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Aldous Huxley Vs George Orwell



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ALDOUS HUXLEY

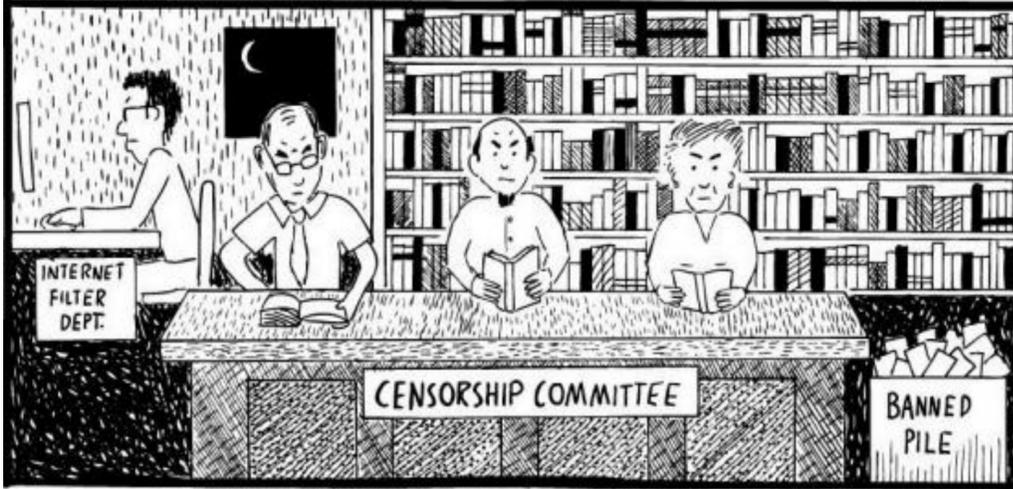
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GEORGE ORWELL

Author: "Nineteen Eighty-Four"

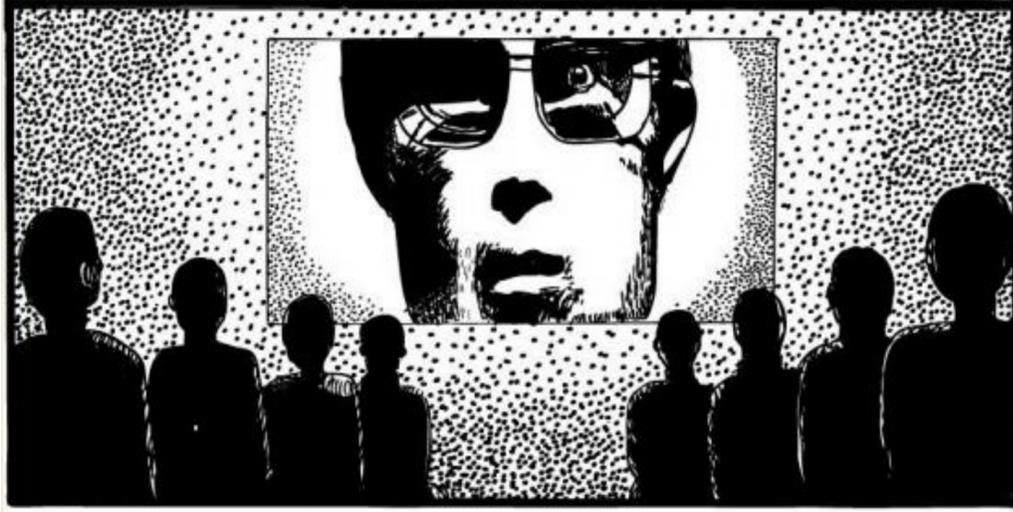
WHAT ORWELL FEARED WERE THOSE WHO WOULD BAN BOOKS.



WHAT HUXLEY FEARED WAS THAT THERE WOULD BE NO REASON TO BAN A BOOK, FOR THERE WOULD BE NO ONE WHO WOULD WANT TO READ ONE.



ORWELL FEARED THOSE WHO WOULD
DEPRIVE US OF INFORMATION.



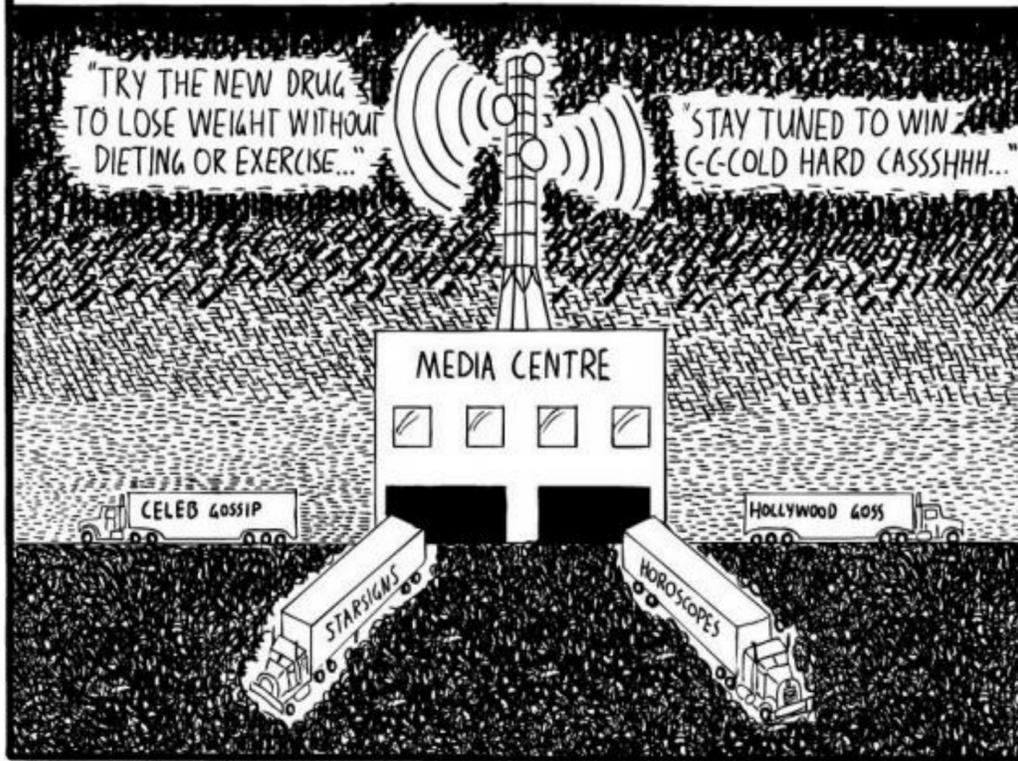
HUXLEY FEARED THOSE WHO WOULD GIVE US SO MUCH
THAT WE WOULD BE REDUCED TO PASSIVITY AND EGOTISM.



ORWELL FEARED THE TRUTH
WOULD BE CONCEALED FROM US.



HUXLEY FEARED THE TRUTH WOULD BE DROWNED IN A SEA OF IRRELEVANCE.

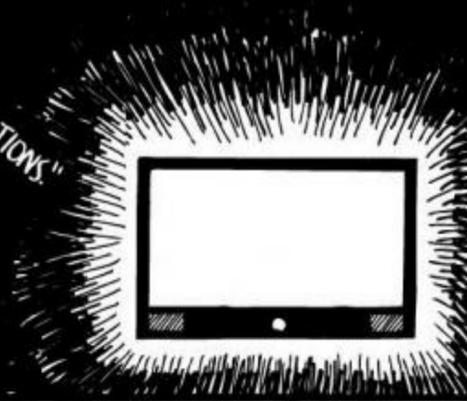


ORWELL FEARED WE WOULD BECOME A CAPTIVE CULTURE.



