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What do we really know about AIDS?

Is AIDS caused by a virus known as HIV? The early and continuing consensus among medical scientists is that indeed it is. However, a small but growing group of specialists believes that this consensus was premature, and that the HIV-AIDS link is not as clear cut as first believed.
These dissenters count among their numbers some of America's leading scientists. They are not unanimous in anything except the belief that the HIV-AIDS link has as yet to be properly established. In fact, their opinions on what causes AIDS vary widely. Some believe that HIV is implicated but does not act on its own; others such as Dr Peter Duisberg, the Professor of Molecular Biology at the University of California — and the most well-known of the dissenters —believes that HIV is simply a marker of high-risk behaviour, that it is basically harmless, that it has been present in human populations for eons, and that AIDS is probably the result of the frenzied sexual activity and accompanying drug-taking which characterised the homosexual 'bathhouse scene' over the past two decades. He argues that anal intercourse, rampant venereal disease (and consequent taking of huge and continued doses of antibiotics), the use of carcinogenic and mutagenic drugs to
improve sexual performance, and the widespread abuse of narcotics all will lead to a suppression of the immune-system.

Moreover, the powerful drug AZT provides to assist sufferers, is actually 'AIDS by prescription'. News Weekly is not endorsing the views of these dissenters because it is not a specialist scientific magazine with the biomedical expertise to weigh the evidence. However, it is familiar with what has happened to anyone who has deviated from the 'orthodox' view of AIDS enunciated by governments in thrall to the AIDS lobby.

As FREDRICK TÖBEN PhD, here argues, if AIDS is to be beaten, then a return to objective scientific methods is indispensable.

The Media assumes that HIV causes AIDS. There's no reason for them to accept this hypothesis because scientific research as early as 1983 'established' this link. French scientist Luc Montagnier reported his discoveries during 1983, and in early 1984, US scientist Robert Gallo reached the same conclusion. In March 1985, the first test to detect the 'AIDS virus' in human blood became available.

Besides screening blood for HIV, authorities all over the world began to launch massive sex-health campaigns. Safe sex, in the form of a condom, and needles sterilisation programs began to consume millions of dollars. Predictions based on the HIV-AIDS theory were also made. By the end of the century — so the experts said — AIDS would not only decimate the homosexual communities but also devastate mainstream heterosexual societies. These wild predictions have so far not come to pass.

While governments, under the sway of the vociferous AIDS lobby, spent millions on AIDS prevention programs, a number of scientists — in truly scientific enquiry style — began to question the validity of the prevailing HIV-AIDS hypothesis. In 1992, this small group of scientists wished to have the following four-sentence letter published in a number of prominent scientific journals:

>>It is widely believed by the general public that a retrovirus called HIV causes the group of diseases called AIDS. Many biomedical scientists now question this hypothesis. We propose that a thorough reappraisal of the existing evidence for and against this hypothesis be conducted by a suitable independent group. We further propose that critical epidemiological studies be devised and undertaken.<<

Not a single reputable journal accepted this letter for publication. And so was born "The Group for the Scientific Reappraisal of the HIV/AIDS Hypothesis", now consisting of over 100 scientists and activists and writers around the world.

When in May 1992, ABC-TV's Lateline informed Australia of this group's activities, it was ironic that its spokesperson, Dr Charles Thomas, appeared in voice only. The satellite link-up could not be made to Keystone studio because a door key had been lost. Dr Thomas, a member of the executive committee of The Group, is a molecular biologist and virologist who heads the Helicon Foundation at San Diego, California. He is also a former professor at Harvard and Johns Hopkins universities.

In an interview with the editors of Heterodoxy, Dr Thomas claimed that the anti-AIDS drug, AZT, actually causes AIDS because "DNA synthesis and cell division are essential to mount an immune response. AZT kills replicating cells. AZT in a sense can be a cause of AIDS diseases. The patient loses hair and the proliferating intestinal epithelia are destroyed."

As early as March 1987, AZT was approved by both US and Australian health authorities as an effective anti-AIDS drug. As there are over 20 illnesses covered by the acronym AIDS, it is understandable that AZT was hailed as a major break-through in treating AIDS sufferers.

To this claim that AZT kills HIV, Dr Thomas says: "AZT kills any bit of DNA that tries to replicate. It is a crazy way to try to kill the HIV virus ... Besides, where is the evidence that the incorporated virus is doing any harm at all? Yet Burroughs-Wellcome’s figures [the manufacturers of AZT] indicate that 200,000 people world-wide receive AZT every day at a cost of US$2300 [per person per years]."

Popular press reports continue to refer to HIV as the AIDS-causing virus, despite the well-known fact that there are AIDS-sufferers with no HIV in their bodies.

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Proponents of anal sex remain silent about the fact that semen in the rectum, often accompanied by tissue tearing, is an ideal breeding ground for infections. Therefore a person whose body already suffers from drug toxicity will have difficulty fighting
additional infections within the anal passage. The normal immune system begins to suffer from overload leading to its total shut-down.

Dr Peter Duesberg, Professor of Molecular Biology, University of California, is a member of the National Academy of Science and an executive, member of The Group. He has been questioning the validity of the HIV-AIDS hypothesis since early 1987. Duesberg finds it "surprising that AIDS epidemiologists prefer the 'enigmatic mechanism of HIV pathogenesis to AIDS' over the straightforward chemical drug toxicity". He claims that:

"the 10 years of recreational drug use that is necessary to cause AIDS is a rational explanation for what is claimed to be the 10 year latent period of HIV by the proponents of the HIV-AIDS hypothesis".

Duesberg has been severely criticised for holding the drug-AIDS hypothesis. The 'true believers' see Duesberg as a dangerous man whose views are undermining the safe-sex and clean needles campaigns.

In a recent issue of Nature there appears an article by Michael Ascher, et al., which specifically refutes Duesberg's claims about recreational use of drugs causing AIDS. Although the article mentions Duesberg by name 19 times, Nature has to date refused to give him right of reply. Worse still, its editorial of May 13, written by its editor Sir John Maddox, is titled: "Has Duesberg the right of reply?"

In 2006 a legal decision was made in Adelaide, Australia, concerning the HIV=AIDS hypothesis.

Fredrick Töben Comments, 28 February 2007:
Amazingly, Dr Peter Duesberg was not called as a witness. He could have assisted the imprisoned Andre Parenzee with the argument that HIV is not the only factor influencing the development of AIDS. According to his mother, Andre Parenzee has been off AZT for a year and is feeling much better, much like US basketball star Magic Johnson who cracked the code when he went off AZT and recovered – leading to AIDS proponents concluding that HIV is so cleaver that it wards off any attack by changing its substantive nature.

This caused the admission by HIV believers that a person may have HIV and be quite fine – without treatment! Parenzee also refused to have a blood test and, according to David Brockschmidt, public court records of the day did not list the matter for a hearing. Something does not quite add up here – but we are not able to follow this any further because of our own matter in the Federal Court of Australia.

View the following media coverage of the Parenzee case.

The editorial then goes on to justify its censorship of Duesberg's view. Here are the first two paragraphs of Duesberg's response which Nature refuses to publish:

>> Asher, et al., challenge my hypothesis that injected and orally consumed recreational drugs and AZT cause AIDS. Based on a one-time enquiry about the use of marijuana, nitrate inhalants, cocaine and amphetamines 'for the 24 month period before entry into the study' of mostly homosexual men from San Francisco, they claim the incidence of AIDS diseases over 8 years is independent of drugs. However, their study is worthless for a scientific appraisal of the drug-AIDS hypothesis, because it fails i) to study the AIDS risk of HIV-positive, drug-free controls; ii) to quantify recreational drug use; iii) to observe drug use long enough to detect toxicity; and iv) to report AZT use altogether.<<

It seems that Duesberg's claims deserve airing. I view such censorship of scientific debate with trepidation. But then "politically correct" forces aiming to stifle open debate on numerous topics are alive and well.

Soon light will be shed on the truth content of the "politically incorrect" Duesberg drug-AIDS hypothesis. In England, a woman is suing the British manufacturer of AZT in the belief that the drug killed her haemophiliac husband.

How sad, though, for the scientific ideal of open enquiry, when the legal system has to make scientific decisions.

*http://www.adelaideinstitute.org/newsletters/n320.htm*
AIDS pioneer new star witness, 
Colin James, legal Affairs Editor, 
The Advertiser, February 6, 2007

One of the scientists who discovered AIDS will give evidence in the Supreme Court against self-professed experts who believe the disease does not exist. Professor Robert Gallo has agreed to provide evidence to rebut claims by two Perth researchers, Eleni Papadopulos-Eleopulos and Dr Valender Turner that the HIV virus does not exist and cannot be sexually transmitted. Professor Gallo will replace prominent scientist Professor Gustav Nossal as a key prosecution witness in an appeal by a former Port Pirie man, Andre Parenzee, 35, against his conviction for knowingly having sex while he was HIV-positive. Prosecutor Sandi McDonald will tomorrow question Professor Gallo over his work in the 1980s which led to the identification of the HIV virus.

Professor Gallo and French virologist, Dr Luc Montaignier, clashed when both claimed they had discovered the virus before finally agreeing in the late 1990s to share the credit. The use of Professor Gallo as an expert witness is part of a concerted attempt by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions to refute claims made by Mrs Papadopulos-Eleopulos and Dr Turner during earlier hearings.

The attack on the pair’s credibility continued yesterday when a leading HIV physicist joined other experts in rejecting their controversial theory. Associate professor Elisabeth Dax told the Supreme Court there was no doubt in her mind that HIV existed.

An HIV researcher for 20 years, professor Dax said it was “a travesty, quite frankly, to say it does not exist”.

AIDS: World waits on SA verdict – SA test case

Does AIDS really exist?
The Independent, February 3-9, 2007

Does AIDS exist? Is HIV a virus? Incredibly, not everyone says yes. But never before has a scientific theory on HIV been tested like this in a court of law. In this landmark SA case, the verdict will decide if a man convicted of infecting his girlfriend with he virus can walk free. Hendrik Gout has the story.

Twenty years ago Andre Chad Parenzee arrived in South Australia from Cape Town, South Africa. He was just 15 years old as he settled into his strange new country. He went to school. He grew up. He became a chef and settled in Port Pirie, the state’s fourth-largest
city, known less for its fine restaurants than its lead smelters and industrial plants. The future looked good – until he had a blood test. He was told he carried the human immunodeficiency virus, commonly called HIV. He told his fiancée he had cancer, and she believed him. They married. He often had sex with her, unprotected sex, knowing he had been diagnosed with the virus. And then he had sex with two other women.

Of course, he had a reason, which was good enough for him. “It was just the fact that I didn’t know how she would react to me telling her. I thought she would leave me like everyone else,” he said.

