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Eyes Open, Canada!

By Shawn Jason

People raising the alarm about Ottawa's growing surveillance-and-control agenda got labeled conspiracy theorists. Tinfoil hats. Fear-mongers. But underneath the noise that gets mocked sits something real. Read these bills through the eyes of lawyers, privacy commissioners, and civil liberties groups who studied them line by line, and you find the people dismissed as paranoid were often pointing to **real text in real legislation**. Not always perfectly, perhaps, but the instinct was right: **power is consolidating faster than the public can track**.

This is not left versus right. It is **the controlling class versus everyone else**. Let's go through these one at a time, and let's not pretend there is no case for any of it, because there is. The government's case is not the only thing happening, and what gets left out of the press release is usually **what matters most**.

C-9: A Law That Removed Brakes on Its Own Power

The *Combatting Hate Act* became law in June 2026, punishing hate-motivated violence outside places of worship, a goal almost nobody disputes. But it creates a hate crime offence that can push an underlying crime's penalty to **life imprisonment** once a court decides hatred was the motive, and Centre for Free Expression warns this could sweep in flags tied to Palestinian, Kurdish, or other liberation movements, since Canada's terrorist listing process is itself political.

More troubling, C-9 removed the requirement that the Attorney General sign off before a hate-propaganda charge could proceed. **Any prosecutor can act alone now**. It also repealed the long-standing "good faith religious opinion" defence for certain hate-propaganda offences—the kind of protection that let clergy preach difficult scripture without fearing the law. Faith leaders and over thirty thousand citizens who wrote their MPs said the same thing: **once government decides which words count as hatred, the goalposts move whenever government changes hands**.

C-34: Proving You Are Not a Minor

The *Safe Social Media Act* would ban social media accounts for anyone under sixteen, and that cannot be enforced by asking thirteen-year-olds to be honest. It has to **verify everyone's age**, since there is no way to find minors without checking everyone first.

The Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms put it plainly: the bill imposes a ban on some **at the expense of every Canadian's privacy, raising serious privacy and Charter concerns**.

Platforms are turning to third-party identity verifiers, the same facial scanning and document upload

share it with third parties, and **you have no legal standing to ask what they know**.

C-25: Year-Round Rules, With Convenient Gaps

The *Strong and Free Elections Act* extends interference rules, bribery, foreign collusion, and computer tampering to apply year-round instead of only during a campaign, a reasonable response since bad actors do not wait for a writ. But Conservative MPs argued the bill still leaves **a loophole for foreign money to flow into registered third-party groups**. It also tightens access to the voter list, a change lawyer Gerald Chipeur called **a cure worse than the disease**, since publication of the voter list had never produced documented harm.

It closes some doors. **It leaves others conveniently propped open**. And the people already closest to power are usually the ones who know which doors matter.

C-22: They Know Who You Called, Soon Where You Stood

The *Lawful Access Act* will require telecoms to retain **metadata on every Canadian for up to one year, suspected**

