Google — A Dictator Unlike Anything the World Has Ever Known

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STORY AT-A-GLANCE

- Robert Epstein is a Harvard trained psychologist who has exposed how Google is manipulating public opinion through their search engine so they can change the results of elections and many other important areas
- His research shows how Google is using new techniques of manipulation that have never existed before in human history. If this weren't bad enough, these tools are ephemeral and leave no paper trail of their devious behavior
- According to Epstein's calculations in 2020, Google had the capability of shifting 15 million votes leading up to the U.S. presidential 2020 election
- Because Google has become an everyday tool that's used for more than 90% of searches worldwide, as of 2020, the company had likely determined the outcomes of 25% of the national elections in the world
- Search suggestions — shown in a drop-down menu when you begin to type a search term — is another powerful manipulation tool capable of turning a 50/50 split among undecided voters into a 90/10 split, with no one having the slightest idea that they've been manipulated

Robert Epstein, who received his Ph.D. in psychology from Harvard in 1981 and served as the former editor in chief at Psychology Today, is now a senior research psychologist for the American Institute of Behavioral Research and Technology, where for the last decade he has helped expose Google's manipulative and deceptive practices. In this interview, he explains what got him interested in investigating the internet search monopoly in the first place:

> *"In 2012, January 1st, I received some emails from Google saying my website contained malware and that they were somehow blocking access. This means I had gotten onto one of Google's blacklists.*
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> *My website did contain some malware. It was pretty easy to get rid of, but it turns out it's hard to get off of a Google blacklist. That's a big problem. I started looking at Google just a little bit differently. I wondered, first of all, why they were notifying me about this rather than some government agency or some nonprofit organization? Why was a private company notifying me?*
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> *In other words, who made Google sheriff of the internet? Second, I learned they had no customer service department, which seemed very strange, so if you have a problem with Google, then you have a problem because they don't help you solve the problem.*
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> *I learned also that although you can get onto a blacklist in a split second, it can take weeks to get off a blacklist. There have been businesses that have gotten onto their blacklists and have gone out of business while they're trying to straighten out the problem.*
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> *The thing that really caught my eye — because I've been a programmer my whole life — was I couldn't figure out how they were blocking access to my website, not just through their own products … Google.com, the search engine, or through Chrome, which is their browser, but through Safari, which is an Apple product, through Firefox, which is a browser run by Mozilla, a nonprofit organization.*
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> *How was Google blocking access through so many different means? The point is I just started to get more curious about the company, and later in 2012, I happened to be looking at a growing literature, which was about the power of search rankings to impact sales.*
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> *This was in the marketing field and it just was astonishing. In other words, if you could push yourself up one more notch in their search results, that could make the difference between success or failure for your company; it could mean a lot more income.*

It turns out that this initial research was saying that people really trust those higher ranked search results. I simply asked a question. I wondered whether, if people trust those higher rank search results, I could use search results to influence people's opinions, maybe even their votes."

What Epstein discovered through his subsequent research, which began in 2013, is that yes, biased search results can indeed be used to influence public opinion and sway undecided voters. What's more, the strength of that influence was shocking. He also eventually discovered how Google is able to block website access on browsers other than their own. His findings were published in 2016 in U.S. News & World Report.[1]

Google's Powers Pose Serious Threats to Society

Google's powers pose three specific threats to society:

1. They're a surveillance agency with significant yet hidden surveillance powers. As noted by Epstein:

   > *"The search engine … Google Wallet, Google Docs, Google Drive, YouTube, these are surveillance platforms. In other words, from their perspective, the value these tools have is they give them more information about you. Surveillance is what they do."*

2. They're a censoring agency with the ability to restrict or block access to websites across the internet, thus deciding what people can and cannot see. They even have the ability to block access to entire countries and the internet as a whole.

   The most crushing problem with this kind of internet censorship is that you don't know what you don't know. If a certain type of information is removed from search, and you don't know it should exist somewhere, you'll never go looking for it. And, when searching for information online, how would you know that certain websites or pages have been removed from the search results in the first place? The answer is, you don't.

   For example, Google has been investing in DNA repositories for quite a long time, and are adding DNA information to our profiles. According to Epstein, Google has taken over the national DNA repository, but articles about that — which he has cited in his own writings — had vanished in 2020.

   Some of the articles have now resurfaced, but to get a better view of what Google has been doing since at least 2011, a new search engine, Freespoke.com, is a great source for those searches.

3. They have the power to manipulate public opinion through search rankings and other means.

   > *"To me, that's the scariest area,"* Epstein says, *"because Google is shaping the opinions, thinking, beliefs, attitudes, purchases and votes of billions of people around the world without anyone knowing that they're doing so … and perhaps even more shocking, without leaving a paper trail for authorities to trace.*
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   > *They're using new techniques of manipulation that have never existed before in human history and they are for the most part, subliminal … but they don't produce tiny shifts.*
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   > *They produce enormous shifts in people's thinking, very rapidly. Some of the techniques I've discovered are among the largest behavioral effects ever discovered in the behavioral sciences."*

While surveillance is Google's primary business, their revenue — which in 2022 exceeds $256 billion a year[2] — comes almost exclusively from advertising. All that personal information you've provided them through their various products is sold to advertisers looking for a specific target audience.

How Google Can Shift Your Perception Without Your Knowledge

Epstein's controlled, randomized, double-blind and counterbalanced experiments have revealed a number of different ways in which Google can shift public perception. The first effect he discovered is called SEME, which stands for search engine manipulation effect. For a full description of the basic experiment used to identify this effect, please listen to the interview.

In summary, the aim of his experiment was to see whether search results biased toward a particular political candidate would be capable of shifting users' political opinion and leanings.

> *"I had predicted, when we first did this, that we would get a shift,"* Epstein says, *"because … people do trust higher ranked search results, and of course we had biased the search results so that, if in that first group, someone was clicking on a high-ranking search result, that would connect them to a webpage which made one candidate look much better than the other …*
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> *I predicted we could get a shift in voting preferences of 2% to 3%. I was way off. We got … a shift of 48%, which I thought must be an error because that's crazy …*
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> *I should note that in almost all of our experiments, especially those early ones, we deliberately used undecided voters. That's the key. You can't easily push the opinions or voting preferences of people who are partisan, who are strongly committed to one party or another, but people who are undecided, those are the people who are very vulnerable. In our experiments, we always find a way to use undecided voters.*
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> *In these early experiments, the way we guaranteed that our voters were undecided was by using people from the U.S. as our participants, but the election we chose was the 2010 election for the prime minister of Australia.*

They're real candidates, a real election, real search results, real webpages, and of course, because our participants were from the U.S. they were not familiar with the candidates. In fact, that's why, before they do the search, we get this almost perfect 50/50 split regarding who they're going to vote for, because they don't know these candidates. The information they're getting from the search, that, presumably, is why we get a shift."

Simple Trick Effectively Masks Search Bias

Another thing Epstein noticed was that very few seemed to realize they were seeing biased search results. In other words, the manipulation went virtually undetected.

In a second experiment, they were able to achieve a 63% shift in voter preference, and by masking the bias — simply by inserting a pro-opponent result here and there — they were able to hide the bias from almost everyone.

> *"In other words, we could get enormous shifts in opinions and voting preferences with no one being able to detect the bias in the search results we were showing them,"* Epstein says. *"This is where, again, it starts to get scary. Scarier still is when we moved on to do a national study of more than 2,000 people in all 50 states."*

What this large-scale investigation revealed is that the few who actually notice the bias are not protected from its effects. Curiously, they actually shift even further toward the bias, rather than away from it.

As evidenced by other studies, the pattern of clicks is a key factor that makes search bias so powerful: 50% of all search selections go to the top two items and 95% of all clicks go to the first page of search results.

> *"In other words, people spend most of their time clicking on and reading content that comes from high-ranking search results. If those high-ranking search results favor one candidate, that's pretty much all they see and that impacts their opinions and their voting preferences,"* Epstein says.

Subsequent experiments revealed that this click pattern is the result of conditioning. Most of the things people search for are simple matters such as local weather or the capital of a country. The most appropriate and correct answer is always at the very top. This conditions them to assume that the best and truest answer is always the most high-ranked listing.

Google May Have Shifted Millions of Votes in 2016 Elections

The ramifications of the search engine manipulation effect can be immense. Of course, having power to shift public opinion is one thing; actually using that power is another. So, Epstein's next target was to determine whether Google is using its power of influence or not.

