

# Why Has the World Been Shut Down? What is the “New Normal”? Clampdown on Civil Liberties in the Name of “Fighting the Virus?”

The Great Scampede or the Iron Heel Revisited

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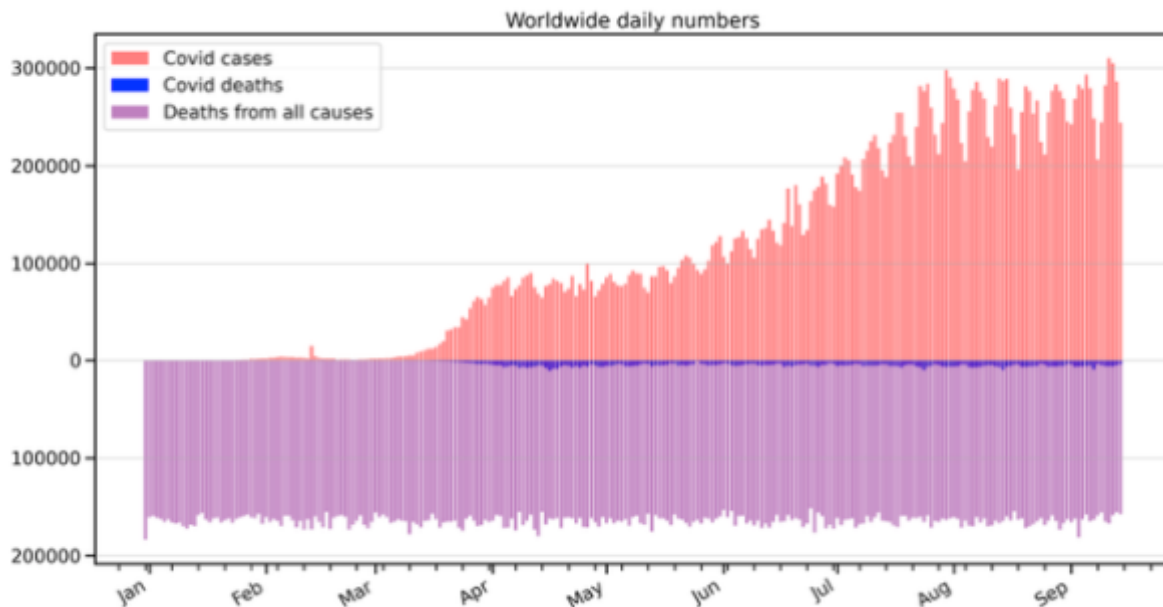
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*[T]he great majority of people will not die from this [virus] and I'll just repeat something I said right at the beginning because I think it's worth reinforcing:*

*Most people, a significant proportion of people, will not get this virus at all, at any point of the epidemic which is going to go on for a long period of time.*

*Of those who do, some of them will get the virus without even knowing it, they will have the virus with no symptoms at all, asymptomatic carriage, and we know that happens. – [Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer for England, 11 May, 2020](#)*

But this is not what the British public have had been told (as well as a host of other countries who have been railroaded into joining the Great Scampede). The government and the mainstream media have presented the Virus to us as something akin to the Bubonic Plague, and of course the public have responded by behaving as though it *is* the Bubonic Plague. This is why the government changed the name of the virus from SARS-COV-2 (its correct designation) to COVID-19 in order to sever the connection to the Influenza virus, its literal ancestor. The state (and of course, big Pharma) had to present this virus to us as ‘novel’ and infinitely more dangerous than the Flu, which it’s not, it has about the same death rate as seasonal Flu, although it is especially dangerous to a vulnerable minority, average age 85 with multiple health issues, who *should* be protected and by-and-large, aren’t, itself a entirely preventable *crime of vast proportions*. (Each year, about *1 Billion* people come down with the Flu globally and up to a 1 million die from it but still less than those who die from another highly infectious disease, Tuberculosis which in 2017 killed nearly [1.5 million](#)).



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But why has the world been shut down? Why destroy most of the world's economies in order to quell (conquer, defeat?) a virus which is not dangerous to the great majority of us, perhaps 95% or more? Has some kind of mass psychosis taken hold of the political classes of the major (read imperialist) economies of the world who kicked this off? You really have to ask, 'what's in it for the ruling class' that would lead them to deliberately inflict such mayhem on hundreds of millions of people and *appear* to destroy the economies of the leading capitalist states? What is it that the rest of us are not seeing or being prevented from seeing?

