How should it continue?



Please take your time.

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Dear fellow citizens,

I turn to you as a non-partisan former employee of the German Bundestag with the function of parliamentary adviser. Through my work both in parliament and a parliamentary group in the Bundestag I am aware that information on the Corona crisis, is deliberately withheld from the public despite it being of crucial importance. Due to the enormous scale of recent events, I feel it is my duty to my fellow citizens to address these issues publicly. In order to be able to express myself freely, I have discontinued my employment with the Bundestag.

Presumably many will put this text aside after reading only a few lines because they feel sufficiently informed about aspects of the crisis by the media. I understand this, because I too used to assume that, when major events occur, we citizens always receive all the background information. But in the meantime I had to recognise, not least because of my experiences in the Parliament, the methods used worldwide by governments, the media and major players in the global economy work to the detriment of all of us and that the population is unfortunately often too uncritically exposed to their manipulations. I hope that despite this widespread lack of concern about political developments, some of you will at least check the hints and observations presented here.

Some of what I report in the following will be considered by some readers as impossible and be firmly rejected. I would like to say to these people that, by publishing this report I incur considerable personal risks and would not dare to take this step if I were uncertain about my statements. I do not want to say much about myself at this point. You, dear reader, should only know the following about me: I am writing this report out of a sincere concern for the security, freedom and prosperity of all of us. These fundamental pillars of our democracy are acutely endangered at present because the Corona crisis is being exploited for the benefit of foreign interests.

I must stress at this point that I do not consider the health risks associated with the virus as trivial. Corona can pose a serious risk, particularly for the elderly and those who are already ill. This is an undisputed fact. But the crisis must not blind us to other serious developments that directly affect all of us.

It is important that we, as a society will soon manage to engage again, even on controversial issues, to exchange information without prejudice and with good will. In Germany, we urgently need to learn again, to listen to and respect each one of us. If we do not soon find our way back to such a coexistence our society will splinter into hostile groups. Unfortunately, dealing with the Corona crisis has already contributed to a further widening of the social divide. But as citizens, we lose sight of our common interests and make it easy for those who see every crisis primarily as a business model.

Politicians and the leading media are currently trying to deflect attention from serious political and economic issues and subjugate everything under the changes that are implemented on a silver platter in the slipstream of the pandemic. The aim is also to ensure that people fearing the virus accept measures and permanent restrictions which, given the situation, are in no way justified by the need to maintain social peace and which threatens the economic existence of millions of people.

With this report I would like to extend a helping hand to my fellow citizens and encourage further studies of the respective publicly accessible sources, so the reader can get a more rounded picture of the background to our crisis in hand.

Executive summary

Chapter I:

Many citizens see the worldwide disruption caused by the Corona measures with its economic crisis as proof that governments are taking care of public health above the interests of business. In fact, the Corona crisis in particular is burdening small and mediumsized enterprises with difficulties which threaten their existence, which at first glance can be attributed to a confirmation of this view. However, for the major players in the global economy the crisis is coming at just the right time, as they have a unique opportunity to expand their economic and political influence and thus increase and maximise their own profit opportunities. To this end, they are striving for a reorganisation of the world economy in accordance with their own interests and thus instrumentalise the economic crisis for their purposes. This "new start of globalisation" holds enormous risks for the majority of the world population. This applies in particular to industrial nations, because the plans of the groups foresee an unprecedented reduction of jobs through digitalisation, a complete eradication of the middle classes and the annihilation of governance by nation states in economic policy matters. Only a small number of companies of the financial and digital economy would thus be gaining unprecedented influence and threatening our democracy, which cannot be in the interest of the population.

Chapter II:

Digital companies and governments around the world are exploiting people's concerns and fears because of the Coronavirus, in order to achieve social acceptance for novel digital monitoring and censorship systems. These systems include contact tracking and tracing, digital identities, biometric face recognition and digital immunity passports, measures that are all suitable for totalitarian control of an entire population. These measures of the new social architecture create considerable dependencies because they control, inter alia, access to public life. In China, these control systems are already in place to monitor who is moving when and where. Certain bills of the federal government and together with statements of high ranking political officials of the federal government indicate that the use of such technology "because of Corona" is already firmly being planned for in Germany. Since these systems in use are developed by Microsoft and Google and financed by financial giants such as BlackRock and the Rockefeller foundation, there is a real risk that these actors will gain too much influence over the individual freedom of people due to the Corona crisis.

Chapter III:

The financial sector and the largest international banks are using the crisis to extend their influence on states and companies through lending of enormous sums of money. Many citizens are not aware that public debt is an extremely attractive business and important source of profit for private investors. The considerable capital requirement resulting from the serious recession makes even fairly wealthy states vulnerable in their fiscal balance and susceptible to influence by private investors. Also, during the current crisis, Germany had to make up its mind about new borrowing on the capital market which could only be compensated for by enormous amounts of extra borrowed money. The financial sector uses these dependencies to assert and extend its own interests. Currently, the major financial institutions and investment banks are pushing in particular for the abolition of cash and the centralisation of fiscal power into a structure of supranational institutions such as the International Monetary Fund and the European Union, because this will considerably increase their influence over individual nation states.

Chapter IV:

Unfortunately, the media are hardly fulfilling their task of comprehensive reporting, and do not inform the public about the crucial background to the above-mentioned topics. Instead, they propagate the intentions of the corporations and push justified objections to it into the corner of "conspiracy theories". So they contribute, consciously or unconsciously, to the fact that it is precisely those who most stand to benefit from this crisis in ways that would be least needed.

I. The World Economic Forum WEF as the mouthpiece of the most influential international corporates and major banks is using the crisis as an instrument to push forward a long-prepared agenda for restructuring the world economy.¹ This "Great Reset" is seen as a change in globalisation towards a sustainable economy, but this is a deception. Actually, the WEF, which is mainly controlled by financial and digital industries, is reaching for a centralisation of political power in supranational institutions such as the United Nations, the International Monetary Fund and the European Union, because this will considerably increase the influence over individual nation states.² The management and tackling of a presumed international crises for the benefit of an unwary population serves as a convenient smoke-screen and reason for this massive shift in the asymmetry of power.³ But does it ring true when the largest corporations in the world are suddenly so concerned with the well-being of the individual? Or do they exploit the good will of people who want a peaceful, just world and are presuming the actions of supranational organisations as the key to these ends?

