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Sept. 17, 2020 - Site closed.

Writers I read, while I figure out whether to write again myself:

- Matt Taibbi
- Glenn Greenwald
- Michael Tracey
- Stacey Rudin
- Michael Yeadon
- Clare Craig
- Joel Smalley
- Jordan Schachtel
- Glenn Loury
- Shelby Steele
- James Bovard
- Jonathan Turley
- Alex Berenson
- CJ Hopkins
- Caitlin Johnstone
- Sven Henrich
- Dave Collum
- Andrew Doyle
- Russell Brand
- Ron Paul
- Tom Luongo
- Pepe Escobar
- Emily Hill
- John Michael Greer
- Mollie Hemingway
- JP Sears
- Kit Knightly
- Brandon Smith
- Matt Stoller
- Peter Hitchens
- Tucker Carlson
- Sinead Murphy
- Alastair Crooke
- el gato malo (banned from Twitter but on Gab)
- voidsurf1 (Twitter)
- Ethan Yang
- Brendan O'Neill
- Mike Rowe
- Scott Atlas
- Stacey Lennox
- Ivor Cummins
- Julian Assange
- Edward Snowden
- Catherine Austin Fitts
- Scott Adams
- Mike Cernovich
- Jack Posobiec

Sites I read:

- Quillette
- Spiked
- Off-Guardian
- American Institute for Economic Research
- Consent Factory
- Zero Hedge
- Babylon Bee
- Un-Herd
- Alt-Market
- Federalist
- Lockdown Sceptics
- Ecosophia
- Burning Platform
- Wolf Street

Writers I would like to read but don't because the topics they write about scare me too much:

- Whitney Webb
- Vanessa Beeley
- Aaron Mate

Jan. 19, 2021 - Application prep.

I was thinking about writing publicly about some things, but now preoccupied by assembling my application for wrongthink re-education camp.

Jan. 20, 2021 - Weeding out subscriber list

I'd like to whittle down the subscriber list to only include people interested in independent thought.

So as soon as you receive something that triggers your authoritarian impulses and enrages you for its nonconformity to mainstream viewpoints, please click unsubscribe as quickly as possible. Don't send me screaming emails telling me to shut up; I will not be reading them anymore.

It's a big Internet; you can find what you need elsewhere. This space is for the free thinkers and anti-authoritarians. (At least until SubStack is kicked off the Internet like Parler.)

First whittle.

Empirical evidence from the last 10 months around the world indicate:

If the goal is infection control for respiratory viruses, mask mandates for the general public do not work.

If the goal is population control through crushing of dissent, shredding of social trust bonds, dehumanization, impoverishment and the establishment of authoritarianism, then mask mandates for the general public work really, really well.

Jan. 21, 2021 - Still whittling. Spoiler alert: Katherine Watt voted for Trump in 2020.

In my adult life, I have cast votes and/or campaign-donated in presidential primary and general elections for Ralph Nader, Dennis Kucinich, Jill Stein, Bernie Sanders, and Tulsi Gabbard, among others.

I didn't vote in November 2016 after watching war criminal Hillary Clinton and her allies rig the 2016 Democratic primaries to kick out Bernie Sanders and his supporters.

I skipped the 2020 primaries, because there was no role for Pennsylvania voters in May after Super Tuesday rigging sealed the deal for Biden. But I did vote in the general election in 2020, and I voted for Trump.

I had a lot of reasons.

Among the top ones:

First off, crassness doesn't bother me.

Unelected, unaccountable career bureaucrats in the CIA, FBI, DOJ, NSA, DNC and RNC coordinating with propagandists at the New York Times, Washington Post, MSNBC, CNN, NPR and Fox to conduct a four-year coup (hard or soft) against an elected head of state and the interests of his or her working class voter base bothers me a lot, whether it happens abroad or in the United States. Exhibit A: the evidence-free Russiagate story and the subsequent lionizing of Robert Mueller, James Comey, John Brennan, James Clapper, war criminal George W. Bush and the rest of the neoliberal/neoconservative elite technocrat ruling establishment.

Second, free speech doesn't bother me, even when I disagree with the views of the speakers, and even when the speakers say angry, aggrieved, racist, sexist or otherwise awful things. Even when the speakers say things that could be subject to defamation, libel and slander review in a court of law. That's a risk-benefit analysis individual speakers must decide for themselves; the burden of proof is high, especially for speech about public figures and speech about issues of public concern; and the truth is an absolute defense.

The answer to bad ideas and arguments is better ideas and arguments, not the silencing of speakers through corporate, academic or government censorship, cancellation, firings, and deplatforming through social media mobs.

Further, the point of presenting better ideas and arguments in public places isn't to convince the counter-party that he or she is wrong. The point is to reach out to thoughtful, open-minded onlookers - the debate listeners - who are trying to understand the world and navigate it in good faith.

Free speech doesn't bother me. The coordinated suppression of a major corruption story about the son of the Democratic presidential candidate, by unelected, unaccountable tech overlords and propagandists at the New York Times, Washington Post, MSNBC, CNN, NPR and Fox, weeks before an election, bothers me a lot.

I was on the fence for many months after the rigged 2020 primary (during which Barack Obama and Elizabeth Warren coordinated just ahead of Super Tuesday to boot Bernie Sanders from the race and anoint Biden) about whether to stay home, cast a protest vote for Gabbard, or vote for Trump.

When I realized in mid-October that Trump's electoral opponent was not Biden, but was rather the unelected, unaccountable Deep State acronymic organizations, their propagandists in the mainstream media, the narrow-Overton-window enforcers in the tech corporations and the DNC/neoliberal-RNC/neocon elite coalition institutionalized by the Lincoln Project, I knew which side I was on: the side opposite the FBI-CIA-DOJ-NSA-WEF-CFR axis of ruling class elitism, the manipulative mainstream media, tech corporations, and the Congressional neoliberal-neocon Hydra monster, which, for all his major shortcomings, happened to be Donald Trump.