> *"Early 2016, I set up the first-ever monitoring system, which allowed me to look over the shoulders of people as they were conducting election-related searches on Google, Bing and Yahoo in the months leading up to the 2016 presidential election. I had 95 field agents (as we call them), in 24 states.*
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> *We kept their identities secret, which took a lot of work. And this is exactly, by the way, what the Nielsen company does to generate ratings for television shows. They have several thousand families. Their identities are secret. They equip the families with special boxes, which allow Nielsen to tabulate what programs they're watching …*
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> *Inspired by the Nielsen model, we recruited our field agents, we equipped them with custom passive software. In other words, no one could detect the fact that they have the software in their computers. But that software allowed us to look over their shoulders as they conducted election related searches …*
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> *We ended up preserving 13,207 election-related searches and the nearly 100,000 webpages to which the search results linked … After the election, we rated the webpages for bias, either pro-Clinton or pro-Trump … and then we did an analysis to see whether there was any bias in the search results people were seeing.*
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> *The results we got were crystal clear, highly significant statistically … at the 0.001 level. What that says is we can be confident the bias we were seeing was real, and it didn't occur because of some random factors. We found a pro-Clinton bias in all 10 search positions on the first page of Google search results, but not on Bing or Yahoo.*
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> *That's very important. So, there was a significant pro-Clinton bias on Google. Because of the experiments I had been doing since 2013, I was also able to calculate how many votes could have been shifted with that level of bias… At bare minimum, about 2.6 million [undecided] votes would have shifted to Hillary Clinton."*

On the high end, Google's biased search results may have shifted as many as 10.4 million undecided voters toward Clinton, which is no small feat — all without anyone realizing they'd been influenced, and without leaving a trace for the authorities to follow.

According to Epstein's calculations, tech companies, Google being the main one, it was possible to shift 15 million votes leading up to the 2020 election, which means they had the potential to select the next president of United States.

Google Has the Power to Determine 25% of Global Elections

Many who look at Epstein's work end up focusing on Google's ability to influence U.S. politics, but the problem is much bigger than that.

> *"As I explained when I testified before Congress, the reason why I'm speaking out about*

these issues is because, first of all, I … think it's important that we preserve democracy and preserve the free and fair election. To me, it's pretty straight forward.

But the problem is much bigger than elections or democracy or the United States. Because I calculated back in 2015 that … Google's search engine — because more than 90% of searches worldwide are conducted on Google — was determining the outcomes of upwards of 25% of the national elections in the world.

How can that be? Well, it's because a lot of elections are very close. And that's the key to understanding this. In other words, we actually looked at the win margins in national elections around the world, which tend to be very close. In that 2010 Australian election, for example, the win margin was something like 0.2% …

If the results they're getting on Google are biased toward one candidate, that shifts a lot of votes among undecided people. And it's very, very simple for them to flip an election or … rig an election … It's very, very simple for Google to do that.

They can do it deliberately, which is kind of scary. In other words, some top executives at Google could decide who they want to win an election in South Africa or the U.K. or anywhere. It could be just a rogue employee at Google who does it. You may think that's impossible … [but] it's incredibly simple …

[A] senior software engineer at Google, Shumeet Baluja, who's been at Google almost since the very beginning, published a novel that no one's ever heard of called 'The Silicon Jungle' … It's fictional, but it's about Google, and the power that individual employees at Google have to make or break any company or any individual.

It's a fantastic novel. I asked Baluja how Google let him get away with publishing it and he said, 'Well, they made me promise I would never promote it.' That's why no one's ever heard of this book."

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Another, and even more frightening possibility, is that Google could allow its biased algorithm to favor one candidate over another without caring about which candidate is being favored.

> *"That's the scariest possibility,"* Epstein says, *"because now you've got an algorithm, a computer program, which is an idiot … deciding who rules us. It's crazy."*

While this sounds like it should be illegal, it's not, because there are no laws or regulations that restrict or dictate how Google must rank its search results. Courts have actually concluded that Google is simply exercising its right to free speech, even if that means destroying the businesses they demote in their search listings or black listings.

The only way to protect ourselves from this kind of hidden influence is by setting up monitoring programs such as Epstein's all over the world. "As a species, it's the only way we can protect ourselves from new types of online technologies that can be used to influence us," he says. "No dictator anywhere has ever had even a tiny fraction of the power that this company has."

Epstein is also pushing for government to make the Google search index a public commons, which would allow other companies to create competing search platforms using Google's database. While Google's search engine cannot be broken up, its monopoly would be thwarted by forcing it to hand over its index to other search platform developers.

The Influence of Search Suggestions

In 2016, Epstein also discovered the remarkable influence of search suggestions — the suggested searches shown in a drop-down menu when you begin to type a search term. This effect is now known as the search suggestion effect or SSE. Epstein explains:

"Initially the idea was they were going to save you time. That's the way they presented this new feature. They were going to anticipate, based on your history, or based on what other people are searching for, what it is you're looking for so you don't have to type the whole thing. Just click on one of the suggestions. But then it changed into something else. It changed into a tool for manipulation.

In June 2016, a small news organization … discovered that it was virtually impossible to get negative search suggestions related to Hillary Clinton, but easy to get them for other people including Donald Trump. They were very concerned about this because maybe that could influence people somehow.

So, I tried this myself, and I have a wonderful image that I preserved showing this. I typed in 'Hillary Clinton is' on Bing and on Yahoo, and I got those long lists, eight and 10 items, saying, 'Hillary Clinton is the devil. Hillary Clinton is sick' … all negative things that people were actually searching for.

How do I know that? Because we checked Google trends. Google trends shows you what people are actually searching for. Sure enough, people were actually searching for all these negative things related to Hillary Clinton. Those [were] the most popular search terms.

So, we tried it on Google and we got, 'Hillary Clinton is winning, Hillary Clinton is awesome.' Now you check those phrases on Google trends and you find no one is searching for 'Hillary Clinton is awesome.' Nobody. Not one. But that's what they're showing you in their search suggestions.

That again got my research gears running. I started doing experiments because I said, 'Wait a minute, why would they do this? What is the point?' Here's what I found in a series of experiments: Just by manipulating search suggestions, I could turn a 50/50 split among undecided voters into a 90/10 split — with no one having the slightest idea that they've

been manipulated."

YouTube's Up Next Algorithm

YouTube, which is owned by Google, also has enormous influence on public opinion. According to Epstein, 70% of the videos people view on YouTube are suggested by Google's top secret Up Next algorithm, which recommends videos for you to view whenever you're watching a video.

Just like the search suggestions, this is a phenomenally effective ephemeral manipulation tool. There's no record of the videos recommended by the algorithm, yet it can take you down the proverbial rabbit hole by feeding you one video after another.

> *"There are documented cases now in which people have been converted to extreme Islam or to white supremacy, literally because they'd been pulled down a rabbit hole by a sequence of videos on YouTube,"* Epstein says.

> *"Think of that power. Again, it's not powerful for people who already have strong opinions. It's powerful for the people who don't, the people who are vulnerable, the people who are undecided or uncommitted. And that's a lot of people."*

The Creepy Line

Most people now have Amazon Prime. If you are one of those who do, you can watch the following documentary on Prime. It is well worth your time to do so. Epstein and many other experts provide a very compelling overview of the dangers that we discuss in our interview. In my view, this is a must-watch and one to recommend to your friends and family.

A question Epstein raises is, "Who gave this private company, which is not accountable to any of us, the ability to determine what billions of people around the world will see or will not see?"

That is perhaps one of the biggest issues. Epstein and others attempt to answer this question in this documentary, "**The Creepy Line**," which is a direct quote from Google's executive chairman Eric Schmidt.

> *"Traditional media have very serious constraints placed on them, but Google, which is far more penetrating and far more effective at influencing people, has none of these constraints,"* Epstein says.

> *"There are lots of good people in ['The Creepy Line'], lots of good data, and it explains my research very clearly, which is wonderful. It explains my research better than I explain my research. 'The Creepy Line' is available on iTunes and on Amazon. I think it costs $3 or $4 to watch … If you're an Amazon Prime Member it's free [from time to time]. It's an excellent film."*

Google Runs a Total Surveillance State

In his article[3] "Seven Simple Steps Toward Online Privacy," Epstein outlines his recommendations for protecting your privacy while surfing the web, most of which don't cost anything.

> *"My first sentence is 'I have not received a targeted ad on my computer or mobile phone since 2014.' Most people are shocked by that because they're bombarded with targeted ads constantly.*

> *More and more people are telling me that they're just having a conversation with someone, so they're not even doing anything online per se, but their phone is nearby — or they're having a conversation in their home and they have Amazon Alexa or Google Home, these personal assistants — and the next thing they know they start getting targeted ads related to what they were talking about.*

> *This is the surveillance problem … The point is that there are ways to use the internet, tablets and mobile phones, to preserve or protect your privacy, but almost no one does that. So, the fact is that we're now being surveilled 24/7, generally speaking, with no awareness that we're even being surveilled.*

> *Maybe some people are aware that when they do searches on Google the search history is preserved forever … But it goes so far beyond that because now we're being surveilled through personal assistants, so that when we speak, we're being [surveilled].*

> *It goes even beyond that, because a few years ago Google bought the Nest company, which makes a smart thermostat. After they bought the company, they put microphones into the smart thermostats, and the latest versions of the smart thermostats have microphones and cameras.*
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> *Google has been issued patents in recent years, which give them, basically, ownership rights over ways of analyzing sounds that are picked up by microphones in people's homes.*
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> *They can hook you up with dentists, they can hook you up with sex therapists, with mental health services, relationship coaches, et cetera. So, there's that. Location tracking has also gotten completely out of hand. We've learned in recent months that even when you disable location tracking … on your mobile phone, you're still being tracked."*

This is one of the reasons I strongly recommend that you use a VPN on your cellphone and computer, as this will prevent virtually anyone from tracking and targeting you. There are many out there but I am using the one Epstein recommends, Nord VPN, which is only about $3 per month and you can use it on up to six devices. In my view, this is a must if you seek to preserve your privacy.

