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1992-2020

Back in 1992, when I graduated from high school and first voted in a Presidential election, I probably had about a 75% stake in supporting and participating in the System — Government, State, Deep State, Global Elites, GloboCap, Uniparty¹ — call it what you like. I planned to follow local, state and national politics, get involved in various grassroots campaigns and vote every couple of years.

By 1996, I was a full-time reporter at a small-town western Massachusetts newspaper. I had a little salary and a little apartment. And while I knew there were lines that shouldn't be crossed for fear of angering advertisers to pull their ad revenue, the box inside the lines was pretty big. Reporters could do a fair amount of digging, expose a little bit of corruption, call for a little bit of accountability and have some confidence that editors would allow most of it into print.

My stake in the System was roughly 70%. I understood corruption and corporate profiteering by that time: the destruction of Main Street small businesses, jobs and local economies by Wal-Mart was a big issue for lots of people back then.

But I also thought the System had some feedback loops — decent media reporting, trustworthy elections, open policy debates among dissenting members of legislatures, mostly fair courts — that sometimes worked to reduce corruption and improve things for ordinary working people.

By 2000, I was a bit more skeptical. I'd entered and quickly backed out of a pompous, elitist graduate program in philosophy, moved out west and given birth to my first child in a dysfunctional health care system. I was raising him in a dysfunctional social system. I was only intermittently employed, mostly restaurant back-of-house, and when working as a reporter for a business newspaper, found that the lines had tightened more than a little. It was still possible to write and publish about corruption and reform potential, but less so than before.

I think I voted for Nader in 2000, and then watched the Bush-Gore legal battle play out from Florida to the Supreme Court. I noticed that the feedback loops of dissident access to fair media coverage, election integrity standards, and impartial courts were not doing well.

My buy-in to the System dropped to about 60%.

About

Bailiwick News is an independent newspaper founded in 2016 to offer in-depth, long-form, contextualized investigative reporting and critical analysis of Centre County public affairs, with a focus on public corruption, government accountability and ecological resilience.

It's published by KW Investigations LLC, which is incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

In April 2020, publishing and distribution migrated from Wordpress and Mailchimp to Substack.

In September 2020, publishing stopped due to the author's fears related to rampant censorship, cancel culture and dissent-crushing that escalated during 2020.

Publishing resumed in January 2021 with political and social commentary due to the author's decision that it would be better to go out fighting than go down in complicit silence.

Back issues are available in PDF format at Bailiwick News Archives.

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Why is it called Bailiwick News?

The newspaper is called *Bailiwick News* to reflect the status of the civilian population as subjects in a neo-feudal system of oppression, rather than self-governing citizens in a functioning Constitutional republic.

Legislatures and courts uphold the subjugation of the citizenry by enforcing two, unequal sets of laws: one for corporate interests, concentrating power in the hands of corporate profiteers through legal tools used to trample public interests and destroy ecosystems, and another for individuals, stripping them of legal means to throw off profit-driven, bureaucratically-managed oppression.

Bailiwick News supports the work of reforming or replacing current legal, political and economic systems to restore the power of individual citizens to meaningfully govern the affairs of our own lives and our communities.

¹ <https://www.conservapedia.com/Uniparty>

I lived in New York City on 9/11, and watched in horror as the natural blowback of decades of deadly American imperial interference² in the Middle East, for control of other people's oil reserves, was rapidly converted into a story of unprovoked attack by evil Muslims who "hate us for our freedoms."³

The false, ahistorical storyline was in turn used to "justify" and launch roundups of Muslim-Americans⁴, extraordinary renditions⁵ to black sites in foreign countries, the Patriot Act⁶, and waterboarding and other torture⁷ of prisoners, some now detained at Guantanamo Bay⁸ almost two decades without charge or trial. It was also used to "justify" the Authorization for Use of Military Force⁹ (opposed at the time by only one Congresswoman - Barbara Lee of California).

The AUMF triggered military invasions and occupations of Afghanistan in October 2001, with no evidence of Afghani state-support for Osama bin Laden and the 9/11 bombers but plenty of evidence for American CIA support¹⁰. A little over a year later, it formed the legal basis for the invasion and occupation of Iraq in March 2003, based on lies about weapons of mass destruction told to Congress and the public by government officials and amplified by mainstream journalists at mainstream outlets, led by Judith Miller at the New York Times.¹¹

I marched in the streets of New York City with thousands of others, opposing American war-making in Afghanistan and Iraq, and watched as the mainstream media marginalized everything about those antiwar positions, protests and protestors.

My stake in the System dropped to about 45%.

American troops are still active in those war zones almost 20 years later. The AUMF, written with "no geographic restrictions and no time limits" to circumvent the Constitutional and 1973 War Powers Resolution requirements that Congress co-authorize wars with the President, has now formed the legal basis for "counterterrorism" actions in 80 countries, and combat operations in 14.¹²

And supranational corporate war profiteers are still profiteering.

By 2004, we were living in a small working-class city in New Jersey, I was working part-time as a paralegal (learning the legal system from inside) and started to take a closer look at local government as a potential source of grassroots reform.

I figured, if ordinary people protesting and letter writing, and voting every couple of years can't make a dent in GloboCap's Uniparty dominance at the national level, maybe there's still some good to be done at the community level. Maybe local government corruption can be meaningfully exposed and reduced. Maybe local government reform can really make things better for working people, at least in their own communities.

I also thought Dennis Kucinich was a pretty great presidential candidate, what with his courageous antiwar positions in Congress. I worked on his campaign, leading to my first run-in with the law, as I was detained curbside for hanging fliers on telephone poles and other public places in downtown Plainfield. The officer called my driver's license in to dispatch looking for active warrants on "Whisky-Alpha-Tango-Tango." The foot patrol officer - and the occupants of the cruiser he called for backup - were unpersuaded by my suggestion that posting fliers for a political candidate's upcoming political speech is protected First Amendment activity. I was let go with a warning and an instruction to retrace my steps and remove the fliers.

Stake in the system dropped to about 35%.

In 2005, I gave birth to my second child, still in a dysfunctional health care and social support system, and increasingly blocked from paid employment by child care costs and my disagreeable penchant for critical thinking. I began independent blogging¹³ and connected with the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund. CELDF had been developing a new organizing framework, promoting a rights-based approach¹⁴ to local control to block harmful corporate-state activity, and exposing the futility of the traditional regulatory framework (DEP permits, inspections, fines etc.)

² <https://www.counterpunch.org/2016/03/30/islamic-extremism-is-a-product-of-western-imperialism/>

³ <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2001/sep/21/september11.usa13>

⁴ <https://ccrjustice.org/home/press-center/press-releases/muslim-arab-south-asian-men-rounded-post-911-based-racial-religious>

⁵ <https://www.britannica.com/topic/extraordinary-rendition>

⁶ <https://www.britannica.com/topic/USA-PATRIOT-Act>

⁷ <https://www.politico.com/story/2014/08/john-brennan-torture-cia-109654>

⁸ https://www.democracynow.org/2021/1/12/headlines/guantanamo_bay_prison_starts_20th_year_of_indefinite_detentions

⁹ <https://bipartisanpolicy.org/blog/what-the-aumf-is-and-why-you-should-care-2018/>

¹⁰ <https://newsone.com/1205745/cia-osama-bin-laden-al-qaeda/>

¹¹ <https://www.smh.com.au/opinion/the-new-york-times-role-in-promoting-war-on-iraq-20040323-gdilbl.html>

¹² <https://www.businesswire.com/news/home/20190619005813/en/House-Votes-Repeal-Authorization-Military-Force>

¹³ <http://tideshift.blogspot.com/>

¹⁴ <https://celdf.org/advancing-community-rights/>

I co-founded my first community organization -- North Plainfield Citizens for Community Rights¹⁵ -- and embarked on my first local government-scale political campaign, related to land use, historical preservation, food security, real estate development, flood plains, and watershed management. Learned a lot, stirred the pot.

Stake in the system inched up to maybe 36%, but the main lessons I took from it was that local governments and court systems are just as corrupt and impervious to standard political feedback tools as national governments and court systems, and that New Jersey was too-population-dense and paved-over a place to live for people interested in food and water security.

By 2008, we had moved to State College, specifically seeking a small town in an agricultural county with opportunities to support local food systems and grow more of our own. I don't remember who I voted for. It may have been Ralph Nader, it may have been Cynthia McKinney (another courageous anti-war Congressional voice in the post-9/11 era.) It may have been Barack Obama; I may have fallen for the whole hopey-changey thing.

Didn't work out. Obama and his Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, enjoyed sending American troops to bomb the snot out of people all over the world, and take out their leaders, and steal their resources, and destroy their public infrastructure, and turn it over to American corporate profiteers for rebuilding, just as much as Bush I, Bush II and Clinton had.

The 111th Congress — like all prior and since — enjoyed supporting and funding this imperialism, and exporting manufacturing jobs, and financializing the housing market, and myriad other anti-working-class activities.

In 2012, I voted for Jill Stein, and in 2016, as already noted,¹⁶ I just stayed home.

By January 2020, through working the previous dozen years on Centre Region local food campaigns, farmland and watershed protection campaigns, anti-gas-pipelines-in-residential-neighborhood campaigns and anti-corruption-in-Centre-County-prosecution-and-judiciary campaigns, and running for Borough Council in 2019, my stake in the System had dropped again.¹⁷

It stood at about 10%.

I finally understood that engagement through issue research, writing, organizing and campaigning was pointless. Local government capture is complete and irreversible.

Unelected, unrecallable managerial technocrats (the Steffs, Fountaines, Kunkles and Grays of the local “public service” world) operate in secret, unrecorded meetings — the monthly “managers meeting” — on behalf of private corporate profiteers, with Penn State and real estate investment trusts at the head of the line.

They are “overseen” by clueless, rubber-stamping elected legislators through self-selecting Democratic Party committees at procedurally-dysfunctional and dissent-suppressing public meetings, with corrupt county and state judges as backstop.

Then along came Covid.

With endless lockdowns, school and business closures, mask mandates and experimental “vaccine” propaganda.

2020

In mid-March, I thought we would stay home for two weeks to “flatten the curve” and allow rebalancing of medical resources. I thought that made a lot of sense.

Two weeks passed, the restrictions stayed, and early dissenters began examining historical precedents for managing pandemic respiratory viruses and emerging data sets about Covid infections and cross-immunity with earlier coronaviruses, using what was once considered standard scientific skepticism and hypothesis testing.

In early April, I thought we would get our right to self-determination back in six to eight weeks, when the spring peak of infections had passed.

Two months passed, and Deep State, government functionaries and media propagandists kept the restrictions in place: schools closed, businesses closed, libraries and government offices closed, big box stores open, Amazon and other Big Tech profiteering galore. Public compliance with lockdown and masking policies continued*, and demonization of dissenters escalated.

9...8...7%.

At the end of May, when the first peak was past, I thought we would get our civil liberties and local economies back by July, when the Democratic convention was over and the government and media had consolidated the nomination of a well-groomed System politician to occupy the “D” side of the November ballot, opposite the Bad Orange Man.

