

RESISTANCE no.2

DISSIDENT PERSPECTIVES.

Quebec Student Strike

The Right Comes Down on Public Higher Education 'Entitlement'



If you're one to quaff the corporate media Kool-Aid, you might think that the Quebec student strike was caused by an isolated instance of unanticipated budget pressures creating the need for a one-time hike in students' financial contributions towards their post-secondary education in order to meet shortfalls. Gulp.

In fact, the tuition controversy is neither an isolated case nor caused by economic factors. Instead, it stems from deliberate, top-down political decisions to gradually implement part of a wider agenda—the privatization ¹ of public higher education as has already occurred in California, in the continued unfolding of a worldwide, anti-democratic process of corporate empire building called globalization (see also article 'On Globalization, p. 19').

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Interview with a 'Targeted Individual'



Note: A so-called 'targeted individual' is a victim of the euphemistically-named 'electronic harassment,' which has been the subject of legal cases in the US (see Walbert v. Redford), draft. legislation from US Rep. Jim. Guest (Missouri), and has spawned support groups for victims, the number of whom. cannot be confirmed because of the secrecy and stigmatization. surrounding what is allegedly covert state torture of political dissidents, using new non-lethal weapons. Torture may be non-lethal. Suicide is **lethal**. --Continued p.8

The Cold War Revisited or..

How the Nazis Won the War



The Cold War is a term used to describe the economic, political and military contest for influence in the developing world between the Capitalist West and the Communist East from 1946 until 1990. The postwar standoff can be seen as the continued playing out of the same unresolved conditions that had led to the rise of the Nazis leading up to World War II: namely, the opposition of the two unreconcilable ideologies, with the magnates of Western capital and captains of industry largely supporting Fascist defenders in the face of a perceived crisis in Germany—the threat of Communist revolution spreading from the Soviet Union. *Continued p.15*—

Introduction

On Spiders



Above: Spiders exhibit (center), Rockefeller Center, NYC, 2012 [Photo: http://www.51voa.com/images/201101/ap-louise-bourgeois-se.jpg]

World Government...from the folks who brought you Auschwitz

The Rockefeller-Rothschild Auschwitz gang that brought the Nazis to power to crush emerging Communism in the 1930s lost the battle in Germany but won the war in Europe, now integrated into the Western corporate dictatorship under the Germandominated EU, thanks to the cartel's American arm.

The gradual implementation of the empire's goal of universal control through sovereignty-destroying world government still creeps forward towards integration in small, subtle steps, as done with spider patience over a period of 50 years in federalized Europe. Regional trade agreements (NAFTA, etc), (shelved) plans for further currency mergers, and local power grabs under the UN's new green flag (ICLEI) form the filaments, along with existing world bodies (UN, World Bank, IMF, WTO, WHO, etc), that would tie together the EU, African Union, North American Union etc. in a future world state.

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Where resistance is met, this silent web weaving is punctuated by the bursting bomb blasts of fascist terror, silkily cloaked as the work of its victims. NATO wars or proxy death squad interventions, obscenely justified in the name of peace, of humanity, of feminism, of freedom ... shake up the legal sovereign order on the violent path to the 'New' World Order...

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More:

(see articles 'The Cold War or How the Nazis Won the War' and 'On Globalization.')

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That is why the actual amount of what is surely only the first round of tuition hikes is irrelevant (though the subject of fruitless negotiations once the Quebec government finally deigned to briefly meet after months of massive street protest the democratically elected social actors concerned--student association reps). Seen within the wider trend more evident elsewhere in the empire, it's apparent that this increase is only the tip of a wedge that will continue to drive tuition much higher in future, ending equal access to education as a right.



DON'T DRINK THE KOOL-AID (THEY PASS AROUND FOR FREE)

search: Jonestown_

For years now, this foot-in-the-door approach has been the *modus operandi* of

introducing in increments corporate-rule policy dictates throughout the Western domains from the EU to North America, and even reaching to Asia (through ASEAN) as enactment of the corporate agenda further encroaches on public power. Effects of this global trend already seen to varying degrees in the US, Mexico and the EU are indicators of what Quebec can expect--higher education as a corporate tool for greater political control, higher revenue, leveraging of the public sector for private profit, and the offloading of corporate costs onto the backs of the public.

In addition to examples from abroad (see US, Mexico, EU below), the trend patterns are also visible nationally in Canada, with a policy of consistent defunding over the past 20 years (-25%) driving tuition costs higher (+20%) ² These political decisions to shift from subsidies towards a pay-for-access system will consolidate social control by: favoring access to higher education for the privileged class; burdening less privileged students with onerous debt, a safety chain to the office cubicle. This is the ideological aspect of the changes underway—a 'safer,' economic class-based education system. From this point of view, educating the masses

(as opposed to training them for work) is comparable to arming the enemy. From students' point of view, the hikes constitute the opening salvo in a class war.



Gangrenous Body Politic: Protest = Terrorism = Islam (Macleans, June 4, 2012)

Jean Charest: "We will not be ruled by the street."
(We will be ruled by the corporate boardrooms.)

If Germany is again to be great, all classes of our people must come to the realization that leaders are necessary who can act without concern for the caprices of the masses.

—Carl Duisberg, Reichsverband speech 3, 1925

Political background

The origin of the widespread attacks on public education internationally for over a decade now was in elite policy decisions in response to the 'Troubles' or social unrest of the late 60s, according to Noam Chomsky (see caution in note 9), notably with robust student activism in the US and Europe. Education's functioning as pacification and indoctrination was seen by Western corporate leadership to be evidently failing. Public education was managing to function somehow as empowerment--a dangerous risk to the political order of the status quo. A bricks and mortar example of this concern can be seen in the reaction to the May 1968 student and worker strike in Paris: in the aftermath of the social upheaval that saw President de Gaulle flee the country, the heavy concentration of students in the Paris Latin Quarter was permanently dispersed with the Sorbonne dissolved into a dozen independent universities, scattering what had been a hive of lucid student and faculty activism.

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Politically-minded changes, such as restrictions on political speech, have already been noted at public universities in Quebec. In Montreal, secret security committees keep tabs on student life and have banned the showing of controversial political documentary films (*The Link* newspaper, Concordia U.).

Even on the architectural level, limited or no public space for free discussion ('keep moving') is another restriction. A stress on physical culture (sports) over intellectual life, symbolized by the centerpiece multistory fishbowl gym as a prominent focal point in the campus landscape, instead of the library, subtly suggests the importance of power (force) over understanding—a decidedly fascist touch.

SUBLIMINAL MESSAGES

Knowledge or Power?



(Above) Concordia U. Fitness Center, level 1

Student debt.

CA\$14,000: Average student loan debt in Quebec (quebectuitionfees.ca)

CA\$25,000: Average Canadian student loan debt after graduation

US\$23,300: average debt for all (US student) borrowers in 2011 (New York Times).

US\$1 trillion total student loan debt in US.

Threatening Ads!



Shopper browses merchandise under "Obey" sign on headless mannequin display in chain store, Montreal, Canada

The US Example (it's the model!)

In the US, where private university costs are the highest in the world, public state-college tuition has risen dramatically. But this transformation began life, as in Quebec, as a modest proposal for one-time increases. At the once civically vaunted state University of California, state-subsidized tuition stood in 2000 at US\$3550, a little higher than Quebec's current CAD\$2890. A similar initial hike of \$1450 was proposed and then introduced over 2000-2003. So far the parallel is clear. When the initial hikes ended, more increases followed in the subsequent years. Since the end of the first stage of hikes in 2003, tuition at the U of C has again increased 160 percent (more than doubled), now standing at a minimum of US\$13,000 for in-state residents not including room and board, with more increases threatened.

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As in Canada, the impetus for raising tuition fees in California has been state defunding. In its 2011-12 budget 4 U of C core costs funded by the state of California have fallen under 50 percent with the remainder having to come from student tuition. This means that what was one of the best public universities is no longer public but gone private. As this stark example shows, the threat is real—affordable public higher education is being extinguished. The funding cuts are not the result of separate local or national crises or policies but a reflection of a global power's international agenda taking shape throughout the empire. The harsh lesson seems not to have been lost on the protesting Quebec students, despite the regional blinders of political leaders and local media talking heads.

Lesson 1: Fascist Propaganda in Prefab Videos

Increased tuition is just the beginning of the transformation of public education. Funding pulled from public higher ed is going to subsidize the alternative, preferred model--for-profit colleges and universities, which have already been introduced in the US.

In public schools, to make up for budget shortfalls, middle- and high schools accept loans of A/V equipment and high-tech infrastructure in exchange for subjecting one-in-four students nationally to compulsory viewing in the classroom of advertising-based content (like infomercials or in-flight magazines) on 'Channel One News'. The pre-packaged Video News Release 'lessons' for school kids include insidious, cryptofascist propaganda sponsored by the US Army.5 This spread of commercialization like dry rot to both the form and content of public education has already cropped up in some Quebec schools with classroom airing of the Youth News Network (YNN). Instead of dispensing knowledge, the new content resembles behaviorist training to manipulate students' values in line with corporate needs.

Mexico -- Students Win Free Education Fight

Further south once more, in Mexico where free education is constitutionally guaranteed, the Zedillo government in 1999 proposed amendments to introduce university tuition. A nine-month strike led by students at the renowned National University in Mexico City (UNAM) shut down the occupied university and succeeded in achieving a government climb-down. In 2006, court-appointed 6 president Calderon, with a finance minister from the IMF, announced plans to transform universities (this time without introducing tuition fees) in line with World Bank/IMF dictates calling for "public-private partnerships" (privatization) as well as teaching and research links to private industry.