AS HUXLEY REMARKED IN "BRAVE NEW WORLD REVISITED"
THE CIVIL LIBERTARIANS AND RATIONALISTS WHO ARE EVER ON THE
ALERT TO OPPOSE TYRANNY "FAILED TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT MAN'S

ALMOST INFINITE APPETITE FOR DISTRACTIONS."



IN "NINETEEN EIGHTY-FOUR",
PEOPLE ARE CONTROLLED
BY INFLICTING PAIN.



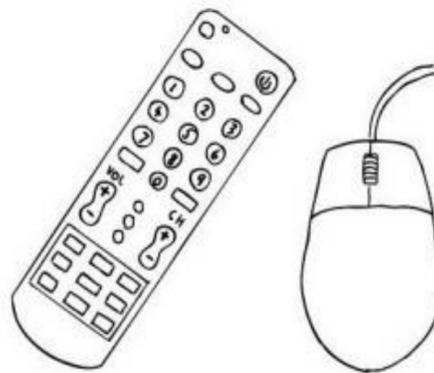
IN "BRAVE NEW WORLD",
PEOPLE ARE CONTROLLED
BY INFLICTING PLEASURE.



IN SHORT, ORWELL FEARED
THAT WHAT WE HATE
WILL RUIN US.



HUXLEY FEARED THAT WHAT
WE LOVE WILL RUIN US.



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IN THE AGE OF SHOW BUSINESS" BY NEIL POSTMAN...
... A BOOK ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY THAT HUXLEY, NOT ORWELL, WAS RIGHT.

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NidStyles

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



Sort of have both going on these days... 21:47 | [5025584](#)

esprit

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



I love pistols and hand grenades, but hate phones, teevees, and computers. 21:54 | [5025602](#)

Is there another choice except for Fema Camp Re-education or the prison industry?

Yes We Can. But...

Wed, 07/30/2014



I fear that our collective slovenliness will ruin us - 22:02 | [5025646](#)

Skateboarder

Wed,



Georgus Huxwell. 07/30/2014 - 22:17 | [5025693](#)

That's the best I got. Kind of sums up the amalgam of the manifestations of the predictive grammatical writing of the two authors.

Pladizow

Wed,



Huxley was Orwell's professor. 07/30/2014 - 22:22 | [5025722](#)

Xibalba

Wed,

 Wall-E vs. Idiocracy 07/30/2014

- 22:45 |

[5025812](#)

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0910970/> vs

http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0387808

gotta put up a moving picture for all the athletes out there.

Bingo Hammer

Wed,



It's very sad that 07/30/2014

George Orwell's - 22:49 |

1984 was a near [5025827](#)

complete rip off the book

"WE" by Yevgeny Zamyatin and sadder still that few people are aware of his near total plagiarism...

<http://www.theguardian.com/books/booksblog/2009/jun/08/george-orwell-198...>

whatthecurtains

Thu,



That's bullshit. 07/31/2014

Both are - 09:34 |

dystopian [5026901](#)

novels but Orwell goes

more in depth on the manipulation of language to control the masses than Zamyatin does in We.

palmereldritch

Thu,



Huxley was Orwell's 07/31/2014

professor. - 01:11 |

Correct. In 1917 Aldous [5026236](#)

Huxley briefly taught Orwell French at Eton. Years later he sent Orwell a letter praising *Nineteen Eighty-Four* and suggesting by a brief comparison that his dystopia was more probable.

The letter is here:

<http://www.infowars.com/1984-v-brave-new-world/>

And the disturbing last paragraph is excised here:

Within the next generation I believe that the world's rulers will discover that infant conditioning and narco-hypnosis are more efficient, as instruments of government, than clubs and prisons, and that the lust for power can be just as completely satisfied by suggesting people into loving their servitude as by flogging and kicking them into obedience. In other words, I feel that the nightmare of Nineteen Eighty-Four is destined to modulate into the nightmare of a world having more resemblance to that which I imagined in Brave New World. The change will be brought about as a result of a felt need for increased efficiency. Meanwhile, of course, there may be a large scale biological and atomic war — in which case we shall have nightmares of other and scarcely imaginable kinds.

Thank you once again for the book.

Yours sincerely,

Aldous Huxley

For proper context on Aldous Huxley one has to keep in mind that his brother was an ardent eugenicist and laid the foundations for the Transhumanist movement. As founder of the UN's UNESCO, Julian Huxley articulated its agenda here:

<http://www.infowars.com/the-mass-media-division-of-unesco/>

*"Taking the **techniques of persuasion and information and true propaganda** that we have learnt to apply nationally in war, and deliberately bending them to the international tasks of peace, if necessary utilising them, as Lenin envisaged, to "overcome the resistance of millions" to desirable change..."*

Orwell's book was a hyperbolic warning to humanity based on his intimate knowledge of war and the inner workings of London's murky intelligence death merchants. Realpolitik writ large.

Huxley's book was more a fatalistic and aspirational ode, a smug travelogue destined by the blueprint of Fabian socialist engineers

bent on global domination.

Hard kill vs soft kill.

Hero vs villain.

Pick your poison.

MachoMan

Thu,



I believe they're both right, but if you have to

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- 08:58 |

[5026754](#)

choose, then Huxley is

the clear winner. If you presume that society runs in circles, slowly stair-stepping, like a malfunctioning rocket doing loops as it heads higher in the sky, then Orwell merely described a single loop of the rocket. On the other hand, Huxley described not only his own loop, but what would happen when the rocket ran out of fuel. To put it another way, I believe Orwell correctly described the acts of many governments at the time and Huxley correctly described contemporary and future governments.

The biggest fear that I have is that Huxley is so correct, that society will free itself from cycles of cycles within cycles... that the traditional upheaval and political change associated with humans will become a much more distant endeavor and that we're witnessing the end game of political choice. If pitched correctly, then this might sound like a good thing, but there's always a catch.

PS, Orwell's "boot stamping on a face, forever" comment wasn't logistically possible through his thesis due to the resource demands to keep up such an apparatus, however Huxley's world suffers no such shortcoming.

palmereldritch

Thu,



Huxley was correcting Orwell

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- 21:48 |

[5030772](#)

because he knew the plan as set.

Huxley was a committed cultist. Orwell was also an insider but learned in the field, on the ground, the real human cost of the insanity of these psycho-social architects.

Orwell had a soul and was human. He is a hero and we should be forever grateful.

Conversely, don't confuse Huxley's intellect with art or humanities....

August

Wed,



Good citizens get Huxley'd.

07/30/2014

- 23:12 |

[5025937](#)

Bad citizens get Room 101.

TeethVillage88s

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



Black & White Thinking as Cognitive Dissonance.

22:10 | [5025672](#)

To be honest if you have been around control freaks or the military you lose part of your ability to watch movies, enjoy art, or laugh at jokes. Which is where I find myself sometimes with William Banzi.

I'm a little unread in the George Orwell (not his real name) and Adolphus Huxley stuff.

But I was always a fan of movies and comix even alternative comix stuff.

- Seems to me, I see both the use of technology & Propaganda kicking me in the Shorts.

- Seems to me, people are idiots, people cheer for stupid sports teams and will take a tribal side while defending their favorite without examining any philosophy or realizing that it was appropriate to apply philosophy.

- I have suffered for bringing up simple ideas about the existence of propaganda, so don't talk about this at "Work" or in front of unknown "Military Types" or unknown "Rural types".

- If people around you are shouting for sport teams it is all fun, but don't mention

politics, in Europe the people shouting in another language may be Neo-nazis who hate foreigners of all kinds... hard to tell the difference going though train hubs or bus hubs.

Is this article espousing putting one of these guys on a pedestal? Or holding them as the one true Christ? I mean talk about cognitive dissonance.

