EVERYTHING YOU KNOW WRONG!
- A short spoken words performance

"Just look at us. Everything is backwards. Everything is upside-down. Doctors destroy health, lawyers destroy justice, universities destroy knowledge, governments destroy freedom, the major media destroy information, and religion destroys spirituality."
---Michael Ellner

I have now extrapolated and expanded Ellners poem (or future aphorism) into a dramaturgical spoken words story telling titled 'Everything you know is wrong!, embedded it within a minimalist hypnotic ambient track by Harold Budd (‘Nove Alberi’ from the album Luxa) as a continuous layer intertwined with added effects, as well as excerpts by Chaplin and Krishnamurti. Finally, there is an analysis, treatment and interpretation of the poem with elaborate footnotes.

You can listen to it here.

EVERYTHING YOU KNOW WRONG!

Narrator's voice: Everything is backwards. We now live in a world where everything is upside-down

Doctors destroy health, but claim they protect it

And diseased people protect doctors anytime doctors are exposed as diseased...

You trust them...
Psychiatrists destroy the mind, but claim they sanitize it
And insane people sanitize psychiatrists anytime psychiatrists are exposed as insane...
You trust them...

Courts destroy justice, but claim they legitimize it
And unjust people legitimize courts anytime courts are exposed as unjust...
You trust them...

Universities destroy knowledge, but claim they preserve it
And ignorant people preserve universities anytime universities are exposed as ignorant
You trust them...

Krishnamurti: 'And to step out of that narrow circle seems almost impossible'

The mainstream media destroy information, but claim they propagate it
And disinformed people propagate mainstream media anytime mainstream media are exposed as disinformers...
You trust them...

Krishnamurti: 'Cause we're so conditioned, so programmed, just like the computers...'
Scientists destroy truth, but claim they seek it

And untruthful people seek science anytime scientists are exposed as untruthful...

You trust them...

Banks destroy the economy, but claim they enrich it

And impoverished people enrich banks anytime banks are exposed as impoverishers

You trust them...

Governments destroy freedom, but claim they defend it

And imprisoned people defend governments anytime governments are exposed as imprisoners...

You trust them...

Chaplin: "Don't give yourselves to brutes — men who despise you — enslave you — who regiment your lives — tell you what to do — what to think or what to feel!"

Narrator's voice: 'mind control....

Chaplin:"Don't give yourselves to these unnatural men — machine men with machine minds and machine hearts!"

Religions destroy spirituality, but claim they save it

And unspiritual people save religions anytime religions are exposed as unspiritual...

You trust them...

Narrator's voice: You're good and obedient...stockholm syndrome....cause you trust......stockholm syndrome....everything you know is wrong...
EVERYTHING YOU KNOW IS WRONG!

[Scream]: EVERYTHING YOU KNOW IS WRONG!

Chaplin: You are not machines! You are not cattle! You are men!

Narrator's voice: And now when we see it, we can undo it!

Krishnamurti: If you really see that, it gives you tremendous vitality, energy, beauty, love

EVERYTHING YOU KNOW IS WRONG! - Treatment - narratives and interpretations

The poem is imbued with many implications which are not easily explained.

The protagonist's declaration - "Everything is backwards. We now live in a world where everything is upside-down" - could be viewed as a simple variation of The Hero's Journey in which the hero is the awakened minority of humanity, declaring that the trust in our current major institutions of our time is misguided, an anathema that must be radically transformed or vanquished, as the institutions have become corrupted and sustain a false and destructive paradigm because of economic and power-driven interests.

But every time they are exposed too radically, the people who believe in the institutions defend them (a type of collective stockholm syndrome due to cognitive dissonance and dumbing down), a rather grotesque irony, and something which can be ascribed to a psychological familiarity with the institutions having ingrained and standardized the paradigmatic norms in the minds of people.
A quotation sheds light on this phenomenon:

'..truth does not triumph by convincing its opponents and making them see the light, but rather its opponents eventually die, and a new generation grows up that is familiar with it.'
- Max Planck

Schopenhauer comes to mind.

There is a civilizational struggle implied between the narrative of the antagonists; the voices of humanity's obedient population (having internalized the institutions unwittingly) versus the indignation of the protagonists; the awakened deconditioned part of humanity, an indignation that stems from the fact that the remaining obedient prisoners, the majority in 'Plato's Cave', keeps on protecting and trusting their own enslavement because of misguided trust and obedience.

The protagonists lament the fact that their words fall on deaf ears. The repeated phrase 'you trust them' occasionally resort to ironic mockery in tone, a tone that comes from perplexed indignation as the protagonists point out the absurdity and the contradictions - contradictions which the prisoners cannot see while they blindly follow the path to unwitting destruction, not knowing that they are controlled by the normalization of diseased institutions and unacknowledged collective psychopathology, not to mention political masters of perception management (deep politics and directed history) defining much of their reality.

Another implication: if the protagonist became a real threat by deconditioning the trance of the hivemind, they would ultimately try to kill him (Plato's point).

The prisoner returns to the cave, to inform the other prisoners of his findings. They do not believe him and threaten to kill him if he tries to set them free.
- on Plato's Cave and Socrates
The outcry of such unsuccessful pleas and denouncements aimed at the obedient collective can be extrapolated in this gloomy protest poem:

'Life is a smoke-filled room full of blind slaves - thinking they are free but none can really see

They die in blissful ignorance while they fade, at worst they see the truth when it's too late

The foresighted are attacked for pointing out the prison, and killed when pointing out an exit

While most die in their sleep that they call 'life', the foresighted die while looking for the exit

Such life is a room full of smoke - a gas chamber full of poisonous soma

Most die in their sleep while others die looking for the exit

But the awakened tries to escape from a hell that the sleepers in their dreams call 'paradise'

Hence the protagonist's sardonic or/and earnest amazement the repeated phrase aimed at the prisoners, 'You trust them!' (or 'You trust them?') - the phrase and occasionally the tone shows that the implication for 'the Prisoners' is grotesquely ironic.

'Positive' associative examples of deconditioning in modern narratives are: Morpheus extracting Neo from 'The Matrix', Truman deconditioning himself from 'The Truman Show', Gandalf breaking Saruman's spell on King Theoden, the two prisoners in 'The Island' finding out that they are indeed prisoners, The Emperor's New Clothes, etc.