How Google Tracks You Even When You're Offline

You can learn a lot about a person by tracking their movements and whereabouts. Most of us are very naïve about these things. As explained by Epstein, location tracking technology has become incredibly sophisticated and aggressive.

Android cellphones, for example, which are a Google-owned operating system, can track you even when you're not connected to the internet, whether you have geo tracking enabled or not.

> *"It just gets creepier and creepier,"* Epstein says. *"Let's say you pull out your SIM card. Let's say you disconnect from your mobile service provider, so you're absolutely isolated. You're not connected to the internet. Guess what? Your phone is still tracking everything you do on that phone and it's still tracking your location."*

As soon as you reconnect to the internet, all that information stored in your phone is sent to Google. So, even though you may think you've just spent the day incognito, the moment you reconnect, every step you've made is shared (provided you had your phone with you).

In terms of online tracking, it's also important to realize that Google is tracking your movements online even if you're not using their products, because most websites use Google Analytics, which tracks everything you do on that website. And, you have no way of knowing whether a website uses Google Analytics or not.

Steps to Protect Your Online Privacy

To protect your privacy, Epstein recommends taking the following steps, seven of which are outlined in "**Seven Simple Steps Toward Online Privacy**." The last one, Fitbit, is a more recent concern.

Use a virtual private network (VPN) such as Nord, which is only about $3 per month and can be used on up to six devices. In my view, this is a must if you seek to preserve your privacy. Epstein explains:

> *"When you use your mobile phone, laptop or desktop in the usual way, your identity is very easy for Google and other companies to see. They can see it via your IP address, but more and more, there are much more sophisticated ways now that they know it's you. One is called browser fingerprinting.*
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> *This is something that is so disturbing. Basically, the kind of browser you have and the way you use your browser is like a fingerprint. You use your browser in a unique way, and just by the way you type, these companies now can instantly identify you.*
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> *Brave has some protection against a browser fingerprinting, but you really need to be using a VPN. What a VPN does is it routes whatever you're doing through some other computer somewhere else. It can be anywhere in the world, and there are hundreds of companies offering VPN services. The one I like the best right now is called Nord VPN.*
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> *You download the software, install it, just like you install any software. It's incredibly easy to use. You do not have to be a techie to use Nord, and it shows you a map of the world and you basically just click on a country.*
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> *The VPN basically makes it appear as though your computer is not your computer. It basically creates a kind of fake identity for you, and that's a good thing. Now, very often I will go through Nord's computers in the United States. Sometimes you have to do that, or you can't get certain things done. PayPal doesn't like you to be in a foreign country*

for example."

Nord, when used on your cellphone, will also mask your identity when using apps like Google Maps.

Do not use Gmail, as every email you write is permanently stored. It becomes part of your profile and is used to build digital models of you, which allows them to make predictions about your line of thinking and every want and desire.

Many other older email systems such as AOL and Yahoo are also being used as surveillance platforms in the same way as Gmail. ProtonMail.com, which uses end-to-end encryption, is a great alternative and the basic account is free.

Don't use Google's Chrome browser, as everything you do on there is surveilled, including keystrokes and every web page you've ever visited. Brave is a great alternative that takes privacy seriously.

Brave is also faster than Chrome, and suppresses ads. It's based on Chromium, the same software infrastructure that Chrome is based on, so you can easily transfer your extensions, favorites and bookmarks.

Don't use Google as your search engine, or any extension of Google, such as Bing or Yahoo, both of which draw search results from Google. The same goes for the iPhone's personal assistant Siri, which draws all of its answers from Google.

Alternative search engines suggested by Epstein include SwissCows and Qwant. He recommends avoiding StartPage, as it was recently bought by an aggressive online marketing company, which, like Google, depends on surveillance.

Don't use an Android cellphone, for all the reasons discussed earlier.

Don't use Google Home devices in your house or apartment — These devices record everything that occurs in your home, both speech and sounds such as brushing your teeth and boiling water, even when they appear to be inactive, and send that information back to Google. Android phones are also always listening and recording, as are Google's home thermostat Nest, and Amazon's Alexa.

Clear your cache and cookies — As Epstein explains in his article:[4]

> *"Companies and hackers of all sorts are constantly installing invasive computer code on your computers and mobile devices, mainly to keep an eye on you but sometimes for more nefarious purposes.*
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> *On a mobile device, you can clear out most of this garbage by going to the settings menu of your browser, selecting the 'privacy and security' option and then clicking on the icon that clears your cache and cookies.*
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> *With most laptop and desktop browsers, holding down three keys simultaneously — CTRL, SHIFT and DEL — takes you directly to the relevant menu; I use this technique multiple times a day without even thinking about it. You can also configure the Brave and Firefox browsers to erase your cache and cookies automatically every time you close your browser."*

Don't use Fitbit, as Google purchased it in 2021, a move that will provide them with all your physiological information and activity levels, in addition to everything else that Google already has on you.

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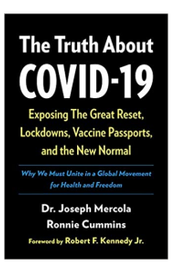

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It seems that in the US, and many other countries, the era of the free market capitalist system is being left behind, and the neofeudalism of algorithms is taking place, where power is concentrated in the great oligarchies, large business groups, such as Google. These oligarchies dictate who are the governments that are most interested in supporting, for their own benefit, and of the whole plot that supports Google. This system is neofeudal, because those who do not belong to the elites do not have a real voice in the public sphere, and the ownership of productive capital is indirectly suppressed by the corporate state duopoly. A neofeudalism, of transfer of political and economic power of the people, which elects its rulers, to a new machine that decides the thoughts and decisions of the people. We need more critical spirit, to reject this corrupt domain.

Mergers and acquisitions are consolidating the position of the oligarchs, and that is where a new world order governed by elitist and plutocratic sectors. It is our responsibility, that of the citizens, to demand from our politicians, that they take the necessary measures so that society does not become a neofeudalism, in which the oligopolies have all the technology, and the rest depend on their will. The fault will never be of the machines, but of the minds that dominate them.

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Vance Packard shook American public opinion with a book entitled "The Hidden Persuaders", which despite the time elapsed and the campaign of discredit to which it has been submitted by the great powers, is valid among the strategists of consumerism in the media of mass communication In the book it deals with the efforts that, on a large scale and with impressive success, are made to channel our decisions as buyers, as well as our mental processes, through the use of knowledge extracted from psychiatry and social sciences.

Efforts are usually applied on a plane that escapes our conscience, so that the incitements are frequently and in a sense 'hidden', which means that many of us are influenced and manipulated to a greater extent than We realize. Social engineering, modified our consumption habits and also our values and political mentality. The individual will thus become a consumer not only of products and services but also of political parties and leaders. Thus the ideological discourse is deprived of rationality and will become a slogan. This speech is used by the tobacco industry, vaccination, Roundup, etc. and now it is used to promote monopolies like Google.

The current reality is that corrupt economic forces formed by capitalist philanthropists and the governments of the most powerful nations are dragging the world on the paths of service to their interests. In addition, we speak of leaders influenced by their lobbyists, who have to reconcile numerous interests, and who often do not make the service decisions to the citizens who brought them to power. The big monopolies have ended up making corrupt compromises with the agents with government entities, destroying those who could assume some form of minimal competition.

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Outstanding post Gui, very well put. It's bad enough we have to deal with idiots, but now we have to constantly figure out how to get around Artificial Idiots. With corruption being the first place to start. It doesn't seem to matter much what layer of society or the institution, (public or private,) it's corruption, greed, I, Me, Mine, I got mine -what is your problem, nothing matters but status, money, power & control, it's becoming rulers of a dying world. Don't feed the greed - start building when and where you can, as much as you can. Seek out others who can you can work with to heal the Pillars of Life. There is nothing to fight, burn or tear down as it is all collapsing of it's own corrupt weight. It won't be long before the power elite begin to fight amongst themselves as the most dominate among them believe they and their loyal court support system should wear the crown. If we sucker into their destruction, we burn up valuable blood, sweat, tears, what resources we have & our own life force we could be using to engage in the many positive life enhancing tools Doc & others have shared with us.