Recommended: School spirit is good and fine, but learn about political systems, history, US Behavior in WWII, covert US Military Activities, Stay Behind Armies in Europe, Operation Gladio, Daniele Ganser of Switzerland (SIPER). Study corruption and watchdog groups. Study Financial Conflict of Interest. Study Banking and maybe start with David Cay Johnston's books "Free Lunch" and "Perfectly Legal".

Falling Down

Wed, 07/30/2014



I read 1984 as a 10 year old. - 22:43 |

David Cay Johnston is a Big Gubmint control freak of the lowest order. He and his wife are part of the local Illuminati here in town. [5025804](#)

tickhound

Wed,



"I read 1984 as a 10 year old." 07/30/2014 - 22:53 |

Which means that entire generation is a terrorist threat. [5025843](#)

Save_America1st

Wed,



The "terrorist threat" is actually our entire government and their scumbag followers: treasonous citizens (DHS, TSA, CIA, NSA, other local, state and federal law enforcement, etc.), illegal invaders and their supporters, the criminal banksters, the lap-dog media filth and their ilk all throughout the internet, Marxists within our entire educational system from bottom to top, and last but not least the Free Shit Army. 07/30/2014 - 23:36 | [5026021](#)

They all are the threat to our freedom and liberty. They are are greatest enemies...they are the biggest threat to our rights and freedom; not the Al Quaida terrorists who fight on the other side of the world.

"A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banner openly. But the traitor moves amongst those within the gate freely, his sly whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears not a traitor; he speaks in accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their face and their arguments, he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He rots the soul of a nation, he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of the city, he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to fear. The traitor is the plague."

Marcus Tullius Cicero ~ 58 B.C.

Cicero was predicting as well as depicting obama, because history even as far back as in Cicero's time and ever since then until today has been rife with sociopath traitors just like obama and the rest of his kind that have infected and rot our entire political and economic system world-wide like a deadly cancerous tumor that will extinguish life and freedom as we used to know it.

TeethVillage88s

Wed,



Maybe he reads the Federal register and you and I don't? 07/30/2014 - 23:05 | [5025862](#)

<https://www.federalregister.gov/>

Of course you may not read shit. U might be a beat off that can't post a single link or article to back up your big fat mouth. We get those in here.

Can't propose shit since you have been dominated by a conservative your whole life.

and you can't write either. You are Dumb, both verbally & mentally.

Thanks for sharing.

what's that smell

Thu,



the author of the article must be over 50....no gameboy or ms pacman or joystick or smartphone in the huxley column.

07/31/2014 - 05:58 | [5026456](#)

TeethVillage88s

Wed,



Falling Down; Hey do you even know what "lowest Order" means.

07/30/2014 - 23:04 | [5025899](#)

Well you ain't in the inside. You will get slammed by all possible futures for the USA since you are either a low wage schmo or someone sucking on uncle Sam's tit for a living. Government Contractor? I know the type. USA, USA, but really you are just a greedy fuck looking for bonus money, promotions, and the next better job.

You should try being an Entrepreneur. Stop leaching off Tax Payers. What you need Government Subsidies to keep the game going? How sad...

DavidCayJohnston

Thu,



David Cay Johnston here... Big government control freak?

07/31/2014 - 22:26 | [5030186](#)

On what basis would anyone say that?

Because my books champion competitive markets? Because my work exposes the capture of government regulatory agencies by powerful interests so they serve those interests at the expense of the public? Because I teach my students that the best regulations are self-reinforcing of virtuous behavior? And that such rules require the least government interference in the market? (And I show them examples of such simple virtuous rules and how those affected fight to get rid of them in favor of om-lex rules they can manipulate?)

Because I have defended the liberties of many many people abused by government, from the young man I got freed from life in prison by hunting down the real killer to the women who thought the men in their lives were boyfriends, but were really LAPD spies working on orders from the chief? Because I saved the jobs of honest cops who were up for dismissal because their integrity was inconvenient? Because I regularly expose -- as I did this week -- how government agencies that are supposed to balance the interests of customers and business owners act against the interest of consumers, authorizing price-gouging?

Because I have exposed corruption at every level of our society, resulting in changes that saved taxpayers literally hundreds of billions of dollars? (Note that B.)

Because I have exposed many dishonest journalists and broadcasters, in one case causing six broadcast stations to be sold because the owner abused his license by ordering news blackouts and manipulations and lied about it?

I have no idea who hides behind "Falling Down," but he or she obviously is not familiar with my work. Maybe, Falling Down is like Bill O'Reilly who boasted when I was on his show that he had read my latest book and then asked questions making it patently clear he had no idea what was in it.

Facts matter. Falling Down, you don't have any.

Pladizow

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



22:21 | [5025710](#)

BanksterSlayer

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



Agreed. Huxley fits 49.9% of the population. Orwell fits another 49.9%. The fractional remainder are awakened ZeroHedge readers.

23:44 | [5026051](#)

Radical Marijuana

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I agree with your guesstimated percentages, *BanksterSlayer*.

- 00:02 | 5026104

Mr Poopra

Thu, 07/31/2014

*BanksterSlayer*. Sir, i approve of this name.

- 04:10 | 5026402

Radical Marijuana

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Yeah, it is obviously BOTH, with Orwell being the foundation for Huxley, as well as the back-up enforcement to be rough and ready Orwellian, if the sophisticated Huxleyian methods fail. It has always been soft power backed by hard power, lies backed by violence. They both work together, through generation after generation. The more successful the Orwellian, then the more that the Huxleyian can also become successful.

Power and information are on a continuum. (That is a scientific fact, as well as a cliché truism.) The Orwellian tended to be more towards power, while the Huxleyian was more towards the information end. However, they were never separate, and were never divisible. Human history has always been based on deceptions backed by destruction, while the biggest bullies' bullshit goes back into prehistory, until there were no longer *Homo sapiens*, but other apes basically doing similar things.

The main differences are due to the contradictions between progress in science and technology being channeled through social pyramid systems based on enforced frauds, which are driving civilizations towards runaway criminal insanities. The ruling classes had an interest in a perpetual war on the consciousness of those that they ruled over. We are now looking at the paradox of final failure from too much success at that! Too bad, so sad! So much for the future ...

Both the Orwellian and Huxleyian methods are profound tragedies for the human species, since both work through schedules of reinforcement whereby frauds are enforced, to the point that almost everyone ends up operating through attitudes of evil deliberate ignorance, in order to adapt to living inside of those systems, where everything is more and more dominated by the biggest bullies' bullshit. BOTH MANIFEST AS SYSTEMS OF LEGALIZED LIES, BACKED BY LEGALIZED VIOLENCE, WHEREIN THE GOVERNMENT BECOMES THE BIGGEST FORM OF ORGANIZED CRIME, CONTROLLED BY THE BEST ORGANIZED GANG OF CRIMINALS, WHICH TURNS THE FOUNDATIONS OF CIVILIZATION INTO ABSURD STATE RELIGIONS.

Anybody

Thu, 07/31/2014



Re: Radical Marijuana @

- 09:40 | 5026929

"has always been soft power backed by hard power, lies backed by violence"

00:03

Very true. Excellent summary.

Cat Sniper

Thu, 07/31/2014 -



+ 100 We have an huge excess of irrelevant fluff and dumbing down of the population. In concert with MSM selective reporting of events. To get even a hint of what is going on around us we need to access several non-MSM news sources, even then the picture is cloudy at best.

goneYonder

Thu, 07/31/2014 -



Thesis. Antithesis. Synthesis.

09:33 | 5026898

Maybe?

The_Virginian

Fri, 08/01/2014 -



Reminds me of Herbert Spencer and Beatrice Webb...uncle/niece supposedly from different sides of the political spectrum. Realized on Spencer's death bed that their goal - the control of the common man - was the same. They only disagreed on the method. One was

explicit, one was implicit.