Key implications and associations of the poem: Truth vs lies, the problem of perception, the problem of government, obedience, group think, collectivism, imitation, the lemming effect, obedience, mass hypnosis, the eradication of individuality, stockholm syndrome, cognitive dissonance, subversive and grotesque implications of internalization, educational cognitive damage, mind control, perception management, Plato's cave, The Emperor's New Clothes, The Matrix, Brave New World, The Truman Show, The Island, useful idiots, the zombie archetype, etc. are all archetypes at play depicting the severely problematic implications in the poem.
Whatever the reasons, to a great extent it is a valid and empirically verifiable point-by-point case that the institutions—doctors, Big Pharma, lawyers and courts, universities, governments, scientists, mainstream media, religion, etc.—operate *de facto* in opposition to their own declared intentions, i.e. that they filter out knowledge and therefore truth, manipulate data according to economic interests, prevent breakthroughs due to entrenched dogmas in worldview, destroy the fabric of life, the individual, nature, and society as a whole. Just take one example within a field; the meaning of the sentence *'Doctors destroy health'* - see footnote [1](page 12). Going through the various fields would take volumes of books.

"Everything You Know Is Wrong' and 'And now when we see it, we can undo it!' are therefore the key sentences addressing the subject matter of the poem. We are not only in an institutional crisis but in the midst of a huge reformation within many fields of knowledge (see fx. *Rupert Sheldrake - The Science Delusion | BANNED TED Talk*).

**The perverse moral of the story** is that the subversion is happening with the consent of the collective, while protecting their own mental and physical imprisonment - the great epic perverse irony of destiny. History verifies this perspective (Galileo, Giordano Bruno, Ignaz Semmelweis, countless of others in our time, etc.)

**The underlying crux of the poem is the problem of perception** and *freedom* - a situation in which most people are content with being hostages and slaves, while simultaneously thinking that they are free, true, 'decent', 'normal', and protecting their own enslavement when challenged by protecting the governments and institutions which are holding them hostages, and *not* knowing they are hostages. Perhaps the worst form of slavery.

The lack of perception, knowledge, and thus disobedience are stumbling blocks for change.
Historically, because of conditioning, the majority only view repression as repression retrospectively (unless it's obvious) while the few 'heretics' do see it in the contemporary society but the latter are viewed as 'crazy' by the majority (the 'prisoners') and therefore ignored, ridiculed, killed, etc. And apparently what is viewed as progression can be regression (but the same mindset of conditioning prevails):

“Most oppression succeeds because its legitimacy is internalized. That's true of the most extreme cases. Take, say, slavery. It wasn't easy to revolt if you were a slave, by any means. But if you look over the history of slavery, it was in some sense recognized as just the way things are......Another example, also contemporary (it's estimated that there are some 26 million slaves in the world 2014) ....At one time in the U.S., in the mid-19th century, working for wage labor was considered not very different from chattel slavery [menneskeslaveri]. That was the slogan of the Republican Party, the banner under which northern workers went to fight in the Civil War. 'We're against chattel slavery and wage slavery'. Free people do not rent themselves to others. Maybe you're forced to do it temporarily, but that's only on the way to becoming a free person, a free man, to put it in the rhetoric of the day. You become a free man when you're not compelled to take orders from others......You could even read editorials in the New York Times saying this around that time. It took a long time to drive into people's heads the idea that it is legitimate to rent yourself. Now that's unfortunately pretty much accepted. So that's internalizing oppression. Anyone who thinks it's legitimate to be a wage laborer is internalizing oppression in a way which would have seemed intolerable to people in the mills 150 years ago'.
- Noam Chomsky

And the problem of perception and disbelief: The majority can't perceive the situation as problematic cause the intentions of the current institutions are internalized by the majority as benevolence de jure, and not perceived as consequentially malevolence de facto - unless it is experienced directly - but again we see that this is currently a minority perspective as pointed out by Glenn Greenwald:

"But the fact that good, obedient citizens do not themselves perceive oppression does not mean that oppression does not exist. Whether a society is free is determined not by the treatment of its complacent, acquiescent citizens – such people are always unmolested by authority .....The temptation to submit to authority ... bolsters an authoritarian culture by transforming its leading institutions into servants of power rather than checks on it. But worse, it conceals the presence of oppression by ensuring that most citizens, choosing to follow, trust and obey authority, do not personally experience oppression and thus do not believe – refuse to believe – that it really exists"

- Glenn Greenwald:
http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2012/aug/26/compliance-authority-failure
The future of morality depends on the few becoming many - morality of the future

At this point in history the capacity to doubt, to criticize and to disobey may be all that stands between a future for mankind and the end of civilization.
- Erich Fromm

The Protagonist's ironic call or comment (You Trust Them!?!?) is an ironic incentive to realize that gullible obedience as immoral, a wakeup call, but to no avail apparently which is the tragic part of the moral of the story.

While rational criticism and whistleblowing can change people's deeply conditioned worldviews, in most cases it does not (as Max Planck and many others claim), and progress happens mostly in stages - and until a breaking point of awareness has been reached for a quantum leap of change, there is a lot of inertia in the hive mind.

Nonetheless, not to try to convince other people of the dangers of the Zeitgeist implies non-communication and stagnation as the future of the collective depends on the individual awakening in the present, i.e. the ones whose minds are receptive to change by cognition - and the awakening of the individual depends on the communication by fellow human beings who are aware of the dangers. If not for altruistic reasons, the 'selfish' reasons in the end result amount to the same; whether I am my brother's keeper or not, one's silence will minimize the amount of awakened individuals in the present and thus the probability of lesser numbers of awakened people. The 'selfish', silent, or fearful individual will also be exposed to dangers in the future. Which is also the point of Martin Niemüller's poem, First They Came. People affect people in an interdependent and intersubjective cognitive space of communication. Therefore the stakes are such that it is the responsibility of the awakened individual to break the trance of others who are ready for an awakening.

The justification for being an intervening "busybody besserwissen" is easily understood and welcomed in obvious situations of immediacy such as warnings about fire, broken glass, traffic, etc. and in matters "inside the box" but warnings are rarely heeded when they are in opposition to state-sanctioned 'truths' - where misguided information has become the paradigmatic norm, but where these state-sanctioned dangers exposed by minority groups are either censored, omitted, or suppressed by the institutions and the zombiefied majority who are not yet awakened.

"A society is the sum of its parts, and its parts are people. If the majority of those people are healthy and reasonable then the society will be prosperous, constructive, and sustainable. If the majority of those people are unhealthy and unreasonable then the society will be dangerous, destructive, and unsustainable. And when the latter is the case, the catalyzing effect of the few who courageously dissent will be the deciding factor on whether or not a future generation will be healthy and reasonable. If those who dissent, in the face of the unhealthy, unreasonable majority, should fail, then society as a whole fails. But, if they should succeed, then society succeeds by transforming itself back into a prosperous, constructive, sustainable society. The place is here. The time is now. The way, is through dissent."

-The Virtue of Dissent: A New Concept of Moralism
People must acquire the correct map (interpretation) or fall prey to dangerous propaganda confusion, and further disintegration of society, especially when the SHTF! The awakened are providing deconditioning maps ongoingly, as many are densitized by normalcy bias, confirmation bias, information overload, education damage, indoctrination, etc. But exposure and breakdowns/breakthrough scenarios will happen! It's already happening big time!

