

APPENDIX C

1984 MINISTRIES

NOTE: The following excerpts have been taken from George Orwell's *1984* novel to support the eerie similarities between Defendants' acts and the dystopian musings authored by Orwell.

MINISTRY OF TRUTH

“The Ministry of Truth—Minitrue, in Newspeak [Newspeak was the official language of Oceania. For an account of its structure and etymology, see Appendix.]—was startlingly different from any other object in sight. It was an enormous pyramidal structure of glittering white concrete, soaring up, terrace after terrace, 300 meters into the air. From where Winston stood, it was just possible to read, picked out on its white face in elegant lettering, the three slogans of the Party:

WAR IS PEACE
FREEDOM IS SLAVERY
IGNORANCE IS STRENGTH

The Ministry of Truth contained, it was said, three thousand rooms above ground level and corresponding ramifications below. Scattered about London, there were just three other buildings of similar appearance and size. So completely did they dwarf the surrounding architecture that you could see (p. 6), all four of them simultaneously from the roof of Victory Mansions. They were the homes of the four Ministries between which the entire apparatus of government was divided. The Ministry of Truth concerned itself with news, entertainment, education, and the fine arts. The Ministry of Peace concerned itself with war. The Ministry of Love, which maintained law and order. And the Ministry of Plenty, which was responsible for economic affairs. Their names, in Newspeak: Minitrue, Minipax, Miniluv, and Miniplenty.

The Ministry of Love was the frightening one. There were no windows in it at all. Winston had never been inside the Ministry of Love, nor within half a kilometer of it. It was impossible to enter except on official business, only by penetrating through a maze of barbed-wire entanglements, steel doors, and hidden machine-gun nests. Even the streets leading up to its outer barriers were roamed by gorilla-faced guards in black uniforms, armed with jointed truncheons.”
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MINISTRY OF PLENTY

“As short a time ago as February, the Ministry of Plenty had issued a promise (a ‘categorical pledge’ were the official words) that there would be no reduction of the chocolate ration during 1984. Actually, as Winston was aware, the chocolate ration was to be reduced from thirty grammes to twenty at the end of the present week. All that was needed was to substitute for the original promise a warning that it would probably be necessary to reduce the ration at some time in April.

As soon as Winston had dealt with each of the messages, he clipped his speakwritten corrections to the appropriate copy of ‘The Times’ and pushed them into the pneumatic tube. Then, with a movement which was as nearly as possible unconscious, he crumpled up the original message and any notes that he had made, and dropped them into (p. 50) the memory hole to be devoured by the flames.

What happened in the unseen labyrinth to which the pneumatic tubes led, he did not know in detail, but he did know in general terms. As soon as all the corrections which happened to be necessary in any particular number of ‘The Times’ had been assembled and collated, that number would be reprinted, the original copy destroyed, and the corrected copy placed on the files in its stead. This process of continuous alteration was applied not only to newspapers, but to books, periodicals, pamphlets, posters, leaflets, films, sound-tracks, cartoons, photographs—to every kind of literature or documentation which might conceivably hold any political or ideological significance. Day by day and almost minute by minute the past was brought up to date. *In this way, every prediction made by the Party could be shown by documentary evidence to have been correct, nor was any item of news, or any expression of opinion, which conflicted with the needs of the moment, ever allowed to remain on record.* All history was a palimpsest, scraped clean, and reinscribed exactly as often as was necessary. In no case would it have been possible, once the deed was done, to prove that any falsification had taken place. The largest section of the Records Department, far larger than the one on which Winston worked, consisted simply of persons whose duty it was to track down and collect all copies of books, newspapers, and other documents which had been superseded and were due for destruction. A number of ‘The Times’ which might, because of changes in political alignment, or mistaken prophecies uttered by Big Brother, have (p. 51) been rewritten a dozen times still stood on the files bearing its original date, and no other copy existed

to contradict it. Books, also, were recalled and rewritten again and again, and were invariably reissued without any admission that any alteration had been made.²⁸⁷ Even the written instructions which Winston received, and which he invariably got rid of as soon as he had dealt with them, never stated or implied that an act of forgery was to be committed: always the reference was to slips, errors, misprints, or misquotations which it was necessary to put right in the interests of accuracy.

But actually, he thought as he re-adjusted the Ministry of Plenty's figures, it was not even forgery. It was merely the substitution of one piece of nonsense for another. Most of the material that you were dealing with had no connexion with anything in the real world, not even the kind of connexion that is contained in a direct lie. Statistics were just as much a fantasy in their original version as in their rectified version. A great deal of the time, you were expected to make them up out of your head. For example, the Ministry of Plenty's forecast had estimated the output of boots for the quarter at 145 million pairs. The actual output was given as sixty-two million. Winston, however, in rewriting the forecast, marked the figure down to fifty-seven million so as to allow for the usual claim that the quota had been overfulfilled. In any case, sixty-two million was no nearer the truth than fifty-seven million or 145 million. Very likely, no boots had been produced at all.

Likelier still, nobody knew how many had been produced, much less (p. 52) cared. All one knew was that every quarter astronomical numbers of boots were produced on paper, while perhaps half the population of Oceania went barefoot. And so it was with every class of recorded fact, great or small. Everything faded away into a shadow-world in which, finally, even the date of the year had become uncertain.” (p. 53)

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“And the Records Department, after all, was itself only a single branch of the Ministry of Truth, whose primary job was not to reconstruct the past but to supply the citizens of Oceania with newspapers, films, textbooks, telescreen (p. 54) programs, plays, novels—with every conceivable kind of information, instruction, or entertainment, from a statue to a slogan, from a lyric poem to a biological treatise, and from a child's spelling-book to a Newspeak dictionary. And the Ministry

²⁸⁷ Parallel: See August 26, 2021 and September 15, 2021 when Defendants PHPC, DOH, and presumably Defendant Hochul and Zucker, met to essentially “erase” and re-write 8 NYCRR §66-3.1, et seq, and 10 NYCRR §2.60.

had not only to supply the multifarious needs of the party, but also to repeat the whole operation at a lower level for the benefit of the proletariat. A whole chain of separate departments generally dealt with proletarian literature, music, drama, and entertainment. There were produced rubbishy newspapers containing almost nothing except sport, crime and astrology, sensational five-cent novelettes, films oozing with sex, and sentimental songs composed entirely by mechanical means on a special kind of kaleidoscope known as a versificator. There was even a whole sub-section—Pornosec, it was called in Newspeak—engaged in producing the lowest kind of pornography, which was sent out in sealed packets and which no Party member, other than those who worked on it, was permitted to look at.” (p. 55)

MINISTRY OF LOVE

“One did not know what happened inside the Ministry of Love, but it was possible to guess: tortures, drugs, delicate instruments that registered your nervous reactions, gradual wearing-down by sleeplessness and solitude and persistent questioning. Facts, at any rate, could not be kept hidden. They could be tracked down by enquiry, they could be squeezed out of you by torture. But if the object was not to stay alive but to stay (p. 210) human, what difference did it ultimately make? They could not alter your feelings: for that matter you could not alter them yourself, even if you wanted to. They could lay bare in the utmost detail everything that you had done or said or thought, but the inner heart, whose workings were mysterious even to yourself, remained impregnable.” (p. 211)

MINISTRY OF PEACE

“In the vast laboratories of the Ministry of Peace, and in the experimental stations hidden in the Brazilian forests, or in the Australian desert, or on lost islands of the Antarctic, the teams of experts are indefatigably at work. Some are concerned simply with planning the logistics of future wars; others devise larger and larger rocket bombs, more and more powerful explosives, and more and more impenetrable armour-plating; others search for new and deadlier gases, or for soluble poisons capable of being produced in such quantities as to destroy the vegetation of whole continents, or for breeds of disease germs immunized against all possible antibodies; others strive to produce a vehicle that shall bore its way under the soil like a submarine under the water, or an aeroplane as independent of its base as a sailing-ship; others explore even remoter possibilities

such as focusing the sun's rays through lenses suspended thousands of kilometres away in space, or producing artificial earthquakes and tidal waves by tapping the heat at the earth's centre.