Here's a great podcast on this that's part of a larger, fantastic series on the parallels between progressivism and the Third Reich.

<http://schoolsucksproject.com/135-the-american-way-expanded-2-of-3-pyrom...>

icanhasbailout

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



ZH is all that keeps me sane between body cavity searches

21:48 | [5025586](#)

esprit

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



Such is life outside the Matrix.

21:55 | [5025616](#)

Statetheist

Wed, 07/30/2014



Unless you're an anarchist and atheist, you are still in the matrix.

- 22:09 | [5025666](#)

TeamDepends

Wed,



You're an errand boy, sent by grocery clerks.

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22:14 | [5025688](#)

Apply Force

Wed,



You say anarchist AND atheist - so the Amish are still in the matrix?

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22:14 | [5025690](#)

Anusocracy

Wed,



Yup.
"Men will never be free until the last king is strangled with the entrails of the last priest."
Denis Diderot

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- 22:21 | [5025720](#)

PT

Wed,



The truth is out there for those who bother to look.

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- 23:44 | [5026052](#)

Worth reading the whole story but I don't want to take up too much space here. Funnily enough, from a religious book:

1 Samuel 8:

¹⁰ So Samuel told all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking for a king from him. ¹¹ He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen and to run before his chariots. ¹² And he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³ He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴ He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his servants. ¹⁵ He will take the tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and to his servants. ¹⁶ He will take your male servants and female servants and the best of your young men^[a] and your donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷ He will take the tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸ And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you

have chosen for yourselves, but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

PT

Wed,



Okay, maybe that book is outdated. Back then the king only took a **tenth** of your stuff.

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- 23:49 |
[5026063](#)

NidStyles

Wed,



Odd, says nothing about religious beliefs in that quote.

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- 23:46 |
[5026056](#)

Quus Ant

Wed,



You traded one matrix for another.
But you did choose some interesting labels.

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22:22 |
[5025723](#)

barre-de-rire

Thu,



in matrix you can be conscious to be inside the matrix.

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04:17 |
[5026407](#)

in fact it is very realistic, we can live without, but regulary we need to go inside to make some stuff.

this movie above the machines electric rioting conception, it is very adapted to the actual geopolitical world

TeamDepends

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



Can't we all just get along? No? Well we think you are wrong! People can change. WAIT! NOooooo! Don't taze me, bro!!!! AAIIIIIEEEEE!!!

22:11 | [5025675](#)

Rican

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



"So, who's right?"

Both.

21:50 | [5025594](#)

isolato

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



I think we ended up with a bit of both really. Orwell never dreamed we would embrace our i-overlord and Huxley misunderstood the "will to power"

21:51 | [5025601](#)

NidStyles

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



If there is one thing I am convinced of in this world, it's that people will continually mistranslate Nietzsche to great despair.

23:49 | [5026066](#)

Spastica Rex

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



Philip K. Dick feared that none of this is quite what it seems.

21:54 | [5025607](#)

logicalman

Wed, 07/30/2014 -

1+1=

The problem with that kind of thought is that if you run with the concept you are in great danger of disappearing up your own arsehole.

22:00 | [5025633](#)

tommus

Wed, 07/30/2014



disappearing up your own arsehole would be a good skill to have in certain circumstances...

- 22:57 | [5025865](#)

PT

Wed,



I would agree with you but I do worry that there would be some who would dare to follow you.

07/30/2014 - 23:55 | [5026081](#)

aardwolf

Thu,



LOL this is a funny exchange!!

07/31/2014 - 07:32 | [5026547](#)

I have to say you Americans can be seriously funny when you want to be!! Shame most of your comedys aren't as funny as you guys! Thanks Zerohedge!

potato

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



We are told: only Big Pharma should be legally allowed to dispense and profit from **soma**.

21:54 | [5025609](#)

TeethVillage88s

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



- which witch?
- many

22:23 | [5025705](#)

- Vedic ritual drink
- Soma (carisoprodol) is used treat injuries
- Soma Intimates offers an exclusive collection of women's lingerie
- What I call my hoo-ha
- Designer and maker of steel bicycle frames
- Soma Water
- SOMA is a sci-fi horror game from Frictional Games
- Space Station Soma: electronica commercial-free radio from SomaFM
- System Open Market Account (SOMA) serve as a management tool

IllusionOfChoice

Wed, 07/30/2014



Soma is the drug that lulls the populace in Brave New World.

- 23:48 | [5026060](#)

dynomutt

Thu, 07/31/2014



SoMa - South of Market in San Francisco?

- 12:55 | [5027828](#)

Al Huxley

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



They were both right - Brave New World for the complicit and docile, 1984 for the dissenters. BTW, what time does tonight's '2 Minute Hate' start at? I hear we're doing Russia again, and I really like that one.

22:01 | [5025610](#)

Oldwood

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



Like arguing between Austrian and Keynesian economics when the real

problem is power and corruption. We are being drown in information and disinformation, set free to smoke pot while living under continuous surveillance. Infinite connectivity yet millions living in isolation, lacking all personal interaction.

They were both right. We must have the multitudes numbed into complacency due to complete immersion and the sense of futility that any resistance would be effective, and the power of force and intimidation for the rest of us. And they will use the brain dead compliant to oppress those holdouts. It cannot be done with one or the other, they must have BOTH.

IllusionOfChoice

Wed, 07/30/2014



I have a felling you're correct on the marijuana legalization. It easily could be a decision to

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5026075

keep a segment of the populace content enough not to pursue more extensive change elsewhere.

Radical Marijuana

Thu,



Certainly, the mainstream morons that the mass media tend to recognize as

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the "leaders" of the "legalize

marijuana" movements are mostly more controlled opposition. Yet, I still tend to believe the old-fashioned notion that marijuana is like *Popeye's Spinach for the Mind*.

Pot prohibition is "ending" by going through a sort of psychotic breakdown, that *MIGHT* be symbolic of the tide turning, while also symbolic of how that was a small component in an overall system of legalized lies, backed by legalized violence, which are all headed towards psychotic breakdowns for similar reasons: **BACKING UP LIES WITH VIOLENCE NEVER MAKES THOSE LIES BECOME TRUE, BUT ONLY DRIVES SOCIETY TO BECOME MORE INSANE!**

Criminalizing cannabis cultivation was always the single simplest symbol, and the most extreme particular example, of the ways that everything else worked. Only a culture that was completely crazy and corrupt to the core would have ever criminalized cannabis ... Yet, so far, the trends towards "legalizing marijuana" are still primarily neoprohibitionist regimes, which are based on practical political compromises with the original huge lies about marijuana. In that sense, there is very little based on radical Hemp Truth which is presented in the mainstream "legalize marijuana" movements.

More interesting questions are about more Radical Truth in general. *How far down the rabbit hole does Alice go? How far up the tornado does Dorothy go?* It is also interesting how the tipping point in American public opinions has only been hit during the last year or so. One's opinions about pot politics tend to be integrated aspects within the set of political opinions one holds. In that sense, even the slightest degree of emergence of more radical Hemp Truth is *PERHAPS* a significant beachhead of more Radical Truth generally.

In my current view, after one more fully understands the magnitude of our problems, all possible political "solutions" appear to now be too little, too late, and too trivial to matter much any more ??? But nevertheless, my macabre sense of humour is tickled by these examples of changes in mainstream mass media public opinions:

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/07/30/opinion/high-time-evolving...>

1966 *New York Times*:

Experience has tragically demonstrated that marijuana is not "harmless. For a considerable number of young people who try it, it is the first step down the fateful road to heroin.