“Another figure worth consulting is major British philosopher Bertrand Russell. Russell, as a “scientific” philosopher as well as a Fabian, believed in the desirability of the same kind of future Wells had articulated. In The Scientific Outlook (1931) his technocratic super elitism focused on education:

[T]he scientific rulers will provide one kind of education for ordinary men and women, and another for those who are to become holders of scientific power. Ordinary men and women will be expected to be docile, industrious, punctual, thoughtless and contented. Of these qualities contentment will be considered the most important. In order to produce it, all the researches into psycho-analysis, behaviorism, and biochemistry will be brought into play...

...This subject will make great strides when it is taken up by scientists under a scientific dictatorship.... The social psychologists of the future will have a number of classes of school children on whom they will try different methods of producing an unshakable conviction that snow is black. Various results will soon be arrived at. First, that the influence of the home is obstructive. Second, that not much can be done unless indoctrination begins before the age of ten. Third, that verses set to music and repeatedly intoned are very effective. Fourth, that the opinion that snow is white must be held to show a morbid taste for eccentricity.... It is for future scientists to make these maxims precise and discover exactly how much it costs per head to make children believe that snow is black, and how much less it would cost to make them believe it is dark gray.

Although this science will be diligently studied, it will be rigidly confined to the governing class. The populace will not be allowed to know how its convictions were generated. When the technique has been perfected, every government that has been in charge of education will be able to control its subjects securely without the need of armies or policemen (The Impact of Science on Society, pp. 29-30; emphases mine).

This is, of course, the super elite Utopia: a world into which the unthinking masses are seamlessly eased and entirely controlled, possibly without even realizing it—like cattle. “

- DIRECTED HISTORY IS NOT CONSPIRACY THEORY PART 2 of 4

The pathology of evil (the destruction of life) is ubiquitous, immanent and internalized, and is therefore not recognized as pathology. In such a way the greatest ally of evil is the disbelief and apathy of the people who are unwitting hostages of the worldview of the prevalent institutions. The antidote to institutionalized groupthink is independent critical thinking and observation. Institutions such as mainstream media have failed or have even become the greatest threat to true information by propagating the elite’s disinformation.
The awakening to what's happening - represented by the poem's minority perspective in itself - namely that the increasingly growing and awakening segment of the populations do perceive a collectivized prison - points to a new situation in which the minority perspective could become the majority's. This awakening also includes awareness of directed history, deep politics, and the neo-fascist developments [2] - page 17) in addition to a general paradigm shift taking place. Seeing the deeper causes is the prerequisite for change.

There is the hope and conviction that the currently growing awareness of mental, emotional, material prisons could (and probably will) destroy the current power structures as well as the current paradigm, giving way for a flourishing new consciousness in human history - an age-old dream of utopian freedom becoming a sudden possibility. The quotations posted below are all crucial in addressing and elucidating the many implications of the poem in this civilizational struggle [3] page 23

The poem ends with a sudden catharsis (‘Everything you know is wrong!’), followed by soundbits of 2 protagonists, Chaplin inciting the possibility of deconditioning oneself from the internalized suppression (‘You are not machines, you are not cattle, you are men!’), and Krishnamurti's call for direct perception as a prerequisite for deconditioning and the possibility of a different world, possibly a spiritual existence.

The Adagio is somewhat symbolizing the vanquishing of the darkness, perhaps a romantic longing (adagio by Severino Gazzeloni, performed by Alessandro Marcelli)
**Footnotes**

**[1] Kyllingerne og Big Pharma** – en mefistofelisk karikeret parallel til mennesker:

Der dræbes 800 millioner slagtekyllinger i Storbritanien hvert år. De er avlet til at vokse særligt hurtigt og ofte dør de, fordi deres hjerte og lunger ikke kan holde trit med deres krops hurtige vækst.

I UK har man forslået "The Blind Chicken'-solution. Kyllinger der blevet blinde pga. uheld har muligvis udviklet sig til en stamme af laboratorie kyllinger, der ikke har noget imod at blive stuvet sammen så meget som normale kyllinger.

Man bør derfor overveje at bruge blinde høns i fødevareproduktion, som en løsning på problemet med stoppropede kyllinger i fjerkræ industrien. Det ville være mere humant at gøre høns blinde, end dem der kan se – hævdes det.

Men senest er der foreslået et nyt system til masseproduktion af kyllinger, hvor dele af fuglenes hjernebark fjernes, så de ikke oplever rædslerne, ved at blive pakket tæt sammen. Det er den "hovedløse kylling " som løsningsmodel.

Dette ville indebære fjernelse hjernebarken, så at deres sanseperceptioner hæmmes, for at de kan blive producerede under meget tætpakkede forhold **uden at opleve den associative stress, der normalt følger med sådanne tætpakkede forhold.** Hjernestammen vil fortsat være intakt, så at de **homeostatiske** (ligevægtsbalancerende) funktioner kan fortsætte.

Da de vil være ophængte i høje lodrette strukturer som holder dem på plads, dvs. ubevægelige, vil elektriske chok sørge for muskelvæksten, så at kyllingernes vækst kan fortsætte som 'normalt'

Grunden til dette forslag er efterspørgsel på kød, **men endnu vigtigere er dette:**

"**for at forbedre** kyllingernes velfærd ved at desensitivisere dem overfor den ubehagelige virkelighed af deres eksistens"

[Er det i øvrigt derfor, at DR ikke må sende for mange 'negative nyheder' om udlandet til danskerne?]
Og videre:

“After this “desensitisation”, the chickens could then be stacked into huge urban farms with around 1,000 chickens hooked up to each large vertical frames — a little like the network of pods the humans are connected to in *The Matrix*.

Læs resten her i *Wired*
Implikationen per 'trust' er, at godhjertede mennesker beskytter de mennesker som dræber dem - Big Pharma f.eks.

Dette er værre end stockholmsyndrom, for der ved gidslerne i det mindste, at der er en gidseltager.

Men overført til digtet er det en situation, hvor de uafvidende ofre, der har internaliseret institutionernes verdens billeder - i vidt omfang skabt af elitære tænketank, falske paradigmer, hvis verdens billeder er designet til at beskytte eliterne og magtøkonomiske interesser, som ofrene/gidslerne ikke tror eksisterer – alt imens, at de uvidende gidsler samtidigt angriber de mennesker, som forsøger at befri dem, da kyllingerne/menneskene, pensum papegøjers, de nyttige idioter, ofrene, foretrer desensitivering af deres eksistens af deres omgivelserne ubehagelige virkelighed.

Bortset fra, at mennesker besidder en neocortex, der gør dem i stand til at forstå, hvad kyllinger ikke kan (skulle man tro), er forskellen i praksis ikke så stor.

