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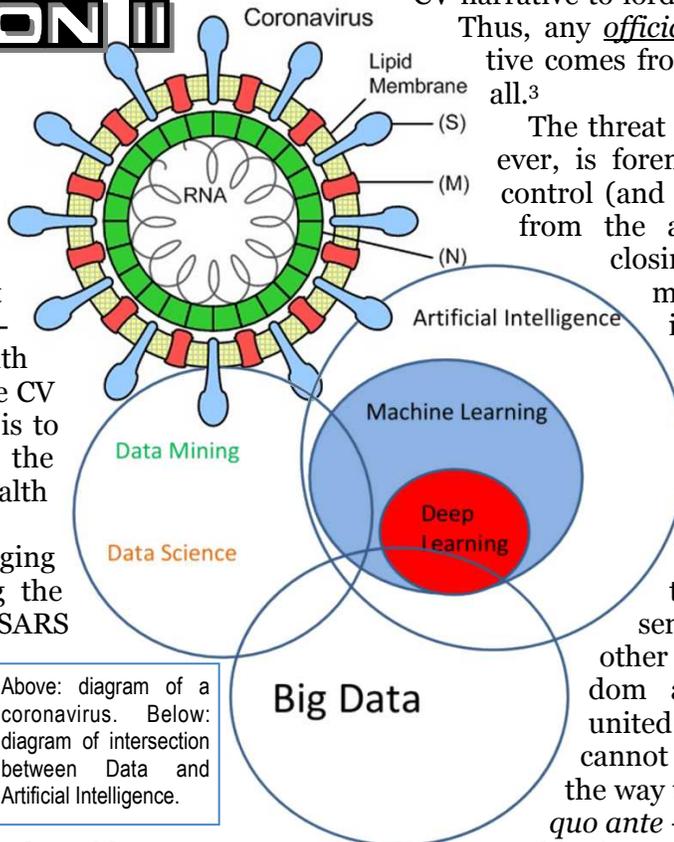
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## CORONA CIRCUS

## PANOPTICON II

In previous issues of the *Liberty Tree*, we have discussed the planned-demic surrounding COVID-19 (“CV”), and showed that there is a great deal of circumstantial evidence that COVID-19 is a second-stage attack on our liberties, begun with the 9/11 event of 2001. Under the CV threat, the goal of the globalists is to lock down the inhabitants of the world beginning with a ‘global health governance’ regime.

The supposed threat of emerging “zoonotic” diseases — CV being the latest in a string which includes SARS (2003), H1N1 swine flu (2009), MERS (2012), Ebola and Zika (2013-2016), etc. — is blamed on anthropogenic global warming and natural habitat (read “jungle”) destruction. Humans are allegedly destroying the natural world and are thus to be considered the cause of these “emerging” diseases.<sup>1</sup> Because of the elevation of “health science” to god-like status in the media, government, and public schools, the *fact* of these so-called diseases, and man’s ability to detect and isolate their *causes*, are not examined nor considered by the vast majority in Western and Eastern countries.<sup>2</sup> In addition,



Above: diagram of a coronavirus. Below: diagram of intersection between Data and Artificial Intelligence.

Surveillance state through  
**BIG DATA**  
and **ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

one cannot discount the sense of importance, power, and job security enjoyed by the officials who employ the CV narrative to lord it over the unwashed public.

Thus, any *official* questioning of that narrative comes from developing countries, if at all.<sup>3</sup>

The threat of “emerging diseases,” however, is foremost a means to completely control (and fleece) the population. Aside from the absurd lockdowns, business closings, and masks, an *enduring* mechanism of the new control is “contact tracing,” as discussed in last month’s *Liberty Tree*. For the global elites to keep the coronavirus in check, it is claimed that such tracing — locating those who are sick or who have merely encountered someone sick — is essential to defeating CV and other “emerging” diseases. Officialdom and corporations alike are united in the mantra that the people cannot return to normalcy — that is, the way things were before, the *status quo ante* — unless such tracing is made ubiquitous.

### “Exposure Notification”

**A**pple and Google, whose mobile operating software (OS) runs most smartphones (iphones and android), have come together to update phones and develop an application program interface (API) for government program-

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1. See, e.g., a letter to the *Star-Ledger*, April 15, 2020, from the co-founder of the global One Health Initiative: “The COVID-19 pandemic clearly illustrates that the health of humans is interlinked with the health and well-being of animals, all other species and the environment. The pandemic shows how our close contact with wildlife -- either through consumption or destroying natural habitats for human settlements and agriculture -- carries an inherent risk of infectious agents “jumping” from their habitual hosts to other species and ultimately to humans.” <https://www.nj.com/opinion/2020/04/deadly-infectious-agents-like-covid-19-are-more-likely-as-our-contact-with-wildlife-grows-letter.html>
2. To begin your own investigation, it is suggested you visit [www.nomorefakenews.com](http://www.nomorefakenews.com).
3. For example, the president of Tanzania, John Magufuli, caused his security forces to present the country’s laboratory with samples from goats, quail, and paw-paw fruit, labeling them as if they had come from humans. These samples came back positive for CV, throwing doubt on the tests themselves, as well as the integrity or competency of the health department. See, e.g., <https://www.collective-evolution.com/2020/05/04/tanzanias-president-tests-pawpaw-fruit-for-covid-19-it-tested-positive-something-is-happening/>