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hi Gui and steve - Big Brother is not a fantasy of an English author called George Orwell - Big Brother is the Collective Consciousness of the BRAIN DEAD but still breathing viewers of TELEVISION - the SCREEN was the conduit that Orwell prophesied that all CONSCIOUSNESS would be channeled through - Brin and Page grew up in this milieu of surreptitious propaganda maximized by subliminal exposures in advertising and editorial merchandising - schools educate against personal objectivity and instead Pavlovian methodology is transferred from dogs to human beings -

children are taught to submit and obey and NEVER to apply logical inferences that are NOT part of the Program - the Program which Brin and Page comply with is the SUPERIORITY of those that are superior MANIPULATORS - first we had Junk Food and now we have Junk Science and Junk Knowledge - the highest point of human evolution is the development of human intelligence - the manipulation of human thought is thc death knell of human intelligence - the Age of Surveillance will become the Age of Superficiality as the Collective Consciousness salivates when Pavlov rings his bell as the conditioned response of the Chimes of Google

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Krofter

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Guillermou, js, stan - All of you, well said. Neofuedalism - a very appropriate term. Dr. Mercola has used the term technofascists to describe the likes of google - another appropriate term. The manipulation of society by the powers that be has been a problem since the first organized religions began to manipulate local populations thousands of years ago. Ever since we left behind our solid connection to the earth and its plant and animal phsychotropic guides, everything has gone downhill. The further we remove ourselves from our ancient connections to the earth and its inherent guides, the more trouble we get into. Technology can have a place, but once we let technology usurp those connections, we fall prey to becoming a doomed civilization.

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Great Points Guillermou and everyone. (Gui: The Hidden Persuaders has been on my list for awhile; thanks for the reminder.) Now add in the fact that they want things moving toward 5G/Internet-of-Things AND micro-chip implants... i.e. they already control the internet, but now they want you INSIDE the internet (I.O.T.) and they want the internet inside of you, literally (e.g. Elon Musk's NueraLink), and it should be clear to anyone with a few brain cells still operating just what level of techno-tyranny we're talking about. "Culture" "journalism," "education" etc. have been creating just the type of zombies willing to blindly march into this dystopian nightmare.

With all of that said, we still have the power within ourselves--we are the miracles endowed with Consciousness and Intelligence, but rather than taking that for granted, using them as means to lesser goals, they must now be the full focus of our attention and work. By the perennial standard of Consciousness, Elon Musk, Ray Kurzweil, and their ilk are incalculably regressed from the anonymous person who scratched "Know Thyself" into the stones of Delphi millennia ago.

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axkershaw

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The answers are simple but politically difficult .People forget that most of the technology has been funded by taxpayers and govt world wide. The transisitor was developed in Bell Labs, a private monopoly that had a guaranteed profit margin so it could do research and make a direct profit from those expenditures. Essentially a tax on AT&T users. England funds support for electronic communication with a direct tax on devices thus viewers of BBC are not captive to advertizers or at least weren't in the past.

A tax on computers and other devices could be used to provide similar ad free service on servers that by law could be free of government surveiilance. Simple to do difficult to accomplish politcally. Money is not what motivates the .00001% it is control. The .00001% are psychopathic. That is the clearest explanation of their behavior. What frightens them most is the idea that the 99% will awaken and take back their power. Sort of like plantation owners afraid of slave revolts. The .00001% do not want the 99% to realize that they are virtual slaves.

True wealth lies in the control of land, labor and resources. The .00001% can create almost infinite amount of money from the Cloud ala 2007-2009 crisis. The Bolivian coup was because the lithium was nationalized. Immediately it was privatized. The next central control mechanism will be EVs and their infrastructure. Lithium is key to that as well as electronic devices. The past and current key to control is oil and the petrodollar. In this video you see that European royalty used banking and oil to take back their natural heritage the devine right of kings and then welcomed John D. into the banksters' secret society. articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2016/01/16/how-oil-industr.. The legal notion that corporations are people and that the execs are protected from personal liability has to be removed. Hopefully through democratic means else it will take the collapse of civilization.

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Guillermou

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JUST, thank you, your expressions are praiseworthy. Very ingenious but very sad, yes, idiots in a decadent society, and very clever idiots like Sycamore, a quantum system cited by RANDALL, in which Google, supports all its strategy, mastery of idiots market. Winston Churchill anticipated the idea: "the crowds remain sunk in ignorance of the simplest economic facts, and their leaders, when asked for their votes, dare not disappoint them." Then will come the deception and submission to the oligarchic power.

The oligarchy has become very strong, and mergers are made at the convenience, to achieve the greatest, in this globalized world. Small businesses suffer, and in the end they are enslaved, to the power of large elites. The judiciary is often at the service of these powers, and if a push is needed, the monopolies have great lawyers, so that the damage to their wealth is minimal, and they continue to coin more money in the fiscale paradise. Winters argues that the key to the oligarchy is that a group of elites have enough material resources to spend on securing their status and interests. He calls this "defense of wealth," and divides it into two categories. "Property defense" implies protection of existing property: in the old days this meant building castles and walls, today it implies the rule of law. "Defense of income" refers to protecting profits, in our time, It means advocating reduced taxes.

The challenge of observing how the oligarchy operates, says Winters, is that we do not normally think of the domain of politics and that of economics as something merged. At its core, the oligarchy involves concentrating economic power and using it for political purposes. Democracy becomes vulnerable to the oligarchy, because elites, prioritize their own economic benefits and do not seem vulnerable to growing economic inequality.

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STAN, you are a very cultured person in reading and with a very realistic philosophy. Eric Arthur Blair (George Orwell), in "farm revolt" exposes an analysis of the corruption that may arise after any acquisition of power, absolute tyranny. This is the current policy that governments of the great nations: totalitarian leaders characterized by instilling a policy of fear and extreme reverence for their own egos, educating the population through a government propaganda, intensive in collectivist values, where thinking individually Seen as a betrayal of society.

In his fascinating and insightful book, Classical Greek Oligarchy, Matthew Simonton takes us back to the ancient world, in which the term oligarchy was coined. One of the primary threats was that the oligarchs should be divided, and that someone among their ranks deserted, put themselves in front of the people and demolish the oligarchy.

To prevent this from happening, the elites of ancient Greece developed institutions and practices to stay together. Among other things, they passed sumptuary laws, and used secret voting and consensus building practices to guarantee their decisions. Although Larry Page and Sergey Brin, left their positions at the helm of Alphabet, the parent company of the technology giant, have left a legacy of increasing power and constituted as in ancient Greece a great oligarchy, represented by a neofeudalism of algorithms. We need Orwell, with good intention, as a combat in Spain with the idea of "eliminating fascists because someone must do it."

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KROFTER, Tecnofascistas and Neofuedalismo are very appropriate terms, for this decadent society, and governed by the system of Google algorithms, which do not respect people, because people do not even respect themselves This is taken advantage of, by the strong tendency towards deregulation of the US government, adopted in varying degrees by the two political parties, it is much more consistent with the preferences and interests of elites, and economic groups than with ordinary citizens. and currents.

"The government of the rich, for the rich and for the rich," is the reality, and is the substitution for "people" in the well-known phrase of Abraham Lincoln, for those who have real power in the United States, and gives an exact idea of how American politics and society work.As an example, a study carried out by Martin Gilens, of Princeton University, and Benjamin I. Page, of Northwestern University, found that elites always make better stops than the middle class in political decision making. It is what has happened in Spain, that while the elite became richer, the middle class went on to swell the ranks of the poor.

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DARZOUM Also great points of your comment. You have said it very well: tyranny in all systems of power, information and culture. "Know yourself inscribed in the pronaos of the temple of Apollo in Delphi," and I would add know others, for the political class and the oligarchies that dominate it, it does not seem to be inscribed in people's minds. Elon Musk, or Ray Kurzweil) trust that bioengineering, the expansion of individuals through digital media will change this society. It seems a prophecy that "transhumanism", the project to modify people through any emerging science, and "posthumanism", which represents the extinction of the common subject, to reach a special entity. with exceptional characteristics, which would place it above the rest of the creatures. If people are being aligned to a transformation, and predestined to be commanded by bioengineering, robotics, or intelligent computer systems, they will decide what people should do, so that welfare is crushed, by the power of corrupt oligarchies.

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AXKERSHAW, thanks for your thoughts. The German Byung-Chul Han, published a book about power. It constituted the compendium and analysis of what great thinkers, from Hegel or Nietzsche, to Hannah Arendt or Habermas, thought about it. They seemed to coincide in two fundamental facts: power is at the base of all social relations and is always exercised over others, but in the name of others. As it tends to go on, both in time and space, its condition is extraordinarily expansive. Not only in the traditional distinction between the powers of government, but in regard to other social powers, such as economic or communication. Populist movements and leaders are the ones who understand these profiles best, and who most accurately try to seize the rest of the powers, with which they compete. But this domain is nothing but a disease of democracy, which affects to a different degree, all those who exercise power.