Et kort eksempel: Big Pharma slår os ihjel ustraffet (de slipper med bøder og fortsætter dødsmarchen). Se blot ét klip på MSNBC her – i 2006 blev det afsløret, at Bayer Corporation havde opdaget, at deres injektionsstof, var kontamineret med HIV-virus. Interne dokumenter viser, at efter at de 100% vidste, at stoffet var kontamineret, tog de det af det amerikanske marked – for så blot at dumpe det på de europæiske, asiatiske og latinamerikanske markeder og derved bevidst udsætte tusinder, de fleste af dem børn, for de levende HIV-vira.

Dokumenterne viser, at FDA sammen med Bayer i al hemmelighed fortiede skandalen og tillod det dødbringende stof at blive distribueret på verdensplan. Ingen i Bayer-ledelsen blev nogensinde konfronteret med anholdelse eller retsforfølgelse i USA.

Den engelske forfatter (og tidligere efterretningsagent for MI5 og MI6) John Le Carré udtalte, da han lavede research til sin bog "The Constant Gardener" (som beskriver medicinalindustriens ekstreme udnyttelse af et tredjeverdensland) – at hans roman er en nedtonet beskrivelse i forhold til realiternes verden.
Det er hæsblæsende chokerende, og hinsides enhver tvivl, at Big Pharma opererer som en mafia, og i den endelige analyse er den årlige billion-dollar industri i uhellig alliance med sundhedstyrelsen (FDA) i en signifikant grad. Det er i stor grad intet mindre end en forsætlig døds-nekrofilitisk mafia, der med extremt dyre ineffektive patenterede substanser, er blevet en sindssygt destruktiv entitet på denne planet. Tusinder af deprogrammerede Ph.D’er vil skrive under på dette (must-see dokumentar)!

Dette er gammelt stof for folk in the know.

Den modus operandi som Big pharma, Big banks, Krigen mod terror, centralbankernes manipulation, m.m. kører i – er et specialiseret ‘sub-pensum’ i vores videns-stratificerede, specialiserede og compartmentalized samfund. Følgelig er 95% uvidende om disse parallelle ekspert-spor, der er dybe behind-the-user-interfaces, og selv mange uddannelsesskadede læger kan kun tage ordene på indlægssedlen for pålydende, hvorved de bliver til uvidende pillepushere. Men endelig vågner man så småt i DK også nu:

Medicinalfirmaer anklages for mafiametoder | Nyheder | DR

Nu er ovenstående blot ét eksempel indenfor ét område ud af tusinder, og kyllinge-parallellen blegner således ved siden af den virkelige verden, hvor millioner af mennesker går til grunde pga. en psykopatisk elite, men vanviddet er, at godhjertede uddannelsesskadede autoritetstro mennesker beskytter de selvsame mennesker som dræber dem for magt og profit (Big Pharma, omstyrning af samfund ved false flags, invasioner, krig, etc).

At medicin ofte redder menneskers liv, og at kirurgisk indgreb gør det samme, siger intet om den skade som Big Pharma ellers udvirker for profit. Det mindre gode man gør annullerer på ingen måde det større onde!

DK-Hobbiter er måske lidt undskyldt, da vi qua vores troskyldighed ikke er skikkede til at forstå det, men således bliver vor vantro og skepsis noget som tjener krigsherrerne og diverse eliter godt.

Igen: Det er værre end Stockholmsyndrom, for dér ved gidslerne i det mindste, at der er en gidseltager. Vi er i en situation, hvor de uafvidende ofre (kyllinger) – for krigsherrerne og elitens perception management – har internaliseret elitens verdensbilleder, i vidt omfang – indenfor politik, medicin, økonomi, jura, psykologi, m.m. – skabt af elitære tænketanke, hvis verdensbilleder er designet til at beskytte eliterne, som ofrene/gidslerne ikke tror eksisterer – alt imens gidslerne samtidigt angriber de vågne mennesker som forsøger at befri dem, fordi gidslerne (kyllingerne), pensum papegøjerne, ofrene, foretrækker at forblive desensitiverede for eksponeringen af den ubehagelige virkelighed.

A truth's initial commotion is directly proportional to how deeply the lie was believed. It wasn't the world being round that agitated people, but that the world wasn't flat. When a well packaged web of lies has been sold to the masses over generations the truth will seem utterly preposterous, and its speaker a raving lunatic.”

— Donald James Wheal

Kyllingerne har ikke en chance, det har vi – alligevel handler de fleste som nyttige farlige idioter, der forsvarer bødlerne, så det er værre end eksemplet med kyllingerne.
Og den episke perverse ironi er: De godtroende benægtere angriber de mennesker, som ønsker at befri eller beskytte gidslerne, alt imens gidslerne/benægterne forsvarer eliten qua uvidenhed – selvom benægterne uvidende bliver angrebet af de samme eliter, som de antager at være ikke-eksisterende.

Konditioneringen, autoritetstroen, betyder oftest, at ethvert modsætningsforhold, som burde gennemskues som modsætning, ikke bliver gennemskuet, hvilket er double-think, og som er grunden til, at kognitiv dissonans ikke opstår. Double-think er det modsatte af kognitiv dissonans:

"Somewhat related but almost the opposite is cognitive dissonance, where contradictory beliefs cause conflict in one's mind. Doublethink is notable due to a lack of cognitive dissonance — thus the person is completely unaware of any conflict or contradiction."
- Doublethink - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Hvis man udfordrer double-think trancen på sokratisk metodisk vis ved at præsentere modsætningsforhold mellem indbyrdes modstridende logisk uføremelige forklaringer på et fænomen, forsøger man at ophæve double-think, og kognitiv dissonans hos tilhørerne vil oftest opstå.

Personen der udfordres på verdensbilledet, må så vælge en position; enten fortsat rationalisere deres gamle double-think position (hvilket i værste fald er lig med nyttig idioti, stockholmsyndrom, komiske ali, etc.) eller - foranlediget af den momentane kognitive dissonans - ende op i en ny position, hvis den gamle ikke holder i retten, men dette resulterer i yderligere uvished og utryghed, da erkendelsen af modsigelsen kun avler flere spørgsmål, som man ikke umiddelbart kan besvare (eksempel: hvorfor har Big Pharma, regeringer, massemedier manipuleret i så morderisk grad som de har?). Som oftest foranlediger dette folk til på desperat vis at fastholde double-think for at slippe for uvisheden og ængsteligheden ("You Trust Them"). Med Mark Passio's ord: willing ig-norance eller med andre ord; Agent Smith and Cypher - YouTube

