

Note: While Chapter 6, Averting a Climate Apocalypse deals with U.N. SDG's and climate change, Addendums dealing specifically with climate and renewable energy are included in A Clear and Present Danger: Threat #2 – U.N. Agenda 21 / 2030.

A Clear and Present Danger: Threat #3 – The Great Reset
Addenda #1 – November 2023

Re: Ch. 4 The Fourth Industrial Revolution
Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) – “Fake” People

Deepfake Porn Is Out of Control

New research shows the number of deepfake [porn] videos is skyrocketing—and the world's biggest search engines are funneling clicks to dozens of sites dedicated to the nonconsensual fakes.

Over the first nine months of this year, 113,000 videos were uploaded to the websites—a 54 percent increase on the 73,000 videos uploaded in all of 2022. By the end of this year, the analysis forecasts, more videos will have been produced in 2023 than the total number of every other year combined.

A whole industry of deepfake abuse, which predominantly targets women and is produced without people's consent or knowledge, has emerged in recent years. Face-swapping apps that work on still images and apps where clothes can be “stripped off a person” in a photo with just a few clicks are also highly prominent. There are likely millions of images being created with these apps.

Wired (monthly technology magazine), Oct. 16, 2023

Teens exploited by fake nudes illustrate threat of unregulated AI

A phone, a few photos and artificial intelligence have stirred controversy and shattered the privacy of several teens at a New Jersey high school after they learned that nude images of them — created via AI — were circulated in group chats.

When girls at Westfield High School in New Jersey found out boys were sharing nude photos of them in group chats, they were shocked, and not only because it was an invasion of privacy. The images weren't real.

Axios online news search engine, Nov 3, 2023 | Wall Street Journal, Nov. 2, 2023

Administrators: Carmel High School students post fake, inappropriate videos on TikTok

Carmel Central School District officials say they are appalled by an incident involving high school students posting fake, inappropriate videos on TikTok.

Administrators say many of the posts by the Carmel High School students contained racist messages. They say the students posted the inappropriate videos while posing as school officials and police.

News12 Westchester, NY, Feb 15, 2023

Addenda #2 – November 2023

Re: Ch. 4 The Fourth Industrial Revolution

Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) – “Fake” People

Current laws exist to protect well known people and celebrities from others from using their “likeness” without their permission: a person’s name, image (photo), their voice or a performance. But the use of A.I. is already creating problems for celebrities.

Tom Hanks, Scarlett Johansson, Elon Musk and Tom Brady are among those finding themselves as unwilling spokespersons for products through “deepfake” ad videos generated by A.I. programs.

But the average person can’t tell the difference between the real person or the fake person generated by A.I. in celebrity endorsements of investment opportunities, weight loss products and dental plans, or music videos by rap artists.

NBC Today, October 3, 2023

<https://www.today.com/video/actors-sound-the-alarm-over-deepfake-re-creations-of-their-likeness-194298437745>

ars Technica, October 3, 2023

<https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2023/10/tom-hanks-warns-of-ai-generated-doppelganger-in-instagram-plea/>

abc make it, November 3, 2023

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/11/03/why-deepfakes-arent-just-a-problem-for-celebrities.html>

FBI warns of increasing use of AI-generated deepfakes in sextortion schemes

Deepfake videos show real people engaged in fake sex

The FBI on Monday warned of the increasing use of artificial intelligence to generate phony videos for use in sextortion schemes that attempt to harass minors and non-consenting adults or coerce them into paying ransoms or complying with other demands...

In recent months, the FBI said in an alert published Monday, the use of AI to generate fake videos that appear to show real people engaged in sexually explicit activities has grown.

"The FBI continues to receive reports from victims, including minor children and non-consenting adults, whose photos or videos were altered into explicit content," officials wrote. "The photos or videos are then publicly circulated on social media or pornographic websites for the purpose of harassing victims or sextortion schemes."

ars Technica June 6, 2023

<https://arstechnica.com/information-technology/2023/06/fbi-warns-of-increasing-use-of-ai-generated-deepfakes-in-sextortion-schemes/>

Scammers are now using A.I. programs to create “fake/real people” in compromising situations in order to blackmail them.