¹⁵ <https://communityrights.wordpress.com/>

¹⁶ <https://bailiwicknews.substack.com/p/still-whittling>

¹⁷ <https://bailiwicknewsarchives.files.wordpress.com/2020/09/1.17.20-bailiwick-news.pdf>

In June and July, the rolling lockdowns continued, riots broke out in cities across the country, and I watched the rollout of the Transition Integrity Project¹⁸ with a wary eye, alert to the high likelihood that it was more a psychological tool for social control and election manipulation than a good faith effort to promote election integrity.

Conducted, written and disseminated by the Uniparty at least four months before the election, the TIP preemptively de-legitimized one potential election outcome (a Trump win), and pre-legitimized the other potential outcome (a Biden win). It was an exercise in priming uncritical audiences to view the summer riots as a justifiable mass extortion scheme.¹⁹

“Give us,” the System’s string-pullers said to the People preparing to vote, “the impotent figurehead *we* want, or we’ll stand idly watching while a multiracial assortment of unemployed young adults literally burns your businesses, your jobs, your homes and your local economies to the ground.”

After July, after the DNC convention came and went, I thought that maybe when the general election was over, regardless of which candidate won, the government and media would stop mass testing with the useless RT-PCR test,²⁰ stop mask mandates and business and school closures, stop generally interfering in our rights to go to work and run our businesses, move and assemble freely.

We would be allowed full opportunities to get on with our personal and work lives, and support our devastated small and mid-sized businesses by engaging in trade without arbitrary dress codes, occupancy limits and lines and dots pasted on the floor.

But sometime between June and November, as the System’s media organs continued to attack and suppress all dissenting voices, the World Health Organization changed the definition of herd immunity²¹ at its website, to remove it from the category of means by which pandemics historically, naturally and immunologically end as viruses become endemic, leaving *only* widespread uptake of experimental “vaccination” as the System-sanctioned, and highly profitable for Big Pharma, pathway to freedom for the proles.

6...5...4%

September came, and some universities, including Penn State, maintained in-person classes despite spiking “case” rates driven by RT-PCR tests (mostly run at 37-40²² cycles in U.S. states) amplifying dead fragments of viral material beyond any clinically significant limits.

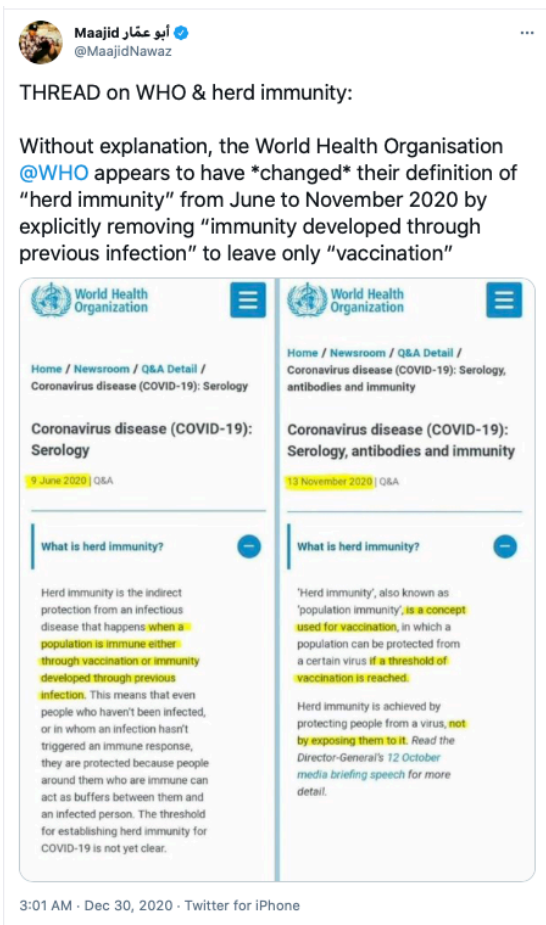
I thought this fact, driven though it was by basic financial interests in tuition and housing payments, would influence government functionaries and media propagandists, and K-12 public school boards, and the county would open fully with no mask mandates, lines on the floor, Plexiglass barricades and occupancy limits.

Didn’t happen, and the level of rage directed at dissenters hit a new high.

In early October, the Great Barrington Declaration²³ was released, and its call for “focused protection,” prominent scientist authors, and professional and civilian signatories were brutally attacked by every one of the System’s media organs.

In mid-October, the Deep State and tech monopolies coordinated to suppress²⁴ distribution of a *New York Post* investigation into corruption by Hunter Biden, son of the Democratic presidential candidate, lest the revelations sway voters in swing states to prefer the Bad Orange Man over Joe Biden.

In late-October, Danish newspapers reported²⁵ that a study of the results of the only randomized controlled trial (RCT) of masking in the general population had been rejected by three scientific journals over the summer for apparently political reasons. The study - which found no public health benefit of mask mandates for the general public



¹⁸ <https://conspiracyanalyst.org/2020/09/05/transition-integrity-project-is-this-soros-linked-group-plotting-a-color-revolution-against-president-trump/>

¹⁹ <https://babylonbee.com/news/democrats-reveal-they-have-planted-dynamite-all-around-nation-and-will-blow-it-up-if-biden-isnt-elected/>

²⁰ <https://anti-empire.com/fauci-himself-admits-covid-pcr-test-at-over-35-cycles-is-deceitful-worse-than-useless/>

²¹ <https://twitter.com/MaajidNawaz/status/1344191957531316224>

²² <https://americantruthtoday.com/left-news/2021/01/05/fda-admits-pcr-tests-give-false-results-prepares-ground-for-biden-to-crush-casedemic/>

²³ <https://gbdeclaration.org/>

²⁴ <https://greenwald.substack.com/p/article-on-joe-and-hunter-biden-censored>

²⁵ <https://swprs.org/the-suppressed-danish-mask-study/>

- was finally published Nov. 18, 2020²⁶ by the Annals of Medicine. The System's media organs misrepresented its findings or simply refused to report on them.

3...2...1%

November 3 - The Election

On November 3, the general election in the United States finally happened.

But the results were close and tabulation anomalies were many.

The System's federal officials rushed to declare it "the most secure in American history"²⁷ within days of the polls closing, before evidence collection and legal challenges had gotten underway, and before initial counts were even complete in several jurisdictions.

This was a massive, tragic strategic error by the System.

Not because Trump won, or deserved to win, or any other reason specific to Trump the man.

Indeed, Trump and his inner circle apparently made all the wrong decisions²⁸ on the path to collect ballot verification and voting machine data in disputed swing state cities, analyze it and make appropriate fraud claims in appropriate courts. That's apparently down to Rudy Giuliani, who was mostly drunk, had no strategic plan, and focused on procedural claims rather than substantive ones. It's also plausible that the lack of coherent effort was because Trump himself didn't really want another four years in office.

Those Trump-specific details don't matter.

The System should have taken voting and ballot-counting fraud claims seriously and pulled out all the stops to get to the bottom of what happened with those mail-in envelopes and in the computers, in those anomalous Democrat-controlled cities in crucial swing states, on and after November 3, for the sake of its own future.

The System depended on maintaining the last few grains of buy-in from the 75 million or so voters who knew exactly who the System-preferred candidate was thanks to years of wall-to-wall Trump demonization and tried to vote for Trump anyway.

Those voters had strong reason to believe their votes would count less than the System's preferred votes (*see* TIP) and suspected that the System wouldn't care at all how their arrogance and hubris²⁹ came across to the downtrodden.

The System's heavy-handed response confirmed their suspicion beyond all doubt.

Those deplorables, including me, now have zero stake in the System.

0%.

Instead, the System barreled on, assuming its power to memory-hole the lessons of the previous five years is undiminished.

I'm not sure that's a safe bet. I think a whole lot of Trump supporters, and non-voting bystanders, have been watching and learning.

We watched the Democratic wing of the System model how to handle electoral loss after 2015. Rig your primaries³⁰ to exclude popular candidates who generate authentic voter enthusiasm among your grassroots base. Rig media coverage of your opponents' party to elevate the weakest candidate you can find and distract from your own candidate's weakness (the pied piper gambit³¹). Lose bigly, but pretend your candidate won. Claim, without evidence, that the electoral process was rigged and illegitimate, and feed that message incessantly to your bewildered voter base.

Promote the view that the inaugurated team is comprised entirely of traitorous, seditious imposters. Ally with Republican Deep Staters, and launch purportedly independent investigations based on falsified evidence³² driving falsified FISA warrants.³³ Publish thousands of breathless "the smoking gun is nigh!" Russiagate articles in countless mainstream propaganda outlets the world over, but *never produce a single smoking gun*. And then pretend you never suggested there would be one.

Above all, refuse to publicly work with your pretend political enemies; maintain the Rock'Em Sock'Em Red v. Blue illusion at all times.

²⁶ <https://swprs.org/danish-mask-study-no-benefit/>

²⁷ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/2020-election-secure-history-federal-security>

²⁸ <https://www.deepcapture.com/2021/01/november-3-december-23-all-the-presidents-teams/>

²⁹ <https://time.com/5936036/secret-2020-election-campaign/>

³⁰ <https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/donna-brazile-hillary-clinton-dnc-primary-rigged-bernie-sanders-a8034716.html>

³¹ <https://observer.com/2016/10/wikileaks-reveals-dnc-elevated-trump-to-help-clinton/>

³² <https://townhall.com/tipsheet/katiepavlich/2020/04/16/new-fisa-abusegrassley-n2567020>

³³ <https://thefederalist.com/2020/09/17/fisa-court-confirms-the-government-lied-in-every-spy-warrant-application-against-carter-page/>

Except, of course, behind the scenes, when — just after their December 2019 “impeachment” vote — Democrats tripped over themselves in May 2020 to help Republicans³⁴ reauthorize the Patriot Act and keep massive government surveillance power intact, including the fraud-riddled secret FISA court process.

While the American man who exposed the illegal mass surveillance programs that grew out of the Patriot Act is stuck in exile in Russia,³⁵ thanks to the System.

And except, of course, when Democrats tripped over themselves in December 2020 to help Republicans³⁶ pass the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act to spend \$738 billion more on war (an increase of \$120 billion over the defense budget Obama left behind.)

While the Australian man who exposed American war crimes, and was illegally abducted from asylum in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, sits dying in Belmarsh Prison,³⁷ thanks to the System.

Meanwhile, probably because the election did not go as landslide-for-Biden as the System had planned (damn you, shy Trump voters!) government functionaries and media propagandists have continued the abusive fear-mongering and collective punishment of all humans for the unforgivable crime of having human immune systems and human social bonds, and for daring to be born into a world in which respiratory viruses exist and spread.

January 6, 2021 - Congressional Certification of Electoral College Day, the security breach at the Capitol, and the destruction of Parler

In the bowels of gray central Pennsylvania December, I thought maybe by Inauguration Day in January, government functionaries and media propagandists would have the closure to they craved, once the Bad Orange Man left the White House.

Then January 6 happened, and within two days, Twitter, Facebook, Google and Amazon collaborated — as they had in October to disappear the Hunter Biden corruption reporting — to further chill dissent and push dissenters underground. The tech monopolies removed the sitting president of the United States from all social media, and destroyed Twitter’s competitor Parler, the most-popular app in the country and a refuge for free speech proponents (me among them) who had been fleeing the censorship at Twitter over the preceding 48 hours.