And leave him she eventually did, because Parenzee’s secret stayed secret no more. It happened after one of the three women had her blood tested as well. To her horror, she found she now also carried signs of the virus. In came the Director of Public Prosecutions. In came the Supreme Court. And in came the jury’s verdict: “Guilty, guilty, guilty!” to three counts of endangering lives. Fifteen years, went the judge’s gavel.

That was last year. This year, Parenzee, 35, is arguing for leave to appeal on the grounds that AIDS doesn’t exist, and that neither does HIV. So if it doesn’t exist he should be free to walk and continue to have sex – without warning his partners.

Parenzees sits impassively in the dock, staring into the middle distance, stroking his goatee. If the chef understands the scientific arguments raging around him – and because of him – about retroviruses, blots, mathematical deviations, and statistics, then his face doesn’t show it.

This is believed to be the first case in any jurisdiction, in any court, in any country, where AIDS itself is on trial.

That’s why the eyes of the world are now on the handsome sandstone Court of Criminal Appeal in central Adelaide, where a red-robed, horse-hair wigged-judge, His Honour John Sulan, is deciding whether there is enough scientific controversy about the existence of HIV and AIDS to give Parenzee another shot at freedom.

Now it may seem that 25 million dead are some sort of proof. That’s how many people are alleged to have died of AIDS-related causes in the past 25 years. And the toll keeps rising exponentially. It’s now three million a year, victims of what could be the greatest mass epidemic of all time. Could all these corpses really be lying?

Yes, say experts. Not all experts, of course, but enough to occupy the witness box at District Court for the past week. That’s right – experts arguing in a court of law that unprotected vaginal intercourse with a suspected HIV carrier is safe. In fact, the climax of Tuesday’s testimony was an exchange between prosecutor Sandi McDonald and defence witness Eleni Papadopulos-Eleopulos. “Would you have unprotected vaginal sex with a HIV-positive man?” asked McDonald. “Any time,” replied Papadopulos-Eleopulos.

Papadopulos-Eleopulos, a slight, middle-aged bachelor of science and medical physicist at Royal Perth Hospital, knows the importance of her evidence. Another witness for the defence is emergency doctor Val Turner from the same hospital.

The first the world knew of HIV was when a virologist at the world-renowned Pasteur Institute in Paris was trying to find the cause of a new disease then sweeping the western world. No-one knew what the disease actually did, and at that stage it did not even have a name. But its name was death. It was AIDS, a syndrome rather than a specific disease.

American doctors noticed it among gay men around San Francisco area, and even then it seemed to be a collection of other diseases and infections. Healthy people have a healthy immune system so when a virus or bacteria invades, the body throws its formidable defenses at the intruder. But with AIDS, the body’s natural defenses seem terminally, hopelessly damaged. People with AIDS can die of any number of diseases which most people would shake off. Many, in fact, die of candida, which everyone knows as the common fungal irritant thrush.

So what caused AIDS? No-one knew, but one Parisian researcher, Dr Willy Rozenbaum, thought it might be caused by a virus. He asked virologist Luc Montagnier for help. In 1983, Montagnier announced he had discovered the signature of a new virus. And he said it was the AIDS culprit.

But incredibly, even to this day, neither Montagnier or anyone else has ever seen the virus even under the most powerful electron microscope, or isolated it in a petri dish. And there is as yet no “gold standard” test for HIV.
Different countries interpret test results differently.

It's possible to be diagnosed with HIV in Australia, and have the same test show you free of it in the United States.

Viruses, like humans, have protein in their DNA. Tests for HIV look not for the virus itself, but for evidence of its proteins. It’s like identifying a tiger by its footprints or a dog by its fleas. And how to test if someone had “full-blown AIDS”? Well, HIV is thought to attack the body’s T-cells – the ones which fight infection. The test for AIDS essentially counts your T-cells.


In that she is right – the number of people who believe something is no indication of its truth. After all, there was a time when most people believed the world was flat. So why isn't her minority scientific opinion more widely debated? Papadopoulos-Eleopulos and her colleagues believe it’s partly because of money.

American researcher Robert Gallo also claimed to have found evidence of the virus around the same time as the French team. The dispute about who “discovered” it was eventually settled at a meeting between, of all people, US President Ronald Reagan and French Prime Minister Jaques Chirac. At stake was not just honour. It was hundreds of billions of dollars.

The fight against HIV and AIDS is wallowing in money, brimming with it. Researchers might still be labouring in the scientific salt-mine where it not for AIDS money – some are now fabulously rich and famously famous.

The money available in the field is unimaginable. Australia shares some of the $1.4 billion which Bill Gates gave away for AIDS research.

And that’s just one donation. After the historic Reagan-Chirac handshake, the US and France shared patent rights to mass-marketed blood screening tests for HIV, tests worth billions. Royalties fund the world’s richest private research centres. Then there are the drug companies. Plus reputations, probably the most valuable of all.

Which is why it’s not just the ordinary public in the gallery at the District Court. State, Federal, and international government health authorities as well as tens of thousands of medical researchers will be pouring over the transcripts. For the defence is Kevin Borick, one of South Australia’s best-known and most expensive QCs (working pro bono on the appeal application). On the other side of the table is experienced Adelaide-educated prosecutor Sandi McDonald.

Seldom did Parenzee look at Papadopoulos-Eleopulos as she was giving evidence which he hopes will save him. He continued to stare at the opposite wall, and slowly stroke his beard. And now the big guns have been brought in to fire for the Crown – among them the director of the Australian National Centre for HIV, professor David Cooper, AO, his deputy Professor John Kaldor, Emeritus Professor Peter McDonald from Flinders University, the eminent medical virologist and infectious diseases physician at Westmead Hospital, Dominic Dwyer, and the biggest gun of all, Sir Gustav Nossal himself, who said outside the court this week that in his opinion people who claim HIV does not exist are “a considerable embarrassment to the scientific community”. People are in jails the world over because their fingerprints have been found at the scene of the crime. Courts regard fingerprints as incontrovertible proof. They are no longer in debate. As long as Parenzee’s witnesses convince the court that there is legitimate scientific debate about the existence of HIV, he may be back on the streets.

There is still no cure for HIV, no magic inoculation as there is for polio or small pox. And there is still no way of giving the body back its ability to fight common infections which most people shake off with a few days in bed, and which are fatal to AIDS sufferers. But if AIDS doesn’t exist, what’s killing them?

Ms Papadopoulos-Eleopulos says AIDS is a disease caused by the inside of the body becoming oxidised following repeated exposure to semen through passive anal intercourse. It cannot be transmitted from one person to another during vaginal sex. And yet thousands of people have shown signs of the virus after receiving contaminated blood. So are the HIV doubters visionaries like Galileo or lunatics like the Flat Earthers?

Doubters of HIV and AIDS are distained by their opponents. Experts called by the Crown were emphatic – HIV is a specific virus, and vaginal sex passes it on. From the public gallery, though, Parenzee’s supporters – his mother has reportedly spent $250,000 on the
defence – saw even professors make some concessions under Borick's penetrating cross-examination.

At least a few scientists are in the anti-HIV camp. “If there is evidence that HIV causes AIDS, there should be scientific documents which either singly or collectively demonstrate that fact, at least with a high probability. There is no such document,” Nobel prize-winning chemist Dr Kary Mullis said in 1993. Even University of California’s Dr Harry Rubin, professor of Molecular and Cell Biology, has expressed doubts. “It is not proven that AIDS is caused by HIV infection, nor is it proven that it plays no role whatever in the syndrome,” he said in 1994.

The judge can decide this case only on the evidence before him. The court cannot call William of Ockham, the 14th century philosopher who said that in any question, the simplest supposition is probably the correct one. That principle is now known as Ockham’s razor, and in this case Ockham’s razor suggests HIV will lead to AIDS.

Malaria was once thought to be caused by “bad air”. Leeches were once the preferred treatment for a dozen ails – in the 1800s French and English hospitals used 13 million a year. Ulcers were believed even a few years ago to have been caused by stress or spicy foods. Will a virus-caused immune deficiency go the same way? Or will Ockham’s razor slice through the dissenters. The case continues.

NB: The methods used to silence Holocaust skeptics are employed against dissenting HIV=AIDS voices not with argument but with a mere shut-up word: DENIALISM!

* HIV/AIDS denialism is the belief, contradicted by conclusive evidence, that human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) does not cause acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). Some of its proponents reject the existence of HIV, while others accept that HIV exists but argue that it is a harmless passenger virus and not the cause of AIDS. Insofar as they acknowledge AIDS as a real disease, they attribute it to some combination of sexual behavior, recreational drugs, malnutrition, poor sanitation, haemophilia, or the effects of the medications used to treat HIV infection (antiretrovirals).

The scientific consensus is that the evidence showing HIV to be the cause of AIDS is conclusive and that HIV/AIDS denialist claims are pseudoscience based on conspiracy theories, faulty reasoning, cherry picking, and misrepresentation of mainly outdated scientific data. With the rejection of these arguments by the scientific community, HIV/AIDS denialist material is now targeted at less scientifically sophisticated audiences and spread mainly through the Internet.

Despite its lack of scientific acceptability, HIV/AIDS denialism has had a significant political impact, especially in South Africa under the presidency of Thabo Mbeki. Scientists and physicians have raised alarm at the human cost of HIV/AIDS denialism, which discourages HIV-positive people from using proven treatments. Public health researchers have attributed 330,000 to 340,000 AIDS-related deaths, along with 171,000 other HIV infections and 35,000 infant HIV infections, to the South African government’s former embrace of HIV/AIDS denialism.

The interrupted use of antiretroviral treatments is also a major global concern as it potentially increases the likelihood of the emergence of antiretroviral-resistant strains of the virus.


*The Perth Group* is a group of HIV/AIDS denialists based in Perth, Western Australia who claim, in opposition to the scientific consensus, that the existence of HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is not proven, and that AIDS and all the "HIV" phenomena are caused by changes in cellular redox due to the oxidative nature of substances and exposures common to all the AIDS risk groups, and are caused by the cell conditions used in the "culture" and "isolation" of "HIV".

The group’s activism has negatively affected the epidemic of HIV/AIDS in South Africa due to their influence on the AIDS policies of South African President Thabo Mbeki. The resulting governmental refusal to provide effective anti-HIV treatment in South Africa has been blamed for hundreds of thousands of premature AIDS-related deaths in South Africa.

In 2007 the testimony of several group members was thrown out of court during the trial of an HIV-positive man charged with reckless transmission of HIV. Robert Gallo has stated that he was amazed at the Perth Group’s "mass ignorance coupled with the grandiosity of selling themselves as experts".


Are viruses alive?

