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My Body, My Choice

INVASION OF THE BODY SNATCHERS 2021

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It's like *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* all over again.

The nation is being overtaken by an alien threat that invades bodies, alters minds, and transforms freedom-loving people into a mindless, compliant, conforming mob intolerant of anyone who dares to be different, let alone think for themselves.

However, while *Body Snatchers* — the chilling 1956 film directed by Don Siegel — blames its woes on seed pods from outer space, the seismic societal shift taking place in America owes less to biological warfare reliant on the COVID-19 virus than it does to psychological warfare disguised as a pandemic threat.

As science writer David Robson explains:

Fears of contagion lead us to become more conformist and tribalistic, and less accepting of eccentricity. Our moral judgements become harsher and our social attitudes more conservative when considering issues such as immigration or sexual freedom and equality. Daily reminders of disease may even sway our political affiliations... Various experiments have shown that we become more conformist and respectful of convention when we feel the threat of

a disease... the evocative images of a pandemic led [participants in an experiment] to value conformity and obedience over eccentricity or rebellion.

This is how you persuade a populace to voluntarily march in lockstep with a police state and police themselves (and each other): by ratcheting up the fear-factor, meted out one carefully calibrated crisis at a time, and teaching them to distrust any who diverge from the norm.

The government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic has been that in order to fight this "foreign" foe, the government insists it needs even greater surveillance powers as we've seen with the COVID lockdowns, contact tracing, and immunity passports.

The underlying principle is: can we hold onto our basic freedoms and avoid succumbing to the soul-sucking dredge of conformity that threatens our very humanity?

Body Snatchers is set in a small California town which has been infiltrated by mysterious pods from outer space that replicate and take the place of humans who then become conforming non-individuals. Miles Bennell, the main character, is a local doctor who resists the invaders and their attempts to erase humanity from

the face of the earth.

The film conveys a dou-

ble meaning, serving as both a mirror of a particular moment in history and a compass pointing to a growing societal illness. Yet Siegel's film delves beneath the surface to

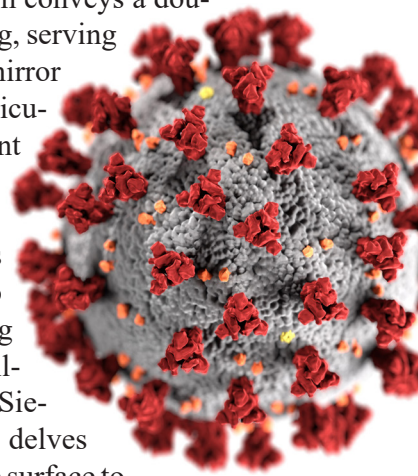
confront an even more sinister threat: **the dehumanization of individuals and the horrifying possibility that humanity could become infused as part of the societal machine.**

Central to the film is one key speech delivered by Bennell while hiding from the aliens:

In my practice, I see how people have allowed their humanity to drain away . . . only it happens slowly instead of all at once. They didn't seem to mind. . . All of us, a little bit. We harden our hearts . . . grow callous . . . only when we have to fight to stay human do we realize how precious it is.

As Siegel makes clear, it is not Communists or terrorists or even viral

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pandemics that threaten our well-being. The real enemy is invasive governmental measures — something we now see happening across the country — and, thus, totalitarian conformity. Resistance must be against all government measures that threaten our civil liberties and against all kinds of conformity, no matter the shape, size or color of the package it comes in.

When all is said and done, however, the real threat to freedom (in the fictional world of *Body Snatchers* and in our present-day America) is posed by an establishment — be it governmental, corporate or societal — that is hostile to individuality and those who dare to challenge the status quo.

The mob hysteria, sense of paranoia, fascist police and the witch hunt atmosphere of the film mirror the ills of a 1950s America that is frighteningly applicable to present American society.

Acknowledging that *Body Snatchers* portrayed the conflict between individuals and varied forms of mindless authority, Siegel stated, “I think the world is populated by pods and I wanted to show them.” He explained:

People are pods. Many of my associates are certainly pods. They have no feelings. They exist, breathe, sleep. To be a pod means that you have no passion, no anger, the spark has left you...of course, there’s a very strong case for being a pod. These pods, who get rid of pain, ill-health and mental disturbances are, in a sense, doing good. It happens to leave you in a very dull world but that, by the way, is the world that most of us live in. It’s the same as people who welcome going into the

army or prison. There’s regimentation, a lack of having to make up your mind, face decisions.... People are becoming vegetables. I don’t know what the answer is except an awareness of it.

Have “we the people” stopped thinking for ourselves and relinquished control over our lives and our country to government operatives who care only for money and power?

