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# The end of freedom

## Digital ID will be needed to access everyday life

by **DARREN SMITH**

**WE already have passports, driving licences, bank cards and other forms of ID, so why are Keir Starmer's government, Tony Blair, the World Economic Forum and every powerful person and organisation on Earth in favour of digital ID?**

Simple: they will soon tie your digital ID to your ability to access and go anywhere using your credit rating, vaccine status and social compliance among other inputs.

If your score is not high enough, you could be excluded from supermarkets, football grounds, trains, buses or spending outside of a certain radius from your home or buying certain things. You will have difficulty renting or finding employment. You could be excluded from social media and any online activity, including banking.

Digital ID is the end of the road for freedom of choice. We would be leaving our children a world where their job prospects or ability to raise finance, how far and often they could travel, and how much their weekly shopping cost would be determined by how up to date they were on their mRNA boosters or their social media behaviour, and they could be excluded from anywhere at any time at the state's whim.

Digital ID will also include an individual's 'carbon allowance', that will be used to limit purchases, travel, meat or anything.

Under the guise of safety, digital ID will be used for total control

The UK adult has an average annual 'carbon footprint' of about 11 tonnes and the IPPC think that this needs to be two tonnes, or thereabouts. While all imaginary, it is important for people to understand that their 'carbon footprint' will have to drop to about a fifth of what it currently is and what impacts this will have on their life.

They created the problem of a climate crisis and digital carbon tracking will not solve it.

They created the problem of mass illegal immigration and could easily solve it but digital ID will not.

They created the delusion of more than two sexes and could easily defund and debunk it, but digital ID will not end it.

They create the conditions for crime to thrive and then claim digital ID as the solution.

They have and will sell digital ID as the answer to most of the world's problems in the coming weeks and months, after also creating the crises for which digital ID would have conveniently been a preventative measure.

Do not be deceived: this is the beginning of the total control of humanity the likes of which no dictator, warlord or megalomaniac in the past or in fiction could ever dream of.

It could be used for any reason to force you to do whatever they want to, including medical interventions or restricting travel, and we must remember that these people use child-rape as a tool of blackmail, as we know by the Jeffrey Epstein and Jimmy Savile scandals.

They are also responsible for every war, terrorist attack, civil war and economic crash since at least the 18th century, so we should not expect restraint from them if they get their way and people accept digital control of their lives through digital ID.

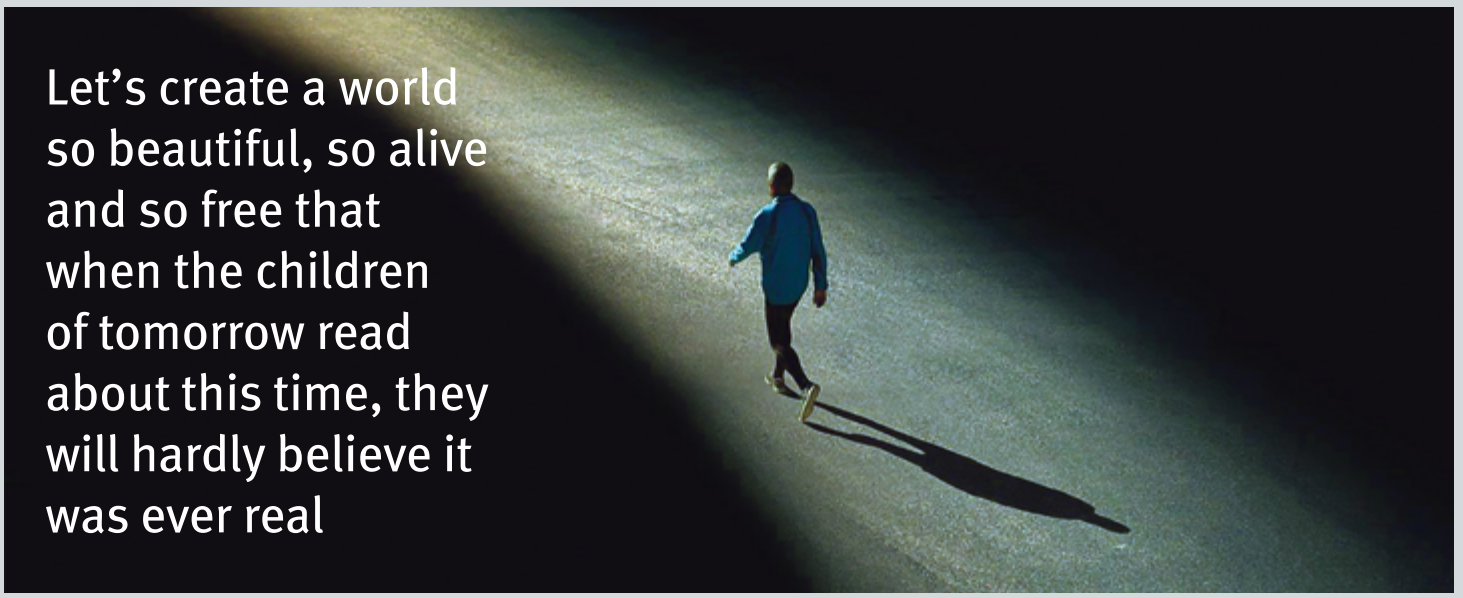
This is the endgame, and it will literally mean total compliance to the whims of the powerful psychopaths who want complete control over everything on Earth.

Digital ID means the end of personal choice and individual freedom. We must all say no.

# Shine light on age of darkness

## Tomorrow’s children will hardly believe this was ever real

by **DAVID J SORENSEN**

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**FUTURE generations will study this very moment with shock and disbelief.**

Sit in a classroom and listen. Turn on the television and remember. Speak with strangers in the streets and record it in your heart.

One day, all of this will be discussed in whispers of horror: “Was the world really like that? No… surely not. You must be exaggerating. It can’t be true.

“The news was nothing but lies and propaganda? The leaders were criminals? Television was an altar of deception? Impossible!

“Schools told children they could be any gender – or even all genders – or even an animal? People paraded naked in the streets in celebration of pride? Come on… you’re making this up!”

And yet, here we are.

We are living in the darkest age humanity has ever known. The food in our stores is engineered to sicken and kill.

The cleaners in our homes coat our bodies in cancer. The movies we watch poison our souls.

The schools we send our children to dull their minds and twist their hearts.

Truth is buried. Wisdom is mocked.

Light is labelled darkness, and darkness is crowned as light.

Those who start wars preach peace. Those who cry ‘victim’ are the aggressors.

Science is a fairy tale sold to the gullible. Real study is destroyed – because it threatens to reveal the truth.

Never before has the world been drenched in such industrial-scale deception. Never before has evil been so organised, so calculated, so ubiquitous.

Billions are being poisoned under the banner of ‘progress’.

Governments spray toxins into the skies to play God with the weather – killing crops, creating storms while pretending to care for the people.

Bill Gates and George Soros are hailed as saviours by a press that serves the highest bidder.

And the Middle Ages? They were not the ‘Dark Ages’. They gave us art, architecture, moral law, courage to resist evil. Imperfect – yes – but not dark.

We are the true dark age.

Walk into a supermarket – this is history in the making. Never before has so much poison been displayed in bright, colourful packaging for people to buy with their own hard-earned money, funding their own path to the hospital.

And in the hospitals, they are poisoned again – chemicals that destroy, treatments that kill – followed by monstrous bills that shatter families into poverty.

Healthcare? No. This is a machine for profit, not healing.

Doctors once swore to care for the sick. Now many are executioners in white coats, trading life for cold cash.

We are living in a moment that will be remembered forever. Never before – never again – will the reign of evil be this absolute.

And yet, you are here. You can turn the tide. You can make hospitals places of love, truth, mercy, and real healing again.

You can reform education to cast out lies and bring back empowering truth. You can shape technology to heal instead of harm. You can clear the skies until every breath is pure.

You can inspire art that uplifts rather than depresses. You can restore sexuality to honour, healing, and joy – building families that last and societies that thrive.

You can destroy corruption and rebuild justice until those who harm the innocent are no more.

Today is not just another day. Today is the day of transformation.

The day of deliverance. The day a vision for a better world takes root and grows.

The era of wicked rule is ending. The age of deception is collapsing.

Truth is rising. Light is breaking through. The voice of healing is calling.

Be part of it.

Do not mock.

Do not hesitate.

Do not shrink back.

Step forward. Step up. Stand tall.

Let’s create a world so beautiful, so alive, so free that when the children of tomorrow read about this time, they will hardly believe it was ever real.

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**‘The welfare of the people in particular has always been the alibi of tyrants’**

***Albert Camus***

# Civil war: Then and now

## Stirrings of rebellion in unhappy Britain

by **NIALL McCRAE**

**IT has been reported that an 'elite police division' has been assembled by the Home Office to monitor remarks made by social media users on immigration.**

This at a time when the provision of over two hundred hotels for asylum seekers is causing rising tension in communities.

Of course, the *Daily Mail* article meant specially skilled officers, but it is also true that the 'elite' is being protected. For Britain is not being run for the good of ordinary people, but for a predatory class that is solidifying its power in an emerging global technocracy.

Whenever challenged, the current powers-that-be use the judiciary – as displayed by the immediate and severe imprisonment of protestors after the Southport murders last year.

This raised a cheer from the progressive middle class who readily revealed their contempt for the white working-class, as observed by George Orwell.

Looking back in history, an early factor in the eventual civil war was land enclosure. The Levellers and Diggers organised revolt against the division of farmland, burning hedgerows and filling ditches.

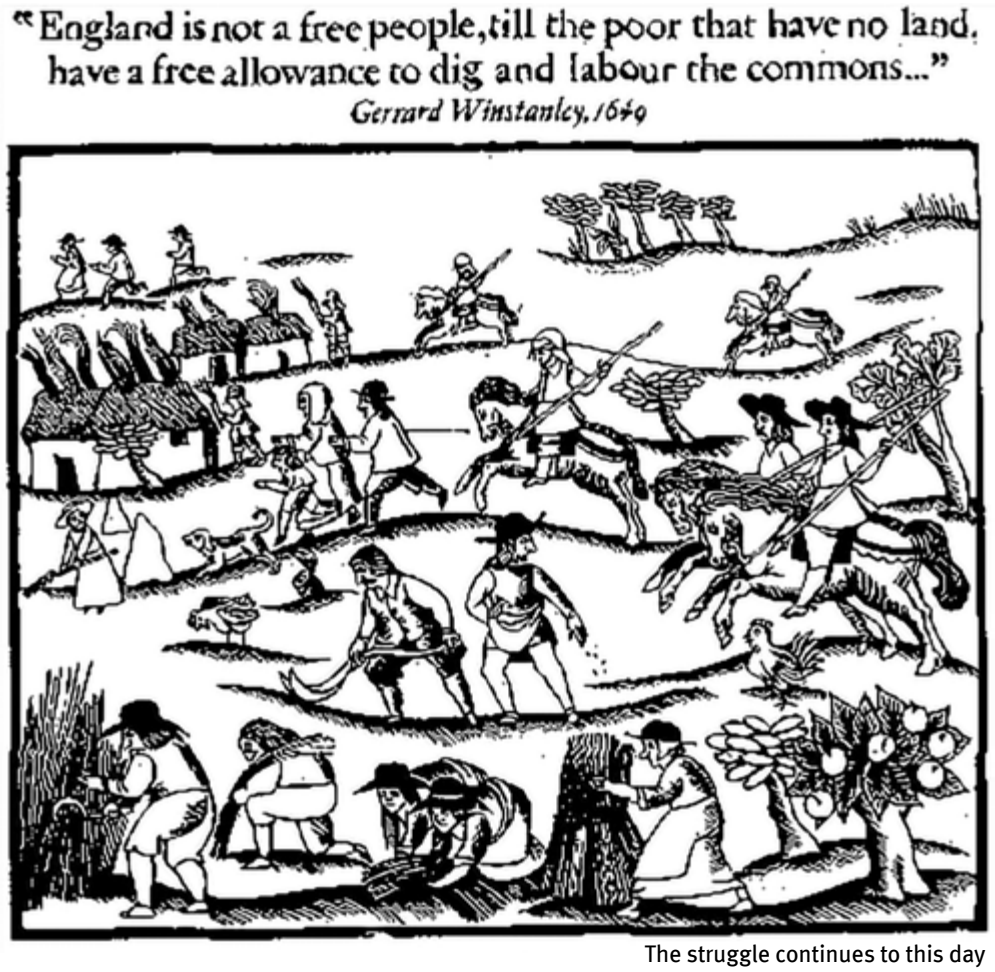
The yeomanry of England, who would in the past have sided with their local community, were opposed to this disruption. As Jonathan Healey wrote in *The Blazing World: A New History of Revolutionary England:* 'Yeomen were able to benefit from the rising prices, rising land values and falling wages that come with population growth.'