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What does it mean to be ‘alive’? At a basic level, viruses are proteins and genetic material that survive and replicate within their environment, inside another life form. In the absence of their host, viruses are unable to replicate and many are unable to survive for long in the extracellular environment. Therefore, if they cannot survive independently, can they be defined as being ‘alive’?

Taking opposing views, two microbiologists discuss how viruses fit with the concept of being ‘alive’ and how they should be defined.

**No, viruses are not alive**

NIGEL BROWN

In many ways whether viruses are living or non-living entities is a moot philosophical point. There can be few organisms other than humans that have caused such devastation of human, animal and plant life. Smallpox, polio, rinderpest and foot-and-mouth viruses are all well-known for their disastrous effect on humans and animals. Less well
known is the huge number of plant viruses that can cause total failure of staple crops. In teaching about simple viruses, I use the flippant definition of a virus as ‘gift-wrapped nucleic acid’, whether that is DNA or RNA and whether it is double- or single-stranded. The gift-wrapping is virtually always a virus-encoded protein capsid and may or may not also include a lipid coat from the host. The viral nucleic acid is replicated and the viral proteins synthesised using the host cell’s processes. In many cases the virus also encodes some of the enzymes required for its replication, a well-known example being reverse transcriptase in RNA viruses.

Over the last 15 years or so, giant viruses found in amoebae have complicated our picture of viruses as simple non-living structures. Mimiviruses and megaviruses can contain more genes than a simple bacterium and may encode genes for information storage and processing. Genes common to the domains Archaea, Bacteria and Eukarya can be found in different giant viruses, and some researchers argue on this basis that they constitute a fourth domain of life.

However, a crucial point is that viruses are not capable of independent replication. They have to replicate within a host cell and they use or usurp the host cell machinery for this. They do not contain the full range of required metabolic processes and are dependent on their host to provide many of the requirements for their replication. To my mind there is a crucial difference between viruses and other obligate intracellular parasites, such as bacteria; namely, viruses have to utilise the host metabolic and replication machinery. Intracellular bacteria may merely use the host as the environment in which they can supplement their limited metabolic capacity and they usually have their own replication machinery. Organisms such as Chlamydia spp. have not yet been grown outside cell culture but they carry their own transcriptional and translational machinery and fall into the evolutionary kingdom of Bacteria. Like many other ‘difficult’ pathogenic bacteria, we may eventually be able to grow them in cell-free systems.

Caetano-Anollés and colleagues examined the phylogenomic relationships of viruses to living organisms through analysis of viral proteomes and assigned protein fold superfamilies. The authors concluded that viruses originated in ‘proto-virocells’ that were cellular in nature and they implied that viruses and modern bacteria evolved from common ancestors. They further claim that this means that viruses are indeed living organisms.

This is not an argument I am comfortable with. If a virus is alive, should we not also consider a DNA molecule to be alive? Plasmids can transfer as conjugative molecules, or be passively transferred, between cells, and they may carry genes obtained from the host. They are simply DNA molecules, although they may be essential for the host’s survival in certain environments. What about prions? The argument reductio ad absurdum is that any biologically produced mineral that can act as a crystallisation seed for further mineralisation (hence meeting the criterion of reproducibility) might also be classified as living!

The explicit sexism apart contained in the wording, I can do no better than to quote Dr Kenneth Smith in the Preface to his classic book Viruses (Cambridge University Press, 1962): “As to the question asked most frequently of all, ‘Are viruses living organisms?’, that must be left to the questioner himself to answer”. This questioner currently considers viruses to be non-living.

Yes, viruses are alive
DAVID BHELLA

The question of whether viruses can be considered to be alive, of course, hinges on one’s definition of life. Where we draw the line between chemistry and life can seem a philosophical, or even theological argument. Most creation stories involve a deity that imbues inanimate matter with the ‘spark of life’. From a scientific perspective, attempting to find a working definition for ‘life’ seems to me to have little practical value, but it is fun to think about.

Arguments over the life/not life status of viruses are often rooted in evolutionary biology and theories of the origins of life. All cellular organisms can claim a direct lineage to a primordial cell or cells, a continuous chain of cell divisions along which the ‘spark’ has been passed. Are viruses able to claim a similar ancestry?

The contention that viruses have no place in the tree of life is often supported by the assertion that viruses do not have a comparable history – viruses are polyphyletic. Viruses are at a terrible disadvantage in this comparison, however. We are aware of only a tiny fraction of the total genetic diversity of viruses. Moreover, their genomes evolve far more rapidly than cellular organisms. So, from the small islands of sequence data we have, it is hard to argue that a coherent phylogeny does or does not exist. Interestingly, conservation of folds in viral proteins has begun to highlight possible common ancestries that could never be inferred from genome sequence data. A striking example is domain duplication of the beta jelly roll motif which gives rise to the pseudo-sixfold symmetry of trimeric hexon capsomeres in adenovirus. This is also found in viruses that infect insects, Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria and extremophile archaea. Viruses assemble their capsids from surprisingly few distinct protein folds, such that convergent evolution seems highly implausible.

HUMAN ADENOVIRUS TYPE 5 (LEFT – EM DATABANK 1579) AND SULFOLOBUS TURRETED ICOSAHEDRAL VIRUS 2 (RIGHT – EM DATABANK 1679) ASSEMBLE THEIR CAPSIDS FROM TRIMERIC CAPSOMERES IN WHICH EACH
Yes, the UK’s weekly death toll during Covid-19 is high. But it’s been worse in the past and we didn’t shut down the economy then.

Peter Andrews, 26 April, 2020 06:54

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The death statistics being used by supporters of a prolonged lockdown, whatever the costs to our jobs, businesses and health, need careful and sober analysis. They raise more questions than they answer.

Coronavirus is being touted as the worst pandemic of modern times, and we are told that excess deaths are reaching record highs. While technically accurate, one week’s statistics demonstrate that this is not the whole picture.

Sky TV economics editor Ed Conway recently produced a chart entitled: ‘The Worst Week Ever? Not quite, but not far off.’ He is referring to the fact that the total number of deaths registered in England and Wales in the week ending April 10 --
18,516 deaths – remains lower than some weeks in previous flu seasons. These weeks include those in January 1970 (20,006 deaths), December 1989 (19,104 deaths) and January 2000 (18,646 deaths).

Conway rightly points out that those previous highs came at the peak of those years’ flu seasons, and we are now in April. Conway claims that there has never been a week at this time of year as deadly as this. He may be right, but weekly figures from the Office of National Statistics only go back to 1970, and so do not include earlier pandemics such as the 1951 flu outbreak, the Asian flu pandemic of 1957-58, or, of course, the Spanish flu of 1918.

And there are other holes in Conway’s analysis. Although there have been an abnormally high number of deaths this April, there have been certain demographic changes over the years that may have contributed to the overall picture. Let us look into what some of those could be.

Demographic shifts

The most obvious demographic change that happens over time is the changing size of the population. In the UK, the population has been growing –fast– ever since the Second World War, and in 1970, when the data began, it stood at about 56 million. Today, it is close to 66 million - a 15 percent increase.

It is important to note that the UK includes Scotland and Northern Ireland, and Mr Conway’s data only focuses on England and Wales; therefore, the difference may have been slightly less than 10 million. But the proportional increase since 1970 would have been roughly the same. And when there are more people in your country –say 15 percent more– there are more people dying every week. Population increase, then, is a mitigating factor as regards to whether we are seeing a record number of deaths.

But healthcare has improved over that time, and people generally have healthier lifestyles now. Doesn’t this suppress mortality? Yes, it does. But that also leads directly to a greying population. And the UK now has an elderly population the likes of which few societies have ever dealt with. Almost 8 million people in England and Wales are over the age of 70. This puts a large swathe of the population in the risk category for Covid-19.

The non-Covid-19 excess deaths

There is one more major factor to consider when comparing this pandemic to previous ones, which did not involve economic shutdowns. There were 18,516 deaths in the week ending April 10, representing about 8,000 extra deaths above the number that would normally be expected for this week of the year. But interestingly, almost 2,000 of those could not be directly attributed to Covid-19 – almost a quarter. The week before that, more than half of the deaths – between 3,000 and 4,000 – were unexplained “excess” deaths.

So what explains these thousands of “missing deaths” in the figures? The numbers are too high to be down to random variation. According to Dr Jason Oke, a senior statistician in the Oxford University Medical Statistics Group, there are only two possible explanations.

The first is that the missing deaths were indeed directly caused by Covid-19, and the victims simply did not match up to the symptoms or test positive for reasons as yet unascertained. This underreporting would be despite the fact that any death certificate that had a mention of Covid-19 is included among the deaths attributed to the virus, even if there was no positive test and it was not marked down as the primary cause of death.

The second explanation is the missing deaths have been indirectly caused by the lockdown in some way. Right now we can only speculate as to how the lockdown may be killing people, and some of the likeliest ways, from lack of regular healthcare to suicides, are touched-on here. Dr Oke says: “It’s going to be one of those two causes … There’s not enough information to know whether this is under-reporting of Covid or whether this is, not a term I particularly like, but one that has been bandied around, ‘collateral damage’ as a result of the lockdown.”

Collateral damage is a phrase that will probably become more familiar before this is over. Economic shutdowns have been presented by some as a trade-off between “money versus lives.” But what is becoming increasingly apparent is they, in fact, pit “lives versus lives.”

The UK’s Office for National Statistics say that they are conducting “further investigation” of the missing deaths, and it will certainly be interesting to see what they conclude. But their head of health analysis, Nick Stripe, has said that it may take months or even years to get to the bottom of it. All that we can say for now is that more people are dying than usual. Exactly why that is, we will have to wait to find out.


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Viruses do not exist – BACTERIA do?
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Inzwischen ist der wirtschaftliche Schaden der befohlenen Maßnahmen so hoch, daß er – auch auf der ganz persönlich-menschlichen Seite - den Schaden der Pandemie übertrifft – so es denn eine ist.

Es tut sich also eine Schere auf, die eine Überprüfung der Maßnahmen notwendig macht. Zudem schneiden diese in vielfach anfechtbarer Weise in die Rechte und Grundrechte der Menschen ein.

Sollte sich weisen, daß die weltweit laufenden Beschränkungen der verfassten bürgerlichen Rechte der Menschen auf allen Bewegungsebenen einer künstlichen – und wissenschaftlich nicht gestützten - Panikmache als Mittel zum Zweck geschuldet sind, greift nicht nur das Widerstandsrecht, sondern wird Widerstand zur Pflicht.

Er könnte erfolgreich sein, wenn es den kleineren, gewachsenen Einheiten - nämlich den Völkern - gelingt, ihre Unabhängigkeit zurückzugewinnen und sich als Volksgenossenschaften zu verstehen. Gerade eben beweisen sie, daß sie es sind, die in Notfällen handlungsfähig sind, während überstaatliche Organisationen versagen.

