



FINANCIAL PREPAREDNESS

"One of life's most painful moments comes when we must admit that we didn't do our homework, that we are not prepared." ~ Merlin Olsen

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Next Steps Conference

Last week I attended two days of the four-day [Next Steps conference](#), which was also held last year. The theme was Building the Parallel Society, and it was great! It was organized by Tia Severino, whose son was injured by a vaccine. She's a passionate mama bear, a dynamo of an activist, and you can just feel the love pouring out of her.

The first session of Day 1 was "Become a Citizen Journalist." All of the presenters were reporters with [Children's Health Defense TV](#), and apparently three of them have children who were injured by vaccines. I got the chance to talk with Polly Tommey, a funny Brit who had the heartbreaking task of listening to thousands of parents of vaccine-injured children tell their stories in the documentary [Vaxxed: From Cover-Up to Catastrophe](#).

The second session was "Opt Out of the Technocratic State." (If you're not familiar with technocracy and would like to learn more, read [this book](#).) During the COVID "pandemic," the first speaker (Susan Sweetin) realized that people needed to have a way to travel during a time of travel bans and vaccine passports, and a way to flee a tyrannical state if necessary. So she founded [Freedom Travel Alliance](#) and has worked with thousands of travelers and sympathetic workers in the transportation industry to facilitate bespoke, unorthodox journeys. For example, she told about a client who wanted to get from France to Ireland without a vaccine passport. She figured out that when trucks crossed a border,

customs only checked the papers of the driver, not anyone else who was in the truck. So she found a willing driver to take her client to Ireland. Her business is a modern day Underground Railroad.

The next speaker (Zen Honeycutt) founded [Moms Across America](#) and is the author of [Unstoppable: Transforming Sickness and Struggle into Triumph, Empowerment, and a Celebration of Community](#). She is extremely knowledgeable about how [we are all being poisoned by toxic herbicides \(such as glyphosphate\), pesticides, GMOs, 5G, etc.](#)

I had a great conversation with the next speaker (Tag Meyer), who was wearing a hat that said “FREE MAN.” Tag was a (very successful) top executive of a financial company with over 900 employees. During the time that corporations began requiring their employees to get the COVID vaccine, his CEO let him know that their company would impose a mandate. His wife told him, “I’m sure you’ll make the right decision.” At a meeting with all of the company’s employees, the CEO introduced him, assuming that he would announce the vaccine mandate. Instead, Tag told the employees that the company would NOT be imposing a vaccine mandate. It sounds like he was abruptly escorted from the premises, never to return to the company he had spent the last 25 years building.

He spent some time doing some soul-searching, trying to figure out how he had become so dependent on The Man and the system. He came up with a (brilliant) Ungovernable Score spreadsheet, which I’ll write about in a future issue. He realized that he needed to become more self-reliant and resilient, so he removed all of his money from the financial system, bought some land in Kansas, and built an off-grid homestead by himself (see [lifedonefree.com](#) for photos and videos). He also started [freestading.com](#), one of the world’s largest communities of homesteaders and self-reliance experts.

I also got to talk with the last speaker ([Derrick Broze](#)), who was one of the rock stars of the conference. Like Tag, he’s the real deal. He’s an amazing activist who somehow has the time and energy to run or be involved with a number of projects, including [The Conscious Resistance Network](#), [The Freedom Cell Network](#), [The Conscious Agora Ecovillage](#) (sort of a Galt’s Gulch intentional community in Mexico), and [The Pyramid of Power](#). If that wasn’t enough, he’s also running for mayor of Houston. Derrick doesn’t want to sit around talking about problems such as Klaus Schwab and the World Economic Forum, he wants to create solutions and a parallel system that people can adopt. One of the T-shirts he was selling summed up his strategy, which said “~~voting~~, ~~violence~~, ~~apathy~~, exit and build.”

That night I attended a screening of [Medicating Normal](#), a documentary about pharma-driven psychiatry. It was excellent, and I bought a copy on DVD. The Q&A panel included the director and the former Army sergeant who was profiled in the doc, who had her therapy dog with her. She has since found a niche counseling people who are trying to get off psychiatric drugs. She sees about 150 people per month, many of whom are suicidal. At any given time, about 100,000 Americans are trying to get off [benzos](#) alone.

The panel talked about how normal human emotions such as sadness, grief and anything that makes us feel uncomfortable had become a psychiatric disorder that needed to be treated with prescription drugs. The panel agreed that the profession of psychiatry should

not exist.

I got to talk with Bob Schwartz (who was repping Children's Health Defense), a super solid guy and former top Worldcom executive who suffered an adverse event after taking a psychotropic drug and lost everything (including his family) as a result. He has made a documentary about his story called "[If I Had Known the Rxisks.](#)"

I did not attend Day 2 (which included sessions on Homesteading, Homeschooling, and Home & Self Defense) since I needed to work and either those subjects didn't apply to me or I was already up to speed on them. Though I would have liked to hear [John Lovell \(AKA The Warrior Poet\)](#) speak.