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2014/07/27/opinion/sunday/high-time-m...>

2014 *New York Times*:

Claims that marijuana is a gateway to more dangerous drugs are as fanciful as the "Reefer Madness" images of murder, rape and suicide.

NOW, IF ONLY THERE WOULD BE SIMILAR SORTS OF POLITICAL MIRACLES TAKE PLACE REGARDING STATEMENTS THAT THE *NEW YORK TIMES* MADE ABOUT THE POLITICAL ECONOMY. **Hah!** Imagine the *New York Times* stating opinions in the future which were more consistent with the opinions one can find in *Zero Hedge* today!

radiobomb

Thu,



+1 RM, label users as criminals despite the 'victimless' angle..... handy for TPTB isnt it ?

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Paul McCartney once said [in court, prosecuted for growing, whilst a member of the Beatles]... someone gave me some seeds, and I grew them.

Oldwood

Thu,



My point wasn't that legal pot would necessarily be used to dumb us down, simply that it

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was part of liberalization, of pleasure seeking, that outside of drug effects it was all part of the great distraction. It says a lot to me that while so many of us are in fear of a complete and absolute tyranny we are also arguing about extending marital rights to homosexuals. Are we so concerned about expressing our sexual rights or dope smoking rights that they completely overshadow our actual freedom to come and go as we please, keep what we earn, retain the right of ownership, to defend ourselves, to grow our own food? I'm not trying to diminish anyone from wanting "their" rights. Simply we have lost all sense of priority. Wasn't Manhattan purchased with a handful of beads? Is there not a continuing discussion of bread and circuses? Isn't personal entertainment relevant to the discussion and is not drugs exactly that...entertainment?

But it seems people will fight to their death to defend their more personal "needs" than ever fight for the rights that apply to all of us that we all take for granted and are yet under the greatest attack.

We may well live under complete tyranny but as long as we can get high and watch gay porn on our computer, everything will be as right as rain.

The Gooch

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



I like Pink Floyd's version too.

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AlaricBalth

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



Roger Waters sans Pink Floyd. But you are right. It's a great song.

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Doctor Doctor what is wrong with me
This supermarket life is getting long
What is the heart life of a colour TV
What is the shelf life of a teenage queen
Ooh western woman
Ooh western girl
News hound sniffs the air
When Jessica Hahn goes down
He latches on to that symbol
Of detachment
Attracted by the peeling away of feeling
The celebrity of the abused shell the belle
Ooh western woman
Ooh western girl
And the children of Melrose
Strut their stuff
Is absolute zero cold enough
And out in the valley warm and clean
The little ones sit by their TV screens
No thoughts to think
No tears to cry
All sucked dry
Down to the very last breath
Bartender what is wrong with me
Why I am so out of breath
The captain said excuse me ma'am
This species has amused itself to death
Amused itself to death
Amused itself to death
We watched the tragedy unfold
We did as we were told
We bought and sold

It was the greatest show on earth
But then it was over
We oohed and aahed
We drove our racing cars
We ate our last few jars of caviar
And somewhere out there in the stars
A keen-eyed look-out
Spied a flickering light
Our last hurrah
And when they found our shadows
Groups 'round the TV sets
They ran down every lead
They repeated every test
They checked out all the data in their lists
And then the alien anthropologists
Admitted they were still perplexed
But on eliminating every other reason
For our sad demise
They logged the only explanation left
This species has amused itself to death
No tears to cry
No feelings left
This species has amused itself to death
Amused itself to death

<http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=BUBxZHQcOTs>

TeethVillage88s

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West End Girls.

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SofaPapa

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



Like always, the answer is yes. Both paradigms are active.

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The MSM and much of the internet represent Huxley. They have buried the population with so much BS that sorting truth from fiction is now an impossible task, and many simply quit and pay attention only to the amusing entertainments provided. It's easier and more fun that way, say many.

Drones, NDAA, Stop-and-Frisk, TSA, CIA, NSA, FBI, etc. etc. represent Orwell. Orwell is also represented perfectly by Junker's honesty. Just lie. Who cares if people know they're doing it. They're in control and they will crush anyone who tries to do anything about it (Hastings).

TPTB aren't picky. What works, they will use, as long as they maintain control. It's all they care about.

Gregor Samsa

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



I wonder what Orwell and Huxley would say if you told them that in the future, every citizen would have unlimited access to information and be able to look up the truth on almost any topic, and that it would CHANGE NOTHING.

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I Write Code

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And many would reject the truth for any number of trivial reasons,

and even more would never bother to look anything up.

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Publicus

Wed, 07/30/2014



Reject the truth is what kills me. I now refer to those as the old humans, about to be wiped out by Ebola.

Stock up on Vitamin C.

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SmackDaddy

Thu,



wait, so are you saying there werent dinosuars on noah's ark? gtfo!

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williambanzai7

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HOPE IS CHEAP

WilliamBanzai7/Colonel Flick HOPE IS CHEAP



IridiumRebel

Wed, 07/30/2014



This by far and away the best I've seen from you. This is brilliant. I cannot say it enough.

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Wow.

The Gooch

Wed, 07/30/2014



These "deductions" certainly are not fuckin' cheap.

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radiobomb

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Hope was a sin in ancient greece, because it allowed people to wish for something rather than act to acheive it.

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5026424

To use it as a political slogan shows the psy-op at work.

Oldwood Wed, 07/30/2014 -



You would be lucky to find four people on the hedge that would agree on what the TRUTH is. Volume only makes the truth easier to hide. I'm seldom sure about the answer but I'm always looking for the truth. Sometimes I think even that is a big fat pacifier.

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Amish Hacker Wed, 07/30/2014 -



The problem is we can only look up facts, not truth. Even when every known fact is freely available on a distributed database somewhere, non-trivial truths are arrived at only by a complicated process of human experience, inference, comparison, distillation, hypothesis, reflection, and so on.

What would make Orwell and Huxley sad isn't that no one reads, for example, Milton, but that people don't know they haven't read Milton.

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AlaricBalth Wed, 07/30/2014



Excellent comment. +1

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Gregor Samsa: Actually, I'm surprised at how easy it is to get to the "edge of the internet".

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I Write Code Wed, 07/30/2014 -



One says we will love what ruins us,
The other says we will hate what ruins us.

And the common element here is the kicker ain't it.

Will we hate what saves us,
Or love what saves us?

People are infinitely perverse.

If Orwell was too rational and that's a win for Huxley, so be it.

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Ban KKilller Wed, 07/30/2014 -



Cut to the chases, would you guys? We ruin us.

Centraized power is designed to fail.

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logicalman Wed, 07/30/2014 -



The controllers will use your mind against you, if you let them.

I think their motto is 'whatever works'

I have a big problem with being forced to be a piece in a game I want no part of.

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They will use **WHATEVER WORKS!!!**

Hammer, meet nail's head, courtesy of Mr logicalman.

Everything else is just propaganda, which they will use if it makes things easier for them. They will use whatever works.

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alien-IQ Wed, 07/30/2014 -



2011: A Brave New Dystopia
by
Chris Hedges

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The two greatest visions of a future dystopia were George Orwell's "1984" and Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World." The debate, between those who watched our descent towards corporate totalitarianism, was who was right. Would we be, as Orwell wrote, dominated by a repressive surveillance and security state that used crude and violent forms of control? Or would we be, as Huxley envisioned, entranced by entertainment and spectacle, captivated by technology and seduced by profligate consumption to embrace our own oppression? It turns out Orwell and Huxley were both right. Huxley saw the first stage of our enslavement. Orwell saw the second.