Perceptionsstyring, imitation, vigtige kollective psykologiske barrierer, comfort zones, flokdyrsmentalitet - at mennesket, kollektivt og individuelt, er prisgivet konditionering og perception management i en uhyggelig grad, og at det irrationelt imiterer/reproducerer omgivelserne, er uigendriveligt attestet ved Solomon Aschs eksperimenter allerede i 50'erne, Stanley Milgram i 60'erne, Stanford fængselseksperimentet i 70'erne, og i nyere tid ikke mindst af Adam Curtis prisbelønnede serie af BBC-dokumentarer, specielt The Century of the Self og The Power of Nightmares, Scott Nobles serie af dokumentarfilm, specielt Psywar, og ikke mindst Howard Blooms ypperligst mesterlig artikel 'Reality is a Shared Hallucination', for blot at nævne nogle få.
The American people (and Europeans to a lesser extent) have been participants in their very own Milgram experiment being conducted by their government since 9/11. Since the passage of the Patriot Act, the government continues to demand that its citizens increase the voltage in the name of security. The following list has been verified many times - since 2001, the Orwellian measures have included:


- NDAA - Obama signing NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act) into law; The authority to indefinitely detain American citizens without trial. Detainment of american citizens without due proces, The Suspension of Habeas Corpus in America, the militarization of law enforcement, the repeal of the Posse Comitatus Act, etc. As in Weimar Germany, fundamental rights and freedoms are repealed under the pretext that democracy is threatened and must be protected. - The inauguration of the police state USA 2012

- "Supreme Court refuses to stop indefinite detention of Americans under NDAA" - RT. "Supreme Court Denies NDAA Lawsuit - PANDA, 'Indefinite Military Detention and the NDAA' | CounterPunch, 'Lost and Stolen Liberty for Police State Security' | Global Research

- 30,000 drones are planned for domestic use flying over US territory, and the conditioning of people to accept these, and in time weaponized (has happened on initial test grounds but secretized in most part) Drones over U.S. get OK by Congress - Washington Times and drones civil liberties - Digital Journal and DHS to start testing drones over US for ‘public safety’

“It is possible, I suppose, to imagine an extraordinary circumstance in which it would be necessary and appropriate under the Constitution and applicable laws of the United States for the President to authorize the military to use lethal force within the territory of the United States,” wrote Holder. -Rand Paul stops confirmation of CIA director due to drone killings of americans- RT

- Department of Homeland Security (DHS) ordered a total of + 1.6 billion bullets for domestic use, of which + 450 million are hollow point bullets, (banned in war by various conventions, designed for maximum damage with one shot: Killshot, bought for use inside the USA. 1.6 Billion Rounds Of Ammo For Homeland Security? - Forbes, 'DHS won't explain its order of 450 million hollow point bullets' - RT. The real numbers are much higher now as many different agencies have done the same.

- The ability to search telephone calls, emails, financial matters especially involving foreign individuals, and medical records for people who are “suspected” of endangering the country.

- Color coded risk levels designed to keep citizens fearful of non-existent terrorists.

- Pre-emptive invasion of foreign countries.
• Committing U.S. forces to war without a declaration of war by Congress as mandated in the U.S. Constitution.

• Assassination of people on presidential kill lists.

• Extermination of “suspected” enemies by predator drones.

• Camera systems monitoring the movements of Americans in cities and streets across the United States.

• Torture of detainees in camps outside of the United States.

• Executive orders giving the President the ability to unilaterally disregard the U.S. Constitution and take control of private industries. "How President Obama Could Be Swept Away With His Executive Orders That Defy Congress And The Courts" – Forbes

• Use of drones to monitor the activities of American citizens. "FBI uses drones for surveillance in U.S." – CNN.com

• Allowing the very bankers that destroyed the worldwide economic system to blackmail the American taxpayers into handing them $700 billion. "$700 Billion Bank Bailout Was a Lie, it was Secretly $7 Trillion"

• Not prosecuting one Wall Street criminal after the largest Ponzi control fraud in the history of the world.

• Cameras and listening devices on public transit and other public locations. "On buses, cameras are watching and listening" - Washington Post, 10 Examples Of How "Big Brother” Is Steadily Creeping Into Our Daily Lives", "19 Signs That America Is Being Systematically Transformed Into A Giant Surveillance Grid”.

• Military exercises conducted in U.S. cities in order to condition the masses. - "Conducting Desensitizing Exercises” – Infowars

• Very serious attempts to control and censor the Internet through SOPA, PIPA, ACTA, TPP, CISPA, now TPP.

• The use of tragic mass murders by mentally defective young men on psychotropic drugs to disregard the 2nd Amendment and disarm American citizens.

• TSA (responsible for security in American airports and other areas) thugs molesting little old ladies and young children to desensitize citizens to gestapo like tactics and treat them like criminals. - TSA | American Civil Liberties Union

• Government partnering with Facebook, Apple, Google and other corporate entities to monitor, censor, and report the activities of citizens to the authorities.
• The use of public schools to teach children what to think rather than how to think. Thought control is vital to an agenda of keeping the masses fearful and pliable. - 'Common Core' Nationalizes and Dumbs Down Public School"-Ron Paul

• Government agencies (FBI, ATF) creating terrorist plots, luring young dupes into the plots, providing fake explosives, and then announcing with great fanfare they have foiled a terrorist plot (New York Times: Terrorist Plots, Hatched by the F.B.I. - April 28, 2012 ) Land Destroyer: NYT: FBI Hatches Terror Plots

• “See something, Say something” government media campaign designed to make citizens paranoid and fearful.

• DHS (Department of Homeland Security) Purchased 2,700 Light-Armored Tanks

• Snowden documents western spy agencies build ‘cyber magicians’ to manipulate online discourse - inject all sorts of false material onto the internet using social sciences and other techniques to manipulate online discourse and activism to generate outcomes it considers desirable

• Camera systems monitoring the movements of Americans in cites and streets across the United States.

• Government Spies On Innocent People Via Webcams, Laptops, Xbox - The Guardian

• Orwellian control and surveillance of private citizens in their home. "Is your TV spying on YOU? It sounds like science fiction but many new TVs can watch you - telling advertisers your favourite shows or even filming you on the sofa. And there’s no off switch!" - Daily Mail, 2013. "9 Household Products That May BeSpying on You" - ABC News, 2013.

• The NSA Intercepts Laptops Purchased Online to Install Malware - The Wire

• 7.1 Million Americans in Prisons So Corporations Can Profit (CNN, Fareed Zakaria, 15th of may, 2013)

• The use of false flag state-sponsored terror operations to manipulate populations and subvert countries

• FEMA camps can be misused to imprison dissidents. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia predicts that the Supreme Court will eventually authorize another wartime abuse of civil rights such as the internment camps for Japanese-Americans during World War II. – WashingtonExaminer

• “Threat List” Names 8 Million Americans Who Will Be Detained When Martial Law Is Imposed, see also update: Main Core: A List Of Millions Of Americans That Will Be Subject To Detention During Martial Law
It is telling, that a huge number of political luminaries, dissidents and analysts, even old citizens in Europe (particularly Austrians and Germans), etc. have pointed out the striking parallels between the US and the Weimar republic. According to many high-profiled thinkers and analysts (Chomsky, Naomi Wolf, etc), socialists (John Pilger, Michel Chussodovsky, etc.) and libertarians as well (Ron Paul, etc.), high-level governmental officials including Ray McGovern (ex-CIA high level analyst) and other high-level EX-CIA-analysts, dissidents, and many people across the spectrum all agree that our institutions have become increasingly draconian and fascistic.