The first session of Day 3 was about Healing Yourself Naturally. Dr. (DO) Eric Plasker gave an inspiring talk in which he described how he saved his infant son after being told that he would be paralyzed for the rest of his life. In addition to his practice, he's also the creator of [The 100-Year Lifestyle](#).

I got to talk with another speaker ([Robert Scott Bell](#)), a prolific vlogger (two hours six times a week!) and extremely knowledgeable health freedom activist.

The session on The New Science Paradigm included talks by [Dr. James Lyons-Weiler](#) (the CEO of [IPAK](#)) and [Dr. Brian Hooker](#) (whose son was injured by a vaccine). They showed how the pharmaceutical companies create "scientific studies" that appear to show how a drug or vaccine is safe and effective, while eliminating data that show that it's not.

Speaking of "science," [comedians have started to catch up to reality](#) and point out the obvious fact that the emperor has no clothes. [Jon Stewart just pushed the envelope further](#), causing immediate outrage and massive cognitive dissonance. Stewart noted that science had created the COVID-19 virus. Yes, it's my understanding that Dr. Fauci sent millions of taxpayer dollars to the Wuhan lab (which is run by America's most prominent and powerful geopolitical rival) to screw around with bat coronaviruses, despite an Obama executive order banning such outlay in the U.S.

But it wasn't "science" that drove the COVID response of the U.S., the WHO, and nearly all of the rest of the world—it was the opposite of science. Science is about searching for the truth and following the evidence wherever it may lead, no matter how politically inconvenient it may be. During COVID, the scientific process was abandoned and replaced by [fear](#) and the censorship and banishment of anyone who contradicted the party line. People who had not bothered to do their own research or think critically hid behind *the word* "science," but it was really *dogma* that they were trying to enforce.

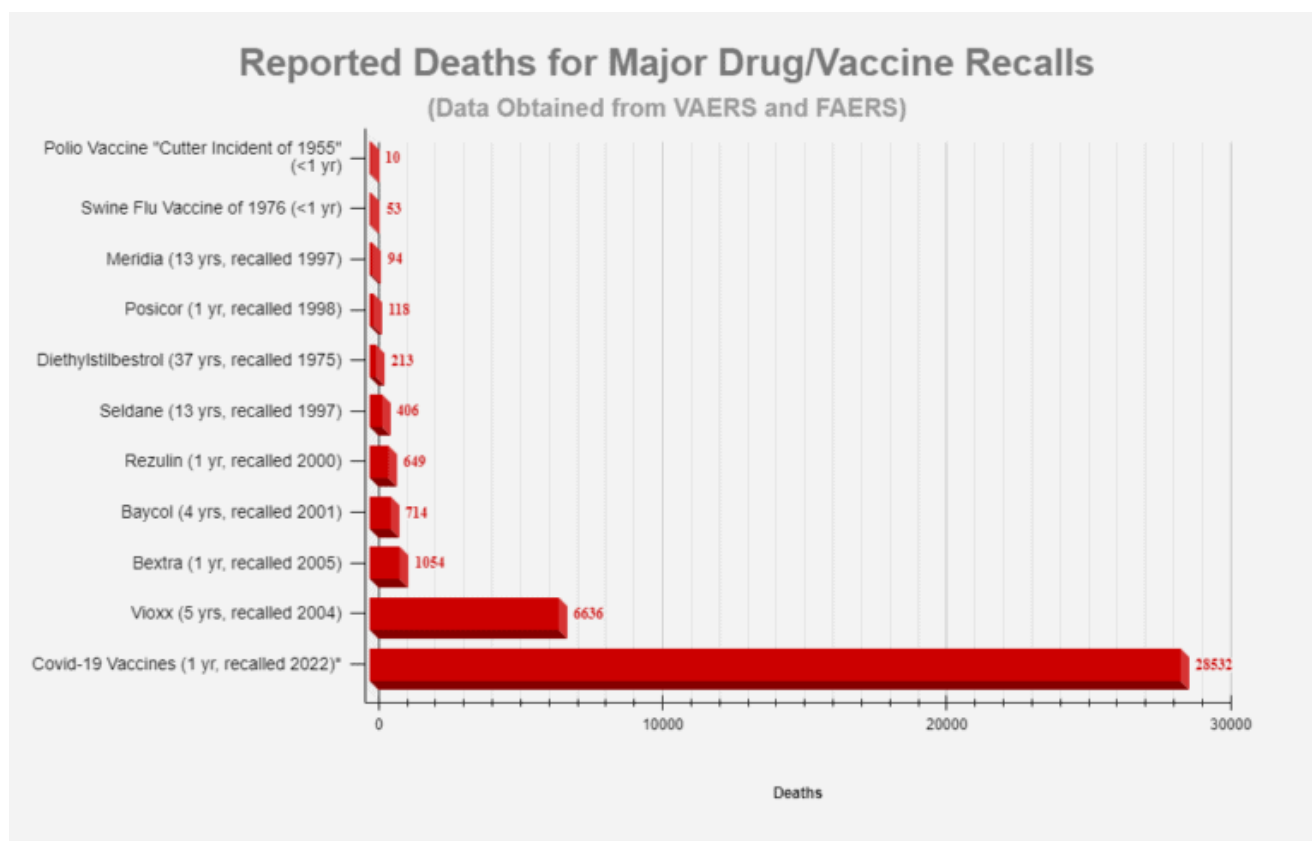
As Stewart noted, "The larger problem with all of this is the inability to discuss things that are within the realm of possibility without falling into absolutes and litmus-testing each other for our political allegiances as it arose from that....I thought it was a pretty good bit that expressed kind of how I felt, and the two things that came out of it were, I'm racist against Asian people, and how dare I align myself with the alt-right....The part that I don't like about it is the absolutes and the dismissive like 'f—k you, I'm done with you. I will