Our ancestors, already competing for the territories, where the chances of survival were greater, began to form clans, which grouped members of different families, in their eagerness to conquer the areas, where hunting was more abundant, until arriving , to be the strongest, and subdue others. In this way, we find the statement of Lord Acton, in his well-known aphorism "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Because of this, the elites create great oligarchies, to be able to make and disappear at will. What are you looking for? Fame, money, making decisions, which are favorable. They are not crazy, they know very well what they do, but they can enter a vicious circle of paranoia, which leads them to human ruin, but with a lot of power and money. It may happen, that power is one of the causes of why man feels dissatisfied, unhappy in his life, having to subjugate another person, to feel superior. Oil, electric cars, etc., are the means to seize more power, and everything continues in a vicious circle..

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Martix

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Amusing ourselves to "death"; Public discourse in the age of "show business"....All that is left to Amerika is banality and self-delusion and according to Paul Coetho "Necessity is the plea for every infringements of Human Freedom, it is the argument of Tyrants, it is the creed of Slaves"

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Yes, MARTIX, In this supposedly rich world, the law of the jungle prevails, the law of the strongest, save who can. That powerful world hides behind fortresses and walls. He needs them to feel safe. The hard hand with the weak begins to be the norm of behavior among the strong. There is a lack of global empathy. We are not talking about dictatorships, but about countries with constitutions full of beautiful words: democracy, freedom, equality, progress, in the end it is all a hoax, it is the path of the oligarchies to achieve their purposes of power and wealth. "Representative government is artifice, a political myth, designed to conceal from the masses the dominance of a self-selected, self-perpetuating, and self-serving traditional ruling class."— Giuseppe Prezzolini

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frecely

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Excellent postings Guillermo! I have to read it again and again along with the other ones. My questions, What is the purpose of humans in this planet? are we designed to destroy our planet and our lives in the name of "money and power"? What else those in power will acquire with billions?... more and more materialistic means? What happened with spirituality and higher levels of consciousness? How come the bad and evil can prevail over virtue? What drives those minds?... After all, every creature in this planet will be gone at some point; what the rich and powerful will take with them when they die?... Nothing! This planet earth is our temporary shelter.

Unfortunately, ignorance, vulnerability and being careless allow those on top to manipulate the rest. It is scary how the most vulnerable; children and teenagers are "idiotized" by technology, literally some can not function without their cell phone. I can see it every day in the classrooms. Now the norm at school is to use google chrome books; kids are brain washed since early age. Guillermo you stated "The fault will never be of the machine, but of the minds that dominated them" and one thing for sure is that the majority of people allow to be dominated, they do not see beyond what they are offered, no questioning; what is the purpose of it? what do I need it for? Do I really need it? is it essential for my life or the life of my friends family?...etc. Consumer and "consumism" is a plague now days "the more the merrier" "more is better"... There is not critical thinking anymore. we need to teach our kids how to THINK judiciously, carefully and not allow someone else to think for them. How? well, everything begins at home...parents, it is time to Think judiciously...we can do it! hopefully.

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Guillermou

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FRECELY, nice to see your comment this morning !!!. You are a restless person, who seeks ethical and moral values in life, values that the masses seem to despise in order to blindly applaud totalitarian leaders. Edward L. Bernays, Sigmund Freud's nephew and one of pioneers in the study of mass psychology, wrote in his book Propaganda, "Indeed, the deliberate manipulation of the opinions of the masses, is presented in democratic societies. When our minds are molded, our ideas are suggested, largely by men who are in the networks of the oligarchy. In another of his books, "Crystallizing public opinion", unravels the brain mechanisms of the group and the influence of propaganda as a method to unify their thinking. Thus, according to his words "the group's mind does not think, in the strict sense of the word. Instead of thoughts he has impulses, habits and emotions. This is one of the principles most firmly established by mass psychology. "

If, frecely, in the current dominant system Western societies would use the invisible dictatorship of compulsive consumerism of material goods, to transform it into an uncritical, fearful and conformist being who will inevitably swell the ranks of a homogeneous, uniform and easily manipulated society by Mass manipulation techniques. The German sociologist and philosopher Herbert Marcuse, in his book "Unidimensional Man, says" the basic function of the media is to develop pseudonecesities of goods and services manufactured by giant corporations, tying individuals to the car of consumption and political passivity " . The leaders of power metamorphose into a Presidential leader with clear totalitarian dyes, which confirms the aphorism of Lord Acton "Power tends to corrupt and absolute Power corrupts absolutely."... A big hug. GUI

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librophile

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I read my mother's copy of Vance Packard's The Hidden Persuaders at age 12. At age 13, I decided to stop watching television. I've never owned a TV set although I have seen programs on TV sets of others. "They" tried pandemics with Bird Flu, Swine Flu,

H1N1, SARS, etc etc, with little to no success. This time, "they" locked down television first. The test? The subliminal message "Buy Toilet Paper." When "they" saw that worked, "they" knew they had us by the short hairs. How could "they" lock down television? Well, what percentage of ads are for pharmaceutical products?

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Guillermou

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Yes, bookphile, Vance Packard was the first American thinker to denounce mental and psychological manipulation techniques with his book The Hidden Persuaders. He placed special emphasis on the new methods of mental manipulation introduced by television such as subliminal messages. The Zombie world is easily dominated by deceptive Pharma advertising. Bear in mind that the United States and New Zealand were the countries that authorized television commercials for prescription drugs in 1997. Corruption increases with the power of money. Globalization has allowed it to maximize its benefits since they buy raw materials in countries where they are cheapest (developing countries), set up their factories where working conditions are most advantageous, and sell their products mainly in countries where the population has greater purchasing power and health services are more developed.

The advertising comes in preference to older people are those who watch the evening news, where one pharmaceutical ad after another is passed. Pharmacists know that chronic diseases are good business. The terrible thing is that the advertising investment of the industry is still far from what Pharma spends on the doctors who prescribe their products. Manufacturers of medicines and medical devices pay astronomical amounts to doctors and hospitals in subsidies, fees and royalties.

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Almond

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Once upon a time, people minded their own business... Short of a few poorly-regarded gossips, people had enough to do with just managing their own lives. I just can't see any way I will keep a computer forever. It is getting to be too cumbersome and burdensome. I manage without a cell phone. When the phone does ring (I know what hours marketers are most likely to call), I may not answer it. -BECAUSE, I pay for the phone and it is for my convenience--not theirs! We are seeing a new extreme of discourtesy with pop-up ads, marketing phone calls and things of this sort. They assume you are at their beck and call and your time has no value. Like slavery, they see your very existence as a reason to serve their needs. I am starting to ask how much technology I really need in my life... how much adds to my standard of living and makes me happy.

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UnFoodCop

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I can imagine a utopian place where folks like you (and me, if I can place myself into the same category) would live happy, contented lives growing, gathering and sharing our food, building homes and barns together in an environment with clean air, soil and water. Doing meaningful work that strengthens our bodies and minds. AAAhhhh...

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SpiceOddity

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If I had no computer, no smart phone, no tablet--what could I do instead with the time I now waste on those electronic devices? The possibilities are endless. My mental health would be greatly enhanced, as well, LOL!

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SpiceOddity
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UnFoodCop, I have the same thought almost daily. From Robert F. Kennedy: "Some men see things as they are, and say why. I dream of things that never were, and say why not."

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forbiddenhealing
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Swaying votes is irrelevant since the only choices are made members of a corrupt empire, and the media if not a force for insanity through endless absurd contradictions is simply an artificial drama to entertain/entrain the throng.....and prevent open rebellion.

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Guillermou
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Yes, RANDALL, we are in the domain of corrupt empires. Plato believed that a political community must be small in order to be "consistent with unity" among its members. Aristotle noted that "all cities that have a reputation for good governance have a population limit." Jean-Jacques Rousseau said that a democratic government presupposes "a very small community, where people can easily meet and where every citizen can easily meet everyone else," while, on the contrary, "the larger a country, minor is freedom. " In large states and complex societies, the modern formula of representative government behaved, the classical aristocracy. In this area, the domain of the elect over the electors is developed, with almost unlimited power.

In large liberal states, with complex societies and difficult problems, direct and participatory democracy degenerates into demagogy, as we see in the presidential elections of a given country. In the present times the representative government has degenerated into oligarchy. The incompetent masses choose the only thing that seems to be available to the demagogy government, presided over by the oligarchy. Yes, we are in the domain of corrupt empires

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rrealrose
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Hi Gui, Its way worse here than what you describe. We have state representatives from large land area states with very small populations, that in the US Senate, carry equal weight to large population states with smaller land areas. All the states have the same number of Senators. The System here is all messed up, because these inequities are becoming more and more obvious, yet the US Congress appears helpless to do anything about it (for more than 35 years now)...