But none of these projects ever comes anywhere near realization, and none of the three super-states ever gains a significant lead on the others. What is more remarkable is (p. 245) that all three powers already possess, in the atomic bomb, a weapon far more powerful than any that their present researches are likely to discover. Although the Party, according to its habit, claims the invention for itself, atomic bombs first appeared as early as the nineteen-forties, and were first used on a large scale about ten years later. At that time, some hundreds of bombs were dropped on industrial centres, chiefly in European Russia, Western Europe, and North America. The effect was to convince the ruling groups of all countries that a few more atomic bombs would mean the end of organized society, and hence of their own power. Thereafter, although no formal agreement was ever made or hinted at, no more bombs were dropped. All three powers merely continue to produce atomic bombs and store them up against the decisive opportunity which they all believe will come sooner or later. And meanwhile the art of war has remained almost stationary for thirty or forty years. Helicopters are more used than they were formerly, bombing planes have been largely superseded by self-propelled projectiles, and the fragile movable battleship has given way to the almost unsinkable Floating Fortress; but otherwise there has been little development. The tank, the submarine, the torpedo, the machine gun, even the rifle, and the hand grenade are still in use. And in spite of the endless slaughters reported in the Press and on the telescreens, the desperate battles of earlier wars, in which hundreds of thousands or even millions of men were often killed in a few weeks, have never been repeated.

None of the three super-states ever attempts any (p. 246) manoeuvre which involves the risk of serious defeat. When any large operation is undertaken, it is usually a surprise attack against an ally. The strategy that all three powers are following, or pretend to themselves that they are following, is the same. The plan is, by a combination of fighting, bargaining, and well-timed strokes of treachery, to acquire a ring of bases completely encircling one or other of the rival states, and then to sign a pact of friendship with that rival and remain on peaceful terms for so many years as to lull suspicion to sleep. During this time, rockets loaded with atomic bombs can be assembled at all the strategic spots; finally, they will all be fired simultaneously, with effects so devastating as to make retaliation impossible. It will then be time to sign a pact of friendship with the remaining worldpower, in preparation for another attack. This scheme, it is hardly necessary to say, is a mere

daydream, impossible of realization. Moreover, no fighting ever occurs except in the disputed areas round the Equator and the Pole: no invasion of enemy territory is ever undertaken. This explains the fact that in some places the frontiers between the superstates are arbitrary. Eurasia, for example, could easily conquer the British Isles, which are geographically part of Europe, or on the other hand it would be possible for Oceania to push its frontiers to the Rhine or even to the Vistula. But this would violate the principle, followed on all sides though never formulated, of cultural integrity. If Oceania were to conquer the areas that used once to be known as France and Germany, it would be necessary either to exterminate the inhabitants, a task of great physical difficulty, or to (p. 247) assimilate a population of about a hundred million people, who, so far as technical development goes, are roughly on the Oceanic level. The problem is the same for all three superstates. It is absolutely necessary to their structure that there should be no contact with foreigners, except, to a limited extent, with war prisoners and coloured slaves. Even the official ally of the moment is always regarded with the darkest suspicion. War prisoners apart, the average citizen of Oceania never sets eyes on a citizen of either Eurasia or Eastasia, and he is forbidden the knowledge of foreign languages. If he were allowed contact with foreigners he would discover that they are creatures similar to himself and that most of what he has been told about them is lies. The sealed world in which he lives would be broken, and the fear, hatred, and self-righteousness on which his morale depends might evaporate. It is therefore realized on all sides that however often Persia, or Egypt, or Java, or Ceylon may change hands, the main frontiers must never be crossed by anything except bombs.

Under this lies a fact never mentioned aloud, but tacitly understood and acted upon: namely, that the conditions of life in all three super-states are very much the same. In Oceania the prevailing philosophy is called Ingsoc, in Eurasia it is called Neo-Bolshevism, and in Eastasia it is called by a Chinese name usually translated as Death-Worship, but perhaps better rendered as Obliteration of the Self. The citizen of Oceania is not allowed to know anything of the tenets of the other two philosophies, but he is taught to execrate them as barbarous outrages upon morality and common (p. 248) sense. Actually the three philosophies are barely distinguishable, and the social systems which they support are not distinguishable at all. Everywhere there is the same pyramidal structure, the same worship of semi-divine leader, the same economy existing by and for continuous warfare. It follows that the three super-states not only cannot conquer one another, but would gain no advantage by doing so.

On the contrary, so long as they remain in conflict, they prop one another up, like three sheaves of corn. And, as usual, the ruling groups of all three powers are simultaneously aware and unaware of what they are doing. Their lives are dedicated to world conquest, but they also know that it is necessary that the war should continue everlastingly and without victory. Meanwhile, the fact that there IS no danger of conquest makes possible the denial of reality which is the special feature of Ingsoc and its rival systems of thought. Here it is necessary to repeat what has been said earlier, that by becoming continuous, war has fundamentally changed its character.

In past ages, a war, almost by definition, was something that sooner or later came to an end, usually in unmistakable victory or defeat. In the past, also, war was one of the main instruments by which human societies were kept in touch with physical reality. All rulers of all ages have tried to impose a false view of the world upon their followers, but they could not afford to encourage any illusion that tended to impair military efficiency. So long as defeat meant the loss of independence, or some other result generally held to be undesirable, the precautions against defeat had to be (p. 249) serious. Physical facts could not be ignored. In philosophy, religion, ethics, or politics, two and two might make five, but when one was designing a gun or an aeroplane, they had to make four. Inefficient nations were always conquered sooner or later, and the struggle for efficiency was inimical to illusions. Moreover, to be efficient it was necessary to learn from the past, which meant having a fairly accurate idea of what had happened in the past. Newspapers and history books were, of course, permanently colored and biased, but falsification of the kind that is practiced today would have been impossible. War was a sure safeguard of sanity, and so far as the ruling classes were concerned, it was probably the most important of all safeguards. While wars could be won or lost, no ruling class could be completely irresponsible.

But when war becomes continuous, it also ceases to be dangerous. When war is continuous, there is no such thing as military necessity. Technical progress can cease, and the most palpable facts can be denied or disregarded. As we have seen, researches that could be called scientific are still carried out for the purposes of war, but they are essentially a kind of daydreaming, and their failure to show results is not important. Efficiency, even military efficiency, is no longer needed. Nothing is efficient in Oceania except the Thought Police. Since each of the three super-states is unconquerable, each is, in effect, a separate universe within which almost any perversion of thought can be safely practised. Reality only exerts its pressure through the needs of everyday life—the need to eat and drink, to get shelter and (p. 250) clothing, to avoid swallowing poison or

stepping out of topstorey windows, and the like. There is still a distinction between life and death and between physical pleasure and physical pain, but that is all. Cut off from contact with the outer world and the past, the citizen of Oceania is like a man in interstellar space who has no way of knowing which direction is up and which is down. The rulers of such a state are absolute, as the Pharaohs or the Caesars could not be. They are obliged to prevent their followers from starving to death in numbers large enough to be inconvenient, and they are obliged to remain at the same low level of military technique as their rivals; but once that minimum is achieved, they can twist reality into whatever shape they choose.

The war, therefore, if we judge it by the standards of previous wars, is merely an imposture. It is like the battles between certain ruminant animals whose horns are set at such an angle that they are incapable of hurting one another. But though it is unreal, it is not meaningless. It eats up the surplus of consumable goods, and it helps to preserve the special mental atmosphere that a hierarchical society needs. War, it will be seen, is now a purely internal affair. In the past, the ruling groups of all countries, although they might recognize their common interest and therefore limit the destructiveness of war, did fight against one another, and the victor always plundered the vanquished. In our own day, they are not fighting against one another at all. The war is waged by each ruling group against its subjects, and the object of the war is not to make or prevent (p. 251) conquests of territory, but to keep the structure of society intact. The very word ‘war’, therefore, has become misleading. It would probably be accurate to say that by becoming continuous[,] war has ceased to exist. The peculiar pressure exerted on human beings between the Neolithic Age and the early twentieth century has disappeared and been replaced by something quite different. The effect would be much the same if the three super-states, instead of fighting one another, should agree to live in perpetual peace, each inviolate within its boundaries. For, in that case, each would still be a self-contained universe, freed for ever from the sobering influence of external danger. A truly permanent peace would be the same as a permanent war. This—although the vast majority of Party members understand it only in a shallower sense—is the inner meaning of the Party slogan: WAR IS PEACE.” (p. 252)

DOUBLETHINK

“A Party member is required to have not only the right opinions but the right instincts. Many of the beliefs and attitudes demanded of him are never plainly stated and could not be stated

without laying bare the contradictions inherent in Ingsoc. If he is a person naturally orthodox (in Newspeak a GOODTHINKER), he will, in all circumstances, know, without taking thought, what is the true belief or the desirable emotion. But in any case[,] an elaborate mental training, undergone in childhood and grouping itself round the Newspeak words CRIMESTOP, BLACKWHITE, and DOUBLETHINK, makes him unwilling and unable to (p. 266) think too deeply on any subject whatever²⁸⁸. (emphasis added)

A Party member is expected to have no private emotions and no respites from enthusiasm. He is supposed to live in a continuous frenzy of hatred of foreign enemies and internal traitors, triumph over victories, and self-abasement before the power and wisdom of the Party. The discontents produced by his bare, unsatisfying life are deliberately turned outwards and dissipated by such devices as the Two Minutes Hate, and the speculations which might possibly induce a sceptical or rebellious attitude are killed in advance by his early acquired inner discipline. The first and simplest stage in the discipline, which can be taught even to young children, is called, in Newspeak, CRIMESTOP. CRIMESTOP means the faculty of stopping short, as though by instinct, at the threshold of any dangerous thought. It includes the power of not grasping analogies, of failing to perceive logical errors, of misunderstanding the simplest arguments if they are inimical to Ingsoc, and of being bored or repelled by any train of thought which is capable of leading in a heretical direction. CRIMESTOP, in short, means protective stupidity.