Those who endorsed these acts cited three false premises:

- 1) that private companies have no duty to protect freedom of speech**;
- 2) that tech monopolies have the legal power to unilaterally charge, prosecute, convict and sentence potential acts of incitement under federal law; and
- 3) that Trump’s questioning of election integrity and encouragement of supporters to engage in peaceful public protest met the legal standard for the crime of incitement.

I lost my mind for a few days. Despair that had been deepening since the autumn flared into full-blown suicidality. It was not the residue of having endured child abuse and neglect. It was not innate biochemical imbalances in my brain. It wasn’t even primarily from the intolerable situation of being — like everyone else — subject to severe, arbitrary, uncontrolled and unending government repression.

The cave-in came mostly from bottomless shame and self-hatred, that I had violated my own integrity by failing to fight back.

Like many victims who internalize the victim identity, I kept thinking the abusers in the System, their government functionaries and their media propagandists, would see the evil and stop doing it. I kept thinking if I kept quiet, cooperated and complied, the beatings would stop.

But I get it now. They really do want to shut us all up, kill all independent businesses, destroy all the family-supporting jobs and tear apart all the families, evict the renters, foreclose the homeowners, put us all on Universal Basic Income living in temporary corporate-owned housing, and make everyone, everywhere dependent on the System for everything.³⁸

January 20, 2021 - Inauguration Day

Inauguration Day is now over. Bad Orange Man has gone home to Florida, and Dementia Joe is busily signing executive orders to undo the so-called damage.

³⁴ <https://www.commondreams.org/newswire/2020/05/14/patriot-act-reauthorization-bill-passes-senate-some-new-privacy-safeguards-house>

³⁵ https://www.realclearpolitics.com/video/2019/09/16/edward_snowden_joe_biden_threatened_countries_not_to_give_me_asylum.html

³⁶ <https://www.commondreams.org/news/2019/12/12/atrocious-188-democrats-join-gop-hand-trump-738-billion-military-budget-includes>

³⁷ <https://greenwald.substack.com/p/the-kafkaesque-imprisonment-of-julian>

³⁸ <https://off-guardian.org/2020/11/12/own-nothing-and-be-happy-the-great-resets-vision-of-the-future/>

Lo and behold! The System's extortion racket appears to be winding down. Blue state governors³⁹ are now repealing some of the most restrictive measures that red state governors repealed in May, and reopening schools and small businesses, to join the big box stores that have been open all along.

International and national health organizations are finally publishing guidance⁴⁰ acknowledging that mass testing with RT-PCR tests at high cycle thresholds is evidence of a "casedemic" - a term coined by dissenters half a year ago or more - and not evidence of a public health crisis.

And "herd immunity" may now be uttered in public again⁴¹ without triggering howls of indignation, even in corporate-state media outlets like the *Washington Post*.

Too late. The damage is already done.

Processing it all

We've just been through ten months of unprecedented, unrelenting, merciless hostility and contempt, piled atop at least six decades of the same, by the System, against the People.

I'm sure the State has more in store for us; among other treats, they're gearing up to criminalize all domestic dissent⁴² in bipartisan harmony.

I don't advocate physical violence like the arson, looting, vandalism and shooting perpetrated over the last year by the toxic roving stew of angry civilians and the System's own infiltrators and instigators infecting all of those grassroots movements.

As anarchist Michael Malice explains in an intriguing video interview,⁴³ violence is too expensive; the cycle escalates; innocent bystanders get hurt. Civilians angry at the System do have a lot of guns and bricks and matches and gasoline in America, but so do the police officers and National Guardsmen working to protect and uphold the System, and the System will not hesitate to deploy those State-controlled forces.

Witness militarized Washington DC right now,⁴⁴ in all its chain-linked glory. \$738 billion buys a lot of guns, bullets, soldiers to fire them, and re-education camps in which to imprison and "deprogram" Trump voters.⁴⁵

At the same time, I think Malice and others⁴⁶ are right to point out that the System's operatives are scared and confused: "They thought Trump was the river. He was the dam." (Video interview at 18:40)

Tom Luongo⁴⁷ puts it thus: "A country that has never been more divided is also now strangely united in their contempt for not only our government but also the media which openly supports its most brazen lies."

Deplorables have long understood everything is rigged against us and for the benefit of the overclass. We've understood that the overclass hates and despises us from their lofty perches in government, media, corporations and academia.

But Trump was an equally despised figure, with his combover, his MAGA hat, his potbelly and his greasy Big Macs and Fillet-o-Fish sandwiches, representing us symbolically, right in the Oval Office.

Now the deplorables have no stake at all.

Not even a symbolic one.

And so there's a beautiful opening, for the deplorables who keep waking up.

We can claw back some shreds of self-respect.

We can withdraw all of our silent complicity, protection and support from the System.

Take the meager payouts (paychecks, stimmy checks, UBI checks) from the corporate-state overlords, feed ourselves, and bite the hand that feeds us with the same clenched teeth.

And openly and loudly regard the System's operatives and operations, at every level in every institution with unrelenting contempt, scorn, hostility, ridicule, shunning...the whole spectrum of passive aggression we humans have in our social arsenals.

That's what I'm going to do anyway.



³⁹ <https://www.ocbj.com/news/2021/jan/25/newsom-lifts-statewide-lockdown/>

⁴⁰ <https://www.theburningplatform.com/2021/01/21/right-on-cue-for-biden-who-admits-high-cycle-pr-tests-produce-massive-covid-false-positives/>

⁴¹ <https://twitter.com/AlexBerenson/status/1353865750876999680>

⁴² <https://off-guardian.org/2021/01/08/prepare-for-the-new-domestic-terrorism-bill/>

⁴³ https://youtu.be/oCWB4CMou_M

⁴⁴ <https://greenwald.substack.com/p/reflecting-the-authoritarian-climate>

⁴⁵ <https://defconnews.com/2021/01/12/leftists-reveal-plans-to-deprogram-trump-supporters/>

⁴⁶ <https://www.theamericanconservative.com/articles/our-oligarchs-crisis-of-confidence/>

⁴⁷ <https://tomluongo.me/2021/02/03/the-collapse-of-red-vs-blue/>

Note: For readers interested in a 40-page compilation of the limited pushback I put into private emails and small acts of social disobedience over the past year, leading up to Bailiwick’s reopening a couple of weeks ago, there’s a PDF of my Wrongthink Re-education Camp Application/FBI Domestic Dissidents Dossier⁴⁸ at Bailiwick News Archives.

*Excerpt from "Request for expedited federal investigation into scientific fraud in COVID-19 public health policies,"⁴⁹ submitted to U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Justice, and British, German, Australian and Canadian counterparts on or about January 10, 2021.

“Throughout 2020, lockdown measures have been quite popular, but that popularity is deceptive. For the general public, the idea that anyone might accept some outside incentive to support such devastating policies while knowing them to be ineffective -- needlessly bankrupting millions of families and depriving millions of children of education and food -- is, quite simply, too dark.

Thus, the public supports lockdowns because the alternative -- that they might have been implemented without good cause -- is a possibility too evil for most to contemplate. But those who know history know that others with superficially excellent credentials have done even worse for even less.”

**From Jonathan Turley:⁵⁰

The First Amendment is limited to government censorship, but free speech is not limited in the same way. Those of us who believe in free speech as a human right believe that it is morally wrong to deny it as either a private or governmental entity. That does not mean that there are not differences between governmental and private actions. For example, companies may control free speech in the workplaces. ...However, the social media companies were created as forums for speech. Indeed, they sought immunity on the false claim that they were not making editorial decisions or engaging viewpoint regulation. No one is saying that these companies are breaking the law in denying free speech. We are saying that they are denying free speech as companies offering speech platforms.

Feb. 5, 2021 - Big Caslon Bold - 192-pt



⁴⁸ <https://bailiwicknewsarchives.files.wordpress.com/2021/02/2.3.21-covid-journals-wrongthink-reeducation-camp-application.pdf>

⁴⁹ <https://ccpgloballockdownfraud.medium.com/>

⁵⁰ <https://jonathanturley.org/2021/01/26/twitter-summons-the-birdwatchers-in-expanding-campaign-against-misinformation/>

February 6, 2021 - Polka Party. T-shirt printing. Draft, revisions, final.



February 6, 2021 - Three emails, written and sent just after Trump's 2016 election

*Three emails written to three different friends, shortly after the November 2016 general election in which Donald Trump was elected president.**

Email 1

I'm not on Facebook anymore, but [P.]** shares funny and interesting things when his friends post them, and he passed along your post about wanting to know what motivated Trump supporters.

I voted for Bernie in the primaries. I didn't vote for Trump last week, but I did think about it really hard, and I didn't vote for Clinton either, and I wasn't surprised or depressed by the election results. In the end, this was the first election since I turned 18 that I didn't vote at all. I couldn't even bring myself to vote for Stein, which I'd considered as well.

I never felt that Trump supporters were all racist, bigoted, ignorant people. I believed that those people were among his supporters, but that the majority were poor, formerly middle-class, working class people fucked over by the past 40 years of neoliberal, free trade economic policies gutting the manufacturing and farming economies.

I also don't think they believe Trump will do anything better for them. I think many of them just valued his obvious ability to annoy, embarrass and upset the establishment Democrats/Clintons and Republicans/Bushes, which I also valued.

I agree with Michael Moore's analysis that Trump was a human Molotov cocktail.

Other people whose analysis I read, if you're interested, are David Stockman, Charles Hughes-Smith, Glenn Greenwald, John Michael Greer, Eric Zuesse, and especially Scott Adams (Dilbert creator) who wrote a great deal about Trump's skills at persuasion, essentially meeting people where they're at in their pain, and then, once he had their emotional support, moving them off the extremism...

On foreign policy, I was very concerned about Clinton's record of initiating wars while Secretary of State, and her current aggressive, demonizing, confrontational language toward Russia, and I was interested in Trump's comments about talking with Putin to establish a new balance of power and work on issues in Syria without triggering a world war.

In the end, I decided not to vote because I think the entire electoral governing structure is irreparably corrupt, and is in the process of collapsing, along with the global economy. I couldn't see the point.

Email 2

If it's comforting to you at all, I've never found Trump more frightening or disgusting than anyone else in last year's presidential race. I think all of them - including both Trump and Clinton - were/are equally likely to continue pretty much the same policies to benefit the rich at the expense of everyone else, to the point where I voted for Bernie

Sanders in the primary because Kid 1 wanted to vote but wasn't old enough, and I didn't even vote in the general this year for the first time since I was old enough to vote.

Trump had a slightly better scam operation than Clinton, but I didn't and don't see any meaningful difference between them. In my view, Trump played the mainstream press in a successful gambit to get them to paint him as a monster, because that would bring out working class voters of all races and genders who are sick and tired of being treated with contempt by the wealthy elite class that includes the mainstream press.

I've kept very quiet about my political views throughout the entire last year because of the extreme polarization and manipulation going on and my own fear that not toeing the leftward line would get me into trouble with my friends and the people I work with on local food, water, energy stuff.