Obama fx is simply the continuation of Bush - but Obama is actually worse due to the radicalization and expansion of draconian policies, Wall Street, etc.

C.G. Jung notes in his observations of Nazi Germany and Stalinist Russia that most citizens of those nations did not necessarily want the formation of a tyrannical oligarchy, but, they went along with it anyway because they feared for their own comfort and livelihoods.

"One day I passed memorial epitaph for Sophie Scholl in Franz Josef Strasse, and when I saw that she was of the same year of birth as I, and she was executed the same year that I started with Hitler. At that moment I understood that it is no excuse that you are young, but that one probably also could have been able to find out certain things."
-Traudl Junge

Traudl Junge is the very emblem of the majority of the German people during the 2nd World War, which probably had some degree of presumption, but did not have complete certainty and at least failed to seek out knowledge, which could have led to consideration of facts and thus distancing. Instead, the then 22-year-old Traudl - despite warnings from family and friends – chose to apply for the job as Hitler's secretary, chose to be young, girly, adorable, ignorant.

In our days, "young, girly, adorable, ignorant" would be equal to = I-pod, I-pad, pop, playstation, Paris Hilton, porn, American Idol, Dancing with The Stars, etc. In other words; egocentrism, narcissism, mindless hedonism, ignorance, apathy, brutalisation and callousness, etc.

At the expense of truth, the people must of course feel 'good' in blissful ignorance. One would do well to think about who benefits from this ignorance and who is harmed.

But we now seem to be in a situation where many people are unaware that we are already living in a tyranny (especially in UK and USA in terms of civil rights), much of the suppression is immanent and internalized – the suppression is not recognized as suppression. For now. The legislation is draconian but not interpreted as draconian, something which can be ascribed to the obedient character, as well as lack of perception and knowledge of the yet to come-operational execution of the legislation and executive orders on a broader scale. A type of masked 1984 as Brave New World until it becomes too late.
Attitudes and temperament have been cleverly engineered by the corporate state, as with Huxley's pliant characters in "Brave New World." The book's protagonist, Bernard Marx, turns in frustration to his girlfriend Lenina:

"Don't you wish you were free, Lenina?" he asks.
"I don't know that you mean. I am free, free to have the most wonderful time. Everybody's happy nowadays."

He laughed, "Yes, 'Everybody's happy nowadays.' We have been giving the children that at five. But wouldn't you like to be free to be happy in some other way, Lenina? In your own way, for example; not in everybody else's way."
"I don't know what you mean," she repeated.

The façade is crumbling. And as more and more people realize that they have been used and robbed, we will move swiftly from Huxley's "Brave New World" to Orwell's "1984."

- **Chris Hedges, extract from 'Brave New Dystopia'**

As I wrote in 2012:

"If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it. The lie can be maintained only for such time as the State can shield the people from the political, economic and/or military consequences of the lie. It thus becomes vitally important for the State to use all of its powers to repress dissent, for the truth is the mortal enemy of the lie, and thus by extension, the truth is the greatest enemy of the State."

-Joseph Goebbels, Nazi propaganda minister

This shielding is disappearing increasingly fast, mainly because of the internet reformation (see 2 also), which is the reason why the elites want to restructure it under various 'legitimate' pretexts. Soon many changes will become too obvious for people to remain shielded.

**One of the only premises preventing people from waking up is the erroneous belief that governments and mainstream media wouldn’t lie and deceive to such a murderous extent as they have.** And that secrets can't be kept through many years - a false assumption as history shows otherwise.

Only if we recognize that many normalized practices in society are pathological, suppressive, harmful, can we protect ourselves and others.
The article, "The Real Reasons Why The Liberty Movement Is Preparing To Fight," is in complete sync with what I have written the last few years, namely the implication that the mainstream/lamestream are trying to frame the freedom/justice/truth-movements as 'extreme', i.e. that there is a polarization between left and right in terms of the fight against the terror state – and that such fight against the state is only something that belongs to 'extreme right-wing' or 'radical left' - something which in fact is a divide and conquer strategy by the terror state and a lie! Why?

Because the peace movements, conservatives, socialists, anarchists, libertarians, etc. are in agreement with 'right-winged 'nuts' cause there is a huge consensus among them, a huge underbelly of consensus across. but the state tries to run a guilt by association campaign, i.e. "extreme right" or "radical left", cause they don't wan't people to realize that it's a freedom movement across the entire political spectrum against the tyranny/corporatocracy/oligarchy/plutocracy/power elite, etc. A vertical paradigm. And even though the consensus among the peace movements, conservatives, socialists, anarchists, libertarians, etc. (the great awakened underbelly across the political spectrum) do not have the same orientations in political stance, they are nonetheless remarkably uniform in their diagnosis of very specific developments of causes and effects of the terror state.

Hence they are called 'conspiracy theorists' and all sorts of BS! They are not! They are vigilant and aware of what's going on about de facto conspiracy facts and have been vindicated constantly big time with their diagnosis - and such diagnosis is a threat against the tyranny/corporatocracy/oligarchy/plutocracy/power elite, because it constitutes a very broad consensus among the vigilant and aware underbelly among the common core across the political spectrum.

'Recent studies by psychologists and social scientists in the US and UK suggest that contrary to mainstream media stereotypes, those labeled “conspiracy theorists” appear to be saner than those who accept the official versions of contested events.'

- New studies: 'Conspiracy theorists' sane; government dupes crazy, hostile
[3] Quotations - implications and inspiration:

We are accustomed to use our eyes only with the memory of what other people before us have thought about the object we are looking at.
—Guy de Maupassan

By far the greater part of violence that humans have inflicted on each other is not the work of criminals or the mentally deranged, but of normal, respectable citizens in the service of the collective ego. One can go far as to say that on this planet “normal” equals insane.
- Eckhart Tolle

It is no measure of health to be well adjusted to a profoundly sick society.
- Krishnamurti

‘The real hopeless victims of mental illness are to be found among those who appear to be most normal. Many of them are normal because they are so well adjusted to our mode of existence, because their human voice has been silenced so early in their lives, that they do not even struggle or suffer or develop symptoms as the neurotic does.” They are normal not in what may be called the absolute sense of the word; they are normal only in relation to a profoundly abnormal society. **Their perfect adjustment to that abnormal society is a measure of their mental sickness.** These millions of abnormally normal people, living without fuss in a society to which, if they were fully human beings, they ought not to be adjusted.’
–Aldous Huxley – Brave New World Revisited