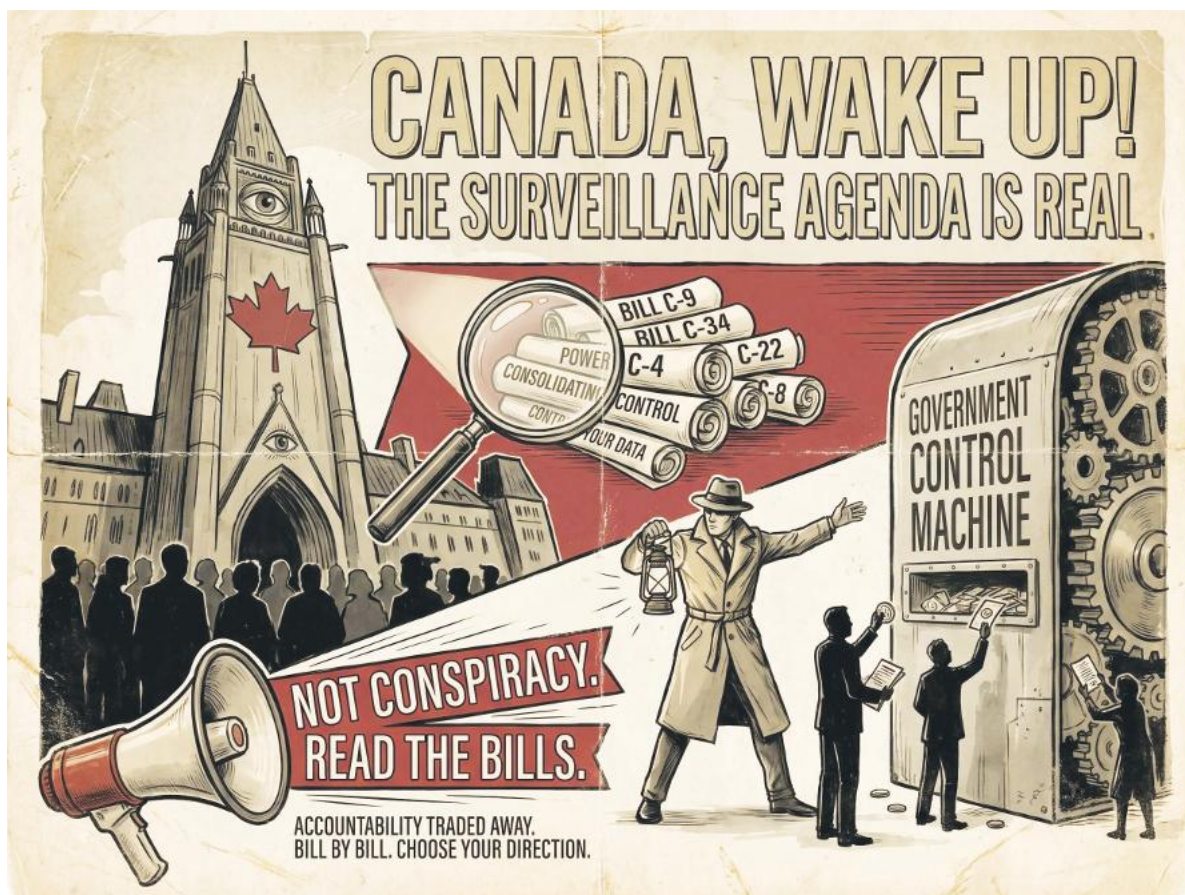
of anything or not, revealing who you called, when, and where you were. Geist called this one of the most privacy-invasive tools a government can deploy. The bill lowers the legal bar for confirming whether you use a service, from reasonable grounds to believe down to reasonable grounds to suspect, a standard the Canadian Bar Association called **the lowest threshold in our legal system**.

Apple warned it could force companies to break their own encryption. Meta said it would conscript private companies into government surveillance. Signal and several VPN providers **threatened to leave Canada entirely**. Citizen Lab warned it may pave the way for U.S. law enforcement to pull Canadians' data directly from Canadian companies, **bypassing our own courts**.

C-2 and C-12: Following Money, Sharing It With Everyone

Bill C-2 proposed sweeping financial-surveillance powers, including mandatory FINTRAC enrolment, broader information sharing, and **a ban on businesses, professionals, and charities accepting cash payments, donations, or deposits of \$10,000 or more**.

See 'We Already Watched This Happen' p.8



services used elsewhere, meaning **your face or government ID may now pass through a private company's servers** to keep using an app you've used for years. Newer technology can estimate age without confirming identity, which is fairer, but Canada's own privacy office has named the bigger risk out loud: **a system built to verify a population does not disappear once the rule changes**. It stays, available for the next purpose.

Function creep is not a conspiracy theory term. It is the phrase regulators use for this exact risk.

C-4: Your Data, Their Rules, No Recourse

While Canadians focused on grocery prices, Parliament passed an affordability bill that quietly **exempted federal political parties from provincial privacy law, retroactive to the year 2000**. Law professor Michael Geist called it one of the most dispiriting digital policy stories in recent memory. **No requirement to tell you why they collect your data. No consent requirement. No right to see what they hold on you. No retention limits**, meaning they can keep it forever.

The Senate demanded a sunset clause. The government rejected that and rushed the bill to royal assent with almost no debate. The party asking for your vote can build **a profile on your politics and behaviour**,



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Alto's Public Spin vs. Ottawa's Own Words

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Before Bill C-15, a property owner who objected to a Notice of Intention to Expropriate was **entitled to a public hearing**. These are in-person proceedings before an **independent hearing officer**, who would then report the findings to the Minister. This is sometimes referred to, including in submissions made to the Senate committee studying the bill, as a "**Hearing of Necessity**." Despite the removal of this process, **Alto asserts publicly on its website and in the press that citizens' rights have not been limited**.

On April 2, 2026, Alto published a blog post answering what it described as "one of the most frequently asked questions" from its public consultation process: Does Bill C-15 change a property owner's rights if their property is subject to expropriation? Alto's answer, in full:

"Bill C-15, which received Royal Assent on March 26, 2026, enacted the *High-Speed Rail Network Act*. This legislation aims to streamline and to improve the property acquisition process **without limiting citizens' rights**. For example, the right of preemption does not prevent a property owner from selling their property on the open market, and work restrictions do not prevent necessary maintenance. In addition, **the right to challenge an expropriation remains fully in force**, including through the submission of a written objection that must be reviewed before any decision is made."

Other parts of that statement are misleading (such as how difficult selling a property will actually be if placed under restrictions), but I'm focused on the **limits placed on property owner rights**.