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Charest Govt Plans Echo World Bank/ IMF Agenda

It's striking that Quebec Premier Charest's 2011 budget that proposed the controversial tuition hikes also includes plans for \$850 million in future corporate funding for public higher ed, with strings attached. The government's final offer in negotiations with the striking students, which was rejected on May 6, 2012, included a proposal for an external council to study "internationalization" of the universities and "public-private partnerships" with industry. In other words, a revelation-in-part of the same World Bank/IMF agenda seen in Mexico and Europe (see 'EU' below) to 'standardize' the higher education system along American lines. Furthermore, the government's emergency law 78 attacks freedom of association and (students') collective bargaining rights, a mainstay of IMF 'structural adjustments' imposed on targeted countries.

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The Canadian difference from its southern neighbor has been a point of national pride. But under the pressures of 'globalization' or the world government push, that difference is fast eroding, with ongoing attempts to dismantle public higher education being another example of the process, along with merged border security, NAFTA, Security and Prosperity Partnership agreement (2007) and North American military integration from Canada to Mexico, with the creation of NORTHCOM (2002), among other agreements.

With its own separate identity, Quebec has always been sensitive to issues of self-determination, evident in the massive protests at the Free Trade Area of the Americas Summit in Quebec City in 2001 as well as the referenda on independence. Far from a bunch of *enfant-rois* as they say in Westmount, Quebec (and Canadian) students are correct to fear the worst, with the despotic American way threatening not just their schools but their very sovereignty, within Canada, on the path to a North American Union.



Free Trade Area of the Americas map logo showing merged North, Central, South America

EU--Sacking the Temples of Learning

The post-1968 shattering of the ancient Sorbonne into a dozen scattered pieces stands as glaring precedent and reminder of the challenge that public education poses to the forces of reaction, a rigid wall absorbing wave upon wave of crashing generational hopes for change.

In Europe today most countries still enjoy free university education (even for foreign students in Norway)—

a legacy (together with public health service) of the postwar Communist Party participation in coalition-governments following the defeat? of German fascism.

University tuition in North America

CA\$2,890 present average annual tuition and fees in Quebec before proposed hike of \$1625

CA\$5,366 average annual tuition for Canadian students (Stats Canada)

\$18,000 average annual US public university tuition and fees.

\$35,000 average annual US private university tuition and fees. (2008; <u>US News</u>)

But with gradual integration since then under a federal European Union, this cherished gain is being dismantled, following other public services, with the introduction of tuition fees through implementation of an anti-democratic, EU-driven standardization process since 2003.

Ostensibly dictating a one-size fits all 'European Higher Education Area', the internationalization push is better seen as belonging to the globalization trend, with elements of its corporate agenda already being adopted in Quebec.⁷

Besides ending free tuition and equal access at university, one of Europe's greatest social gains, the European 'reforms' are said to politicize education, narrow curricula, limit student aid, recast the university in line with a business model, cut costs, standardize 'values', and kill democratic control.

The "high school"-style reforms, which included "reduced course lengths," a higher exams burden (rote learning), "peculiar" teaching dictates, compromised autonomy and "dumbed-down" degrees were met with student protests in Europe, including campus occupations by German and Austrian students in 2009 (see footnote 8).

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According to a 2009 University of Alberta Conference on the European reforms, they were "effectively **promoting** and accelerating **globalization in higher education**...Trends and developments in the [reforms] that would jeopardize institutional autonomy...are of concern." 9

Attacks on equal access to public higher education, on its integrity and its quality will ultimately mean a blight on the mass of youth, an attack on human dignity, a planned degradation to go with debt slavery, an attack on liberty.

The name given these 'reforms'? Attaching university to the corporate meat grinder for pre-processing of cookie-cutter grads, laden with debt, interest payment tribute to the banks and students pre-trained at their own expense, as ready-made consumable commodities in the know-how market...? "The Bologna Process."



Profit meat.

Those who would deny their children the same benefits they themselves enjoyed [show] the ultimate greed.

-- Philippe Rioux, Lettres à mes étudiants in Ecole de la Montagne Rouge street sheet

By the numbers

CA\$ 114 Billion: Amount of ME TOO 'bailouts' to **untroubled** (-Canadian Banking Association) Canadian banks from 2008-2010, a period during which they together reported CA\$ 27 Billion profits. BMO, CIBC and Scotiabank received 'bailout' amounts as high as their market capitalizations, meaning that they could have been purchased and nationalized. Ottawa has refused to release details of the hand-outs. (CCPA) http://www.policyalternatives.ca/newsroom/news-releases/canada%E2%80%99s-secret-bank-bailout-revealed

2 ¹/₂ Number of times-over full annual tuition for all Canadian university students could be paid with annual proceeds (CA\$27b) from already 'purchased' bailed out banks.

90 years: Period over which the Canadian bank 'bailouts' would have paid full tuition, with the hike, for all Quebec university students.

CA\$ 8 Billion : Amount of Quebec annual debt service payments (a subsidy to banks); sufficient to pay every Quebec university student's tuition and fees six times over, annually.

- **5**: Number of times-over the Canadian annual debt service payments (CA\$50B) would pay full tuition annually for all 1.9 million Canadian university students.
- **30**: Percent reduction in average annual university tuition in Canada that could be paid for all students nationwide with the CA\$2.8 Billion annual federal and provincial subsidies to the oil industry.

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from *A Clockwork Orange* ©Warner Bros 1971

INTERVIEW WITH A 'TARGETED INDIVIDUAL'

'...THE POLICE STATE IS COVERTLY TRYING TO DRIVE VOCAL CRITICS TO SUICIDE.'

This interview has been edited for style. The interviewee prefers to remain anonymous.

Q. In what way are you targeted?

A. Mainly for torture, surveillance, and harassment.

Q. What can you tell us about it?

A. They put the burn on you. The beam weapon burn, it's an 'artificial fever' produced by microwave energy. Directed Energy Weapons. The heating is minute. But there are other effects. It's torture by low-level, high frequency electric current. Without electrodes. It's delivered the same way a radar gun works I believe. Remotely. They usually target the head. It's not usually painful. But it's debilitating. Incapacitating. It's like involuntary, low-level electric shock treatment. In fact, it does induce spasms sometimes. Mini-seizures, where your body starts jerking in response to the current, from neural disruption apparently.

Then you get sadistic messages about it. Laughing at you. Or encouraging suicide. Pretty much continual veiled death threats as well. They call this Behavior Modification. It all seems like science fiction, which is partly how they get away with it. No one would believe you if you told them because of the novelty of the technology, the secrecy and people's naivete about the character of their government and the people in it. They operate a death machine. These are sinister individuals, with nice smiles. They're "killin' tearists."

You know for a time cellphone technology was a novelty too. Not anymore. So we're going to get past this flat earth ignorance and stigmatization of victims, I think. By the way cell phone communications rely on essentially the same kind of microwave transmission as

the weapons we're talking about. RFDEW. No great mystery then. But instead of broadcast, they're focused, probably much more powerful and targeted at your head.

It shouldn't be any surprise that after investing many millions of dollars for 20 years now in developing new non-lethal weapons, well guess what, they're using them. It's like one day the military said, 'gee we have all this powerful radar we're using, why don't we point it at people?'.

Q. You said there were other effects besides artificial fever...

A. At its worst, it knocks you down and then out. You can't stand up in it I mean. You have to lie down. So you're flat on your back with heavy weakness, eyes and mouth shut tight, feeling the burn. You sleep. Afterwards it may take a little bit before you can stand up again.

If they really turn it up, you can feel the current coursing down your lower right arm. It's recognizable. If you've ever had an electric shock you know the distinct sensation —a strong tingling of electrical current flowing in the body. But we're not talking 120 Volts here. It's non-lethal weapons so much smaller magnitudes. I've tried to measure it. As evidence. I bought an RF Power meter, that's radio frequency power meter. But it only goes up to 3.5 Giga hertz or so. It didn't register the weapon energy or anything above background levels. So I guess they're operating at a higher, military band. These are professionals, no offense to decent professional people. Sharpers. They have a way of operating that is beyond where you could lay a finger on them, legally.

Basically you suffer symptoms of radiation sickness-that's electromagnetic radiation, non-ionizing. So it's

weakness and fatigue sometimes extreme, headache, dull pain in head and stomach, sometimes slight nausea, feeling of malaise, working memory loss (I have to make a lot of notes), trouble concentrating, disorientation, loss of balance, dry or irritated eyes, joint pain, stings. Most of this is not constant but occasional within a given day or longer. Some days are better than others. At times you may be almost fine and at others you may be almost staggered, half-blindly groping around, or flat out on your back with heavy weakness and a burning sensation behind the eyes. I sometimes have trouble gripping things. Sometimes after a session, even a long time after, my handwriting is shot. It's jerky. Unrecognizable. Normally it's good. I've had bank tellers question my signature.

With the heating your eyes get dry. I have to use eye drops. My vision might have gotten a little worse. Eventually you may get early cataracts apparently.

You have constant tinnitus. Never goes away. That's a ringing sound in the ears. This was the first symptom that appeared. All of this started when I unwisely came back to the US just before the end of the Bush regime to visit family after many years abroad. Some people get tinnitus naturally but with this you can tell it's artificial because sometimes you get sort of stepped tonal changes like the audio signals in a hearing test. I've seen a specialist and my hearing's normal by the way. I get e-mail spam for "Tinnitus solutions." But the specialist never had my e-mail address.

There's a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) -obtained government document from 1998 I think that describes how the microwave radiation has that effect on the ears. I can explain it to you.