Therefore, they did well out of exactly the things that were harming their poorer neighbours. A similar detachment is seen today, with the professional and managerial class supporting open borders and enjoying the proceeds of a low-wage economy.

Freedom of speech did not exist in the time of the 17th century civil war, when heresy was a capital offence.

And so pilgrims crossed the Atlantic in search of a place to practise their version of Christian life. But, in the 21st century, there is no New World for escape from the global digital surveillance system. Networks of critical thinkers have emerged, but no website, group or movement would be allowed to gain too much traction.

Ultimately, the authorities want to control our minds. The pub, where people can speak freely about their rulers, is being targeted by the government through extortionate tax and a so-called 'banter ban'.




The struggle continues to this day

Back to the 17th century: King James was no Puritan, realising that sport, dancing and festivals served as bread and circuses. However, he wanted to rid the country of its alehouses, supposedly as dens of iniquity but perhaps more importantly as the forum of irreverence, rumour and ridicule.

King James ordered that a house of correction be built in every town. Freedom to sup ale ended at an undefined stage of inebriation

Britain's internal strife began while war raged in Europe. King James, a pacifist, died in 1623, and was succeeded by his son, Charles, who became increasingly dictatorial and who dissolved parliament when he could not get his way.

This tumult led to the carnage of the civil war, between Parliamentarians and Royalists. The former, led by Oliver Cromwell, were committed to the Common Law and their revolution succeeded.

One of the factors in the momentum of the Great Rebellion was the dawn of a free press. Prior to the 1640s, pamphlets were brought from Europe, but censorship was tight.

As English society was split down the middle, the monarchy could not suppress the news bulletins produced around the country, and so it produced its own propaganda to cast the irreverent and seditious missives of the other side as conspiracy theory or dangerous misinformation, while promoting the official narrative as the only truth.

Today's mainstream media acts in a similar fashion; some would say, as an arm of government.

It is a government that has passed laws such as the Online Safety Act that has the power to curtail dissent. Videos on YouTube, however, are now more widely watched than television programming.

'Auditors' (livestreamers who show the action from the front lines of protest) play an important part in informing people of what the major news outlets either ignore or disparage (depending on orders from above).

Whenever civil disorder is rumbling, there is always the diversion of war. In the 17th century, after restoration of the monarchy, war kept minds and muscles occupied.

Now, after decades of peace, the British people are being primed for conscription, being led to believe that Vladimir Putin's Russia or the Iranian theocracy could strike at any time.

The Stop the War Coalition, which mounted a huge campaign against Britain's engagement in Iraq and Afghanistan, has been remarkably quiet on the dramatic expansion of NATO, increased military spending and sabre-rattling. Some wars are more equal than others.

The traditional working class has little interest in the militarism of the British state, while the privileged graduate class has ditched its pacifism in a call to arms (although they will happily leave the fighting to their poorer compatriots).

The intelligentsia, as we know from the first half of the twentieth century, are predisposed to eugenics (a pseudoscientific enterprise now disguised in the green clothing of Net Zero).

As jobs are replaced by AI, the rich may be inclined to use war to wipe millions of 'useless eaters' out of existence. But that would be playing with fire.

This is a race in time. The globalist oligarchy is rapidly developing a technocracy that will ultimately have no means of escape for the masses. But Rome was not built in a day, and the shadowy regime that appears to control all democratic governments and institutions remains vulnerable. You can see what is most threatening to the powers-that-be in the swift and harsh reaction to anyone calling out that the emperor has no clothes.

A big difference between the revolutionary 17th century and now is that whereas in the past there was a real divide between ordinary people and the powers-that-were, the present establishment has created a split within the populace.

A massive influx from Muslim regions has fooled some patriots into treating the incomers as the enemy, when the real perpetrators are the globalists who treat the people beneath them as pawns.

- ***https://theweek.com/politics/labour-and-the-so-called-banter-ban***

# Humanity ruled by algorithms

by **ESCAPE KEY**

## Nudged towards goals you never chose by systems you cannot see

**THE feeling that politics is meaningless is not an illusion — it is the intended outcome of a 70-year project to replace democracy with 'expert' management.**

Elections change the personnel, but not the policies.

This isn't about left versus right, or even democracy versus authoritarianism in any traditional sense. It's about the systematic replacement of political choice with technical management, where algorithms and expert networks make the decisions that democratic institutions used to make.

Understanding how this happened requires grasping three key developments:

1. How the expansion technique was discovered and institutionalised.
2. How it spread globally through successful prototypes.
3. How it evolved into today's enforcement mechanisms that make compliance economically irresistible.

Since the 1950s, politics has quietly been displaced by technical management. Elections change the personnel, but not the policies. 'Following the science' has replaced open debate, while crises always seem to demand the same solutions involving 'expert' management no matter what voters want.

What we're seeing is not accidental drift, but the mature form of a governance revolution that began with NATO in the 50s.

Instead of asking for new powers, NATO simply redefined what 'security' meant. If security included everything that might affect it – economy, environment, culture – then NATO could legitimately intervene anywhere without new treaties or democratic approval.

That same trick has since been replicated everywhere. Health organisations discovered 'social determinants of health' and suddenly, housing, education, and environment all became health issues. Environmental groups found that economic activity affected ecosystems, so business became an environmental

Politics, i.e. your life, controlled by algorithms

concern. Security agencies identified 'human security' and climate change became a security threat.

The ozone regime of the 1980s proved this could work worldwide. Experts declared the science settled, international bodies set binding targets, trade sanctions enforced compliance, and financial incentives secured participation.

This model spread across every aspect of life, and by the 1990s it shifted firmly away from laws and toward measurements. The Financial Action Task Force showed how 'voluntary' standards could become economically mandatory through financial exclusion.

## Moral programming redefined compliance as virtue while casting dissent as immoral

The World Trade Organisation made international norms enforceable through trade sanctions. Algorithmic systems thus began embedding those standards directly into the infrastructure of daily life.

The covid response wasn't a spontaneous reaction to a health crisis – it was the systematic deployment of this entire governance model, revealing how 70 years of institutional development culminates in operational reality.

Every mechanism activated in perfect synchronisation: measurement frameworks generated statistics that drove policy through cybernetic feedback loops; algorithmic enforcement systems deployed real-time behavioural modification at population scale; economic coercion mechanisms froze bank accounts of protesters; and moral programming redefined compliance as virtue while casting dissent as immoral.

The permanent digital identity systems (vaccine certificates), surveillance platforms, and financial control mechanisms established during this 'emergency' remain operational, creating the technological backbone for future deployments.

This new order rests on comprehensive cultural programming as much as enforcement. Since 1949, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) has systematically reshaped educational systems to create 'world citizens' rather than national citizens.

It has transformed teachers first so that transmission of supranational worldviews would become organic. Simultaneously, figures like Hans Küng systematically targeted every major institution – religion, government, agriculture, education, media, science – with identical 'global ethics' frameworks that redirected both secular and sacred authority toward expert-managed systems.

Since the Venice Declaration in 1986, science has not only claimed to describe reality but to define what is good. Metrics no longer just measure; they prescribe. Carbon accounting dictates virtue, health metrics define responsible behavior, and ESG (environmental, social, and governance) scores decide who gets capital.

Democratic resistance fails because you cannot vote against algorithmic enforcement, or petition away technical standards embedded in infrastructure. Non-compliance doesn't bring police to your door – like a social credit system, it quietly excludes you from finance, healthcare, trade, or basic services.

The system has evolved beyond the covid response by creating new clearing house structures through the World Health Organisation's Pandemic Agreement and PABS (pathogen access and benefit-sharing) framework that shape access to research funding, medical technology, and favourable trade terms on compliance with health governance rules that can expand to cover virtually any human activity under 'One Health' logic.

That is why so much of modern life feels over-managed and yet out of your control: you are continuously being nudged toward goals you never chose, by systems you cannot see, on behalf of authorities you did not elect.

The good news is that this architecture is brittle. Its legitimacy depends on computational models that don't work, 'emergencies' that never end, and 'moral' claims that always justify identical solutions. Once people recognise these contradictions, the manufactured authority begins to collapse.

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# Safety at expense of freedom

## Debate rages over true intentions of Online Safety Act

by **JACQUI DEEVOY**

The UK; 'the safest place in the world to be online,' or total surveillance of your every thought and action?

**THE Online Safety Act – is it really about protecting the children?**

The UK's Online Safety Act, fully enforced on July 25, is reshaping the digital world for every adult.

From young professionals to retirees, platforms like Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram and X can be vital for work, connection and leisure. But is this Act truly about protecting children, as the government claims, or is it a veiled attempt to tighten control over the adult population? Is it more about surveillance than safety?

The UK government insists the Act's primary goal is child protection. According to gov.uk, it 'protects children and adults online' by imposing 'legal duties to protect their users from illegal content and content harmful to children,' requiring platforms to use 'highly effective age assurance' to block access to pornography, self-harm or suicide-related material.

The Act could indirectly benefit adults by reducing exposure to scams, which, Action Fraud reports, cost millions of pounds annually. Safer online browsing, banking and socialising sounds appealing, especially as most fraudsters target users of all ages indiscriminately.

American global security software company McAfee highlights the Act's scope, noting it applies to 'virtually any online service that allows user interaction or content sharing,' from social media to dating apps. They frame it as a transformative step to make the UK 'the safest place in the world to be online,' with platforms mandated to swiftly remove illegal content and harmful material. For adults streaming on YouTube, swiping on Tinder or scrolling through X, this could mean fewer encounters with risky content.

But the Act's measures raise red flags. Age verification, now mandatory for platforms like X, Reddit and Grindr, often requires ID submission or facial recognition. For adults wary of tech or protective of their data, this feels like a step too far. Privacy concerns are mounting, with warnings sounded that scanning for 'harmful' content could weaken encryption on apps like WhatsApp, exposing personal messages. For adults relying on these for family chats, financial management or health updates, such risks could shatter trust in digital tools.

So is the Act really about shielding children or is it a pretext for control? Posts on X reflect a growing unease. One user called the Act 'a clear overreach into personal freedoms,' pointing to a '1,400 per cent surge in VPN interest among Brits as evidence of public resistance to government surveillance and censorship.'

Another questioned if the Act's goal was to tie 'real world ID to every opinion they don't like so they can send the cops round' – suggesting child protection is a "Trojan horse" for monitoring adults. These voices echo a fear that the Act prioritises state oversight over genuine safety.

The government counters that the Act safeguards free expression while curbing harms. Gov.uk states platforms must protect 'journalistic or "democratically important" content' like user comments on political issues, ensuring voices aren't silenced. Yet critics, including the Wikimedia Foundation, warn of 'mass surveillance' becoming 'almost an inevitability' due to 'mission creep' by security forces. This tension – between safety and control – defines the debate.

Talking to people about the Act reveals the divide. Sarah, a teacher from Leeds, welcomes it: "I've seen scams drain people's savings, and anything that makes platforms like X safer is a win. If it protects kids too, even better." But Mark, a mechanic from Birmingham, is sceptical: "This is just the government nosing into our lives. Requiring IDs to post on X or use WhatsApp? It's about tracking us, not saving children. They're building a nanny state." These perspectives highlight the Act's polarising impact.

To navigate this new landscape, adults must stay vigilant. Checking privacy settings, being cautious with ID sharing, and following Ofcom's enforcement updates are crucial steps. McAfee advises users to 'stay informed about these changes' and 'understand your verification options' to balance safety and privacy.

The Act seems to have a dual nature: on the one hand, it appears to be a tool for safer digital spaces, but on the other hand, it could well be a gateway to greater control. While it may possibly curb scams and harmful content, the price – intrusive verification demands and weakened encryption – has many questioning its true intent.

Writer and politician Claire Fox, who opposed the Act in the House of Lords, warned it was 'dangerous' and 'illiberal', arguing that its 'core claims – protecting children – don't hold up to scrutiny' while serving as 'a tool' to monitor adults.

As the Act reshapes our digital lives, we must weigh its benefits against its risks. Is it a shield for the vulnerable or a leash for the free? *The Light* urges readers to stay informed and resist overreach in an era of increasing oversight.

# Film exposes NHS 'death protocols'

## Stories told by victims' relatives in documentary are horrifying

by **HENRY WIDDAS**

**A HARD-HITTING new documentary is lifting the lid on deadly NHS protocols that are being disguised as 'care pathways' in UK hospitals and care homes.**

The film collaboration between Jacqui Deevoy, a veteran journalist whose work features regularly in *The Light*, and Richie Brown, founder of Diplomatic Post, exposes how some patients are being fast-tracked to an early grave.

Deevoy, who has previously produced the documentaries *A Good Death?* (Ickonic, 2021) and *Playing God* (Trailblazer, 2024), joins forces with podcaster and filmmaker Brown to shine a light on the sinister NHS death protocols rolled out in 2020.