As I mentioned in Ch. 4... imagine opposition creating a “fake” Donald Trump or a “fake” Ron DeSantis... who speaks about oppressive, but actually “fake” policy proposals, policies that will create a political image that people will falsely believe? Talk about influencing elections!

Addenda #3 – November 2023

Re: Ch. 4 The Fourth Industrial Revolution

Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) – Government Abuse of Power

FCC commissioner calls Biden equity plan for internet control 'sweeping, unprecedented, and unlawful'

"President Biden's plan hands the Administrative State effective control of all Internet services and infrastructure in the country. Never before, in the roughly 40-year history of the public Internet, has the FCC (or any federal agency for that matter) claimed this degree of control over it. Indeed, President Biden's plan calls for the FCC to apply a far-reaching set of government controls that the agency has not applied to any technology in the modern era, including Title II common carriers," Carr said in a statement on Monday.

"For the first time ever, those rules would give the federal government a roving mandate to micromanage nearly every aspect of how the Internet functions—from how [internet service providers] allocate capital and where they build, to the services that consumers can purchase; from the profits that ISPs can realize and how they market and advertise services, to the discounts and promotions that consumers can receive. Talk about central planning," Carr warned.

If passed, the FCC would be empowered, for the first time, to regulate every ISP's service termination terms, use of customer credit, account history, credit checks, and account termination, among many other items.

"Biden is turning 'digital discrimination' into a pretext for regulating everything. For equity," Phil Kerpen, president of American Commitment, said of the Biden plan for the FCC.

Washington Examiner, November 6, 2023

<https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/fcc-commissioner-biden-equity-plan-internet-control-unprecedented-unlawful>

Today, the FCC voted in favor of President Biden's plan for "digital equity." I dissented because the plan amounts to an unlawful power grab that gives the government a roving mandate to micromanage nearly every aspect of how the Internet functions.

"It's not about discrimination. It's about control," said Carr
Brenden Carr, Federal Communications Commission, November 15, 2023
<https://twitter.com/brendancarrfcc/status/1724954306133000613>

Today, the FCC answered our call by voting to adopt these necessary rules, taking a critical step to prohibit digital discrimination in high-speed Internet access based on income, race, ethnicity, religion, and national origin. These rules will protect civil rights, lower costs, and increase Internet access for Americans across the country.

Vice President Kamala Harris statement, November 15, 2023

Note: The 5-member FCC panel voted on party lines (3-Democrat nominees, Yes, 2-Republican nominees, No) to overturn the net-neutrality agreement.

Addenda #4 – November 2023

Re: Ch.4 The Fourth Industrial Revolution

Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) – Government Abuse of Power

Following Significant Uptick in Anti-Muslim and Antisemitic Rhetoric on Social Media, Governor Hochul Deploys New Resources to Combat “Online Hate”

Public Safety Press Release, November 21, 2023

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/following-significant-uptick-anti-muslim-and-antisemitic-rhetoric-social-media-governor-hochul>

Data Tracked by New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services Shows 425 Percent Increase in Online Hate Speech Against Jewish Communities and 417 Percent Increase Against Muslim Communities

Governor Deploys \$3 Million to Expand State’s Successful Threat Assessment and Management Team Model to All College Campuses; Builds on State Efforts to Combat Extremist Violence Launched in the Wake of White Supremacist Mass Shooting in Buffalo.

The DTPU will conduct training for New York State colleges and universities; educate school administrators, professors, and staff on how to develop and maintain TAM teams; and provide constant training to supported entities.

Under this effort, these new TAM Teams would:

- Use multidisciplinary teams of trained professionals to assess risk and create management plans for individuals on the pathway to violence;*
- Recognize concerning behaviors and define appropriate escalation protocols;*
- Establish a centralized reporting mechanism to receive reports of concerning behaviors from students and other bystanders; and*
- Educate administrative staff and professors on risk factors and warning signs to identify concerning behaviors early before an escalation to violence.*

Multidisciplinary teams: composed of more than one group that work together to perform complementary tasks to reach a common goal.

Again, “hate speech” and “threatening” words and actions are totally subjective to the person(s) doing the investigation of incident reports. And, to the students that are submitting them.