It is to be expected that advances in physiology and psychology will give governments much more control over individual mentality than they now have even in totalitarian countries. Fichte laid it down that education should aim at destroying free will, so that, after pupils have left school, they shall be incapable, throughout the rest of their lives, of thinking or acting otherwise than as their schoolmasters would have wished… Diet, injections, and injunctions will combine, from a very early age, to produce the sort of character and the sort of beliefs that the authorities consider desirable, and any serious criticism of the powers that be will become psychologically impossible. **Even if all are miserable, all will believe themselves happy, because the government will tell them that they are so**
- Bertrand Russell
All this was inspired by the principle—which is quite true within itself—that in the big lie there is always a certain force of credibility; because the broad masses of a nation are always more easily corrupted in the deeper strata of their emotional nature than consciously or voluntarily; and thus in the primitive simplicity of their minds they more readily fall victims to the big lie than the small lie, since they themselves often tell small lies in little matters but would be ashamed to resort to large-scale falsehoods. It would never come into their heads to fabricate colossal untruths, and they would not believe that others could have the impudence to distort the truth so infamously. Even though the facts which prove this to be so may be brought clearly to their minds, they will still doubt and waver and will continue to think that there may be some other explanation.
– Adolf Hitler, *Mein Kampf*

The prisoner returns to the cave, to inform the other prisoners of his findings. They do not believe him and threaten to kill him if he tries to set them free. 
- on Plato’s Cave and Socrates

*Happy slaves are the bitterest enemies of freedom*
- Marie Freifrau von Ebner-Eschenbach

*I freed a thousand slaves I could have freed a thousand more if only they knew they were slaves*
- Harriet Tubman

“None are more hopelessly enslaved than those who falsely believe they are free.”
- Goethe

"The ultimate tyranny in a society is not control by martial law. It is control by the psychological manipulation of consciousness, through which reality is defined so that those who exist within it do not even realize that they are in prison. They do not even realize that there is something outside of where they exist."
- 'Bringers of the Dawn'

"There will be, in the next generation or so, a pharmacological method of making people love their servitude, and producing dictatorship without tears, so to speak, producing a kind of painless concentration camp for entire societies, so that people will in fact have their liberties taken away from them, but will rather enjoy it, because they will be distracted from any desire to rebel by propaganda or brainwashing, or brainwashing enhanced by pharmacological methods. And this seems to be the final revolution."
- Aldous Huxley, Tavistock Group, 1961
You have to understand that most of these people are not ready to be `unplugged`. And many are so hopelessly dependent on the system, that they will fight to defend it.
- Morpheus (Laurence Fishburne), The Matrix

It is easier to mislead many men than one.
- Herodotus.

“We accept the reality of the world with which we are presented”
- The Truman Show

A really efficient totalitarian state would be one in which the all-powerful executive of political bosses and their army of managers control a population of slaves who do not have to be coerced, because they love their servitude. To make them love it is the task assigned, in present-day totalitarian states, to ministries of propaganda, newspaper editors and schoolteachers.... The greatest triumphs of propaganda have been accomplished, not by doing something, but by refraining from doing. Great is truth, but still greater, from a practical point of view, is silence about truth.
- Aldous Huxley, Brave New World

They could be made to accept the most flagrant violations of reality, because they never fully grasped the enormity of what was demanded of them, and were not sufficiently interested in public events to notice what was happening
- George Orwell, 1984

Historically, the most terrible things – war, genocide, and slavery – have resulted not from disobedience, but from obedience.
- Howard Zinn

The mass psychology of accepting information indiscriminately, of giving prompt mass obedience to imposed limitations of personal liberty, without due understanding of the underlying reasons, and the consequent blind following of leaders, will only come to an end through the intelligent fostering of individual recognition of selfhood and the assertions of the individual as he seeks to express his own ideas.
- Alice Bailey

We live now in an era where normal values have been displaced. The good is called bad, the bad - good.
- Anna Politkovskaya.
The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent are full of doubt.
   - Bertrand Russell

"The best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity."
   - Yeats

"The powers that be not only try to control events, but they try to control our memory and understanding of these events, which is part of controlling the events themselves."
   - Michael Parenti.

"The struggle of freedom against tyranny is the struggle of memory against forgetting."
   - Milan Kundera.

"We laugh at sheep because sheep just follow the one in front. We humans have out-sheeped the sheep, because at least the sheep need a sheep dog to keep them in line. Humans keep each other in line."
   - David Icke

My notion of deep politics... posits that in every culture and society there are facts which tend to be suppressed collectively, because of the social and psychological costs of not doing so. Like all other observers, I too have involuntarily suppressed facts ... that were too provocative to be retained with equanimity
   - Peter Dale Scott

Science is the belief in the ignorance of experts
   - Richard Feynman

Men are born ignorant, not stupid. They are made stupid by education
   - Bertrand Russell

Education is a system of imposed ignorance
   - Noam Chomsky

The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education
   - Einstein

Strange as it seems, one meets independent thinking today only in the few people who have not been to school much
   - Rudolf Steiner
"Puzzlement and doubt are, however, already crimes in the totalitarian state. The mind that is open for questions is open for dissent. In the totalitarian regime the doubting, inquisitive, and imaginative mind has to be suppressed. The totalitarian slave is only allowed to memorize, to salivate when the bell rings."

"To governments that control with fear, the truth is the enemy of the state. Propaganda, censorship, and mass mind control produce homogenized thinking conforming to the will of the Controllers."
- Tarra Light: Angel of Auschwitz: A Spiritual Memoir of Forgiveness & Healing

"All the power and policy of man cannot continue a system long after its truth has ceased to be acknowledged, or an establishment long after it has ceased to contribute to utility. It is equally vain, as to expect to preserve a tree, whose roots are cut away. It may look as green and flourishing as before for a short time, but its sentence is passed, its principle of life is gone, and death is already within it."
- Anna Letitia Barbauld

"Anyone who shirks the labors, sacrifices, and dangers that his people must undergo is a coward. But no less a coward and traitor is the man who betrays the principles of thought to material interests, who, for example, is willing to let the holders of power decide how much is two times two. To sacrifice intellectual integrity, love of truth, the laws and methods of thought to any other interest, even that of the fatherland, is treason. When in the battle of interests and slogans the truth, like the individual, is in danger of being devalued, disfigured, and trampled under foot, our one duty is to resist and to save the truth--or rather, the striving for truth--for that is our highest article of faith."
- Hermann Hesse: Reflections