...The financial crash of 2020 was not only anticipated but planned and pushed forward with clear understanding of its instrumental role in the Great Reset sought by self-appointed protagonists of creative destruction. The advocates of this interpretation place significant weight on the importance of the lockdowns as an effective means of obliterating in a single act a host of old economic relationships. - ['Was COVID-19 a Cover for an Anticipated or Planned Financial Crisis?'](#) By Prof. Anthony Hall

Whatever it is, it's being presented to us as the 'New Normal', without however, telling us what this 'New Normal' actually consists of. But let me hazard a guess that whatever the 'New Normal' is it won't be nice for a great percentage of the world's population. Already, it's estimated that at least *1 billion* people are in great danger of dying from starvation and disease caused directly by the lockdown, *not* the Virus.

Too late did the socialist movement of the early twentieth century divine the coming of the Oligarchy. Even as it was divined, the Oligarchy was there—a fact established in blood, a stupendous and awful reality. Nor even then, as the Everhard Manuscript well shows, was any permanence attributed to the Iron Heel. Its overthrow was a matter of a few short years, was the judgment of the revolutionists. - [The Iron Heel](#), Jack London, 1910.

It would appear that the major capitalist classes of the world have waged total war on the

planet's people without firing a shot and at the same time set up the infrastructure needed to enslave us, and all *in order to preserve the rule of a bankrupt Capitalism*. The 'New Normal' really *is* Jack London's *The Iron Heel* made real. The Virus is *all about saving capitalism from itself*.

How ironic then, that the catalyst for this global *coup d'état* was China and one has to ask the question, why China? Could it be that China is a major obstacle to the establishment of the 'New Normal' and if so, it gives us an insight into what this 'New Normal' is really all about.

What the Government Knew (And Planned for)

These are just some of the UK government's documents prepared for the 'New Normal'. Most deal with the 'security' aspects of an alleged pandemic rather than the health issues, except of course when it comes to considering vaccines. So aside from the clampdown on our civil liberties in the name of fighting the Virus, the government failed to deliver on every other key, issue!

- [UK Influenza Pandemic Preparedness Strategy 2011](#)
- [Pandemic Influenza Response Plan 2014](#)
- [Cabinet Office National Risk Register of Civil Emergencies](#)
- [NICE guidelines](#)
- [Exercise Cygnus](#)
- ['Mindspace' – Influencing behaviour through public policy'](#)
- [Imperial College Modelling March 2020](#)

So What Is the 'New Normal'?

["Australian Police Go FULL NAZI, Smashing in Windows of Civilian Cars Just Because Passengers Wouldn't Give Details About Where They Were Going."](#) – Sky News, August 13, 2020

Undoubtedly, capitalism is in crisis, perhaps its final crisis, though what might follow may be even worse, at least judging by how the state has responded to 'rule breakers'. But what does shutting down the global economy achieve (aside from much pain and death for the vast majority) and what is the objective once you dismiss the idea of 'defeating' the virus as the rationale behind it? After all, it's already clear that the global shutdown is causing many more deaths than the Virus has, or will ever do.

But Why?

Some talk of a global conspiracy, the imposition of a world government (engineered by the billionaire foundations, et al.) and no doubt somewhere, there's talk of the Illuminati being involved. But undoubtedly, there *is* a conspiracy and at the very highest levels of the ruling political classes. Others have [compared the Virus to 9/11](#) and look what *that* did to us! Is it really our health and well-being that occupies the minds of the elite any more than the War on Terror was about protecting us from terrorists.

Jump to 2020. Let me start in reverse while color-coded designs are fresh in our minds. As the COVID-19 lockdowns were under way, a funny thing

happened as people were wishing that life could return to normal and they could be let out of their cages. Similar color-coded designs popped up everywhere at the same time. They showed the step-by-step schedule of possible loosening of government controls if things went according to plan. Red to yellow to green. Eye catching. Red orange yellow blue green. As with the terrorist warnings following September 11, 2001. In Massachusetts, a so-called blue state where I live, it's color chart ends in blue, not green, with Phase 4 blue termed "the new normal: Development of vaccines and/or treatments enable the resumption of 'the new normal.'" Interesting wording. A resumption that takes us back to the future. – [‘From Terrorists to Viruses: Dystopian Progress’](#) by Ed Curtin, 7 September 2020

It's clear now, that the only way to sell the 'New Normal' (or the 'Great Reset'), was to create an abject fear of our existing life. Thus social distancing, the compulsive hand-washing, masks and of course the Lockdown, all serve, not as health aids but to destroy the old order. It's now reached the point where rather than [‘seeking our permission’](#) via the government's 'nudge unit', force is now needed. To that end a new kind of ASBO (Anti-Social Behaviour Order) has been created:

To help enforce the new measures, [Boris] Johnson...announced that he would be recruiting thousands of new [‘COVID Marshalls’](#). The first group of England's newly deputised Marshalls could be seen on Monday enforcing meticulous social distancing orders, one-way system on pavements, and telling people to wear masks in shops and at takeaways venues. They will also be handing out masks and hand sanitizer in order to "keep everyone safe." – [‘UK ‘Coronaphobia’ is Pushing the Country Towards a Stasi-like State’](#), *21st Century Wire*, 15 September 2020

The objective being the undermining of the existing social and economic relations but critically, *without replacing capitalism with something better*. In other words, these new and enforced conditions of existence have nothing to do with health or with the virus and its spread but everything to do with *Capitalism attempting to reinvent itself*. The Virus is simply a convenient and very useful excuse, assuming you can convince the world of its danger to life, which explains the censorship and suppression of any views that challenge this fictional narrative, called COVID-19 or, as *BBC News*, the *Guardian*, the Australian government and a host of others now call, that "deadly virus".

That the rest of the world went along with it, is simply testament to the power of the Imperialist states to cajole and threaten any country that resists. Sweden for example, was made to look like some kind of mass murderer of its population, simply because it refused to implement a Total Lockdown.

So What Do the 'Masters of the Universe' Have Planned for Us?

Well, they know where they want to go, the question is, can they get there?

The Great Reset is [immensely ambitious](#), spanning over 50 fields of knowledge and practice. It interconnects everything from economy recovery recommendations to "sustainable business models", from restoration of the environment to the redesign of social contracts.

The beating heart of this matrix is – what else – the Strategic Intelligence Platform, encompassing, literally, everything: "sustainable development", "global governance", capital markets, climate change, biodiversity, human

rights, gender parity, LGBTI, systemic racism, international trade and investment, the – wobbly – future of the travel and tourism industries, food, air pollution, digital identity, blockchain, 5G, robotics, artificial intelligence (AI).

In the end, only an all-in-one Plan A applies for making these systems interact seamlessly: the Great Reset – shorthand for a New World Order that has always been glowingly evoked, but never implemented. There is no Plan B. – [‘From 9/11 to the Great Reset. From Al Qaeda to Covid The Virus...’](#) By Pepe Escobar, Asia Times

As I’ve [stated](#) before, there will be a massive shakeup of corporations; bankruptcies, mergers, new governments and new social orders and of course the further destruction and reformation of working and middle class life. Critically, and of great importance to the imperialist states, will be ‘The Great Reset’s’ devastating impact on the Global South, the consequences of which we are already witnessing. The Great Reset implements the objectives of the Club of Rome (COR) initiated in 1965, that saw one, if not its major objective, a vast reduction in the populations of the Global South, a process that has reached its apotheosis in the Global Lockdown.

“We believe in fact that the need will quickly become evident for social innovation to match technical change, for radical reform of the institutions and political processes at all levels, including the highest, that of world polity. And since intellectual enlightenment is without effect if it is not also political, The Club of Rome also will encourage the creation of a world forum where statesmen, policy-makers, and scientists can discuss the dangers and hopes for the future global system without the constraints of formal intergovernmental negotiation.” – The Limits of Growth.

This was from the COR’s first publication in 1972. It sold 12 million copies. Many of COR’S executive members were drawn from NATO, that should give you a good idea where COR stands in the scheme of things.

It’s been calculated that the capitalist economies in the so-called developed world, can survive with perhaps 20% of the working population, the managerial class, kept in work to maintain the capitalist order for its masters. As for the rest? Well it will be a vastly enlarged ‘precariat’, thus the ‘experiments’ with so-called universal basic income (rather than letting great chunks of the formerly employed starve to death, keep them alive on a subsistence ‘wage’).

And What of Our Putative Left?

What I do find really depressing (though not at all surprising), is the degree to which the left and organised labour have been sucked into this nightmare but then again, they’ve been bitten by the fear bug as well. Organised labour of course, has a vested interest in maintaining the existing order, most of its members work directly or indirectly (via privatisation) for the corporate, capitalist state, hence their (assumed) interests coincide. The term ‘labour aristocracy’ has never rung so true.

The left, such as it is, has bought the ‘Great Reset’, hook, line and sinker. All rational thinking appears to have fled, as the Great Scampede wreaks its havoc.

The omens are not good. Without a coherent and organised opposition to this insanity, it

looks like what we should *really* should call the The Iron Heel will succeed in reshaping the world according to its own desires while the rest of us look on, powerless to stop it and simultaneously grappling with the ravages of climate change.

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