You are now one of only two people (other than P.) who I've shared this with. The other person is a friend who put up a Facebook post right after the election trying to gather more information about people who voted for Trump. Mostly I'm sharing this in case it helps you be less fearful.

Email 3

On the overall political stuff, I still don't feel much differently than I have for the past 10 years. We live in a culture of unsustainable complexity in finance, politics, government, food distribution, energy systems - and all of those things are coming unraveled because they can't be maintained.

I actually don't think the immigration rules Trump put forward are out of line - I think countries do need to control their borders under changing circumstances, and presidents have set limits and quotas throughout our history to respond to different labor needs, security threats and so forth. I agree with Ron Paul's recent observation that a better way to reduce refugee pressure would be for the US to stop bombing Syria and the other countries the refugees are fleeing. I also value Trump's willingness to work with Putin. I have no interest in a World War III, which is what the neocon and neoliberal people - including Clinton and Obama - have been pushing, to boost profits for the war machine.

I'm a little more concerned about manipulation of the left-ward end of the political spectrum by moneyed interests who would like to see more centralization (of currencies, central banking policies, etc.), because I would like to see much more decentralization of economic systems, and I hate seeing co-option being done by the likes of George Soros and the Koch brothers: using their money and the bodies of left-wing protestors on the streets to set the stage for a larger loss of national sovereignty down the road.

But in general, I'm sticking with local work that's within my control, and steering as clear as possible of federal policy debates and protests, because I don't think the federal government or the Federal Reserve are in any way accountable to the people - and I think they're no more unaccountable now than they've been for 40+ years. To me, Trump is a symptom, not a disease. The disease has been festering for decades.

I think the country will break apart within the next few years of civil unrest - and would have done so under Clinton as well - and I think it's to the benefit of the 1% to keep the poor and middle class Trump voters and the poor and middle class liberals, and the even larger bloc of non-voters (a group I finally joined this past November for the first time) of whatever color and gender and ethnicity fighting with each other, instead of joining together to fight the 1% and build decentralized, accountable regional governments ourselves.

*Found these while sorting and deleting old emails to clear out my Hotmail and Gmail accounts and switch to Protonmail.

**P. = my husband/partner

February 7, 2021 - Centre County All-Cause Mortality 2003 - 2019 and partial 2020 data from health.pa.gov

The Pennsylvania Department of Health statistics division⁵¹ has not updated its data sets for county-level death counts since October 26, 2020.

The Health Department has published data about deaths that occurred in Pennsylvania between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30, 2020, classified by county of death, but has not yet published information about deaths that occurred after September 30 and before December 31, 2020.

I checked in early January, then again a couple of weeks ago, then again this weekend.

In a world where government and media leaders weren't manipulating information to terrify and coerce populations, a concerned citizen might expect death data to be collected and made available to the public quickly, so that people could contextualize incoming information and understand comparative risks and benefits from various measures imposed purportedly to promote "public health." Especially the full-year data.

⁵¹ <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/HealthStatistics/VitalStatistics/DeathStatistics/Pages/death-statistics.aspx>

True, we live in a very different world.

In this world, government and media leaders are playing a very different game.

Governor Wolf, Health Secretary Rachel Levine and all the mainstream media from the Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh markets right down to our *Centre County Gazette/StateCollege.com* and *Centre Daily Times* have been playing up the “novel” and extraordinarily “deadly” pandemic story all year.

To keep the panic, fear and unquestioning compliance going, withholding year-end data makes a lot of sense. Anyway, here’s a table summarizing some of the available data since 2003:

Disclaimer provided by PA Department of Health: "These data were provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The Department specifically disclaims responsibility for any analyses, interpretations, or conclusions."

PA Department of Health text file notes: “This ZIP file contains CSV files of 2020 preliminary Pennsylvania occurrence death counts by selected variables. Pennsylvania occurrence deaths are deaths that happened in Pennsylvania. They can be to Pennsylvania residents or residents of other states or countries. The preliminary data is as of October 26, 2020, and is subject to change. The CSV files show counts through September 30, 2020...Data source: Pennsylvania Death Certificate Dataset.”

YEAR	Total Deaths Centre County	Age 75 or older at death	% 75 and older
2003	936	582	62.10%
2004	832	512	61.53%
2005	891	570	63.97%
2006	860	550	63.95%
2007	881	557	63.22%
2008	935	581	62.14%
2009	914	575	62.91%
2010	929	610	65.66%
2010	937	602	64.25%
2012	917	583	63.58%
2013	897	606	67.56%
2014	874	563	64.42%
2015	984	622	63.21%
2016	974	633	64.99%
2017	1,006	661	65.70%
2018	994	645	64.89%
2019	1,010	663	65.64%
2020*	797	not yet available	not yet available

*data only available through Sept. 30, 2020
Table prepared by K. Watt Feb. 7, 2021 from PA Dept. of Health data

Where can those fourth quarter death certificates be? Long ago, they would have been filed at the county courthouses and available at the county level. Nowadays, a visit to the Centre County Register of Wills & Clerk of Orphans’ Court⁵² website gives readers a “Death Records” link that goes directly to the Department of Health’s Covid-19 landing page.⁵³

Pennsylvania Department of Health has been tracking “Covid-19” deaths by county, “extracting” the information from death certificates, so they must be receiving those death certificates.

As of Feb. 6, 2021, the Department of Health reported 201 “deaths attributed to Covid-19” in Centre County,⁵⁴ presumably since “Covid-19” first became a classification that could be written on death certificates. The publication doesn’t list the timeframe.

Also interesting is “State Registrar Notice 2020-13⁵⁵ - Additional Guidance for Medical Professional: Reporting of Deaths Attributed to COVID-19,” last revised October 8, 2020.

The guidance states that deaths are to be reported to the state Bureau of Health Statistics and Registries within four days of occurrence. September 30 was 130 days ago. Clearly, the Department of Health *has* the full 2020 death counts. It just hasn’t shared them publicly. Saving it for a big reveal party?

Using the 2003-2019 data set summarized in the table above, on average there have been 927 deaths per year in Centre County since 2003, of which an average 595 have been deaths of people age 75 and older, or 64%, on average.

I’ll check back weekly to see when (if ever) PA Dept. of Health posts October, November and December 2020 mortality data.

It will also be interesting to someday compare data on deaths from the “natural” cause of respiratory infections (as contrasted with “unnatural” deaths by accident, homicide or suicide), by year, county and age of decedent, to further understand what happened in 2020 and whether and/or to what degree it was statistically unusual.

For example, what was the rate of death per 100,000 population, on average each year from 2003 to 2019, from respiratory infections?

⁵² <http://centrecountypa.gov/393/Register-of-Wills-Clerk-of-Orphans-Court>

⁵³ <https://www.health.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx>

⁵⁴ <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Diseases%20and%20Conditions/COVID-19%20Death%20Data/2.6.21%20Death%20County%20Count.pdf>

⁵⁵ <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/Documents/Reporting-Registries/SRN%202020-13%20Additional%20Guidance%20for%20Medical%20Professionals%20-%20Reporting%20of%20Deaths%20Attributed%20to%20COVID-19.pdf>

Also working on Mount Nittany Medical Center hospital capacity, utilization and staffing data sets.⁵⁶ 2020 data was not yet posted last time I checked a week or so ago, but 2016 to 2019 annual data sets were available on a calendar year basis. Prior to 2016, reports were filed by fiscal year, but I'll probably do a comparison table anyway, with a note alerting readers to that fact, since a January-to-December year and a July-to-June both cover 12-month periods and so data should be fairly comparable.

February 8, 2021 - Birthday & anniversary calendar. With photobomb by Bill Moyers



February 9, 2021 - Let us pray

In the Year of Our Lord Two-Thousand-and-Twenty, a Great Pestilence didst descend upon the land.

The Pestilence, it was said, discriminated not, although it was seen that among the people having passed more than three score and ten years,⁵⁷ it didst carry off many.

And it was seen that among the people having passed less than three score and ten years, it didst carry off few, and among those few, the larger part didst suffer from many other ailments and frailties of the body prior to the arrival of the Pestilence within them.

And among the children, and the young, and those in their middle years and healthy, the Pestilence passed through their bodies unnoticed, or with mild discomfiture.

And in this Year of Pestilence, the land was blessed with the wisdom of Saint Anthony of Fauci, who didst decree that the Pestilence should be driven from the land and all should live Forever, and Illness and Death should be vanquished, by means of the magical powers of the Holy Covering-of-the-Face, and the Holy Stay-Away-from-Other-People.

Loving the people as he did, the Duke of Pennsylvania, Lord Thomas of Wolf, didst by his pen-stroke issue a series of decrees, ordering that forthwith, all the people of Pennsylvania should join the most righteous Holy Orders of Covering-of-the-Face, and Staying-Away-from-Other-People.

Some of the people cried out, "Wait, what?"

But the Sect of Wait-What Heretics & Blasphemers was small, and readily vanquished by Saint Anthony, Lord Thomas and the legions they drew along in their powerful mesmeric wake.

It came to pass that in the Village of Mount Nittany, the elders wished to join Saint Anthony, Lord Thomas and their ecclesiastical Church of the Permanent Eradication of Pestilence and Everlasting Health, Life and Immortality for
All.

And so upon the Fourth Day of August in the Year of the Great Pestilence,⁵⁸ fearing incoming hordes of young

⁵⁶ <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/HealthStatistics/HealthFacilities/HospitalReports/Pages/hospital-reports.aspx>

⁵⁷ <https://biblehub.com/kjv/psalms/90.htm>

⁵⁸ <https://ecode360.com/ST2624/laws/LF1205837.pdf>

and healthy arriving to enter the Halls of Learning at the University of Mount Nittany, the elders of Mount Nittany issued a local, more detailed list of decrees, and affixed to the proven or admitted violation of each, a fine of fifteen silver coins plus court costs. {Rate of exchange: US\$20 per silver coin.}

With great joy and fanfare, and with great love for the people under their protectorate, the Pestilence and Death Eradication Decrees of Mount Nittany were approved by the Council of Elders, and signed by Sir Jesse the Whinger⁵⁹ of Barlow, and Sir Ronald the Snuffling Mumbler, of Filippelli. And they were careful to demonstrate their piety with most excellent Holy Covering-of-the-Face, and fastidious Staying-Away-from-Other-People.

Months passed, and the Pestilence continued to move through the land, unabated by the Holy Covering-of-the-Face and the Holy Staying-Away-from-Other-People.

The Pestilence, it was said by the elders, discriminated not.

Although it was seen that among the people having passed more than three score and ten years, it didst carry off many.

And with each passing, the Town Criers didst cry out loudly and with great anguish: "The Pestilence hath carried off another one!"

And among the people having passed less than three score and ten years, it didst carry off few, and among those few, the larger part didst suffer from many other ailments and frailties of the body prior to the arrival of the Pestilence.

And with each passing, the Town Criers didst cry out "The Pestilence has carried off another one!"

And the Council of Elders, and Lord Thomas of Wolf, and Saint Anthony of Fauci, didst thunder from on high:

"To drive out the Pestilence, the people must revere more deeply our ecclesiastical Church of the Permanent Eradication of Pestilence and Everlasting Health, Life and Immortality for All, and must obey more completely the teachings which we hath issued with such joy, fanfare and love for our people."