Three, I'm anti-war. American imperialism bothers me a lot. Working-class veteran PTSD, depression and suicide epidemics bother me a lot.

Trump didn't start any new wars, and tried to bring home American troops stuck in war zones he inherited from Clintons, Bushes and Obama. The unelected, unaccountable military bureaucracy blocked his efforts, with help from the neocon-neoliberal Hydra monster in Congress, led by Liz Cheney.

Fourth, I'm against police states and mass incarceration, and I think the "drug war" is stupid. Biden and Harris have both spent their political careers locking people up for non-violent drug offenses. Mostly minority men. Trump worked with Cory Booker and others to pass the First Step Act, providing a pathway out of prison and back home for thousands of non-violent offenders.

Fifth, and probably most dispositive: I have far more in common with the class Hillary Clinton labeled "deplorable" than the class she and her kind regard as elite experts entitled to hold political power and rule over the peasants.

I admire farming, factory work and small business ownership more than I admire any other occupations.

I hate the George Soros, Klaus Schwabs and Bill Gateses of the Davos-centered world. I hate mega-corporations and monopolies. I hate their functionaries: the unelected, unaccountable career technocrats of the "professional managerial class."

When Biden and the DNC continued Hillary Clinton's trajectory, and framed the 2020 fight as one between the working people in the massive crowds supporting Trump and the elites writing checks from their offices supporting Biden, I threw my lot and my vote in with the people I admire, not their self-styled overseers.

I wasn't voting for Trump the man. I was voting for Trump the symbol, the "Molotov cocktail" thrown by angry, desperate, despised working class Americans into the inner sanctum of political power, as Michael Moore once described him.

Trump himself may have all the weakness of will and bad personality his haters attribute to him, but I care way more about the lives, dignity and values of his working class, multiracial base of support than I do about Trump himself. Trump's election in 2016 was a message to the ruling class. I'm among the people who tried to send the message again in 2020.

I could go on, but won't. I've said more than enough to qualify for the secret police surveillance and gulags the so-called American liberals are planning for 75 million or so of us Trump voters.

Note to same: my kids, husband and friends don't share my political views and politics don't unduly influence our relationships of care and affection, so they don't need re-education camp, cancellation, deplatforming or any of the

other tools in the anti-“domestic-terrorist” — Newspeak for domestic dissenters now that the Orange-Man-Bad ‘Resistance’ thinks of itself as being in-power — toolbox.

To those who unsubscribe after reading this, bon voyage.
To those who stick around, thank you.

Jan. 22, 2021 - Subscriber cull update - It's going well.

Forty or 50 people unsubscribed themselves over the last two days, and I took off another 160 or so who hadn't opened a Bailiwick News email in a long time, dropping the list from about 350 on January 19 to under 130 today.

My admin-side removals might remove some people whose “opens” are masked from the SubStack system, but they can always sign up again if they want to.

If you try to unsubscribe yourself and have technical difficulty, you can send me an email and I can unsubscribe you from the admin side.

But if you send the request to unsubscribe at the bottom of a STFU email, I probably won't see it, because I'm deleting those as soon as I realize what they are, which means I won't see your request.

One or two more whittling posts — next one in progress and planned for Sunday publishing — and we should be down to 100 or fewer people and good to go.

January 24, 2021 - Letterpress printing advertisement

I had a draft of an essay about Covid thoughtcrimes in the works, but some developments over the weekend are prompting me to think about revisions before publishing.

Instead, here's an ad for my letterpress printing services - the other thing I do apart from research and writing. In addition to the homemade bottlejack press I built six or seven years ago, I now have an antique Chandler & Price Pilot press manufactured in the early 1900s: starting a new printmaking learning curve.


Letterpress Printing

Vintage Social Media.
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Cast lead type and hand-carved linocut letter and picture blocks, printed on paper and fabric with a homemade bottlejack printing press.

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Dish towels, t-shirts, baby onesies, tote bags and more.

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January 25, 2021 - Fairmount School: Could it be reopened as a magnet school for kids, teachers and parents interested in mask-free, socially non-distant learning?

It doesn't look likely that the State College Area School Board will reopen public schools fully — with no masks, no social distancing, no Plexiglass, no alternate day in-person/at-home schedules — anytime soon.

This despite the very early evidence (available by April 2020) that Covid poses a vanishingly small risk of illness and death to young people; a growing body of research collected over the last ten months showing that Covid transmission among children, young adults and teachers in school settings is rare and relatively unaffected by masking and other non-pharmaceutical interventions; and a growing body of research showing that knowledge loss, developmental regression, domestic abuse, despair, depression, anxiety, drug use, self-harm and suicide rates are rising rapidly among young people (and many others), due to disproportionate Covid fearmongering by the media, and the cumulative impacts of prolonged loss of self-determination, prolonged social isolation through school, sports and extracurricular club closures and prohibitions on social gatherings, and prolonged masking, social distancing and staying-at-home.

I think it would be wrong to compel terrified children and teachers to return to school, and wrong to compel parents to send these children to school, because they are all genuinely terrified, whether the thing they're afraid of is less likely to harm them than many other things or not.

They will need support over the coming months and years to understand the *comparative* risks of Covid.

Covid risk can and should be weighed against the benefits of social contracts that empower individuals exercising their own civil liberties (freedom of speech, expression, association, assembly, and movement) without government mandates and derivative social ostracism coercion.

Covid risk can and should be weighed against the benefits of having people make their own personal risk-benefit choices.

People should be empowered to balance these complex issues for themselves and their growing children headed toward adult independence because living a full, rich human life of any duration (short, medium or long) inescapably involves myriad non-Covid risks and non-“safety” benefits. In other words, there are many things well worth doing, that have the potential to lead to illness, injury or death.