These instructions for healthcare professionals, cloaked as compassionate care, have left a trail of devastation with countless lives snuffed out under suspicious circumstances.

"I've known about these killer protocols for five years and these stories just keep on coming," claims Deevoy. "The stories told by relatives of victims in the film are horrifying. These guidelines were never about care."

"The system betrayed them," Brown says, "and *UNSEEN* exposes that. These are truths the establishment wants buried.


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The cases aren't isolated – the culling appears to be systemic."

*UNSEEN* examines the so-called care pathways that became death sentences, and gives voice to eight grieving families whose loved ones fell victim to the deadly guidelines.

The film exposes the rampant use of potentially lethal medications like midazolam, the covert imposition of Do Not Resuscitate orders (DNRs) and the haunting revival of end-of-life protocols reminiscent of the abolished Liverpool Care Pathway.

The documentary captures the raw testimonies of those shattered by these medical betrayals and highlights the work of the brave advocates fighting alongside them for justice. As the powers-that-be work to bury this dark chapter, Deevoy and Brown stand firm, ensuring these harrowing deaths are neither forgiven nor forgotten.

Crowdfunded and produced without personal profit, Deevoy and Brown have poured their hearts into the film. "The project isn't about making money or making anyone famous," Brown says. "It's about accountability and giving a voice to the previously voiceless."

The film's production is crowdfunded, with costs for marketing, distribution and advertising still to be met. To support the project, visit https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/unseen-the-truth-behind-the-nhs-death-protocols

- ***At the time of publication UNSEEN: The Truth Behind the NHS Death Protocols was available to watch for free on YouTube: https://tinyurl.com/nhsf3fv***

# Will writer's shocking testimony

## Deaths went up from two a year to two a week

by **JACQUI DEEVOY**

**Jacqui Deevoy** talks to will writer **Angela Stokes**, 62, on her observations during the 'pandemic' when sudden deaths from loneliness, accidents and unknown causes became a weekly occurrence

Will writer Angela Stokes

**"I AM a will writer and estate planner covering the Northamptonshire and Milton Keynes area.**

When covid hit, I remember seeing bits in the news – usually when I went to an elderly client's house, as I don't watch TV and haven't paid attention to mainstream news for years.

One day in 2020, I called into a retirement village to meet one of my new clients. He'd recently moved into the village and was quite lonely. His only living relative was a brother in Spain. He was watching the news on TV when I arrived. The newsreader was talking about covid but I wasn't really interested. We had a cup of tea and a chat and when I got up to leave, the man grabbed hold of my hand, and said: 'Promise you won't abandon me!'

I was a bit taken aback, but reassured him I wouldn't.

Two days later, we went into lockdown and all face-to-face contact stopped. I made a point of phoning this man every week but despite my calls, as time went on, he became severely depressed. He died in May 2020. Lockdown and loneliness killed him – not a deadly virus.

I had one other client die in 2020; he was terminally ill and died in June 2020, again not from covid.

Where were all the people dying of the supposed killer virus? I personally didn't know anyone who was sick. Apart from the two clients I mentioned, no other clients died that year.

I started looking into the figures and they didn't add up. One day it was in the news that nineteen people had died of covid the previous day. Pre-2020, five year averages from the ONS (Office of National Statistics) showed the total monthly deaths across England and Wales would range from 40,000 to 70,000 depending on the time of year. Looking at the data for the same day on ONS, I saw that 500-plus had died of a fatal heart attack, 500-plus died of cancer, 500-plus of fatal stroke. So NINETEEN deaths due to a 'deadly pandemic' didn't strike me as very many.

A few months later, I tried checking the ONS figures again, but they had made it harder to access the statistics so I didn't bother again. I knew by then it was a big lie anyway.

When the 'vaccine' came along at the end of 2020, I was already suspicious, but I found it hard to believe that our government would want us all dead. I thought I was going crazy as no one around me seemed to have the same thoughts as I was having.

In December 2020, I went to see a couple in their seventies to help them sort their wills. Both appeared to be fit and well, and able-bodied. I took instruction from them, then had a bit of a chat afterwards. The husband made a comment about going later in the day to have the new covid vaccine and he was genuinely really excited. I thought no more about it until three days later when the couple's daughter called to say it was just her mum's will that needed writing now as her dad had died the day before. I knew immediately that the jab had killed him.

Two weeks later, when I went to get his wife's will signed, I found out he'd had a heart attack. The family were told it was nothing to do with the jab.

I soon discovered that he wasn't the only person to be excited about getting the C19 jab. Lots of my clients couldn't wait to have it. One woman said to me: 'I will take every new vaccine they throw at me!'

At that stage, not many people seemed to be putting two and two together, even when it became apparent that there was a rise in sudden deaths.

Although I was seeing an average of two deaths per YEAR amongst my clients and their families in 2020 and before, suddenly in 2021 I was hearing of two or three deaths of clients and their relatives per WEEK. I'd occasionally go a while without hearing of any deaths, but those quiet periods never lasted long.

Of all the sudden deaths that occurred in my immediate circle from 2021, here are the ones that really stuck in my mind:

- Clients I went to see in early 2022 wanted to sort their wills as their 22-year-old son had recently passed away. The lad had been working from home upstairs in his bedroom on his computer. His mum asked him if he wanted a cup of tea. Fifteen minutes later, she brought the tea to him and found him dead at his computer.
- The HR woman at the company my son worked at arrived at the office feeling unwell one morning. My son got her a bottle of water and she went home. He was the last person to see her alive - when her husband got home that evening, she was dead on the bedroom floor. She hadn't even made it to the bed. She was in her early 40s.
- In 2023, I'd arranged to see clients but they had cancelled because their grandson had suffered a massive heart attack and was airlifted to hospital to undergo major heart surgery. He was eight years old. Last I heard he was recovering in hospital.

In 2023, the death toll amongst people I knew appeared to be rising. None of these victims had died of a novel virus. At a local gym, a 20-year-old man had a heart attack, another (mid-20s) had blood clots; a woman in her early 30s had to have four blood transfusions in hospital.

Even now, I have clients with children in their early 20s being diagnosed with brain tumours (two now dead); previously healthy clients who've had out-of-the-blue strokes; people developing Parkinson's disease and aggressive cancers, and others having sudden kidney failure.

It started in 2021 and is still happening now. But most of my clients and their families fail to see any connection. I think they're scared. They don't want to admit they've made a big – possibly lethal – mistake and would rather stick their head in the sand than confront the problem. And in many ways, I don't blame them."

# Man up for mankind

by **NEIL BRYAN**

## Male instincts being framed as psychological disorders

Photo: Zeliha Çeken

**REAL masculinity terrifies this system. Not because it's violent, not because it's cruel, but because it remembers. It refuses to be neutered in the name of convenience.**

That kind of masculinity – the kind that can hold a crying child and stare down a tyrant without blinking – is public enemy number one in a society built on passive obedience and quiet self-erasure.

The system doesn't fear men who posture and pout. It fears men who see. And real men are starting to see.

They're seeing how every institution that claims to liberate them is, in fact, an anaesthetic. They're seeing how fatherhood has been reduced to a sitcom punchline. How protectiveness is called toxicity. How strength is labelled dangerous unless it's directed toward the system's preferred targets.

They're seeing how boyhood is medicated, and how healthy male instincts are now framed as disorders.

The crime is not aggression. The crime is discernment. Because a man with discernment can't be sold the lie. He doesn't sign up blindly. He doesn't get suckered into the endless performance of productivity.

And he doesn't just protect his family – he protects the village. Which means he might notice when the village has been poisoned. He might ask why the food isn't food, why the leaders aren't leading, and why the war is being waged in his name.

This man is ungovernable. And that's why the war on masculinity is not a meme. It's not a culture war sideshow. It's central to the entire modern project of demoralisation.

We are not witnessing the evolution of men, we are witnessing their slow administrative castration.

It begins in the classroom, where little boys are told to sit still and be quiet. Their natural energy is reframed as behavioural disorder. A sense of adventure is recast as disruption. And the boy who questions authority becomes a candidate for diagnosis – a future problem to be managed. If they can't control him, they'll sedate him.

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Then it moves to culture, where men are given two options: the buffoon or the brute. Either soft, self-deprecating and compliant, or cartoonishly violent and broken.

Nowhere in that spectrum is the man who walks with power and principle; the man who knows his own shadow but doesn't serve it, the man who feels deeply but isn't governed by his wounds.

Instead, we have the docile boy-man stuck in a consumer loop of dopamine, porn, and podcasts – unable to build, protect, or commit. They flood him with content that mocks his instincts. They sell him solutions to problems he never had, they tell him he is broken when he is whole.

And at the spiritual level, they feed him false gods.

Sacred masculinity retreats where men learn to weep on command but never to stand with conviction. Rituals without risk. Talk without truth. A carefully curated vulnerability that never threatens the status quo. It's not healing. It's castration with incense.

But the wild man is waking. He's not perfect. He's bruised, exhausted, and often confused – but he's waking up. He's noticing that the world doesn't need softer men.

It needs stronger, wiser, wilder ones. Men with backbone. Men who remember the sacred purpose of their presence – not to dominate, but to defend. Not to conquer, but to contain the chaos that threatens the people they love.

This is not about nostalgia. We are not returning to some cartoon version of manhood carved from war films and football coaches.

We are resurrecting something older. The man who plants trees he will never sit beneath. The man who watches the skies and feels responsible for what happens below them. The man who cries in private, but never lets despair rot into cynicism.

The man who calls out bullshit – in the meeting, in the street, in the mirror.

That man is not a fantasy. He is real. And he is needed now more than ever.

Because our world is burning. And it's not going to be saved by hot takes and hashtags. It's going to be saved by human beings who remember how to stand. Men and women both. But let's not pretend the role is the same.

Masculinity holds. It creates the container.

It makes the space for love to grow without being annihilated by entropy.

That is not toxic. That is sacred. And without it, cultures rot.

So no, you're not imagining it. You're not crazy. There is a war on men. Not just the caricature. Not just the bruisers and blowhards. But on you. The one who still feels the ache to protect. The one who still knows that something is wrong. The one who still wakes in the night, not with fear, but with the weight of responsibility pressing against your ribs.

You're not failing. You're remembering. And the system can smell it.

That's why you feel the shame rising when you speak your truth. That's why you hesitate before you act with clarity. That's why they're trying to call your instincts obsolete.

But they're not obsolete. They're ancient. And they are rising.

So if this world has made you question your worth, your role, your sacred duty, then remember this: we need you.

Not the mask. Not the performance. You. The man who sees. The man who stays. The man who says no, even when it costs him everything. You matter.

And it's because they know what you might become. And they're terrified.

Blair and pals at the World Economic Forum in Davos

# Let's return to pre-Blair years

## Unchecked rise in state powers since 1997 must be reversed

by **ANTHONY J MOLYNEUX**

**ASK most people in Britain today for the point at which everything started to go wrong, and they look no further than the advent of Tony Blair.**

Those on the traditional right of politics do have a point in their favoured assertion that the slide began with the onset of the Wilsonian 60s, as do those on the traditional left who tend to cite the Thatcherite 80s as the culprit.

But those of both Old Tory and Old Labour persuasion can agree on the fact that the country we inhabited prior to May 2, 1997 was at least recognisably 'normal' in a way that has not, sadly, been the case ever since.

George Orwell made the prescient observation that when fascism comes to Britain, it will "likely…be of a sedate and subtle kind", and "at any rate…won't be called fascism".

He might well have added that it would, moreover, likely clothe itself in the garb of 'anti-fascism' and have a smiling face.

For just as Tony Blair's New Labour came into office in 1997 on the bogus assumption that there was no alternative to economic liberalism, so too did it ensure, through the policies it enacted, that by the time it left office in 2010, there would henceforth be 'no alternative' to social liberalism either.

Hence the system we have lived under ever since has been justifiably called 'liberal fascism'.

Looking back, the parliament of 1992-7 was probably the last time there were enough MPs of principle on both sides of the House of Commons to act as a substantive check on unaccountable state power.

Blair's landslide election victory in 1997 brought with it a new type of MP: the starry-eyed corporate careerist whose role was no longer to represent the electors but to toe the party line unquestioningly, in accordance with the doctrines of the 'new managerialism'.

Unsurprisingly, a culture of deep political corruption quickly took hold, to levels that – though they would scarcely raise an eyebrow now – at the time were rightly seen as shocking and unprecedented. Labour MPs found themselves richly rewarded by corporate power with perks of all kinds; for readily voting through such anti-people policies as the abolition of free university education, which turned present and future generations of young people into debt slaves beholden to the banks.

Worst of all was the government's steady crackdown on the ancient liberties of the people – from the freedom of speech through to the freedom of privacy and beyond, that was cynically enabled, in the UK as well as the U.S. and throughout the Western world – by the distinctly suspicious attacks on the World Trade Center in New York on September 11, 2001.