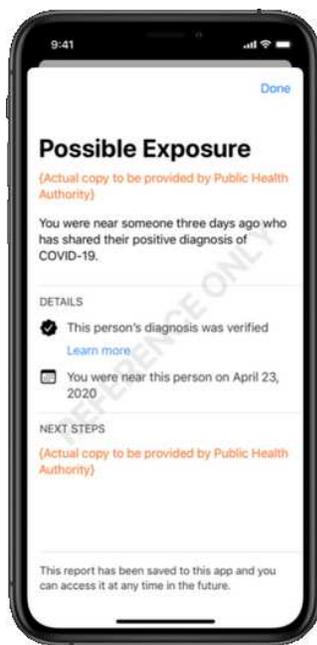
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mers to build contact tracing apps. The joint CV tracking systems which Google/Apple are offering have been named the “exposure notification” system. Already, OS updates have installed the phone portion of the system onto billions of phones, and both companies will be making the updates a permanent fixture of all new phones. Since only public health systems identify persons with CV, *without a government agency-built application* (using the Google/Apple API), no notifications of “possible exposure” can occur.

**T**he system works by using Bluetooth (BT) signals to detect other phones in proximity, randomly generating and simultaneously recording BT identifiers. All phones within a BT-detectable distance log the identifiers of other phones. Once a person tests positive for CV, then their phone’s log can be uploaded to a centralized server, then downloaded to all other phones “in the region.” All phones in the geographic region check the identifiers against their own log. If a match is found, a person receives notification of the date they were close to a person who tested positive. The notification API is said to be disabled by default, and contact tracing will only occur when (a) a person downloads a government agency app, and (b) provides the app with permission to use the exposure notification system.<sup>4</sup>

That’s how it’s described so far, anyway. Because the data is resident on phones, and only the log of identifiers is used to push notifications, the GPS location and personal information of phone users will not be readily available to the “health” agency, and the CV test information held by the agency will not be available to phone service providers. Keep in mind that the OS updates cannot be installed in cell phones five years or older, about one billion phones.<sup>5</sup>

Of course, this privacy hedge does not mean that the government could *never* access information on the phone’s owner or location; all cell phones have unique device IDs also connected with the user who bought it or pays for service. Just as the SSN was promised never to be used for identification, and is now used widely for just that, so too the reasons government thugs first put forth for surveillance are subject to mission creep. Of course, it is always “voluntary” to participate at first. Already, however, various tech groups estimate that tracing by phone will require at least 60 to 80 percent voluntary adoption of apps in order to quell CV (or future planned-demics!) It seems unlikely this will hap-



Example of exposure notification provided by Apple.

pen without some form of coercion.

## No privacy for the little people

**I**n England, the Google/Apple decentralized approach was rejected in favor of an app that utilizes centralized (government) servers. The health secretary, Matt Hancock, announced that the UK app would alert people “anonymously” whenever they had been in close proximity with a person who had tested positive for CV. On April 13, 2020, however, *The Guardian* reported it had knowledge of a draft government memo explaining how the NHS (National Health Service) contact-tracing app could be “de-anonymized” to identify people from their smartphones.<sup>6</sup> In the U.S., the state of Utah has reportedly decided to use a less-private GPS and BT locating approach.<sup>7</sup>

The “big data” approach of the U.K. is nearer the panopticon goals of many Western tech companies and intelligence agencies, as is demonstrated in the U.S. by a recent in-

creased push for government to explicitly adopt and fund more “artificial intelligence” projects.

## AI, Machine learning, Big data

**A**rtificial intelligence (AI) refers to any computer system that accomplishes tasks without significant human oversight, using a set of techniques to approximate cognitive tasks that humans are capable of accomplishing. *Machine learning* refers to systems using algorithms which are designed to improve automatically when run against sets of “training” data. *Big data* involves the techniques of capturing, storing, analyzing and extracting information from many data sources. All of these computer fields are involved in developing government surveillance of humans using their God-given rights to work, trade, think, speak, gather together, travel, etc.