But Covid-terrified people certainly won't benefit from compelled exposure therapy at this point, and Covid-terrified children should not be forced to return to school.

By the same logic, I also think it's wrong to compel isolated but non-Covid-fearful children and teachers to stay apart from each other, and to force non-Covid-fearful parents to restrain their children from learning in normal school settings: both through academic learning and social connections, and through learning how to cope with and balance the many risks and benefits that come with making personal choices while living a human life in all its complexity.

I don't know if there are any SCASD teachers interested in providing an option for non-fearful students and parents, and I don't know how many parents are currently ready to send their children back into normal classrooms without masks, lines on the floors and Plexiglass barriers.

For that matter, I don't know how many kids would be ready to come back to normal classrooms if their parents would want them to go, and there were teachers ready to welcome them back.

However, if the school board develops an interest in reopening the largely vacant Fairmount School (which housed the Delta Program before the new high school buildings opened a few years ago), I would be eager to teach any kids who want to go to school there and have parents who want to send them.

I would be happy to undergo the background clearance process as needed to qualify as a substitute teacher. My own learning curve for classroom management and lesson prep and presentation would have to be rapid and steep, since I haven't been a teacher by trade up to this point.

I'm willing to take that learning curve on, because I want to be part of protecting and supporting the lives and interests of kids, teachers and parents who believe most people are in more danger from the social isolation of lockdowns than from Covid, while the rest of the district continues to protect and support the lives of kids, teachers and parents who believe most people are in more danger from Covid than from social isolation.

I have useful skills to share in English reading and writing (including journalism); Western philosophy; and printmaking for any age kids, and could manage basic math and science for younger kids if those happened to be the kids more interested in coming back to normal school, and those were the subjects their parents were more interested in seeing their kids learn.



January 27, 2021 - Covid thoughtcrimes

I think Covid-19 began as a public health crisis, and was rapidly converted into a political and constitutional crisis by bad actors who recognized and seized the opportunity to stoke abject fear and social division, in order to increase and consolidate their own political and financial power and control.

I formed these views over the past year by reading and thinking about reporting and public policy recommendations heavily promoted by mainstream media and governmental individuals and organizations, alongside research, analysis and public policy recommendations by dozens of independent writers.

Independent voices approaching the complex Covid-related issues of clinical diagnosis and treatment, virology, immunology, epidemiology, microbiology, statistics, public health history, political history, economics, psychology, sociology and media consolidation include Martin Kulldorff, Jay Bhattacharya, Michael Yeadon, Clare Craig, Ivor Cummins, Joel Smalley, John Ionnidis, Yinon Weiss, Sunetra Gupta, Carl Heneghan, Kulvinder Kaur, Simone Gold, Sucharat Bhakti, Richard Schabas, Alex Berenson, Peter Hitchens, Wolfgang Wodarg, Emma Kenny, Vanessa Bailey, Jordan Schachtel, James Bovard, CJ Hopkins, Ron Paul, JP Sears, Kit Knightly, Brandon Smith, Dave Collum, Sinead Murphy, Allison Pearson, Julia Hartley-Brewer, Malcolm Kendrick, @boriquagato (banned from Twitter but currently on Gab), @voidsurf1 (currently still on Twitter), Emily Hill, Ethan Yang, Brendan O'Neill, Mike Rowe, Scott Atlas, Stacey Lennox, Jim Quinn, Catherine Austin Fitts and many others you can find by starting with these names and following the debates and social media conversations in which they are involved.

During my investigations, I noted that mainstream writers unfailingly scream in rage that independent voices dare to speak out *at all*, and demand that they shut themselves up or be shut out of public discourse by corporate gatekeepers. I was on the receiving end of those screaming fits on the few occasions I attempted to share similar information on a far smaller scale, silenced myself in response, and was silenced by corporate gatekeepers amidst the wholesale annihilation of Parler¹ from January 8 - 10.

I pondered the ancient question — cui bono?

Who benefits from the respective policies advocated by the pro-lockdown and anti-lockdown voices?
And the corrolary, less often explored question: “Who suffers?”

In my view, the coordinated global government response to Covid-19 from February 2020 to the present is the largest psycho-medical terrorizing and torture experiment in human history: the 1951 Solomon Asch conformity experiments², 1958 Harry Harlow social isolation experiments³, 1961 Stanley Milgram obedience to authority experiments⁴, 1971 Philip Zimbardo Stanford prison experiments⁵, and 1977 Bruce Alexander solitary confinement⁶ “Rat Park” experiment, combined and writ global.

In my view, government officials and media personalities who have commissioned and promulgated manipulated and fraudulent data to establish, order and maintain fear-based police and civilian enforcement of mass testing and contact tracing/surveillance; mask mandates for the general public; stay-at-home, quarantine, isolation and lockdown orders; reorganizations and closures of businesses, schools, churches, libraries, courts and legislatures; blocking of freedom of movement, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of association and freedom of religion; withholding of inexpensive, safety-demonstrated prophylactics and treatments such as Vitamin D supplements, zinc, azithromycin, hydroxychloroquine and Ivermectin⁷; social coercion to increase uptake of experimental treatments, including “vaccines” that may prevent neither transmission nor infection and have no long-term safety records, but for which manufacturers are immune from all legal liability for adverse effects; and adults forbidding children to play with each other based on psychopathic claims that respiratory viruses and death can be abolished from the human experience and children playing equals mass homicide of elderly grandparents — these government and media agents are guilty of crimes against humanity.