Among the children, and the young, and those in their middle years and healthy, the Pestilence passed through their bodies unnoticed, or with mild discomfiture.

But among the children, and the young, and those in their middle years and healthy, the *Decrees* caused much Loneliness, Despair, Poverty, Self-Harm and Suicide.

On the matter of the effects of the Pestilence and the Decrees on the children, the young and those in their middle years and healthy, the Town Criers didst softly say amongst themselves, "Those facts doth nothing for our ratings and readership. Let us speak not of them."

And the Council of Elders, and Lord Thomas of Wolf, and Saint Anthony of Fauci, didst softly say among themselves, "Those facts doth nothing to instill reverence for our ecclesiastical Church of the Permanent Eradication of Pestilence and Everlasting Health, Life and Immortality for All, and doth even less to instill respect and compliance with our authority to issue decrees with joy, fanfare and love for our people. Let us speak not of it."

Meanwhile, throughout the Bailiwick of Mount Nittany, the sheriffs carried the Decrees to the doorsteps of the people, and issued citations, ordering those who had assembled in private homes in numbers greater than the Holy Number 10, and those who had failed to wear the Holy Covering- of-the-Face, to appear before the two Magisterial District Courts: Judge Donald of Hahn and Judge Steven of Lachman.

Between the Fourth of August, Twenty-Twenty, and the First of February, Twenty-Twenty-One*, Judge Donald of Hahn proclaimed the guilt of one for violation of the Order to Wear the Holy Face Covering

Ord. 2145-2F - "while working in all jobs that entail coming into contact with any member of the public, including, but not limited to, all work involving the preparation or packaging of food and/or beverage unless separated by a physical barrier between the employee and the public," requiring the violator to pay the fine of twenty pieces of silver, plus four more for "court costs."

In that time, Judge Donald of Hahn heard 76 cases brought against violators of the Decree Forbidding-Gatherings-Greater-than-the-Holy-Number-10, and Judge Steven of Lachman heard 29 such cases, for which the accused had failed to obey:

Ord. 2145-5A - In all housing types, gatherings of more than ten persons shall be prohibited. Any exception to this limitation requires prior approval through the submission of a Gathering Registration application to the Borough that could allow for a gathering of no more than 25 persons, provided a COVID- 19 mitigation plan is submitted with the application; and

⁵⁹ <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/whinge>

Ord. 2145 5E - When the number of household members exceeds the limitations set forth in A herein, no additional persons shall gather at this property, either indoors and/or outdoors.

In aggregate, for failing to abide by the Decree Forbidding Gatherings Greater than the Holy Number 10, the people paid the Council of Elders of Mount Nittany and the Magisterial District Courts 1,520 pieces of silver, in fines and court costs.

One case was dismissed, and two are awaiting trial.

In that time, the sheriffs accosted none, and Judge Donald of Hahn and Judge Steven of Lachman heard no cases, regarding the other Orders to Wear-the-Holy-Face-Covering:

Ord. 2145 2A-E "Inside any building open to the public, such as, but not limited to, grocery stores, pharmacies, business locations, home improvement stores, retail stores, service establishments, and medical and dental treatment facilities; inside all municipal and other governmental buildings; on all transport and transit vehicles, including, but not limited to, CATA bus, rideshare such as Uber or Lyft) and shuttle vehicles; While waiting to enter any building open to the public, any municipal and other governmental building, or waiting to board any transport or transit vehicle, unless a distance of at least six feet is maintained from any person who is not that person's family or household member, notwithstanding the prohibition of wait lines outside of municipal or other governmental offices, businesses, including hospitality establishments; When coming into contact with any person who is not that person's family or household member, whether indoors or outdoors, including, but not limited to, contact during gatherings, curbside pickup, drive-thru and food truck purchases, deliveries, and service calls."

For the People obeyed without question, driven mad by fear of Pestilence, and guilt and shame in the presence of human vulnerability to Death, instilled by the Bishops and Diocesan Clerics of the ecclesiastical Church of the Permanent Eradication of Pestilence and Everlasting Health, Life and Immortality for All.

Among the people with three score and ten years, many continued to succumb to Illness and Death, from many afflictions, perhaps the Pestilence, perhaps not.

And among the people having passed less than three score and ten years, Illness and Death didst carry off a few, the larger of them suffering from many ailments and frailties of the body, perhaps from the Pestilence, perhaps not.

And among the children, and the young, and those in their middle years and generally healthy, Illnesses passed through their bodies unnoticed, or with mild discomfiture.

But their Loneliness, Despair, Poverty, Self-Harm and Suicide grew.

Saint Anthony of Fauci, Lord Thomas of Wolf, Sir Jesse of Barlow, Sir Ronald of Filippelli, the Council of Elders, the sheriffs, Judge Donald of Hahn and Judge Steven of Lachman gazed upon the miraculous effects of their Decrees with awe, wonder and pride.

"Staying-Away-From-Other-People for the rest of your lives to strive for Pestilence-Zero is better than Staying-Away-From-Other-People for Two-Weeks-to-A-Year to Flatten the Pestilence Curve!" they proclaimed.

"Two Holy Coverings-of-the-Face are better than One!" they cried. "Three are better still!"

"Experimental 'vaccines' are 'effective' and 'safe', but even if you join the ongoing Trial by enduring the Piercing-by-Needle, you must all continue to wear the Holy Covering-of-the-Face and Stay-Away-from-Other-People forever!" they shouted.

And so it was, that on the Fourth Day of January, Twenty-Twenty-One, the Council of Elders of Mount Nittany extended the Holy Decrees through the Thirty-First Day of May.⁶⁰

Amen.

h/t Catte Black, writing at Off-Guardian.⁶¹

*According to the Writ of Right-to-Know, received from Court Administrator K. Miknis, by blasphemous "Wait, what?" heretic K. Watt, on February 8, 2021.

⁶⁰ <https://ecode360.com/ST2624/laws/LF1287048.pdf>

⁶¹ <https://off-guardian.org/2021/02/01/locusts/>

February 9, 2021 - Tote bag. With mother and baby giraffe



February 10, 2021 - Print shop: 8:47 p.m., February 10, 2021



February 11, 2021 - Mount Nittany Medical Center hospital bed, staffing and utilization data - 2012-2019

As I mentioned the other day,⁶² the reporting format changed in 2015 from fiscal year (July to June) to calendar year (January to December), but all figures are for 12-month periods.

I'll work on a second table compiling the same data for 2003-2012, and will then check weekly at health.pa.gov seeking the Mount Nittany Medical Center bed, staffing and utilization data for 2020.

⁶² <https://bailiwicknews.substack.com/p/centre-county-all-cause-mortality>

MOUNT NITTANY MEDICAL CENTER*	2020**	2019	2018	2017	2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013
Total Licensed Beds		260	260	260	260	260	260	260
Beds Set up and Staffed		260	260	260	260	207	207	260
Bed-days available		94900	94900	94900	95160	75555	75555	94900
Total Length of Stay (bed-days utilized)		47259	47966	50197	50796	50628	47031	47249
Occupancy Rate (%)		50.2	51	53.1	53.6	67.88	62.6	50.2
Average Length of Stay in a Bed (days)		3.56	3.68	3.62	3.6	3.81	3.96	4.09
Total Length of Stay (bed-days utilized)		47259	47966	50197	50796	50628	47031	47249
0-17 Length of Stay		170	200	157	190	185	133	186
18-64 Length of Stay		18790	19591	21472	22414	21890	20576	21036
65+ Length of Stay		28299	28205	28568	28192	28553	26322	26027
Total Payroll - Full-time		1397	1379	1357	1313	1250	1202	1149
Total Payroll - Part-time		491	481	474	442	408	380	354
RNs- Full time		340	337	334	327	314	309	294
RNs- Part time		134	133	127	110	109	96	89
Administrators and Assistant Administrators		64	61	60	55	63	44	40
*Hospital bed, staffing and utilization data, compiled by K. Watt, Feb 11, 2021								
Source: health.pa.gov/								
** 2020 data not available as of Feb. 11, 2021								

I have a number of hypotheses about what the data will show when it becomes available for comparison to the 2003-2019 averages.

Overall, I think the Mount Nittany Medical Center data will show that “Covid-19” was

1. a false crisis manufactured by governments, political parties and mainstream media for totalitarian social control purposes;
2. maintained through mass RT-PCR testing at Ct over 25 (up until Biden’s inauguration triggered revised WHO guidance for testing facilities to lower the Ct, thus “causing” the recent steep drop in “cases;”⁶³
3. with MNMC hospital capacity gutted initially through corporate firing of 50 employees in May, and then 250 more employees in June,⁶⁴ attributed at the time to “revenue loss” from Covid-19 restrictions on medical care, and further reduced by lengthy mandatory isolation of healthy, non-infectious RT-PCR “postive” staff;
4. with “Covid” patient counts falsely inflated by classifying all RT-PCR “positive” patients as “Covid” patients, even if they were in the hospital for unrelated illness (including chronic diseases and seasonal respiratory illnesses) and injury;
5. all used by ignorant and incurious (at best) school boards and district administrators as a false “justification” for the rolling closures, masking, distancing and capacity restrictions on children in State College Area School District and other Centre County school districts, now approaching their one-year anniversary;
6. and used by ignorant and incurious (at best) Penn State executives as a false “justification” for masking, distancing and capacity restrictions in campus classrooms, recreational facilities, and dormitories;
7. and used by the ignorant and incurious (at best) State College Borough Council as false “justification” for masking, distancing and capacity restrictions in public buildings, private businesses and private homes;
8. all to “protect” an allegedly overwhelmed county hospital that, *if* it was ever overwhelmed at all, was overwhelmed due to its own executives’ complicity in the fraud, ensuing layoffs and mandatory isolation of staff, and corporate mismanagement of beds.

In other words, if not for the manipulation and mismanagement - and the lack of critical journalism - we deplorables would have experienced 2020 as a normal year with a slightly more severe cold and flu season. Like in 1968/1969, when normal social and economic life, including Woodstock, carried on,⁶⁵ despite the circulating Hong Kong flu.