Einstweilen genießt noch die Natur die ungewohnte Ruhe vor dem Sturm – doch der Widerstand wächst.

Wir stehen inmitten einer Auseinandersetzung, die über die Zukunft der Welt entscheidet wird.

PM Morrison wins Gold Logie for best snake oil salesman
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By Robert J Lee

Prime Minister Scott Morrison is worthy of a Gold Logie for being the best snake oil TV salesman in Australia since sniveling little Bob Hawke.

Morrison has convinced two million dopey Australians to put a tracing app on their phones laughably to help track other phone users in case they have been in the vicinity of a Coronavirus carrier.

Then they gave the data to US megastore Amazon to hold. Australian tech experts say Amazon data banks leak like a rusty rain water tank.

Such an outstanding achievement deserves merit because there have only been 6,720 confirmed cases in Australia, 83 have died and 5,586 have been reported as recovered. More than 517,000 tests have been conducted.

Out of a population of 25,445,020 that leaves 1134 with the flu and getting close to one of them with Bluetooth will be akin to finding a virgin in Sydney’s biggest high school.

Assistant salesman is Dr Brendan Murphy, an Irishman who reckons only his native leprechauns
will fly Qantas now because he mortally wounded our airline and tourist industries leaving frightened tourists with viral aviophobia.

**Dr Murphy wins the Walkley Award for best deception in TV journalism**

Dr Murphy says ‘social distancing’ is here to stay and for this jaw-dropping dictate he deserves a Walkley Award for deceiving viewers with creative and courageous acts of television journalism that seek out the truth and give new insight to an issue. They reward excellence, independence, innovation and originality in storytelling.

Murphy’s economic destruction as Chief Medical officer drumming up a fake Australian virus pandemic is unequaled in Australian history. He is creating more destruction than WW1 and WW2 combined allegedly to combat a Coronavirus bogeyman that has dropped off the pop charts and is less lethal than the common flu.

And all the complicit politicians sit idly by, except perhaps Barnaby Joyce and Bob Katter.

Murphy has neglected to inform the public that facial recognition technology adopted by the LNP/ALP duopoly 18 months ago and being rolled out with 5G cameras does not perform accurately unless individuals in crowds are spaced at his social distancing of 1.5 metres or more apart.

Then there is the fake news media led by the usual ABC, News Ltd and television networks. Their adherence to this psy-op script is like a Noogora burr stuck to a saddle cloth giving the public the wildest ride of their petty lives since TV hit the lounge rooms 60 years ago.

The fake news media is a willing accomplice in this deception, beating the virus drum but neglecting to admit the abundant medical evidence that this virus doesn’t kill until it is enlivened by 60GHz wavelengths favouring Telstra’s 5G network coincidentally found in most hospitals.

Murphy, Morrison, Minister Hunt, et al, and it seems wittingly, are doing the work of WHO led by Director General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. He is a former senior officer of Ethiopia’s Tigre People’s Liberation Front (TPLF), a Communist revolutionary party listed as a terrorist organisation.

These qualifications fit well with the Australian media which predictably, has never mentioned the DG’s antecedents.

When the UN and Ghebreyesus say jump, Morrison and Murphy ask “how high?”


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**QUESTION:**

Who is not familiar with the HOLOCAUST-SHOAH LIE, i.e., that Germans systematically exterminated European Jewry in HOMICIDAL GAS CHAMBERS at AUSCHWITZ?

Then ask: CUI BONO – in whose interest? – and then follow the money!

Then RECOGNIZE THE FRAUDULENT USE OF LEGAL FORCE – the murder weapon has never been found but the “homicidal gas chambers” lie is set in LEGAL CONCRETE, which is extremely difficult and costly to remove.

Think of Töben’s $1.5m bankruptcy incurred in his attempt to test the defamatory concepts in the High Court of Australia: “Antisemitism”, “Holocaust denial”, “fabricator of history”. The primary judge, NSW Supreme Court, Lucy McCallum, demed Töben’s action was “an abuse of process”, thus further insulting his moral and intellectual integrity, and which legally has turned him into a “non-person”.

That’s an abuse of POWER!

Think of 9:11, Port Arthur, then the recent Christchurch incident that saw a mosque repaired, freshly painted and carpeted after 50+ people were killed therein!

The Port Arthur Café was demolished on account of the bad painful memories it contained.

CUI BONO?

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**THE CORONA HOLOCAUST**

The Holocaust-Shoah Dictatorship still suppresses Global Free Expression

CUI BONO? – IN WHOSE INTEREST?

Bending to Jewish pressure – but remember:

Don’t only blame the Jews, also blame those that bend to Jewish pressure!

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Inside the failed efforts to dismantle Australia's coronavirus response

By Michael Koziol, deputy editor of The Sun-Herald, based in Sydney. Twitter Email
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It was the first week of April, and John Roskam was frustrated. The boss of the Institute of Public Affairs, well connected to Liberals including federal Health Minister Greg Hunt, was aghast at the strict enforcement of lockdown measures in Victoria and NSW, where police were driving through Rushcutters Bay Park moving on sunbathers.

At the time, Roskam thought some fellow travellers in the Liberal Party were prepared to speak out about this perceived injustice. Federal MP Jason Falinski had publicly called the laws "an anathema to the country that we live in" and "a major infringement on a free and fair society".

Roskam then spoke of the "growing unease amongst Liberal MPs and in Liberal ranks" about the heavy-handed approach to coronavirus restrictions, especially in the two major states.

The national cabinet at a crucial meeting on Sunday March 22, when bars, pubs and restaurants were ordered to close. Credit: Alex Ellinghausen

But that unease never materialised into something more than mild, occasional grumbling. Indeed, Prime Minister Scott Morrison's office had already ordered Falinski and other MPs to shut up and preserve unity. Despite the biggest infringements on individual liberty in the nation's history, as well as divided opinion among epidemiologists about what was necessary, mass opposition to the lockdown measures has not manifested.

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The reasons for that may lie in a series of meetings and decisions made more than a week before Roskam's comments, on a Sunday full of fast-moving and confusing announcements. It was the day the state premiers foreshadowed the closure of non-essential services, before Morrison fronted the nation late at night to confirm pubs, restaurants and cafes would shut.

"That was the crucial weekend," says Nick Cater, head of the Menzies Research Centre, the Liberal Party's think tank. "That was when there were people arguing they should shut everything down."

At stake that day were entire industries such as manufacturing and construction, as well as retail outside of hospitality. There was a key call between

Wesfarmers, the owner of Bunnings, and the government about protecting the thousands of jobs at their stores, as well as supplies for tradies.

"The mining industry was making very strong representations to the government," Cater says. So was the Menzies Research Centre. "We intervened very strongly, too, internally."

In Cater's view, the national cabinet's decision to eschew a full-scale lockdown for a gentler one, wherein people can still go shopping and see their partners, go to work if they still have jobs and keep some semblance of their normal lives, was critical to keeping the peace and staving off any potential rebellion. He says it could have easily gone the other way.

"I was very worried, as were a number of people in the government, that this was getting out of control, that we were about to make a momentous decision based on un-firm figures. That would have been a mistake in hindsight."

Meanwhile, the IPA started a campaign to wind back restrictions. On April 4, it released a video featuring policy director Gideon Rozner, who declared the shutdowns had "decimated our society, ruined thousands of lives and turned Australia into a police state". It was time to start reopening churches, bars and restaurants. "Do it safely ... but do it," he said. "Enough is enough."

Roskam, Rozner's boss, had already been lobbying Victorian opposition leader Michael O'Brien to start fighting Premier Daniel Andrews on the restrictions, without much success. Roskam labelled Andrews "a threat to democracy". Days later, the Liberal Party invited Victorians to "have your say" on the measures.

"It's important that we follow directions from government to maintain social distancing and to avoid activities that risk the spread of coronavirus," the survey said. "However, some lower-risk activities that have been banned in Victoria have not been prohibited elsewhere in Australia. We'd like to hear your thoughts on a few of these activities."

One such activity, golf, became a symbol for some MPs, who insisted the sport should be allowed. "This was never just about golf," Tim Smith, the member for Kew, tweeted, saying it was about Andrews grabbing "huge control over our lives". Sam Newman protested on the steps of the state Parliament. But Andrews brushed it all aside.

The loudest Victorian voice agitating for change was News Corp columnist and television presenter Andrew Bolt. Despite daily blog posts and regular columns on the matter, there was no concession to his complaints. And Hunt, who is not a member of the IPA, let down his friend Roskam gently. "While we've been close friends for 30 years, we've agreed to disagree on many of the elements in relation to
the current pandemic response," Hunt told The Sun-Herald and The Sunday Age.

In NSW, 2GB broadcaster Alan Jones began by calling the coronavirus a "health version of global warming", and the policy response "hysteria and alarmism". But he mellowed significantly as the virus tore its way across the globe, a change of tune which was widely noted in political circles.

"Alan goes both ways on this, as we all do," says Cater.

Jones acknowledged his shift in an email to The Sun-Herald. "I'm not a fan of modelling," he said.

"I have seen so much of it that is disastrous. There were people who wrote in the newspapers, Peter van Onselen and others, saying that 150,000 Australians could die. I was vilified, not that it bothers me, for the stance I took."

Jones said he still holds to that view, but believes it is important to rally behind Morrison at this time, just as Bill Clinton had urged him to rally his listeners behind George W. Bush after 9/11.

"That's not to say that the Prime Minister does not tolerate differences of opinion on certain issues," Jones said. "It is clear also that rogue premiers have ignored overtures from the Prime Minister on many issues. He advised against draconian lockdown laws. He argued, explicitly, as did his health advisors, that 'schools are safe'."

The difficulty for opponents of the restrictions is that there is no consensus along conventional political lines. Some left-libertarian commentators are sceptical about the measures, and right-wingers who are gung-ho for them. One Nation's Mark Latham, for instance, was among those calling for a complete nationwide lockdown, as per New Zealand under Jacinda Ardern.

Broadly speaking, the business community also locked in behind the government's plan, despite its devastating impact on the economy. Their focus has been on the recovery effort post-COVID, not undermining the current measures or calling for them to be curtailed.

That's not good enough for people such as Roskam. "The business community has been incredibly disappointing," he says. "A few individuals have spoken up but I think they've been compromised by the demonisation of big business in Australia over the last 10 years. Business leaders are afraid to become involved in public debate. The banks are perhaps the closest to the business devastation [but] they don't want to compromise their relationship with the government and they want to help shape any recovery plan."

The other intuitive and fundamental reason that opposition to the shutdowns has not gathered steam is that they have been shown to work. With high testing rates and very low case numbers, Australia is the envy of the world when it comes to managing the virus.