But stupidity is not enough. On the contrary, orthodoxy in the full sense demands control over one's mental processes as complete as that of a contortionist over his body. Oceanic society rests ultimately on the belief that Big Brother is omnipotent and that the Party is infallible. But since, in reality, Big Brother is not omnipotent and the party is not infallible, there is a need for unwearied, moment-to-moment flexibility in the treatment of facts. The keyword here is BLACKWHITE. Like so many (p. 267) Newspeak words, this word has two mutually contradictory meanings. Applied to an opponent, it means the habit of impudently claiming that black is white, in contradiction of the plain facts. Applied to a Party member, it means a loyal willingness to say that black is white when Party discipline demands this. But it also means the ability to BELIEVE that black is white, and more, to KNOW that black is white and forget that

²⁸⁸ Parallel: Parents speaking out against the proposed mandatory mask mandates have been targeted by the FBI, the US Attorney General's office and local law enforcement agencies as "domestic terrorists" for essentially "thinking too deeply" and advocating for their lawful rights.

one has ever believed the contrary. This demands a continuous alteration of the past, made possible by the system of thought which really embraces all the rest and is known in Newspeak as DOUBLETHINK.

The alteration of the past is necessary for two reasons: subsidiary and, so to speak, precautionary. The subsidiary reason is that the Party member, like the proletarian, tolerates present-day conditions partly because he has no standards of comparison. He must be cut off from the past, just as he must be cut off from foreign countries because it is necessary for him to believe that he is better off than his ancestors and that the average level of material comfort is constantly rising. But by far the more important reason for the readjustment of the past is the need to safeguard the infallibility of the Party. It is not merely that speeches, statistics, and records of every kind must be constantly brought up to date in order to show that the predictions of the Party were in all cases right. It is also that no change in doctrine or in political alignment can ever be admitted. For to change one's mind, or even one's policy, is a confession of weakness.²⁸⁹ If, for example, Eurasia or Eastasia (whichever it may be) is the enemy today, then (p. 268) that country must always have been the enemy. And if the facts say otherwise, then the facts must be altered. Thus history is continuously rewritten. This day-to-day falsification of the past, carried out by the Ministry of Truth, is as necessary to the stability of the regime as the work of repression and espionage carried out by the Ministry of Love.”²⁹⁰ (p. 269) (emphasis added)

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“It need hardly be said that the subtlest practitioners of DOUBLETHINK are those who invented DOUBLETHINK and know that it is a vast system of mental cheating. In our society, those who have the best knowledge of what is happening are also furthest from seeing the world as it is. In general, the greater the understanding, the greater the delusion; the more intelligent, the less sane. One clear illustration of this is that war hysteria increases in intensity as one rises in the social scale. Those whose attitude towards the war is most nearly rational are the (p. 271) subject peoples of the disputed territories. To these people, the war is simply a continuous calamity that sweeps to and fro over their bodies like a tidal wave.

²⁸⁹ Parallel: Not only inconsistent guidance, but Dr. Fauci's public statements that criticisms of his inconsistency is an attack on "science," failing to admit that he may have been mistaken at some point.

²⁹⁰ Parallel: Inconsistent guidance surrounding COVID-19 transmission (i.e. droplets v. airborne), prevention methods, and public restrictions

Which side is winning is a matter of complete indifference to them. They are aware that a change of overlordship means that they will be doing the same work as before for new masters who treat them in the same manner as the old ones. The slightly more favoured workers we call ‘the proles’ are only intermittently conscious of the war. When necessary, they can be prodded into frenzies of fear and hatred, but when left to themselves, they are capable of forgetting for long periods that the war is happening.²⁹¹ In the ranks of the Party, and above all of the Inner Party, genuine war enthusiasm is found. World-conquest is believed in most firmly by those who know it to be impossible. This peculiar linking-together of opposites—knowledge with ignorance, cynicism with fanaticism—is one of the chief distinguishing marks of Oceanic society. The official ideology abounds with contradictions even when there is no practical reason for them. Thus, the Party rejects and vilifies every principle for which the Socialist movement originally stood, and it chooses to do this in the name of Socialism. It preaches a contempt for the working class unexampled for centuries past, and it dresses its members in a uniform which was at one time peculiar to manual workers and was adopted for that reason. It systematically undermines the solidarity of the family, and it calls its leader by a name that directly appeals to the sentiment of family loyalty. Even the names of the four Ministries by which we are governed exhibit a sort (p. 272) of impudence in their deliberate reversal of the facts. The Ministry of Peace concerns itself with war, the Ministry of Truth with lies, the Ministry of Love with torture, and the Ministry of Plenty with starvation. These contradictions are not accidental, nor do they result from ordinary hypocrisy; they are deliberate exercises in DOUBLETHINK. For it is only by reconciling contradictions that power can be retained indefinitely. In no other way could the ancient cycle be broken. If human equality is to be forever averted—if the High, as we have called them, are to keep their places permanently—then the prevailing mental condition must be controlled insanity. (emphasis added).

But there is one question which, until this moment, we have almost ignored. It is; WHY should human equality be averted? Supposing that the mechanics of the process have been rightly described, what is the motive for this massive, accurately planned effort to freeze history at a particular moment? (emphasis added).

²⁹¹ Parallel: Governor Hochul’s speeches in Brooklyn and Harlem, calling upon the congregation to be “our apostles.”

Here we reach the central secret. As we have seen. The mystique of the Party, and above all of the Inner Party, depends upon DOUBLETHINK But more profound than this lies the original motive. This never-questioned instinct first led to the seizure of power and brought DOUBLETHINK, the Thought Police, continuous warfare, and all the other necessary paraphernalia into existence afterwards. This motive really consists..." (p. 273) (emphasis added).

THE MODERN-DAY PARALLELS

1. According to George Orwell, the Ministry of Plenty maintains a state of perpetual poverty, scarcity and food shortages, while convincing the populace that they are living in a state of unprecedented prosperity. The intent was to implement socialism throughout society.
2. "[T]he Ministry of Plenty had issued a promise ... that there would be no reduction of the chocolate ration during 1984. Actually, as Winston was aware, the chocolate ration was to be reduced from thirty grammes to twenty at the end of the present week. All that was needed was to substitute for the original promise a warning that it would probably be necessary to reduce the ration at some time in April."
3. Throughout the pandemic, while governments used COVID-19 to lockdown society, it fed its people with stimulus checks, enhanced unemployment benefits and a lot of other government programs.²⁹² Socialists have been claiming victory over capitalism, including taking credit for the creation of the vaccine.²⁹³ However, at the conclusion of an op-ed titled, "How socialism saved America", the author writes, "Admittedly, the above policies cost a lot of money — money that the U.S. treasury must borrow and pay interest on. The sums are both awesome and scary."²⁹⁴ In the end socialism will not pay the bills.