The panopticon society, as discussed in last month’s *Liberty Tree*, is on the rise due to the CV circus. The shutdown of physical gatherings via unlawful, purported governmental decree has led digital companies such as Zoom, a digital conferencing platform, to take on many more users and gather much more data. Zoom’s daily users ballooned to more than 200 million in March 2020, from a previous maximum of 10 million.<sup>8</sup> Daily audio and video calls on Facebook’s WhatsApp and Messenger doubled as the corona circus went on.<sup>9</sup> Despite the economic lockdowns causing less income for many, e-commerce is projected to \$175B more in 2020, a 5 percent increase.<sup>10</sup> Forcing people

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4. <https://techcrunch.com/2020/04/24/apple-and-google-update-joint-coronavirus-tracing-tech-to-improve-user-privacy-and-developer-flexibility/>

5. <https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2020/04/2-billion-phones-cannot-use-google-and-apple-contact-tracing-tech/>

6. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/apr/13/nhs-coronavirus-app-memo-discussed-giving-ministers-power-to-de-anonymise-users>

7. <https://www.macrumors.com/2020/05/13/utah-contact-tracing-app/>

8. <https://venturebeat.com/2020/04/02/zooms-daily-active-users-jumped-from-10-million-to-over-200-million-in-3-months/>

9. <https://www.marketwatch.com/story/facebook-in-the-age-of-covid-19-users-are-online-but-will-advertisers-pay-to-get-to-them-2020-04-06>

10. <https://www.forbes.com/sites/markbeech/2020/03/25/covid-19-pushes-up-internet-use-70-streaming-more-than-12-first-figures-reveal/#179e98df3104>

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indoors and out of work has predictably favored the data-gathering thugs.

The panopticon goals of the planned-demic, however, extend *beyond* an increase in internet and digital platform use. As revealed by National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence (NSCAI) documents obtained by the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), big business AI wants to decimate and overturn the “legacy systems” which Americans still use to conduct business and trade. Those systems stand in the way of a complete digital society overseen by AI.

### AI feeding at the public trough

**N**SCAI was created by the 2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) and its official purpose is “to consider the methods and means necessary to *advance the development* of artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, and associated technologies to *comprehensively address the national security and defense needs* of the United States.”<sup>11</sup>

Repeatedly throughout the enabling statute, Congress defines the commission’s work as involving AI “materially related to” defense and “national security.” This is because Congress is limited by the Constitution. It is not authorized to spend funds on private businesses that desire a greater share of the global market. Congress may raise taxes and fund the common defense and general welfare, but only to the extent of the specific grant of powers listed under Art. 1, Sec. 8 of the Constitution. Those powers do *not* include financing research & development for private businesses (nor any R&D). In a free-enterprise system such as ours, *investors* are to pay for R&D of new techniques. But why should investors put their money into risky R&D when they can simply frame the business as essential for national defense, and get Congress to “invest” in it? That is what is happening in the AI and machine learning field. For example, NSCAI was given \$10M dollars just to “study” how AI can be advanced. NSCAI members were appointed by the Secretaries of Defense and Commerce, and by individual members of congressional committees for commerce, science, transportation, energy, armed services and intelligence. Until this June, the commission has met in secret.

**G**athering and analyzing data is surveillance; intelligence and tech businesses always partner together. NSCAI members (15 in all) are *businessmen* and academics who support tech and intelligence business, including, *e.g.*, Chris Darby, the CEO of In-Q-Tel, a CIA front; Eric Schmidt, executive chairman of Alphabet and former chairman of Google; Robert O. Work, senior fellow at the Center for New American



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Security and former Deputy Secretary of Defense; Jason Matheny, former Asst. Director of National Intelligence who co-led the “National AI R&D Strategic Plan” in 2016.<sup>12</sup>

The NSCAI lineup supports the conclusion that NSCAI assessments of “national security” are no more than a way to provide reasons for Congress to fund private businesses, who in turn want lucrative government contracts for algorithms to predict and control behavior and compile and analyze data. And whose behavior is most desirous to control? Those patriot dissenters who object to the American public being fleeced, and the Constitution being violated.

### Sacrificing your privacy for world power

**E**PIC challenged NSCAI secrecy in federal court, and succeeded in obtaining materials from NSCAI internal presentations in January 2020. On June 1, 2020, EPIC also won a ruling that NSCAI must hold meetings open to the public and regularly publish its records.<sup>13</sup> At the present time, a request for public comments “to be considered” in the formation of its final report to Congress is open until September 30, 2020.<sup>14</sup>

One of the documents released in January was a May 2019 presentation entitled “Chinese Tech Landscape Overview.” It promotes an overhaul in the U.S. way of life in order for the U.S. to gain a technological advantage over China. Failure to achieve as large a technological market share, that is, use of cell phones, tracking, facial recognition, etc. — as China has or will have is considered a “national security” issue by the U.S. intelligence apparatus. As an NSCAI white paper

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11. Pub. L. No. 115-232, § 1051, 132 Stat. 1636, 1962 (2018). All emphases added, unless otherwise noted.