¹ <https://greenwald.substack.com/p/how-silicon-valley-in-a-show-of-monopolistic>

² <https://www.verywellmind.com/the-asch-conformity-experiments-2794996>

³ <https://www.simplypsychology.org/harlow-monkey.html>

⁴ <https://www.simplypsychology.org/milgram.html>

⁵ <https://www.simplypsychology.org/zimbardo.html>

⁶ <https://exploringyourmind.com/the-rat-park-experiment/>

⁷ <https://covid19criticalcare.com/>

We have been systematically robbed of access to key human communication tools: facial expressions and body language, because we are now surrounded in all public places by expressionless faces rendered so by masking, and bodies rigid with fear, demanding that all others — universally perceived as toxic — keep at least six feet away. I think these ongoing crimes have been conducted without voluntary and informed consent from any of the 7.8 billion current test subjects, in violation of the Nuremberg Code and the Geneva Conventions.

I think the perpetrators should be subject to formal charges and public trials at the International Criminal Court in The Hague or a more credible successor court, and upon conviction, handed sentences sufficient to deter future governments from ever repeating the experiment. I have no idea who might bring such charges, since most prosecutors appear to be all-in on the experiment continuing indefinitely. There are some exceptions in Portugal⁸ and Germany⁹. Still, times change.

In the United States over the past year, the perpetrators of the mass psycho-medical torture experiment have included most writers and editors at most mainstream media national organizations (CNN, MSNBC, Fox, NPR, Washington Post, New York Times); most regional market newspapers and online news sites, radio stations and television stations; federal, state, county, local governmental, public health and public education officials; most federal, state and municipal judges.

There have been some notable exceptions including U.S. District Court Judge William Stickman IV¹⁰, Florida governor Ron DeSantis and South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem.

I'm profoundly grateful that America is, for now, a federation of quasi-independent states, or things would be worse still: there would be no somewhat-freer populations living in states that have adopted less-totalitarian measures, and therefore no available counter-evidence to undermine the fraudulent claims of the lockdown experiment's proponents. The examples of Florida, South Dakota, Georgia and South Carolina give hope to residents of more-abusive states like New York, Massachusetts, California and Pennsylvania that we might someday move to better, less-abusive places or that our current home state governments might learn hard lessons and change course.

In my view, the goals of the mainstream, Deep State/GloboCap¹¹-supported* policies, are to:

1. distract civilian populations around the world from noticing and understanding unprecedented, deliberate, *government-policy-driven* financial inequality, system implosion¹², and massive ongoing wealth transfers from the poor, working and middle classes to globalist elites including Bezos, Schwab, Soros and Gates;
2. redirect the resulting social and political instability away from the formation of broad-based citizen alliances challenging the control of the global elites, and instead stoke intra-civilian ideological and racial conflict (rank and file Democratic voters, rank and file Republican voters, Antifa, MAGA, BLM) to divide-and-conquer the experimental subjects and;
3. break people's will to live and trust in family, friends and other direct social connections to establish comprehensive governmental surveillance and control of the most intimate details of the lives of every person on earth, stripping us of our individual liberty, human dignity and freedom of conscience in order to prevent any rise of healthy, organized, well-informed mass civilian resistance against the global elites.

Put another way, the globalist elites are psychotic, sociopathic and evil: intrinsically cruel, exploitative and controlling¹³.

Thanks to their interventions, this is what our lives have become over the past year:

Governments now purport to decide for each of us - adult and child alike world over - whether and when we can leave our homes; what we must wear on our faces when outside our homes; whether and how we can communicate with work and school colleagues; whether and how we can access our workplaces, public buildings, public schools and public services; whether and how we can meet with family and friends in private homes and outdoors; whether and how we

⁸ <https://off-guardian.org/2020/11/20/portuguese-court-rules-pcr-tests-unreliable-quarantines-unlawful/>

⁹ <https://ukhumanrightsblog.com/2021/01/25/german-district-court-declares-corona-ordinance-unconstitutional/>

¹⁰ <https://triblive.com/news/pennsylvania/federal-judge-rules-gov-wolfs-shutdown-orders-were-unconstitutional/>

¹¹ <https://consentfactory.org/2021/01/24/thats-all-folks/>

¹² <https://off-guardian.org/2021/01/22/the-old-lady-who-swallowed-a-fly/>

¹³ <https://www.breitbart.com/europe/2020/11/18/the-great-reset-is-trending-heres-why/>

can physically be present with the mentally and physically ill during their suffering; whether and under what conditions we can enter private premises to buy food, eat, drink, listen to music, get a haircut, exercise, and engage in the myriad other transactions that comprise a human community and a local economy; whether and how we can travel; and whether and under what conditions we can assemble for social, educational, recreational, artistic, religious, athletic or any other group activity.

Due to global supply chain disruptions, the most powerless people in the poorest nations have fallen deeper into poverty, with worsening hunger, starvation, educational losses and premature death.

Almost a year past “two weeks to flatten the curve,” these governments have refused to change course, despite massive amounts of data and analysis collected and provided by independent doctors, epidemiologists, virologists, and public health experts.

Dissenters point out the massive, unprecedented disproportionality of the totalitarian response to the moderate, highly-precedented infectious risks and mortality (“viruses gonna virus”¹⁴) of respiratory viruses like Covid-19. Dissenters emphasize the lack of evidence that “non-pharmaceutical interventions” other than routine hand-washing work to stop transmission and infection, including especially-useless mask-mandates for the general public¹⁵ and business closures and stay-at-home orders¹⁶, and that *these interventions themselves cause harm*; the lack of coherent justification and lack of public cost-benefit analysis accounting for collateral damage from rising global poverty, hunger, unemployment and small business closure rates; undiagnosed and untreated physical illness and death from non-Covid causes; and spiking incidence of drug addiction, depression, anxiety and suicide from forced isolation and the distortion and severing of normal human social relationships with self, family, friends and community.

As in the Milgram experiment, the authorities give clear instructions or “prods”¹⁷ to those who try to question the efficacy and ethics of this mass experiment, or express a desire to stop participating in it.

We are repeatedly told:

1. Please continue *or* Please go on.
2. The experiment requires that you continue.
3. It is absolutely essential that you continue.
4. You have no other choice; you *must* go on *or* You have no other choice but to continue.