MINISTRY OF LOVE

²⁹² <https://www.courierherald.com/opinion/socialism-and-covid-19-in-focus/>

²⁹³ <https://jacobinmag.com/2020/12/socialism-vaccine-capitalism-distribution>

²⁹⁴ <https://thehill.com/opinion/finance/535885-how-socialism-saved-america>

4. According to George Orwell, The Ministry of Love serves as the government's interior ministry. It enforces loyalty to Big Brother through fear, buttressed through a massive apparatus of security, torture and repression, as well as systematic brainwashing. The Ministry of Love is a place where people deemed a threat to the state are starved, beaten, electrocuted, terrorized, and dehumanized.
5. In the basement torture chamber of the Ministry of Love is Room 101, in which the Party attempts to subject a prisoner to their own worst nightmare, fear or phobia, with the objective of breaking down their resistance.
6. There are many examples throughout the COVID-19 pandemic where governments, within the United States and around the world, have arrested or detained people, including students, for not wearing masks.
 - a. In May 2020, police arrested a man in Brooklyn and threatened others for not wearing a mask.²⁹⁵
 - b. In July 2020, a New York City mother announced a \$10 million lawsuit against police for arresting her in front of her 5-year old son for improperly wearing face mask.²⁹⁶
 - c. In September 2020, a parent was watching a middle school football game outside in the bleachers by herself and she was tased for not wearing a mask.²⁹⁷
 - d. In September 2020, a New York City couple was handcuffed and removed from a ferry by police officers after they refused to wear a mask.²⁹⁸

²⁹⁵ <https://www.amny.com/new-york/brooklyn/police-violently-arrest-man-in-brooklyn-and-threaten-bystanders-for-not-wearing-masks/>

²⁹⁶ <https://abcnews.go.com/US/york-city-mom-plans-10-million-lawsuit-police/story?id=71295263>

²⁹⁷ <https://iotwreport.com/woman-tased-for-not-wearing-mask-at-middle-school-football-game-by-an-ahole-not-wearing-a-mask/>

²⁹⁸ <https://abc7ny.com/couple-arrested-refuse-to-wear-face-masks-nyc-ferry-covid-19/6411823/>

- e. In March 2021, a day after Texas rolled back its mask mandate, a woman was arrested at a bank for refusing to leave after being told she had to wear a mask inside.²⁹⁹
- f. In April 2021, the British Columbia Human Rights Tribunal announced that anyone thinking of filing a complaint because they were told to wear a mask in a store will actually have to prove they have a disability that prevents them from doing so.³⁰⁰
- g. In June 2021, Queensland, Australia Police arrested a man for not wearing a mask who collapsed to the ground, his body shaking uncontrollably due to a seizure.³⁰¹
- h. In June 2021, Richmond, Rhode Island Police arrested a parent following his refusal to wear a mask at a Chariho School Committee meeting.³⁰²
- i. In July 2021, U.S. Capitol Police (“USCP”) were ordered to arrest visitors and staff who refuse to wear a mask on the House side of the Capitol complex. Police were also advised not to arrest members of Congress for failing to wear masks but to report the lawmakers' noncompliance to the House sergeant-at-arms, who will be subjected to fines starting at \$500 for skirting mask rules.³⁰³
- j. In August 2021, Albemarle County, Virginia, schools began denying in-person learning access to students with disabilities who can't or won't wear a face covering — a group that should be exempted from the mask requirement. As part of a stepped

²⁹⁹ https://www.kwwl.com/news/tx-watch-woman-arrested-for-not-wearing-a-mask/article_d2930b0e-dc63-5c15-b3bd-ff07bf3ea345.html

³⁰⁰ <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/bc-anti-mask-human-rights-tribunal-1.5972326>

³⁰¹ <https://www.sydneycriminallawyers.com.au/blog/man-has-seizure-after-being-arrested-for-not-wearing-a-mask/>

³⁰² <https://turnto10.com/news/local/its-not-the-law-parent-arrested-for-refusing-to-wear-mask-at-school-committee-meeting>

³⁰³ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/capitol-police-ordered-arrest-staff-visitors-not-wearing-masks>

up enforcement, the school district says a student who isn't comfortable wearing a mask has three choices: virtual school, home school or a private school.³⁰⁴

- k. In August 2021, a Stillman Valley, Illinois mother was arrested at a school open house after she reportedly refused to wear a mask over her nose.³⁰⁵
 - l. In September 2021, a Long Island parent called police after their child and five other middle school students were pulled out of class for not wearing masks. The six students at Islip Middle School were moved to the gym by a security guard over their non-compliance with the mask rule, according to Suffolk County Police.³⁰⁶
 - m. In September 2021, Fayetteville, Arkansas Police arrested a man after he refused to wear a mask during the council's meeting Tuesday.³⁰⁷
7. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, people have been shot and some killed due to the conflicts governments have created around mask mandates.
- a. In April 2020, Police in the Philippines shot dead a man for not wearing a mask and provoking officers. President Duterte has ordered police and military to kill anyone violating quarantine or causing trouble during the pandemic.³⁰⁸
 - b. In May 2020, a Family Dollar store security guard was shot and killed in Flint, Michigan after telling a customer her child had to wear a face mask to enter the store.³⁰⁹

³⁰⁴ https://dailyprogress.com/news/local/education/albemarle-mask-policy-keeps-some-students-with-disabilities-out-of-buildings/article_9dcbfb80-0aa4-11ec-acd4-7f94b0d3f587.html

³⁰⁵ <https://www.mystateline.com/news/local-news/stillman-valley-mom-arrested-after-not-wearing-mask-to-school-open-house/>

³⁰⁶ <https://nypost.com/2021/09/03/parent-calls-cops-after-maskless-students-pulled-from-ny-school/>

³⁰⁷ <https://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2021/sep/07/video-man-refusing-to-wear-mask-arrested-during/>

³⁰⁸ <https://www.dw.com/en/man-shot-dead-for-flouting-coronavirus-rules/a-53018149>

³⁰⁹ <https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/05/04/security-guards-death-might-have-been-because-he-wouldnt-let-woman-store-without-mask/>

- c. In July 2020, a 43-year-old Michigan man died who was shot by police after he stabbed an elderly man who had confronted him for failing to wear a face mask.³¹⁰
- d. In March 2021, a police officer working as a security guard for a high school basketball game in New Orleans was shot and killed after trying to stop a man who tried to enter a gymnasium without a mask.³¹¹
- e. In June 2021, a man shot and killed a supermarket cashier in Georgia after arguing with her about wearing a mask before shooting an off-duty law enforcement officer who tried to intervene.^{312, 313}
- f. In June 2021, in India, a man was shot by a bank security guard following an argument over the guard asking him to wear a mask.³¹⁴
- g. In July 2021, a policeman in the Democratic Republic of Congo shot a student for not wearing a mask while filming on the streets of the capital city.³¹⁵
- h. In July 2021, a man who was wearing a mask was shot in the neck with a BB gun at an Omaha Aldi in a confrontation over masks.³¹⁶
- i. In August 2021, a liquor store security guard in Chicago reportedly shot a man three times after a customer walked into the store without a mask on. The guard's

³¹⁰ <https://www.fox23.com/news/trending/man-shot-killed-by-police-after-fight-over-wearing-mask-reports-say/CE6ORWE6UVBBPGOLCZZTREBRQI/>

³¹¹ <https://thehill.com/homenews/state-watch/541015-man-shot-security-guard-at-high-school-basketball-game-during-argument>

³¹² <https://www.buzzfeednews.com/article/clarissajanlim/man-shot-kill-supermarket-cashier-georgia-mask>

³¹³ <https://www.forbes.com/sites/jemimamcevov/2021/06/15/killing-of-georgia-cashier-is-latest-in-a-string-of-fatal-shootings-over-mask-wearing-here-are-the-rest/?sh=d2c0617764eb>

³¹⁴ <https://www.indiatvnews.com/news/india/up-man-shot-by-bank-security-guard-argument-over-not-wearing-mask-bareilly-latest-news-714641>

³¹⁵ <https://www.wionews.com/world/dr-congo-policeman-shoots-student-for-not-wearing-mask-400575>

³¹⁶ https://journalstar.com/news/state-and-regional/crime-and-courts/man-shot-with-bb-gun-over-wearing-mask-at-omaha-aldi/article_354137e6-a359-52ef-a4e3-4c56e61ce30a.html

attorney stated during a bond court hearing that his client was acting in self-defense as the customer was “putting other’s lives at risk by not wearing a mask.”³¹⁷

- j. In September 2021, in Germany, a young gas station clerk was shot and killed for asking a customer to wear a face mask.³¹⁸

MINISTRY OF TRUTH

8. In 2012, the general manager of Twitter in the UK proclaimed itself as "the free speech wing of the free speech party" and Twitter takes a "neutral" view of messages posted by its users because of the company's founding principles.³¹⁹
9. Big Tech³²⁰ and other social media behemoths has flexed its powerful information muscles by clamping down on any discussion it deems contrary to their world view dealing with COVID-19.³²¹
10. At first, it was China cracking down³²² to suppress information about the severity and origins of COVID-19³²³ which they continued to do so throughout the international crisis.³²⁴
11. While China was imposing its censorship might, they enlisted the World Health Organization and Big Tech to censor what it called "Infodemic!"³²⁵ When asked what constituted misinformation, YouTube, a subsidiary of Google, CEO Susan Wojcicki said

