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## **COVID Consequences**

"This is a test of the emergency broadcast system." How many times have we heard or seen those words over the years? Yet here we are in a supposed bona fide emergency, and there aren't emergency broadcasts, only dictates handed down by governors.

Despite the lack of emergency broadcasts, there is a test happening — of the socialist indoctrination American students have been subjected to for generations. Government schools have progressively moved toward social-justice teachings and away from the blessings of liberty since the 1960s, and our current dilemma with COVID-19 is being used as a test ground to see how much socialism the current population is willing to put up with and for how long.

I believe that the forces of evil are trying to change the psyche of America to obtain the socialist brass ring, the final undoing of the Constitution. Governor Cuomo has said that America will be permanently changed. Others shadow his movements.

Between the hyper-sensationalism by all media, including Fox News, to the overthe-top closing down of the economy by all levels of government, the people are illegitimately being driven to hysteria, and that fear allows the changing of our country. All levels of government have failed to uphold liberty. Even parks and beaches have been closed. Though President Trump has instituted measured responses to the virus, he has been overshadowed by Johnny-comelately unprepared statewide responses.

A typical socialist ploy involves not being able to prove a negative, and we see that ploy being used now to build fear. We're told that we have to accept socialist controls to save our lives. But though we know that COVID-19 will end, we will never know for sure that the draconian measures handed down by governors in shutting down the economy saved any more lives than may have happened with a more targeted approach. Taiwan, for example, has fared very well without shuttering businesses or schools.

There were outrageous predictions of one million to two million American deaths from COVID-19. The only way these numbers will be true is if they include the loss of life that will occur if our response to COVID-19 causes economic collapse and poverty followed by anarchy and tyranny.

In this case I believe the cure is far more damaging to the country than the virus. The average American knows 600 people. It is unlikely that you will personally know someone who has succumbed to the virus. However, you will undoubtedly know someone or even many people whose lives will be harmed by government response. Of federal politicians, only Congressman Thomas Massie of Kentucky has taken a strong public stand against the onslaught.

While it is comical to see our vaunted press corps reporting the coronavirus hype from their basements, the forced shutdowns and four to 10 trillion dollars in added debt will devastate the economy. Twenty-five percent of shuttered businesses may never reopen.

As Joseph Pulitzer said, "Our Republic and its press will rise or fall together."

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## **Parents Beware**

Parents should beware of sending their kids off to a higher education if this is an example of it! According to a report by Campus Reform, an African-American politics course at Syracuse University requires that students read leftist filmmaker Michael Moore's book Stupid White Men, a dose of leftist indoctrination.

As the title suggests, the book includes controversial statements about race. In one chapter, which is not-too-subtly titled "Kill Whitey," Moore asks if all white people suffer from a shared low-grade mental illness.

Moore's book is nowhere close to an academic study or textbook worth reading. It is pure indoctrination against white people — particularly white men.

Michael Moore, who is a white man, is most likely bent on proving how woke he is to other progressives. Worse, the students were forced to give Moore, an avowed socialist, profit from the purchase.

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