Q. Go ahead.

A. It's called the Frey Effect. The microwave heats the brain following the high frequency waveform of the incident energy, up and down. So as it heats on and off very fast the brain tissue expands and contracts, a minute amount but creating a corresponding pressure wave inside the skull that the ears pick up internally as sound.

Q. Are you able to work?

A. I've been able to work, slower than normal, off and on. At home. I could not work in an office. Depending on the 'treatments,' there is also sometimes a problem of near incontinence. So I was working remotely by internet but it didn't pan out because my communications were getting sort of hijacked.

You have good days and bad days. You never know what's coming. You're able to function on a day-to-day basis in terms of creature existence. Higher functioning—what's called executive functioning—can be impaired. After a heavy 'session,' I may even have a little trouble walking or with balance. It can slow you way down. I would describe the effect as the general feeling of having taken blows to the head. It can go on much longer than a prize fight and the 'punch' is continuous. Pretty much every day I get 'knocked out.'

Q. I'm sorry. Have you seen a doctor? Are you sure it's not illness?

A. I did see a doctor and apart from the induced symptoms, I am very healthy and have never had any health problems, physical or otherwise, thank God. I wanted an order for an MRI, to find possible evidence, which he gave me.

I know what condition the symptoms indicate. And it's not a medical problem. It's political. Induced. Actually there is a sort of proof about the non-medical origin of the symptoms. It has to do with a Faraday box. That's an electromagnetic shield. If you are inside of a Faraday box, like an elevator, completely enclosed within a conductive material like metal, the symptoms are reduced or nil. Like shielding in a cable, it stops transmission of EM radiation. There are companies that sell shielded clothing and gear. For telecommunications workers for example who have to get close to high-power microwave transmitters, like cell phone towers. There are risks of cancer, tumors, genetic damage, sterility, cataracts associated with RF.

Usually there's no visible evidence of the torture and all the effects are temporary. No short-term permanent damage apparently. The pros don't leave marks. You sometimes get small areas of rash on the face or neck—temporary microwave burn. You sometimes get a Parkinson's-like trembling of the head with the beam energy hitting it. Also slight facial swelling.

The closest thing I have to physical evidence of the torture is that I actually had a tooth 'knocked out.' In fact what happened was I was having some dental discomfort. But it wasn't your usual nerve pain. So I went to the dentist. It was a healthy tooth. It was more like it was ringing with energy. And what happened was the tooth cracked. In multiple places. A massive molar. Like they had tuned the waveform to the resonant frequency or something. So I had to have the damaged tooth pulled.

Q. Do you know why you're being targeted?

A. I'm a published political dissident but one who has not made a name for himself. You get marginalized you know. And on the internet I work anonymously anyway. So I'm anonymous. Vulnerable. I'm isolated. An easy target I guess. I think it's becoming clearer now to people that serious dissent is no longer tolerated in the US. And the technology enables all of this.

I can show you spam mails, spoof ads I get for a product that's a remote control dog 'training aid' that emits an ultrasonic sound to make your dog stop barking, called "Bark Off." Get it?

Q. You can't call the police...

A. It is the police, or military, or both. Actually, in the US they've merged somewhat. They have what's called Fusion Centers, that also include FBI, private contractors. These centers are involved in domestic spying, political policing and harassment. Its been documented. It's the police state. All the old legal restrictions are off. I don't know exactly what agency is doing the torture. It also involves surveillance. Including electronic surveillance inside the home 24/7.

Q. Your home was bugged for audio? video?

A. Both. They even leave legally unusable evidence of the break-in. Things like objects moved around in your home. Or a little remembrance paper poppy calling card on the coffee table, "Disabled American Veterans."

Q. You said you get sadistic messages. In what form?

A. Mainly by anonymous e-mail. But they use any medium. For example, I had a new msn chat contact appear, who I didn't add and I didn't know, always present online, with the uncommon name of a recently deceased, much loved relative. And you couldn't delete it. I deleted the account.

Q. How do you know about the in-home surveillance as opposed to just the break-ins?

A. They let you know. Send you an e-mail or whatever. That shows intimate knowledge of what goes on behind closed doors. It's part of the psychological pressure. I can show you some. Let me give you a simple example. Let's say I can't find something like my cell phone and I spend some time searching around for it. Later I'll notice an anonymous e-mail in my inbox with the highlighted subject line: 'I can't find keys'; and the sender is from my own e-mail address. Or I make something for dinner and when it's ready I leave it for five minutes because it's too hot. Later I get an e-mail with subject 'and put the bun on the window sill to cool.' That's a quote. Now tell me in what legitimate context can you imagine getting an anonymous mail or spam with that subject line? Sent from your own email address. And always related to something that just happened. So after a bad torture "session" an e-mail subject line:

'Do you want more?' or 'My stomach hurts,' sent from my own e-mail address. There's no meaningful message in the body of the mail. There are too many of these to list. It happens once and its coincidence. After 99 times, you can't say its coincidence anymore. The thing is the mails are banal in themselves and so not legally incriminating for the perps. The key is their timing, which is matched to the context of private but observed events in your life. They fit that like a puzzle piece. But all you can show as evidence is the message itself and by itself it's useless. That's how they get away with it, without leaving usable evidence.

Also they're testing these things, They're fairly new. They're studying their effectiveness. For that they would have to put the 'subject' under in-home surveillance. You're like a lab guinea pig. I can show you my spam: Guinea pigs wanted.

I get sadistic taunts and veiled threats too like once after I came in from the 7th floor balcony taking in the view up and down, a banner 'ad' pops up on the computer screen "Make the drop." Some are more obvious than others. Another hacked ad showed a cartoon corpse face down on pavement and the marquee caption "How will you die?"

I have many other mails or spoof ads I can show you that don't fit any legitimate context except the one we're talking about. I get them everyday. I think they make the case about handlers:

"Government hostage";

"I got a lot about you";

"Felons breaking into your home";

"Remove me from blacklist";

And a fake terror one: "Verify pictures, 745 ok. sent bomber. visit france." This is the heading of the mail. An ad text link: "High watt electrocutions--Cerebral Music."

A mail with text in the message body, a passage about Indians with the line "and when they had roasted the tongue..."

Here's one that says "For You: dogs eyes are one of the most sensitive and important organs that may be easily affected." From: "Human Animal Repeller."

Q. Any other surveillance?

A. My computer is hacked. But I think that's true for a lot of people these days.

I get the cell phone tracking and eavesdropping. Like everybody. People should know that you have to take out the battery as countermeasure if you want some privacy. I get e-mails "Your cell is silent."

I actually have evidence of internet surveillance, of my web surfing. When I was abroad when I surfed the web I got a transition text coming up between pages that said "US Intercept." You can search this. There's something called mandated 'lawful intercepts' built into Cisco data communications architecture for sup-

posedly authorized electronic surveillance. A backdoor for police eavesdropping. There are international standards now for this. So I guess there's another list I'm on.

As evidence I'm not sure this is useful but it is revealing. I found a half dozen WAV files on my computer that I didn't download or put there myself. These were just short sound files with ear-splittingly godawful noise on them. The thing about it though was the file names. Microwavesooi. Killahurtsooi. Fukdooi. Hooyaooi. Lucifaooi.

Q. Do you live alone?

A. Well once you know you're under total surveillance, indoors and out, that puts quite a damper on your private life. You can't have a normal intimate relationship. Unless you don't mind dragging someone else into your private nightmare. Your life shuts down. As it happens I'm single no kids. Which in a way is fortunate because it would get maddening otherwise, worrying about loved ones. Between the surveillance and the torture you become solitary and inactive. And so it becomes like a virtual fishbowl prison. It's something like 'The Truman Show.' You're free to come and go, even to travel. But wherever you go, you're right back in the fishbowl. And tortured. That's pressure. Let me advise people here. Just ignore it.

Q. Can't you get someone to do a sweep for the bugs?

A. I haven't because I have limited resources. Even if they were able to locate and remove them, I'm afraid they'd be back in in no time. I couldn't keep on paying for that. Also I'm persuaded that a run of the mill countermeasure company is not gonna be able to find them. But I may try it for the sake of evidence. For people's information, if you do have a sweep done, you want the kind that detects the lenses.

That reminds me of something. One time I moved into a furnished apartment I'd found on the internet. It was a single room studio. Turned out to be shaped like a wave chamber, longer than it was wide, with a large rectangular fractal antenna on the end wall, mounted over the sofa, as 'decoration.' Not connected to anything. I took it down.

Q. Have you seen a lawyer?

A. Yes I have. Several. I'm a US citizen, now a refugee. On the phone, Ben Wizner of the ACLU told me you cannot get redress for this in American courts. You know even for bona fide overt torture you can't. I suggested trying to get an international ruling somewhere else based on international conventions against torture. He said, with a snigger, that the US government doesn't respect international law. That's clear. But I guess he meant even if I won a ruling somewhere, like Strasbourg, there would be no question of enforcement, stopping the torture and collecting any damages awarded. Which by the way is not my aim.

I contacted the perps ['perpetrators'--Ed.] themselves in Washington sending a Freedom of Information request for any files indexed to my name. They won't tell you. It's just totally lawless. They said in their letter they were 'unable to identify any *main*. file records responsive to the search. They also said —this is FBI—that the response 'neither confirms nor denies the existence of your..name on any watchlists."

I'm a dual citizen. I have a second citizenship in another country. I went to their embassy and gave them a letter about the problem. Saying I was a persecuted political dissident and requesting legal help. I got a stunning reaction. They accused me of falsifying my address, because I had moved, and threatened to revoke my citizenship. In the end, they didn't go through with it. This was an EU country. They're on board.