Former high-ranking UN personnel warn against the misuse of the United Nations

Former UN leaders have repeatedly warned that strengthening these organisations with the powerful influence of these large corporations enables them to permanently undermine the democratic control over a global economy and its politics through elected parliaments. 4 In this way the resistance of individual states to the privatisation orgies of financial speculators is successfully circumvented, which greatly benefits their economic interests. So, the companies are using their leverage in the crisis in order to expand their own possibilities of influence. In addition, they want to finally erase sector of mid-sized companies and take over the majority of market shares released due to insolvencies and bankruptcies. For all these objectives Corona and the global economic crisis appears like a golden opportunity. The forces behind the WEF are therefore using their political influence in order to artificially prolong the crisis and restructure the world economy according to their own agenda. This may sound abstract and "conspiratorial", but the announcement of the "Great Reset" in the middle of the climax of the Corona crisis speaks volumes in this respect. So, in order that the population and especially the middle classes do not rebel against this alarming development they wrap the plan up in a heart-warming story of a humane, sustainable, ecological globalisation and hide their desired shift for more power behind sympathetic Clichés like "global governance" or "public-private partnerships". But how credible is it when precisely those forces which have been unleashed for decades by unprecedented overexploitation of nature at the expense of the general public, suddenly present themselves in a green garment? The United Nations advertises this worldwide campaign by the banking sector and the large corporations uncritically and, incidentally, sacrifices its own UN charta for private sector interests.⁵ It is to be feared, that political functionaries worldwide will soon demand that the UN, WHO etc. be given more authority - "only" because of Corona and other crises, of course. But in the end, who really benefits?

Global economic crisis favours transformation of the world economy

Many citizens see the economic crisis that has arisen as a result of the Corona measures as proof that governments put public health above the interests of business. Unfortunately, it is precisely the opposite is true: the crisis plays into the hands of the world's most influential corporations for their aspired transformation of the world economy at the expense of small and medium-sized companies. The transfer of political power to higher levels additionally favours this development. Recently, the President of the Bundestag, Wolfgang Schäuble, has been astonishingly candid and open about these mechanisms when he said:

"The Corona crisis is a great opportunity. Resistance to change will be diminished in the crisis. We can now achieve the economic and financial union that we have so far failed to engineer politically. [...]"6

¹ www.weforum.org/great-reset; 2020

² Why we need international cooperation now more than ever; www.weforum.org; 22.09.2020

³ What COVID-19 could mean for international cooperation; www.weforum.org; 17.06.2020

⁴ Barbara Adams, Jens Martens, The UN Foundation – A foundation for the UN?; 2018

⁵ The Great Reset: A Unique Twin Summit to Begin 2021; www.weforum.org; 2020

⁶ Die Pandemie ist eine große Chance; www.wolfgang-schaeuble.de; 21.08.2020

It was certainly not his intention, but Schäuble himself describes with this statement why the crisis is a very convenient factor in favour of the long-planned transformation. The centralisation of the economy towards a small number of large corporations and financial investors will be further accelerated by the economic union. The Most senior political functionaries are aware of these interactions. Some remain silent because they benefit financially or career-wise from the described development. The others remain silent, because they know that after just one honest word, the assembled front of the media and politics will abruptly see to the end of their political careers. Only a very small proportion will at least hint at whom this crisis really benefits.

Supranational institutions enable corporations to exert undemocratic influence

Unless enough people are made aware in time of the dangers of a further concentration of power in a few, large institutions and resist this, we may soon find ourselves in a world in which our democratically legitimised governments have virtually no power of decision left any more. This has long been the case in fiscal policy, which is why redistribution from the hard-working to the rich is increasing unchecked. In addition, "because of Corona", they now also want a transferral of all economic policies of all EU Member States to the European Union. However, one should have no illusions as to who will benefit from an increase in power by the EU Commission: The economic policy at EU level would only serve the interests of transnational companies such as Amazon, BlackRock, Goldman Sachs etc. - an unprecedented privatisation and deregulation would be the consequence. This EU orientation is already evident, for example, in the de facto tax exemption for digital corporations and the privileged treatment of the financial sector. Sahra Wagenknecht describes this connection as follows:

"If more and more competences are now being shifted to a level where the economy, especially the large companies, are much more influential than any other interest group, it is clear what happens: Democracy is undermined even more, profit interests still dominate more impudently. It is a complete illusion to believe that a European government would regulate companies better than national governments. Because of the balance of power at EU level, the reverse is true: the more Brussels the easier it is for large companies to assert their raw interests".

Medium-sized businesses and agriculture are bought up, jobs are cut and lost forever

In tandem to the desired shift in power, the governments ensure implementation of the Corona measures. This is turn forces large parts of medium-sized companies to sell up by Corporations and financial investors during the crisis at a knock-down prize. Similar worrying developments have long been observed in the agricultural sector. At the same time, Corona is being used as a pretext for widespread job cuts, which forms the basic prerequisite for the "fourth industrial revolution", i.e. the digital transformation of our economy. This approach is in line with the "Great Reset" agenda and has been linked to the protection of the population, which, unfortunately, is a hoax. I therefore appeal in particular to all small and medium-sized enterprises to resist these efforts. Even for most workers, these vigorously pursued plans pose an existential threat because a fully digitalised, fully centralised world economy with a much smaller workforce will get by. The road of digitalisation thus leads directly towards conditional (not unconditional) basic income and thus into total dependency on 'state handouts'. Or, as Siemens Managing Director Joe Kaeser recently expressed:

"Digitalisation is going to take out the middle class. [...] Out of ten people going out of the middle class, one goes up, nine go down. And I guarantee you: If something is to stop the digital movement, then it will be societal unrest".8

Should we therefore uncritically buy into the narrative of digitalisation, as the overall saviour that will release us from the Corona crisis as it was portrayed in the media and politics? Or is something imposed on us now, where in the end the disadvantages far outweigh the advantages?

⁷ Sahra Wagenknecht, Couragiert gegen den Strom; 2. Auflage; S.156; Westend-Verlag; 2017

⁸ How to Adapt to the Digital Age; www.youtube.com; ab Minute 28:28; 17.06.2016

II. Digital companies and governments worldwide instrumentalise the fear of the virus to achieve social acceptance for comprehensive digital surveillance and control systems. These systems, which include contact tracing, digital identities, biometric face recognition and digital immunity certificates, taken together are intent on preparing for totalitarian control of the entire population. In China the full range of these inhuman technologies are employed and have led to a situation where the simplest rights of citizens are interfered with and restricted by AI-based systems. A combination of a "Corona app" and a preliminary stage of digital immunity certificates are used to automatically deprive citizens of their freedom of movement when their "health status" as determined by 'the system' does not meet the specifications.9 Cameras with facial recognition additionally record and identify every person in any public space. The 5Gmobile standard for digital devices enables this form of mass monitoring in real time. So, in China technocratic digital technology decides who or who is not permitted to leave their homes. Such a society can only be described as technocratic tyranny. Regrettably, similar plans are also being pursued by our Federal Government: It, too, has already wanted to introduce a so-called "vaccination or immunity documentation", which means that people in our country have permission to enact their basic human rights such as travel and the freedom of assembly only if they can prove 'certified immunity status', e.g. through vaccination.¹⁰ These intentions are no different from those of the Chinese dictatorship and it is only thanks to public protest in Germany that the government has not yet been able to fully implement these measures in its original version.

Financial and digital groups establish global surveillance architecture

This year, the World Economic Forum will introduce the "CommonPass", a system within international travel, that is designed to monitor control access to public life and freedom of travel worldwide. This system requires people to have a kind of "digital identity" as well as recording their vaccination status and/or Corona test results on a database, as a basis to grant permission be allowed to embark on any journey. The project is supported by the Rockefeller Foundation, Google, major bank J.P. Morgan, and the financial group BlackRock as well as representatives of the United Nations. The aim of the institutions and companies involved is to encourage and persuade all governments worldwide to use this system. This again, reveals the true intentions (besides the above-mentioned "Great Reset") that the global assumptions of the corporations behind the project and how the UN is being instrumentalised for this purpose yet again. The question arises as to why in particular the financial groups have such a strong interest in monitoring and controlling and why they are willing to invest a lot of money in the development of such technologies.