That can be a double-edged sword; with numbers staying low, opponents of the restrictions can argue they are excessive, as Bolt and others have done. But that argument has failed to ignite. Polling has revealed a high level of public support for the measures, including an Essential poll last week that found half the country believes it is too soon to even consider easing restrictions (though the number was lower for younger voters).

Polling was shown to Victorian Liberal MPs as a means of getting them to ease up on their criticisms of Andrews' approach. And Roskam laments that MPs who privately agree with him are not willing to fight the battle publicly because the polling is clear.

"This is where some critics have failed to take into account the fact that you have to bring people with you," says Cater. "People in Canberra who have got more knowledge about the virus than the average person might see that there is room to relax. But they have to bring people with them."

Multiculturalism in the Age of Coronavirus

Andrew Joyce • April 14, 2020

"Promote a sense of collectivism: All messaging should reinforce a sense of community that 'we are all in this together.' This will avoid increasing tensions between different groups."

Scientific Advisory Group for Emergencies (SAGE)

The above advice was given to the British government in late March, and represents a propaganda strategy designed to stop the flimsy fantasy of multicultural harmony coming apart at its threadbare seams. From a purely strategic point of view, of course, it makes perfect sense. Whether readers believe that the COVID-19 pandemic is a real health crisis or a contrived one, the fact remains that a crisis scenario has been fully realized. Millions are now unemployed, with no immediate prospect of finding new jobs. Many thousands are being taken into hospitals with rapidly diminishing capabilities to treat them. Resources, in terms of jobs, material goods, and services, are becoming scarce. Entire populations have been placed under a kind of house arrest, with some losing their minds and adding their own families to a "string of domestic killings." A state of emergency now prevails, and the "normal" that we knew isn't coming back any time soon, and perhaps never will. Multiculturalism, built on the hitherto monolithic foundations of global liberal finance capitalism, and "normalised" by an equally
monolithic academic-media complex, is thus subjected to its first “earthquake” from outside the system. One would naturally expect this system to respond by shoring up its more vulnerable structures. And so, I’d been waiting for advice on protecting multiculturalism, like that from SAGE, for about two weeks before it finally arrived. We can be sure it’s been repeated, more or less verbatim, in the halls of every Western government.

In all genuine crises, the superfluous and the artificial within one’s ecology are abandoned quickly. Consult with any survival expert and he will tell you that the core strategy in any survival situation is to strip all activity back to extreme basics — fire, shelter, water, and food. Anything else, any attempt to divert energy into unnecessary rest or leisure, could prove fatal. When societies encounter genuine crises, the same philosophy prevails. Central infrastructure is protected, and superfluous entertainments and distractions are either repurposed as propaganda for the maintenance of morale or dispensed with entirely. The flow of information, outside propaganda, is streamlined to the essential and the relevant. When was the last time you heard about a “Drag Queen Story Hour” or tranny bathrooms? These things were part of our civilisational decline, but they were also merely a form of cultural ephemera produced by a corrupt, rootless cosmopolitanism. To put it in the new language of our times, these things were examples of viral shedding rather than the virus itself. They were the means by which the ideological virus reproduced itself in impressionable or vulgar minds. It may be some time before we are exposed to this kind of ephemera again, which we can applaud and self-congratulate ourselves about, but what about the real virus at the heart of it? What about multiculturalism under coronavirus? All dissident circles and political outliers have explained lack of success in recent decades by arguing that the false consciousness of the masses, induced by materialism and the saturation of culture with the prevailing ideology, can only be broken by a crisis of global proportions. For the Far Left, this has involved speculation about identifying “emancipatory opportunities” in events such as the migrant crisis, the 2008 financial crash, and the putative future collapse of capitalism itself. Those on the Far Right have equalised made gains through crises such as ethnic riots, Muslim terrorism, and wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. It would therefore appear natural, to some extent, to assume that the bigger the crisis, the bigger the possible gains for those outside the mainstream. The assumption would be that a global health emergency ushering in a new Great Depression, would be just what dissidents are looking for. The difficulty thus far, however, is that coronavirus doesn’t seem to be delivering. Why?

**Multiculturalism in stasis**

Although we are still in the relatively early stages of this outbreak, and a long way from the mass production of a vaccine, the system has taken extremely good care of itself and has demonstrated an extraordinary capacity to absorb and deflect damage. I’m not referring here to medical systems, or to the production and distribution of supplies and equipment, which has been problematic and haphazard. I’m talking about the fundamental governmental and financial structure of how we live our lives. My initial impression is that the tensions induced by multiculturalism and mass migration are now under a kind of situational permafrost. Quite simply, just like its manifestations of viral shedding, multiculturalism has itself been quarantined. If multiculturalism was sustained in the past by a vast network of creeping legal, educational, social, and cultural controls, then it shouldn’t be surprising that it should be held firmly in place at a time when government controls are expanding rapidly.

Multiculturalism is a political and economic problem, but it is primarily social in that it involves direct competition and negative interpersonal interactions between races (social groups). With the introduction of social distancing and forms of mass house arrest, there would be a predictable decline in flashpoints and confrontations. Of course, people still need to exercise, and to procure food and medicines. And, unfortunately, even these meagre opportunities have already provided ample opportunities for Whites to be targeted.

In England there have been examples of **Muslims and Africans harassing elderly Whites** by coughing on them, but the **butchering** of a seven-year-old English girl, who had been taken on a bike ride through a park by her father, by a Somali immigrant is probably the most horrific recent example. Overall, however, with streets emptying and social gatherings all but eliminated, multiculturalism, along with its symptoms, has been largely sidelined by immediate medical and financial concerns.

This is a valuable lesson for those of us, myself included, who had been convinced in recent years that any kind of serious crisis would prove to be a tipping point in Western consciousness about multiculturalism. Certainly I did not foresee a situation in which multiculturalism could be sequestered within a crisis. And yet it has been. Since the imposition of social distancing measures, crime has plummeted throughout the West. In some areas of the UK, crime has **dropped by 20%**, thanks to the almost complete elimination of snatch-thefts and assaults in public spaces, crimes
in which non-Whites feature disproportionately as perpetrators. New York, Chicago, and Los Angeles have witnessed falls in crime of around 25%, with the most marked declines in burglary and assault. Sex crimes have in some areas declined by almost 50%. These falls are almost entirely due to the dramatic reduction, even elimination, of opportunities for such crimes to take place. Whites are safer in their homes than they are in a public saturated with ethnic hostility and criminality. What prevails now is an uneasy peace, a kind of phoney war. Ethnic crime and other forms of interpersonal hostility between the races, something we should unashamedly acknowledge as a propaganda advantage in our confrontation with the broader phenomenon of multiculturalism, is for the time being more or less neutered.

A New False Consciousness

The advice given to the British government by SAGE quite bluntly argues for the manufacturing of a “sense of collectivism: All messaging should reinforce a sense of community, that ‘we are all in this together.’” This is something that we should all have expected when something like “the crisis” we’d been waiting for finally arrived. That being said, I never imagined it would work. What I have instead observed in the last few weeks is something like the creation of a new false consciousness to mask the cracks in the old one. Yes, economic uncertainty and a daily drumbeat of morbid fear is being disseminated by the mass media. But, for me personally, the more unsettling aspect of what has occurred is the development of a sense of collective hostility among the races, something we should unashamedly acknowledge as a propaganda advantage in our confrontation with the broader phenomenon of multiculturalism, is for the time being more or less neutered.

Part of the conditioning of false collectivism is the easily observed widespread employment of the language of warfare. I’ve lost count of the number of times I’ve heard politicians and media figures talk about the “battle” against “the enemy.” Donald Trump has declared he is a “wartime president” against “an invisible enemy.” Emmanuel Macron announced that his country is at war with an “invisible, elusive” enemy. Italy’s special commissioner said the country must equip itself for a “war economy.” Prior to becoming infected and entering intensive care, Boris Johnson announced to his fellow Britons that theirs was a fight in which each and every citizen was “directly enlisted.” Doctors and nurses are said to be on the “front line.” One intention of this nomenclature is probably to reinforce the seriousness of the situation, and to encourage a sense of sacrifice. On the other hand, and more subversively, it’s designed to pacify aggression (by encouraging people to accept their losses as part of a “war effort”), to normalise the expansion of emergency powers and the national security state, and to try to manufacture popular unity by positing a common enemy upon which we are supposed to vent our anxieties and psychological aggression.

Global COVID-19 Lockdown - What You’re Not Being Told, Part 1

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We have been given a very clear narrative about the declared coronavirus pandemic. The UK State has passed legislation, in the form of the Coronavirus Act, to compel people to self isolate and practice social distancing in order to delay the spread of SARS-CoV-2 (SC2). We are told this “lockdown”, a common prison term, is essential. We are also told that SC2 has been clearly identified to be the virus which causes the COVID 19 syndrome.

**Necessary? Lawful?**

At the time of writing SC2 is said to have infected 60,733 people with 7,097 people supposedly dying of COVID 19 in the UK. This case fatality ration (CFR) of 11.7% is seemingly one of the worst in the world. Furthermore, with just 135 people recovered, the recovery rate in the UK is inexplicably low.

Some reading this may baulk at use of words like “seemingly” and “alleged” in reference to these statistics. The mainstream media (MSM) have been leading the charge to cast anyone who questions the State’s coronavirus narrative as putting lives at risk. The claim being that questioning what we are told by the State, its officials and the MSM undermines the lockdown. The lockdown is, we are told, essential to save lives.

It is possible both to support the precautionary principle and question the lockdown. Questioning the scientific and statistical evidence base, supposedly justifying the complete removal of our civil liberties, does not mean those doing so care nothing for their fellow citizens. On the contrary, many of us are extremely concerned about the impact of the lockdown on everyone. It is desperately sad to see people blindly support their own house arrest while attacking anyone who questions the necessity for it.

**Exercise? Yes / No?**

The knee jerk reaction, assuming any questioning of the lockdown demonstrates a cavalier, uncaring disregard is puerile. Grown adults shouldn’t simply believe everything they are told like mindless idiots. Critical thinking and asking questions is never “bad” under any circumstances whatsoever. Only the State, with the unwavering support of its MSM propaganda operation, enforces unanimity of thought. If a system cannot withstand questioning it suggests it is built upon shaky foundations and probably not worth maintaining.

Yet perhaps it is what we are not told that is more telling. Among the many things we are not told is how many lives the lockdown will ruin and end prematurely. Are these lives irrelevant?

We are not told the evidence for the existence of a virus called SARS-CoV-2 is highly questionable and the tests for it unreliable; we are not told that the numbers of deaths reportedly caused by COVID 19 is statistically vague, seemingly deliberately so; we are not told that these deaths are well within the normal range of excess winter mortality and we are not told that in previous years excess winter deaths have been higher than they are now.

We didn’t need to destroy the economy in response to those, far worse, periods of loss so why do we need to do so for this?