In a third country I contacted a lawyer about getting refugee status. When they learned I was from the US they refused to help saying they don't accept refuge applications from US citizens. The US is on their so-called safe country list. It's political you see. The refugee center gets part of its funding from Goldman Sachs. They're interested in Chinese dissidents, or Russian.

Q. Maybe you should go to China.

A. I did. You know if you're not a citizen of that country then you don't go to the embassy unless you're a high level defector. But you can go to the Immigration Police and ask for refugee status, which is what I did.

But nothing came of it and when my visa expired I had to leave.

Q. Has the harassment or torture continued abroad, in multiple countries?

A. And surveillance, yes.

Q. Have you suffered other kinds of harassment?

A. Yes. I've been targeted multiple times in honey traps. I've had a relationship broken up because a stranger who identified himself as a cop fed my girlfriend a nasty smear story about me. I saw the guy. He approached her after we'd said goodbye at a train station and he boarded the train with her. Had her ear for the one hour trip. I never saw her again, though I did talk with her once, which is how I pieced together what happened. This is classic COINTELPRO stuff by the way. A police log entry in a small town paper describing my distinctive hat and coat as worn by an unidentified man who caused a public disturbance. Tell-tale break-ins. I've had the gang-stalking. Slashed tire, not flat but ready to blow out, the mechanic said. A car following me leading to a 'chance' meeting and a honey trap. A 'tail' standing facing my window for long periods on an empty street. Starers. A cop living below me playing loud music all the time. When I moved out he moved out.

Q. How do you know he was a cop?

A. Because I'd seen him in uniform, in his police car. There's also what's called 'street theater.' Once in a wide open space outdoors, at the sea shore, I was buzzed by a helicopter. Flew right over my head coming within I don't know maybe 20 feet or even less. Straight over me from behind and then immediately banked right and flew off. Like *North by Northwest*.

Q. It sounds unbelievable.

A. I suppose so. That's probably part of the point. To discredit you and your critical voice if you're unwise enough to talk about it. That's why victims can be counted on not to go public. Also the media covers for them with stories in the *New York Times* stigmatizing victims who did speak out. This is called 'gas-lighting,'

(after the Hitchcock film--Ed.) setting someone up as having an unreliable opinion. Also people may be scared into silence. It's also to silence a critical voice.

It's called 'gas-lighting'--setting someone up as having an unreliable opinion.

Q. Why go to so much trouble?

A. That's a good question. I mean they could just shoot you, right? I think they have a whole range of flak they can use against opponents, which at one end is killing but at my level is called 'finessing' someone. Get them to take themselves out. It's cleaner. Or you just go bankrupt because you can't work. I'm using up my little retirement nest egg many years too early.

Q. You're saying the police state is covertly trying to drive vocal critics to suicide. Does your family know about all this?

A. No. I didn't say anything. But then I had to when I left the country in early 2009 and wouldn't go back. But I just mentioned something about the surveillance and left it at that. Anyway I didn't want to worry them, especially about something that they would be anguished about, if they believed it, and that we were powerless to change. For the traveling, I said it was for trade shows.

Q. OK. You said that it was mainly torture, surveillance and harassment. Was there something else as well?

A. Well the worst thing...I believe I've been sterilized.

Q. What happened?

A. This happened right at the beginning. Well I was sitting in my living room one summer afternoon, working on the computer. I'd started working from home at that point. It was a fine blue sky day. Only thing unusual was I had noticed lately a civilian car with a 'go army' logo on the door that I hadn't seen before in the parking lot.

Anyway as I was sitting there in my armchair a strange thing happened. I was suddenly hit by a jolt of lowpower lightning it seemed like. It lasted just a few seconds as I remember. When it was over, without budging, I looked around me and out the window but nothing had changed -- I didn't see anything out of the ordinary. Then, still seated in the same spot, I was overcome by what you'd call a medical emergency. I went into complete respiratory arrest. My breathing just stopped. After what seemed like forever, I was able to very slowly draw a little air but not enough. I was in acute respiratory distress. This also happens to victims of actual lightning strikes by the way. But as I say it was a clear day. Staying calm I waited, wide-eyed, and my breathing slowly returned to normal after a minute or two. Around me and outside everything was as before. No one running from the scene of the crime. I understood that the low power microwave had just been cranked way up. Not much later I also realized that I had probably just been sterilized. Permanently deprived of reproductive capacity. That's what certain levels of radiation exposure can do. Afterwards I started getting more sadistic messages about this, like 'Happy Father's Day' on the wrong date--and I have no kids, or 'What will you Pass On?' and such. I say messages. Sometimes they're not e-mails but spoof ads. That's the loophole.

I've since had a fertility test and it was normal. But that doesn't detect genetic damage, which is a known risk from even lower exposure to RF. One kind of genetic damage that is detectable is what's called micronuclei (or Howell-Jolly bodies) which after radiation exposure can be found in the red blood cells. It's like some body cells had been run in a centrifuge and broken up, creating fragments of cell nuclei, fragments of chromosomes. That's what the radiation exposure does. I went to a research hospital and asked if they had blood tests for micronuclei. The answer was no. And they couldn't refer me anywhere. This kind of thing is specialized academic lab research apparently. So again, no proof.

Q. I'm so sorry. How long has all of this been going on?

A. Since I returned to the States in early 2008. I left for good in 2009. I had originally left way back in early 1991.

They try to find your weakness and break you with psychological trauma. If you read John Marks on mind control you see that they basically use Soviet brainwashing techniques—Isolate, Humiliate, Stress, Break—but 'updated' with Yankee innovations like remote electrical torture. But I've already seen their worst. I'm solid as a rock.

They try to find your weakness and break you.

Q. Why did you decide to go public? Isn't it risky?

A. To raise awareness. It's the first step to try and stop this, to prevent it happening to more people, to the torturers being held accountable--victims coming forward with their stories.

Q. Well I certainly hope that will happen and I hope things will be all right, will work out for you. Thank-you for coming forward with your story.

What is gang stalking?



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Lecture



Former IG Farben Headquarters, Frankfurt. (credit: http://www.ecommerce.wiwi.uni-frankfurt.de/cba/poelzig.jpg)

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The ideologically opposed US and USSR became unlikely allies after Germany's declaration of war on the US (Dec. 11, 1941) —a bid to open a second front in the Pacific in its war on the Communist enemy (—Jacques Pauwels; ie in the apparent hope to draw Japan into opening a new, eastern front for the USSR).

Once Germany's defeat seemed inevitable a full year later, the US finally entered the war in the Atlantic theater, in the end checking Soviet momentum towards western Europe (and ultimately salvaging Nazi gains there *see 'Hallstein' below).

At the end of WWII, the US absorbed Germany's scientists (*Operation Paperclip*), notably gaining V2 rocket technology for NASA; its spies, including the Gestapo's anti-Soviet network, reactivated in a re-armed West Germany; and some ex-Nazi military top brass, integrated into NATO, with its seat (*EUCOM*) located in *the unscathed IG Farben headquarters* in Frankfurt.

IG Farben was the German name of the world's biggest chemicals group of companies, or cartel, the industrial core of the Nazi war machine, supplying strategic war materials such as synthetic fuel and rubber, with a giant factory complex and its own concentration camp at Auschwitz. IG Farben companies also made pharmaceuticals, vaccines, explosives and poison gas, including the one used for exterminations in the Holocaust. Part of a global petrochemical cartel, IG's commercial partner was the American Standard Oil Company, which for its part supplied the Reich with oil and vital fuel additives. Many of IG's top executives were condemned for war crimes at Nuremberg. Standard Oil later changed its name to Exxon.

After the war, the IG Farben cartel was disbanded into its constituent companies (Hoechst, now Sanofi-Aventis, Bayer, BASF) and its monumental headquarters building --spared from bombing--housed the American military government. in Germany, CIA Europe and for many years, NATO Command, and became known as Europe's Pentagon.

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After their Allied victory, the two powers quickly fell out from their forced alliance amid an uneasy division of worldwide spheres of influence, and a military balance upset by the Americans' atomic bombing of Japan at the close of the war, with Soviet troops on the doorstep. The USSR responded in 1949 with a demonstration of their own nuclear capability—an atomic test explosion, setting off the arms race. The Cold War period was marked by the eventual, massive military buildups of nuclear weaponry by both sides—the US and the USSR, strained diplomatic relations, and regional interventions to maintain or increase zones of influence.

The first important post-World War II disagreement between the Western bloc and the East was about the partition of defeated Nazi Germany, and led to a standoff, known as the Berlin crisis. With the western sector of the divided city blockaded, the western allies—the US France and UK—were forced to rely on air drops from 1948-49 to continue their military occupation there. Communication virtually ceased, and an "iron curtain" descended between the two superpowers, later symbolized by the Berlin Wall (1961).

The U.S. consolidated its position in western Europe by launching a string of strategic actions, including the anticommunist Marshall Plan, the US-led North Atlantic Treaty Organization, or NATO in 1949, and an incremental series of regional pacts. *These agreements, negotiated through West Germany, would eventually culminate in the Brussels-based European Union-supra-national European integration, within the NATO area, on the anti-democratic legal model of Nazi Germany's plans for rule over a conquered Europe (search: EU Commissioner Walter Hallstein.). In the eastern half of Europe, the Soviet Union maintained control over the countries up to its own borders. In response to the formation of NATO, it instituted the Warsaw Treaty Organization in 1955.