³¹⁷ <https://brobible.com/culture/article/chicago-man-shot-for-not-wearing-mask/>

³¹⁸ <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/world/2021/09/21/german-man-shot-after-asking-customer-wear-face-mask/5799571001/>

³¹⁹ <https://www.theguardian.com/media/2012/mar/22/twitter-tony-wang-free-speech>

³²⁰ Big Tech is a name given to the some of the largest and most dominant companies in the information technology industry of the United States—namely Amazon, Apple, Google (Alphabet), Facebook, Microsoft and Twitter. See <https://www.politico.com/newsletters/morning-tech/2021/02/26/is-twitter-angling-to-become-big-tech-793630>

³²¹ <https://www.wsj.com/articles/truth-not-a-truth-ministry-will-set-us-free-11612810962>

³²² https://chinamediaproject.org/the_ccp_dictionary/covid-19-and-covid-19/

³²³ <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-51409801>

³²⁴ <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/19/technology/china-coronavirus-censorship.html>

³²⁵ <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/02/06/health/coronavirus-misinformation-social-media.html>

her platform will remove "anything that is medically unsubstantiated", as well as "anything that goes against WHO [World Health Organisation] recommendations."³²⁶

12. According to Human Rights Watch, at least 83 governments³²⁷ worldwide have used COVID-19 to crack down on free speech³²⁸ and expression, peaceful assembly and access to information.³²⁹
13. As the COVID-19 pandemic spread across the globe, Russia and many other countries also instituted censorship tactics.³³⁰ One of the most glaring censorship actions by Big Tech and governmental actors was the blocking of any discussion surrounding the initial cause of COVID-19 coming from a lab leak in China.³³¹
14. In April 2020, Facebook began blocking users who wanted to organize protests against the draconian lockdowns (i.e., free association)³³², or as Facebook stated, gatherings which did not “follow the health parameters established by the government” and was “therefore unlawful”. This was government censorship outsourced to the private sector.
15. Meanwhile, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and other Big Tech supported and encouraged even larger political gatherings in the middle of the pandemic in response to George Floyd's death in May 2020.³³³
16. Google censored any discussion supporting the Great Barrington Declaration which was spearheaded by some of the leading infectious-disease epidemiologists and public health

³²⁶ <https://www.bbc.com/news/technology-52388586>

³²⁷ <https://www.hrw.org/news/2021/02/11/covid-19-triggers-wave-free-speech-abuse#>

³²⁸ https://www.voanews.com/a/press-freedom_coronavirus-new-scapegoat-media-censorship-rights-groups-say/6187505.html

³²⁹ <https://freedomhouse.org/report/report-sub-page/2020/information-isolation-censoring-covid-19-outbreak>

³³⁰ <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/new-atlanticist/russia-orders-tech-platforms-remove-coronavirus-fake-news/>

³³¹ <https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2021-06-07/facebook-youtube-erred-in-censoring-covid-19-misinformation>

³³² <https://www.bbc.com/news/business-52352073>

³³³ <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/06/19/technology/facebook-youtube-twitter-black-lives-matter.html>

scientists in the world from Harvard Medical School, Oxford University and Stanford University Medical School.³³⁴ Censorship of the declaration also spread to Reddit. The two most popular subreddits for discussion of the coronavirus – r/COVID-19 and r/coronavirus – both removed links to the Great Barrington Declaration.³³⁵

17. The YouTube censorship continued where the company disclosed it had pulled over 200,000 videos about the pandemic as of October 2020.³³⁶
18. Amazon had twice tried to suppress self-published booklets former New York Times reporter Alex Berenson who wrote about Covid-19 and the response to it. These booklets didn't contain conspiracy theories. Like the scientists who wrote the Great Barrington Declaration, Mr. Berenson simply believed many measures to control the coronavirus have been damaging, counterproductive and unsupported by science.³³⁷ Recently Twitter banned Mr. Berenson's account.³³⁸
19. Many others followed Big Tech's censorship efforts, as was highlighted when Stanford University Medical Faculty targeted one of their own professors, Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, linking him to COVID deaths in Florida and circulated a petition among faculty members demanding the university president exercise his obligation "to clarify for the faculty the limits of public pronouncements when proclaiming on public health policy."³³⁹
20. They also attacked public officials who disagreed with their own creed. For example, after a March 18, 2021, roundtable discussion hosted by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis with

³³⁴ <https://www.spiked-online.com/2020/10/12/why-has-google-censored-the-great-barrington-declaration/>

³³⁵ <https://www.aier.org/article/twitter-censors-famed-epidemiologist-martin-kulldorff/>

³³⁶ <https://www.spiked-online.com/2020/07/30/big-tech-is-suppressing-science/>

³³⁷ <https://www.wsj.com/articles/covid-and-the-new-age-of-censorship-11607381415>

³³⁸ <https://thehill.com/homenews/media/569908-twitter-bans-conservative-author-Alex-Berenson>

³³⁹ <https://thefederalist.com/2021/09/15/stanford-faculty-smear-professor-who-accurately-summarized-data-on-masks/>

leading doctors, YouTube censored video of the conference³⁴⁰ and Governor Ron DeSantis fought back by passing legislation to rebuke this arbitrary censorship.^{341, 342}

21. Local governments have also used these tactics. In Kent County, Michigan, a crowd of parents came out for a public meeting scheduled by the county health department to discuss their diktat that children must wear face masks in school. However, the county health officer, Adam London, addressed the parents using a remote video connection and disconnected when he was finished so he was unable to hear the public comments.³⁴³

22. The censorship has continued into the highest levels of the United States government.³⁴⁴ The Biden White House has publicly acknowledged they have been engaged in censorship collusion with Big Tech.³⁴⁵ In response, Journalist, author and Co-Founder of The Intercept, Glenn Greenwald issued a series of tweets on July 17, 2021:

“If you trust the Biden WH to decree what is ‘misinformation,’ these claims have been deemed as such:

- * COVID is transmitted human-to-human (Jan 2020)
- * You should wear masks to protect against COVID (March 2020)
- * It's possible COVID leaked from the Wuhan lab (all of 2020).

If, last March, you encouraged people to wear masks against COVID, the WHO/CDC/Fauci cabal said that was "disinformation."

³⁴⁰ <https://apnews.com/article/ron-desantis-youtube-removing-pandemic-video-misinformation-6231f16a98ba30cd376b98cd48c5c62e>

³⁴¹ <https://www.wfla.com/community/health/coronavirus/youtube-misinformation-policy-update-gov-desantis-office-promises-to-fight-censorship/>

³⁴² <https://floridaphoenix.com/2021/04/12/gov-ron-desantis-invites-same-panel-of-doctors-who-had-been-censored-we-are-not-going-to-be-silenced/>

³⁴³ <https://www.michigancapitolconfidential.com/a-bad-look-for-a-county-health-department>

³⁴⁴ <https://www.medpagetoday.com/infectiousdisease/covid19/85440>

³⁴⁵ <https://chicago.suntimes.com/2021/7/21/22587266/president-biden-facebook-vaccine-misinformation-censorship-jacob-sullum>

If, throughout 2020, you said it seems possible COVID came from a lab leak, you were banned from social media.

Who trusts them to be the Ministry of Truth? (emphasis added)³⁴⁶

In response the Deputy Editor of Real Clear Investigates, Senior Contributor to The Federalist and columnist for Newsweek and Epoch Times, Benjamin Weingarter responded, “Deeper point is that there should never, ever, ever be a **Ministry of Truth** in America. We cease to be anything resembling a free people once First Amendment is gone, and in some ways it's even more disturbing when it's being jettisoned by proxy through Gov't-Big Tech collusion.” (emphasis added)³⁴⁷

23. In Justice Louis Brandeis’ famous dissent in *Olmstead v. United States*, 277 U.S. 438, 479³⁴⁸, his crystal ball warned us, “Experience should teach us to be most on our guard to protect liberty when the government's purposes are beneficent...The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding.”
24. In August 2021, AFTER they proclaimed kids should wear masks in schools, the American Academy of Pediatrics was caught deleting sections from its website regarding early childhood development and facial cues for learning to enforce mask guidance on children.³⁴⁹

³⁴⁶ <https://www.newsweek.com/biden-big-tech-covid-censorship-collusion-tip-ruling-class-spear-opinion-1612355>

³⁴⁷ Id.

