

Covid-19: Phase 1 of the "Permanent Crisis"?

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Let's assume that the events of the last five months are neither random nor unexpected.

Let's say they're part of an ingenious plan to transform American democracy into a lockdown police state controlled by criminal elites and their puppet governors.

And let's say the media's role is to fan the flames of mass hysteria by sensationalizing every gory detail, every ominous prediction and every slightest uptick in the death toll in order to exert greater control over the population.

And let's say the media used their power to craft a message of terror they'd repeat over and over again until finally, there was just one frightening storyline ringing-out from every soapbox and bullhorn, one group of governors from the same political party implementing the same destructive policies, and one small group of infectious disease experts -all incestuously related- issuing edicts in the form of "professional advice."

Could such a thing happen in America?

What's most astonishing about the Covid-19 operation is the manner in which the elected government was circumvented by public health experts (connected to a power-mad billionaire activist.) That was a stroke of genius. Most people regard the US as a fairly stable democracy and yet, the first sign of infection triggered the rapid transfer of power from the president to unelected "professionals" whose conflicts of interest are too vast to list.

Equally fascinating is the fact that the lockdowns were not the brainchild of Donald Trump but the mainly Democrat governors who shrugged-off any Constitutional limits to their power and arbitrarily ordered people to stay in their homes, wear masks and avoid close physical contact with other humans.

All of this was done in the name of "science" and condoned under "emergency powers" despite the fact that mass quarantines of healthy people have no historical precedent or scientific basis. No matter, this was never about science or logic anyway, and it certainly wasn't about saving lives. It was always about power, pure, unalloyed political power. The power to push the economy into freefall destroying millions of jobs and businesses. The power to bail out Wall Street while diverting attention to a fairly-mild infection that kills roughly 1 in every 500 people. The power to create a permanent underclass willing to work for table scraps or less. And the power to fundamentally restructure human relations so that normal intimacies like handshakes, hugs or social gatherings are entirely banned. This, of course, was the most ambitious part of the project, the basic changes to human interaction that date back thousands of years, and which are now seen as an obstacle to a new order in which the individual must be isolated, desensitized and kept in a constant state of fear to be

more easily controlled and manipulated.

On top of that, all of this is taking place in plain sight where anyone with even minimal critical thinking skills should be able to see what is happening, but very few do. Why is that?

Fear. Fear has gripped the population and is preventing typically intelligent, perceptive people from seeing something that's right beneath their noses. Check out this clip from an article titled "When Will the Madness End?":

"What's happening now is a spread of this serious medical condition to the whole population... The public is adopting a personality disorder ... paranoid delusions, and irrational fear. ... It can happen with anything but here we see a primal fear of disease turning into mass panic....

.... Once fear reaches a certain threshold, normalcy, rationality, morality, and decency fade and are replaced by shocking stupidity and cruelty.....We find that whole communities suddenly fix their minds upon one object, and go mad in its pursuit; that millions of people become simultaneously impressed with one delusion, and run after it, till their attention is caught by some new folly more captivating than the first.

...This is made far worse by politics, which has only fed the beast of fear. This is the most politicized disease in history, and doing so has done nothing to help manage it and much to make it all vastly worse." ("<u>When Will the Madness End?</u>", AIER)

We're not saying that Covid doesn't kill people, and we're not suggesting that Covid is a bioweapon released on the public for nefarious purposes. (although that's certainly a possibility.) What we're saying is that scheming elites and their allies in the media and politics see every crisis as an opportunity to advance their own authoritarian agenda.

In fact, the restructuring of basic democratic institutions can only take place within the confines of a major crisis. That's why the CIA, the giant corporations, the WHO and the Gates Posse gathered for meetings that anticipated an event just like the Covid outbreak. They needed a crisis of that magnitude to achieve their ultimate objective; total control. That's what they mean when they say there will be "no return to normal", they mean they're replacing representative government with a new totalitarian model in which the levers of state power will be controlled by them. So while the virus outbreak might be coincidental, the management of the crisis certainly is not. This is from an article by Gary Barnett:

"We are in the midst of an attempt by the oligarchs to eliminate the human spirit, and if this attempt is successful, the singular majesty of the human experience will have been abolished, and only a technocratic black hole of emptiness and despair will remain. This is the essence of a failed society brought about by the destruction of human intellect by state education, mass propaganda, and the planned control of individuals through physical and psychological manipulation due to fear."("Pandemic Madness: The State's Plan Rests on the Destruction of the Human Spirit", Gary Barnett, Lew Rockwell)

Is the author exaggerating?

I don't think so. Our species has withstood myriad epidemics in the past without ever

resorting to the extremist measures we have taken during this latest outbreak. Take the state of Oregon, for example, whose Democratic governor Kate Brown just signed another executive order extending a state of emergency through Sept. 4. The move comes months after the peak in deaths was reached in mid-April. As of Tuesday, Oregon's death toll is a meager 240 nearly 90% of who are over 65 with underlying health conditions. That means that Brown shut down a \$226 billion per year economy, put tens of thousands of people out of work, destroyed countless small and medium-sized businesses and plunged the state deep into debt, to save roughly 24 or 25 people under 65 with no underlying health conditions. That's not the reaction of an intelligent, responsible political leader acting in the best interests of the people. That is the reaction of someone who is either criminally insane or doing someone else's bidding. So which is it?