never forgive you, you have crossed an unforgivable line. You've expressed an opinion that is antithetical to mine'....What was stunning to me, I think, was the anger.” Cognitive dissonance (which is really the result of people *having not done their homework*, as Merlin Olsen notes above) is a bitch.

The last session of Day 3 was about The New Medicine Paradigm. Kimberly Overton is a nurse who could not in good conscience go along with the absurd things her hospital was asking her to do and say during COVID, so she started the [Nurse Freedom Network](#) to provide nursing services outside of the Medical Industrial Complex.

[Dr. Doniparthi](#) was a traditional family medicine doctor who after years in practice realized that he just couldn't do it anymore. He now has a functional medicine practice in Alpharetta, GA. I got to talk with him and found him to be very knowledgeable, well spoken and extremely thoughtful. If you would like to get off the Medical Path of prescription drugs and surgery and onto the Wellness Path, you should check out functional or integrative doctors such as Dr. D or [Dr. Cammy Benton](#), who was another speaker.

[Dr. Peter McCullough](#) is one of the most well-known (and censored) critics of the COVID response. He made clear that he is not “anti-vax,” though he thinks the current COVID “vaccines” (which are not even really vaccines) should not be given, as they are not safe and effective.



[Dr. Pierre Kory](#) gave the final talk, which I thought was the most compelling and sobering. He said that his thinking about the COVID response had changed since he heard the talk of Sasha Laytpova (an expert in Good Manufacturing Practice who formerly worked in the pharmaceutical industry) at a conference in London a couple of weeks ago. He shared with us her findings and conclusion: The U.S. COVID response was a military operation. It was run by the National Security Council, which did not include any health experts. The reason they were willing to accept so many casualties (from COVID, suppression of alternative treatments, lockdowns, depression and despair, vaccine injuries, etc.) is because they were focused on an objective (which obviously had nothing to do with stopping COVID), just like the military is willing to take casualties to achieve an objective.

Kory explained how Emergency Use Authorization was a construct developed under President Clinton in 1997, and was intended for use under a military countermeasure. It literally got rid of the “safe and effective” regulation standards which the FDA operated under. It was originally defined for very narrow circumstances for conditions which did not have “an alternative treatment” (which explains why all alternative COVID treatments had to be completely suppressed) and which were “very severe.” Its use has broadened over time with hundreds of products authorized without evidence of an emergency. No safety or efficacy testing applies to these products.

Kory then explained the role of Other Transaction Authority (OTA) contracting legislation, which was created in the 1960s for only NASA's use, but is now used by eleven federal agencies, the largest of which is the Department of Defense. It allows them to contract without following federal procurement regulations. They can order products from normally regulated industries without following regulations. It's typically used to order weapons from defense contractors. During COVID, there was massive mission creep and they used it to order pharmaceutical products. This fell into place when the HHS Secretary (who just happened to be [the former U.S. president of Eli Lilly](#)) declared a pandemic “emergency”...when there were only 40 cases *worldwide*.

Kory said this led to The Biggest Lie Ever Told: Authorities around the world presented the vaccine as a “pharmaceutical product” when no pharmaceutical regulations applied. The products were literally and legally “military countermeasures” to be used in “an emergency.” But “military countermeasure” has no real workable definition, and a “countermeasure” is not a pharmaceutical product.

After doing a deep dive into federal contracts and following the money, Laytpova discovered a pseudo-legal structure tying the military, government and Pharma. What they've done appears to be legal but is not. Apparently [Bailiwick News](#) has written about this, but I haven't had time to go down that rabbit hole.

On my drive home, my music player played the Rush song “[Heresy](#).” It's about communism and the fall of the Iron Curtain, but I thought that some of the lyrics could apply equally to the poor families whose lives have been turned upside down by unsafe pharmaceutical products:

Who can give them back their lives

And all those wasted years?
All those precious wasted years —
Who will pay?

All around this great big world
All the crap we had to take
...All our lives at stake

All the fear and suffering —
All a big mistake
All those wasted years
All those precious, wasted years
Who will pay?



A scene from a walk at the conference. I spotted 14 deer on this knoll.

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