We have been gradually disempowered by a corporate state that, as Huxley foresaw, seduced and manipulated us through sensual gratification, cheap mass-produced goods, boundless credit, political theater and amusement. While we were entertained, the regulations that once kept predatory corporate power in check were dismantled, the laws that once protected us were rewritten and we were impoverished. Now that credit is drying up, good jobs for the working class are gone forever and mass-produced goods are unaffordable, we find ourselves transported from "Brave New World" to "1984." The state, crippled by massive deficits, endless war and corporate malfeasance, is sliding toward bankruptcy. It is time for Big Brother to take over from Huxley's feelies, the orgy-porgy and the centrifugal bumble-puppy. We are moving from a society where we are skillfully manipulated by lies and illusions to one where we are overtly controlled.

Orwell warned of a world where books were banned. Huxley warned of a world where no one wanted to read books. Orwell warned of a state of permanent war and fear. Huxley warned of a culture diverted by mindless pleasure. Orwell warned of a state where every conversation and thought was monitored and dissent was brutally punished. Huxley warned of a state where a population, preoccupied by trivia and gossip, no longer cared about truth or information. Orwell saw us frightened into submission. Huxley saw us seduced into submission. But Huxley, we are discovering, was merely the prelude to Orwell. Huxley understood the process by which we would be complicit in our own enslavement. Orwell understood the enslavement. Now that the corporate coup is over, we stand naked and defenseless. We are beginning to understand, as Karl Marx knew, that unfettered and unregulated capitalism is a brutal and revolutionary force that exploits human beings and the natural world until exhaustion or collapse.

"The Party seeks power entirely for its own sake," Orwell wrote in "1984." "We are not interested in the good of others; we are interested solely in power. Not wealth or luxury or long life or happiness: only power, pure power. What pure power means you will understand presently. We are different from all the oligarchies of the past, in that we know what we are doing. All the others, even those who resembled ourselves, were cowards and hypocrites. The German Nazis and the Russian Communists came very close to us in their methods, but they never had the courage to recognize their own motives. They pretended, perhaps they even believed, that they had seized power unwillingly and for a limited time, and that just round the corner there lay a paradise where human beings would be free and equal. We are not like that. We know that no one ever seizes power with the intention of relinquishing it. Power is not a means; it is an end. One does not establish a dictatorship in order to safeguard a revolution; one makes the revolution in order to establish the dictatorship. The object of persecution is persecution. The object of torture is torture. The object of power is power."

The political philosopher Sheldon Wolin uses the term "inverted totalitarianism" in his book "Democracy Incorporated" to describe our political system. It is a term that would make sense to Huxley. In inverted totalitarianism, the sophisticated technologies of corporate control, intimidation and mass manipulation, which far surpass those employed by previous totalitarian states, are effectively masked by the glitter, noise and abundance of a consumer society. Political participation and civil liberties are gradually surrendered. The corporation state, hiding behind the smokescreen of the public relations industry, the entertainment industry and the tawdry materialism of a consumer society, devours us from the inside out. It owes no allegiance to us or the nation. It feasts upon our carcass.

The corporate state does not find its expression in a demagogue or charismatic leader. It is defined by the anonymity and facelessness of the corporation. Corporations, who hire attractive spokespeople like Barack Obama, control the uses of science, technology, education and mass communication. They control the messages in movies and television. And, as in "Brave New World," they use these tools of communication to bolster tyranny. Our systems of mass communication, as Wolin writes, "block out, eliminate whatever might introduce qualification, ambiguity, or dialogue, anything that might weaken or complicate the holistic force of their creation, to its total impression."

The result is a monochromatic system of information. Celebrity courtiers, masquerading as journalists, experts and specialists, identify our problems and patiently explain the parameters. All those who argue outside the imposed parameters are dismissed as irrelevant cranks, extremists or members of a radical left. Prescient social critics, from Ralph Nader to Noam Chomsky, are banished. Acceptable opinions have a range of A to B. The culture, under the tutelage of these corporate courtiers, becomes, as Huxley noted, a world of cheerful conformity, as well as an endless and finally fatal optimism. We busy ourselves buying products that promise to change our lives, make us more beautiful, confident or successful as we are steadily stripped of rights, money and influence. All messages we receive through these systems of communication, whether on the nightly news or talk shows like "Oprah," promise a brighter, happier tomorrow. And this, as Wolin points out, is "the same ideology that invites corporate executives to exaggerate profits and conceal losses, but always with a sunny face." We have been entranced, as Wolin writes, by "continuous technological advances" that "encourage elaborate fantasies of individual prowess, eternal youthfulness, beauty through surgery, actions measured in nanoseconds: a dream-laden culture of ever-expanding control and possibility, whose denizens are prone to

fantasies because the vast majority have imagination but little scientific knowledge.”

Our manufacturing base has been dismantled. Speculators and swindlers have looted the U.S. Treasury and stolen billions from small shareholders who had set aside money for retirement or college. Civil liberties, including habeas corpus and protection from warrantless wiretapping, have been taken away. Basic services, including public education and health care, have been handed over to the corporations to exploit for profit. The few who raise voices of dissent, who refuse to engage in the corporate happy talk, are derided by the corporate establishment as freaks.

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.” The public, at some point, will have to face some very unpleasant truths. The good-paying jobs are not coming back. The largest deficits in human history mean that we are trapped in a debt peonage system that will be used by the corporate state to eradicate the last vestiges of social protection for citizens, including Social Security. The state has devolved from a capitalist democracy to neo-feudalism. And when these truths become apparent, anger will replace the corporate-imposed cheerful conformity. The bleakness of our post-industrial pockets, where some 40 million Americans live in a state of poverty and tens of millions in a category called “near poverty,” coupled with the lack of credit to save families from foreclosures, bank repossessions and bankruptcy from medical bills, means that inverted totalitarianism will no longer work.

We increasingly live in Orwell’s Oceania, not Huxley’s The World State. Osama bin Laden plays the role assumed by Emmanuel Goldstein in “1984.” Goldstein, in the novel, is the public face of terror. His evil machinations and clandestine acts of violence dominate the nightly news. Goldstein’s image appears each day on Oceania’s television screens as part of the nation’s “Two Minutes of Hate” daily ritual. And without the intervention of the state, Goldstein, like bin Laden, will kill you. All excesses are justified in the titanic fight against evil personified.

The psychological torture of Pvt. Bradley Manning—who has now been imprisoned for seven months without being convicted of any crime—mirrors the breaking of the dissident Winston Smith at the end of “1984.” Manning is being held as a “maximum custody detainee” in the brig at Marine Corps Base Quantico, in Virginia. He spends 23 of every 24 hours alone. He is denied exercise. He cannot have a pillow or sheets for his bed. Army doctors have been plying him with antidepressants. The cruder forms of torture of the Gestapo have been replaced with refined Orwellian techniques, largely developed by government psychologists, to turn dissidents like Manning into vegetables. We break souls as well as bodies. It is more effective. Now we can all be taken to Orwell’s dreaded Room 101 to become compliant and harmless. These “special administrative measures” are regularly imposed on our dissidents, including Syed Fahad Hashmi, who was imprisoned under similar conditions for three years before going to trial. The techniques have psychologically maimed thousands of detainees in our black sites around the globe. They are the staple form of control in our maximum security prisons where the corporate state makes war on our most politically astute underclass—African-Americans. It all presages the shift from Huxley to Orwell.

“Never again will you be capable of ordinary human feeling,” Winston Smith’s torturer tells him in “1984.” “Everything will be dead inside you. Never again will you be capable of love, or friendship, or joy of living, or laughter, or curiosity, or courage, or integrity. You will be hollow. We shall squeeze you empty and then we shall fill you with ourselves.”