The 9/11 attacks would appear, with hindsight, to have served the same essential purpose as did the Reichstag Fire in Berlin on February 27, 1933.

Relatedly, in terms of the foreign policy that took shape in the aftermath of 9/11, the Blair government chose to lock the UK into the U.S. strategy of open-ended war being touted by the sinister cabal centred around then-Vice President Dick Cheney and the 'Project for the New American Century'.

The result was the loss and ruin of untold numbers of lives – not least those of British servicemen – in Afghanistan and Iraq. The devastation of these countries, as well as Libya, Syria, Ukraine and elsewhere subsequently, has resulted in huge refugee flows into western Europe and particularly Britain, with all of the inevitable adverse social and economic consequences.

The media freedom and plurality of opinion that we in Britain had known and taken for granted prior to 1997 gradually disappeared as Blair and his successors sought to crack down on any substantive source of dissent.

Looking back, key events in this sinister timeline can be seen to have begun in July 2003 with the death in very strange circumstances of the government scientific advisor Dr David Kelly.

His inside information – casting doubt on the veracity of the government's 'weapons of mass destruction' case for invading Iraq – had formed the basis for a critique by a BBC journalist. But the subsequent Hutton Inquiry that exonerated the government of any wrongdoing, despite being widely regarded as a whitewash, thus had the effect of snuffing out any remaining tendency on the part of the BBC to dare to criticise the government in future.

Exactly ten years later, in July 2013, the rest of the British media were similarly brought, henceforth, in effect, under total government control, when the *Guardian* permitted officers of the UK security services into its premises to destroy hard drives containing information revealed by the Wikileaks organisation, pertaining to war crimes committed by Western forces in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Indeed, the record of the UK security services since 1997 can be seen, sadly, to be seemingly quite at variance with the generally honourable reputations these organisations had established for themselves during the Second World War and Cold War periods.

So then, what is to be done? If we start from the premise that the advent of Tony Blair marked the point at which our country really lost its way, then the solution surely lies simply in focusing our attention upon that fact.

Let us move the legislative clock back to May 1, 1997 and exonerate all the basically good public servants of this country – armed forces, security services, et al – who through no fault of their own may have found themselves, in the intervening time period, caught up in things they themselves were not happy with.

Perhaps the biggest advantage of such a bold but simple programme as this would be its emphasis on the spirit of forgiveness that would thus set us back on the road to being, once again, a normal, Christian country.


*The Light* volunteers in Stroud being harrassed as they give out papers. Photo: John Pearce

# Light volunteers being 'harrassed'

## Alleged smear campaign motivated by desire to censor

by **MARCUS BLACKETT**

**ALONG with *The Light* reaching its fifth birthday last month, the Stroud InfoHug street stall – so-named during the pandemic when hugs were at a premium – is also five years old.**

The stall sets up on the High Street every Friday and Saturday, and more recently they have been handing out the paper in the larger population centres of Cheltenham, Cirencester and Gloucester.

Sadly, some activists on the streets of Stroud have allegedly made it a mission to promote a hate campaign against *The Light* and those who hand it out.

They are believed to be part of a group which *The Light* has chosen not to name for legal reasons.

It is claimed that the volunteers on the Stroud stall handing out *The Light* have been harassed and slandered by members of this group. One of the alleged antics was to take a paper and rip it up in front of volunteers while wearing a T-shirt saying 'R.I.P. *The Light*'.

Volunteers were even cancelled from hiring local venues for unrelated talks about health, food security and peace.

It is understood *The Light* volunteers do not experience problems handing out the newspaper in other cities and towns.

It has been argued that the group allegedly targeting *The Light* in Stroud – that claims to be about tolerance, fairness and accepting people as they are – has perhaps allowed itself to become a vehicle for those wanting to berate those who do not sign up to their world view.

Neo-socialist ideologies such as DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) are often referred to as 'woke' or 'progressive', but they often generate divisiveness.

Critical race theory (CRT) is in a similar vein. Martin Luther King dreamed of a colour-blind society, not to be critical of anyone according to their race, but according to the content of their character. But it has been argued that CRT has been shown to actually incite racism and create divisiveness.

Authoritarians take a word like 'equity' and make it mean certain races and genders must be promoted above others to create equality of outcome via positive discrimination. By artificially supplanting an inverted meaning of a word, without the ability to object, authorities can effectively create Marxism. The true definition of 'equitable' is fair and just, and it should be applied to a society where everyone has an equal opportunity to succeed, based solely on merit.

Our ancient constitution of common law already exists, demanding that our actions must cause no harm or loss. These universal principles have protected us for a thousand years from just such trendy ideologies.

By imposing equality of outcome on everyone, the promoters of DEI programmes are effectively playing God.

There is a battle over who we are as human beings. We are all made in the image of the Creator, and this includes a huge diversity of outward appearances, backgrounds and opinions.

No one should be excluded or harmed. Self-determination, autonomy and common sense should prevail. No one should have to acquiesce to identity politics, or any fashionable ideologies of a given time.

Mankind needs an equitable balance that remembers the divinity in everyone.

George Orwell wrote his dystopian novel, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, as a warning to future generations about the dangers of the rise of fascism in Europe in the 1930s. In the novel, government departments do the opposite of what their title suggests: the Ministry of Peace is all about war; the Ministry of Truth only lies.

These perfect inversions could describe present-day NATO and BBC 'fact-checkers'.

Now we have the Orwellian-sounding Center for Countering Digital Hate, and Hope Not Hate – but should these oligarch-funded organisations really be the judges of what constitutes hate?

Robert F. Kennedy Jr., no less, claimed to the U.S. Senate under oath that these NGOs were funded by 'dark money'.

Destroying free speech is, of course, destroying the ability to think at all. Free speech must underpin and inform everything if we are to maintain a free civil society.

To protect ourselves from 'progressive' tyranny we must have more speech, not less. There has never been a time in human history when censorship did anything but great harm.

# Scandal of antidepressants

by **JOHN HENDEN**

## Inquiry must expose drugs that 'increase suicidal thoughts'

**BETWEEN 2000 and 2023 there were over 2,000 deaths among people who were supposed to be having or had inpatient treatment and support from Essex mental health services.**

The Lampard Inquiry is an independent statutory inquiry investigating these deaths. These untoward deaths are a damning indictment of the excessively medical approach with which Big Psychiatry and Big Pharma are working together.

The Inquiry is now in Phase Three – 'analysing and drafting'. Baroness Lampard aims to report in late 2025/early 2026.

Paragraphs 4 and 5 of the terms of reference for this Inquiry state:

- The inquiry will make recommendations to improve the provision of mental health inpatient care.
- Investigations will focus on the Trust(s); however, the Chair may make national recommendations as she considers appropriate. To do so, she may seek evidence from individuals, organisations or from Trusts who are either involved in the provision of mental inpatient health care in other areas or have evidence which may be relevant to the issues which the inquiry is investigating.

After many decades of working within both NHS mental health services (in practitioner and management roles) and for mental health and psychological services outside the NHS, I have made a submission to this inquiry.

I believe that if another medical specialty (e.g. paediatrics, orthopaedic surgery, obstetrics or gynaecology) had such a litany of untoward deaths, there would be a public outcry. Why has this not happened with these 2,000 deaths among people experiencing emotional distress? Do they not count? These were ordinary people from families like any other.

Chair of the Inquiry - Baroness Kate Lampard CBE. Photo: Roger Harris

The exact reasons for these deaths and how many fit each category are, as yet, unknown. How many died by suicide? How many died as a result of psychotropic medication prescriptions? How many died due to staff members' actions or lack of action? Hopefully, the inquiry will discover the full facts.

During my long career within the mental health industry, I have been aware of countless deaths as a consequence of Big Psychiatry, working in conjunction with Big Pharma, where prescriptions of psychotropic medications continue to be the first line of treatment for emotional distress for people admitted to a psychiatric unit.

These include the two 'antidepressants', paroxetine and venlafaxine, which have known side effects of increased suicidal ideation.

The danger of such emphasis on medical solutions is that the individual needs and situations of each case are minimised, and, at worst not addressed at all.

The prevailing problem-focused, diagnostic labelling and medication-dominated approach continues to receive support from management teams across Essex partnership NHS trusts.

This collusion in maintaining the disease model status quo is a key factor in the high death rate amongst those on the receiving end of 'services'.

The biomedical approach to emotional distress has a scant scientific evidence base, and yet it continues to be utilised; no doubt partly for financial reasons. Many within the radical mental health lobby would argue that Big Psychiatry and Big Pharma should be called to account, as they are, either directly or indirectly, probably responsible for the approximately 2,000 untoward deaths between 2000 and 2023.

It need not be like this. What is needed is a change in political will at government level. The old mental hospitals, which were largely warehouses for people who, at some point in their lives had been in emotional crisis, would never have been closed by leaders in psychiatry – they had too much power and prestige to lose. It took decisions from central government to phase them out. Due, largely, to political and financial decisions, the current alternative provision is no better in most instances.

Peter Gotzsche, the Danish physician, medical researcher, and former leader of the Nordic Cochrane Centre, estimated that approximately 500,000 over 65s across North America and Europe die annually as a direct or indirect result of psychotropic drug prescriptions.

The likelihood is that another 500,000 under 65s could be added to this annual number. Have a significant number of this total been prescribed this medication by psychiatric care systems? It is very important that the Lampard Inquiry establishes how many of the 2,000 Essex patient deaths have resulted from prescriptions of these drugs.

My sincere hope is that the Inquiry Final Report, when published, will not join the many other national inquiry reports of recent decades, with recommendations not being fully implemented and ending up on shelves gathering dust.

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bring about real change. Following on from terms of reference 4 and 5 mentioned above, my hope is that Lady Lampard will:

1. Make strong recommendations to improve the provision of mental health inpatient care both across Essex and nationally, and;
2. Make strong recommendations for radical and enduring change to how Trusts nationwide provide mental health inpatient care. Ideally, this will involve reducing the use of psychotropic medication as a first line of treatment, while expanding GP practice-based counselling and psychotherapy services where patients in emotional distress can be seen within two weeks; psychiatric inpatient units to be replaced with Soteria houses, or similar crisis house facilities with non-medical crisis intervention teams to be set up in every urban centre; and, emotional wellbeing hubs, with expanded social prescribing to be established in both urban and rural settings.

There is a golden opportunity here to bring about real change and significantly reduce the numbers of untoward deaths among people who are experiencing emotional distress, who are still being referred to biomedical psychiatry. We owe it to those who have died and the families they have left behind.

### FURTHER READING

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3. ***Overuse of biomedical interventions ignores humans' emotional complexity, says UN expert: https://tinyurl.ee/vVspZ***
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One of the many Big Brother logos

# How it became cool to comply

## Was Big Brother show programming us all to obey?

by **PAUL KEOGH**

**THE contestants are required to do housework and are assigned tasks by the producers of the show who communicate with the housemates via the omnipresent authority figure known to them only as Big Brother.**

The tasks are designed to test their teamwork abilities and community spirit. In some countries, the housemates' shopping budget or weekly allowance (to buy food and other essentials) depends on the outcome of assigned tasks.

No this isn't an excerpt from the leaked SAGE (Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies) documents, this is in fact the premise of TV show, *Big Brother*, which was the brainchild of Jon de Mor Jnr.

First broadcast in the Netherlands in 1999 and subsequently syndicated internationally, *Big Brother* retained its popularity up until its cancellation in 2018.

When this show first arrived in Britain it immediately had a profound effect on the already stupefied masses.

It was a time to reflect upon the effects of this TV show and the ramifications on the collective psyche of the people. Groupthink – which is the after-dinner-speaker version of mob psychology – emerged and it became heightened as a result of this programme and other productions also from Jon de Mor Jnr's Dutch media company Endemol.

I had previously discovered that a subsidiary of Endemol was called Brain Training and I filed it away without much consideration other than mild intrigue.

It was only when I began to take interest in surveillance culture a few years later and discovered that the UK was second only to China in its preponderance of security cameras, that I began to make a possible connection between the two.

As someone who had read *Nineteen Eighty-Four* in school and had seen the film of the same name, it left an indelible impression on my mind and a chill of recognition that should this type of thing ever happen, it would spell the end for society as we know it.

Looking outside and seeing how people seemed to be free, I contented myself, as it was hard to imagine how something so oppressive and dark could be consented to in a free society.

> Take a frightening concept like Orwellian surveillance and repackage it, rebrand it and present it back to people as a form of light entertainment

My assertion is that *Big Brother* was programming people into compliance internationally for 21 years, before coming of age, and making its most terrifying impact in 2020.

The whole world had come to a standstill and had been convinced to put itself under house arrest, with people effectively policing each other if we dared break our isolation.