As it happens, and like the subjects in the original Milgram experiment, we do have a choice. Resistance is not futile, but it is also not easy.

The result of these crimes against humanity, which have gone on for almost a year without any effective means for citizen appeal, review or revision, is the near-complete delegitimization of most public institutions around the world, which are now operating without any semblance of informed consent of the governed, including corporate executives, legislatures, courts, medical doctors, research scientists, and journalists.

Apart from individual acts of civil disobedience, there is presently no legislative or judicial mechanism through which ordinary citizens can make the collective punishment stop by compelling our governments to renounce and repeal the cruel, deadly policies under which we are all living our lives.

The independent voices listed above are among hundreds of dissenting yet well-credentialed medical and legal professionals, data analysts, public health experts and journalists around the world making the case for lifting mask mandates, business closures, stay-at-home/lockdown orders and other Covid public policy.

¹⁴ <https://metro.co.uk/2020/03/06/coronavirus-expert-tells-people-stop-panicking-viruses-gonna-virus-12359879/>

¹⁵ <https://swprs.org/covid-masks-review/>

¹⁶ <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/eci.13484>

¹⁷ <https://www.simplypsychology.org/milgram.html>

The simplest presentations of their data and analysis are available at the Great Barrington Declaration¹⁸ website and the Collateral Global¹⁹ website, and a great deal more daily detail is available at their Twitter feeds, for so long as Jack Dorsey allows them access to that platform.

Many cite the work of Donald Henderson, in particular a 2006 paper on “Disease Mitigation Measures in the Control of Pandemic Influenza,”²⁰ which concluded:

“Experience has shown that communities faced with epidemics or other adverse events respond best and with the least anxiety when the **normal social functioning of the community is least disrupted**. Strong political and public health leadership to provide reassurance and to ensure that needed medical care services are provided are critical elements. If either is seen to be less than optimal, **a manageable epidemic could move toward catastrophe.**”

Unlike the most prominent lockdown, mass-testing and mass-vaccination advocates, these independent dissenters have no board seats or stock ownership in the corporations profiteering from government-sponsored Covid terrorism: PCR test manufacturing companies²¹, experimental “vaccine” manufacturers like Pfizer²² and Moderna, and media/tech behemoths like Amazon, Apple, Microsoft, Google, Twitter and Facebook who are capturing ever-more market share²³ by enabling government slaughter of thousands of small businesses and millions of jobs and censorship of those who dare to object out loud.

For their labors, the lockdown dissenters have been subject to rampant bad-faith mischaracterization of their views: they are all called “Covid-deniers” even though none deny Covid is a highly-contagious respiratory virus, while they also strongly make the case that broad-spectrum masking, distancing and lockdown policies do more societal and public health harm than good, and therefore violate the basic medical precept of the Hippocratic Oath.

There’s nothing incompatible about those two premises: 1) that Covid is bad and 2) that totalitarianism is worse.

Beyond strawman²⁴ dismissals, lockdown dissenters have also endured reputational assassination, censorship, deplatforming and worse.

Despite the intense pressure to quit dissenting and get on board with the “new normal” regime, nevertheless they persist in trying to educate people about the crimes against humanity, and persuade governments to stop committing them.

In my view, the catastrophe we’re now enduring is not due to Covid-19 and it’s not a public health catastrophe. It’s a constitutional government catastrophe, inflicted *deliberately* on civilian populations, by the elite ruling class, for their own political and financial gain at enormous, multigenerational costs borne by the rest of us.

Are the global elites overreaching in their hubris? Will their campaign to achieve total global surveillance and population control spark a backlash? Will it accelerate formation of an alliance of left, right and center-leaning citizens interested in preserving individual liberty and human dignity against the GloboCap tidal wave of totalitarianism?

Are they seeing the backlash building already and retreating for awhile²⁵ to regroup and attack again later? (The crossing of new frontiers in gaslighting²⁶ and memory-holing²⁷ over the past week suggest the answer to that one may be “Yes.”)

I don’t know the answers to these questions.

¹⁸ <https://gbdeclaration.org/>

¹⁹ <https://collateralglobal.org/>

²⁰ <http://citeseerx.ist.psu.edu/viewdoc/download?doi=10.1.1.552.1109&rep=rep1&type=pdf>

²¹ <https://cormandrostenreview.com/report/>

²² https://www.pfizer.com/people/leadership/board-of-directors/scott_gottlieb-md

²³ <https://dossier.substack.com/p/zoom-privilege-covid-19-restrictions>

²⁴ <https://www.thoughtco.com/straw-man-fallacy-1692144>

²⁵ <https://pjmedia.com/columns/stacey-lennox/2020/10/27/prediction-joe-biden-would-manage-covid-19-in-one-of-two-ways-both-should-enrage-you-n1092407>

²⁶ <https://twitter.com/AlexBerenson/status/1353865750876999680>

²⁷ <https://gab.com/boriquagato/posts/105611927264788726>

But I'm super-curious.**

* Yes, I *am* a conspiracy-theorist. I concur with Dave Collum's definition: "I believe men and women of power conspire. If you don't think so then you are what is called 'an idiot.' If you believe stuff but fear the label, you are what is called 'a coward.'"

** This essay is dedicated to the memories and legacies of my father, James G. Watt (1934-2017) who instilled in me a bottomless thirst for justice and sympathy for underdogs; history and political philosophy professor Tony Judt (1948-2010), who in 1992 set my feet on the path I still walk; and my maternal grandmother and namesake Gerda Overbeek Buis, (1912-1950). I'm grateful for them.

Jan. 27, 2021 - Please report me to our local FBI office

I am demonstrably "angry over Covid-19 restrictions" and should be stripped of access to my computer, investigated for my thoughtcrimes, charged, tried, convicted and sentenced to 10 years of hard labor — at least — as quickly as possible.