We will look at this in more detail in Part 2.

**UNDERSTANDING MAINSTREAM MEDIA DISINFORMATION**

Before we address what we are not being told it’s worth looking at how the MSM is spreading disinformation. On February 22nd one rag printed a story which absurdly alleged, without a shred of evidence, that Russia was somehow deliberately spreading disinformation about coronavirus. It reported this uncritically, questioning nothing. Their opening paragraph read:

 Thousands of Russian-linked social media accounts have launched a coordinated effort to spread misinformation and alarm about coronavirus, disrupting global efforts to fight the epidemic, US officials have said.”

On March 10th the same rag reported another story about disinformation in which it was noted:

Thousands of Russian-linked social media accounts have launched a coordinated effort to spread misinformation and alarm about coronavirus, disrupting global efforts to fight the epidemic, US officials have said.”

Disinformation experts say, there remains little evidence of concerted efforts to spread falsehoods about the virus, suggesting that the misleading
information in circulation is spread primarily through grassroots chatter.”

The irony shouldn’t be overlooked. Directly contradicting their own previous disinformation, this MSM pulp assumes we are all so stupid we won’t notice their perpetual spin and evidence-free claims. The UK’s national broadcaster the BBC is perhaps the worst of all the disinformation propagandists. The sheer volume of disinformation they are pumping out is quite breathtaking.

The United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights spells out what freedom of expression means. All human beings are born free with equal dignity and rights. All are afforded these rights without any distinction at all. Article 19 states:

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.”

The leading medical journal The Lancet noted these risks in 2018:...

mounting scientific evidence suggests that prolonged exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic radiation has serious biological and health effects.”

Why are the BBC so willing to mislead the public and expose them to unnecessary health harms? Is it deliberate or are they just shoddy journalists? Either way, quite clearly they are habitual pedlars of disinformation. They appear to no better than the worst clickbait sites that have proliferated over recent years.

The MSM is responsible for the majority of misinformation and disinformation circulating at the moment. We must diligently verify every claim they make and check the evidence ourselves. They are not to be trusted. As the BBC quite rightly points out:

STOP BEFORE YOU SHARE
CHECK YOUR SOURCES
(If it’s the MSM check to see if they offer any evidence at all or if it’s just their opinion. If it’s their opinion ignore it. It’s almost certainly unfounded)

PAUSE IF YOU FEEL EMOTIONAL
(If you do feel emotional you have probably just been manipulated by the MSM)

“SCIENCE LED” MEANS CHERRY PICKING SCIENCE

The UK State has been keen to insist that we all believe their lockdown response is led by the science. However they have cherry picked the science to roll out the lockdown and ignored the considerable scientific evidence which contradicts it. Both the UK and U.S. governments used the computer models of Imperial College London (ICL), predicting millions of deaths, to justify the removal of our civil liberties.

Almost as soon as the lockdown was in place the scientists, having launched their vaccine research fund raiser, downgraded their projections from an estimated 550,000 deaths in the UK to 20,000 or even lower. Neil Furguson, the lead scientist responsible for the initial ICL report stated that they had revised the figures because of the effectiveness of the lockdown safety measures. Claiming the lockdown would need to last for at least 18 months until a vaccine is found. ICL are grant recipients of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. They have shown no interests at all in researching possible preventative treatments, reducing the need for a vaccine, such as hydroxychloroquine.

The initial ICL computer models were based upon unproven assumptions. They assumed that SC2 would spread like influenza. This was contrary to

The BBC, who obviously couldn’t care less about human rights, gleefully supported the censorship of so called conspiracy theorist David Icke. They did so by spreading disinformation. Icke raised concerns about the possible link between 5G and the spread of coronavirus. He did not incite violence, as suggested in the BBC’s disinformation. The BBC misled the public utterly when they stated:

"Conspiracy theories linking 5G signals to the coronavirus pandemic continue to spread despite there being no evidence the mobile phone signals pose a health risk."

While I agree with the BBC that there is no evidence of a link between 5G and the apparent coronavirus, we certainly can’t rule it out. Because the second half of their statement, that there is no evidence that mobile signals pose a health risk, was a mendacious deceit.

There is a wealth of evidence of that risk.
the findings of the World Health Organisation who stated both that SC2 did not appear to spread as quickly as influenza and was less virulent.
The WHO found up to a 20% infection rate, where people were exposed to SC2 in crowded settings for prolonged periods, and a 1-5% infection rate in the community. This was nothing like the spread of the 1918 H1N1 influenza pandemic.

However, publishing their paper on March 16th, the ICL completely ignored the WHO research which was published a month earlier and stated, without any justification whatsoever:

COVID-19, a virus with comparable lethality to H1N1 influenza in 1918”

Public Health England (PHE) disagreed with ICL’s evidence free assumptions and downgraded COVID 19 from a High Consequence Infectious Disease (HCID), due to relatively low mortality rates.

However, ignoring both the WHO and PHE, the UK and US decided only the ICL knew what they were talking about. Cherry-picking their highly dubious research, they insisted the lockdown was necessary to “flatten the curve” and, in the UK, protect the NHS.

The science the State has chosen to believe is the minority view it seems. Epidemiologists, epidemiological statisticians, microbiologists, mathematicians and many other scientists and academics the world over have repeatedly warned that the lockdown is precisely the wrong thing to do.

Dr Knut M. Wittkowski

COVID 19, the disease supposedly caused by SC2, is experienced as little more than a bad cough or cold by the vast majority of relatively healthy people. Dr Knut M. Wittkowski (Ph.D) is among the growing number of globally renowned scientists who question what we are told by the State and its MSM. In regard to both SC2 and COVID 19.

Dr Wittkowski stated:

“With all respiratory diseases, the only thing that stops the disease is herd immunity. About 80% of the people need to have had contact with the virus. It’s very important to keep the schools open and kids mingling to spread the virus to get herd immunity as fast as possible, and then the elderly people, who should be separated, and the nursing homes should be closed during that time, can come back and meet their children and grandchildren after about 4 weeks when the virus has been exterminated….If we had herd immunity now, there couldn’t be a second wave in autumn.”

Such scientists and academics are all completely ignored by the State. Yet they believe others, such as Professor Neil Ferguson and Professor Karine Lacombe without hesitation. Perhaps it is just a coincidence that the scientists the State chooses to believe overwhelmingly appear to have close links to the globalist foundations and pharmaceutical corporations developing the vaunted coronavirus vaccine.

ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THE CORONAVIRUS LOCKDOWN?

Those who reject all criticism of the lockdown, and simply accept whatever the State tells them, presumably believe the State only has our best interests at heart and would never do anything to harm us. Perhaps they believe that to question the claims of the State can only ever be conspiracy theory.

Certainly that’s the message constantly reinforced by the MSM.

However, there is also plenty of evidence that the State frequently deceives the public. We only need look to the WMD lies told to start an illegal Iraq war in 2003 to understand that the State is willing
to further the interests of the powerful and cares little about lives lost in the effort.
Therefore, in the UK, it is worth recapping what it is we are consenting to with the Coronavirus Act:
We consent to increased State surveillance of ourselves and our family.
We are happy that we could be detained, without charge, because some state official suspects, or claims they suspect, we may be infected.
It is fine with us that we or our loved ones can be sectioned under the Mental Health Act on the recommendation of a single doctor and neither we nor they need to have the protection of a second opinion before we are locked up.
We accept that the state can retain our biometric data and fingerprints for an extended period.
We consent that jury trials are a bit of an anachronism and Judges can hear more evidence by video or even audio link.
We think its fine that the evidence required, and processes undertaken, to determine and record our or our loved one’s deaths can be eroded to the point where they can be registered by people with no medical or legal expertise at all.
We don’t think the NHS needs to adhere to practice standards or bother with assessing the needs of some patients, especially older people.
We are also fine with the complete suspension of democracy in Britain.
We accept all of this based upon a unique subset of scientific opinion which, contrary to every known scientific principle, can never be questioned.
We agree with the MSM that people who question any aspect of the stories they tell us are dangerous because these people just don’t care if their own loved ones die. Only true believers care about their families.
We also accept the need for the State to invest considerable resources creating counter disinformation units whose purpose is to censor anything and everything which questions our firmly held beliefs. The beliefs informed by the many of the same people doing the censoring.

Dr. Sucharit Bhakdi - world leading microbiologist

I don’t know about you, but I remain unconvinced by the evidence I’ve seen so far. I have no doubt that there is a health crisis and excess seasonal deaths, but I have seen no evidence at all that the numbers are unprecedented or unusual in any way. Evidence we will explore in greater detail in Part 2.
I accept that we should exercise the precautionary principle and take steps to limit the risks to the most vulnerable but I do not accept that the lockdown is the best way to go about it. Nor do I see any necessity at all for all the other dictatorial clauses in the Coronavirus Act. I do not consent.

If you think this will all be over soon and won’t get worse I’m afraid you may be disappointing. The UK state have based this lockdown on the scientific rubbish spewed out by ICL. Here’s another one of the ICL’s recommendations:
The major challenge of suppression is that this type of intensive intervention package – or something equivalently effective at reducing transmission – will need to be maintained until a vaccine becomes available (potentially 18 months or more).”
There is nothing to suggest this isn’t the intention of the State. Certainly voices in the U.S. are
already indicating their desire for an 18 month lockdown. Apparently taking their cue directly from the discredited ICL report and steadfastly ignoring everything else. Nor should we assume the draconian powers seized by the state won't get worse.

Most of this response is being driven by globalist policy emanating, on this occasion, from the World Health Organisation. Speaking at the daily WHO press briefing on the March 30th Dr. Michael Ryan, Executive Director of the WHO Health Emergencies Programme, said:

Lockdowns and shutdowns really should just be part of an overall comprehensive strategy.....Most of the transmission that's actually happening in many countries now is happening in the household at family level.....Now we need to go and look in families to find those people who may be sick and remove them and isolate them in a safe and dignified manner.”

Given that we now live in a de facto dictatorship there's no reason to believe that states across the globe won't use this as justification to start removing people from their homes. My hope is that sense will prevail and, as it becomes clear the pandemic is waning, public pressure will mount to repeal this dictatorial legislation.

However, given some of the comments I have seen on social media over the last two weeks, the panic buying and attacks upon anyone questioning the State’s narrative, it seems many people are so frightened they desperately need to believe the State is trying to save them.

This fear is based upon apparent ignorance of the economic severity of the lockdown and the monumental health risk it poses. People don't seem to want to know there is considerable doubt the Coronavirus Act is even legal in international law. There is also doubt that SARS-CoV-2 is an identifiable virus and the statistics we are given may well be based upon tests that can't identify it anyway. There is evidence that the statistics we have been given have been deliberately manipulated to exaggerate the health risk and there is no evidence these excess deaths are "unprecedented."