A return to normality solely based on digital surveillance?

Taking into account the current medical data situation on the Coronavirus, the German Ethics Council still advises the commission against the introduction of such systems, but leaves its handling in the future open ended. It is therefore most likely that the idea of digital immunity certificates or e.g. the CommonPass as a prerequisite for a return to normality will be heavily plugged and pushed in the media and by the government in the coming months. Several German companies already offer digital surveillance systems, which automatically check whether a person has normal body temperature and wears a mask or not. Some of these systems are already combined with facial recognition and manufacturers advertise with "more effective real-time monitoring of faces with or without masks". Should these technologies be introduced in Germany, it would be a first step towards the Chinese social credit system and the writer of these lines will personally never be comfortable with the idea that such technology will soon be determining our freedom of movement. My concern and worry are that some people may easily give up their individual freedom for a deceptive sense of security. But are such massive surveillance measures still proportionate in view of the Coronavirus situation?

⁹ Coronavirus: So funktioniert Chinas Farbcode-System; www.rnd.de; 16.04.2020

¹⁰ Formulierungshilfe für den Entwurf eines Zweiten Gesetzes zum Schutz der Bevölkerung bei einer epidemischen Lage von nationaler Tragweite; www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de; 29.04.2020

¹¹ CommonPass; www.weforum.org; 2020

 $^{{}^{12}\,} The\, Commons\, Project\, Establishes\, Global\, Board\, of\, Trustees;\, www.the common sproject.org;\, 08.07.2020$

¹³ Deutscher Ethikrat rät derzeit von Covid-19-Immunitätsbescheinigungen ab; www.ethikrat.org; 22.09.2020

¹⁴ Erkennungssoftware soll Maskenverweigerer identifizieren; www.rnd.de; 19.09.2020

Edward Snowden warns against a global architecture of oppression

In this context, I personally agree with Edward Snowden, who warns of a worldwide architecture of oppression based on digital technology which will most likely be used way beyond the current crisis. 15 If we allow digital systems to control our freedom of movement and access to public life, then we are passing control of our public life over to digital infrastructure operators at the level of fundamental rights. One look at China is sufficient to recognise the real dangers of such a technocratic form of operating any society. No one should find themselves in such a dystopian world, but we have somewhat been a little too careless using these technologies and are bound to suffer its consequences as we felt increasingly pushed in this direction by its convenience of application. Although it might be difficult to appreciate but this is also true for Europe on the whole. The fact that the 5G network, unlike the previously private mobile phone infrastructure, is developed with a lot of taxpayers money across Germany, speaks volumes in the context that this technology will also be used in our country primarily for purposes of state mass surveillance. At one of the many lobbying events in Berlin during the summer of 2019, I asked the Chief Technical Officer of the world's largest network equipment supplier, whether 5G is actually being developed for residential users and if so, for which applications the technology would be suited for. The simple answer was, 5G is for "professional purposes", which reinforces my belief that this is by no means a matter of the citizen's needs. It is therefore a perfidious approach by the Federal Government which is now hell-bent on wanting to implement these plans with the money dedicated to a "Corona Recovery Package". 16

Microsoft and Rockefeller Foundation collect biometric data of the world's population

The introduction of digital identities was also sought before the Corona crisis and was supported by influential actors on the global stage: The Rockefeller Foundation and Microsoft have been pursuing this aim with "ID2020", for several years now. It is a project for the digital, biometric registration of the entire world population, whereby digital immunity certificates are explicitly described as a welcome possible application for the system.¹⁷ A global vaccination campaign against the Coronavirus could soon serve as a pretext to roll out control systems that have been in preparation for years now worldwide - possibly in combination with the 'Common Pass'. It is important to realise that this will change the identity of every citizen (health status, bank data, social contacts etc.) centrally managed and handled by private corporations - a strange and alien sounding, but unfortunately very realistic scenario. If you look at other projects of the global digital corporations, one cannot help but get a feeling that people are seen by these companies merely as commodities or an economically exploitable sources of raw materials. For example, Microsoft has patented a system that uses sensors on a living body which can be used for the mining of crypto-currencies.¹⁸ The US billionaire Elon Musk has already had a robot developed with which microelectronic chips can be fully automatically implanted into human brains.¹⁹ The fact that this technology is not primarily concerned with medical applications is no longer denied by the developers themselves.

Are the corporations losing their grip on the ground?

I believe a broad debate on the ethical aspects of technologies detailed above is long overdue. As with genetic cloning, we should even more urgently ask the questions about the microchip technology implanted into the brain of people. Do we really want to exhaust all technical means and its possibilities for an unquestioned implementation of this technology as this clearly forms a massive step over the threshold of transhumanism which leads to a dangerous state of dehumanisation? Is it really "normal", if wealthy people already announce today, they will be employing staff with neural chip implants interfacing with digital networks? ²⁰ For what reason does Microsoft want to collect biometric features and data of the entire world population? Should we support corporations with such intentions to allow a global surveillance architecture "because of Corona" with an 'ad-infinitum' total control of all our lives into the bargain? And why do the media as the fourth pillar within a democracy carry on totally uncritically propagating all these projects and avoid asking these questions?

¹⁵ Corona-Maßnahmen: Snowden warnt vor "Architektur der Unterdrückung"; www.heise.de; 11.04.2020

¹⁶ Eckpunktepapier Konjunkturpaket; www.bundesfinanzministerium.de; 03.06.2020

¹⁷ www.id2020.org/alliance

 $^{^{18}\} Cryptocurrency\ System\ Using\ Body\ Activity\ Data;\ Patent\ WO/2020/060606\ bzw.\ US16138518;\ 26.03.2020$

¹⁹ An integrated brain-machine interface platform with thousands of channels; www.biorxiv.org; 02.08.2019

²⁰ Chip stellt Verbindung zwischen Gehirn und Smartphone her; www.tagesspiegel.de; 29.08.2020

Corona will lead to the "brave new world" - if we do not become more attentive and critically Influential players, including international foundations, openly calling for permanent total surveillance of the entire population - of course "only" because of the Coronavirus. ²¹ All these aspects should not be ignored when considering the efforts of certain philanthropists in the current crisis. In any case, we should become more critical of investors who deal with strategic philanthropy and which, despite (or because of?) their supposedly selfless donations are becoming increasingly wealthy and influential.

The cumbersome and partially impractical Corona regulations (e.g. contact diaries, guest lists, contact tracing by authorities etc.) is supposed to encourage many people to accept digital surveillance systems as a convenient solution for everyday life. Should digital companies, media and the government see this Chinese path as the key to a return to (new) normality it should be clear to everyone what their true motives are after all.