Compare Alto's statement to what Transport Canada's legislative overview says about the same provision (this is a document published on the department's binder page and last modified June 17, 2026, about eleven weeks after Alto's FAQ went live):

"Public hearings: **The requirement to hold a public hearing if an objection to a contemplated expropriation has been received will not apply in the context of the initiative**. A person may still object to an

intended expropriation in writing."

The Government of Canada certainly understands the impact of the changes and talks about it openly internally. A briefing note prepared for the Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, dated March 17, 2026 (about two weeks before Alto's FAQ was published) describes the legislation in similar terms to Transport

Bill C-15 was passed by the Senate and received royal assent on March 26, 2026. It allows:

- 1** **Faster approvals:** Cabinet can designate the rail corridor early, limiting later challenges or changes.
- 2** **Land access & expropriation:** The government can more easily enter, acquire, or expropriate land needed for the project.
- 3** **Reduced oversight:** Some usual environmental, planning, and regulatory steps can be streamlined or bypassed.
- 4** **Less local control:** Municipalities, conservation authorities, landowners, and communities have fewer formal levers once the corridor is approved.

Screenshot from www.ALTNO.ca

Canada's internally facing public binder, not to Alto's public-facing language. The note, released under Access to Information request A-2026-00032, states that the *High-Speed Rail Network Act*, "introduces major efficiencies including prohibition of work and right of first refusal tools, **removal of public hearing requirements**, and **streamlined expropriation**."

They didn't even bother redacting that sentence. It isn't seen as controversial or commercially sensitive. It's literally the law. **Citizens' hearing rights were removed to expedite expropriation and facilitate Alto's land acquisition activities**.

The text of the *High-Speed Rail Network Act* is not ambiguous, and Transport Canada's plain-language summary of it is not ambiguous either. **The independent public hearing requirement is gone for this project**. A written objection is **not a substitute for a full public hearing**; it is a different, narrower mech-

anism, reviewed by the same minister who is also responsible for the project's success. **Who would trust that to be an impartial process? Not me**. But what do I know? I've spent most of my career, until recently, litigating in impartial tribunals and courts while ensuring fair hearings for my clients.

While hearings and due process may seem burdensome, research in the justice sector has shown that people tend to be better able to accept negative outcomes if they are presented with an opportunity to be heard by an independent adjudicator through a fair process. **Not having the opportunity for such a hearing is one reason why I'm litigating my case against this project now, urgently and publicly**.

Expropriations will happen "immediately" upon filing of the Impact Assessment project definition (according to MacKinnon). As a result, land between Ottawa and Montreal will be acquired in late 2026 and early 2027 (after they file the Impact Assessment project description) for a project that will: a) **not have a final investment decision**, b) **not have any results from the impact assessment process which identifies the actual impacts of the project** and c) (at this rate) **before any business case or impact reports about this project has been released to the public at all**. Add to all of this the fact that **hearing rights were removed**, and it all starts to **feel very dystopian** to be a resident in the corridor.

After Bill C-15, what remains is the ability to submit a written objection, which will be reviewed by the Minister of Transport, who will make the final decision. Given his and his government's political interests in this project, I certainly wouldn't trust the Minister with such a process. He clearly has an interest in the outcome. **There is no public hearing, no independent officer, and no public accountability**.

How is that not a limit on citizens' rights?

Justice sector research on the importance of having a fair and independent hearing process is available at Druthers.ca

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- **The Crown has withdrawn a \$28,872.50 ticket issued to Nova Scotia veteran Jeffrey Evely for violating the province's controversial 2025 "woods ban,"** after the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia ruled the blanket restriction unconstitutional. The Court found the government failed to properly consider Canadians' Charter rights—including mobility rights—before prohibiting access to most wooded areas in the province.

- **A federal jury awarded nearly \$12.7 million to Lisa Domski after finding that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan unlawfully discriminated against her by denying her religious exemption request to its COVID-19 vaccine mandate and firing her after more than three decades with the company.** The verdict sends a strong reminder that employers must seriously consider sincerely held religious beliefs and cannot simply dismiss them when enforcing workplace policies.

- **A parliamentary committee has recommended that Ottawa not expand MAiD to people whose sole condition is mental illness.** The planned expansion is currently delayed until March 2027, but the committee says Canada should keep the exclusion in place indefinitely.

- **The trespassing case against Dr. Frances Widdowson has been stayed, ending the prosecution that followed her 2025 arrest at the University of Victoria.** Widdowson was arrested (and briefly jailed) after attempting to hold a public discussion on campus about disputed claims surrounding unmarked graves at former residential schools. The Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms, which supported her legal defence, called the outcome an important victory for freedom of expression and open inquiry, since criminalizing peaceful discussion has no place at a taxpayer-funded university.