12. <https://www.nscai.gov/about/commissioners>

13. <https://www2.epic.org/foia/epic-v-ai-commission/>

14. <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/05/28/2020-11453/solicitation-of-written-comments-by-the-national-security-commission-on-artificial-intelligence>

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stated: “AI will shape the future of power. The nation with the most resilient and productive economic base will be best positioned to seize the mantle of world leadership. That base ... depends on the strength of the innovation economy, which in turn [depends] on AI.”<sup>15</sup>

So it is not national security that is at issue, but **world leadership**. And the way to world leadership, apparently, is to give more money to private tech companies to devise more AI and gain more data so America can become, well, more like China. It is no secret that the CIA and intelligence communities lust after the ‘accomplishments’ of that total surveillance, authoritarian state. NSCAI member Darby of In-Q-Tel told *CBS News* last year that China is the U.S.’ main technology competitor and that U.S. privacy laws hamper its capacity to counter China in technology fields:

“[D]ata is the new oil. And China is just awash with data. And **they don’t have the same restraints** that we do around collecting it and using it, **because of the privacy difference** between our countries. This notion that they have the largest labeled data set in the world is going to be **a huge strength for them.**”<sup>16</sup>

### Destroying “legacy systems”

**A**nother ‘restraint’ on America gaining ‘world leadership’ is the lack of swift adoption of innovative digital technologies, says NSCAI. The presentation blames Americans’ lag in adopting new tech on “structural factors.” The primary structural factor to blame is what NSCAI calls “legacy systems” common in the U.S. This means a financial system that still includes cash and credit cards, widespread individual car ownership, and even the ability to visit a human doctor for medical needs! Too many of these legacy systems *work*, and because they do, they “hinder” people’s willingness to rely on, for example, digital payments and self-driving cars. Another structural factor is extreme urban density, as occurs in China, which drives people to shop online, share vehicles, etc., according to the NSCAI. Yet another factor hindering U.S. technological advantage over China is the “scale of the consumer market”; NSCAI cites China’s huge population as an example of an advantage with respect to government adoption of facial recognition.<sup>17</sup>

To speed up the disappearance of the legacy systems, the NSCAI wants more “explicit government support and involvement” of AI and related technology. That means the government should lend out the public data it has collected from citizens to train AI systems, like



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facial recognition databases. It means mandating cities be “re-architected” around so-called self-driving vehicles. It means the government should “invest” heavily in AI start-ups, and focus on developing smart cities. This kind of investment, often called “public-private cooperation,” is “outwardly embraced” in China, something the NSCAI wants to happen here. Of course, where the government funds, invests, and ultimately owns the companies involved, the political system is better described as communism.

**I**mportantly, the NSCAI presentation expressed the need for government support in the “clearing of regulatory barriers.” One such barrier, specifically, is U.S. privacy laws. Of course, the NSA, FBI, etc. have violated these laws with impunity for many years now. Still, violating privacy secretly has its drawbacks — it’s a lot of work to conceal illegally obtained information from criminal defendants.<sup>18</sup> If the privacy laws are altered, AI could certainly take over and do all the sleuthing needed, delivering everything but the judge’s signature on a warrant.

The corona circus conveniently arrived in time for NSCAI to claim that the economic downturn (caused by colossal governmental stupidity and overreach in the first instance) will cause small and mid-sized AI firms to disappear without a government bailout. More AI, it says, can also minimize the risk of future outbreaks of CV and even direct how to reopen the economy!

### We must stand together

**A**s we’ve stated before, the tyrants want us to accept the panopticon as the ‘new normal.’ Let’s **resist and expose** this evil.

Don’t download a tracing app. Don’t answer the phone or the door when the brownshirts (tracers) come calling. Spread the resistance to others. Let’s stand together against tyranny, not participate in it!!



15. Interim Report, Nov. 5, 2019; White Paper Series on Pandemic Response and Preparedness, No. 2., [www.nscai.gov](http://www.nscai.gov).

16. <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/intelligence-matters-in-q-tel-president-chris-darby-on-the-intelligence-communities-innovation-challenges/>

17. <https://epic.org/foia/epic-v-ai-commission/EPIC-19-09-11-NSCAI-FOIA-20200331-3rd-Production-pt9.pdf>

18. The NSA turns over “tips” gained through its surveillance to the Special Operations Division (SOD) of the DEA. DEA agents then obscure the illegal source of these tips. For example, a law enforcement agent could get an SOD tip — which SOD, in turn, got from the NSA — to look for a specific car at a certain place. But instead of relying solely on that tip, the agent is instructed to find his *own* reason to stop and search the car. Agents are told to keep SOD tips under wraps and out of “investigative reports, affidavits, discussions with prosecutors and courtroom testimony.” <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-dea-sod/exclusive-u-s-directs-agents-to-cover-up-program-used-to-investigate-americans-idUSBRE97409R20130805>