In addition to the aspect of surveillance, it should not go unmentioned that the digital business model in the context of school digitization has long since been extended to the educational sector. Corona provides a most welcome excuse for this. I appeal to all parents and teachers not to follow these efforts uncritically and without resistance informed by common sense and what our democracies stand for as an open marketplace of concepts and ideas.

These companies are not our friends as they do not have the welfare of our children or the preservation of individual freedom and life on the forefront their minds. First and foremost, they want to create dependencies and integrate their technologies as an indispensable link into all sectors of public life. They silently infiltrate all areas of our lives as they increasingly extend into all layers of administrative functions with the wider public not really aware of it. The digitization of the administration, the payment transactions, schools, the economy, the media, communication and ultimately the entire society worldwide is only operated and financed by a very small number of large corporations. Are we going to stand by and watch these dependencies to go on as a result of the Corona crisis and be expanded everywhere we look, and thus, permanently established?



²¹ National Covid-19 Testing Action Plan; www.rockefellerfoundation.org; 21.04.2020



How much surveillance and control can a free society endure?

III. The financial sector and in particular the large international investment banks instrumentalise the crisis in order to generate new business opportunities through extensive lending to governments and companies. This creates dependencies and in turn unduly expands their political influence. The mechanism happens either directly through the banks or indirectly through organizations such as the International Monetary Fund IMF and the World Bank. The acute need for capital as a result of the crisis increasingly puts state economies under the influence of private sponsors and their interests. Because of this balance of power, any democratic control is eroded and becomes impossible which turns the private banking sector into a controlling player as a political actor. This approach is particularly questionable, because the billiondollar loans are essentially not intended to support the population or real economy, but, in analogy to past "bank rescues", are instead used to mainly enrich the creditors of respective countries. Politics, therefore, plays a very limited role in supporting the economy with the borrowed money, but instead saves the financial sector from losses due to the crisis and their prior failings in fiscal matters. This redistribution of wealth is paid for by low- and middle-income earners, because the enormous new debt is likely to lead to massive tax increases and potential property levies after the coming federal elections in 2021. At the same time, the loans enable the major banks to exert political pressure and gain influence. Because of these mechanisms they have an interest in the fact that the economic crisis is as devastating as possible, as a result of the Corona measures even if this seems completely absurd at first. They use the channels open to them in the media (they own them; translators note) to spread further fear and weaken the economic situation even more. In addition, through institutions such as the IMF and the World Bank, they are promoting a shift of power in favour of supranational organizations, because this increases their influence on global financial policy which in turn will continue to increase their overall stake.

Global financial corporations and IMF are already asserting a significant impact in foreign policy and in the global response to the Corona crisis

For example, the corporate enactment of "Event 201", in October 2019, involved the World Economic Forum (WEF) and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation partnered with representatives of the World Bank present, discussed fiscal and policy responses to a future Coronavirus pandemic.²² The simulated Corona pandemic suddenly occurred two months later and the measures developed within the framework of the simulation have been implemented ever since, as well as the most recent events showed in a reluctant Belarus: The IMF, as the long arm of the banking sector, offered to bolster their economic with a 940 million dollar injection in June 2020 and demanded in return, the small country should immediately resort to 'Corona measures' including lockdown, compulsory masks and quarantine.²³ The background to these demands was that Belarus, with its level headed handling of the Coronavirus disrupted the desired narrative of the deadly pandemic. Looking at the long list of 102 countries that have applied for loans from the IMF in the context of the Corona crisis, it appears that a similar approach by the IMF is also conceivable in and most likely in these countries. The IMF itself says that it grants any loans only on the basis of "appropriate Corona measures" by the recipient countries.²⁴ Anyone who asks himself why so many states worldwide have adopted almost identical measures finds a possible answer in this context. Belarus rejected the interference of the IMF, and we are currently observing the diplomatic consequences for the country. The fact that the EU is not really interested in the proper investigation of possibly rigged elections in Belarus is further supported by the attitude of the OSCE which rejected the country's invitation to observe the elections.²⁵

Corona helps banks achieve their goal of abolishing cash globally

In addition to the political aspects, the financial sector is abusing the crisis in order to further advance the targeted global abolition of cash. Unfortunately, many people are not aware of the impact the switch to digital currencies would have and an enormous potential for abuse is directly associated with this. At this point I would like to encourage everyone to get in interested in the real consequences and ramifications of a cashless society and in particular to internalize what control the operators of a global, digital payment infrastructure will end up having over the entire population. It should also be remembered that these

²² www.centerforhealthsecurity.org/event201/; 2019

 $^{^{23}\} Lukaschenko\ \ddot{u}ber\ Aufdr\"{a}ngung\ von\ zus\"{a}tzlichen\ Bedingungen;\ www.deu.belta.by;\ 19.06.2020$

²⁴ The IMF's Response to COVID-19; www.imf.org; 29.06.2020

²⁵ ODIHR will not deploy election observation mission to Belarus due to lack of invitation; www.osce.org; 15.07.2020

corporations will have a profitable share in every payment transaction worldwide after an abolition of cash and this without exception. I personally would not want to grant them this influence over my personal affairs at all.

Influential forces, which even before Corona had started intensive lobbying for the worldwide cash abolition are now using the crisis to achieve these objectives. The fact, Microsoft founder Bill Gates is heavily involved, is only mentioned here in passing.²⁶ Given their enormous economic potential in this sector, it is unlikely that these actors will ultimately be concerned about anything else other than money and political influence, even if they are behind the publicity stunts of big "fund-raisers" for a 'good cause'. So when we are told that we should let go of cash because of Corona then we ignore the strong economic interests behind it at our own peril. It is worth mentioning in this context that the UN also gives its good name to the project of a cashless society in order to promote this global campaign of the banking sector.²⁷

The financial sector installs its personnel in the top echelons of politics - as we all stand idly by Overall, based on my observations in the Bundestag (German Parliament; transl.note), I conclude that the financial sector is influencing politics with an astonishing degree of self-evidence. It has also managed to position its own personnel in the highest offices of political power in the full knowledge that any public protest would erupt against it. Since Goldman Sachs managers or the former IMF chairmen have become president of the European central bank, the EU is obviously showing that it has lost all interest in the actual needs and interests of the population in general. And when former high ranking mangers of BlackRock investment company are traded in Germany as the next candidate for chancellor, then it has become obvious how little informed and uncritical the populace remains about the intentions, methods and implications of the financial sector having entered at the level of executive politics of a country. However, we should be deeply concerned, if on the one hand the fortunes of the billionaires are exponentially rising with more and more people dropping below the poverty line at the same time. This development is no coincidence, as it represents the result of decades of politics in favour of the richest 0.01 percent. In the year 2010, when the Süddeutsche Zeitung (south German newspaper; transl.note) was still reporting and commenting with a critical voice, on these matters the former editor-in-chief Heribert Prantl commented on these issues:

"We urgently need to talk about how we can correct a situation in Europe whereby not the money interests and the financial markets have the say in our affairs, but the people's representatives and those of the elected governments." ²⁸

The current CumEx scandal perpetrated by the large bank Warburg offers a vivid example of how representatives of our federal government were influenced by the financial sector which got away with stealing tax payers money to the tune of three-digit millions of Euros. Our own Federal Minister of Finance and vice chancellor "had overlooked" this theft, and later thwarted the recovery of the money by lying to the Finance Committee of the German Bundestag on the number of meetings with Warburg representatives and now states, since the accusations can no longer be denied, 'that he can no longer remember the details of the conversations he had during the meetings'.²⁹ Dear readers, such people hold the most important offices of our Federal Government and decide how the distribution of wealth in Germany will develop for the future. The Warburg case offers a unique opportunity for the entire population to assess the attitudes and behaviour of top politicians in collusion with the financial sector. The process itself is by no means an isolated case, but the details of such conspiracies rarely come to light. I therefore hope that the opportunity for redress does not pass by without consequences for the perpetrators and that the citizens do not get side tracked with dramatically histrionic appeals by political functionaries or a relativizing media trying to calm the storm.