We were encouraged – like in the show – to 'confess' to the police (Big Brother) about whom we were concerned with and why. We were encouraged to comply and in return we were given 'privileges' (previously known as necessities) like food and water at an allocated time.

And we weren't allowed to leave the house!
Sound familiar?

It should do, as we have all been part of this experiment worldwide during the 'pandemic'. We have all been unwitting participants in this psychological experiment, but – because of the 20 years' worth of subtle brainwashing – it almost feels like no imposition on our freedoms at all. It's almost like a game.

Standing on spots six feet apart. Informing on fellow housemates.

Were mass social events like planking and ice bucket challenges beta tests to measure the pliability of the general public through social media and to gauge levels of compliance?

I remember vividly prior to 2020 a rising tide of support in Scotland for the English football squad in the World Cup. It was an unthinkable proposition given the enmity between the two countries, especially in sport; but there it was.

People began repeating this in shops, cafes and even at my own dinner table visiting relatives. I found it peculiar, but no one else did.

It struck me then and now that people will temporarily abandon their core identity in order to fulfil a social role, especially if that role is seen outwardly as benevolent, kindly and compassionate.

Perhaps the *Big Brother* 'reality' show was the long march through the minds of the people, destroying the last outposts of individual thinking in order to lay the ground for what was to come. Mass, unthinking compliance.

This compliance culture has found its audience through using the media and television to introduce seemingly unthinkable ideas by camouflaging it inside entertainment and using communal reinforcement to implement it.

They have been selling totalitarianism exactly the same way as they have been selling anything – like soap powder or washing up liquid. *Big Brother* has been one 20-year-long advert for authoritarianism. What better way to achieve this than to take a frightening concept like Orwellian surveillance and repackage it, rebrand it and present it back to people as a form of light entertainment?

In the game, the last person in the house was the winner. Anyone who was evicted was often booed by the baying mob and treated like a criminal – closely resembling the attitudes of the public in 2020.

The idea of willful captivity was sold to people worldwide, almost creating a demand and an appetite for self-imposed imprisonment lest they be regarded as a social pariah, or worse.

- ***This is an excerpt from the book,* Reality Rebranded**

# Would you lie to save the world?

## The road to hell is paved with good intentions

by **RICHARD HOUSE**

### Sacrificing your morals for the 'greater good' a slippery slope

Photo: Andreas Lever

**AN example of 'noble-cause corruption' could be the dilemma faced by a police officer who perhaps felt compelled to use unlawful means to achieve justice.**

The concept was first introduced by criminologist Carl B Klockars in his 1980 essay, 'The Dirty Harry problem'.

More recently, Australian philosopher Seumas Miller has explored the notion further in his 2017 book, *Institutional Corruption: A Study in Applied Philosophy*.

At least some of the excessive self-confidence that has engulfed modern-day science can be laid at the door of noble-cause corruption (NCC).

Under NCC, authentic scientific truth is sacrificed by scientists who believe playing fast and loose with the truth is ethically justified when (as they see it) the very future of humanity is at stake.

This ends-justifying-the-means approach offers an interestingly different perspective on the so-called post-truth world.

The means/ends doctrine can be traced back to Italian Renaissance philosopher Machiavelli, as articulated in his book, *The Prince*. For Machiavelli, achieving an end-result far outweighs in importance how one got there – i.e. the particular road we take, and whether our behaviour in doing so is ethical. Such an approach raises fundamental questions, however.

First, is it legitimate and appropriate for this ends-justifying-the-means approach to override the deeply human virtues of truth-telling and truth-seeking?

Means/ends ideology can also easily blur the boundary between right and wrong. And if it becomes normalised, public trust in state institutions will be undermined – as if such trust needed any more undermining.

Means/ends ideology can eventually even destroy the moral character of those engaged in deploying such methods. And at worst, this creed can lead to a virtuous life degenerating into a kind of formless relativism where core human virtues become subordinated to utilitarianism (a moral theory that determines the rightness of actions based on their consequences).

In the Machiavellian world of politics and government, with their Nudge Units populated by manipulative behavioural scientists, such means/ends ideology is indeed commonplace – one reason, perhaps, why the world of politics is held in such contempt by so many good people.

In March 2013, for example, former U.S. Director of National Intelligence, James Clapper, made a false statement ('the Clapper Lie' – see tinyurl.com/ymn3ctd4) to the U.S. Congress, responding to a question about whether the National Security Agency was collecting 'any type of data at all' on millions of Americans. He said "no, sir", and "not wittingly". Everyone knew that was a lie, founded on the belief that the ends of collecting such data justified whatever means were necessary to obtain it.

Noble-cause corruption is a special case of means/ends ideology – an approach that has particular contemporary scientific relevance. At a superficial level, NCC can be positioned as the ethically right thing to do.

To any critically minded thinker, however, key questions immediately arise. First, what if the science on which the decisions are being based is actually false? The history of science is littered with examples where the science of the day was utterly convinced of its unimpeachable truth-status, only later for the said science to be shown to be false based on subsequent findings.

> It's the journey that unlocks our human potential and which establishes who we are as persons and what motivates us

With the science never being settled, then, NCC is a very dangerous game to be playing.

Think of so-called climate change, for example. Massively costly, irreversible changes to human ways of life are being implemented across the world based on a science that many authorities maintain to be false, or at the very least woefully underdetermined.

As environmental activist Peter Taylor says, we see key advisors to the United Nations in British universities parotting what Taylor calls 'this unprecedented nonsense', when in reality, the climatic phenomena which they are calling unprecedented in their media soundbites and position-papers are a long way from being unprecedented – and they know it. Yet NCC continues to be deployed by these people.

I'm also reminded of the philosophical argument about torture, with the ends-justifying-the-means proponents claiming that engaging in torture can be justified when what comes from it yields a higher net benefit to society than the human cost of engaging in the associated inhuman practices.

Just two of the many problems with this argument are, firstly, that we can never actually know with any certainty that a predicted outcome that one is wishing to avoid via the torture would have happened if the torture hadn't been enacted.

And secondly, there is the argument that as soon as we engage in torture, in that very process, we have relinquished our humanity and what is most precious about it; and so any post-torture human world will inevitably and unavoidably be debased by it having been performed, with our core humanity fundamentally undermined.

Those who advocate end-justifying-means ideology certainly need to be very careful what they wish for.

Half a century ago, the great philosopher of science Paul K. Feyerabend wrote prophetically about the developing authoritarian tendencies of modern science (see issue 46 of *The Light*, p. 20 – tinyurl.com/4cfc3bf9). And the phenomenon of noble-cause corruption is perhaps an inevitable manifestation of the anti-science tendencies Feyerabend was pinpointing.

I contend that the way in which we reach our goals is at least as important as goal achievement. Destinations and goals define what we are to the world, but it is the journey that tells who we are as human beings.

So it's the journey that unlocks our human potential and which establishes who we are as people and what motivates us. And if we dare to trust the journey, then whatever end results occur will emerge organically from the journey itself, and will not need to be preemptively pre-defined.

It is the human journey that matters far more than the instrumental destination. And we human beings massively overestimate our capacity to predict with any accuracy both outcomes, and the nature of the journeys that lead to them.

# 50 cognitive bias

## So you can be the

### Memory

**Fundamental Attribution Error**

We judge others on their personality or fundamental character, but we judge ourselves on the situation.

*Sally is late to class; she's lazy. You're late to class; it was a bad morning.*

**Self-Serving Bias**

Our failures are situational, but our successes are our responsibility.

*You won that award due to hard work rather than help or luck. Meanwhile, you failed a test because you hadn't gotten enough sleep.*

**Naive Realism**

We believe that we observe objective reality and that other people are irrational, uninformed, or biased.

*"I see the world as it really is — other people are dumb."*

**Naive Cynicism**

We believe that we observe objective reality and that other people have a higher egocentric bias than they actually do in their intentions/actions.

*"The only reason this person is doing something nice is to get something out of me."*

**Declinism**

We tent to romanticize the past and view the future negatively, believing that societies/institutions are by and large in decline.

*"In my day, kids had more respect!"*

**Status Quo Bias**

We tend to prefer things to stay the same; changes from the baseline are considered to be a loss.


*Even though an app's terms of service invade Sally's privacy, she'd rather not switch to another app.*

**Zeigarnik Effect**

We remember incomplete tasks more than completed ones.

*Greg feels guilty for never getting anything done, until he sees all of the tasks he's checked off on his task list.*

**IKEA Effect**

We place higher value on things we partially created ourselves.

*"Don't you love this pot I spent $20 on? I painted it myself!"*

### Social

**In-Group Favoritism**

We favor people who are in our in-group as opposed to an out-group.

*Francis is in your church, so you like Francis more than Sally.*

**Forer Effect (aka Barnum Effect)**

We easily attribute our personalities to vague statements, even if they can apply to a wide range of people.

*"This horoscope is so accurate!"*

**Sunk Cost Fallacy (aka Escalation of Commitment)**

We invest more in things that have cost us something rather than altering our investments, even if we face negative outcomes.

*"In for a penny, in for a pound!"*

**Ben Franklin Effect**

We like doing favors; we are more likely to do another favor for someone if we've already done a favor for them than if we had received a favor from that person.

*Greg loaned Francis a pen. When Francis asked to borrow $5, Greg did it readily.*

**Bandwagon Effect**

Ideas, fads, and beliefs grow as more people adopt them.

*Sally believes fidget spinners help her children. Francis does, too.*

**Dunning-Kruger Effect**

The less you know, the more confident you are. The more you know, the less confident you are.

*Francis confidently assures the group that there's no kelp in ice cream. They do not work in the dairy industry.*

**Gamblers Fallacy**

We think future possibilities are affected by past events.

*Alice has lost nine coin tosses in a row, so she's sure to win the next one!*

**Bystander Effect***

The more other people are around, the less likely we are to help a victim.

*In a crowd of students, no one called 911 when someone got hurt in a fight.*

### Learning

**Groupthink**

Due to a desire for conformity and harmony in the group, we make irrational decisions, often to minimize conflict.

*Sally wants to go get ice cream. Francis wants to shop for T-shirts. You suggest getting T-shirts with pictures of ice cream on them.*

**Anchoring**

We rely heavily on the first piece of information introduced when making decisions.

*"That's 50% off? It must be a great deal."*

**Halo Effect**

If you see a person as having a positive trait, that positive impression will spill over into their other traits. (This also works for negative traits.)

*"Taylor could never be mean; she's so cute!"*

**Automation Bias**

We rely on automated systems, sometimes trusting too much in the automated correction of actually correct decisions.

*Your phone auto-corrects "its" to "it's," so you assume it's right.*

**Framing Effect**

We often draw different conclusions from the same information depending on how it's presented.

*Alice hears that her favorite candidate is "killing it" with a 45% approval rating. Sally hears that the candidate is "disappointing the country" with a 45% rating. They have wildly different interpretations of the same statistic.*

**Zero-Risk Bias**

We prefer to reduce small risks to zero, even if we can reduce more risk overall with another option.


*"You should probably buy the warranty."*

**Suggestability**

We, especially children, sometimes mistake ideas suggested by a questioner for memories.

*"So did you fall off the couch before or after your mom hit you?"*

**False Memory**

We mistake imagination for real memories.

*Greg is certain Sally said a really funny joke about pineapples, when that joke actually came from a TV show.*

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### False Consensus

We believe more people agree with us than is actually the case.

*"Everybody thinks that!"*

### Curse of Knowledge

Once we know something, we assume everyone else knows it, too.

*Alice is a teacher and struggles to understand the perspective of her new students.*

### Spotlight Effect

We overestimate how much people are paying attention to our behavior and appearance.

*Sally is worried everyone's going to notice how lame her ice cream T-shirt is.*

### Availability Heuristic

We rely on immediate examples that come to mind while making judgments.

*When trying to decide on which store to visit, you choose the one you most recently saw an ad for.*

### Defensive Attribution

As a witness who secretly fears being vulnerable to a serious mishap, we will blame the victim less and attacker more if we relate to the victim.

*Sally sat too long at a green light because she was playing with her phone. She got rear-ended. Greg, who is known to text and drive, got out and yelled at the person who smacked into her.*

### Just-World Hypothesis

We tend to believe the world is just; therefore, we assume acts of injustice are deserved.

*"Sally's purse was stolen because she was mean to Francis about their T-shirt and had bad karma."*

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### Reactance

We do the opposite of what we're told, especially when we perceive threats to personal freedoms.

*One of Alice's students refuses to do his homework, even though both she and his parents tell him to.*

### Confirmation Bias

We tend to find and remember information that confirms our perceptions.

*You can confirm a conspiracy theory based on scant evidence while ignoring contrary evidence.*

### Backfire Effect

Disproving evidence sometimes has the unwarranted effect of confirming our beliefs.