If you are among the few willing to look at this evidence I hope you will read part 2 of this article series. Coming soon.


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David Stockman on the Real Reason Why the Government Shutdown Caused an Economic Collapse

**International Man: Why the Government Shutdown Caused an Economic Collapse**

**David Stockman:** I think for once, Donald Trump was right when he worried out loud the other day that the cure may be far worse than the disease.

Governors—mostly Democratic governors and mayors of major areas of the country—have imposed Lockdown Nation. It's a complete economic disaster.

It's a wrong policy from a public health point of view and an economic point of view.

It is hitting, like a ton of bricks, a highly fragile and vulnerable economy that was living hand to mouth anyway because of the kind of highly counterproductive monetary and fiscal policies and debt build-up we've had over the last 30 years.

If you look at the data for New York—which is the epicenter of the whole COVID-19 pandemic—it is abundantly clear that COVID is not some kind of latter-day Black Death plague that takes down the young, the old, the healthy, the sick, and everyone in between.

It is a kind of super winter flu that strikes fatally, almost entirely, the elderly population that is already afflicted with many life-threatening medical conditions—or what the technicians call comorbidities.

The shutdown, which I call the "plenary lockdown policy," is wrong. Closing all the businesses except a tiny, arbitrary set of essential operations is courting disaster for no good reason.

Here's what the New York data showed us recently.

New York is ground zero and the epicenter. But if you look at the breakdown of that number by age and by medical condition, it's startling.

For those under 50 years of age in the state of New York, the death rate is slightly under 5 per 100,000.

That isn't a disaster. That isn't a plague or a calamity.

Five per 100,000 is half the rate of suicides per 100,000 annually among the 50 and under population. It is a small fraction of the 90 deaths per 100,000 annually that occur for all kinds of reasons: accidents and illnesses—including suicide.

You would not, in the slightest, in any kind of sane world, shut down an entire economy and lock down everything when you have a 5 per 100,000 death rate for the overwhelming share of the population.

On the other hand, if you look at the population 80 years and older in New York state—the death rate is 1,086 deaths per 100,000. In other words, it's night and day.

The virus is not a fatal problem for the overwhelming share of the population.

Lots of people get infected. Most are asymptomatic. Some get sick and stay in bed for a couple of days, and they recover. A tiny fraction of the under-50-years population gets seriously ill and is hospitalized for treatment, and an infinitesimal number end up as fatalities. That's the case for the healthy population under 50.

It's in the over-70 age group, and especially in the over-80 age group, that the overwhelming share of these severe cases has developed.

The strategy shouldn't be a plenary lockdown. The right approach is to trace, identify, isolate, support, and treat
the vulnerable population that already has many illnesses.

If we look at New York again, of those deaths among the elderly population, 60% had hypertension or high blood pressure, 31% had diabetes, etc. All of them, almost overwhelmingly, had one, two, or three comorbidities. We don't need Governor Cuomo to shut down the state. We need Governor Cuomo to tell the health department to mobilize the doctors and the healthcare apparatus of New York to identify the vulnerable elderly population. This population is already being treated in many cases for serious respiratory problems, heart ailments, and other diseases—and we are making sure that they're isolated and protected from this bad winter flu as they possibly can be.

It's not merely a matter of degree. It's that they've got it ass-backward.

You don't lock down the population. You target the sub-population, the small minority of very vulnerable people, and do everything you can to shield them from this virus until it passes into the summer temperatures and the normal herd immunity that eventually will make it go away.

**International Man:** Those are excellent points. That's not to mention that in the US, two out of three Americans are overweight or obese and have a pre-chronic or chronic condition. And of those people, the risk goes up substantially for those who have two or more conditions. It puts them at higher risk for something like COVID-19 to take them down.

**David Stockman:** I think that's true, but even if you look at the New York data, again, it's startling.

For the under-50-year-old population, I can't emphasize it enough—it's 5 per 100,000. That's a rounding error in the scheme of things.

You can't run a society based on the risk of 5 out of 100,000 people.

So, I think you're hitting it right on the head.

What we need to think about is how much longer—and we're not talking about months and quarters, we're talking about days and weeks—we can possibly stand a shutdown that has already put 22 million people on unemployment claims in four weeks.

Let's compare this to the worst four weeks of the Great Recession, which is the worst economic calamity that we've had since the Great Depression. During the worst three-week period in the winter of 2008/2009, the cumulative new unemployment claims were 2.7 million, not 22 million. So, this is eight times worse.

We might add that it's going to be 30 million, or close to that, very soon.

We have an economy that's in free fall, unlike anything we've ever seen before, and we have a government that's in total hysteria, trying to compensate for the economic collapse that is being ordered by the government itself.

What I'm talking about is the Everything Bailout that was signed without a record vote in the house, with no hearings—$2.2 trillion, on top of two or three other bills that had passed earlier. There's another trillion that they're talking about in the pipeline as a sort of a replenishment bill.

Even beyond that, then they're talking about a stimulus and infrastructure bill, where the bidding starts at $2 billion. It is insanity.

Let's just look at what's happening in the here and now.

What the government is trying to do is hold everyone in America harmless, and every business in America harmless, for the massive dislocation, disruption of business cash flow, and interruption of paychecks that have resulted from these lockdown orders.

Where is it taking us?

This year alone—and these are not my numbers; they come from the most credible Washington DC agency, which I'm a part of, The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget. That's kind of an oxymoron, but it exists. They had projected that during the fiscal year underway—which was half over before the whole COVID lockdown even got started—that the deficit is going to total $3.8 trillion.

I'm not talking about total spending. I'm talking about just the deficit. It's roughly 19% of GDP.

It's a deficit in the same order of magnitude as we had during the darkest days of World War II. During that time, the whole economy was producing military material and weapons, and nobody could spend any money on anything except necessities because everything else was rationed or wasn't being produced. So they bought a lot of government war bonds.

So where we are right now, suddenly, overnight, is in a disastrous fiscal situation.

This self-inflicted shock has transformed the Trump-Repuberican trillion dollar per year deficits at the top of the business cycle.

It has transformed a terrible situation into a catastrophic situation, where they're going to borrow $3.8 trillion this year alone. The number for fiscal 2021—which starts in October—is going to be another $2.5 trillion at minimum, or probably more.

Now the reason I bring this up is because we're looking at a two-year period in which the combined deficits are likely to exceed $6 trillion in two years. These numbers are so humongous that they're almost impossible for ordinary people—or even people who study this subject regularly—to grasp.

I think the best way to look at it is to see that $6 trillion of new debt in two years is equivalent to what it took 213 years and 43 presidents to produce—that's how long it took to get to the first $6 trillion of public debt.

That's how bad this has gotten, and it will destroy any remaining semblance of market capitalism we have in this country.

When you have a coast-to-coast soup line, with the government underwriting 100% of what everybody was getting in January 2020 by merely piling it onto the public debt, and then having the Fed printing money to fund it, you're asking for a calamity—a financial and economic disaster of biblical proportions.

Editor's Note: The ripple effects of the government lock down are only starting to take shape. That's not to mention the unprecedented amount of money the that is being pumped into every corner of the economy by the Federal Reserve.

The consequences of which could be crippling to the the average person.
Churchill’s War: The Real History of World War II
Paul Craig Roberts

All truth-tellers are denounced, and most end up destroyed. Truth seldom serves the agendas of powerful interests.

The one historian from whom you can get the unvarnished truth of World War II is David Irving.

On the book jackets of Irving’s books, the question is asked: What is real history?

The answer is that real history is history that travels straight from history-maker to the history-maker's documents and from the document archives to the historian’s book without political input and free of academic and patriotic prejudice.

It is history that cannot be bought.

Irving’s Hitler’s War was published in 1977. Irving was an archaeologist digging in history who located and dug up previously unknown documents and archives. He lets the factual record tell the history. He is exact and scrupulous and does not curry favor. The Board of Deputies of British Jews wrote: “The book was thoroughly researched... It confirmed Irving’s reputation as one of the world’s most thorough researchers and an exciting and readable historian.”

The first volume of Irving’s Churchill’s War was published in 1987. The second volume in 2001. The third and final volume is awaited.

These works far surpass all previous histories of the war and all accounts of the agendas and events that produced the war. Irving is not motivated to curry favor with the ruling establishment, to make us feel self-righteous in our victory by demonizing the opponent or to grind any personal, ideological, or political axe. He lets the history-makers speak for themselves in their own words, and it is seldom a pretty picture.

Irving’s books sold millions of copies, and he was well-to-do. But he fell foul of Zionists, oddly enough because he documented actual atrocities against Jews. The problem was the atrocities he found differed from the official holocaust story. He documented a holocaust of a sort, but it is a different one than the Zionists prefer.

If I understand correctly, infuriated Zionists with plentiful funds used unethical tactics and brought lawsuits, the defense against which eventually bankrupted him. Little wonder most historians choose to suck up to powerful interests by validating their claims and explanations. The fake history they write is a self-protective device like a bullet-proof vest.

I previously reported on Hitler’s War and the first volume of Churchill’s War in my most widely read article—*https://www.paulcraigroberts.org/2019/05/13/the-lies-about-world-war-ii/.*

As I quoted Irving’s account that Jews were killed, but in a more ad hoc than organized way, Zionists rushed to my already defective Wikipedia biography to attribute Irving’s words to me, thereby labeling me a “holocaust denier.” When I complained of the misrepresentation, I was fobbed off with the reply that I would not have quoted Irving if I had not agreed with him. In other words, if you report in a book review what a writer says, it means you agree with him. I am not qualified to agree or to disagree with Irving. Indeed, few people are.

People in the Western world have been indoctrinated for 75 years into a white hat/black hat story of World War II that exonerates the “allies” and demonizes Hitler and Germany. To tell people, especially elderly ones whose memory of the war was formed by war propaganda, that the “allies” were as bad or worse war criminals than the Germans brings fire and brimstone down on one’s head. It nevertheless needs to be done, because our view of ourselves reflects the make-believe story of the war with which we are inculcated. In the false history comes strength for the opinion that we Americans and our country are exceptional and indispensable and that these traits justify Washington’s hegemony over the world.

Our destruction in whole or part of seven countries in the 21st century, our withdrawal from arms limitation agreements, our dangerous demonization of militarily powerful countries such as Russia and
Asia all rest in our self-righteous view of ourselves. Of course, not all Americans share these self-righteous views, but the views are the basis for both Republican and Democrat foreign policy. Even the left-wing, or whatever remains of it, believes in war in order to overthrow dictators and “bring democracy and human rights.”

In what follows I am not going to attempt a review of Irving's second volume on Churchill. Instead, I will report some of the findings that documents reveal, findings that will be new information for most readers. But first a preface.