However, given the high and aligned credibility and public trust stakes involved for the CDC, FDA, Pennsylvania Department of Health, State College Area School Board, State College Borough Council, Mount Nittany Medical Center board, and Pennsylvania mainstream media outlets, I’m open to the possibility - nay, resigned to the strong likelihood - that the mortality and hospital capacity & utilization data will be manipulated and “fortified.”⁶⁶

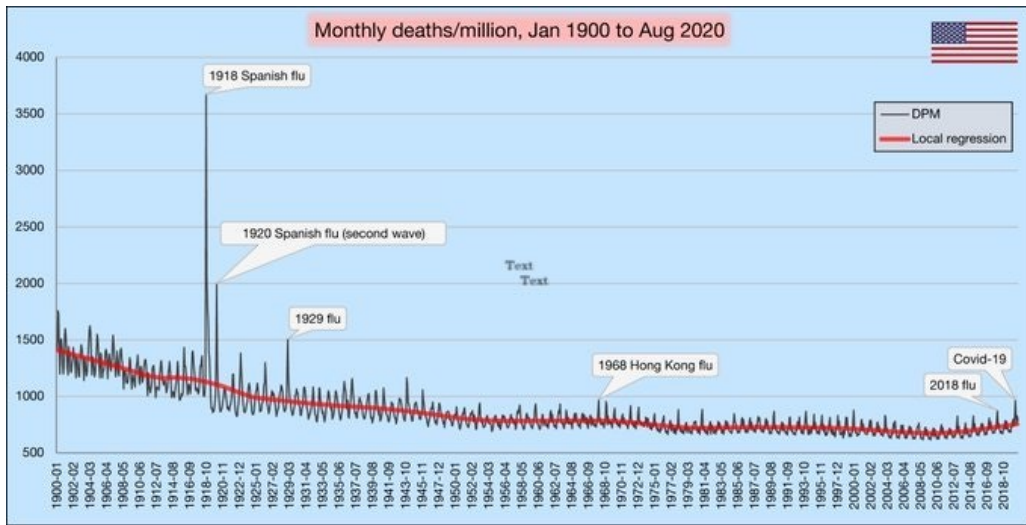
So as to allow the fraud-based social control program to continue indefinitely.

⁶³ <https://www.newswars.com/right-on-cue-for-biden-who-admits-high-cycle-pcr-tests-produce-covid-false-positives/>

⁶⁴ <https://www.witf.org/2020/06/19/mount-nittany-health-announces-more-layoffs-cutting-10-of-staff/>

⁶⁵ <https://www.aier.org/article/woodstock-occurred-in-the-middle-of-a-pandemic/>

⁶⁶ <https://time.com/5936036/secret-2020-election-campaign/>



Source: @voidsurf1 via Twitter⁶⁷

February 12, 2021 - Local currency:
For when the US dollar is no longer a widely-trusted medium of exchange.



⁶⁷ <https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1313777624674709506.html>

February 13, 2021 - Good things in Georgia: respect for human rights

Pennsylvania needs the same law.

Waiting on Corman and Benninghoff to disengage their heads from their nether parts.

Centre County needs the same law. Waiting on Pipe, Dershem and Higgins.

State College needs the same law. Waiting on Barlow & Co.

I hear in Colorado, teachers in some school districts are resuming in-person meetings of clubs and sports teams for students who sign liability waivers and thus indicate their voluntary acceptance of the human risks of communicable disease in exchange for the human benefits of social, educational and athletic activities, within a moral framework that upholds, rather than destroys, human dignity and self-determination.

State College Area School District needs the same policy.

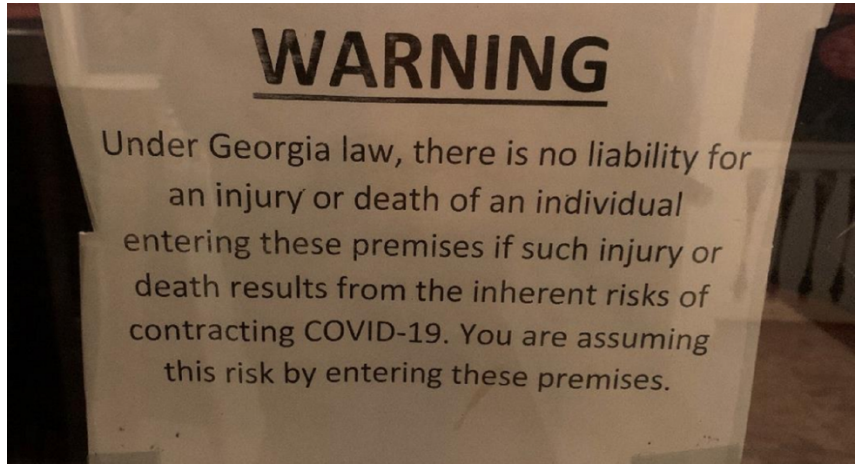
Waiting on Concepcion & Co.

Not really waiting though.

A frightened, subjugated, isolated, homebound populace and broken small businesses are what they love best.

I know this based on the records of what they've actually done over the past year.

So I also know the infantilizing authoritarianism will continue.



February 13, 2021 - Cattle Black strikes again: "The New Normal requires a NEW response"

Another Off-Guardian piece⁶⁸ worth a full read:

"...This isn't 2003 and the anti-war protests. This isn't 1984 and the miners' strike. This struggle is actually potentially far more winnable. Because it isn't about trying to force a change of action on remote beings who don't give a damn and won't listen. It's about reaching ordinary people. Our friends, family, community.

What we are facing is not just a new level of tyranny, but a *new kind* of tyranny. One that requires more than passive obedience or inaction from people in order to preserve their status quo.

The New Normal demands people do things to positively reinforce that Normal, not simply passively consent. People are being asked to make fundamental changes to their daily lives and proactively DO things that inconvenience, impoverish or endanger them and their loved ones. They are being asked to wear masks, remain inside, refuse contact, close stores, all as individual acts of faith in the truth and reality of the narrative.

This means it's not principally the [Powers That Be] who are enforcing this narrative – it's individual people. It's everyone who is seen to be believing the story. It's every man, woman and child wearing a mask or social distancing, or closing their business.

We are not merely bystanders to this event, we are required to be active participants. And that potentially gives us a lot more power. Because we can simply say no...

...The Great Reset merchants are selling conformity through lies. We need to counter them with the truth. Which will, indeed, "set you free."

We, all of us, everyone reading this, need to start sharing information as if it was ammunition.

Reblog it, print it out and distribute it. Leave it in leaflets, send it in letters or emails, tell people about it by word of mouth.

If only one person in a hundred listens to you, it's still a step.

But the information needs to be simple and true. Here are the 4 basic facts-

1. the 'virus' has a blurry definition and has a survival rate of over 99% – no more deadly than some recent flu strains
2. the PCR tests DON'T work and are a fraud.

⁶⁸ <https://off-guardian.org/2021/02/12/the-new-normal-requires-a-new-response/>

3. The reported 'deaths' are often people dying of other things and having 'covid' added to their [cause of death] based on the test that doesn't work or on [financial incentive](#).
4. The vaccine is NOT a vaccine. It's experimental gene manipulation which will need decades of testing over generations before it can really be pronounced safe...

February 17, 2021 - Meanwhile in Free-State Florida:

With open schools, open businesses, respect for individual self-determination, and better "Covid-case" and "Covid-death" metrics than lockdown states like Pennsylvania.



February 17, 2021 - Still no 2020 all-cause mortality data at PA Department of Health websites. And still no 2020 hospital capacity and utilization data.

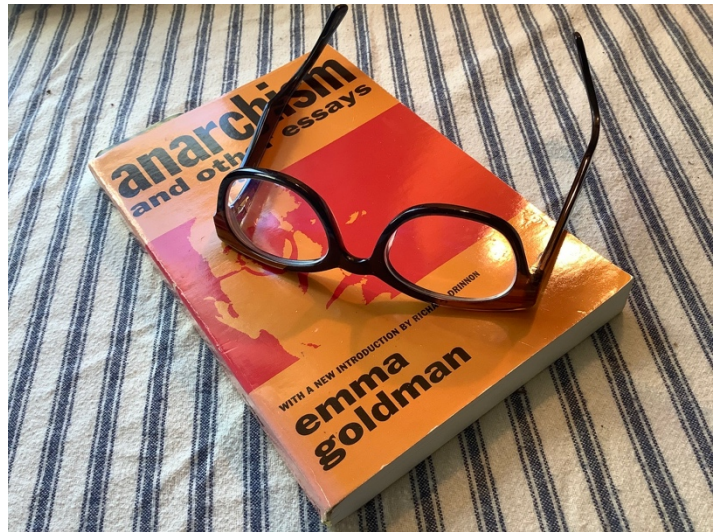
[That's it. That's the post.]

February 21, 2021 - Reading, thinking and commenting this week

Things I've read, listened to and/or thought about this past week:

- Matt Taibbi, Marcuse-Anon: Cult of the Pseudo-Intellectual (Substack)
- Matt Taibbi, A Friendly Debate About Herbert Marcuse, with R.J. Eskow, In which R.J. defends Marcuse, plus some leftover thoughts about the author of "Repressive Tolerance" (Substack)
- Matt Taibbi, Rush Limbaugh, Who Should Have Stayed Jeff Christie (Substack)
- Matt Taibbi, S-t Public Defenders See: The Great Covid-19 Jury Charade (Substack)
- Glenn Greenwald, Congress Escalates Pressure on Tech Giants to Censor More, Threatening the First Amendment (Substack)
- Glenn Greenwald, The False and Exaggerated Claims Still Being Spread About the Capitol Riot (Substack)
- John Waters, Ah! Look at all the 'lonely'...Trumpers? (Substack)
- John Waters, Save The Last Trance For Me (Substack)
- John Waters, Diary of a Dissident (Substack)
- Techno Fog, Was Cuomo's COVID Cover-Up a Federal Crime? (Substack)
- Jordan Schachtel, How the Gates Foundation seeded America's COVID-19 policy catastrophes (Substack)
- Jordan Schachtel, Out: 100 Day Reopening Plan – In: Indefinite COVID Regime (Substack)
- Jordan Schachtel, The Biden Administration is already attempting Middle East regime change (Substack)
- Jordan Schachtel, Flashback: Fauci describes Ebola quarantines as 'draconian,' warns about 'unintended consequences' (Substack)
- Matt Stoller, Facecrook: Dealing with a Global Menace (Substack)
- Emily Hill, Quit Stalin, Be My Valentine (Substack)
- John Michael Greer, A Gathering of Long Lost Friends (Ecosophia)

- Andrew Korybko, US Election 2020: From Conspiracy Theory to Conspiracy Fact (Off-Guardian)
- David James, How the Big-Tech monopolies are hurting their own value (Off-Guardian)
- Joshua Hochschild, Once Upon a Presidency: From populist to dissident (American Mind)
- Binoy Kampmark, Facebook Unfriends Australia: The Triumph of Epistemic Chaos (Off-Guardian)
- Jeffrey Tucker, Covid Cases, like Political Careers, are Dropping Like Rocks (American Institute for Economic Research)
- Ethan Yang, The Abuse of Emergency Powers and Lockdowns (American Institute for Economic Research)
- Jonny Peppiatt, Opportunity, Incentive and Rationalisation (Lockdown Skeptics)
- Tessa Lena, The Great Reset for Dummies (Substack)
- Edward Curtin, The Invincible Green Stick of Happiness (Off-Guardian)
- Ben Domenech and Mollie Hemingway, Getting White-pilled with Michael Malice (Federalist, podcast)
- Matt Taibbi and Katie Halper, Glenn Greenwald returns (Useful Idiots, podcast)
- Alex Berenson (Twitter)
- Ivor Cummins (Twitter)
- Emma Goldman, Anarchism and Other Essays (hard copy)



Comments Posted

KW comment on Glenn Greenwald, *Congress Escalates Pressure on Tech Giants to Censor More, Threatening the First Amendment*

KW: The free speech cases about the book sellers in Rhode Island have another interesting, current parallel.