 $^{^{26}}$ www.betterthancash.org/members

²⁷ www.betterthancash.org/members/page/8

²⁸ Geld regiert die Welt - wer regiert das Geld?; www.sueddeutsche.de; 20.05.2010

²⁹ Olaf Scholz mit Vorwürfen im Fall der Warburg-Bank konfrontiert; www.bundestag.de; 09.09.2020

IV. The leading media are actively engaged in promoting division and the formation of polarized camps by producing a constant stream of misleading reporting and a calculated stoking of fears with the aim of driving a wedge into society. Fear is a particularly suitable tool to this end to easily push everyone into accepting all 'measures' by decree, which we would be unacceptable under normal circumstances. Depending on the objective, the media optionally spreads fear of terror one day then the fear of current climate change or very topical a pandemic. With this they achieve a social approval rating for changes that actually run counter to the interests of the population. The manipulative trick here is the instrumentation of our idealism and our good will, (e.g. for environmental protection or the good health of our fellow men). The result of this influence is always the same for us citizens who bear the brunt: A loss of freedom and prosperity and a further concentration of wealth and power among actors who consistently elude our observation and whose objectives we are never properly informed in any way or shape. It occasionally happens that well known media representatives may openly address these asymmetries of power. For example, the former editor-in-Chief of the New York Times, John Swinton, said many years ago at a meeting of the most renowned US-American journalists:

"There is no such a thing in America as an independent press, unless it is out in country towns. You are all slaves. You know it, and I know it. There is not one of you who dares to express an honest opinion. If you expressed it, you would know beforehand that it would never appear in print. [...] If I should allow honest opinions to be printed in one issue of my paper, I would be like Othello before twenty-four hours: my occupation would be gone. The man who would be so foolish as to write honest opinions would be out on the street hunting for another job. The business of a New York journalist is to distort the truth, to lie outright, to pervert, to villify (sic!), to fawn at the feet of Mammons, and to sell his country and his race for his daily bread, or for what is about the same – his salary. You know this, and I know it; and what foolery to be toasting an 'Independent Press'! We are the tools and vassals of rich men behind the scenes. We are jumping-jacks. They pull the string, and we dance. Our time, our talents, our lives, our possibilities, are all the property of other men. We are intellectual prostitutes." 30

I am afraid that not the slightest thing has changed in these contexts. On the contrary, even smaller regional media outlets can almost not print neutral points of view any more, because their feed of news stems from a few, central press agencies thus they do not engage in researching any news on supra-regional topics. As a consequence it is much more convenient and easier to keep uncomfortable news and opinions out of the media today. The private and public media as well as the social networks thus ensure that the decisive background information of important events are distracted from and instead one's own desired narratives are built. Of course, this forces an unwary public to be played with the obvious aim to distract and trigger off unnecessary vacuous debates about completely irrelevant topics. Those who have had a closer look at the scientifically developed methods of opinion manipulation, will easily recognize that these conjurors tricks and realize this approach has system and is by no means used randomly.³¹

How were the "Bergamo-Images" generated?

The media rely heavily on the power of the pictures and apply them in a targeted way. They shock us with pictures of alleged Corona mass graves in the USA, but at the same time, they conceal that these so called mass graves were used for decades for the deceased homeless of New York dug by convict labour. Also the corresponding video recordings were already made in 2016.³² From Italy we are shown dramatic images of military trucks transporting coffins piled high in the northern city of Bergamo and at the same time embezzle important information, that according to the umbrella organization of the Italian funeral industry at the beginning of the Corona crisis 70 percent of funeral companies in the region stopped working due to quarantine so the military was called in for a one-time transport of 60 coffins.³³ The media groups and public broadcasters rely on the fact that citizens do not have the time for appropriate background research and

³⁰ E.J. Schellhous, The new republic - founded on the natural and inalienable rights of man; S. 122; www.archive.org; 1883

³¹ Edward Bernays, Propaganda – Die Kunst der Public Relations; 1928; Deutsche Erstausgabe 2019

³² The Potter's Field; www.youtube.com; 2016

³³ Coronavirus, Federazione Onoranze Funebri; www.adnkronos.com; 24.03.2020

therefore rely on trust that the reporting is accurate . But what is the reason are we so poorly informed? And does this current situation not make it too easy for the media to influence our opinion?

Lack of neutrality with Wikipedia

Even the online encyclopaedia Wikipedia with its enormous range and acceptance in the population has given itself over for a long time now to well-paid PR campaigns by large corporations or wealthy individuals.³⁴ At the same time, it is increasingly becoming a digital pillory for people outside the mainstream. For example, Wikipedia systematically published damaging reports about numerous renowned scientists, such as Nobel Prize winner Luc Montagnier, a consummate researcher although among the most respected in their field even before Corona. This approach is particularly sneaky and destroying reputations because one cannot defend oneself against this form of public defamation with the internal Wikipedia regime preventing any chance of correction falsities published. The current trend of so-called "fact-checks" is also worrying, who engage in boldly 'correcting; uncomfortable facts about the Coronavirus and in the same train defame unpopular opinions.

Manipulation of children with Corona games

And now, to top it all, the Corona narrative is impressed on children by way of popular computer games. Also the publicly funded broadcasting services (ARD & ZDF two main channels; transl. note) do vigorously participate in the current Corona framing and specifically target children by having launched a Corona computer game for, in which the player is either "highly infectious infants" who has to avoid meeting a "conspiracy theorists, or Corona denier". I leave it up to everyone to decide whether such public relations work still corresponds to a serious approach to the pandemic.



³⁴ Helen Buyniski, Wikipedia: Ein Sumpf aus üblen Machenschaften; 2018

³⁵ www.playCoronaworld.com; 2020

Dear Readers,

We have probably little time left to check all these details and scenarios as laid out above in order to be able to really form a fully informed opinion about what is expected to unfold rather quickly in the ongoing crisis. Governments around the world in close cooperation with the media and digital economy have long been trying to employ censorship to deprive you of this opportunity of free access to information.³⁶ They justify this practice with allegedly dangerous "conspiracy theories", but the goal is by no means the protection of the population from false reports, but rather the suppression of uncomfortable facts and opinions. Already now, especially with the major online platforms we see arbitrarily deleted contents justified by the explanation that the "protection against disinformation" was the guiding principle for the censorship. But if we condone a censoring of alternative views purely on feigned grounds, then not only do we renounce our basic rights of freedom of opinion and freedom of the press/speech, but at the same time move into a total dependency on media, digital companies and political statements. The jittery nervous action by the government suppressing any criticism of the 'Corona measures' highlights that there is currently a serious conflict brewing about who takes the high ground in opinion shaping. That critical voices are now widely defamed in the media and are then left with hardly a say in the process, also points to a feared loss of control over opinions in the public domain. But if we now grant the government and its institutions a role as an authorized kind of "ministry of truth", it raises the question as to how this can stay reconciled with the demands of a liberal, open society.