The next military confrontation of the Cold War flared up on the divided Korean peninsula, where after Soviet withdrawal from the North, US forces remaining in the South clashed with the armies of North Korea and then newly Communist China in the Korean War, from 1950-53. The war ended in stalemate where it had begun, at the 38th parallel, leaving two million

Korean dead.

The year 1957 saw the Soviet launch of the first intercontinental ballistic missile and the first artificial geospatial satellite, Sputnik, which kicked off the space race. The Soviets followed the feat with the first man in space in 1961. Exploiting the experience of its German rocket scientists, NASA engineered the Saturn rocket that would launch Americans into orbit.

In 1962 tensions between the two superpowers again mounted during the Cuban missile crisis when Cuba hosted Soviet missile installations in response to a failed US invasion of the country after popular revolution there. US President Kennedy negotiated a settlement that saw the missiles removed and the US pledged not to re-invade. He was assassinated in Dallas, Texas in 1963, just before the escalation of the war on Vietnam. The US went on to drop more tons of bombs on the rice farm co-ops of Indochina than the total tonnage of all bombs dropped in all the war theaters of World War II.

Throughout the 1960s, the US pursued a combination of overt and covert war in the de-colonizing Third World. In fact, with its share of victory in Europe, it was replacing the old European imperial powers under a more subtle form of financial imperialism. But in Indonesia, Indochina, and Africa its wars to counter independent development claimed a total of over five million lives.

A combination of factors including China's opening towards the US in 1972 ushered in a period of eased tensions between the US and USSR, known as détente, resulting in a series of arms control agreements. But the loss of Iran as its client state in the Iranian revolution of 1979 brought renewed US action in the Soviet sphere. First, in Afghanistan, seen as a replacement for Iran as an anti-Soviet base, the US engaged the Soviet Army with a well-armed proxy force drawn from its network of mercenary Muslim guerillas in a conflict lasting 10 years. Next, NATO and client Arab countries sponsored Iraq's war on the newly independent Iran. The devastating, eight-year conflict claimed over one million casualties. Throughout this periodthe 1980's--the US carried out its first so-called 'war on terror'--covert wars on the Left in Latin America and targets in the Middle East; supported apartheid —

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regimes; and escalated the arms race, with the Strategic Defense Initiative and revived Cold War rhetoric widening the gulf between the two superpowers.

The appearance of Mikhail Gorbachev as Soviet leader in 1985 saw a period of political liberalization which, gaining unstoppable momentum, eventually led to the breakup of the USSR and the Warsaw Pact in 1991, dramatically altering the international political landscape. Foregoing a peace dividend, Washington moved aggressively to fill the power vacuum on the strategic Eurasian continent, projecting its military to Russia's borders with the expansion of NATO; into the former USSR with new bases negotiated in the Central Asian states; and to former Soviet satellites, with wars on Socialist Serbia and later Afghanistan. At the same time, US troops occupied the most resource-rich Middle Eastern countries, first client Saudi Arabia in the 1991 Gulf War and then Iraq in 2003. The occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan have resulted in a genocide of millions of Muslims, while creating tens of millions of refugees.

Under the banner of "Another World," emerging nations meanwhile have sought to re-organize a non-aligned unification movement to achieve peaceful, independent development and finally defeat fascist terror.



Still from the 1933 German film *Testament* of *Dr Mabuse* from Fritz Lang (US version)

That's not how you learned it in school, you say? This is an economic interpretation of history that contradicts the conventional political view, of course. You have history as it happened and then as it's written by the victors. But later

events, when added to the historical narrative, can help put. the past into better perspective.

The orthodox view of this period including the war is that on one side you had the democracies--France, UK, US for example--and on the other Communist and Fascist dictatorships--who were initially aligned in the war. The Western democracies were aligned politically against fascist dictatorship and were joined by Russia only when it was attacked by Germany. The capitalist West somehow overcame its innate aversion to its mortal, ideological foe--the Communist East--to join with it. This last point constitutes a problem with this political interpretation.

To review the chronology leading up to the war...there were various prewar agreements between the different national powers. The Soviets in fact had been anti-Nazi from the beginning in 1933. Among the Western powers, you had a British naval agreement with Nazi Germany in 1935, and then the Munich agreement of Sept '38 between the two. Stalin saw these pacts as a Western anticommunist reaction forming against the new USSR and for that reason made the German-Soviet pact as a defensive measure in 1939. For its part, Germany needed Soviet military neutrality to leave it free to fight on a single western front when it would later attack western Europe. But the Soviets were always going to be a target for the rabidly anticommunist Nazis. That was their program and that was what they were hired to do. So there was no question of an enduring alignment of Fascist and Communist dictatorship, along authoritarian political lines. But if you look at the pre-war economic prism, so to speak, you see the German Republic in danger of falling into the Communist camp, following Russia, through social revolution at home--an immediate threat to the 40% of foreign investment that had fled the cartel-busting US for Germany in the booming '20s.

Both German and Western private capital answered the revolutionary threat by financing the fringe Nazi Party to defend their economic interests, an alignment along economic lines. You have to distinguish public or government and private or corporate powers. You can certainly find examples of actions going at cross purposes while coming from the same side. This is a reflection of the two aspects of power, public and private, the latter showing itself to be the predominant influence, even within the public sector itself.

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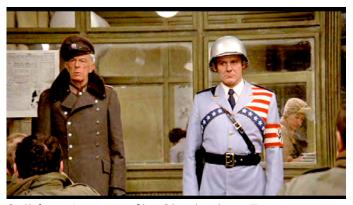
Titans of American capital largely joined the cause in Germany which was billed as a **Christian crusade** (against godless Bolshevism). So the same interests that were targeting Communists in Europe ('Bolshevik Jews') would have favored the overthrow of Communism in the Soviet Union, for the same ideological, ultimately economic reasons.



'Crusading' UK football fans, 2012 (Daily Mail)

Now Britain and France were pledged to defend Poland so the Nazi invasion in Sept. 1939 resulted in their declarations of war on Germany, which had taken on ambitions to redraw imperial maps. The US was neutral for the first two years of the war. And even after Germany declared war on the US at the end of 1941, the Americans still stayed out of the Atlantic theater for a further year, while the Nazis continued their 'round-ups' and attacked the Soviets. Once the tide started to turn against the Nazis with the pivotal Battle of Stalingrad, the US finally entered the war in the Atlantic theater, landing in North Africa in Nov. 1942. Even then, the US recognized Vichy there, with whom it had friendly diplomatic relations. It would be almost another year before US troops landed on the continent, in Italy, nearly four years after the war had started.

By the time dictatorship had fallen in the East, the US had formed one in .. Europe.



Still from American film Slaughterhouse Five, 1972

To end with a word on the EU. You can have a federal Europe but it would have to be by popular referendum and its executive would have to be elected. Its parliament would have to have lawmaking powers if you want to call it a democracy. That's not what they have in the EU at Brussels and Strasbourg.

To recap...by the time dictatorship had fallen in the East in 1990, the US had formed one in Western Europe, which then expanded east to Russia's borders. As if Nazi Germany had been successful in Europe, minus the anti-Semitism, or with Muslims as the new scapegoats, and serial wars of aggression then continuing as part of a remade neo-fascism, operating on an audience of subjects agape at powerful modern media and cringing from the baton-blow shock on the collective psyche of mass shootings, disasters, profitable health scares and threats of more to come.

Certainly today the political debate is no longer about democracy versus dictatorship, unfortunately. In an irony of history, the West has taken on the totalitarian form of its erstwhile Cold War enemy, throwing out political freedom in favor of absolute economic tyranny, with the unchecked growth of private corporate power for over a century. But instead of dictatorship by the majority under Socialism, tracing its mandate to popular revolution, the Western decline into authoritarianism is a dictatorship by capital, which is just "arbitrary privilege" for an elite minority—the *ancien regime* (old order), transposed onto a financial hierarchy; a new aristocracy of bankers with a pretended electoral mandate.

On 'Globalization'

'Standardization'--a Power and Funds Grab

The 'process of globalization' (aka internationalization, standardization, harmonization, Americanization) is a euphemism for the colonial expansion, power grabbing and tribute-taking of the global American empire in its project of worldwide corporate governance. It represents the relentless extension of corporate rule by all methods available including war and devastating financial imperialism implemented through institutions like the World Bank and International Monetary Fund (IMF). These front organizations for the US Treasury reap tribute revenues for Washington and other stakeholders from targets subjected to their colonial measures. In terms of their effects, the two main aspects of these programs are 1) the transfer of public wealth into private (corporate) hands and 2) the transfer of political power from the public to the private sector. The first item is accomplished through the creation of public debt and the stripping of publicly-held (state) assets and their transfer to private ownership. The second item, the usurpation of sovereignty, is carried out by the World Trade Organization (WTO) through the creation of legally-binding international trade agreements, negotiated behind closed doors, that are staking out, like the frontier days of old, the *terra incognita* of international governance to override national laws and therefore national sovereignty and replace it with arbitrary and unaccountable private power.

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"Standard Oil Octopus" seizing the capital. Puck cartoon, 1904



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ File:Standard_oil_octopus_loc_color.jpg

Unlike the 1930s when Fascism developed in response to a definite challenge to Capitalism from rising Socialism in Germany, in 2001 the American empire sought to capitalize on its military superiority with a fascist coup before the closing of a 'window of opportunity,' with a rising China and a Russian comeback. If this fascist relapse is in a new, bifurcated ('two-party') civilian shape, the East too has been remade with new kinds of state capitalism—a third way—offering economic freedom but with a firewall of state political control, exercised in the name of the majority, to correct the American mistake and hold unaccountable private power in check to protect the public interest.