³⁴⁸ This case was later overturned by *Katz v. United States*, 389 U.S. 347

³⁴⁹ <https://www.reuters.com/article/factCheckNew/idUSL1N2PR1QG>

25. Robert Dingwall, a sociologist and co-editor of the SAGE Handbook of Research Management, recently summarized the connection between the Ministry of Truth and mask mandates.³⁵⁰
26. On September 27, 2021, Defendant CDC modified its definition of the words “vaccine” and “vaccination”. “Vaccination” went from “the act of introducing a vaccine into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease” to switching the word “immunity” to “protection” and now reads, “the act of introducing a vaccine into the body to produce protection to a specific disease”, and the term “vaccine” changed from “a product that stimulates a person’s immune system to produce immunity to a specific disease” to the current “a preparation that is used to stimulate the body’s immune response against diseases.”³⁵¹

THE “Mask for Thee, but not for Me” CAUCUS OF HYPOCRISY

27. As part of the Ministry of Truth, many of these Prophets of Mask Mandates and their Disciples have also joined the “Do as I say, not as I do!” and “Mask for Thee, but not for Me” Caucuses of Hypocrisy throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. The hypocrisy of these people in positions of power have not been lost on the public.^{352, 353}
28. The following elected officials and their staff who have been in a position of power over our society to impose mask mandates are part of these Caucuses of Hypocrisy
 - a. Defendant President Biden³⁵⁴ was caught mingling indoors maskless with dozens of other maskless people as well as repeatedly walking away from his podium

³⁵⁰ <https://www.socialsciencespace.com/2021/08/covid-science-and-politics-the-case-of-face-masks/>

³⁵¹ <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/coronavirus/article254111268.html#storylink=cpy>

³⁵² An entire website was set up to capture some Members of the Caucus of Hypocrisy:

<https://datavisualizations.heritage.org/public-health/covid-hypocrisy-policymakers-breaking-their-own-rules/>

³⁵³ <https://www.businessinsider.com/democratic-politicians-who-violated-covid-19-rules-guidance-list-2020-12>

³⁵⁴ <https://twitter.com/RNCRResearch/status/1420475708686716937>

without a mask^{355, 356}; the White House Deputy Press Secretary, Karine Jean-Pierre^{357, 358}; and the White House Press Secretary, Jen Psaki³⁵⁹, have repeatedly violated the White House mask mandate and the State Department Spokesman, Ned Price³⁶⁰, has also been caught breaking the mask policy of Defendant President Biden; Defendant President Biden’s “Climate Czar”, John Kerry³⁶¹, was photographed maskless while walking through the airport, more than once³⁶²;

- b. Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi³⁶³, has been publicly caught violating mask mandates in order to take photos³⁶⁴, while getting her hair done in a San Francisco salon³⁶⁵, answer questions^{366, 367}, in the White House³⁶⁸, while simultaneously threatening to arrest and fine other Members of the U.S. House of Representative for failing to comply³⁶⁹; meanwhile, other Members of Congress who have press the public to endure mask mandates have publicly violated themselves, such as Representative Rashida Tlaib³⁷⁰ (MI) who was spotted dancing maskless at a large indoor gathering in an “orange zone” where CDC

³⁵⁵ <https://twitter.com/RNCRResearch/status/1420858538876973064>

³⁵⁶ <https://twitter.com/RNCRResearch/status/1423674785888886788>

³⁵⁷ <https://twitter.com/RNCRResearch/status/1420830733611020288>

³⁵⁸ <https://twitter.com/RNCRResearch/status/1421194603068338176>

³⁵⁹ <https://grabien.com/getmedia.php?id=1292727&key=2809b530d3bb4f46993ba66b1a347056&userid=17087>

³⁶⁰ <https://grabien.com/getmedia.php?id=1292773&key=cd61cfe62c458e3cd0d2e22c5f53387d&userid=17087>

³⁶¹ <https://freebeacon.com/biden-administration/photos-john-kerry-flouts-mask-mandate-at-airport/>

³⁶² <https://www.bostonherald.com/2021/03/17/john-kerry-caught-without-a-mask-on-boston-to-dc-flight/>

³⁶³ <https://twitter.com/McAdams/status/1421114963867934723>

³⁶⁴ <https://twitter.com/RNCRResearch/status/1421109603140620293>

³⁶⁵ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/pelosi-san-francisco-hair-salon-owner-calls-it-slap-in-the-face>

³⁶⁶ <https://twitter.com/JakeSherman/status/1421239005413355527>

³⁶⁷ It should be noted, the store owner was forced to close after she got death threats from supporters of Speaker Pelosi. See <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9102387/Salon-owner-exposed-Nancy-Pelosis-maskless-visit-shop-poses-window.html>

³⁶⁸ <https://ktrh.iheart.com/featured/michael-berry/content/2021-05-21-masks-for-thee-not-for-me-this-is-pelosi-dems-in-the-white-house/>

³⁶⁹ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/capitol-police-ordered-arrest-staff-visitors-not-wearing-masks>

³⁷⁰ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/rashida-tlaib-spotted-dancing-maskless-at-large-indoor-gathering-in-cdc-orange-zone>

guidelines call for indoor masking; Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez³⁷¹ (NY) was caught masking only for a photo-op and unmasked with a group of students and other Members of Congress³⁷², and Representative Jerold Nadler³⁷³ (NY), who is Chairman of the Judiciary Committee was caught maskless in the public café within the Longworth House Office Building; it's not just the House side of the United States Congress who display their mask mandate hypocrisy as U.S. Senator Diane Feinstein³⁷⁴ (CA) was photographed without a mask at Dulles International Airport in Washington, D.C. (meanwhile, Defendant President Biden has doubled the fines for travelers who do not wear a mask in an airport³⁷⁵), and she was later caught walking the corridors of the U.S. Senate without a mask³⁷⁶.

- c. Governors and state legislators from around the nation who are imposing mask mandates on their residents are blatantly ignoring their own mask mandates, the most famous example was the Governor of California, Gavin Newsom, who flaunted his mask mandate at a dinner at the French Laundry restaurant³⁷⁷, however, less known is about him pulling his kids from a day camp where they were maskless in spite of the mask mandates for everyone else's children³⁷⁸; Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer was caught maskless in a restaurant in East Lansing³⁷⁹; and the current Governor of New York, Kathy Hochul, has flaunted the mask mandates

³⁷¹ <https://twitter.com/TPostMillennial/status/1422915794640441356>

³⁷² <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0pyWvZ-ZYgc>

³⁷³ <https://twitter.com/RepRosendale/status/1420753689120174087>

³⁷⁴ <https://nypost.com/2020/09/29/tucker-carlson-reveals-photos-of-unmasked-feinstein-in-dc-airport/>

³⁷⁵ <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/10/travel/mask-fine-costs-flights-tsa.html>

³⁷⁶ https://twitter.com/therecount/status/1328724072801431553?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw>November 17, 2020</blockquote>

³⁷⁷ <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-11-19/skelton-newsom-executive-power-covid-19-french-laundry-dinner>

³⁷⁸ <https://www.sacbee.com/news/politics-government/capitol-alert/article253068523.html>

³⁷⁹ <https://www.detroitnews.com/story/news/politics/2021/05/23/whitmer-apologizes-after-photo-shows-her-bar-violating-own-order/5234477001/>

while Lt. Governor on March 12, 2021³⁸⁰, alongside former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, July 6, 2021, while visiting the Bronx Community College Early Childhood Center³⁸¹ while the students wore masks³⁸², and again on July 28, 2021³⁸³, at a Bronx Democratic fund-raising event, and after she assumed the governorship from former Governor Andrew Cuomo and after she announced her statewide school mask mandate as she was maskless standing alongside maskless State Senator Brian Benjamin on August 26, 2021³⁸⁴, in Harlem, while announcing Senator Benjamin as her Lt. Governor standing next to maskless Rev. Al Sharpton and maskless NAACP New York State Conference President Hazel Dukes, and again during a Democrat fund-raising event in August 2021 in Erie County³⁸⁵; meanwhile Texas Democratic Legislators hopped on a private plane maskless to avoid the Texas State Legislature from having a quorum³⁸⁶.