Democracy is being undermined by lobbyism and the suppression of uncomfortable opinions

What I am most concerned with is that we must take a very uncomfortable step in thinking about these efforts: We have to seriously consider the possibility that on many important issues we, the people, have deliberately and intentionally being duped and deceived not only by the manipulating media, but also by leading politicians. This was deliberately developed to the disadvantage of all of us. Anyone who has ever experienced the repulsive moral cowardice that predominates in the Bundestag (German Parliament; transl.note) and our ministries of state will no longer harbour any illusions about the integrity of our government. The Bundestag is a self-regulating system in which everyone is exceedingly put under increasing pressure which only leaves a narrow corridor of tolerated opinions. This applies in particular when it comes to the influence of corporations and major banks - these interrelationships largely remain taboo and are kept hushed up in the non-public confidential committee meetings, although a significant number of most important political decisions are linked to them which makes it even more of a burning issue. Now, whoever might accuse me that these statements sound too disparaging to our democratic institutions, should read my words proper: 'It is much too short thought out a reply.' On the contrary, I want democracy be restored in the interest of us ordinary citizens, the sovereigns in a working democracy. Because whoever has closely observed the manner in which matter-of-course billionaires influence political decisions will have some difficulty to say the word 'democracy' thereafter.

Church representatives ring warning bells

Even the highest-ranking church representatives across the board have recognized the seriousness of the situation and warn against the intentions of financially strong players during this crisis. They remind us that Corona acts as a fire-accelerator to their private intentions and the associated centralization of political and economic power that goes with which increasingly eludes any democratic control into the bargain. They also point out the dangers digital surveillance has on the individual freedom of each person. It speaks volumes of the intentions of the media that they dismiss these sincere warnings by high ranking dignitaries of religious institutions as a malicious "conspiracy theory". I fully endorse the call of the bishops and cardinals at this point and sincerely thank them for the courage to stand up with their justified warnings against a broad front of the media, governments and large parts of their own church:

www.veritasliberabitvos.info/appeal/

³⁶ Innenminister wollen gegen Verschwörungstheorien vorgehen; www.mdr.de; 09.05.2020

The "new normal" is propagated worldwide

We should become very suspicious, being confronted by considerable restrictions leading to permanent changes to our lives all of which were dictated without our consent. Under no circumstances should we allow the conspicuous and relentless framing by politics and the media, according to which we would have to write off our old lives and welcome the "new normal". So if the RKI (German Centre for disease Control) and Christian Drosten (Virologist and inventor of the Corona PCR-test) already indicate that the current state of emergency and the obligation to wear masks will be extended indefinitely, then something is seriously off kilter. So following a handful of experts opinions, the state of emergency is supposed to become a permanent condition, and this worldwide. It fits in well with the most influential international organizations such as the UN, WHO, IMF, the World Economic Forum and the World Bank to use the psychological technique of framing to forcefully implant the idea of a "New Normal" into people's minds worldwide. However, will this succeed? And what does that actually do to the children when they should have to grow up and live under these circumstances for years to come during in the formatory and important phase of their development?

Responsible citizens can be expected to exercise more personal responsibility

We all have a right to take counsel in a step by step process with our naturally given birthright of personal responsibility. I therefore plead for us to deal with the facts of the current situation independently without any coercive influence by any state. According to most known studies, to keep a distance is the most effective protection against an infection. It is common sense for every responsible citizen to implement this knowledge for themselves, if necessary. However, we need to defend ourselves against disproportionate measures being imposed on us from on high. Does the Corona crisis really justify that old and often chronically ill residents of nursing homes are isolated against their consent and forced to abandon visits by caring relatives, or to take away children from their parents and enforce mandatory state quarantine (as stated by health authorities in several federal states), or is it right to lock away citizens with positive PCRtests against their will into police-guarded facilities (as recently happened in Munich)? And is the fitting of people with micro-electronic distance sensors (so-called "Corona bracelets") not a deeply degrading, totalitarian measure, given the current situation as it appears a completely overblown reaction? The managing director of a manufacturer of these distance sensors recently showed himself in show broadcast on mainstream radio pontificating about the advantages of equipping the entire population with these fabulous devices.⁴⁰ I hope I am not alone in my assessment when I consider this proposal perfect example of a perverted idea.

The unproven benefits of "everyday masks" for the general population

It has never conclusively been proven that a mandatory wearing of masks in public, especially without standardization of the materials brings any benefits and is highly questionable too. The Federal Institute for the safety of Drugs and Medical Devices said in their official statement, that non-medical masks do not provide any protective effects neither for the wearer, nor for others. Contrary to the assertions of various politicians, there is still no scientific proof that it makes any sense for the general public to wear masks in public spaces. Medical (!) masks have a proven effect only in case of close, prolonged contact with others in enclosed spaces. The study situation indicates that the incorrect use of masks, which can widely be observed in the population, has increased the risk of infection significantly. Because hardly anybody knows of the technical requirements for mask wearing, that for instance, the outside of the mask should never be touched, that hands should be washed before and after each use and masks should not be worn several times in a row and must be replaced. Any decision-makers must be aware that such requirements are not even remotely met in everyday life and that the ongoing damage of the masks incurred is most likely far outweighing its benefits, not to mention the devastating effects on social life. I therefore concur with

³⁷ Christian Drosten: Wir haben es selbst in der Hand; www.zeit.de; 06.10.2020

³⁸ Die Pandemie in Deutschland in den nächsten Monaten; www.rki.de; 13.10.2020

 $^{^{\}rm 39}$ Invasion of the New Normals; www.consentfactory.org; 09.08.2020

 $^{^{40}\} Firmenportrait:\ Kinexon\ -\ Abstandshalter\ f\"ur\ den\ US-Sport;\ www.deutschlandfunk.de;\ ab\ Minute\ 05:06;\ 28.08.2020$

⁴¹ Hinweise des BfArM zur Verwendung von Mund-Nasen-Bedeckungen; www.bfarm.de; 26.06.2020

⁴² Mund-Nasen-Schutz in der Öffentlichkeit: Keine Hinweise für eine Wirksamkeit; www.thieme-connect.com; 18.08.2020

Christian Drosten, who emphasized the ineffectiveness of masks as recent as January 2020. ⁴³ In connection with this, I would like to remind you of the statements of the Federal Chancellor and the Bavarian Prime Minister, according to which so-called everyday masks become dangerous "virus super-spreaders" and mandatory mask wearing is, therefore, to be rejected. The vice president of the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) said the following as recently as 28.02.2020 regarding the use of masks during the Corona pandemic:

"The masks...this has been investigated several times. There is simply no scientific evidence, that it would make any kind of sense."44

This statement is also supported by the official figures of the RKI itself, because the introduction of the Mask obligation at the end of April had no positive effect at all on the R-value and the already steadily decreasing infection rates. ⁴⁵ Currently, the numbers are rising again despite the compulsory wearing of masks in public places. The Bavarian Ministry of Health itself provided a plausible explanation for this, as the Information page on influenza read until the beginning of October 2020:

"The risk of infection can be reduced by a tight-fitting mouth-nose protection (as used in surgery and intensive care settings). Single layer masks are ineffective. The general wearing of breathing masks or mouth-nose protection by the general population during an influenza pandemic does not allow for a significant reduction in the transmission of influenza viruses and is therefore not recommended. This is because every contact person could be a source of infection such as family members, especially children. [...] Consequently, the mouth-nose protection would have to be worn constantly, even at home, to be effective; however, this is not practical".46

Ministry of Health contradicting its own recommendations

Having said this, the Ministry of Health is now contradicting its own recommendations with their demand of an obligatory wearing of everyday masks in public now. So, for years, the ministry stated on the influenza page that an obligation for wearing masks was not necessary as it proved pointless because of the infections at home. But now, on its 'Coronavirus page', however, the obligatory mask wearing is suddenly praised as a lifesaver, although here too most infections are passed on in domestic settings.⁴⁷ In the meantime, this nonsensical statement was quietly and secretly reworded, because with 'Coronaviruses' everything is suddenly different, and masks must now even be worn outside fresh air. In any case, I have no doubt that with such measures recommended it systematically and steadily weakens the physical and mental defences of the populace at large. In this context, it should be mentioned that the German Bundestag including all members of parliament and employees have been warned in an internal memo of a significant rise in blood CO₂ accumulation when masks are worn during longer intervals.⁴⁸ However, the citizens have not had access to this essential information and any detrimental effects of re-inhalation of CO2 was treated as pseudoscientific and irrelevant by the "fact checkers".49 The obligation to wear a mask by the general public is therefore a purely psychological instrument, and because of the self-contamination even potentially hazardous to public health. This is perpetrated by our governments in order to provide the population with the desired narrative of an omnipresent danger. This procedure corresponds to the strategy of the Federal Ministry of the Interior for communication in the Corona crisis, according to which "the primal human fear of suffocation" is targeted and utilized to achieve the "desired shock effect" in the population. 50 It should not go unmentioned at this point that this strategy is a suitable tool for traumatizing small children in particular and thus instilling a lifetime fear of other people. Already, one can observe that many citizens, due to their fear of the virus, have developed a completely disturbed social behaviour and perceive their fellow men only as a threat. Those who have read the strategy paper of the Ministry of the Interior, totally lacking in empathy, knows the people responsible for this and the terrible social damage it creates.

⁴³ RBB-Interview mit Prof. Dr. Christian Drosten; www.youtube.com; ab Minute 25:58; 30.01.2020

⁴⁴ Tägliches Pressebriefing Robert-Koch-Institut zu COVID-19 in Deutschland; www.youtube.com; 28.02.2020

⁴⁵ Tabelle mit Nowcasting-Zahlen zur R-Schätzung; www.rki.de; 12.10.2020

⁴⁶ Grippe (Influenza) – Häufig gestellte Fragen; www.stmgp.bayern.de; 2020

 $^{^{\}rm 47}$ Epidemiologisches Bulletin 38/2020; www.rki.de; 17.09.2020

 $^{^{\}rm 48}$ Hausmitteilung 222/2020; Deutscher Bundestag; 28.08.2020

⁴⁹ Nein, beim Tragen eines Mundschutzes atmet man nicht zu viel CO₂ ein; www.correctiv.org; 24.04.2020

⁵⁰ Strategiepapier "Wie wir COVID19 unter Kontrolle bekommen"; www.bmi.bund.de; 28.04.2020



Is it justifiable in view of the scientific data situation to let children wear masks over a longer period of time and also in the fresh air?

(Digital) proof of immunity equals indirect mandatory vaccination

Our fundamental rights and our unconditional and unrestricted access to public life are non-negotiable. To debate, an indirect compulsory vaccination, due to the so-called 'proof of immunity' which entails a poorly tested and little-tried, genetically engineered vaccine. has to be met with reject outright rejection. The risks involved appear to be incalculable proportionate to the risk potential of any Coronavirus. As a reminder we can rely on an earlier example with another near pandemic and its vaccines against swine flu, which hastily prepared caused tragic consequences, particularly for children hundreds of whom ended up with vaccination damage for life (Narcolepsy).⁵¹ It should also be noted that the EU's appointed pharmaceutical companies in the course of testing the Corona vaccine, inflicted severe side effect in a volunteer by way of an inflammation of the spinal cord.⁵² Not without reason does the development of a safe vaccine normally takes up to 20 years until it has cleared all clinical hurdles.⁵³ Anyone who wants to be vaccinated should be free to do this on a voluntary basis. But the Corona crisis must not be used as a cover in a situation where our everyday life is invaded by permanent campaigns of coercion which will dehumanise our relationships with one another. Our societies would shatter under the ongoing strain. We must therefore closely monitor whether the Federal Government (or the EU) is trying to foist conditions such as proof of immunity or similar on us as a pre-condition to get back to normality. It would in no way be entitled to do so.

No trivialisation of the virus, whilst not ignoring new findings

The Coronavirus is not a completely harmless virus/micro-organism. However, in the meantime we have acquired a new level of knowledge and data which have to be taken into account when assessing the overall situation. Additionally, it must immediately be clarified to what extent the treatment errors in medication and the use of ventilators on Covid-patients contributed to their premature deaths.^{54,55} The tragic events in other regions of the world should not serve as a premature yardstick hastily broadcast in the media for the further competent handling of this problem. The latest antibody studies in particular show that significantly more people have already had exposure to an infection than was initially assumed.⁵⁶ The data of computer models hastily published so far expecting drastic increases in rates of fatalities are no longer tenable. This suggests we need to follow new ways in dealing with the virus. Not to say, new ways to inflict less disruptions and ultimately harm on our society and economy. Above all, personal responsibility should be promoted in these matters, because an overarching intervention by the state in private affairs will in the long term threaten and damage social peace. When the Federal Chancellor, Mrs Merkel, literally says that we now have to "tighten the reins", in order to get it under control then it smacks of someone who seems to have forgotten what their position is (or should be) taken under oath vis-a-vis the true sovereign of a democracy, the electorate.

Devastating collateral damage and human suffering in developing countries

There is mounting evidence that the measures taken entail increasingly unmanageable effects. Federal development minister Müller (CSU) recently stated that the effects of the Corona measures caused far more deaths than the virus itself. ⁵⁷ This is particularly true for developing countries, as a result of the lockdowns, the supply chains for key medicines, such as Tuberculosis, HIV and Malaria, partially collapsed. In African countries, therefore, the continuation of the measures is expected to result in several million additional deaths. ^{58,59,60} So, to protect ourselves we are prepared to accept significantly more victims in other countries. Additionally, it is very likely that as a knock-on effect of the measures devastating impacts on global food supplies will appear and the bottlenecks will particularly affect the poorest in the world.