While the specific game plan for turning things around is complicated by a police state that wants to keep us at a disadvantage, the solution is relatively simple: Don’t be a pod person. Pay attention. Question everything. Dare to be different. Don’t follow the mob. Don’t let yourself become numb to the world around you. Be compassionate. Be humane. Most of all, think for yourself. 

TRUST VACCINES . . . OR VERIFY?

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The National Vaccine Information Center hosted a conference entitled, *Protecting Health and Autonomy in the 21st Century*, because at no time in modern history has it been more important for all of us to take a stand. This year, the orchestrated actions by governments around the world to restrict or eliminate civil liberties in response to the emergence of a new coronavirus has been unprecedented, and it has had profound effects on the global economy and on the physical, mental and emotional health of billions of people.

By mid-September 2020, there were about 29 million cases of the new Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS-CoV-2) reported worldwide with about 925,000 associated deaths. The United States, the third most populated country in the world at 330 million people, had recorded over seven million cases and

198,000 deaths, with an estimated 598 deaths per million people, which is a higher death rate than Sweden, where health officials have refused to order masking or lock down the country and allowed the population to acquire natural herd immunity to the virus.

COVID Mortality Is Less Than 1%

According to the World Health Organization, the overall mortality rate for the new SARS coronavirus causing COVID-19 is about 0.6 percent, although some scientists say it is lower, while others estimate it can be as high as one to two percent in some parts of the world. Compared to Ebola with a 50 percent mortality rate or smallpox, at 30 percent; tuberculosis at 20 to 70 percent; diphtheria at 5 to 10 percent; or the 1918 influenza pandemic with a 2.5 percent mortality rate, COVID-19 is near the bottom of the infectious diseases mortality scale

with a less than one percent mortality rate in most countries.

Those at highest risk for complications and death include the elderly and those with one or more poor health conditions. The CDC recently reported that



only six percent of COVID-19-related deaths were solely due to coronavirus infection and 94 percent of the people who died also had influenza or pneumonia; heart, lung or kidney disease; high blood pressure; diabetes, or another underlying poor health condition. Most studies suggest it is rare for children to suffer complications and die from COVID-19.

Seven months after the WHO declared a coronavirus pandemic, and public health officials persuaded lawmakers to turn the world upside

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down, a lot of people are asking questions.

Q: *Does wearing a cloth face mask prevent me from getting infected with or transmitting COVID-19?*

There is an ongoing debate in the medical community about whether it is a good idea for all healthy children and adults to wear cloth masks.

In March 2020, the U.S. Surgeon General ordered the American public to stop buying and wearing masks because “they are not effective in preventing general public from catching coronavirus” and “actually can increase the spread of coronavirus,” which was the position of the WHO. But in April, the CDC walked back its “do not mask” order and urged all healthy Americans to voluntarily wear homemade cloth face coverings when entering public spaces.

In June, the WHO was continuing to say that, “At the present time, the widespread use of masks everywhere is not supported by high-quality scientific evidence, and there are potential benefits and harms to consider . . . Masks on their own will not protect you from COVID-19,” But by June, a number of state Governors and local governments had mandated facemask wearing and an epidemic of mask shaming had begun, which led to public protests against masking mandates. In August, the CDC doubled down and expanded face masking directives to include all children over the age of two, while the WHO warned that children under the age of six should not wear masks but children over age 12 should.

So confusion reigns. While some scientists are saying that if all healthy people are forced to wear face masks it will not stop the coronavirus pandemic and gives a dangerous and false illusion of safety, other scientists are demonizing the refusers, al-

leging that people refusing to mask up are “sociopathic” and have lower levels of empathy.

So what about getting tested for COVID-19? The CDC says that people should get tested if they have COVID-19 symptoms or have been in contact with someone who has been diagnosed with the infection. There is also an antibody test to identify whether or not you have been infected in the past.

Q: *Will a lab test accurately identify if I am currently infected or have been infected with COVID-19?*

Unfortunately, it’s not clear how accurate any of the tests are, especially the antibody test for past infection because the presence of antibodies may not be the only way to measure immunity. The best guess is that the range of reported false negative results for the nasal swab test is between two and 50 percent, and the reported false negative results for the antibody blood test is up to 30 percent, depending upon when during or after the infection testing is performed.

In July, a state lab in Connecticut admitted that 90 out of 144 people tested during a 30 day period — most of them nursing home residents — were inaccurately informed they were infected because of faulty, false positive lab tests. In August, 77 football players in the National Football league were given false positive test results when, after retesting, all the tests came back negative.

Q: *If I recover from COVID-19, will I have long-term immunity against re-infection?*

The CDC says it is unknown how long immunity lasts or whether you can get the new coronavirus infection twice. However, last spring researchers found that out of 68 uninfected persons, the blood from one third of them contained helper T-cells that

recognized the mutated SARS coronavirus. They concluded the presence of these defensive helper T cells gives evidence for some residual immunity that may have been produced after common cold infections caused by other types of coronaviruses. This, the scientists said, “bodes well for the development of long-term protective immunity.”