Rockefeller: "What a funny little government!", cartoon from. The Verdict, 1900 (already)



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Towards World Government that Denies Human Dignity

The gradual build-up of despotic corporate world government consists of creating international rules respecting corporate legal personhood and its 'right' to profits that trump national laws respecting actual persons and their human rights—a regulatory derecognition of humanity as anything other than a commodity in a corporate New World Order. This is the morally bankrupt political philosophy underlying the spate of international attacks on public education.

Raiding the Public Sector

The term public sector designates assets held in common through state ownership for the public good and for the collective benefit of society. A Public Health Service, National Medical Insurance, Social Security Pensions and Welfare, Public Education, Public Transport, Water, Sanitation and sometimes Telecommunications, Energy and state Banking comprise what has been called a 'social commons.' These public assets are analogous to the natural commons of free air, clean water and land use.

In the fashion of conquering a geographic El Dorado, the black flags of world body corporate figureheads like the WTO, IMF, World Bank, European Union (EU) etc. have been steered under globalization towards the rich public sector, a new frontier to raid through trade agreements, defunding and privatizations. Public services in the 'social commons' are stripped from the state, handed over for next to nothing to the private sector as enterprises in a new public services market, offering fresh profit taking and leaving the public out of pocket, out of luck or both. In Canada, the education 'services market' alone is worth about seven percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) or some CA\$ 69 billion annually (Statistics Canada, yr. 2000). [Side note: GDP growth needs to be replaced as an indicator of economic health because it's skewed by just the take at the top. The GINI Index, a measure of income distribution needs to be factored in to measure the spread of economic health.]

Privatization as Enclosure

The enclosure within the market economy of the 'so-cial commons' through outright privatization or foot-in-the-door 'public-private partnerships' is the modern equivalent of the 19th century Enclosure Acts in capitalist England, and derived from the same insatiable market logic. Historically, public commons lands used for agriculture and grazing livestock by all for their common benefit were enclosed (fenced off) and 'privatized,' ending free public access. Lacking other means of support, the landless were forced in this way into wage slavery in the factories where their labor value could be exploited for individual profit, as sheep are shorn for their wool.

Banking Subsidies as Tribute

Besides the corporate takeover of public assets, another tactic for massive transfers of wealth from the public to the private sector, specifically the banking sector, is the creation of public debt and the transfer of privately held debt to the public (taxpayers) under destructive IMF economic tutelage and with troubled private debt restructuring.

The erosion of public education is of a piece with the IMF program of asset stripping but it also has the synergy of creating massive student debt (currently \$1 trillion in the US) to generate further revenues in interest payments for the private bank lenders, making the sector doubly attractive to corporate predators. And what about education as a human right? They don't care if people live or die--Joseph Stiglitz, former World Bank chief economist. ¹

The ruinous transformations wrought under cover of standardization or as IMF 'rescues' lock in wealth transfers as the corporate welfare state expands, operating through the public subsidy of corporate enterprise for private profit—a bankrupt casino player collecting funds from the spectators around the betting table.

Usurping State Sovereignty

The loss of the public sector, integrated into industry, represents not only asset stripping but also a loss of —

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sovereignty and self-determination as corporate dictates, not public policy come to define a great swath of public life from education to health and beyond,

Many have learned since the 'Battle of Seattle' protests of 1999, that World Bank projects and IMF shock therapy programs for 'competitiveness,' siphon-up 'growth' and 'development' impoverish whole nations; and that WTO trade agreements to eliminate state subsidies as 'distortions of competition' favor unfair trade between unequal parties and destroy state sovereignty.

Past WTO trade round negotiations have already made clear the intention to swallow public education in an 'education services market.' The EU uses the same language as its corporate cousin to introduce tuition fees, as an 'equalizer' (rounding up) in the European Union, where until 2003 higher education had been free in most countries [in fact, as tuition rises it will have the opposite effect, ending *equality* of access].

Uniformity vs Diversity

Diversity in different national legal and cultural landscapes is a natural reflection of democratic society, manifesting diverse local wishes. Standardized uniformity on the other hand is the mark of authoritarian society. To argue as our politicians do that the (gradual) destruction of public education and other policies that derive from 'ineluctable' globalization, still the prevalent political trend, are taking place in democratic societies is simply disingenuous. The goal is an announced new world order—"a socio-economic order under the control of private power" (Chomsky) or corporate governance. To name names, Fascism.

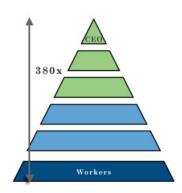
Transformation--From University to Education Management Organizations

Private HMOs (Health Management Organizations) offer a glimpse of what may be in store for the public education system under corporate rule. Results have been abysmal for patients, as increases in private profit

have been predictably driven by lowered costs through declining quality of care or access to it. This is the mold for education with public universities to be transformed under external pressures for standardization in line with corporate funding, and with curricula reoriented towards satisfying corporate interests.

The vision of education as an opportunity to fully realize one's potential, to develop the capacity for critical and analytical thinking of lifelong value, to benefit from exposure to great minds and experience intellectual awakening will be replaced for many by the learning of useful (job) skills—as in trade school—as dearly paid for as it is subject to rapid obsolescence, like software versions. Under this new model of an 'Education and Training Business," students become commodities, processed for profit, for ready inclusion into the corporate workforce, adding knowledge value of interest to business. The most one can hope for is to become a well-placed instrument of capital accumulation within the high-top pyramid scheme.

The Pay Pyramid



The belief is that...You'll never hit the jackpot unless you first become a slug for the machine. But ...those who submit to training only because it will link them more effectively to a great economic and bureaucratic mechanism are using their best years and faculties as a means of enslaving themselves. (Marshall McLuhan, The Mechanical Bride.)

NOTES

¹ Greg Palast, 'The Globalizer Who Came In From the Cold,' *London Observer*, Wednesday, October 10, 2001

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UEFA Euro 2012, Italy vs. England coverage

Media Racism

Italy Win, Anglo Media Smear

Media Hooligans: 'Italians are Violent Cheats'

Talk about sore losers!

Despite UEFA's very visible anti-racism campaign in the Euro 2012 tournament, it seems that the pitting of nation vs nation, even just at competitive sport, may still degenerate into ethnic stereotyping. Not that hooligans have run amok making embarrassing racist displays in the stands. They have not. The problem has come rather from the besuited yobs of Anglophone corporate media, not missing the opportunity the tournament gives to sow more division among the masses—in a brief respite from beating their war drums (speaking of violence)—while launching crypto-racist attacks on their vanquishers at football.

Case 1: Canadian TV's Global News (Shaw Communications)

Subtext: Italians are violent, passionate



Canada's Global News: Italy=mafia

Following Italy's victory over England June 24 in the Euro 2012 tournament, Shaw Communication's Canadian TV news ran a video piece from Toronto, a city sometimes called a 'clean, safe New York,' on the city's Italian community. Entitled "Soccer fans return to Little Italy," the report is set at a "Sicilian" cafe where an alleged mob hit (of one John Raposo) re-

cently took place. The reporter links the incident to a second recent shooting in Toronto three weeks prior, where the "victims were again targeted"— the innuendo falsely suggesting a wave of mafia violence. The disingenuous report fails to mention that the earlier incident, a mall shooting, was determined to be street gang-related (not mob), with suspect and victims alike bearing distinctly non-Latin names. Furthermore, why should fans hesitate to return to the crime scene cafe if it was a targeted hit, not random violence that took place there? If the basis or 'hook' of the story is false (on two counts), then what's really its point? Let's not let facts or logic get in the way of a good smear. The stage is set.

Cut to interview of Italian fan, questioned in the video about rash of Toronto shootings, with the name 'ITALIA' writ large, as subtitle, emblazoned on his T-shirt. Urban shootings. Italia. Where is the theme from *The Godfather?*



No, it's safe.

After showing other *Azzurri* fans cheering their team at the cafe, the hit piece ends with a shot of a large Italian flag borne by supporters on the street, and the voiceover "Today wasn't about violence [for once] but about passion." Another negative stereotype, for good measure, from the Anglo losers (in the match).

Italy Win, Continued---

Final frame, for opera fans, sends in the clowns:



Rat-a-tat-tat.

http://www.globalnational.com/GlobalNational/video/soccer+fans+return+to+little+italy/video.html?v=2249907220&p=1&s=dd#video

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Case 2:

If You Can't Beat Them, Smear Them...

UK Daily Mail

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2164145/Englands-Euro-2 012-defeat-It-ends-penalties-ends-tears-says-Richard-Littlejohn.h tml

Richard Littlejohn: Subtext.--We Lost to Italian Cheats

That's an unusual name, by the way. Richard Littlejohn. Swapped the Dick for John was it? Excerpt from June 24 account of England-Italy match:

A promising England attack was halted by the refereewhen an Italian defender conformed to national stereotype and went to ground clutching his face after Scott Parker had accidentally brushed his shoulder. We groaned. Get up you cheat....

Italian player "conform[s] to national stereotype" [confirming national stereotype], allegedly cheating by taking a dive, after a gentle English sportsman accidentally brushed his shoulder. If we're going to sink to ethnic name calling, what name then for the English, whose players during the same match put cleats to body and thrust fist toward face (Hart) of opponents? It brings to mind the iconic moment in a 2006 World Cup match in Gelsenkirchen, when England favorite Wayne Rooney ground boot to groin of the fallen Ricardo Carvalho of Portugal...(see *Telegraph* uk April 26, 2011).

...Groin stompers?