The evidence is clear. I'll even sign a confession. Open and shut case!

For information about how to reach our local FBI office, see [this notice](#) from the Department of Homeland Security.

Attention citizens! Protect your family and neighborhood from people who are angry about Covid-19 restrictions!

Update a couple hours later...potential plot twist:

What if the DHS notice is a cleverly coded message from liberty-lovers hiding inside the federal government, instructing supporters on the outside that the best way to get the federal boot off our collective neck is to gather in massive, mask-free, non-violent crowds at federal buildings?

The tone of today's press release has a weird Brer Rabbit trickster tone, the more I think about it.

#federalgovernmentsolame

Jan. 28, 2021 - The bars of the mask-mandate cage are illusions. Social and physical attacks - initiated by fellow inmates who don't want *any* businesses or *any* customers to fly free of the fear cult - are not illusions.

Back on Dec. 31, 2020, I sent an email to the State College Police Department:

I'm interested in getting arrested and imprisoned for noncompliance with Gov. Wolf's and Borough Council's orders, but don't want to inconvenience a retail clerk or manager of already-hammered local businesses by entering a business unmuzzled. I also want to make the process as easy as possible for you and the police department.

Would it work if I just came to the police station unmuzzled?

I'm not joking. I don't know how to resist the totalitarianism since freedom of speech and assembly have also been suspended.

A few hours later, I got a very polite, kind response from a State College police officer (emphasis added by me):

Gov. Wolf's order asks for **voluntary compliance** by individuals and **does not have an enforcement section authorizing the arrest of anyone for violating the order**. In short, we cannot arrest you for not following the order from Gov. Wolf. The latest information on the Commonwealth's response to Covid-19 can be found here:



Regarding individual violations of borough ordinance 2145, they can only result in a citation and only under certain circumstances. No in-custody arrests have been, or will be, made by any State College police officer.

You can find a copy of the ordinance here if you would like to reference it.
ORD-2145---COVID-19-Masking-and-Social-Distancing (statecollegepa.us)²⁹

I can appreciate your frustration with both measures and at the same time I appreciate your concern for our local businesses.

So I sent the officer a thank-you note:

Thank you for your reply. I figured as much.

They're "laws" that aren't really laws, enforced more by mass media, social conformity pressure and business owner fear than anything else.

Which doesn't do anything good for the public trust in the rule of law generally, among other horrible side effects.

Plus it's so vague, there's no clear person or government office or meeting at which to protest or demand reopening and repeal of mask mandates.

Judge Stickman in September found Wolf's unilateral executive orders (no evidence, endpoint, legislative debate or ratification) unconstitutional and it made no difference at all for implementation.

https://www.courtlistener.com/recap/gov.uscourts.pawd.266888/gov.uscourts.pawd.266888.79.0_1.pdf

If you know of any likeminded people trying to figure out how to overturn this insanity, please put me in contact with them. I can't find them because everyone I know is self-censoring for fear of being screamed at and assaulted by civilian lockdown, distancing and mask enforcers.

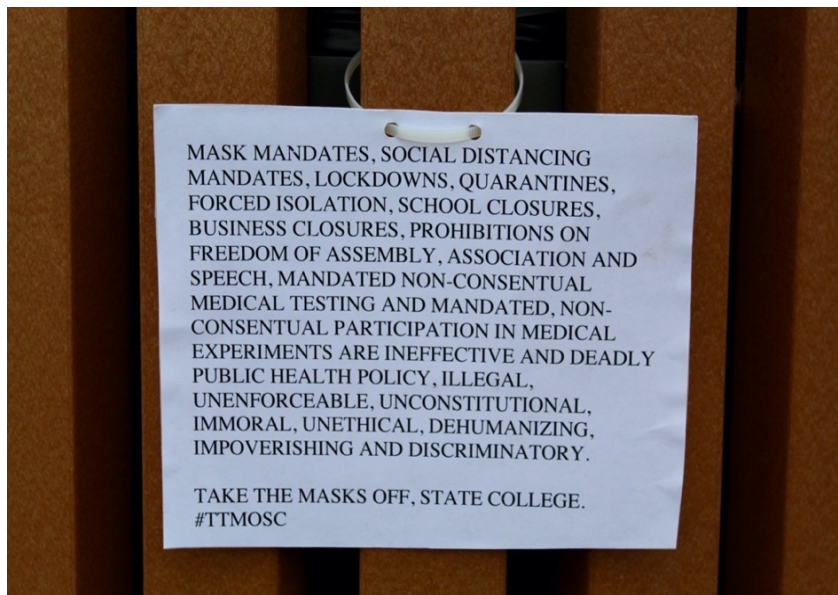
I would love to connect with them and come up with some effective means of fighting back. I would preferentially spend money at any business, restaurant or otherwise, willing to violate the rules, stay open, and allow patrons the option to freely choose to enter unmuzzled and stand closer than 6 feet. But again, I don't know how to connect with those brave business owners in a timely and effective way.

Again, thank you for the reply.

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A few days before I sent that email, I went to Wegmans, wearing a mask but also wearing a placard hung around my neck. Written in Sharpie on the card:

Mask mandates are unconstitutional and dehumanizing.
Masks are ineffective public health measures for viral infection control. swprs.org/face-masks-evidence/



²⁸ <https://www.pa.gov/guides/responding-to-covid-19/#COVID-19Dashboard>

²⁹ <http://www.statecollegepa.us/DocumentCenter/View/22524/ORD-2145---COVID-19-Masking-and-Social-Distancing?bidId=>

I comply *only* to spare retail workers the headache of enforcement burdens.
I *do not* consent.

The only person who read it was the check-out clerk, and she snarled “Have a *healthy* holiday” at me as I finished paying and left with my groceries.