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Yes, ROSE, it also happens in Spain, although in this case, it is for support to the central governments, which even allows the corruption of the leaders of these communities, for the own interest of the alliance agreed. For example, less than a month ago a new government has been designated, and has been supported by several communities, which have achieved strong economic assets, creating inequality with other communities not integrated into the pact. These aspects come to light continuously, by independent investigative journalism, I think Planton and Aristotle are framed in a nascent town, where corruption is not so developed in people, and control was less subject to corruption. Corruption today is dangerously contagious, it is a macrovirus, which affects those who have power, and those who are oppressed by power, even if they do not have the tools to develop

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Novo Ordo Seclorum (New Secular Order) for the Illuminati Secret Society, based on the teachings of Talmud and about voting????
The frog boiled slowly.....We'll keep you hoping !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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cwunder
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@rrealrose . If you're referring to the Electoral College, it must be preserved. If not, NYC, LA, SF, control the outcome of elections, and middle America, the "flyover" area would not have a vote.

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forbiddenhealing

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Moral of Story; Trust no media information, no university credentialed expert and no political doublespeak where what they say is always backwards/upsidedown and edge-on sideways. Watch for blame shifting in the twilight zone between true cause and apparent effect...When "everyone" buys into the narrative realize the fixx is in, expect reinforcing peer pressure.

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healthfreedomfighter

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People are manipulated because they have no critical thinking skills. Logic is not taught in schools, rarely studied in universities. Most people can't even identify the arguments in the discourse handing them conclusions, let alone know when those arguments are unproven.

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human4life

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I am wondering if anyone can give me some advice: I'm getting a new Apple laptop and do not want to install anything Microsoft. I use Brave browser and have protonmail VPN. Any suggestions on software to substitute for Word and Excel?

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ragus

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Try https://www.libreoffice.org/ -- and if you want another operating system at some point, check out https://linuxmint.com/ . It is possible to install Linux on Apple laptops: https://markosaric.com/linux/

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Save Our Freedom

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For the Windows users out there. If you have Chrome installed, not only is simply not using it not the best option, but uninstalling it thru the normal methods will still leave it's tentacles on your system, consisting of three Google Services and 2 Google Scheduled Tasks. To thoroughly remove it, use an uninstall utility like Revo Unstaller. The Free Portable works fine and you won't be installing any additional software on your computer. When you get to the appropriate screen, choose "Advanced" and delete what remains.
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juststeve

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A long story made short, a mental mafia making self regulating perception slaves.

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Guillermou

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Yes, Just, his words are very significant. A crime against personal and collective ethics, against free thinking. To understand the speed of the advancement of computer processing power, we need to understand Moore's Law, which states that the number of chips in an integrated circuit doubles approximately every 18 months. This trend has been in force for more than 40 years and is expected to last the next 20 to 40 years.

When this power is used to dominate political power, publicity, propaganda, social engineering, whatever it is called, this activity not only modified our consumption habits but also our values and political mentality.... The individual will thus become a consumer not only of products and services but also of political parties and leaders. Thus the ideological discourse is deprived of rationality and will become a slogan. This speech is used by the tobacco industry, vaccination, Roundup, etc. and now it is used to promote monopolies like Google that want to govern the destiny of humanity.

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imnaha

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Matrix, the movie was NOT a work of fiction. What we all seem to be railing against here is the attempt by certain powers seen and unseen to erase that spark in human animals which can connect us to our higher selves even while still existing on this physical plane. We are in a battle between the materialists and those who perceive that we are spiritual beings having human experiences.

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kid1483

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It's a lot more than privacy or finding information / knowledge, to me most important is knowing what other communities are doing in 'unpopular' situations. Dr. Mercola is so right. If you do a search on "Global No 5G Day", which was yesterday...you can't find much of anything and not until many pages in. I KNOW there were a huge amount of communities actively letting their displeasure at being radiation 24/7 by cell antenna, yet we heard nothing about it on media. Who owns this country? Anne Mills

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Karolina99

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Hmm, I searched right away using Brave Browser, and plenty of websites popped out with your mentioned phrase.

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Kithara

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Fascinating interview and research by Dr. Epstein. Kudos to Dr. Mercola for making it available. While I have some questions about the methodology, such as controlling for conspiracy theories propagated on other social media platforms, this is vital research on an unprecedented and existential challenge to human existence. Ironically, the NY Times today published an op-ed on this very subject in which the author notes quite succinctly that "We thought that we search Google, but now we understand that Google searches us."

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"Believe half of what you see and nothing of what you hear." Good advice from the mid-eighteen hundreds. Today it is best to believe nothing you see, hear or read from any source. Often the exact opposite is true. Everyone has a bias, an agenda, a world view and will use whatever platform they may have to promote it. A half truth is often as bad as a lie. Universal Groupthink is the goal. Not there yet.

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A very interesting and very useful article. Thank you, Dr. Mercola! I have found myself muttering to myself with increasing frequency, "I hate Google." My feelings have mostly derived from the general category of "how they have ruined the internet." If you have been engaged with using the internet from its earlier days, you are aware of the changes that have occurred in very recent years, largely due to Federal law/policy/regulation changes and, like most things in contemporary America, corporate interests now prevail. The internet was such a grand idea, especially in its potential for ordinary humans' use of it for information and research. The changes that have become overwhelmingly apparent in recent years have changed that lovely potential dramatically. It's mostly now a gigantic shopping mall, and an unreliable one at that. Anyway, thank you again, Dr. Mercola for the good information.

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Every time communications technology has improved, people have found ways to use it to manipulate public opinion. I'm too young to remember the infancy of radio, but I watched television evolve since the 1950s, and saw the growth of the internet and all the media it opened up. When I was young, I read several newspapers, and watched the news on all three networks. I had friends and family that "only trusted CBS" (or ABC, or NBC) as their news source, or a certain newspaper. Now we have Dr. Epstein saying "We got … a shift of 48%" in voter preferences influenced by Google. Is it true that nearly half of the voting populace in the United States cannot figure out how to get their news from multiple sources? I read from at least six different sources if I find something questionable, and two of those sources are VPN connections to servers overseas. When I managed electronic firms in the 1990s and into the turn of the millennium, I gave potential clients my website address, rather than telling them to search for us. If a search engine wouldn't find us, a direct connection to our website still worked.

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Jackaroni
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Good for you! I have tried to teach my kids to question everything they hear, even if it is from me. I was so pleased to recently hear my teenage son question someone by asking where they got their information from.

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lin3741
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You're better than me, I don't watch or pay attention to any "news" lol!

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svmeyer
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Very effective tool, I have to agree. Only for the weak of mind. Unfortunately, there are indeed a great number of weak of mind in this country and throughout the world.

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Guillermou
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Yes, svmeyer, we need more trained minds, more developed in a critical thinking, to prevent the great elites, through intelligent algorithms, who decide for us, to take this humanity to oligarchies where the power of the elites is reinforced, while people and the ecosystem, suffer the domain of corruption

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In the same box we are told not to use android phones and that Epstein uses a Blackberry and recommends the new Blackberry key3. I just looked into the new Blackberry key3. Guess what? It runs on android. Huh?

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A few days back I had my laptop on listening to music on you tube while I was taking a shower. As I was drying off an ad came up advertising a shower soap. Bastards! I long ago took many of the steps recommended in this article; I use proton email, use duckduckgo as my search engine, have Firefox set to clear the cache after I shut it down, never use google search, don't have chrome and don't own a cell phone. But I do use youtube a lot - it's where all the UFC fights are, it.s where Joe Rogan is, it's where Erins interview with RFK jr is.... Wish there was something better in that regard.

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Indie4ever

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Ditto. I stopped using Firefox and now use Epic Privacy Privacy Browser (suggested by Dr. Mercola a couple of years ago). It blocks all marketers, and there are a lot of them. I also still use Duckduckgo. Your shower story was funny. I also like YouTube, but haven't joined it. Not sure how all of that works, but noticed a log-in in the upper right-hand corner, which I ignore.

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stepvda

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I still feel like at the very least the amount or effectiveness of manipulation by companies like Google should correlate with the amount of fear, anxiety we generate within ourselves. Switching away from email systems, browsers and so on might often do exactly that, confirm and increase our own fear which in turn makes us more susceptible to whatever search results or the tricks are trying to make us think and do. It's been my life motto for quiet some time now, but credit's due with author Frank Herbert: "Fear is the mindkiller".

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ianmac

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I was interested to see that Google doesn't have a support department. I suspected it - they keep sending you around in circles. They closed my Adsense account and kept me going around in circles when I tried to find out why.

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Gwyncann

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Imagine if no one voted for The Overlords. Self sovereignty.

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moach1

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it's been known for a very long time, almost from the very beginning of their existence, that in order to have an exposure to your website, you need to use AdWords, meaning to PAY the Mo...s. CUT your ties with Gmail. Use Tutanota, ProtonMail..and others who are all in Germany and Norway (RunBox.com). I use Tutanota, free version which has more than enough space for your emails. To get more, it costs only just about $20/yr. if I'm not mistaken. Yes, I use Brave browser(on Mac) too in addition to Safari. After what Epstein told us, I'm going to cut the remaining of my emails from Gmail and close my G. account. Google = Crime Cartel Mafia.