⁵¹ Grippeimpfung: Wie Pandemrix eine Narkolepsie auslöst; www.aerzteblatt.de; 02.07.2015

⁵² AstraZeneca stoppt Covid-19-Impfstoff; www.focus.de; 09.09.2020

⁵³ Entwicklung von Impfstoffen; www.aerztezeitung.at; 15.12.2017

⁵⁴ COVID-19: Kleinere Studie mit Chloroquin wegen Komplikationen abgebrochen; www.aerzteblatt.de; 14.04.2020

⁵⁵ Invasive und nichtinvasive Beatmung von COVID-19-Patienten; www.aerzteblatt.de; 03.08.2020

⁵⁶ Ischgl-Studie: 42,4 Prozent sind Antikörper-positiv; www.i-med.ac.at; 25.06.2020

⁵⁷ Entwicklungsminister: An Lockdown-Folgen sterben mehr Menschen als am Virus; www.reuters.com; 23.09.2020

⁵⁸ The potential impact of health service disruptions on the burden of malaria; www.who.int; 23.04.2020

⁵⁹ COVID-19-related service disruptions could cause hundreds of thousands of extra deaths from HIV, www.who.int; 11.05.2020

⁶⁰ Majority of HIV, TB and Malaria Programs Face Disruptions as a Result of COVID-19; www.theglobalfund.org; 17.06.2020



Development minister Gerd Müller warns that as a result of the lockdowns far more people die than from the virus itself. This is especially true for developing countries. The therapy must not be worse than the disease - this also applies during the Corona crisis In Germany, well over one million surgical operations were postponed because of Corona, including 50,000 necessary interventions due to cancer. Estimates suggest that due to the postponement of life saving treatments between 5,000 and 125,000 people may lose their lives. In addition, because of the fear of the virus, countless people will die since they are no longer receiving treatment for their conditions even when their lives are in acute danger. 61 So, are we still talking about saving human lives? In any case, I would like to salute the committed staff of the Ministry of the Interior, who in early May, single-handedly presented a detailed 200 page report disclosing the details of the inordinate human suffering caused by the decrees and measures taken. Our Federal Government had no better thing to do then cold-heartedly sacking this courageous individual for his warnings. We have long since reached the point where the damage of these measures far exceeds any benefits. In view of the data at our disposal, it is essential to urgently develop a very impartial, sober approach to the handling of the pandemic, since the virus is present and we have to be able to maintain our normal social life, our culture. We can neither sacrifice our children's education nor the economy, or our spiritual integrity and ultimately our freedom. This observation is very an appropriate one today, since it has already been announced that the current measures should continue well after the introduction of a vaccine. Furthermore, life is in the habit of throwing many incalculable risks our way, which brings me to the most important statement in this entire report:

The current situation would immensely benefit if we assessed it objectively and rationally, even if another "Corona wave" should lead to increased fatalities or, god forbid, we be confronted by a completely novel virus. Anything along these lines is quite possible. ⁶² Should this indeed be the case, I can only warn against any attempts being made to implement all above objectives within the shortest possible time.

Fear and panic are the worst advisors even in the light of possible excess mortality

I cannot prove or disprove it, but I find it very conceivable that excess mortality will show up in the further course of this pandemic, since the psychological consequences of social distancing/isolation and also the physical effects of the current situation (masks, excessive and unhealthy hygiene, lack of exercise) will depress the strength of the immune system due to the omnipresent fear of the virus. However, I urge my fellow citizens, not to rashly accept measures that with a vengeance, turn against their own interests later on. The aspirations I have highlighted in this report are and will presently remain a real and constant threat to the freedom of all of us, including our social and economic well-being. As they desire to achieve all of the above objectives within the shortest possible time frame, they endangers the healthy cohesion and prosperity of our society at the same time. And if you think about it, you will have to come to the disconcerting realisation that a high level of fear in the population, paired with a devastating economic collapse, could be working for the benefit of some powerful coldly calculating nefarious interests. I am aware of how absurd this may sound but a close examination of the situation leaves me with no other conclusion. We should therefore be critical and well on our guard, more so in difficult and confusing times, about those whose business model it is exploit favourable opportunities to expand your own power whilst others livelihoods are being destroyed in the process. We should never forget that fear is and always has been the worst advisor of all.

Unfortunately, not everyone on this earth applies the same moral standards to their actions as we ordinary citizens are trying to do in our everyday lives. Even if it is difficult, we must face up to this fact. We must recognise and identify who is instrumentalising this crisis for their own nefarious ends. It would be more than foolish to spare ourselves this thought and realisation. My report is intended to highlight the abuse that comes with fears instilled in the populace as concerns about a deadly Coronavirus, when in fact we are dealing with other directed targeting by profit-oriented actors.

Furthermore, I wanted to achieve that the people in our country engage in a public debate on these interrelationships, because the media and politicians have so far used all means at their disposal to prevent

⁶¹ Coronakrise 2020 aus Sicht des Schutzes Kritischer Infrastrukturen; Referat KM 4 des BMI; 08.05.2020

⁶² A Special Edition of Path Forward with Bill and Melinda Gates; www.youtube.com; Minute 06:30 bis 06:59; 23.06.2020

this to happen. I hope that I will have succeed in stimulating this debate on both counts and that many readers critically acclaim my report it to the best of their ability.

Finally, I would like to make an appeal to all soldiers and police officers. Even before Corona, many governments around the world had embarked on a new course of action to which they are probably committed, for the long haul. After many decades of great freedom and economic prosperity, the world apparently finds itself at the crossroads with a technocracy moving towards authoritarian forms of government with mass surveillance, as well as increased censorship of opinions and extensive control of its populations. Many people have recognised these tendencies and rightly resist against it. It is most likely that more and more citizens are realising that their freedom and prosperity are under serious threat in the coming months if not years. Given this situation, I ask you, dear soldiers and policemen, not to forget to whose protection you have actually committed yourself with your oath and service. Remember, that a state that serves only the interests of a profit-hungry minority, will ultimately take away your freedom and that of your families too. It is no coincidence that the concentration of wealth is increasing unchecked among a very few, while at the same time the population has less and less and is pushed more and more into being dependent on state handouts and bank credits.

The media and politicians are already desperately trying to tar the protests against all these developments with the same brush of extreme right wing anything. They do not even shy away from brazen misrepresentations and lies as their coverage and reactions to the public protests against the Corona measures proves so graphically. Should my report reach wider circulation, I will certainly find myself put into the corner of 'right-wing extremism', 'conspiracy theorists' or 'citizens of the Reich'. It would not matter to me because it is only a matter of time before citizens look through this hateful propaganda and see it for what it is. In the end, the good will and genuine solidarity of people will assert themselves. I have no doubt about that.

To conclude this report, I have two questions for my fellow human beings:

Which government measure does it take to reach your personal red line? And what will you do if the "new normal" of social distancing, masks and the de-facto ban on culture remains in place even long after the introduction of a vaccine?

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