The noose is tightening. The era of amusement is being replaced by the era of repression. Tens of millions of citizens have had their e-mails and phone records turned over to the government. We are the most monitored and spied-on citizenry in human history. Many of us have our daily routine caught on dozens of security cameras. Our proclivities and habits are recorded on the Internet. Our profiles are electronically generated. Our bodies are patted down at airports and filmed by scanners. And public service announcements, car inspection stickers, and public transportation posters constantly urge us to report suspicious activity. The enemy is everywhere.

Those who do not comply with the dictates of the war on terror, a war which, as Orwell noted, is endless, are brutally silenced. The draconian security measures used to cripple protests at the G-20 gatherings in Pittsburgh and Toronto were wildly disproportionate for the level of street activity. But they sent a clear message—DO NOT TRY THIS. The FBI’s targeting of antiwar and Palestinian activists, which in late September saw agents raid homes in Minneapolis and Chicago, is a harbinger of what is to come for all who dare defy the state’s official Newspeak. The agents—our Thought Police—seized phones, computers, documents and other personal belongings. Subpoenas to appear before a grand jury have since been served on 26 people. The subpoenas cite federal law prohibiting “providing material support or

resources to designated foreign terrorist organizations." Terror, even for those who have nothing to do with terror, becomes the blunt instrument used by Big Brother to protect us from ourselves.

"Do you begin to see, then, what kind of world we are creating?" Orwell wrote. "It is the exact opposite of the stupid hedonistic Utopias that the old reformers imagined. A world of fear and treachery and torment, a world of trampling and being trampled upon, a world which will grow not less but more merciless as it refines itself."

http://www.truthdig.com/report/item/2011_a_brave_new_dystopia_20101227

Implied Violins

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



Thanks for this. +1 for Chris Hedges turn-on.

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- In before net neutrality ends. Off to porn tube...while I still can.

Seer

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"The illusion of freedom will continue as long as it's profitable to continue the illusion. At the point where the illusion becomes too expensive to maintain, they will just take down the scenery, they will pull back the curtains, they will move the tables and chairs out of the way and you will see the brick wall at the back of the theater."

- Frank Zappa

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radiobomb

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excellent post Alien-IQ.

04:28 | [5026418](#)

I would just like to add that the state is overtly involved in 'doublespeak' in most facets of life already.

And corporate media does its best to feed the illusions.... one of the most powerful psy-ops in the uk was channel4 launching 'Big Brother' as reality TV-show. Taking a phrase that evoked sinister powergrab and mission-creep by TPTB, and applying it to a junk unscripted TV-show that lacks intelligence and became a public success on the back of print-media support accross the whole uk . A classic trashing of the perceived interpretation of this important phrase.

Bastards.

SillySalesmanQu...

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



They were both waaaaay ahead of their times... And both had a genuine sense of where the world and our masters of the universe were taking us.

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TeethVillage88s

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Not sure what you are talking about (oh, Huxley & Orwell (not his Real Name).

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But I would like to add that both

Moody Blues and Black Sabbath were ahead of their times as well.

But there are others like Led Zeppelin, and really in music it is about evolving. You start with one orientation unless you are really trained. And if you listen to other artist OR Listen to other Social Commentary. You Evolve if you are dynamic and the soul of Rock is about social commentary.

Well maybe...

tommus

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



we have no masters, we are slaves only to ourselves.

22:59 | [5025872](#)

reader2010

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



"People's time had to be offered to the production apparatus; the production apparatus had to be able to use people's living time, their time of existence. The control was exerted for that reason and in that form. Two things were necessary for industrial society to take shape. First, individuals' time must be put on the market, offered to those wishing to

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buy it, and buy it in exchange for a wage; and, second, their time must be transformed into labor time. That is why we find the problem of, and the techniques of, maximum extraction of time in a whole series of institutions.”

— Michel Foucault, Truth and Juridical Forms

ramacers

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ready the blade.

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TeethVillage88s

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Kaiser Blade.

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suicidalpsychologist

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life is vain and pointless. We re animals randomly killing each others indefinitely for partners and ressources until some major natural or man made cataclysm wipes us out of the surface of the planet. We re just another animal specie that wont adapt and disapear at some point.

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Seer

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We're genetically wired to trash the environment and kill each other. This how it will go.

23:12 | [5025938](#)

Most commenting on the human condition (Huxley and Orwell) flower it up way too much. Yes, we'll go through stages, stages such as Huxley and Orwell have written about; but, the stages that they wrote about were ones predestined by our clash with resource shortages.

As Dr. Albert Bartlett warned, our greatest failing lies in our inability to understand the exponential function. Huxley and Orwell were always lurking down that Growth Road...

Salsipuedes

Wed, 07/30/2014



"We . We. We." Bullshit. You fucking "Westerners We!" Not the other half of the planet the "We's" haven't got to yet. (O.K....30%). Hope springs eternal in the HUMBLE heart.

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suicidalpsychologist

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well they had books to sell, so happy endings and sugarcoating were necessary.

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Duffy Duck

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



don't exclude the middle.

22:29 | [5025752](#)

look it up if you don't know.

why are the usual suspects at the forefront of internet regulation, would you say?

Surging Chaos

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



I'd say today's current society is a three-headed monster of 1984, Brave New World, and Atlas Shrugged.

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TeethVillage88s

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



Certainly, yes, we see the "stated Purpose" of Public Leaders in the USA.

22:47 | [5025818](#)

Makes me wonder what the real agenda is.

But down this rabbit hole you learn a lot of history and read a lot of opinions and ...video/audio opinions.

One guy has me thinking about ancient Military Societies, but it is not just him. I also have looked about ancient sumer or Sumeria and see their laws dealt with the same things that we deal with today. Virtually the same society except for cultural references.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0GnFwapMZqU> Walter Veith on secret societies

Skull & Bones can be a rallying point for revolution. If Skull & Bones & Masons are subordinate to Jesuits & Military Knights Societies... like the knights of Malta.

The Jesuit mandate might be clear. check the video. But it says Jesuits worship Lucifer as gods first born son.

Seer

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"Makes me wonder what the real agenda is." - 23:18 | [5025950](#)

It's NOT complicated!

It's about survival. TPTB require that they, themselves, and their cultural environment survive. And because the current system is all they have, and is one that allows them to BE TPTB, it is a pretty sure bet that their "plan" is to keep doing what they've been doing for as long as they can.

Freewheelin Franklin

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Moderation in ALL things.

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22winmag

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Huxley by a car-length.

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"Two! TWO! Yes TWO spot on dudes in one!" It's the yin and yang of the cosmic comedy... 23:21 | [5025966](#)

tommus

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Why spend your days cataloguing the varieties of human lameness? Huxley was a wee bit of a sourpuss; Orwell was worse. 23:26 | [5025980](#)

Better to grok some Tim Leary or Robert Anton Wilson. Reality is only as dreary as you imagine it to be.

The rules of the road have been lodged; it's only peoples' games you've got to dodge...

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"Shakespeare never repeats." - My Grandfather 23:37 | [5026026](#)

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War on evil (Robert Wright)
Business as usual at the U.N. (Samantha Power)
• Transhumanism (Francis Fukuyama)
• Free money (Alice Rivlin)
• Undermining free will (Paul Davies)
• Spreading democracy (Eric Hobsbawm)
• Religious intolerance (Martha Nussbaum)
• Hating America (Fareed Zakaria)

*The World's Most Dangerous Ideas
Surmise what you will!*

tommus

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Why spend your days cataloguing the varieties of human lameness? Huxley was a wee bit of a sourpuss; Orwell was worse. 23:27 | [5025981](#)

Better to grok some Tim Leary or Robert Anton Wilson. Reality is only as dreary as you imagine it to be.

The rules of the road have been lodged; it's only peoples' games you've got to dodge...