Let’s take a term that college students and professors just love to use today: microaggression. A microaggression is defined as “*a subtle behavior – verbal or non-verbal, conscious or unconscious – directed at a member of a marginalized group that has a derogatory, harmful effect.*”

Microaggressions are also described as being “thinly veiled, everyday instances of racism, homophobia, and sexism, just to name a few. Sometimes they take the form of insults, other times they can be an errant comment or gesture.

Again, these are very *subjective* terms. A person who does not believe that women can have a penis or that men can become pregnant, give birth and breastfeed a child, could be accused of ‘microaggressions’ and be reported by a trans-activist who feels “threatened” by the other persons words and attitude.

Example: In November 2020, a George Mason University professor found a bible and a religious themed CD in her classroom, inadvertently left by one of her students. The professor took the items and filed an “incident report” with the university Bias Incident Reporting Team. The complaint: “discrimination” and “harassment” against “religion.” The professors and the Bias Teams reasoning was that if one student professed to be a follower of one religion, then that could be deemed a microaggression against students that believed in a different religion. Or, that leaving it in a public place where other students could find it is an act of “negative feelings” about another students religious beliefs.

The College Fix, November 18, 2020

Example: The University of Michigan I.T. department created a “Words Matter Task Force” in 2020. Among the words (words can be microaggressions) they found offensive are;

- * picnic – social media rumors claimed the word picnic developed in context with lynching
- * girl and man – offensive to anyone who believes sex is binary or fluid
- * preferred pronouns – prefacing pronouns with any description implies they are a choice, not a biological reality or the reality of a person
- * the use of affectionate terms such as “sweetheart,” “sweetie,” or “honey” – they may be condescending or talking down to someone

The Federalist, December 28, 2020

Example: Students at Harvard University were told that failing to use a person's preferred pronouns could be a violation of the university’s sexual misconduct and harassment policies during a mandatory online Title IX training last month. The training, deemed “Preventing and Responding to Sexual Harassment and Other Sexual Misconduct (Harvard College, 2022-23),” included a “Power and Control Wheel,” a resource tool that helps students stop “sizeism and fatphobia,” “transphobia,” “racism and white supremacy,” and “[c]ultural/[i]dentity abuse.”

The Power and Control Wheel clarifies that using the wrong pronouns constitutes abuse and is an “attempt to limit a person’s sense of self based on identity.”

Campus Reform; October 4, 2022

Does anyone want to bet that there will be a significant uptick in incident reports on alleged threats on students of color, LGBTQ+ students and muslims, but much fewer incident reports on white, Catholic or Jewish students? And virtually no incident reports on threats to conservative leaning students?

And of course, our own governor Cathy Hochul had to get in on the act as well, to show her “concern” about hate speech.

Hochul Says NY Is Conducting Social Media ‘Surveillance Efforts’ To Monitor ‘Hate Speech’ Daily Caller, November 13, 2023

<https://dailycaller.com/2023/11/13/antisemitism-ny-hate-speech-hochul-law-enforcement/>

Democratic New York Gov. Kathy Hochul said Monday that the state is “very focused” on collecting data from social media platforms as part of an effort to counter online “negativity” and “hate speech” after a rise in antisemitic attacks.

The New York governor went on to detail the state’s plan “to catch incitement to violence” and “direct threats to others” by monitoring social media activity.

“We’re very focused on the data we’ve been collecting from surveillance efforts – what’s being said on social media platforms. And we have launched an effort to be able to counter some of the negativity and reach out to people when we see hate speech being spoken about on online platforms.”

First, Twitter, Facebook and other online social media platforms were “flagging” posts *they* determined to be offensive or “misinformation.”

Former Twitter co-founder and CEO Jack Dorsey, a tech billionaire oligarch, and Twitter employees donated exclusively to Democratic candidates during the 2019-2020 election cycle and again in 2022. Since 2017 the vast majority of people who have had their Twitter accounts suspended have been associated with conservative politics. During the pandemic, Twitter flagged countless posts for “misinformation”.

After Elon Musk bought Twitter, he releases several “document dumps” of inside correspondence known as the “Twitter Files”, which showed that Twitter colluded with FBI officials about “how to shut down political speech based on its content.”