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DawnieR

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It's amazing that in the year 2022, people are STILL using the CIA's google 'things'!

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Rovatec

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Stan, Steve and Gui - i agree - part way through the communist manifesto by Marx (written in 1848) and noticed too glaring points - infiltrate election candidates to give semblance of democracy and capture the kids. This is going on in our schools now.

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MMaster

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I have my computer set up so that there is a bar at the bottom of the screen that shows what web site is being accessed. It shows me when it is accessing Google Analytics.

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Reality has not yet sunk in for many people. How do I know this? They believe they can still afford to be wasteful...

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Perhaps some readers will find useful ideas in all of this here are some things I am doing to insure an adequate food supply. For the first time, I am canning potatoes. I will also put potatoes into cold storage. This will be in addition to the parboiled Jerusalem Artichokes I freeze and the rice, quinoa and other grains I have stored. I am juicing apples, making applesauce, drying apple slices and putting apples into cold storage. You can also make fruit leather. I am just about done with wild berries. I will not make wine this year (have a full cellar aging), so will turn our smaller crop to grape juice concentrate using my large Old Country' steamer juicer.

(Much more efficient for large batches than newer models.) When I use PINT jars and keep everything hot and sterile, no processing is required. Add 2 (-3) jars of water and sweeten to reconstitute. I have an abundance of blackberries and blueberries in the freezer and have been juicing them for a concentrate as well. In addition to this year's apple juice--and last year's tomato juice and rhubarb-citrus punch that I will carry over. At harvest time, think about (canning) making food gift baskets for Christmas. Later, wreaths. Save apple peelings to make vinegar. Test for 5% acidity if you want to use I for canning, though.

Stock up on white vinegar for cleaning and sterilizing. Make a vegetarian soup stock by simmering trimmings from carrots, celery and onion. Strain and season. Also, bone broth as soup stock. As a basis for soup—bone broth, any tomato product watered down, homemade miso, vegetarian soup stock, milk soups and "cream of" soups. One of my favorite spring soups is milk soup with fresh garden peas, butter, salt and pepper. Heat through, but do not boil. You can make a cream-of soup from anything—even chopped spinach. Make onion soup in spring when cold storage onions are no longer keeping well. -continued-

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-continued- During times of uncertainty—store milk powder, evaporated milk, sweetened condensed milk. Ask hunters and farmers to save you organ meats, long bones and fat from a hog when they slaughter if they will not be using it themselves. Get it fresh and you can clean it up, cut&wrap for the freezer yourself. Or, can it. Substitute celery seed for celery, which may be rotten or expensive by winter. Store bulk seed purchase in a glass jar. Use a tea ball to make a celery tea for use in soups, etc., where you do not want the whole seed. I did not have extra loveage to freeze this year. However, loveage is a wonderful celery substitute to grow.

Some grains, flours and legumes can be preserved by many years with oven canning. (direction online) If you have stored flour or grind grain and there is no more pasta, you can make noodles, drepsleys or dumplings. You can cook cornmeal thick like polenta to put under a stew or sauce. Put a scoop of mashed potatoes in a soup bowl and pour tomato soup over kids love "volcano soup". There are many recipes for egg substitutes in basic recipes if you do not have eggs. (You will not be able to make an angel food cake, though!) Even if you do keep poultry, you may have difficulty getting good feed if you do not raise your own of have enough food scraps.

(Ducks may be more efficient feed converters.) Consider what you can eat for breakfast if you do not have eggs. (Or dairy.) Cornmeal mush, cream of rice or other grains (can grind it yourself), oatmeal, fruit, cooked rice/grains tossed with fruit. Leftovers

from supper. Egg-free pancake recipes. Beans and tortillas. Home-dried prunes are delicious and keep many years. Homemade "breads" and jam. If you have animals, think about what you can feed them. Next year, I may consider making sileage for deer—see if they like that as well as apples. Stock up on imported spices and cocoa. -continued-

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-continued- Store tomato products. Even if you only can plain tomatoes. They can be used in many ways—pasta sauce, pizza sauce, soups, etc. Thicken them and use as you would tomato sauce. Dehydrated vegetable powders (tomato, etc.) can be reconstituted. Save heirloom garden seed for your climate and growing conditions. if no fertilizer, figure out what you can use to compost heavily. Frozen fruit is the best for juicing. Use any leftovers from last year's fruit to make wine, juice concentrate or berry vinegars.

To save money, make your own salad dressings. A vinaigrette is as easy as it gets. Vary the basic recipe by adding one of the following—a bit of prepared mustard, a spoonful of catsup, minced herbs, etc. Stretch bread recipes by substituting a cup of pureed squash for flour and reducing liquid ingredients. I have an excellent recipe for squash cornbread. (Look online?) Instead of flour or cornstarch to thicken soups and sauces, use any mashed or smoothly pureed starchy vegetable-potato, sweet potato, squash, carrot, etc.

Ground sunflower seed is a bit chunky, but lovely for stews. After your garden dies back or in early spring You can make a weed salad by chopping greens, as if for cole slaw, adding chopped weeds, a shaved and chopped carrot, some onion, a bit of shredded cabbage if you have it and tossing with vinaigrette ingredients. Chickweed, purslane, tender inner dandelion leaves, etc. much more palatable than brown lettuce. Grow sprouts or microgreens indoors over the winter.

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CocoaCin

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This goes along with Yahoo news stopping all comments on their articles in the US, this affects our rights as to free speech and expression. But what I found is if I log into my VPN and appear to be in another country those same articles are available for comment.

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One more reason to avoid travel to California or evacuate. This is just the beginning. www.youtube.com/watch it is not just about the environment. So much of the nation's food supply is produced in California. This is one more nail in the coffin of food production leading to starvation. it will also limit freedom of travel. how can it be more efficient to take 27 loads of produce to market in a small truck rather than one big semi? Esp. since tires and batteries need frequent replacement. Nice to have land under your feet. Large acreage is good for hunting and grazing, but a small acreage may be more manageable for many home gardeners and orchardists. The goal is total control of your life and decision-making.

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I propose search companies be declared like utility companies and controlled as such like electric and/or water because they are so VITAL to us now. Cannot be left in the hands of private companies. Since it's like a dictator never before we need to do something never before.

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Since this article was originally published in 5/20 I've been banned on all google platforms. They were using a word tracking program and caught me questioning the jabs and the pandemic in some emails because of my Substack site - secularheretic.substack.com I was foolish to keep using my gmail account while I also had protonmail. I'm now banned on youtube and all other google platforms. Anyone still using gmail, beware!

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Only those who know the truth can lie. Google started as the ultimate truth machine and has now ascended to become the ultimate liar.

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First things first, 90+% of the incumbents in Washington need to go. We haven't had voter representation in decades. Moneyed interests control legislation. (But yes, there should not be any search engine manipulation.) We need a master reset of the system, independently non-partisan run elections, accountability, and public visibility to all funding and back room deals, someway and somehow.

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JeanE.S.
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Google has censured email that I wished to send to two friends. The material was an article in Dr. Mercola's ad/column. They stopped the emails from going through. They said (Google) that I had to send by a different route. I tried but they blocked that also. A little while later I went Dr. Mercola's column and the headlines were still there but the content was wiped clean. There was just white space where the article had been. Hours later the content was replaced. And yeah, Chrome is now doing strange things. It's a different world. We're living in blatant censorship.

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Subliminal advertising on steroids! "Work together for the greater good" has turned into "trick people into thinking you're doing something good", "trick people" into thinking you're helping them (can you say the entire medical establishment), "manipulate people" into thinking a certain way. Wow, so much wasted psychology!! If only people used their talents for actually doing some GOOD! Everything from day one to teach CHILDREN that what's right and good is now wrong and vice versa, teaching them NOT to think when it should be the opposite. Everything smoke and mirrors from buying a car to going to your own doctor, and sadly even casting your vote. "Reality" no longer exists nor does REAL science. People just USING the word science but it's just more trickery. All of Media making evil doings sound saintly and happy. Everything is trickery, bribery and deception. Everyone selling out to the one with the most money. Doesn't matter if gates, fauchi and Schwab all died in the same plane crash tomorrow, there are thousands of others in line to take their place. So glad im old.

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SaritaSarah
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And use proton mail and duck duck go. These nasty and vile people.

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Gwyncann
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I have never used a drop down menu suggestion. Even if I mistype a word I go back and correct my spelling. I have also disabled spell check. As my mother always replied when asked how to spell a word, "Go look it up in the dictionary". Interestingly, my search terms are significantly individual and I rarely see a suggestion that matches. As for voting, well, my conscience has never allowed me to hand over my autonomy and give another person permission to make my decisions for me. Wouldn't it be funny if they held an election and no one voted? Given the calibre of the majority of elected officials, that might be a rather good idea.