Hitler did not start World War II. England and France launched World War II with a declaration of war against Germany. Hitler did not want a war with Britain and France and tried to avoid it and then end it with a peace agreement very favorable to Britain and France. Hitler regarded the British Empire as essential to the survival of European dominance. He promised Churchill in exchange for an end of hostilities that Germany would defend the British Empire with the German military anywhere in the world that it was in jeopardy. Hitler left a large part of France and French North Africa unoccupied. He left the French fleet in French hands.

Hitler's aim was to restore the integrity of the German nation which had been torn apart and distributed to Czechoslovakia, Poland, Denmark, and France by the Versailles Treaty which had been forced on Germany after World War I by a policy of starvation. Germans in the territories turned over to Czechoslovakia and Poland were being persecuted and murdered. Hitler had no choice but to do something about it. He recovered German territory from France, Czechoslovakia, and Denmark without war.

The same outcome was likely in Poland except the British interfered. The British gave the Polish military dictatorship a “guarantee” to come to Poland's aid if Poland refused Hitler's demands. Consequently, the Polish dictatorship broke off negotiations with Germany. Germany and the Soviet Union then split Poland between them.

The guarantee compelled “British honor” to declare war on Germany—but not on the Soviet Union—and the hapless French were pulled along.

The British relied on the "powerful French military" and sent an expeditionary force which was promptly trapped at Dunkirk where Hitler let them go, thinking that an act of magnanimity and his refusal to humiliate the British would bring an end to the conflict. However, Churchill kept Hitler's overly generous peace terms from the British people and from Parliament. Churchill had wanted war and had worked hard for one and now that he had power and a chance to repeat the military leadership of his great ancestor, the Duke of Marlborough, he was determined to keep his war.

With Hitler in control of Europe, Churchill began working harder to get the US into the war. All along the way President Roosevelt had given Churchill war encouragement but without promising any definite course of action from America. Roosevelt wanted Britain at war. He knew it would bankrupt the British and place them economically in Washington's hands, which would permit the US to break up the British system of trade preferences that allowed Britain to control world trade, destroy the British Empire, dethrone the British pound and replace it with the dollar. Roosevelt was an enemy of empire except America's own. From FDR's standpoint, World War II was an attack by the US on British trade preferences that were the backbone of the British Empire.

So Churchill got his war which cost Britain her empire, and Roosevelt replaced the British Empire with an American one. FDR paid a cheap price—about 300,000 US combat deaths. In her defeat of Germany, Russia lost about 9,000,000 soldiers in combat deaths and 26 million people altogether.

After the Russians stopped the German offensive, the war could have ended, but FDR and Churchill had established a policy of unconditional surrender, which shackled allied wartime foreign policy to two more years of death and destruction.

As Pat Buchanan said, it was The Unnecessary War.

Volumn 2 begins in 1941. Irving has tracked down and unearthed many documents that permit a better understanding of the war. Many official papers are still under lock and key and many have been destroyed. The effort to suppress truth from coming out continues 75 years after the war.

Secrecy is used to hide crimes. It is reputations that are protected, not national security.

Churchill used secrecy to protect his war crime of ordering the bombing of civilian residential areas of German cities with his emphasis on bombing the homes of the working class as they were closer together which helped the conflagration to spread. Churchill would first have the civilian areas firebombed, and then when firemen and rescue workers were engaged the British would drop high explosives.

Churchill ignored military targets, preferring instead to break the morale of the German population by bombing civilian areas. He tried to get the British Air Force to include poison gas when dropping incendiary and high explosive bombs on civilian residential areas.

As the British people did not know Churchill was bombing civilians, Churchill hoped Hitler would be provoked into replying in kind. Hitler refused for...
three months to take the bait, but finally his military insisted that unless he bombed the British they would keep on bombing German civilian areas. Hitler gave in but initially insisted that only British industrial targets be bombed. Once a few bombs went astray, Churchill had his rallying cry that the Nazi barbarians were bombing civilians. He got away with this, but officials in the know worried that the British Air Force, especially "Butcher" Harris, would face war crimes trials when the war was over. British generals and admirals disagreed with Churchill’s bombing policy. They regarded it as unprofessional and unprincipled. They complained that it harmed the war effort by denying the army and navy needed air support.

In November 1942 British Air Chief Portal compared the German bombing of Britain with the British bombing of Germany. The Germans had dropped 55,000 tons of bombs, killing 41,000 British and destroying 350,000 homes. The British had dropped 1,250,000 tons of bombs, killing 900,000 German civilians, maiming one million more, and destroying 6,000,000 German homes. The UK/US firebombing of Dresden at the end of the war stands as one of the worst war crimes in history. It killed as many or more civilians as the atomic bombs Washington dropped on the two Japanese cities, also at war end.

Churchill was determined to bomb Rome, but was resisted by the British Air Force. In contrast, Hitler ordered the German military not to risk the destruction of Rome by defending it.

Churchill ordered the bombing of the French fleet, which Hitler had left in the hands of Vichy France, killing around 3,000 French sailors. Churchill together with FDR and Eisenhower invaded French Northwest Africa which was in the hands of Vichy France. Vichy France Admiral Darlan used his influence to persuade the French not to resist the invasion, thus minimizing British and American casualties. Darlan cooperated in every way. His reward was to be assassinated in a plot organized by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, later one of Britain’s disastrous prime ministers.

The assassin protested that he was promised immunity by the British, but was quickly executed to silence him.

Eden, whose ambition was larger than his intelligence, was in DeGaulle’s pocket, and DeGaulle wanted Darlan out of his way to power.

The military schemes that Churchill imposed on the British military, such as his invasion of neutral Norway, always came to a bad end, but he rescued himself with masterful speeches in Parliament.

The British had a poor opinion of Eisenhower, and FDR had a poor opinion of Eden. There was so much conflict between the British and the Americans that it is amazing they were able to agree to any plan of action. The American people disliked the British for drawing them into “their war.” The British disliked the Americans for the Negro troops sent to England where they were believed to be responsible for rapes and a crime wave. A lot of propaganda was necessary to focus the hate on the Germans.

The British did not want to sacrifice Arab interests to Zionists but usually did because Zionist had the money.

Churchill himself was indebted to a multimillionaire Jew who bailed him out when he faced bankruptcy.

Zionists attempted to use their leverage over Churchill to force his approval of both more Jewish immigration to Palestine and for the formation of a “Jewish fighting force,” allegedly to fight the Germans but in reality to drive Palestinians out of Palestine. Zionists promised Churchill that if he would agree to their demands, they would bring the US into the war against Germany. Such was their power.

The British saw Zionists interests as detrimental to their hold on their Arab colonies. When deportations of Jews and their mistreatment began leaking out, the British Foreign Office saw the reports as the work of the international Zionist campaign to create sympathy and to use the sympathy in behalf of their Palestinian purpose. When 700 Jews found incapable of work were shot in a work camp, the Foreign Office responded, “Information from Jewish refugees is generally coloured and frequently unreliable.” Eisenhower was pleased with Darlan and was unaware of Eden’s plot against him. An American newsman told Eisenhower’s staff that the agitation against Admiral Darlan came from “Jews of press and radio who wish to make certain we were fighting a war to make the world safe for Jews.” The Jews cried wolf so often that when he actually showed up they were not believed.

Much information emerges in the second volume about Churchill’s character, personal habits, excessive drinking—he was dependent on alcohol—and autocratic ways. He could turn people against him and then with a speech or by taking special notice of them put them back in his pocket. Churchill had flaws and the ability to survive them. Irving does not excoriate Churchill. He merely shows us what he was like. There are things to admire and things to disapprove.

Moreover, it is not only Churchill who was ambitious. All were. It is a mystery that organization survived ambition. Somehow officers were able to devote time to war against the Germans from the time they spent warring against one another for commands and promotions. The same with cabinet ministers. The same for the military services fighting one another for resources. And the same for the Germans. The
Holocaust Org. Sues Chubb For
Coronavirus Coverage Denial

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Law360 (April 29, 2020, 10:29 PM EDT) -- The Los Angeles-based Simon Wiesenthal Center and the Holocaust awareness organization's film arm sued Chubb on Wednesday in California federal court, claiming the insurer had wrongly denied coverage for business interruptions related to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Simon Wiesenthal Center, named after the famous Holocaust survivor and Nazi hunter, said that its policy with Chubb Group of Insurance Companies/Federal Insurance Co. has a "civil authority" provision that provides for coverage in situations where public officials order closures, as Los Angeles county has done with a "safer at home" order meant to curb the spread of the virus.

The center said that Chubb has nonetheless refused to pay out what it should under the policy, even though the order has "shuttered all income producing arms of the Simon Wiesenthal Center in Los Angeles."

"As a result of the civil authority shutdown, plaintiffs' 2020 National Tribute Dinner honoring George and Amal Clooney, 2020 address by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo at the Museum of Tolerance, all New York fundraising events, and Museum of Tolerance Programs have been cancelled," the center said.

The organization said the policy should cover the interruptions related to the coronavirus outbreak because...
the virus "creates a physical impact and loss on property as it alters surfaces, limiting or prohibiting the intended use of property and causing a dangerous property condition."

"While some rogue media outlets have called the 2019-2020 coronavirus ... an exaggerated mass hysteria that will unlikely create significant physical damage, the scientific community, and those personally affected by the virus, recognize the coronavirus as a global pandemic causing real physical loss and damage," the center said.

John W. Houghtaling of Gauthier Murphy & Houghtaling LLC, who represents the center, told Law360 on Wednesday that he considers the insurance company's actions "disgusting."

"They continue to lie about the policies, lie about the exclusions, deny coronavirus causes a dangerous property condition in the area. And they've got no facts, they've got no legal basis whatsoever to deny these claims," he said.

Chubb said Wednesday it doesn't comment on pending litigation.

Houghtaling is currently working on other suits in which he's taking on insurers for coronavirus-related coverage denials.

He was behind the first-of-its-kind lawsuit filed in March by a New Orleans restaurant asking a state judge to hold that its Lloyd's of London policy will cover its losses due to government-mandated closures tied to the outbreak of the novel coronavirus.

He's also representing a pair of Napa Valley-based French restaurants owned by prominent chef Thomas Keller. They're suing Hartford Fire Insurance Co. in California state court, seeking a ruling that the insurer must cover the eateries' losses due to government-mandated closures.

The Wiesenthal Center is represented by John W. Houghtaling, Kevin R. Sloan and Jennifer Perez of Gauthier Murphy & Houghtaling LLC, and Larry C. Russ, Nathan D. Meyer and Justin E. Maio of Russ August & Kabat.

Counsel information for Chubb wasn't immediately available on Wednesday.

The case is Simon Wiesenthal Center Inc. et al v. Chubb Group of Insurance Companies/Federal Insurance Company, case number 2:20-cv-03890, in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

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