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Wayne (Boots) Rooney goes for the balls

Never mind the stands UEFA. Look instead to the Anglophone media, but not for 'respect.'

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/football/teams/manchest er-united/8472725/Schalke-v-Manchester-United-Wayne-Ro oney-must-not-slip-off-road-to-redemption-at-scene-of-W orld-Cup-shame.html



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2012 Quebec Student Strike Timeline

Ides of March March 15, 2011	Government of Quebec Prime Minister Jean Charest announces budget plans raising public university tuition in the province by 65% to CA\$ 4,515 including fees.
Feb. 17, 2012	Start of daily student protest marches in Montreal, student strike of classes begins (about half of all higher ed students), adoption of carré rouge red square symbol.
March 7	Police seriously injure student protest harmonica player (Francis Grenier, 20), hit with exploding grenade, detaching retina in his right eye. Loses vision, has reconstructive surgery.
March 15	March against police brutality. Government refuses to negotiate on increase.
April 12	Ruling party government functionary publishes opinion piece expressly calling for fascist tacticsBrownshirt-style physical assaults on protesters. (*article, in French)
May 4	Police seriously injure 12 students at Victoriaville, with six hospitalized and over 100 held by police overnight.
May 14	Quebec Education Minister resigns. Media accuse 'spoiled' students of violence.
May 18	Government passes strike-breaking emergency law (Bill 78) illegally? restricting freedom of assembly and association, establishing punitive fines for violations, and canceling the semester.
May 19	General population joins students protesting emergency law with casseroles and spoons in hand, a noisy reminder of limited family budgets.
May 22	An estimated 250,000 students, citizens, families defy emergency law and march to mark the 100th day of daily protests. Official hearings into Charest government corruption begin (to investigate allegations of party financing from organized crime).
May 23	Mass police arrests of over 500 protesters held for hours in restraints on parked city buses.
June 15	Scheduled end of semester and summer break.
July 16	New Education Minister announces decision not to stand for re-election.
Aug 1, 2012	Quebec Government calls for fresh elections to be held on Sept. 4, 2012
	(Compiled with CBC timeline http://www.cbc.ca/news/interactives/montreal-protest/)
	* http://www.fachowatch.com/quand-les-journaux-publient-un-apologie-du-fascisme/

Quebec Student Strike, Cont.--

Money for Scams not Schools

Has Quebec PM Charest really drunk the globalist Kool-aid? Is he another leader cum_ implementerservant of the corporate boardrooms?

Consider his government's announcement of \$385m per year (through 2020) spending on development of a carbon market for Quebec, to be linked with the state of California's. This is 88 percent of the contested tuition hike amount. A carbon market is the trading of permits to release CO2 under a system ostensibly designed to limit alleged greenhouse gas climate warming. Despite the recordsetting volume of hot air hyping man-made climate change and global gearing up to save the world, it's another sky is falling scenario that's turned out to be a myth and a con.

Historical cycles in climate temperature have been shown not to correlate with atmospheric CO2 levels but with variations in the sun's radiant energy (source)10, as anyone would expect. The bestknown data showing a locked-in upward trend in temperature since the 20th century was shown to have been based on flawed data and methodology (article)11. Separately, leading climatologist proponents of global warming (at the UK's Climatic Research Unit of the University of East Anglia) were exposed as frauds in the 2009 Climate Gate scandal (see article)12 in which their private email correspondence was hacked and released. In one such email,13 a scientist (Dr Phil Jones) implied that though his data actually showed climate cooling since

publish since it contradicted the 'consensus' on 'settled science.'

Not aligned with progress but with reaction, our corporate leaders are taking us back to the pre-science era of dogma and medieval forms of censorship as they exploit the unknown to trade in myth, an ancient theocratic practice.

In our brave new totalitarian. world, truth is not. broadcast...it is whispered

As Noam Chomsky 14 has pointed out, a good rule of thumb to follow when testing bits of info debris from the propaganda storm for verity is that the louder and more repeated it is (global warming, the 'international Muslim conspiracy') the more likely it is to be professional myth making (marketing and cloak and dagger manipulation). In our brave new totalitarian world, truth is not broadcast, it is whispered. Big Lie 'facts' are manufactured, precisely by volume and repetition, à la Goebbels. As for wild weather, there must be some other explanation (search: HAARP).

So why propagate the man-made warming fraud? Because of a little agenda item of the well overripe American empire called World Government. The greenhouse gas climate warming myth is a ruse to introduce a global tax (on carbon emissions) as an international revenue source for world government under the corporate new world order. The tax, which would hit developing nations hardest (high polluters), would also thereby counter development, together with energy rationing, synergistically perpetuat-

1998, it would be impossible to ing US hegemony, as the new tribute payments roll in, transferring more public funds into private hands. In addition to regulating energy use, the scheme also seeks to regulate land use as well as transportation at the international level. The carbon market scam would also provide a new unregulated casino chip, representing a virtual commodity--and thus a fresh opportunity for more, lucrative financial fraud as a follow-up to derivatives trading.

> Consider also BC's experience in the fledgling carbon market, revealed in an exposé by the Vancouver Sun. 15. BC's participation in the carbon market saw CA\$ 5 million in 'carbon offsets' paid annually from "hospitals, universities, and schools" to industry like "gas drilling rigs, pulp mills, sawmills, and hotels." Under the scam, the public sector must pay for its carbon emissions with the money going (through an intermediary) to polluters 'to fund emissions reduction projects,' many of which the expose found to have been already funded by taxpayer dollars. Another public-to-private funds transfer scheme to fleece taxpayers under the corporate welfare state's longstanding and relentless logic of destroying collectivity for the benefit of individuals.

Silencing Independent Academe

Which brings us to another synergy to the attempted break-up of public education. With the latest agitations of the global corporate Leviathan, the tranquil island of academe finds itself in danger of being swamped in the monster's sea of influence. Even with corporate governance and paid research already in place, the still independent \rightarrow

Quebec Student Strike, Cont.--

voice of academic integrity poses an intolerable challenge to paid opinion and undermines completion of the information monopoly needed to convincingly impose the wool over the eyes of predatory corporate para-reality, the better to fleece you of course.

From Billboards to Paperedover Reality

A celebrated reference point in the schoolbook histories of Western society's progressiveness was the freeing of slaves. Under the new corporate totalitarianism, the old achievement is turned on its head thanks to a modern innovation made possible through the formidable weapon of information control: the slaves think they are free.

Strike, Postscript.

On corporate media propaganda-drinking the Kool-Aid

There was a movie once where a character with some kind of slight mental handicap went around parroting things she heard in ads, as if they were important, or true... "Four out of five dentists surveyed recommend new..." etc. Clearly no one would take such an unfortunate individual seriously, to say the least. Why then is it any more acceptable in discussion of current events to repeat media news and opinion (marketing) in the same way? News is just big corporate business selling 'eyeballs' to other big business for ad revenue. It's natural that viewers of this closed-circle exchange get nothing but the corporate spin on events, reported as if in a historical vacuum, and approved by shill regulators. To the extent that the content fails to reflect this point of view, or to promote the corporate agenda, systemic censorship comes into play as the ad revenue control valve closes off (see *Manufacturing Consent.*). Ultimately, it's corporate public relations, which is of course as much a form of marketing as advertising is. And like a crook on the witness stand, media suffers from day-to-day memory loss ('I don't recall'), or plays dumb, conveniently failing to connect the dots that would reveal the bigger picture.

Quebec Student Protests for Equal Access to Higher Ed

C'est un état voyou qui s'en prend à la jeunesse

Cough It Up! Or Else!



C'est qui l'aggresseur?
Who uses violence and intimidation?



NOTES

- 1 Fly-by-night language note: now called 'public-private partnerships' (creeping privatization).
- 2 Canadian defunding stat source: http://educationisaright.ca/en/section/10
- 3 Carl Duisberg quote: http://www.iwilltryit.com/critical2.htm
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- 5 A sampled video short from the "Glory Road" segments sponsored by the US Army (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hztIQ9YB5x0) features a martial arts champion (a Ms. Neuenswander-Welsh) and "Fight Night" actress, active in charity work, pictured striking blows at an opponent, and then teaching orphans to fight. "People want to help. They just don't know how to do it." Voiceover: "Rebecca found that by using her own strength she was able to help build a strong life for others." Inference: the unfortunate are where they are because they are weak. They must become strong to improve their lot. Subtext: Violence (fighting, war) is natural. And it is natural for the strong to dominate the weak.

This is fascist ideology (Nietzsche for 12 year-olds) being taught in schools to American children by the US Army, sponsor of the 'Glory Road' segments.



[Charity is used as a cover to make the case for war fighting. One of the recipients of charity mentioned was Nicaragua. Maybe they wouldn't have had as many orphans if the country hadn't been illegally attacked over a period of 10 years by US-backed terrorists, condemned by the International Court of Justice (1986), with 30,000 killed. Or perhaps the charity should be arming the orphans, to make them "stronger" for the next round of 'fighting' if Nicaragua should again manage to organize politically for the collective good.]

6 As in the US in 2000, a close presidential election saw the intervention of the Supreme Court to deny a recount, effectively awarding the presidency to Calderon despite its acknowledgement of irregularities.

7 "This process is divided into three major reforms. First, standardize studies into three cycles. Second, establish a single system for calculating university credits that are transferable between institutions. Third, institute quality assurance, under the management of agencies **external** to the universities.

In Quebec, the first two reforms are already in place, apart from the non-compliance of the CEGEP network, hence the repeated calls for its abolition – most recently from the CAQ of Sirois-Legault..."