If a Covid-lockdown-dissenting business owner in a lockdown state disagrees with mask mandates and occupancy restrictions and wants to allow Covid-lockdown-dissenting customers to freely express their own disagreement with mask mandates and occupancy restrictions by preferentially shopping, dining or drinking at a rebellious business, the state governments in the lockdown states have indicated - through their executive orders - a willingness to attempt to revoke the business license, liquor license or other required licenses and so shut down those rebellious business completely.

Through this mechanism, the population of customers and business owners has been effectively led to believe that compliance with mask mandates and occupancy restrictions is “voluntary,” when in fact it is coerced through threat, by the state government, to use force if compliance is not forthcoming.

The private business owners, in turn, coerce customers, through signs on the door that say “No mask, no service” or similar rules. When all of the businesses in a community have the same signs and enforce the same governmental viewpoints, individuals have no means to express dissent through their independent business transactions. So it’s interesting that there’s already been a case somewhat on point.

Rebellious, dissenting business owners in lockdown states, such as Pennsylvania, could in theory use that case to bring their own suits against the Pennsylvania government. If, that is, they had the extra money lying around for litigation after a year of lockdowns and occupancy restrictions and lost customers and lost income.

Another commenter replied: “the government will probably argue that this particular expression of dissent could endanger the pursuit of life of other citizens.”

KW: And the plaintiffs could argue that suppression of this form of dissent endangers their lives and liberties and those of their patrons. That’s the issue, I think. When your right to swing your arm ends at my nose, that point in space becomes crucial to identify.

Further, such a case would require the government to demonstrate the nexus of endangerment with evidence. Given the counter examples of Sweden, Florida and a few other jurisdictions that used historical pandemic management methods, assessed data and projections early in the Covid crisis and made different crisis management policy choices, with equal or better outcomes by the government’s preferred metrics (cases, hospitalizations, and

deaths), I don't think the governments advocating the lockdown, mask mandates and occupancy restrictions would be able to make a sufficient case to overcome the dissenting plaintiffs and customers rights to free speech, free assembly, free association and related constitutionally protected rights.

At a bare minimum, having courts hear the cases would provide a forum for evidentiary review and public policy reversals on constitutional, proportionality and efficacy grounds, which we don't currently have.

It's all been unilateral, by executive order under emergency authority, without legislative review or judicial appeal procedures. At least in Pennsylvania.

And even here, interestingly, the local police acknowledge that the Governor's executive orders have no enforcement mechanisms; local police cannot issue citations or make arrests for noncompliance. As written, compliance is to be entirely "voluntary" and so enforcement is completely devolved to business owners, who, afraid of losing business licenses, are rigid.

For what it's worth, a few pub owners have called the bluff of the Liquor Control Board, refused to comply, took their cases to admin court, and the LCB backed off and dropped the cases. Quietly. At those establishments, mask use is optional and social distancing is moot; patrons enter at their own risk, voluntarily and with informed consent.

The Georgia legislature last summer adopted specific liability-focused laws to protect business owners, clarifying that entering a business entails risks(as does every other human activity), voluntarily assumed upon entering, and recently renewed that measure.

There was a case, last spring and summer, *Butler v. Wolf*,⁶⁹ in which a federal court found Wolf's executive orders were unconstitutional, and illegitimate, and in the process assessed some of the evidence presented by the government, finding it woefully lacking.

But the court's ruling made no impact on "enforcement," likely because the executive orders are written to require "voluntary compliance."

It's a very clever bind: making something simultaneously unenforceable, unappealable and unreviewable, because it's actually not law at all, it's just "advice." As with the Rhode Island booksellers. But back then, the court apparently managed to intervene with some effect. Today, not so much.

[KW followup: It's very similar to Penn State's gray governance: not private enough to be accountable to shareholders. Not public enough to be accountable to voters and taxpayers. Just quasi enough to be accountable to no one. Centre Region Council of Governments operates in much the same gray way. It's not accountable to municipal voters as supervisors and council members are, and not accountable to Centre County voters as county commissioners are. COG is directly accountable to no one. I very much admire-hate the cleverness of the gray-zone fraud.]

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KW Comment on Matt Taibbi, *A Friendly Debate About Herbert Marcuse, with R.J. Eskow, In which R.J. defends Marcuse, plus some leftover thoughts about the author of "Repressive Tolerance"*

MT: "[Marcuse] wrote in *Repressive Tolerance* about the uselessness of submitting information to "the people" in any jumble of "contesting opinions," because doing so implies that "the people are capable of deliberating and choosing on the basis of knowledge."

KW: "I think we're far more at the point of a majority of Americans understanding "the uselessness of submitting information to 'the Government' in any jumble of contesting policies, because doing so implies that "the Government is capable of deliberating and choosing on the basis of knowledge."

I know that's the conclusion I've reached after two decades of local-scale community organizing driven by issue research, public information campaigns, and attempts to inform local government officials about aspects of policy matters they have not considered, and have no interest in ever considering. They no longer deliberate at all, at least in public. By the time they vote, they're almost always unanimously in support of whatever the largest financial actor in the situation wants. So the effort is useless.

⁶⁹ <https://renzlaw.files.wordpress.com/2020/09/pa-butler-v.-wolf1.pdf>

February 21, 2021 - Finished birthday calendar



More photos at <https://bailiwicknews.substack.com/p/finished-birthday-calendar>

February 24, 2021 - No country for skeptical women. Or: The first rule of living in a third-world technocratic kleptocracy is 'Don't fool yourself into thinking you live in a first-world constitutional republic.'

Unfinished essay draft...may be revised and finished later.

Once a woman knows, because she has seen, that the vast majority of her country's leaders will tell big lies, and that the vast majority of her fellow countrymen will believe the big lies unquestioningly, and comply unresistingly with initial steps toward totalitarianism and every escalation thereafter, what then should she do?

How then should she live?

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A couple of weeks ago, I sent a three-word email to the superintendent of the public school district in which my daughter is enrolled.

The first word rhymed with "duck," the second word was "you," and the third word was the superintendent's last name. I also linked to an article about the devastating social and psychological effects lockdowns are having on children and teenagers, which was the emotional driver for the communication.

I live in a so-called "blue state," with a Democratic governor who controls — unchecked by a nominally Republican legislature — a Democratic state government apparatus which continues to advise school districts and teachers to avoid daily, in-person, mask-free, full-capacity, non-Plexiglass public education at all the costs borne by the children, their families and their tax paying communities.

Our local government councils and school board have met exclusively online, not in person, since last spring; our municipal government buildings are closed to the public, as is our public library.

Prior to March 2020, I had no idea that by living in this state, I had chosen to live under tyranny. Now I know better, and am planning to escape as soon as feasible.

A three-word expletive-driven email was an unusual move. I generally stick to non-profane communication, even while angrily disagreeing, and I'm generally articulate: I know how to form sentences to express complex thoughts.

I have spoken in public meetings (when that was a thing that happened in my community, which it is no longer) and written many times over the years to the public officials, who — for reasons indiscernible to me — hold unilateral unreviewable power to make decisions that deeply affect me and the people I love in the most personal and private of ways.

When my first drafts are laced with profanity, I usually delete them. Or at least revise the profanity out before clicking “send,” out of concern for crossing a line that could not be recrossed the other direction.

I had written to this man, and to school board members, regularly in recent months, to express concern and dissent from their policies and advocacy for alternatives, on topics ranging from Covid-based, deeply harmful restrictions on students’ social and academic lives to the documented flaws in the RT-PCR testing method as a means of identifying infectious individuals for extra isolation, to free speech issues as they relate to new critical race theory, “No-Place-for-Hate” curricula and dissent-chilling, and other challenging and controversial topics.

I had offered to obtain clearances for substitute teaching, to be part of a constructive solution by helping create a magnet program at an unused school building open to children, teachers and parents interested in voluntarily assuming the risks of Covid in exchange for the benefits of unfettered social and academic interaction.

The school board and superintendent remained serenely uninterested in assessing their actions and policy choices against the counter-evidence presented.

And so a couple of weeks ago I took a sharp turn onto a different road with my three-word email, and I don’t think I’ll ever go back to the road I had been on before.

There’s nothing to go back to.

I respect neither the man nor the administrative office he occupies at public expense. I have nothing but contempt for him, because I perceive him and the school board members as hating the children and teens entrusted to their care, enjoying the powerful feelings they derive from childrens’ suffering and dependency, prolonging that suffering to prolong that powerful feeling, and having nothing but contempt for me and the values I hold: individual liberty and personal responsibility for risk benefit calculations, free speech, and many other traditionally American principles.

It’s the reverse of the old parenting shibboleth: “I’m not angry, I’m just disappointed.”

I’m not just disappointed.

I’m very, very angry.

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Good as words have been to me, I struggle to put my anguish at Covid-tyranny into words.

There are many reasons for this, and many thoughtful, courageous people enduring the same anguish and the same struggle.

My experience is this: every time I leave my home in a small metropolitan area of some 90,000 to 100,000 souls, I encounter masked people of all ages, walking outside in fresh winter air, often alone, sometimes in small groups, or furtively scuttling through the aisles of supermarkets and hardware stores.

I experience each person as a source of existential dread.

Each one demonstrates symptoms of undergoing an active psychotic episode, believing that shared air and every person are infectious disease threats; that the virus, if they catch it, will most likely kill them or an elderly relative of theirs; and that a distance of 72 inches and a fabric muzzle will protect them from becoming infected, dying and/or killing a loved one.

All of this is nonsense.

But the psychotics believe it utterly, they are acting out an elaborate ritualistic fantasy in accordance with their false beliefs, and they are backed by the implied police power of the state in demanding that everyone else act out the fantasy with them.

The other type of human individual I might be encountering is someone who knows it’s all nonsense, but is willingly playing along with the psychosis to appease the genuine psychotics.

Potentially, there is a third type of person out and about: those who understand it’s all nonsense, do not want to appease the psychotics, but are afraid the psychotics and the government, in the form of police officers, will violently attack them for failure to play along. That’s a group in which I would number myself, and group whose other members I would very much like to meet and support.

But we are hidden from each other, by mutually-assumed-toxicity, fabric masks and 72 inches of dead air.

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I recently read a potent essay by Irish writer John Waters,⁷⁰ in which he pitched his view of the psychological relationship between Covid-tyrants and Covid-serfs, and the means by which the mass delusions have been wrought:

⁷⁰ <https://johnwaters.substack.com/p/save-the-last-trance-for-me>

“...These processes could not have been formulated without the assistance of highly practised psychologists and other experts in mind control, capable of exploiting both individual psychological pathologies and comprehending dysfunctional family dynamics to expose and manipulate weaknesses in human persons and relationships. The Covid operation harnessed the dynamics of archetypal relationships between narcissists/psychopaths (politicians) and co-dependent submissives (citizens), in effect weaponising on a grand scale the dynamics of a kind of platonic BDSM...”

He continued:

“...Generated confusion, mixed messages, are central elements: you must be sure to take care of old people — just don't go near lest you kill them; it is important to become infected to achieve immunity but at all costs avoid infecting other healthy people; wear a face mask, even though 'experts' say they are ineffective. Wear two face masks, just to prove you are not an anti-masker. The inconsistency and incoherence of the messages is not random or chaos-driven — it has a planned and precise purpose: to destabilise the sensibility of the subject, rendering him amenable to further manipulation. Since he cannot understand, he simply obeys.”