Newsweek, December 21, 2022

<https://www.newsweek.com/fbi-colluded-twitter-suppress-free-speech-where-outrage-opinion-1768801>

As previously noted, Facebook also flagged posts they deemed to be offensive or misinformation as well.

Facebook tech billionaire oligarch Mark Zuckerberg and other Facebook executives and employees have contributed hundreds of millions of dollars to politicians over the past four years, mostly going to Democratic candidates. During the 2020 election cycle, Zuckerberg sent more than \$400 million to a pair of non-profit organizations which then sent that money to nearly 2,500 county elections offices in 49 states, to help implement pandemic voting changes that included installing unmonitored ballot “drop-boxes”, bulk mailings of mail-in ballots, and funding for temporary staffing and poll workers and extending ballot counting deadlines.

Numerous claims have been made that this money helped Joe Biden win the 2020 election.

<https://nypost.com/2021/10/14/zuckerberg-election-spending-was-orchestrated-to-influence-2020-vote/>

<https://nypost.com/2021/10/13/how-mark-zuckerberg-helped-dems-sway-the-2020-election/>

<https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2022/apr/12/mark-zuckerbergs-donations-rigged-the-2020-election/>

Then it was found out that Facebook conspired with the Biden administrations attempts to censor “unfavorable views” during the pandemic.

A U.S. District Court Judge issued an injunction barring numerous federal officials and agencies from having any contact with social media firms for the purpose of discouraging or removing First Amendment-protected speech.

<https://www.politico.com/news/2023/07/04/judge-limits-biden-administration-contact-with-social-media-firms-00104656>

Yet this is exactly what governor Hochul now wants to do with alleged anti-muslim and antisemitic “hate speech”. In *Cohen vs. California*, the United States Supreme Court ruled that openly offensive speech and hate speech do not inherently cross into inciting violence or danger, and thus are protected under the United States Constitution.

And this, is the key to whatever approach governor Hochul’s speech police take. Just because someone spews an offensive opinion online, or on campus, does not mean the governor has the right to, as she put it, “reach out to people”. Whatever that means.

Interesting segue....

Reality show *Surviving Barstool* was recently pulled by YouTube. The company demanded that the producer censor content that they deemed “harassment”. Apparently one cast member jokingly said that since anything goes in terms of the show’s rules, then logically he should be able to blow up the house of the show’s host. Despite the hoist laughing at the remark, YouTube still determined a reality TV show remarks worthy of censorship. Really?

But that is where Woke, progressive policies have moved our society today. Add this effort to surveille social media to governor Hochul’s existing stands on social justice, preference to illegal migrants over taxpaying citizens, gun control legislation and her green agenda push. Governor Hochul is a proven autocrat and Great Reset supporter.

“Once in awhile I get annoyed about the fact that I have no real privacy. No where I can go and not be registered. I know that, somewhere, everything I do, think and dream of is recorded. I just hope that nobody will use it against me.” ^[153]

Addenda #5 – November 2023

Re: Ch. 14 Summary

You'll Have No Privacy - It's All About Control

A secret phone surveillance program is spying on millions of Americans

How the government is able to track your every call and invade your privacy

Fox News, November 25, 2023

<https://www.foxnews.com/tech/secret-phone-surveillance-program-is-spying-on-millions-americans>

According to a letter obtained by WIRED, a little-known surveillance program called Data Analytical Services (DAS) has been secretly collecting and analyzing more than a trillion domestic phone records within the U.S. each year. The program, which was formerly known as Hemisphere, is run by the telecom giant AT&T in coordination with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

The program allows law enforcement agencies to access the records of any calls that use AT&T's infrastructure, which covers a large portion of the country. The records include the phone numbers, dates, times, durations and locations of the calls, as well as the names and addresses of the subscribers.

The DAS program raises serious concerns about the privacy and civil liberties of millions of Americans. It operates without any judicial oversight or public accountability and violates the Fourth Amendment, which protects people from unreasonable searches and seizures.

The program also contradicts the spirit of the USA Freedom Act, which was passed in 2015 to reform the bulk collection of phone records by the National Security Agency (NSA). The act required the NSA to stop collecting phone records in bulk and instead request them from the phone companies on a case-by-case basis with a court order. However, the DAS program bypasses this requirement by allowing AT&T to collect and store the records for law enforcement purposes.