Pierre Dubuc (L'aut'journal) via http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=31036

The article goes on to say that the Charest government, in its May 5, 2012 offer to negotiating student reps, had also proposed to implement the third reform, dealing a blow to autonomy, with 'internationalization' and creation of external (to the universities) control for 'quality assurance' with power over curricula, research, university structure, and establishing 'partnership' links to business. [In exchange, universities would receive \$850 million in corporate funding—this last element was already included in the Charest government's 3/2011 tuition hike budget.—MB]

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- 8 Times Higher Ed: http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/story.asp?storycode=409733
- 9 Canadian Perspectives on the Bologna Process, U of Alberta Conference held March 19-20, 2009 (pdf)
- 10 Climate temp. correlation: http://www.petitionproject.org/review_article.php
- II Hockey stick graph flaws: http://www.prospectmagazine.co.uk/magazine/the-case-against-the-hockey-stick/
- **12** Climate gate:

http://blogs.telegraph.co.uk/news/jamesdelingpole/100017393/climategate-the-final-nail-in-the-coffin-of-anthrop ogenic-global-warming/

13 Climate gate e-mail:

http://www.independent.co.uk/environment/climate-change/probe-into-leak-of-climate-change-emails-is-closed-7957246.html

- **14** *Caution*.: Would that he took his own advice (on 9-11)...We cite Chomsky as a sometimes worthy, critical source, not as a generally dependable one (eg 9/11) Conflicts of interest: longtime employee of major Pentagon contractor (MIT); crypto-Zionist.
- 15 Vancouver Sun_ carbon market exposé:

 $http://www.vancouversun.com/technology/controversial+carbon+trading+system+under+review/6858021/story.htm \\ 1$

Other Links

Chomsky higher ed video: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_EgdShO1K8

CCPA: http://www.policyalternatives.ca/newsroom/news-releases/canada's-secret-bank-bailout-revealed



INTERNET CONTROVERSY

Nazi Ghosts?

Was Giselle Bundchen's Grandfather a Nazi?



Has Tom Brady's wife got an authoritarian streak?

Just asking because it seems Giselle Bundchen, the Brazilian model, has been going around suggesting 'worldwide law' to dictate people's personal habits...such as required breast feeding and compulsory condom use (now there's a good pretext for police cameras in your bedrooms). In another bizarre tack, the supermodel allegedly told an interviewer that she feels that her husband's child from a previous relationship is her own.

Not that the pronouncements of fashion models need be taken seriously. After all, they're in the business of beauty not brains. But when the last of the supermodel breed makes a spectacle with repeated public comments that beg controversy, then you have to take note (and wonder what exactly the high-profile glamour puss is promoting—is she a budding spokesperson on the world government team?)

Speaking of controversy, in 2009 when America's golden couple were (re-)married in Costa Rica, gate crashing paparazzi were not just bounced from the private event but had the rear window of their SUV shot out as they tried to flee with their film—and their lives. The two men, whose agency INF said 'narrowly escaped death' have sued the couple, apparently following lack of criminal prosecution in Costa Rica. Now what better way to share the joy and celebrate the big day than by opening fire on any uninvited guests?

What are these people, Nazis (you ask)?

Walter Bundchen_ (dec.)

The model, who happens to be of German-descent, has claimed for the record that her family has been in Brazil for six generations. She brought up the question of ancestry because of the historical background: The best known emigration of Germans to South America was that of Nazi war criminals after WWII, along the so-called Vatican rat line. Nazis later 'provided security' for some



of the (then) fascist South American plantation states, a haven because the personal fiefdom of US Undersecretary of State for Latin American Affairs, Nelson Rockefeller. Nearby Argentina was a major post-war destination for Nazi war criminals as well as Third Reich treasure. The Nazis got falsified travel documents, so their civil details like date and place of birth would be unreliable. Previous European immigration to the region did occur in the late 19th century.

Given the murky history, Bundchen's statement would have been meant to preempt any facile connections being made based just on ethnicity or on the apparent coincidence that Bundchen's hometown of Horizontina (est. 1954) was "colonized by Germans," as she has also said.

It has already been claimed on the internet that Bundchen's grandfather, Walter Bundchen, was a Nazi. This was impossible to verify on the web, especially with the unusual page redirections. But we did find information that, if true, might bolster the Nazi claim: an obituary of Walter Bundchen (d. Oct. 3, 2010) on the website of the Zero Hora (Zero Hour) newspaper from the state of Rio Grande do Sul, where the family's hometown is located. It must be the shortest obit ever of a former mayor of a town with its airport named after him. More importantly, the brief obit said that Walter Bundchen moved to Horizontina "in the late 1940s." It also mentioned that he was born in "Tilings." There is no country name given and there is no Tilings in Brazil. Unfortunately, the obit disappeared from the newspaper's website very shortly after we'd found it, here:

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http://zerohora.clicrbs.com.br/rs/buscar-obituario/.

The page now lists "No results" for that name. The newspaper archives there in *Porto Alegre* are not invulnerable either.

Everywhere else on the net the man is listed as born in *Sao Leopoldo*, Brazil, Feb. 23, 1916. But there is a problem with that information. If this place of birth clashes with the local obit, the date of birth contradicts widespread media reports of the celebrity couple's visit, as newlyweds, to *Horizontina* to celebrate the grandfather's 83rd birthday in March 2009. The celebrity news stories citing the grandfather's age in 2009 would indicate that Walter was born in 1926 instead of 1916, the prevalent date. Clearly then, some confusion about the date and place of birth. Curious.

As for the golden couple, they've put down roots in California, the Patriot husband's home turf. As chance would have it, it's also the one state in the union that then had a governor who professed to "admire Hitler" and whose father was a Nazi officer, member of the SA (Gov. Schwarzenegger). Not the ideal PR move for Giselle, under the circumstances.



America's Golden Couple

To be sure, no one is responsible for the sins of the father (much less grandfather). And it's possible that the whole web controversy over whether there's an ugly Nazi skeleton in the beauty's closet might have something to do with jealousy of the model *madchen* and her sculpted Tom Terrific. Or could it be just because they would fit the bill as the perfect poster couple specimen of *uber menschen*, for the flag-filled stadium jumbotrons, under 'Patriot' fly-overs, in their violent and authoritarian neo-fascist homeland?

Whatever the case, Ms. Bundchen would probably be better off going back to promoting beauty products rather than floating public comments that have the air of revealing trial-balloons for a frightening New World Order.

Now about that Lauren-Bush marriage...

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Ralph Lauren Sends in the Troops

Olympic Stadium Martial Look



Team USA entrance at London 2012 Parade of Nations

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POLICE VIOLENCE

Montreal, SPARTA—It's hard to spend any time at all in the city of Montreal without crossing paths with the boys in blue, repeatedly, in columns of cars, motorcycle squads, on horseback, bicycle, or on foot, in marching phalanxes, batons tapping shields in martial rhythm, in the metro, inside night clubs, in the lobby of your apartment building...

Police shootings of unarmed citizens in 2012 (a homeless man in a busy subway station, a reveler screeching his tires on a hot summer night, a hospital employee walking to work at 7 a.m. ...) are on pace to double last year's total, which at one point had reached a crescendo of three victims in three weeks time. Media requests for surveillance video of the scenes of the shootings have been refused. Rest assured, the police will be investigating (themselves).

Is all of this--the ubiquitous presence in numbers, the intimidation, the strong-arm tactics, the armed interventions, the fatal shootings, the impunity--consistent with the norms of a democratic society? Or have Charest's Quebec (and Harper's Canada) become part of an out-of-control North American police state? (see article 'Outlaw Police State,' Resistance no.1

We had a look at the people's video evidence online ...

Montage

#4 Student Life: Hard lesson.



#3 Street Theater - Juggler Takedown.



#2 The Cafe Terrasse







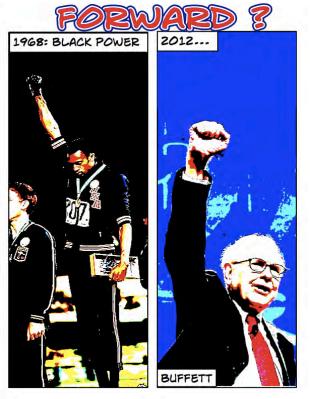


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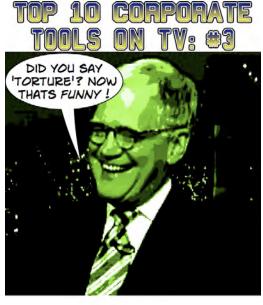


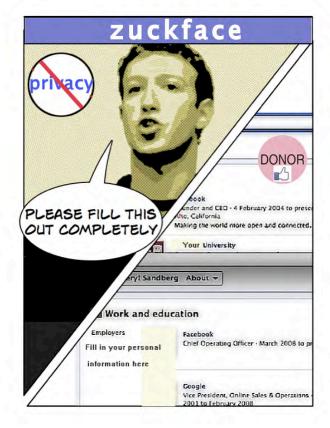




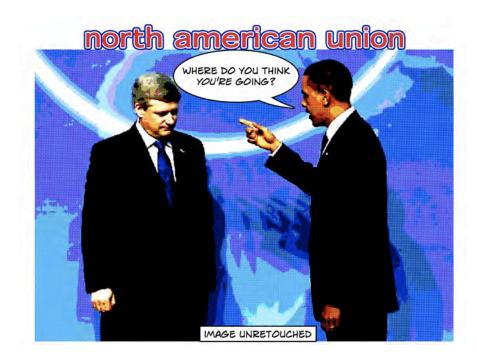












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