- d. Mayors throughout the country who are commanding mask mandates on their citizens are unashamedly flouting their own mandates, such as the Mayor of Washington, D.C., Muriel Bowser³⁸⁷, who celebrated her birthday maskless just hours before her own indoor mandate was set to go into effect, and the very next day she officiated a wedding indoors without her mask³⁸⁸; the Mayor of Chicago,

³⁸⁰ <https://twitter.com/kathyhochul/status/1105630569810063360>

³⁸¹ <https://factcheck.thedispatch.com/p/did-kathy-hochul-go-maskless-in-a>

³⁸² <https://qualitystarsny.org/lieutenant-governor-kathy-hochul-announces-35-million-expansion-of-qualitystarsny/>

³⁸³ <https://twitter.com/kathyhochul/status/1420542256881274881>

³⁸⁴ https://buffalonews.com/news/local/gov-kathy-hochul-assembles-dream-team-of-downstate-diversity/article_7afcf2fa-0ceb-11ec-8e3c-271d1665020b.html

³⁸⁵ <https://dailycaller.com/2021/08/20/kathy-hochul-masks-fundraiser-event/>

³⁸⁶ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/donna-howard-texas-universal-mask-wearing>

³⁸⁷ <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/mayor-muriel-bowser-party-mask-mandate>

³⁸⁸ <https://twitter.com/TianaTheFirst/status/1421767411737534469>

Lori Lightfoot³⁸⁹, attended Lollapalooza music festival without her mask³⁹⁰ along with tens of thousands of other attendees while publicly decrying the potential “super-spreader” event³⁹¹; Defendant Mayor De Blasio³⁹² was spotted early on in the COVID-19 pandemic not wearing a mask despite CDC recommendations and soon thereafter was lambasting New York City police officers for not wearing their masks³⁹³, meanwhile, recently Defendant Mayor De Blasio and Defendant Governor Hochul were photographed welcoming former British Royals Harry Windsor and Meghan Markle visited New York City all maskless!³⁹⁴

29. Public health officials who have been in a position of power over our society to impose mask mandates are part of these Caucuses of Hypocrisy including Dr. Anthony Fauci while lecturing United States Senators that his mask-wearing was not theatre and based on science³⁹⁵ (and then admits to ABC News it was not based on science)³⁹⁶, he was photographed by the Associated Press at a baseball game seated directly between his wife and another man without any spacing between them having a conversation with all three maskless. When confronted about the situation, Dr. Fauci whined, "I think this is sort of mischievous with this thing going around. I had my mask around my chin, I had taken it down. I was totally dehydrated and I was drinking water trying to rehydrate myself. I wear a mask all the time when I'm outside -- to pull it down, to take some sips of water and put

³⁸⁹ <https://www.foxnews.com/media/critics-attack-lori-lightfoot-holding-lollapalooza-amid-covid>

³⁹⁰ <https://twitter.com/BauerJournalism/status/1421848867809681410>

³⁹¹ <https://www.politico.com/news/2021/08/02/coronavirus-mask-policy-biden-502026>

³⁹² <https://www.the-sun.com/news/641459/de-blasio-outside-without-mask-new-york-city/>

³⁹³ <https://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/ny-nypd-masks-bill-de-blasio-20200607-rew22xgcuva3tapmjac3eu4cwq-story.html>

³⁹⁴ <https://www.nydailynews.com/news/politics/new-york-elections-government/ny-nyc-prince-harry-meghan-markle-de-blasio-hochul-20210923-rwur2prly5dz3klbuyhvf4gzvy-story.html>

³⁹⁵ <https://www.courier-journal.com/story/news/politics/2021/03/18/rand-paul-vs-fauci-u-s-sen-doctor-clash-over-covid-vaccine-masks/4752513001/>

³⁹⁶ <https://www.outkick.com/fauci-admits-his-mask-wearing-was-theatre-hardly-any-risk-of-catching-virus/>

it back up again, I guess if people want to make something about that, they can. But to me, I think that's just mischievous." Meanwhile, Columnist and talk show host John Ziegler called Fauci a fraud, tweeting a second photo showing Fauci looking out at the field, also with his mask down. In another interview when asked about it on Fox News, Fauci told John Roberts he had tested negative for COVID-19 the day before the game and that the other man in the photo is a close friend.³⁹⁷ Even Defendant Director Walensky's husband, who is a pediatric oncologist, has shown multiple maskless events in violation of Defendant CDC's own recommendations.³⁹⁸ The Arizona State Superintendent of Schools, Kathy Hoffman, was pictured maskless, indoors, with a group of people, however, she faught against the state's ban on mask mandates and pushed for universal masking in schools.³⁹⁹

30. The members of the media or the celebrities they cover who have been using their immense position of power to influence mask mandates are part of these Caucuses of Hypocrisy. These special people push mask mandates for the masses except for them; whether it was the Oscars⁴⁰⁰ or CNN reporter Kaitlan Collins who was caught removing her mask when she thought camera was off⁴⁰¹ or even worse the international scandal when former President Barack Obama⁴⁰² originally planned a 700-person birthday party on Martha's Vineyard⁴⁰³ which he scaled back to over 200 people⁴⁰⁴ after the White House was having

³⁹⁷ <https://www.wusa9.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/anthony-fauci-face-mask-down-photo-coronavirus/507-e33379cb-d79e-479b-9960-13293c96572f>

³⁹⁸ <https://redstate.com/scotthounsell/2021/08/12/cdc-director-walenskys-husband-ups-the-hypocrisy-game-with-maskless-party-game-n424743>

³⁹⁹ <https://knst.iheart.com/featured/garret-lewis/content/2021-08-25-az-state-superintendent-of-schools-hoffman-caught-maskless-at-indoor-party/>

⁴⁰⁰ <https://www.silive.com/news/2021/04/maskless-covid-hypocrisy-at-the-oscars-opinion.html>

⁴⁰¹ <https://nypost.com/2020/05/16/cnn-reporter-caught-removing-face-mask-when-she-thought-camera-was-off/>

⁴⁰² <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9850927/Obama-inviting-500-people-60th-birthday-party-Marthas-Vineyard.html>

⁴⁰³ <https://nypost.com/2021/08/02/obama-holding-huge-60th-birthday-bash-despite-covid-warnings/>

⁴⁰⁴ <https://chicago.suntimes.com/columnists/2021/8/8/22616150/obama-throws-birthday-bash-at-marthas-vineyard-mansion-that-was-big-even-after-being-scaled-back>

to defend this event (the headline says it all “Private Jets Jammed Airport for Presidential Birthday Party, Straining Resources”⁴⁰⁵); in the end the guests did not wear masks⁴⁰⁶, only the servants!⁴⁰⁷

THE MASK MANDATE HERETICS / HEROES

131. George Orwell called the underground resistance to the government’s socialist actions, the “Brotherhood.”
132. The Great Barrington Declaration⁴⁰⁸ is a statement issued on October 4, 2020, advocating for an alternative approach to the COVID-19 pandemic which called for individuals at significantly lower risk of dying from COVID-19, as well as those at higher risk who wish to do so, to be permitted to resume normal living, while creating a "Focused Protection" of those most at risk. The three original authors were Jay Bhattacharya of Stanford University, Sunetra Gupta of the University of Oxford, and Martin Kulldorff of Harvard University.⁴⁰⁹ The declaration has over 860,000 signatories from around the world.
133. Some of these Mask Mandate Heretics or Members of the Brotherhood include,
 - a. Dr Jay Bhattacharya is a professor of medicine at Stanford University. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Bhattacharya spoke against mask mandates and shutdowns. On May 7, 2021, a Newsweek article quotes Dr. Bhattacharya: "I would recommend the CDC tell vaccinated people, 'Live your life free.' I mean there's no

⁴⁰⁵ <https://vineyardgazette.com/news/2021/08/09/private-jets-flooded-airport-presidential-birthday-party-put-strain-island-resources>

⁴⁰⁶ <https://gop.com/rapid-response/dance-the-masks-away/>

⁴⁰⁷ <https://twitter.com/nypost/status/1424275785687437316>

⁴⁰⁸ <https://gbdeclaration.org/>

⁴⁰⁹ <https://www.medpagetoday.com/infectiousdisease/covid19/89204>

reason for vaccinated people—either for themselves or for others—to wear a mask, not really.”⁴¹⁰

