switzerland Jan. 24, 2008</u> and that the WEF is justified to claim, "The pandemic represents a rare but narrow window of opportunity to reflect, reimagine, and reset our world?"

Are COVID-19 scare alarmism and climate scare alarmism the psychological warfare to pull off a coup d'etat of democracies around the world and in the United States in order to supplant them with an authoritarian surveillance state?

Is The Great Reset | World Economic Forum justified in stating, "As we enter a unique window of opportunity to shape the recovery, this initiative will offer insights to help inform all those determining the future state of global relations, the direction of national economics, the priorities of societies, the nature of business models and the management of a global commons."?

Who wants to be a Collaborator with Gates' Agenda for the World? Who wants to be a Confessor of God's Purpose for the World? Who wants to follow the creed of In Gates We Trust? Who wants to live in Bill's World? Bill Gates – Wikipedia-Gates also said: "I agree with people like Richard Dawkins that mankind felt the need for creation myths. Before we really began to understand disease and the weather and things like that, we sought false explanations for them. Now science has filled in some of the realm – not all – that religion used to fill. But the mystery and the beauty of the world is overwhelmingly amazing, and there's no scientific explanation of how it came about. To say that it was generated by random numbers, that does seem, you know, sort of an uncharitable view [laughs]. I think it makes sense to believe in God, but exactly what decision in your life you make differently because of it, I don't know."^[159]

As for me, I prefer to trust in God, to live in God's world, The Creation of the World - In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Images for In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth

and to care for the world God made.

 What Does the Bible Say About Taking Care Of The Earth?

 https://www.openbible.info/topics/taking_care_of_the_earth

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 https://www.patheos.com/blogs/christiancrier/2015/06/23/top-7-bible-verses-about-taking-care-of-the-earth/

 https://insider.pureflix.com/prayer-faith/10-bible-verses-reveal-how-god-wants-us-to-treat-the-earth

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 https://answersingenesis.org/environmental-science/stewardship/should-we-take-care-of-the-earth/

My identity is rooted in Jesus of Nazareth

who was baptized in the waters of the River Jordan and who was blessed by a voice from heaven, The Baptism of Jesus - 13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased. Matthew 3:13-17 Images for Baptism of Jesus who rebuffed the tempter,

The Temptation of Jesus

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.' But he answered, 'It is written,

"One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." '

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you",

and "On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." '

Jesus said to him, 'Again it is written, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." '

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ' Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. Matthew 4: 1-11 - oremus Bible Browser http://bible.oremus.org/?ql=355915148 Images for Temptation of Jesus

and of whom it was said on Golgotha. ^{(For God so loved the world} that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16 Images for John 3:16 16 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son

I intend to continue in the covenant God made with me in holy baptism:

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I intend to remain available to carry out my call as a rostered minister with the help of God and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Chapter 9.

ROSTERED MINISTER

*C9.03. Consistent with the faith and practice of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,

- a. Every minister of Word and Sacrament shall:
 - 1) preach the Word;
 - 2) administer the sacraments;
 - 3) conduct public worship;
 - 4) provide pastoral care;
 - 5) seek out and encourage qualified persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel;
 - 6) impart knowledge of this church and its wider ministry through available channels of effective communication;
 - 7) witness to the Kingdom of God in the community, in the nation, and abroad; and
 - 8) speak publicly to the world in solidarity with the poor and oppressed, calling for justice and proclaiming God's love for the world.
- b. Each pastor with a congregational call shall, within the congregation:
 - 1) offer instruction, confirm, marry, visit the sick and distressed, and bury the dead;
 - 2) relate to all schools and organizations of this congregation;
 - 3) install regularly elected members of the Congregation Council;
 - 4) with the council, administer discipline;
 - 5) endeavor to increase the support given by the congregation to the work of the churchwide organization and of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin; and
 - 6) encourage adherence to covenantal relationship with this church as expressed in the *Constitutions, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.*

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