"There are two parts to the human dilemma. One is the belief that the end justifies the means. That push-button philosophy, that deliberate deafness to suffering, has become the monster in the war machine. The other is the betrayal of the human spirit: the assertion of dogma that closes the mind, and turns a nation, a civilization, into a regiment of ghosts--obedient ghosts or tortured ghosts."
- Jacob Bronowski.
"We are living in a demented world. . . Everywhere there are doubts as to the solidity of our social structure, vague fears of the imminent future, a feeling that our civilization is on the way to ruin. They are not merely the shapeless anxieties which beset us in the small hours of the night when the flame of life burns low. They are considered expectations founded on observation and judgment of an overwhelming multitude of facts. How to avoid the recognition that almost all things which once seemed sacred and immutable have now become unsettled, truth and humanity, justice and reason? We see forms of government no longer capable of functioning, production systems on the verge of collapse, social forces gone wild with power. The roaring engine of this tremendous time seems to be heading for a breakdown. But immediately the antithesis forces itself on our minds. Never has there been a time when men were so clearly conscious of their commanding duty to co-operate in the task of preserving and improving the world's well being and human civilization."
- Dutch historian Johan Huizinga: In The Shadow of Tomorrow

"If there is no free conversation human aggression accumulates. A man who listens only to his radio or is caught by the hypnotism of the movies must discharge his aggression somewhere else. But the civilizing sublimation of conversation does not reach him, so he cannot get rid of his aggression. People have learned to be silent listeners. Dictatorship asks only for silent citizens. If man cannot redeem himself of his everyday tensions through words, the archaic primitive demands within him grow more and more awake. The world falls prey to his accumulated obsessions, and in the end collective madness breaks through. Let us talk now, so that we do not become mad animals!"
- Joost A. M. Meerloo: Conversation and Communication

'Work that produces unnecessary consumer junk or weapons of war is wrong and wasteful. Work that is built upon false needs of unbecoming appetites is wrong and wasteful. Work that deceives or manipulates, that exploits or degrades is wrong and wasteful. Work that wounds the environment or makes the world ugly is wrong and wasteful. There is no way to redeem such work by enriching it or restructuring it, by specializing it or nationalizing it, by making it 'small' or decentralized or democratic.'
- Theodore Roszak

"The Truth, when you finally chase it down, is almost always far worse than your darkest visions and fears."
- Hunter S. Thompson: Kingdom of Fear

"The individual no more knows the point of life, of existence. He no longer knows why he is living, what he is supposed to do, where he is going, let alone who he is. He is in fact completely lost....."Wisdom is so important that it might be said that mankind is composed solely of the Wise...Not only is it true that humanity consists solely of the wise, but also, in the most fundamental sense, only the wise exist"
- A.H. Almaas
‘But there is a price for telling the truth. Professional journalists committed to truth in media are invariably penalized by their corporate employers. They are pressured into accepting media disinformation as routine, as part of the job. They are encouraged to skim the surface or to convey half truths. This system rewards mediocrity. Lying brings fame, funding and career advancement. Those who refuse to abide by the standards of the mainstream media are fired, blacklisted and their prospects extinguished. Journalists who have the courage to say the truth find themselves marginalized and excluded, and therefore often driven into poverty. Indeed, a considerable number of journalists who contribute to Global Research find themselves in this predicament’
- Global Research

"Do not believe in anything simply because you have heard it. Do not believe in anything simply because it is spoken and rumored by many. Do not believe in anything simply because it is found written in your religious books. Do not believe in anything merely on the authority of your teachers and elders. Do not believe in traditions because they have been handed down for many generations. But after observation and analysis, when you find that anything agrees with reason and is conducive to the good and benefit of one and all, then accept it and live up to it."
-Buddha

“It is not always the same thing to be a good man and a good citizen.”
— Aristotle

“The price of apathy towards public affairs is to be ruled by evil men.”
— Plato

“One has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws.”
— Martin Luther King Jr

“So few want to be rebels anymore. And out of those few, most, like myself, scare easily.”
— Ray Bradbury

“In a world of universal deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act.”
— George Orwell

“The ultimate ignorance is the rejection of something you know nothing about and refuse to investigate.”
— Dr. Wayne Dyer
“Disobedience is the true foundation of liberty. The obedient must be slaves.”
— Henry David Thoreau

“If the machine of government is of such a nature that it requires you to be the agent of injustice to another, then, I say, break the law”
— Henry David Thoreau

“Civil disobedience is not our problem. Our problem is civil obedience. Our problem is that people all over the world have obeyed the dictates of leaders… and millions have been killed because of this obedience… Our problem is that people are obedient all over the world in the face of poverty and starvation and stupidity, and war, and cruelty. Our problem is that people are obedient while the jails are full of petty thieves… (and) the grand thieves are running the country. That’s our problem…. Protest beyond the law is not a departure from democracy; it is absolutely essential to it”
— Howard Zinn

“True rebels hate their own rebellion. They know by experience that it is not a cool and glamorous lifestyle; it takes a courageous fool to say things that have not been said and to do things that have not been done.”
— Criss Jami

“One has not only a legal, but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws.”
— Martin Luther King Jr

“The greatest purveyor of violence in the world: My own Government, I can not be Silent.”
— Martin Luther King Jr.

“If we don’t rebel, if we’re not physically in an active rebellion, then it’s spiritual death”
— Chris Hedges

“Civil disobedience, as I put it to the audience, was not the problem, despite the warnings of some that it threatened social stability, that it led to anarchy. The greatest danger, I argued, was civil obedience, the submission of individual conscience to governmental authority. Such obedience led to the horrors we saw in totalitarian states, and in liberal states it led to the public’s acceptance of war whenever the so-called democratic government decided on it… In such a world, the rule of law maintains things as they are. Therefore, to begin the process of change, to stop a war, to establish justice, it may be necessary to break the law, to commit acts of civil disobedience.”
— Howard Zinn
“I heartily accept the motto, “That government is best which governs least”; and I should like to see it acted up to more rapidly and systematically. Carried out, it finally amounts to this, which also I believe — “That government is best which governs not at all”; and when men are prepared for it, that will be the kind of government which they will have. Government is at best but an expedient; but most governments are usually, and all governments are sometimes, inexpedient.”
— Henry David Thoreau

“Civil disobedience becomes a sacred duty when the state has become lawless or corrupt. And a citizen who barters with such a state shares in its corruption and lawlessness….Whether we advertise the fact or not, the moment we cease to support the government it dies a nature death……. Civil disobedience is the assertion of a right which law should give but which it denies…Civil disobedience presupposes willing obedience of our self-imposed rules, and without it civil disobedience would be cruel joke…. Coercion is inhuman….Non-cooperation with evil is as much a duty as cooperation with good……All through history the way of truth and love has always won. There have been tyrants and murderers, and for a time they can seem invincible, but in the end they always fall, always.”
— Mahatma Gandhi

“If you're not careful, the newspapers will have you hating the people who are being oppressed and loving the people who are doing the oppressing.”
— Malcolm X

“Those who are able to see beyond the shadows and lies of their culture will never be understood, let alone believed, by the masses.”
— Plato