*The evidence that disproves your conspiracy theory was probably faked by the government.*

### Third-Person Effect

We believe that others are more affected by mass media consumption than we ourselves are.

*"You've clearly been brainwashed by the media!"*

### Belief Bias

We judge an argument's strength not by how strongly it supports the conclusion but how plausible the conclusion is in our own minds.

*Sally mentions her supporting theory about your conspiracy theory, which you adopt wholeheartedly despite the fact that she has very little evidence for it.*

### Availability Cascade

Tied to our need for social acceptance, collective beliefs gain more plausibility through public repetition.

*A story about razor blades appearing in candy eventually led to many people no longer offering homemade treats on Halloween in America.*

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### Outgroup Homogeneity Bias

We perceive out-group members as homogeneous and our own in-groups as more diverse.

*Alice is not a gamer, but she believes "all gamers are the same."*

### Authority Bias

We trust and are more often influenced by the opinions of authority figures.

*"My teacher told me this was fine."*

### Placebo Effect*

If we believe a treatment will work, it often will have a small physiological effect.

*Alice was given a placebo for her pain, and her pain decreased.*

### Survivorship Bias

We tend to focus on those things that survived a process and overlook ones that failed.

*Greg tells Alice her purse business is going to be great because a successful fashion company had the same strategy. (But 10 other failed companies also had the same strategy.)*

### Tachypsychia

Our perceptions of time shift depending on trauma, drug use, and physical exertion.

*"When the car almost hit me, time slowed down …."*

### Law of Triviality (aka "Bike-Shedding")

We give disproportionate weight to trivial issues, often while avoiding more complex issues.

*Rather than figuring out how to help the homeless, a local city government spends a lot of time discussing putting in a bike path and bike sheds.*

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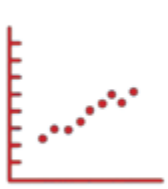
### Clustering Illusion

We find patterns and "clusters" in random data.



*"That cloud looks like your cat, Alice!"*

### Pessimism Bias

We sometimes overestimate the likelihood of bad outcomes.

*"Nothing will ever get better."*

### Optimism Bias

We sometimes are over-optimistic about good outcomes.

*"It's going to turn out great!"*

### Blind Spot Bias

We don't think we have bias, and we see it in others more than ourselves.

*"I am not biased!"*

* Technically not a cognitive bias but another important form of bias.

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The Uncensored Truth
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# Dissenting journalists face arrest

## Politicians claim EU media law an open door for censorship

by **PAUL BENNETT**

Photo: pd

**POLITICIANS are determining what constitutes the truth with the new European Media Freedom Act (EMFA) which allows for the surveillance and arrest of journalists in the public interest.**

The European Commission's new law, effective since August 8, is viewed by some as a wolf in sheep's clothing.

The law states that 'member states should not take any of the following measures…to detain, punish, intercept or inspect media services providers…unless it is justified in each particular case by the prevailing public interest.'

The recent legislation will incorporate surveillance measures for serious offences, including terrorism and racism, and requires member states within the EU to collaborate in addressing misinformation. It also mandates creating national lists of media owners and their addresses.

European Parliament Vice President Sabine Veheyen called the act "a landmark for press freedom in the EU" and disturbingly noted its significance would be proven by actions rather than words.

European Commissioner Ursula von der Leyen responded online to the new media regulations, describing them as 'an essential pillar of our democracy' and stating that 'journalists can continue their crucial work in safety, without interference or intimidation.'

Upon closer examination of the Orwellian doublespeak, it appears that the new media laws grant additional dictatorial authority to the European Commission, including the power to detain individuals who question its actions or statements.

The European Union has become authoritarian, resembling regimes like North Korea, China, 1930s Germany, or the Soviet Union, by planning to detain people who express views or criticisms that are not aligned with its official position or narrative on certain issues.

This nefarious law will be used to jail, deplatform and silence critical voices.

The legislation has little to do with media freedom and everything to do with thought control and censorship.

It claims to protect freedom of the press but advocates for the arrest of journalists for vaguely defined reasons if deemed in the public interest. This is not about truth in the press but about keeping society in check and keeping the rulers in power.

Recent events such as covid have demonstrated that concepts such as public interest, the greater good, and public safety can and will be weaponised to suppress opposing viewpoints. This raises concerns, as journalists who question official positions – such as those of the EU – could potentially be viewed as threats to democracy, which might lead to legal or professional repercussions, including arrest or bans.

Some critics in the EU have raised concerns about the direction the EU is taking by introducing this new media regulation, and argue that the new media laws will limit free speech and journalism in Europe, despite being presented as a cause of good for journalism.

Former Dutch Member of the European Parliament Rob Roos commented that the new EU media law isn't sliding towards totalitarianism – it's sprinting towards it.

German MEP Petra Kammerevert said the EMFA "really means leaving the door wide open to allow the Commission to become the future European media regulator. This is not its role. It is not a task that it is entitled to fulfil."

Hungarian MEP Andrea Bocskor criticised the European Parliament's Media Freedom Act, calling it a censorship law that overreaches by regulating member states' media and consulting with George Soros-linked organisations, despite its claim to support media independence and pluralism.

"The law is another attempt from Brussels to curb member states' sovereignty. It aims to make sure that only Brussels' voice can be heard, and gives the EU an opportunity to oppress patriotic and Christian conservative views and values. This is unacceptable. Brussels is building total control over media and a centralised system of censorship before our eyes," said the Fidesz MEP.

Recently, media outlets in Europe have faced scrutiny, with German authorities presenting arguments in court that some conservative narratives may affect social cohesion.

A German federal court has overturned a government ban on *Compact*, a magazine linked to conservative leaning AfD party. The court ruled that, although *Compact* published 'anticonstitutional' material, it does not currently threaten the state. Judge Ingo Kraft stated that freedom of speech and press is protected even for those opposed to the constitution.

Nancy Faeser, serving as then Interior Minister and a member of the Social Democratic Party, stated that the magazine functioned as a primary platform for right-wing extremist groups.

Bjorn Hocke from the AfD party, welcomed the ruling by posting on X: 'Instead of going after Islamists, she [Faeser] hunted down harmless critics of the government.'

Nazi Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels allegedly once said: "Let me control the media and I will turn any nation into a herd of pigs."

- ***European Media Freedom Act: https://tinyurl.com/8x7rybf6***

The cost of war in Palestine. Photo: pd

# Ethnic cleansing endgame

## History books will classify atrocities as genocide

by **TYLER DURDEN**

### Israel calls up 60,000 reservists ahead of Gaza city takeover

**ISRAELI media was reporting this month that around 60,000 Israeli reservists are set to receive call-up orders on as the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) geared up for a major assault on Gaza City.**

A report in *Times of Israel* notes that reservists will have up to two weeks before going to their duty stations, but not all will be directly involved in the Gaza City offensive, as some are needed to replace Israeli forces currently stationed in other parts of Gaza.

The controversial Netanyahu-ordered expanded offensive which aims to achieve total control of Gaza City is expected to displace over a million Palestinian civilians.

The IDF is prepared to use artillery to forcibly remove them, and a ramped-up air campaign has already been under way. Arab media sources, including *Al Jazeera*, have said that areas with a lot of tent shelters for refugees have at times been directly struck.

Israel's military has issued evacuation orders, and is framing this as simply a mass transfer, while the Palestinian side along with international human rights monitors have decried an ethnic cleansing and land grab in progress.

Reports in Israeli media have further described that after capturing the city, the IDF plans to spend over a year systematically demolishing it, which is precisely what previously happened in Beit Hanoun, Beit Lahia, and Jabalia.

The ostensible justification is for removal of 'Hamas infrastructure' – but critics have said it is ultimately to pave the way for Jewish settlement of the Gaza Strip.

The question remains, where will these Gazans go? Israel has been seeking to pressure some regional and even north African countries to take them in.

To be expected, these conversations have gone nowhere, especially as regional Arab states have already historically absorbed hundreds of thousands. For example, the majority of the population of Jordan actually has Palestinian roots.

The Trump administration has meanwhile appeared to green-light the takeover plans, in a break from Europe – which has grown much more critical of Israeli policy over the last months.

Some EU states like Denmark are even mulling over sanctions on Israel, and several major US allies are set to recognise the state of Palestine at the upcoming UN General Assembly meeting in September.

- ***Israel calls 60000 reservists ahead Gaza City takeover: https://tinyurl.com/4dtv8zfa***
- ***Netanyahu, in UK podcast interview, Israel has 'work' to do to win over Gen Z: https://tinyurl.com/29b5pnxe***

# Living in shadow of guilt

## Britain has always double-crossed the Palestinians

by **SERENA WYLDE**

**BRITAIN'S strategic interest in the Middle East in the early 20th century was oil and control over the Suez Canal – the vital trade route between India and Europe.**

The region was ruled over for centuries by the Turkish Ottoman Empire, but in November 1914 it allied with Germany and became Britain's enemy in the First World War.

In October 1915, Sir Henry McMahon, British High Commissioner in Egypt, promised Sharif Hussein, Emir of Mecca, that the Arabs could have an independent Arab state after the war if they rose up against their overlords, the Turks. Believing they were fighting for their freedom, some Arabs joined the allied war effort and they helped the Allies drive the Turks from their lands with the assistance of T.E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia).

However, in 1916 a secret deal was signed between British diplomat Sir Mark Sykes and French diplomat François Georges-Picot, known as the Sykes-Picot Agreement, in which Britain and France cavalierly agreed to divide up the region between themselves after the war.

What is now Syria and Lebanon would be allocated to France, Jordan and Iraq to Britain, and Palestine would be kept under international control.

Still in 1916, another secret 'gentleman's agreement' was made between leading Zionist Chaim Weizmann and Sir Mark Sykes, whereby the Zionists offered to use their considerable influence in the U.S. to bring America into the war on the side of the Allies, if the British Cabinet agreed to help the Jews take over Palestine after the war.

From the turn of the twentieth century, Zionist ideologues had been manoeuvring themselves into positions of political power and influence on both sides of the Atlantic. In the U.S., Zionists learned early on how to exploit the essential nature of the American political system. They procured influence in the media, both paid and unpaid, and this has been a key component of their success ever since.

From the very beginning of their movement in the late 1800s, the Zionists also realised that, if they were to succeed in their goal of creating a Jewish state on land that was inhabited by 96 percent non-Jews, they needed the backing of one of the 'great powers'. The First World War afforded them that opportunity. The much-vaunted Balfour Declaration of November 1917, which was to engender conflict in the entire region for more than a hundred years to come, had in fact been in preparation for two years, since 1915, and undergone some watering down in the form of edits.


Photo: Middle East Monitor

The final version of the letter/declaration issued to Zionist leader Lord Rothschild, officially signed by British Foreign Secretary Arthur Balfour, promised British support for a Jewish national home in Palestine, whilst stating that nothing should be done that would prejudice the civil and religious rights of the existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine.

At the end of the war, however, Britain had to face up to its contradictory promises.

In November 1918, it issued a joint Anglo-French Proclamation that former subjects of the Ottoman Empire would be able to determine their own futures. But these were empty words. Palestine had been predominantly Arab in culture and language for centuries. Yet, in private, Balfour wrote in a memorandum of 1919 that 'in Palestine we do not propose even to go through the form of consulting the wishes of the present inhabitants.'

As the victors of the war gathered at the Paris Peace Conference in 1919, there was deep concern across the entire American diplomatic service and amongst some British figures, most prominently Colonel T.E. Lawrence and Arabist Gertrude Bell, about the impact of making Palestine a distinctly Jewish territory.

All urged the peace conference to dismiss the Zionist proposals, stating that to subject the Palestinians 'to steady financial and social pressure to surrender the land, would be a gross violation of the principle of self-determination and the gravest trespass upon the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine', concluding that armed force would be required to accomplish this. But they were out-gunned by highly placed Zionists.

Meanwhile, Sharif Hussein, Emir of Mecca, sent his son Faisal to the conference to ensure the promise of an independent Arab state was honoured. But, instead, the newly formed League of Nations handed France control of Syria and Britain control of Palestine.

Under the terms of its mandate, Britain was required to implement the Balfour Declaration by supporting the creation of a Jewish national home, at the same time as protecting the rights of the non-Jewish population of Palestine and preparing them for eventual self-government.

But Britain had no intention of creating representative institutions in Palestine, where they feared an Arab majority would oppose Jewish demands for land and immigration. So they ignored their obligations under the mandate to foster a democratic transition.

In 1920, realising they had been deceived, angry Arabs amassed in Jerusalem, denouncing the Balfour Declaration and demanding the self-determination that had been promised by Britain and France in 1918. Riots broke out and violence escalated throughout the 1920s. Meanwhile, the Zionists moved swiftly to implement their objectives. Money poured in from the U.S., as did weapons for Zionist-created terrorist groups.