- b. Dr. Martin Kulldorff, professor of medicine at Harvard University, a biostatistician, and epidemiologist with expertise in detecting and monitoring infectious disease outbreaks and vaccine safety evaluations. Dr. Sunetra Gupta, professor at Oxford University, an epidemiologist with expertise in immunology, vaccine development, and mathematical modeling of infectious diseases. These doctors, along with Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, created the “Great Barrington Declaration” on October 4, 2020 to push back against closures and mandates restricting freedoms during the COVID-19 crisis and encourage creation of herd immunity. The declaration states, “Those who are not vulnerable should immediately be allowed to resume life as normal. Simple hygiene measures, such as hand washing and staying home when sick should be practiced by everyone to reduce the herd immunity threshold. Schools and universities should be open for in-person teaching. Extracurricular activities, such as sports, should be resumed. Young low-risk adults should work normally, rather than from home. Restaurants and other businesses should open. Arts, music, sport and other cultural activities should resume. People who are more at risk may participate if they wish, while society as a whole enjoys the protection conferred upon the vulnerable by those who have built up herd immunity.”⁴¹¹
- c. Joseph G Allen is an associate professor and director of the Healthy Buildings program at Harvard University’s T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Allen wrote

⁴¹⁰ <https://www.newsweek.com/stanfords-jay-bhattacharya-says-theres-no-reason-fully-vaccinated-americans-wear-masks-1589658>

⁴¹¹ <https://gbdeclaration.org>

on May 5, 2021 about kids: “they don’t need to wear a mask outside starting right now, and, after this school year is over, they shouldn’t have to wear masks inside either. Why? Their risks of getting infected are lower than adults, and it will get even lower as the vast majority of adults are vaccinated.” Allen added, “The truth is, for kids, COVID-19 is like the flu, and we don’t make kids wear masks in school for that.”⁴¹²

- d. Vinay Prasad is a hematologist-oncologist and Associate Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and the University of California San Francisco. On September 2, 2021, Prasad wrote, “The potential educational harms of mandatory-masking policies are much more firmly established, at least at this point, than their possible benefits in stopping the spread of COVID-19 in schools.” Prasad acknowledges the detriment to child development that masks pose: “Early childhood is a crucial period when humans develop cultural, language, and social skills, including the ability to detect emotion on other people’s faces. Social interactions with friends, parents, and caregivers are integral to fostering children’s growth and well-being.”⁴¹³
- e. Monica Gandhi, a professor of medicine at University of California San Francisco and associate division chief of HIV, Infectious Diseases, and Global Medicine at San Francisco General Hospital,⁴¹⁴ stated on May 14, 2021, “There is immense collateral damage that comes from not easing restrictions after most people are

⁴¹² <https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/05/05/americans-will-have-answer-remaining-questions-about-pandemic-themselves/>

⁴¹³ <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/09/school-mask-mandates-downside/619952/>

⁴¹⁴ <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/02/vaccines-are-banishing-any-debate-about-reopening-schools/618155/>

vaccinated. It sends a message that there's still a danger when there isn't one, and then schools remain closed and businesses suffer. Some collateral damage from restrictions needed to occur when we didn't have vaccines, but now that we have them, there's no justification." Ghandi suggests that masking and keeping schools remote are both unnecessary: "If California doesn't adopt this new guidance even though it has a very high vaccination rate and the highest rate of children out of in-person learning, I think public sentiment will start swinging towards people believing the state took an approach that didn't follow science."⁴¹⁵

- f. Dr. Jennifer Reesman is a neuropsychologist and assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Reesman also founded and directs the Deafness Related Evaluations and More Clinic at the Kennedy Krieger Institute.⁴¹⁶ Reesman tweeted about the ridiculous nature of masks in schools on September 9, 2021: "My child was handed a "singing" mask to be used for chorus class in @MCPS it is a plain, adult surgical size mask and already the strap broke off so she stapled it back together. Do better @mocoboe."⁴¹⁷
- g. John Brownstein is an epidemiologist at Boston Children's Hospital. Brownstein stated on August 13, 2021, "We have found time and time again is that masking can limit the spread of transmission. And especially indoor settings like schools." He continued, "What I'm especially concerned about for this school year is the

⁴¹⁵ <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/ucsf-expert-california-san-francisco-should-immediately-lift-mask-mandates-for-vaccinated/ar-BB1gJVuF>

⁴¹⁶ <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/profiles/details/jennifer-reesman>

⁴¹⁷ <https://twitter.com/jenreesman/status/1436056525215313929>

gatherings that kids will take on in schools. So auditoriums, lunchrooms, gymnasiums, these are all places where you could see super-spreading events”⁴¹⁸

- h. Alasdair Munro is a senior clinical research fellow in pediatric infectious diseases at NIHR Clinical Research Facility Southampton and University of Southampton (UK).⁴¹⁹ On July 23, 2021, Munro tweeted, “Despite incessant claims of schools driving this wave, and Delta disproportionately affecting children scaring parents... Kids age 2 - 11y now lowest estimated prevalence of all ages<35, despite being totally unvaccinated, no masks anywhere and full time school for 4 months.”⁴²⁰
- i. Michael Mina, MD, PhD, is an assistant professor of epidemiology at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and a core member of the School’s Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics (CCDD).⁴²¹ Mina stated on September 1, 2021, “Kids have been out of school enough. The last thing we want to do in a pandemic is to have the societal ramifications be worse than the virus itself. We need to figure out and utilize the tools that we have available to us to ensure that children remain in school, to ensure that businesses keep running and we don't just keep using these brute force methods of closing things down and make major quarantines to solve a public health problem.” He further defined his position against masks in schools: “I think masks are going to limit spreads. There's no doubt about that. The question is, especially with younger kids, what are the costs and benefits of it? Especially with kids, you just see the masks are on them and off them, or throughout the course of the day, they're off half the time. When you're sitting in a school, if you don't

⁴¹⁸ <https://abc7chicago.com/masks-in-schools-covid-spread-delta-variant-face-for-kids/10949255/>

⁴¹⁹ <https://covid19commission.org/alasdair-munro>

⁴²⁰ <https://twitter.com/apsmunro/status/1418550657854939140?lang=en>

⁴²¹ <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/hii/people/michael-mina-md-phd/>

have good ventilation and you're just certain that you're breathing in the same air in the same classroom all day long, it does make one wonder how much is a mask going to work in that setting where kids are really close together and breathing the same air all day along. That said, I think it's a pretty practical and simple layer of all of this. I'm personally in favor. of masking because I think the more we can do to keep schools from having to shut down because of massive outbreaks, the better. What masks will do is they'll ideally stop big super spreading kind of transmission. It might not stop Johnny from infecting his neighbor at the desk next to him, but it should do a good job of really preventing a super spreader from just spewing out tons of virus in the hallways and things along those lines.”⁴²²

- j. Margery Smelkinson is a staff scientist with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at NIH.⁴²³ On June 30, 2021, she stated the need for a return to normalcy for children, i.e. the dropping of mask mandates in schools: “Considering the rates of transmission currently in the county and around the state the chance of getting infected at this point is very, very low. The vaccines are amazing and we are such a highly vaccinated county, 80 percent of those over 12 are fully vaccinated, 89 percent with one dose, these vaccines are working miracles and it's time to return to normalcy.”⁴²⁴ Smelkinson then tweeted about research showing masks are unnecessary in schools on September 15, 2021: “Now peer-reviewed in

⁴²² <https://www.wnyc.org/story/defense-home-rapid-test/>

⁴²³ <https://sites.google.com/site/margerysmelkinson/home>

⁴²⁴ <https://foxbaltimore.com/news/local/kids-and-masks-we-ask-an-infectious-disease-scientist-if-they-still-need-them>

Lancet, study shows that, even in a delta world, few "close contacts" in school test pos."⁴²⁵

- k. Dr. Scott Atlas is a senior fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution and the former chief of neuroradiology at Stanford University Medical Center and former Member of the Presidential COVID-19 Task Force.⁴²⁶ In a March 7 speech, Atlas reviews the effectivity of universal masking: "Regarding universal masks: 38 states have implemented general-population mask mandates, most since at least the summer, with almost all the rest having mandates in their major cities. Widespread, general-population mask usage has shown little empirical utility for stopping cases, even though that evidence has been censored by Twitter and Amazon. Widespread mask usage showed only minimal impact in Denmark's randomized controlled study. *Those are facts. And facts matter. Here's the reality:* those who insist that universal mask usage is absolutely proven to be effective at controlling the spread of this virus and is universally recommended by "the science" are ignoring the published evidence to the contrary. One could say they are propagating false and misleading information; some might even call that, using a phrase from the JAMA opinion, "subverting science."⁴²⁷

⁴²⁵ <https://twitter.com/MSmelkinsonPhD/status/1438234731288662023>

⁴²⁶ <https://townhall.com/tipsheet/scottmorefield/2021/06/05/dr-scott-atlas-excoriates-faucis-unconscionable-handling-of-pandemic-n2590524>

⁴²⁷ <https://stanfordreview.org/scott-atlas-the-last-word/>