Fact Sheet: Data Analytical Services (DAS) Program (formerly known as Hemisphere)

epic.org: Electronic Privacy Information Center: Fact Sheets

<https://epic.org/documents/fact-sheet-data-analytical-services-das-program-formerly-known-as-hemisphere/>

The Data Analytical Services (DAS) Program, formerly known as the Hemisphere Project, is the largest telephone record collection program reported to date. DAS has largely been funded through the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP).

DAS allows law enforcement personnel at the local, state, and federal levels to access more than a trillion phone records of AT&T customers, as well as anyone else whose communication is routed through an AT&T switch. Unlike the controversial NSA phone records collection program, DAS also collects location information.

- * No Judicial Oversight
- * Trillions of Phone Records Collected
- * No Privacy Impact Assessment
- * Purposely Kept Secret

Addenda #6 – November 2023
Re: Ch. 10 Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)
Consumer Privacy

Challenge to NSA spying pressed

SCOTUSblog, October 28, 2013

<https://www.scotusblog.com/2013/10/challenge-to-nsa-spying-pressed/>

A privacy advocacy group, seeking to keep alive in the Supreme Court its challenge to the federal government's secret sweeps of electronic and digital communication data, argued on Monday that the privacy of "every person in this country" is at stake in the case. It contended that the government — in this case and in lower court cases — is trying to shield the National Security Agency's spying operation from any court review.

This new filing sets the stage for the Justices to take their first look soon at the case of In re Electronic Privacy Information Center (docket 13-58), a rather unusual legal protest that is being pursued directly in the Court, with no prior lower court decision on the challenge. The Obama administration earlier this month asked the Court to deny any relief to EPIC, on a variety of grounds, including procedural arguments.

The government brief had argued that EPIC had no legal right to pursue its plea directly in the Supreme Court. And, while it added that EPIC could attempt to sue in a lower court, it added that it could try to head off that, too. EPIC's reply brief noted that, in fact, Justice Department lawyers had already made a formal argument in a federal court in New York against allowing the American Civil Liberties Union to challenge the warrantless surveillance program.

What EPIC is seeking from the Justices is a direct order to the FISCourt to wipe out its order to the Verizon telephone company to produce wide-ranging records of telephone and data communications, including those of virtually all Americans. It has asked that the FISCourt be prohibited from continuing to issue such orders.

EPIC noted that, since it filed its case directly in the Supreme Court in July, the government itself has disclosed that the FISCourt "has routinely interpreted key provisions of public law in secret opinions and that there has not been a single challenge to these orders" by anyone up to now.

The National Security Agency collected telephone records of all US customers of Verizon by order of the Obama administration Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court (Fisa). "Bulk data collection" of millions of phone calls occurred over a three month period in 2013, continuing the practice originated during the Bush administration, under the guise of "counter-terrorism" efforts.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/jun/06/nsa-phone-records-verizon-court-order>

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/interactive/2013/jun/06/verizon-telephone-data-court-order>

EPIC filed a petition to the Supreme Court on July 8, 2013 to end the NSA metadata collection program.

On November 18, 2013 the Supreme Court denied EPIC's petition on procedural grounds, noting that this action should have been filed in federal district court first.

The NSA's call-records program officially ended in 2015 after 114th Congress passed the USA FREEDOM Act.

Note: Republicans controlled both houses during the 114th Congress, with the largest Republican majority since 1929-1931. This tells you what American voters in November 2014 thought of Obama administration policies.

On September 2, 2020, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled the NSA's bulk collection of American's phone records was unlawful. A unanimous three-judge panel for the Ninth Circuit found that the warrantless collection of call metadata violated the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) and was possibly unconstitutional under the Fourth Amendment.

Note: The original order to the NSA, labelled "TOP SECRET//SI//NOFORN", was a top secret classified document created by the Obama administration Fisa court in 2013.

The text of the order included the following statement: "IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that no person shall disclose to any other person that the FBI or NSA has sought or obtained tangible things [meaning "recordings, tapes and the like"] under this order..."

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/interactive/2013/jun/06/verizon-telephone-data-court-order>

There is nothing to stop any present or future administration from doing this again, for as long as it can be kept a secret, and as long as no citizen is prevented from making it public.

It's all About Control