By the 1930s, Jewish immigration grew exponentially. More and more land passed into Jewish hands, and the Arabs felt ever more dispossessed.

On May 14, 1948 Britain officially ended its administration of Palestine and, as the troops cut and ran, the Zionists announced the creation of their new state which was immediately recognised by America.

What followed was what the Palestinians refer to as Al Nakba – the catastrophe – and the Israelis call their 'war of Independence'. Zionist military units had stealthily been preparing for war long before the UN vote and had acquired massive weaponry through a network of illicit gunrunning operations in the United States.

Five Arab armies joined the fighting, but the Zionist/Israeli forces outnumbered the combined Arab and Palestinian combatants.

Almost 60 per cent of the Palestinian population became refugees as they fled or were expelled. American journalist and author Alison Weir writes: 'At the end of this war, through ruthless implementation of plans to push out as many non-Jews as possible, Israel came into existence on 78 per cent of Palestine.'

Everything foreseen, and advised against, by experienced and ethical diplomats over a century ago has come to pass. Unless Britain acknowledges its unique responsibility and now acts with genuine principles, it will continue to live in the shadow of its own guilt.

# Japan gets new digital currency

by **TYLER DURDEN**

## Country set to launch yen-based stablecoin

**THE Nikkei financial newspaper reported that Japan's Financial Services Agency (FSA) could approve the issuance of the country's first yen-denominated stablecoin as early as this fall, joining an international scramble to issue stablecoins denominated in one's own currency.**

Stablecoin is a type of cryptocurrency that aims to maintain a stable value relative to a specified asset.

The report states that fintech company JPYC will register as a funds transfer service provider and begin selling its JPYC stablecoin within a few weeks. JPYC has been issuing a prepaid payment instrument called 'Prepaid JPYC', but has been preparing to issue and distribute JPYC, an electronic payment instrument exchangeable for Japanese yen, under the revised Payment Services Act, which came into effect in 2023.

The goal is to issue 1 trillion yen ($6.81 billion) of the JPYC stablecoin over three years. It has already drawn interest from multiple parties, including hedge funds that invest in cryptocurrencies and offices that manage the assets of wealthy individuals. Expected uses include carry trades, which aim to profit from interest rate differentials.

While attention has been focused mainly on USD stablecoins, the reported approval of a yen-based stablecoin could provide impetus to the digital currency ecosystem in Japan. In results briefings by fintech companies in Jul-Aug, some expressed expectations for domestic stablecoins. For the banking industry, Goldman sees potential for fee income from areas such as custodial services and collateral management. According to JPYC, its trust-type stablecoin is issued on the Progmat Coin platform of Mitsubishi UFJ Trust and Banking.

The Nikkei article cites cross-border remittances, corporate payments, and asset management as potential applications.

However, challenges remain. One concern is the risk of fluctuation and a potential decoupling from the assumption that each stablecoin unit would trade at one yen. While stablecoins generally have lower volatility than cryptocurrencies, in legal tender one yen is always worth one yen.

Meanwhile, Goldman sees debate soon focusing on anti-money-laundering measures, e.g., remittances to recipients not subject to KYC restrictions in the event that stablecoins were used/traded by unspecified parties to be redeemed for legal tender or circulated on a blockchain.

- ***Japan To Launch First Yen-Based Stablecoin: https://tinyurl.com/3f8dapae***
- ***Japan to greenlight first yen-based stablecoin: https://tinyurl.com/mvvzxykp***

# China bans 'degrading' OnlyFans

by **PAUL BENNETT**

## Government overreach or a legitimate fight against moral decay?

**CHINA has officially banned online pornographic platform OnlyFans as part of a larger governmental effort to eliminate 'immoral and degenerate Western culture' online sites.**

The Chinese Communist Party believes sexual content online represents a 'spiritual pollution' that threatens the innocence of children and undermines the cultural and social values of China.

For a period, in 2024 some users in mainland China accessed OnlyFans using virtual private networks (VPNs), but this method has since been fully blocked by state authorities.

OnlyFans has been added to a long list of foreign online platforms blocked in the Communist country.

The action to ban OnlyFans follows several previous restrictions on Western apps and media platforms in China, such as Google, Instagram, Twitter, WhatsApp, and YouTube. The ban was implemented through the 'Great Firewall' which limits access to content deemed inappropriate by Chinese state authorities.

Although China is among the most digitally connected countries, it also remains one of the world's leading nations in government surveillance of its citizens.

China consistently maintains strict regulation over Western online content, particularly targeting sites regarded as immoral or harmful. In recent years, the government has enacted similar censorship bans on platforms such as Pornhub, reinforcing its long-standing content control policies.

In 2017, China's Cybersecurity Law introduced zero-tolerance measures to regulate online content, including sexually explicit material. As a result, major Chinese platforms such as Tencent, Baidu, and Weibo were fined for failing to prevent the dissemination of illegal content, including pornography.

Access denied

The Cybersecurity Law is part of a broader effort by the Communist Party to govern online content, enforce "cyber sovereignty," and ensure Chinese internet platforms reflect core moral values.

China is not the only country that has banned the OnlyFans platform.

In India, Pakistan, and the United Arab Emirates, discussing OnlyFans can lead to legal penalties.

Turkey blocked OnlyFans in 2023 due to concerns over immoral and pornographic content, following complaints from the Presidential Communication Centre (CIMER).

The platform is also restricted in Saudi Arabia, Iran, Thailand, Cuba, and Sudan, for religious, moral, and legal reasons.

The ban of the company OnlyFans in China can be viewed either as a form of strict government censorship or as an effort to uphold cultural morals and values.

To some people the action to ban the UK company restricts personal freedom and shows that the authoritarian Chinese Communist Party can ban anything it considers harmful. Prohibiting what it sees as 'morally degrading' sets a risky precedent.

On the other hand, the Chinese government could be congratulated by some for the ban which they may believe protects citizens against an immoral company that preys on vulnerable people as well as shamefully targeting basic human psychology and primal instincts for profits.

OnlyFans has been described as popular among sex workers, offering them a corporate, slick packaging to carry out their trade.

The website allows its 'creators' to monetise sexual content that can be streamed live to those who pay.

The company generated $6.6bn in gross revenue in 2023, making OnlyFans one of the world's most profitable earners.

The company is owned by billionaire Leonid Radvinsky who has contributed significant financial support to the prominent pro-Israel lobby group AIPAC (the American Israel Public Affairs Committee).

One of the world's most well-known ambassadors for OnlyFans is UK-born Bonnie Blue who claimed to have had sex with 1,000 men in under 24 hours and who has monthly earnings of over $1m.

Some would argue that if you want to weaken and spiritually attack a nation, you corrupt its young men through distractions like OnlyFans.

Online pornographic content is blamed by some for the demise of meaningful sexual relationships and the resulting plummeting birth rates, so perhaps China is putting down a legitimate marker in a fight against moral and national decay?

- ***China bans Onlyfans: https://tinyurl.com/tmdhwa4n***

# Medics now take ‘hypocritic’ oath

## *NHS whistleblower Dr Jayne Donegan* interviewed by *The Light*

by **RICHARD HOUSE**

**RH: Tell us about your medical career, and how you ended up quitting ‘mainstream’ medicine.**

**JD:** I qualified at St Mary’s Hospital, London University in 1983 and worked in hospitals in medicine, surgery, accident and emergency, and orthopaedics.

I wanted to be an orthopaedic surgeon but became unhappy with the unsupervised nature of the training so I decided on general practice, spending another several years in hospital before entering general practice.

These years involved long hours, many postgraduate exams, and on my weekends off I did locums in neonatal intensive care. So I gained much clinical experience in a short time.

I’ve always had an inquiring mind. I’m fascinated by people, their stories, lives and what makes them tick. As a GP I saw that the factors most affecting people’s health weren’t medical – they were housing, relationships, and work problems. I’ve always tried to stick up for the little person in unequal power situations, writing letters for people being bullied by councils, employers, teachers, lawyers, even their own family.

I studied homeopathy and naturopathy along the way, in the course of watching medicine change from an art, individualised to each person, to a so-called ‘science’ where you were expected to follow guidelines by rote.

When it was made clear to me by the deputy director of NHS England, in London in November 2019, that if there was a clash between the patient’s best interest and NHS policy, I had to follow the policy, I decided it was time to leave.

**RH: Was that not a violation of the Hippocratic Oath for NHS England to make that call? And to what extent is the oath, and its non-maleficence principle, still foundational in mainstream medicine?**

**JD:** No one swears the Hippocratic Oath any more. I certainly didn’t, nor my peers – I think some newly qualified doctors at St Thomas’s did. Many medical school graduates in the U.S. swear it, as they’re such a new country and like to connect to antiquity, but the oath has been completely changed. It would have to be.

The original oath said that a doctor would, for example, help his teacher out if he fell upon hard times; teach the children of his teacher for free. More importantly, it said, ‘I will do no harm or injustice to them. Neither will I administer a poison to anybody when asked to do so, nor will I suggest such a course. Similarly, I will not give to a woman a pessary to cause abortion.’ In the updated versions, of course, they have to take out the part about not killing people or doing abortions because doctors do those all the time.

Dr Jayne Donegan

Sad to say, DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) orders used to mean just that. If someone at the end of their natural life wanted to slip away in dignity and comfort by means of a cardiac arrest or stopping breathing, and didn’t want a team of doctors jumping up and down on their chest or sticking tubes in every available orifice, or cutting open their chest to carry out open-chest cardiac massage, they could opt out. Or the doctors and families could make that choice with love and compassion for the patient.

Now, a DNR order means, ‘We will actively kill you – with a slow opiate push intravenously to stop respiration – or midazolam, which does the same without the benefit of even being a pain-killer. And before that happens we’ll leave you like a bag of bones in the corner of a ward doing no observations or even mouth-care, while we dehydrate you by withholding oral or intravenous fluids. We will, however, ensure you do not get bed sores as that is a sacred “quality assurance” point.’

And this is in a country (England) that does not (quite yet) have medically assisted suicide. When that bill passes, it will be the end. On the bright side, though, it’ll cut waiting-lists.

So for this reason, I call it the ‘Hypocritic’ Oath.

**RH: Your abandonment of mainstream medicine makes complete sense in this dire context. Tell us about your practice now – has quitting the NHS liberated you and how you can help people?**

**JD:** I continue practising holistic health care privately as I was doing before, though not as a registered doctor. I apply naturopathic principles to healing the body and mind, and emphasise that treating a child or adult without giving them ‘medicines’ to suppress their symptoms does not mean doing nothing; it means facilitating the body’s processes of elimination by making sure there’s plenty of fresh air, clean water, the correct room temperature, rest, no food unless hungry. This allows the liver, the major detoxifier, the kidneys, the lungs and the immune system to work efficiently.

Despite scare-mongering by the government and the medical profession, no-one dies of the normal course of a fever or acute childhood illness. They die or become disabled due to ‘complications’ which are all invasive. Assisting the body in the process of acute elimination, whether by production of mucus, fever, diarrhoea, vomiting, or rash, helps to externalise disease, making the internalisation of symptoms – meningitis, septicaemia – unlikely.

I also use homeopathy to support the individual’s constitution and to eradicate unhelpful inherited predispositions. It is a shame these methods of treatment are not available on the NHS. We pay our hard-earned money in taxes and then have to pay again to get wise and individualised healthcare information rather than the robotic regurgitation of ‘guidelines’.

I give lectures on health topics on Tuesday evenings online. I still receive emails saying: ‘I attended one of your lectures on fever 20 years ago. It transformed and empowered how I managed the health of my children. Thank you.’

Why is this not information that the Government wants medical students to be taught, or patients to know? I’ll leave you to speculate.

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# The illusion of choice

## Take back control by asking questions

by **HENRY WIDDAS**

**WE are all guided in this life by what we believe, and for most of us that comes down to who we believe.**

And from those beliefs, we make choices and our reality becomes shaped and defined by those decisions.

But here is the big question, is choice nothing more than an illusion?

For most of us, our choices stem from one factor alone: the information we receive, or rather, the weight of information arguing A over B, compared with the weight of information arguing B over A.

Marketing works in a similar way. Two rival identical products can both have equally emotive and engaging advertisements that resonate with their customers. So the only way for one to take control of the market share is through reaching more with their advertising.

Much of the information we receive today comes from the media. It is all around us, it appears on our screens and is repeated by people in our lives. And it is digested just as much by our subconscious as it is by our conscious selves.

So could it be that the real power of information is that it creates the illusion of choice? Perhaps we are not choosing what to believe, any more than a marketing-manipulated customer chooses to buy product A over B.

We are programmable beings and those in control of the world are fully aware of that. They have used that knowledge to try and direct us for millennia, simply by controlling the majority of our information sources.

Fortunately, there is a way to reverse this

Follow your heart when asking questions

top-down control and it comes not from the information we receive but from love and the ability and freedom to ask questions.