Another important study was published in the medical literature in August providing evidence for robust memory T cell immune responses in people who had recovered from even mild or asymptomatic cases of COVID-19 but had no detectable virus-specific antibodies.

If people can have strong immune responses without symptoms and traditional antibody tests for proof of immunity don’t apply to COVID-19, public health officials may be underestimating the extent of population-level herd immunity that already exists in the U.S., where there have been more cases reported than anywhere else.

COVID Laws Are a Disaster

While doctors debate the science, it is becoming clearer that the response to the new coronavirus infection by government health officials has been a public relations disaster. The anxiety, fear, and chaos created by regulations instituted by most governments after the declaration of a COVID-19 pandemic has torn the fabric of societies and affected public opinion about public health laws and vaccination.

Now the people are being told that there is one — and only one — simple solution to resolving the crisis and getting back to normal: that is, the only way we can take off our masks and touch, hug, kiss, or come close to each other again is for every person living

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in every country to get injected with one of the liability-free COVID-19 vaccines being fast tracked to market.

In April, WHO officials at the United Nations launched a global initiative “to end the Covid-19 pandemic, proclaiming that, “no one is safe until everyone is safe.” By May, they were warning that if every person in the world doesn’t get injected with a COVID-19 vaccination, the virus “may never go away.”

The WHO, U.S. government and lawmakers in the European Union, along with wealthy and politically powerful non-governmental organizations like the Gates Foundation, GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, and Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations have given the pharmaceutical industry tens of billions of dollars to develop and fast track experimental coronavirus vaccines to market and promote their universal use. At the same time, governments have given pharmaceutical companies a liability shield from lawsuits when COVID-19 vaccines injure or kill people.

The hard sell is on, but a lot of people are *not* buying it.

People Reject the Sales Pitch

Every poll taken this year has revealed that between 40 and 70 percent of people living in the U.S. and Europe don’t plan to get a COVID-19 vaccine when it is licensed.

Populations in developed countries are resisting the siren call for “solidarity,” as doubt about COVID-19 vaccines is becoming more common in developing countries, too.

Apparently, the pushback by a wary public has taken government officials by surprise. Apparently, they were banking that the economic and social deprivation, fear and chaos surrounding lockdowns would produce a bull market for experimental

mRNA and DNA COVID-19 vaccines using technology that never has been licensed for humans.

It is widely acknowledged now that a solid two-thirds of Americans or more will “just say no” to getting injected with a vaccine containing lab altered parts of a new coronavirus that scientists admit they still don’t know much about, vaccines that preliminary clinical trials have revealed may well cause more than just a few minor reactions. A frustrated top U.S. health official has name-called Americans, who refuse to go along with public health policies and laws, calling them “anti-science” and “anti-authority.”

The truth is, people in this country and many others just don’t have confidence in the quality and quantity of the science or government health officials they are being told to trust.

Social Sanctions on Vaccinations May Align with Lockdown Sanctions

In the U.S. most public health laws, including vaccine laws, are enacted by the states, while the federal government makes vaccine use recommendations and can mandate vaccines for people crossing national or state borders. Local city and county governments also can impose their own public health regulations. That is why some states and cities have seen very restrictive COVID-19 pandemic masking and lockdown regulations and others have been more open.

If you will be punished for refusing to get a COVID-19 shot will be determined by your state’s laws. If you refuse to get a COVID-19 shot, you could be blocked from:

- Being employed and going to work in an office
- Getting an education
- Obtaining a driver’s license or passport
- Boarding a train or other public transportation

- Attending a sports game or concert
- Entering a store, restaurant, bar, coffee shop or nail salon
- Booking an appointment with a doctor

Americans could be prohibited from checking into a hospital for surgery, or visiting a family member in a nursing home, or blocked from obtaining private health insurance and Medicaid or Medicare.

Broken Promises Means Broken Trust

Doctors and public health officials wondering why people don’t trust what they say about infectious diseases and vaccination, including coronavirus and COVID-19 vaccines, only have to look in the mirror to answer the question.

They act to protect the power and profit-making of their business partners: the pharmaceutical industry, medical trade associations, multi-national media corporations and Silicon Valley billionaires, and leave vaccine victims to take care of themselves.

What’s trust got to do with it?

Broken trust has everything to do with why the majority of people in the U.S. and Europe do not want to roll the dice and find out whether the odds of surviving a COVID-19 vaccination are in their favor.

It’s your health, your family, your choice. The mission of NVIC continues: No forced vaccination, not in America. 



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