Like many of the other mainly Democrat governors, Brown also issued a "mask" mandate, punishable by a fine. The new executive order was neither approved by the House or by any other democratic body. It's just Brown testing the limits of her new emergency powers. Interestingly, the mask mandate comes a full three months after the state reached its peak in fatalities which means that it has less to do with controlling the infection than it does with using the virus to usurp tyrannical powers. Does that mean Brown or the other Democrat governors are closet tyrants?

Probably not. But it does suggest that the people who fund Brown's campaigns and pull her strings want to see how far they can push things before the public fights back. Here's a comment by Carlo Caduff in the Medical Anthropology Quarterly that helps to put these developments into perspective:

"Across the world, the pandemic unleashed authoritarian longings in democratic societies allowing governments to seize the opportunity, create states of exception and push political agendas. Commentators have presented the pandemic as a chance for the West to learn authoritarianism from the East. This pandemic risks teaching people to love power and call for its meticulous application." (<u>"What Went Wrong: Corona and the World After the Full Stop"</u> Academia.edu)

Once again, we are not denying that Covid kills people. All we're saying is that powerful elites are using crisis management to advance their own narrow political agenda.

It should be no surprise that states governed by Democrats are doing considerably worse than those run by Republicans. Watching the eagerness with which the Dems impose their economy-crushing measures, one can only wonder how the states will ever dig out of the current mess and regain solvency. Of course, maybe that's the goal, to generate so much red ink that essential social services will have to be slashed, the poor will be left to starve, and the big money guys will buy-up public assets for pennies on the dollar. Indeed, that must be the plan, "shock therapy for the proles while the Democrat governors act as a battering ram to open the state to the plunder and looting of their Wall Street crony friends and others in the parasite class. Here's how Israel Shamir summed it up in a recent article at the *Unz Review*:

"There are people who think we have it too good. They think we did nothing to deserve our high civilization. They think we shouldn't be able to afford food, the roof above our heads and other goodies. This is the view of some very wealthy people. They are annoyed at seeing Tom, Dick and Harry going to Acapulco and eating in a restaurant, instead of being at their beck and call. They want to lower our income and raise the cost of living. They are willing to fund anyone who calls for more austerity.

Now they support lockdowns, claiming that it is the best way to fight disease. Yesterday they were calling on us to shut down industry in order to save the climate. Today these same people are still trying to reduce us to poverty, this time for the sake of Covid" (<u>"Unmasking Freedom</u>, The Unz review)

Shamir is right of course, the justifications are forever changing while the ultimate goal remains the same, wreak havoc the economy, divide the people into warring camps, and clear the way for the new streamlined system of authoritarian government, the glorious NWO. And the speed at which we are moving towards this new order is truly breathtaking. Take a look at this sampling of articles I've compiled which illustrates the catastrophic damage that is being done to the economy but swept under the rug by the media. In short, Covid is the diversion that keeps the American people from realizing that the system that keeps them employed, pays the mortgage and puts food on the table is being decimated by voracious oligarchs who want to start fresh. Check out these articles:

- Some 42% Of Jobs Lost In Pandemic Are Gone For Good
- <u>US Consumer Credit Crashes As Americans Repay A Record Amount Of Credit Card Debt</u>
- A Tidal Wave of Bankruptcies is Coming
- <u>"More Than Half Of The US Population Is Not Working"</u>
- "52% Of Small Businesses Expect To Be Out Of Business Within Six Months
- <u>"53% Of Restaurants Closed Amid Coronavirus Have Shuttered Permanently"</u>
- <u>Tsunami</u>" Of Evictions Could Make 28 Million Americans Homeless This Summer Alone
- Hurtling towards Depression-Based on information as of May 2020, we show that global consumption losses amount to 3.8\$tr, triggering significant job (147 million full-time equivalent) and income (2.1\$tr) losses.
- Eighty percent feel country is spiraling out of control, according to Wall Street Journal/NBC poll

Anyway, you get the picture, the situation is dire. But as severe as the economic carnage may be, the psychic damage is that much worse. Many readers probably already know that suicides, divorces, child abuse, alcoholism, drug abuse and domestic violence have all risen sharply in the last 5 months. The impact of the lockdowns on people suffering from chronic depression or other mental health conditions has also increased dramatically. As Doctor Waqar Rashid opines in an article at *The Spectator*:

"Many people are... still terrified.,... afraid of venturing back into the outside world.... Masks are everywhere, and are compulsory on public transport. The result is a reminder that this 'new normal' is utterly unlike what we are used to. Even to those who don't suffer from mental health problems it's a depressing and dispiriting sight. And I fear this ongoing state of stress and anxiety is doing profound damage to people's psychological wellbeing...

It was widely acknowledged before the pandemic struck that mental health problems were not only increasing in number but also being seen more frequently in younger people. As a neurologist, the people I see are especially at risk from suffering from mental health problems. It's a sad fact that in my line of work, we can cure very little. But we can try to control and mitigate the illnesses we seek to treat. Much of this relies on the patient remaining hopeful and optimistic about their prospects. But now, surrounded as we are by this 'invisible enemy', all too often hope has been substituted for fear, even terror." ("What's the true cost of lockdown?", The Spectator)

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It all boils down to this: Ruling class elites are using a public health crisis to wage a full-scale war on the American people and their system of representative government. The Democrat-CIA-Media Axis has been instrumental in prosecuting the conflict, as they were in the Russiagate fiasco. These are the shock troops who execute the battleplan of economic strangulation, covert skulduggery, and relentless disinformation. By the time the American people figure out what's going on, the political landscape will have changed completely.

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