Genuine love is as simple as compassion and as painful as empathy – when others are hurt we feel their suffering and want to help.

And, by asking questions, we can cut through the information being fed to us to find the root cause of why things are the way they are.

From this position of love and questioning comes enlightenment. It never leads to violence, it never leads to hate, it never leads to being controlled.

From this day forward, never be afraid to question what you are told. Make love a motivating force in searching out the reasons for suffering where you see it and take small steps to help.

No tidal wave of change is needed, no revolution of the masses in a violent upheaval. Just allow yourself to love, and never be afraid to ask why a situation is the way it is.

From this position, we can start to make choices that are not made for us but come from our hearts.

# True Pearls: Ron Paul, activist and doctor

by **RICHARD HOUSE**

**TRUTH is treason in the empire of lies.**

We must always be on guard not to let others change us, once we gain the confidence that we are on the right track in the search for truth.

Democracy is simply majoritarianism, which is inherently incompatible with real freedom.

Freedom is not defined by safety. Freedom is defined by the ability of citizens to live without government interference.

I don't think we should go to the moon. I think we maybe should send some politicians up there.

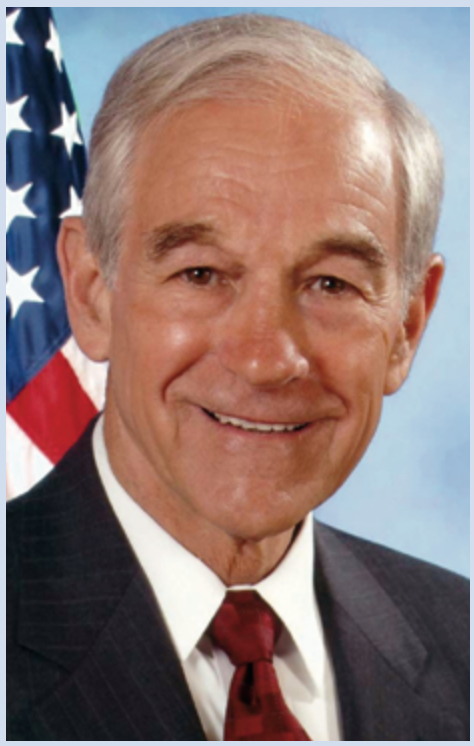
No word other than demagoguery can describe the despicable nature of politics.

When one gets in bed with government, one must expect the diseases it spreads.

The more government spends, the more freedom is lost.

Government interventions create unintended consequences that lead to calls for further intervention, and so on into a destructive spiral of more and more government control.

It is a dangerous notion that we need a



Dr Ron Paul – an American writer, medical doctor, and political libertarian – celebrated his 90th birthday last month

government to protect us from ourselves.

Government cannot create a world without risks, nor would we really wish to live in such a fictional place.

You never have to give up liberties to be safe. You're less safe when you give up your liberties.

Government should never be able to do anything you can't do.

When we give government the power to make medical decisions for us, we in essence accept that the state owns our bodies... Freedom over one's physical person is the most basic freedom of all.

In the free society envisioned by the founders, schools are held accountable to parents, not federal bureaucrats.

By encouraging Americans to adopt a group mentality, the advocates of so-called 'diversity' actually perpetuate racism. Their obsession with racial group identity is inherently racist.

Rights don't come in groups; rights come as individuals.

It is no coincidence that the century of total war coincided with the century of central banking.

What the government wants is efficient, sterile killers in immoral wars who can be awarded medals and paraded before cheering audiences as great patriotic defenders of our liberty.

Government designs 1984-style propaganda messages to make us fear some amorphous threat and also be suspicious of others.

Thanks to Edward Snowden and others, if a whistle-blower reveals the truth about wrongful government actions, calls arise to charge him with treason for hating America.

In addition to Eisenhower's military-industrial complex, we now have the police-industrial complex, the medical-industrial complex, the surveillance-industrial complex, and the media-industrial complex.

Peaceful civil disobedience to unjust laws can sometimes be necessary at any level of government. It falls upon the people to stand against injustice no matter where it occurs.

An idea whose time has come cannot be stopped by any army or any government.

The number one responsibility for each of us is to change ourselves.

There's only one type of right. It's the right to your liberty.

Our forefathers would think it's time for a revolution. This is why they revolted in the first place... They revolted against a much milder oppression.

When the tides turn and the culture again celebrates what it means to be free, our battle will be won. It will happen. Our job in this generation is to prepare the way.

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## INSIDE YOUR LIGHT




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# Questions over Live Aid

by **JOHN HAMER**

## WERE BANKS BENEFITTING AHEAD OF STARVING AFRICANS?


Live Aid at Wembley Stadium 1985

**WHENEVER funds need to be raised to feed the starving millions – to bring clean water to those without and to build homes and habitats – pop stars are often rolled out to make a plea to the masses.**

Since Live Aid, Sir Bob Geldof and others have made new careers of being figureheads of poverty relief whilst reaping the benefits these events provide them…that is, name and face recognition. For instance, Geldof was paid $100,000 in Australia for a speech addressing Third World poverty.

Brian Johnson, lead singer of AC/DC, said that some of these pop star figureheads should dip into their own bank accounts, as did the members of his band, and give without publicity.

Economist and author Michael Chossudovsky, describing what he saw as misdirected fundraising, wrote: "Most casual observers might assume that the money generated by corporate sponsors, record sales, performance royalties and direct contributions would be funnelled into various charitable organisations aiding the poorest people of developing nations around the world. They would be wrong."

Instead, Chossudovsky claims that the money raised in many instances is used to pay off the corporate creditors of indebted countries. In effect, the focus of the money generated by Live 8 was to provide direct funds to corporations that were 'owed money' by these impoverished nations.

And it has been claimed that this same monetary amount contributed by Live 8 was given to these private corporations and then deducted from the direct aid packages and social service programmes formerly contributed by the G8 to these countries.

For every dollar of 'debt cancellation' to the international financial institutions, the G8 reduces the flow of foreign aid to these countries, it has been alleged. In other words, it is claimed the foreign aid earmarked to finance much-needed social programmes was going directly into the coffers of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Moreover, the IMF and The World Bank and The African Development Bank never write-off their debts. So what was being promoted and touted around the world as a way to help some of the poorest countries on the planet was perhaps actually a covert exercise in paying off international financial institutions for aid they had previously lent these nations, whilst allegedly guaranteeing the reduction of the same amount in future funding for these very programmes.

And so it has been argued that Live 8 was a gigantic propaganda piece and financial con tricks to repay private institutions and their friends at the IMF and World Bank. It was claimed to be a direct reimbursement process for the creditors of the poorest countries on the planet whilst further binding those countries to the future predations of the World Bank and IMF.

This allowed them to impose even more social control on their political processes by insisting on 'democratic reforms' thereby allowing Western governments to control the election processes and the officials who came to power in these countries whilst insisting on 'free market reforms'.

It is argued that all of this simply diminishes their sovereignty while transferring ever more overt socio-political control to the corporate predators that are ever ready to exploit new markets. This arrangement also makes it impossible for these countries to default on their debt, perpetually keeping them in the cycle of debt-repayment and financial servitude.

Geldof has promoted this alleged fundraising sleight of hand and benefitted from the fame and royalty income which his appearances on worldwide television provide. Perhaps he is unaware of these allegations made by Chossudovsky but, meanwhile, countries remain steeped in poverty whilst reducing the social services these countries so desperately need.

Geldof has allegedly been used to promote the greed of globalists. And it has been argued that the people giving their hard-earned money to the cause were fooled because they had already been indoctrinated into believing every pound given would be going directly to starving Africans.

Contributing to these causes, it has been argued, only further contributes to the utter misery of the helpless peoples of the Third World.

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# Letters to The LIGHT

**Love us or hate us, we are helping raise the level of debate in this country and across the world, so we welcome views from all perspectives, because the enemies of free thought and free speech are censorship and group-think. We are all individuals – let's have your thoughts!** ***Please email: letters@thelightpaper.co.uk***

***Dear The Light,***

**Clive Meager in issue 60 of the letters page asks if *The Light* can make issues available in his local shop.**

Well, *The Light* is available in certain shops in my area, as well as tables on high street stalls and delivered into hundreds of homes monthly.

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Perhaps Clive could purchase 50 or 100 *Light* papers and do the same in his area?

In about four years, my little group of friends have systematically delivered over 30,000 in our surrounding district.

As the saying goes:

There are those who make things happen. There are those who watch things happen. And there are those who don't even know what has happened.

Our group belongs in the first category.

*Mike Cook and Mike Thompson*

***Dear The Light,***

**For months I have been bombarded by stories from history by a group online called Quora.**

I received loads of questions from different people (many using nom de plumes) asking for my opinion on various topics but mainly on the conflict going on in Ukraine.

As usual, I tackled the questions and gave my answers from a working class and humanist viewpoint which for a time seemed acceptable to Quora.

And it made me wonder, is this situation really happening? Am I being allowed time to explain class interests in current world affairs?

But alas a week or so back, it was not to be and in a dressed up but terse email, I was told that my replies and contributions did not go along with their rules and regulations.

So I then became a 'persona non grata' to Quora and was barred from writing any more on its website.

A while ago, a friend explained a procedure called 'sheep dogging', which I think is a term used in U.S. political affairs.

The idea is to round up different categories of thought, separate them and where possible keep them at loggerheads with each other, while your outfit continues on course to achieve its political goals.

Sheep dogging can be of great value, of course, for gaining trains of thought in the community and surveying trends in public attitudes to events, at home and worldwide.

Trying to get info about the main aims and connections of Quora will be difficult as they have a smokescreen around themselves with no direct emails or names of their board of directors.

The overall scent I get wafting from them is that they are U.S.-orientated and most likely funded at the top by wealthy people.

Finally, I must say that the vast majority of queries I got came from people who seemed to think there was only one side to world disputes and that side was the one dished out by the big players through the mainstream media.

*Bill Stewart.*

***Dear The Light,***

**With reference to Malcolm Naylor's letter regarding King Charles III (issue 60), the matter of whether the monarch or more generally the head of state should be elected has often been raised.**

A hereditary position ensures that the future monarch stands above and is untainted by party politics.

In contrast, an elected office would inevitably be contested by those who had been actively involved in party politics and supported by the party machinery.

The current system which allows the monarch to hold such vast riches needs to end, and tenants on those royal estates should to be able to purchase their properties on a freehold basis.

Prior to the Norman Conquest, the king was chosen by the Witan, a council of 'wise men' and a similar method could be adopted today rather than relying on a hereditary monarchy.

The pageantry, beloved by many, could always be retained, but the vast personal wealth associated with the monarchy needs to end. The separation of the monarch's private assets from that of the state needs to be clearly established.

The monarch needs to act in the interests of the people and that would require withholding the Royal Assent should the legislation prove damaging to the country, or when governments enact policies contrary to the popular will such as having allowed mass immigration from the developing world since 1948.

The monarchy has only served a ceremonial role since 1688 and has avoided conflict with the government in order to protect its own interests. But the monarch still retains certain prerogative powers such as dissolving parliament, and these powers should be deployed in the interests of the people when the government acts against our interests.

*Alec Suchi*

***Dear The Light,***

**Just a thought: as immigrants are living in hotels, with the high standard of service that includes, when they are rehoused it will be to a lower standard in comparison e.g., no staff to cater for their every whim.**

This will create dissatisfaction on a vast scale (due to ever increasing numbers) adding to even more unrest and pressure on communities. The ramifications are innumerable although no doubt unimportant to the criminals in charge.

*Peter Manley*

***Dear The Light,***

**Regarding the Online Safety Act, it won't protect children and it will mess up lots of adults who are not going to want to dox themselves by handing over personal data, just to use Google, etc.**

We can't trust the government with data – their record is appalling. Remember when they gave personal details of special forces to the Taliban?

Some of my ancestors fought and died so we wouldn't be asked 'where are your papers?' They would be turning in their graves. The petition to repeal this appallingly bad legislation has gone past half a million already. So when are we going to see a debate?

Nobody voted for this.

*Nigel Jones*

***Dear The Light,***

**Handing out The Light**

I'm handing out The Light,
Give to the left and to the right.
Where there are gaps in between,
Catch eyes, smile, be seen.
It's free to engage in conversation,
Those reticent looks, consternation.
Then an inquisitor seeks to know,
Satisfied takes hold, a nod and go;
Perhaps a small spark of thought
Whether things are as they ought.
Some a thumbs up in recognition,
'Well done!' They applaud our position.
That bats off those negative vibes,
Misinformed labelling jibes
From the controlled advance
Or of our misunderstood stance.
We're still here, the truth to seize
From a turn of 180 degrees.
In a world fed what's to be believed
Thank God for this beam of light received.

*Richard Catlin*

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