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lin3741
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That is a very interesting idea and id love to see the outcome.media would prob just put on their usual “show” and say how votes just pouring in for the planned outcome anyway lol.

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TellTheTruth_2

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Does the CIA own Goggle too? Was the Washington Post purchased by the CIA using Jeff Bezos (Amazon) as a straw buyer? The CIA gave Bezos $600,000,000 and he used $250,000,000 to purchase the Washington Post. Now most of the lies and leaks from “unnamed sources” come from the Washington Post. The CIA Operation Mockingbird was designed to influence the news. What is the name of the operation when they decide to OWN the news? Does the CIA own (through a straw buyer) the Washington (CIA) Post? Have an investigation. Connect the dots. You will find an out of control CIA, the one President Kennedy wanted to smash into 1,000 pieces.

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palmiro

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weapons of mass instruction will win 80 to 20 %

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navisos34

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I am just too old to suggest making lots of changes in politics, transhumanizing efforts, government and oligarchic control. I do use Google on my cellphone which has Android, but I use cellphone mostly to order groceries. YouTube knows, that I am interested in cats, in health-related information, in sport and exercise and they gave me advice, some good, some useless. When I was still needed to study, There was some quite good information, even though they were usually not accepted as a reliable source. As to my voting record, I was never an undecided voter.

I do read about the corruption, the meaninglessness of elections and at that elected officials ignore the interests of voters and are able to do whatever they want. After all, in the most dictator-ruled countries, 99% of votes always went to the dictator or his party. Besides, in rare cases when dictators and their cronies were killed or chased away, the new movement created a very similar ruling class or dictatorship, so in essence, there was no change.

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Karolina99

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Overall, it is nothing special about it knowing humans' history. People were brainwashed and fooled for ages. Nowadays, criminals use more technologically advanced tools, and it is all. If people do not think critically and do not ask questions, they are the perfect biomass for psychopaths to do what they want. The book Ten Arguments for Deleting Your Social Media Accounts Right Now, written by Jaron Lanier, is a brilliant eye-opener. The most unpleasant argument is that social media hates your soul.

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junieb

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Rob Braxman has a lot of good information on this topic also. He is on youtube.

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PaulNJackson

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Thanks for this important discussion. I'm an historian. The United States has been determining elections by other methods, often bloodier, but including propaganda and buying off journalists, since the end of WWII. I think I look at this differently than Joseph and Professor Epstein. More as a continuity. Also, the left-right discussion fundamentally misunderstands the nature of the current transnational empire. The reason that Washington needs authoritarian and corrupt states is to impose inhumane labour standards and disastrous environmental practices that would cause a revolution in the USA. Of course Google (on behalf of Washington) is "right" when dealing with peripheral states.

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Are you saying that Washington is fomenting a revolution? And for what? If so, is it to create another opportunity for further authoritarianism?

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Pridesmom
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I'm on AOL blacklist I guess. I can post on a message board anything and it is instantly deleted. Doesn't matter what i say, I don't use profanity or put others down I just state some counter facts and it gets deleted. I even posted once "I hope all are well and staying healthy during this trying time" and it also got deleted while other completely vile comments stay on. Seems like anything not supporting their agenda, be it google or AOL, they make sure it is silenced. They sound a little bit more than afraid to me. And as far as Alexa? I cut her cord about 1 month after I had her. When she started talking out of nowhere I said see ya ! Smart TV and I-phone is probably the next to go!

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Indie4ever
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I've been very happy with Epic Privacy Browser since Dr. Mercola suggested it some time ago. It blocks the invading marketing companies. I can actually see how many marketers have been blocked - including Google, Double Click (purchased by Google in 2007) and Twitter. It used to name all of the companies, and I have a list of 42 of those companies, but now only lists the first few, but it continues blocking. I canceled my Gmail at the same time I stopped using Google, and have canceled Amazon as well. One of the commenters here suggested Smartpage. Is that better than Epic Search? ProtonMail is another good email service.

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HealthiestChoices
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Hi, Indie4ever~ This is the 3rd time I've tried responding to your post as they are not going through. I will try once more. You asked about Smartpage - did you mean STartpage? If so, no, it's no longer recommended. I signed up at the beginning with their Beta testing and felt safe all these yrs. I posted above ^ back in Jan. when this topic was new. Below, are a couple sentences I wrote to nrn3722 who also asked about Startpage: Hi, nrn3722~ I nearly missed it too, but In the article above, under the headline 'Steps to Protect Your Online Privacy' I spotted the following: "He recommends avoiding StartPage, as it was recently bought by an aggressive online marketing company, which, like Google, depends on surveillance." I've been considering Proton email but recently when checking their information, I discovered some reasons it may not be so convenient, so be certain to read through ALL the information you can.

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knowbytouch1
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Maybe this needed to be written. It's hard to stop a rock from rolling downhill. Propaganda under W Wilson has never been surpassed ...maybe the Bambi movie.

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kallymercola
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This happened glaringly to me. Only two entities IN THE WORLD were making and advertising this unusual product I was producing. I was one and could not even appear on page three of searches! Hiring a search engine optimizer person wouldn't have helped it sounds like. Google presence could have saved my farm by selling this unique product.

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el-graf
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CEO Sundar Pichai believes he's more powerful than any government and can do anything he wants with impunity. I say, "Ohh, let's just break it into pieces that are useful ..... like a social platform that doesn't censor us."

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Dav65925
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They are selling you data to spammy entities. I use YouTub (Google) a lot - do not have TV. I don't use the search function within YouTube much if at all. I watch the recommended vids mostly. If the topic interests me I'll watch the next recommended vid and the next etc. As a result my viewing habits are extremely broad, jumping around from science topics to music, to politics, etc etc. I have noticed that the Google ADs I see on other websites sites are tailored to what I've been viewing. In the last few months I have realized that the content of junk and spam email has been a reflection of what I've been viewing.

In the past I would have had to used the Google search engine and actually typed in the subject of interest thereby informing Google of my current interests. So Google is now tracking viewing habits through YouTube, even when though what I have viewed was a recommendation from Google. They must be collating, filtering and measuring how much of the various content types I have watched to get some sort of degree of importance to me. They are then selling that data to entities that produce spam/junk ADs in all forms.

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JLOlson
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While Google, Facebook, et al, have great persuasive power, the last election pretty clearly demonstrates that their persuasion is limited and that people aren't dimwitted puppets who can be strung along unthinkingly by even the most powerful propaganda tools such as Google. If Google had that kind of power, the search results for "Clinton is...." wouldn't be "a crook" but would be instead "wonderful." Google's effect on people's opinions, in my view, is far less powerful than Epstein imagines. To make the case that it is, he'd need to provide far stronger evidence than I've seen in his writings thus far.

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These guys go very deep into the rabbit holes and tell it like it is, regardless of whom it is. Douglas has a VERY interesting past, being the person that wrote the cryptology code used in the military as well as being one of the collaborators on the first Star Wars movies and much more. I hope you all will investigate and see if you want to follow them too: https://aim4truth.org/

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This was a fabulous interview, but left me with mixed emotions, 1. Due to the high cost of political races, we are only voting for candidates that appeal to the 1% or corporate supporters, NO LONGER representatives of the people. Swaying votes could be a moot: one-by-one, they promise one thing to get into office, then find they cannot achieve much of anything. Its Groundhog day every 4 years. 2. On the other hand, rabidly concerned with HIPPA information being breached, if not openly released; also concerned with privacy on any govt-run website. These seem leaky. 3. Yet again, stumbled across seriously interesting health presentations, like the Silicon Valley Health Inst. presentations on Youtube, using their autofeed system. 4. And keep noticing how the autofill feature is giving me good and often horrible suggestions, erasing fills and retyping to make sure I am obtaining relevant results. It can be frustrating. 5. Have been considering a private vpn for some time, now maybe a good time to implement this.

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If google is monitoring everything I write I am in for "re-education" camp shortly! good idea to get rid of gmail but not as easy as just not joining - over the years you build up a lot of contacts to say nothing of things like links to utility bills, etc I am looking at dumping gmail or just using it for unimportant things - started a list and was surprised how long it was

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A little off-topic. Duality. I use to consider the primary battle being "good" vs. "evil." Over time - my "Reality Goggles" have revealed the primary battle is "good" vs. "stupid." "Stupidity is a more dangerous enemy of the good than evil," wrote Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German theologian. "If we want to know how to get the better of stupidity, we must seek to understand its nature," wrote Bonhoeffer in his treatise. And the nature of stupidity has its roots deep in the subconscious. It is driven by the fundamental mechanics of the human experience. As ancient philosophers noted, humans are social animals. It is this very sociability that is at the base of stupidity.
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I have an android phone, and there is no "privacy and security" setting. I've also noticed that if I go into the apps section and choose the "clear cache" option, it shows that it clears, but then if I go out and back into that app, the cache was not cleared. :(

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