This analysis struck rather close to the bone for me, because I have some familiarity with psychological manipulation tools and techniques derived from an unfortunate upbringing and a lengthy process of reflection and recovery during early adulthood.

My mother was born just outside London in April 1940.

Yes, in the middle of an active war zone.

She and her parents, and her elder sister, survived the war and the immediate postwar years, but then her mother (my maternal grandmother and middle-namesake) died when my mother was nine years old, most likely of some form of Hodgkin's lymphoma or other cancer.

The adults in my mother's life apparently told her that her mother had gone away to visit some other place, leaving her to piece together over the following year that her mother had actually died and was not coming back. A messy second marriage for her father followed, and later a second family and a messy divorce.

This particular collection of formative years left my mother with some psychological and emotional deficits, let's say. No fault of her own, certainly. But she was left both desperate to create an intact family, and not especially well-equipped to parent another generation of children in healthy ways. My father — born and raised in western Pennsylvania during the World War II years — was not especially well-equipped to protect their offspring from the harms presented by our mother.

Among other techniques, she was and remains highly skilled at gaslighting, triangulating, and expressing extremely clear, definitive opinions and orders on any number of topics, which she can rapidly reverse without notice or explanation and express the opposite opinions and orders, with no apparent recollection of her self-contradiction or concern for the effects of her inconsistency on those around her. She was the “wire mother” of Harlow's monkey experiments, with the added twist of giving off the psychosocial version of non-lethal electrical shocks at random intervals: capable of providing food, but not capable of providing comfort or safety, and in fact, representing a threat herself.

This is a difficult environment for a child to make sense of, and understandably left me with some psychological and emotional deficits of my own, which my children cope with as the generations turn.

One of the useful coping mechanisms I adopted was simply to accept that whatever my mother's latest “whim of iron” (as my father put it) happened to be, was the “truth” which I should accept and attempt to accommodate myself to, and that any difficulties I encountered reconciling subsequent positions with prior positions could be resolved by the simple expedient of ignoring the contradictions and going with the current standard.

This was the most effective coping mechanism at the time, because she had almost complete control over my life when I was a child, and she worked to lengthen and expand that control, ensuring that I trusted her and her alone by casting outsiders as



dangerous; fostering dependency; isolating me and teaching me to regard other adults with preemptive mistrust and skepticism.

My father did, however, manage to ensure that my older siblings and I left the family home to attend college, and thereby created opportunities for us to test our childhood perceptions of reality and coping mechanisms against non-mother-decreed standards.

Those opportunities — along with some fortuitous substitute mother-figures we connected with while still in the parental home — were enough to help some of us understand and eventually break through our crazy-making childhood experiences of arbitrary, self-contradictory maternal claims about reality and demands about behavior, underlain by the foundational command: obey authority without question.

We learned to somewhat trust our own perceptions, and to question and test the claims of others before accepting them.

So when Anthony Fauci, Deborah Birx, Boris Johnson, Matt Hancock, Neil Ferguson and the phalanx of academia-locked global data modelers surrounding them began their own executive rounds of arbitrary, self-contradictory and terrorizing proclamations and behavioral dictates, and thwarted every effort to put their orders under evidentiary scrutiny by independent media, peer-reviewed scientific studies, co-equal legislatures and co-equal courts, I recognized the play as one that I had sat through before.

But this time, the abusers' domain is almost every place in America; the sense of being utterly and hopelessly trapped is orders of magnitude larger.

Those who haven't endured that particular baptism by psychological fire, or a related one, simply can't do the same pattern-recognizing.

Nor can those who *have* endured the same twisted, abusive relationships — with parents, or partners, or bosses — but haven't yet had the time, relative safety and opportunity to work through their experiences and put the pieces of themselves back together.

Nor can those who feel safest and most comfortable in the role of subservient to an all-powerful authority figure, because that's what they're used to.

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My husband, who does not agree with many of my views on political Covid, makes a great effort to emphasize that we do not know what will happen next, that we cannot be 100% certain that the authoritarianism will continue and worsen forever.

There are infinite variables, millions of people around the world watching and thinking and acting, and history has taken strange and unexpected turns many times before.

I agree with him. Maybe the house arrest orders will be lifted by the authorities. Maybe citizen resistance will grow and overtake the authorities plans to maintain the repression. Maybe the authorities will even someday be held accountable.

But we do know for sure some things that will not happen.

Some historical moments irreversibly close out some doors, and after those moments, paths which might have been taken are no longer options.

Mass hysteria can't just be cleared away once you've instilled the whole world with it.

The rest of all our lives — whether we're next in each other's company a week from now or five years from now — will be defined by the Covid story.

Conversations may start with "Where were you when?" A free state in the South or Mountain west? Or a lockdown state in the Mid Atlantic, New England or West Coast?

More profoundly and painfully, even friendships and family relationships that survive the forced isolation, the universal mutual shunning, will be marked by it, permanently inoculated with an overlay of suspicion and contempt for the Covid-times Other.

Were you credulous and cooperative?

Or were you skeptical and resistant?

Tribal in-group? Or tribal out-group?

February 25, 2021 - Preliminary 2020 all-cause mortality data available at PA Department of Health website. Still no 2020 hospital capacity and utilization data

MOUNT NITTANY MEDICAL CENTER*	2020***	2019	2018	2017	2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011	2009-2010
Total Licensed Beds		260	260	260	260	260	260	260	260	260	207
Beds Set up and Staffed		260	260	260	260	207	207	260	212	205	207
Bed-days available		94900	94900	94900	95160	75555	75555	94900	77592	74887	75555
Total Length of Stay (bed-days utilized)		47259	47966	50197	50796	50628	47031	47249	47935	49700	47555
Occupancy Rate (%)		50.2	51	53.1	53.6	67.88	62.6	50.2	62.2	66.7	63.4
Average Length of Stay in a Bed (days)		3.56	3.68	3.62	3.6	3.81	3.96	4.09	4.03	4.13	4.14
Total Length of Stay (bed-days utilized)		47259	47966	50197	50796	50628	47031	47249	47934	49700	47555
0-17 Length of Stay		170	200	157	190	185	133	186	177	277	364
18-64 Length of Stay		18790	19591	21472	22414	21890	20576	21036	21924	22427	21342
65+ Length of Stay		28299	28205	28568	28192	28553	26322	26027	25834	26996	25849
Total Payroll - Full-time		1397	1379	1357	1313	1250	1202	1149	1030	1231	915
Total Payroll - Part-time		491	481	474	442	408	380	354	558	657	543
RNs- Full time		340	337	334	327	314	309	294	274	333	215
RNs- Part time		134	133	127	110	109	96	89	159	184	161
Administrators + Asst. Administrators - FT		64	61	60	55	63	44	40	44	41	36
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010
CENTRE COUNTY POPULATION		162385	162601	162316	162034	160466	159653	158231	155826	155067	154230
TOTAL DEATHS CENTRE COUNTY**	1223	1010	994	1006	974	984	874	897	917	937	929
Deaths of people age 75 or older		663	645	661	633	622	563	606	583	602	610
% of deaths age 75 or older		65.64	64.89	65.7	64.99	63.21	64.42	67.56	63.58	64.25	65.66
All-cause mortality rate (deaths per 100,000 pop.)				619			547				602
*Hospital bed, staffing and utilization data, compiled by K. Watt, Feb. 2021											
** All-cause mortality data, compiled by K. Watt, Feb. 2021											
Primary source for hospital and mortality data: health.pa.gov/											
Primary source for population data: U.S. Census											
Staffed beds per 100,000?											
***2020 data not available as of Feb. 25, 2021											
****2020 'preliminary data' as of Feb 23, 2020 Pa Dept. of Health zip file											

MOUNT NITTANY MEDICAL CENTER*	2008-2009	2007-2008	2006-2007	2005-2006	2004-2005	2003-2004
Total Licensed Beds		207	203	201	201	184
Beds Set up and Staffed		207	203	199	199	172
Bed-days available		74523	74298	72635	72635	68020
Total Length of Stay (bed-days utilized)		49709	49903	42947	39797	41718
Occupancy Rate (%)		67.6	67.8	59.5	54.9	61.4
Average Length of Stay in a Bed (days)		4.38	4.53	4.32	4.22	4.44
Total Length of Stay (bed-days utilized)		49709	49903	42947	39797	41718
0-17 Length of Stay		383	523	472	645	536
18-64 Length of Stay		21592	22076	19451	18006	18735
65+ Length of Stay		27734	27304	23024	21146	22447
Total Payroll - Full-time		918	835	741	724	716
Total Payroll - Part-time		534	504	493	488	432
RNs- Full time		220	205	174	166	205
RNs- Part time		149	150	158	159	139
Administrators + Asst. Administrators - FT		31	31	38	36	35
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
CENTRE COUNTY POPULATION					140561	
TOTAL DEATHS CENTRE COUNTY**		914	935	881	860	891
Deaths of people age 75 or older		575	581	557	550	570
% of deaths age 75 or older		62.91	62.14	63.22	63.95	63.97
All-cause mortality rate (deaths per 100,000 pop.)						61.53
*Hospital bed, staffing and utilization data, compiled by K. Watt, Feb. 2021						
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Also note: the hospital utilization data reporting format changed in 2015 from fiscal year (July to June) to calendar year (January to December), but all figures are for 12-month periods.

As a reminder, the State College Area School District has cited hospital pressures as a key driver for ongoing school closures and classroom capacity restrictions, masking and distancing measures.

Also, I found a website that compiles financial data for hospitals,⁷¹ including:

- Net patient revenue
- Total operating revenue
- Percent revenue from Medicare patients
- Operating revenue
- Operating income
- Net income

When/if the 2020 financial data becomes available, that information will be relevant because since Spring 2020, hospitals have had a financial incentive to classify patients as Covid patients, because the CARES Act authorized a 20% bonus on regular Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement rates for any Covid-related care, no matter how weak the diagnostic evidence: the U07.1 diagnostic code.

At the same time (Spring 2020) the CDC revised the method for reporting causes of death used for the prior 17 years — without public notice and without authorization, so likely in violation of federal law — to funnel more deaths into the Covid class and reduce deaths attributed to other causes.

One study, published in October 2020 in *Science, Public Health Policy, and The Law*⁷² found that if the 2003 cause-of-death reporting methods had been used, only 6% of the so-called Covid deaths in 2020 were actually due to Covid.

Next steps, if I keep working on this, are to add in available 2004-2019 financial data, wait for 2020 hospital capacity and utilization data, wait for 2020 hospital financial data, wait for Pa. Department of Health to finalize the all-cause mortality data, publish the age-stratified and cause-of-death data, and then embark on a deep dive into death certificates.

Interesting comparison chart of the preliminary Centre County data as published by Pennsylvania Department of Health October 28, 2020 and then revised version published February 23, 2021.

YEAR	MONTH	10.28.20 Death Counts	2.23.21 Death Counts
2020	1	96	92
2020	2	88	86
2020	3	97	95
2020	4	92	94
2020	5	104	107
2020	6	88	87
2020	7	61	73
2020	8	106	112
2020	9	65	74
2020	10		94
2020	11		154
2020	12		155
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