I don’t blame her at all for her fear of Covid or anger at me for challenging the masking propaganda. But I also have been doing most of our household grocery shopping elsewhere since then, after many years of mostly shopping at Wegmans.

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A few days after the New Year’s Eve exchange with the State College police officer, I stopped at Weis for a few things and didn’t wear a mask. After I had a couple items, a clerk came up to me in the aisle where I was standing, held out a mask from six feet away and said "Ma'am, I have to ask you to put this on."

I said, "And I refuse."

Then I walked away to the scanner checkout. I don't know what the clerk did after that, but I scanned my two items, paid in cash and left.

I reported myself to the State College police a few hours later, asking: “Are there any plans for the SCPD to ask Borough Council to repeal the masking/distancing/lockdown ordinance on constitutional and human rights grounds? Spanish police are joining with protestors against the totalitarianism.”

And provided the following link: <https://youtu.be/lkbKXyn4Syc>

No reply to date.

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The day after my rebellious mask-free foray into Weis to buy cheese and Vitamin D supplements, I drove down to York to a meeting of FreePA³⁰, which is a citizen group.

I’m not on Facebook, but they have a Facebook group you can join if you’re interested.

Anyway, at the meeting I learned that several bar and restaurant owners in the York area have defied Governor Wolf’s orders, by opening with no occupancy limits and mask-optional policies. Patrons who choose to enter are taking on the risks involved, and patrons who don’t want to enter an establishment that serves people who aren’t wearing masks and aren’t maintaining six-foot personal radii, obviously don’t have to enter.

As I understood the discussion, the PA Liquor Control Board challenged some of the bar and restaurant owners with revocation of their liquor licenses. The owners got attorneys and refused to back down, challenging the LCB to take the cases to trial, or administrative hearing, or whatever the jurisdiction happens to be.

And as I understood the outcome, the LCB backed down and dropped the cases, leaving the owners and patrons of the rebel establishments to continue transacting business together on mutually agreeable terms.

There may be a list of the mask-optional, full-occupancy businesses circulating somewhere, so that people interested in preferentially supporting those businesses know how to do so.

I’d love to see some courageous Centre County small business owners connect with FreePA to find out more about the process, as preparation for directly challenging Governor Wolf and State College Borough Council’s unconstitutional, illegal mask mandates, social distancing mandates, and occupancy limits.

³⁰ <https://www.facebook.com/groups/686972655483960>

It would be great to have a mix of businesses operating in Centre County: some for those who support Covid restrictions and some for those who oppose Covid restrictions, so that both groups can exercise their human rights and make their own cost-benefit decisions freely³¹ and without government interference.

Jan. 29, 2021 - The “page” about Ordinance 2145 has been disappeared from the State College Borough website. The ordinance itself, set to expire Jan. 31, is still available through five hits under “content” and one hit under “files.”

UPDATED with comment from Denise Trostle, Borough Administration Clerk, received this afternoon, citing Ordinance 2152,³² “examined and approved as an ordinance January 4, 2021,” effective upon its approval and set to expire May 31, 2021. See below.

ORIGINAL POST

The link provided in the officer’s Dec. 31 response (see prior post³³) went to a live page as of January 1, but now goes to a 404 message.³⁴

So it was taken down at some point in the last four weeks.

A keyword search on “Ordinance 2145”³⁵ (as of today anyway) yields zero items under the “Pages” tab, five items under the “Content” tab, and one item³⁶ under the “Files” tab.

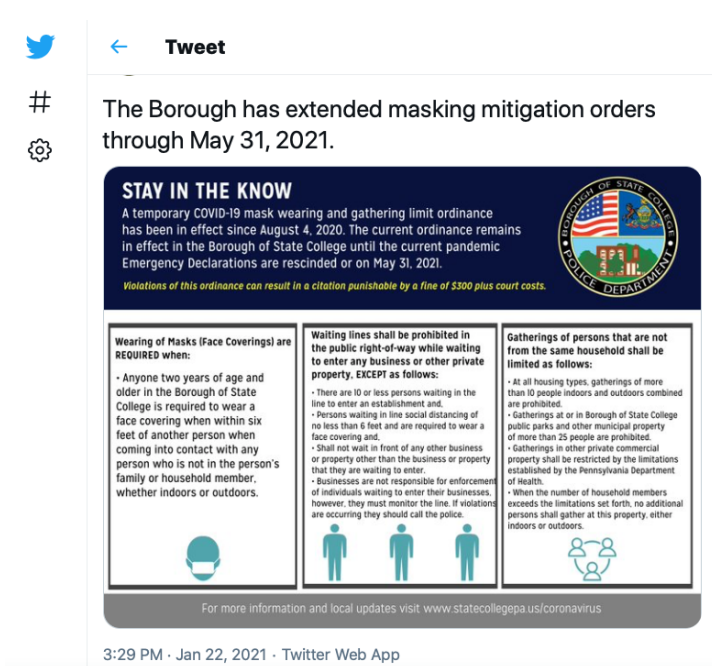
Further, a search in the Borough Code yields a “null” result.³⁷

SCPD already confirmed³⁸ that police don’t have the authority to arrest anyone.

Without the ordinance, police don’t even have authority to issue citations for \$300 fines to people who refuse to wear masks, or business owners that allow unmasked people inside their premises, or people who gather in large groups in public or private spaces. And judges have no authority to levy the fines.

This seems at odds with a January 22 Twitter post³⁹ by the State College Police Department and recent reporting by WTAJ⁴⁰ that the mask mandate, social distancing mandates, and occupancy limits have been “extended” — by agents and actions at dates and times unknown — until May 31.

Interestingly, the SCPD Twitter post doesn’t cite any authorizing ordinance at all.