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"What you alter in the remembering has yet a reality, known or not." Cormac McCarthy, 'The Road' 01:07 | [5026020](#)

Fuku Ben

Wed, 07/30/2014 -



No matter how right either one is almost nobody in the Land of the Lost has a clue or gives a sh*t. They all have the brains of Chaka. This topic could be the definitive proof of God or the meaning of life and it will still lose out to death and destruction or the dumbest sh*t on the planet by some phenomenal margin 23:39 | [5026036](#)

Youtube views

Aldous Huxley Vs George Orwell - 8258

Hippo vs Crocodile - 31,092,852

Miley Cyrus - Wrecking Ball - 690,670,262

alexcojones

Thu, 07/31/2014 -



Bravo FB+1000 00:21 | [5026140](#)

Miley for those Enslaved.

One Slave to Her 600 million Slaved attendants

Dublinmick

Thu, 07/31/2014 - 00:00



George Orwell was afraid we would produce a society who would not know what to read. Aldous Huxley in his "Brave New World," was afraid we would produce a society who could not read! | [5026101](#)

bshirley1968

Thu, 07/31/2014 - 00:12



Love both books. What Orwell wrote about resulted in the revolution that created America. What Huxley wrote about is what is and will destroy America. Hardship builds character, prosperity corrupts. And most of you on ZH can only think about how to get more. Watch out that you don't wake up one day and realize you are rotten to the core and are just jealous because someone is a little more rotten than you. I am seeking to myself as well. | [5026126](#)

kchrisc

Thu, 07/31/2014 - 00:43



I believe human history informs that Orwell is the more correct. | [5026187](#)

Based on what I am witnessing of just the local gun and badge thugs, I believe that Orwell is the more correct.

Thinking of Sandy Hoax also leads me to believe that Orwell is the more correct.

Observing the TSA in action has me believing that Orwell is the more correct.

The government's spying on all and everything causes me to believe that Orwell is the more correct.

"Is it time for the guillotines yet?!"

SilverIsMoney

Thu, 07/31/2014 - 00:45



Neither is right just yet. Ultimately Orwell will be right first and Huxley's world will be created on top of Orwell's world. | [5026192](#)

Everyone forgets there was no family in BNW and there was absolute population control as everyone was a test tube baby grown by the state until they could fulfill

their roles– ultimately Huxley's world cannot exist without Orwell's existing first.

BuckShotJones Thu, 07/31/2014 – 00:50



Huxley describes stage one which enables Orwell's stage two to be built. It is Winston's last free thought "*He had won the victory over himself. He loved Big Brother*" that brings us to Robert Hugh Benson's stage three described in his 1903 book "The Lord of the World". | [5026205](#)

Hook Line and S... Thu, 07/31/2014 – 00:58



Ignoring the secondary chancre is what kills most of us. | [5026218](#)

shouldvekilldthem Thu, 07/31/2014 – 01:39



My impression is that they combined these 2 quite efficiently. :) | [5026278](#)

onmail Thu, 07/31/2014 – 02:21



The last slide should have had a game controller too | [5026325](#)

Dublinmick Thu, 07/31/2014 – 02:39



We would rather forgive the evil proliferating all around us than the rebellion against it, which we mistake for the true evil – Arno Gruen (Betrayal of the Self) | [5026347](#)

CHX Thu, 07/31/2014 – 03:08



Ying and yang of the new normal. | [5026361](#)

Victor999 Thu, 07/31/2014 – 04:50



Both Huxley and Orwell are correct. Civilisation is too complex and both views will be seen active in today's society. | [5026428](#)

MassDecep Thu, 07/31/2014 –



Huxley is only Part 1 of this saga, Orwell is still to come. 07:12 | [5026519](#)

smacker Thu, 07/31/2014 – 05:25



It should be clear to most people that Orwell and Huxley are not mutually exclusive. They are simply two different views of the same evil future looked at from two different angles. What we have today is a combination of the two. Neither of them is more or less evil than the other because they both result in the authoritarian Almighty State taking over and running our lives. | [5026443](#)

Setarcos Thu, 07/31/2014 – 05:31



I loved both Orwell and Huxley from over fifty years ago, so I guess that I have some weight in the debate; but what I am going to say next is likely to have everyone down my throat and maybe Libertarians especially (ironically). | [5026444](#)

There is no "society" nor "culture" ... never has been since tribes got eliminated by civilization (living in cities).

Nationalism is fake "society and culture", whereas Libertarianism promotes the notion that the individual can "go it alone": which is impossible without massive collective cooperation, such as in the power industry which keeps ZH and bitcoin on line, or 'just' your own light bulb.

Whereas the typical Usan believes that individualism wins all – the myth of the Wild West – Putin knows well that humans can only survive by co-operating.

If you do not understand my post, then do not bother to reply.

smacker

Thu, 07/31/2014 –



I understand your post but I think you have a misguided view of "individualism" (a major plank of libertarianism).

06:26 | [5026475](#)

"Individualism" does not mean people "going it alone" as you claim. It means people voluntarily co-operating to achieve things of mutual benefit, eg: to build a new railway, road or school etc. The important thing is that they do it **voluntarily**.

It is different from "collectivism" which is a mandated order issued by The State, whereby The State decides what shall be done and then steals your money to pay for it. As we all know, The State invariably gets it wrong, leading to vast sums of malinvestment, corruption, hidden agendas and all the rest of it.

SweetDoug

Thu, 07/31/2014 – 06:08



| [5026462](#)

Read everything that Neil Postman wrote.

Awesome insights.

He is truly missed as one of the world's greatest thinkers.

I'm on the side of Huxley, but the idiots who run the world, like the Orwell version. More hands on.

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V-V

fiatmasochist

Sun, 08/03/2014 –



Thank you for the heads up...why I come to ZH...

02:50 | [5039706](#)

:"Did this comment add to the discussion?".....+100

falak pema

Thu, 07/31/2014 – 06:25



tweedle D and tweedle Dum of totalitarian dystopia.

| [5026474](#)

Damned if you hope and damned if you despair.

Humanity heading towards the electric chair.

Enjoy your hair being electrified like NSA/CIA Gitmo victim's underwear.

We'll all look like Einstein with his tongue hanging out but we will have been lobotomized by "yes we scan terrorists " cries, so no kudos for our IQ rating. Its back to the dark ages.

Terrorists, heretics, and Lord Ebola's dirty tricks.

Is that the new menu?

Clint Liquor

Thu, 07/31/2014 – 06:42



"I think we risk becoming the best informed society that has ever died of ignorance" Rueben Blades (b.1948)

| [5026490](#)

Super Hans

Thu, 07/31/2014 – 06:48



Animal Farm run by I-Phone toting crazed chimps dressed like humans.

| [5026497](#)

roadhazard

Thu, 07/31/2014 – 09:12



The internet is the drug that keeps people from protesting on the street.

| 5026808

Inspector Bird

Thu, 07/31/2014 - 09:58



Great analysis, but I think Huxley's off a bit. It's not like Libertarians haven't considered distractions as a fault. It's just that we don't consider it as big a problem as others do. If it was so effective, why does the government still employ Orwellian tactics?

Because most people are only distracted briefly, and a smaller sub group never is easily distracted.

So yes, both methods are employed because neither works effectively.

| 5026983

Winston Smith 2009

Thu, 07/31/2014 - 10:35



I note that others are in agreement with me that it wasn't Huxley alone who was correct.

This cartoon is apparently from a book entitled "*Amusing Ourselves to Death: Public Discourse in the Age of Show Business*," published in **1985**. Thus, there's a lot the comic's creator didn't get to take into consideration. I'm sure he'd make the proper call today - BOTH Huxley and Orwell were right. Carrot and stick, games and circuses throughout human history.

| 5027127