³¹ <https://greenbandredband.com/>

³² <https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/3c4b6ca0-c9ea-47a7-a9eb-d60d372ab4f9?cache=3600>

³³ <https://bailiwicknews.substack.com/p/the-bars-of-the-mask-mandate-cage>

³⁴ <https://www.statecollegepa.us/DocumentCenter/View/22524/ORD-2145---COVID-19-Masking-and-Social-Distancing?bidId=>

³⁵ <https://www.statecollegepa.us/>

³⁶ <https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/04c975bc-2143-4094-882e-aa20bbd021ac?cache=3600>

³⁷ <https://ecode360.com/ST2624/search?query=2145&scope=law&sortOrder=relevance>

³⁸ <https://bailiwicknews.substack.com/p/the-bars-of-the-mask-mandate-cage>

³⁹ <https://twitter.com/StateCollegePD/status/1352714948300963841>

⁴⁰ <https://www.wearecentralpa.com/news/local-news/state-college-extends-mask-mandate-through-may-2021/>

UPDATE - 2:45 p.m. January 29 - Email received from Denise Trostle, Borough Administration Clerk:

Wanted to let you know that the Borough launched a new website this week. It looks like the “404” link you posted below was saved from our old website, as it references “document center,” which is no longer a part of the new website.

If you go to the website and search for 2145 or Ordinance 2145, it will come up in several places. After you search, you will see 3 tabs above the search results. In an instance such as this where you are looking for a specific document, the “Files” tab will net you the most direct results.

Also, the extension of the date for the mask ordinance, as well as some changes to language, occurred with Ordinance 2152⁴¹, which can also be found on the website.

With the website being so new, we do anticipate that users could encounter errors here and there – although hopefully nothing major. Should you encounter errors with the new site, please be sure to email your feedback to: webadmin@statecollegepa.us so errors can be addressed.

Coincidentally, I found a slight glitch with the new system when writing this email. Right now, to find Ordinance 2152, you have to search just plain 2152 or Ord 2152. It will not come up when searching with the full word Ordinance. We are working to get that corrected, but it may be next week before it’s resolved.

Editor’s Note:

Mask mandates, social distancing mandates, business closures and occupancy limits are unjustifiable, unconstitutional and totalitarian, and effective only for social control, not for infection control.

I concede Trostle’s point: Borough Council has continued its illegitimate power grabs from last spring, August 4, 2020 (Ordinance 2144), and August 17, 2020 (Ordinance 2145), by engaging in another illegitimate “legislative act,” this time on January 4, 2021 (Ordinance 2152).

Jan. 30, 2021 - Domestic terrorists' potluck - Let's test Ordinance 2152

I don’t know if there are more than 10 rebels who read this newsletter and would be interested in a social gathering of like-minded people at my place, so we might not meet the first threshold of Ordinance 2152⁴² Section 5A.

There probably aren’t 25, so we also would be unlikely to need to apply for a “Gathering Registration,” and even if so, as the host, I would refuse to submit such an application and a “COVID-19 mitigation plan,” because the whole point would be to gather socially without government permission, without masks, to sit and stand near each other while talking and eating food.

But let’s give it a go anyway.

Email me at kgwatt@protonmail.com if interested, and put “Domestic Terrorist Potluck RSVP”⁴³ in your subject line.

By contacting me to RSVP, you confirm that you:

1. are human;
2. are a legal adult, and legal guardian of any minors who may accompany you;
3. enjoy the exercise of your human and constitutionally-protected rights to make individual risk-benefit decisions about how you live, where you go, with whom and under what personal safety conditions;

⁴¹ <https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/3c4b6ca0-c9ea-47a7-a9eb-d60d372ab4f9?cache=3600>

⁴² <https://content.civicplus.com/api/assets/3c4b6ca0-c9ea-47a7-a9eb-d60d372ab4f9?cache=3600>

⁴³ <https://www.dhs.gov/ntas/advisory/national-terrorism-advisory-system-bulletin-january-27-2021>

4. have a human immune system, are biologically susceptible to infectious disease, grateful our species has evolved systems for learning to recognize and fight off viruses and other infectious threats, and accept that sooner or later you, like everybody else, will die;
5. promise to never attempt to access any medical care for any reason at any time after the potluck, because you forfeit any theoretical rights to any such theoretical access by participating in a human social activity that does not enjoy government permission or widespread social acceptance at this time.

We'll try to be sneaky about date and time, arrive separately, park far away, and enter the house through multiple access points.

But if we get turned in by an informant, caught by the State College Stasi⁴⁴ and cited anyway, I'll fight the citation in court and document the experience here until I'm kicked off SubStack or SubStack is kicked off its servers, or I'm arrested and jailed.

Whichever comes first.
#totalitarianismsolame

(Like the old saying has it... "In a time of universal neighbor-on-neighbor fear, hosting a potluck is a revolutionary act.")

Jan. 31, 2021 - Limited Edition Typeset Bailiwick News

I typeset an abridged version of the April 27, 2020 issue of *Bailiwick News*,⁴⁵ a list of foods that humans eat that can be produced in Centre County.

It's my first lengthy typeset piece using 10-point Century Schoolbook lead type from M&H Type Foundry⁴⁶ in San Francisco, printed on my homemade bottlejack press on 140-pound Canson watercolor paper with Prussian Blue Cranfield Caligo ink. I learned a lot in the multi-month process, evidenced by multiple imperfections, weird word spacing, uneven right-side margins, and variability in the prints.



Fifteen fully-legible, 6"x9" prints are available for \$10 each to anyone interested, cash or check only. Email kgwatt@protonmail.com to order. Free home delivery to buyers in Centre County.

Suitable for framing?

Maybe.

An interesting thing to have if you're interested in things like local food history and food security?

Yes.

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⁴⁴ <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Stasi>

⁴⁵ <https://bailiwicknewsarchives.files.wordpress.com/2020/09/4.27.20-bailiwick-news.pdf>

⁴⁶ <https://www.arionpress.com/mandh-about>