- **US President Trump signed an executive order directing federal agencies to accelerate research, regulatory review, and allow patient access to investigational psychedelic therapies—including ibogaine compounds—for serious mental illness.** It's a stunning blow to the pharmaceutical industry,

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especially as growing research suggests that a single dose of certain natural psychedelics may help relieve symptoms of PTSD, traumatic brain injuries, and other serious neurological conditions for months at a time.

- **Five years after headlines around the world declared that the remains of 215 children had been found at the former Kamloops Indian Residential School, *The Globe and Mail's* editorial board has acknowledged that no such discovery has ever been proven.** The paper admitted that the media—including itself—reported the claim as fact without demanding evidence, calling it a "failure of journalism" and reaffirming that extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof.

- **A proposed amendment to Bill C-9 that would have made "residential school denialism" a criminal offence under Canada's hate laws has been successfully rejected** by the Senate. Whatever one's views on the subject, Canadians are better served when historical claims are challenged through evidence and debate—not prosecuted under the Criminal Code.

- **Recent surveys suggest the wave of students identifying as nonbinary is reversing.** The percentage of Brown University and Phillips Academy Andover students identifying as nonbinary is now half of what it was a couple of years ago, while a nationwide FIRE survey of more than 50,000 students found nonbinary identification nearly halved—from **6.8% to 3.6%**—as the percentage identifying as heterosexual rose from **68% to 77%**.

- **Pride Toronto faced a \$700,000 funding shortfall** going into this year's parade, with organizers warning future events may be scaled back if sponsorships continue to decline.

- **Cleveland Clinic has agreed to stop providing pediatric gender-transition procedures for 20 years and commit up to \$2 million toward care for eligible patients seeking to "detransition" after treatments they received as minors.** The Department of Justice resolution also includes a

\$308,000 payment over alleged false billings. After years of parents, whistleblowers, and detransitioners being dismissed for raising alarms, one of America's largest hospital systems is now being forced to put money behind the very patients the system once insisted did not exist.

- **More Canadian parents are saying no to the newborn vitamin K shot.** Alberta put the refusal rate at just **0.3% in 2012**, while a 2026 review says Canada is now seeing rates of **1% to 3%**. While the refusal rate is still low, it means parents are questioning whether this "standard" injection is necessary for their baby's health.

- **A new CDC report shows that, in America, only 17% of adults received the 2025-26 COVID-19 vaccine.**

- **Merck & Co has agreed to pay \$50 million to settle more than 200 lawsuits brought against the drug giant by patients suffering with autoimmune disorders after receiving the Gardasil vaccine.** According to Merck, this settlement resolves all but one of the pending lawsuits filed against its HPV vaccine.

- **Conservative MP Jamil Jivani has launched the Task Force to End Liberal Racism, a parliamentary initiative aimed at exposing how DEI policies are being applied across federal programs and public institutions.** Jivani says these policies have drifted far beyond preventing discrimination—and now openly encourage hiring, promotions, funding, and opportunity based partly on race, sex, ancestry, or other identity categories.

- **Tamara Lich, one of the organizers of the 2022 Freedom Convoy protest in Ottawa, has launched a civil lawsuit alleging malicious prosecution and negligent investigation against Ottawa police, Ontario officials, and others involved in her case.** After years of arrests, bail conditions, court battles, and national scrutiny, Lich says the lawsuit is not just about her—it is about forcing transparency and accountability so no Canadian engaging in peaceful political dissent is ever treated in this manner again.

The Vitamin K1 Shot and a Parent's Right to Know

By **Monica Guevara**

The vitamin K1 shot is commonly given to newborns shortly after birth as part of routine hospital care. Many parents may assume it is simply a normal part of the birth process and may not give it much thought. But **routine should never replace informed consent.**

Parents deserve to know what is being given to their baby, why it is being given, what ingredients it contains, what the risks and benefits are, and what options they may have before any decision is made.

So first: **what is the vitamin K1 shot meant to prevent?**

VKDB, or vitamin K deficiency bleeding, is the term now used for certain rare bleeding problems in newborns that are generally attributed to low vitamin K and reduced clotting ability. It can be serious, especially when the bleeding is internal and may not be visible right away. But the name itself already points to one explanation, and I think that is worth questioning too.

Before VKDB became the preferred term, these cases were commonly referred to as "hemorrhagic disease of the newborn." In 1894, Dr. Charles Wendell Townsend described newborn bleeding that was not due to traumatic birth or hemophilia. Later, vitamin K deficiency became the prevailing medical explanation for many of these cases.

Unless there is already a known problem, the vitamin K1 shot is not treating a diagnosed condition in the baby. It is being given prophylactically—that is, as a preventive measure against the very rare possibility of VKDB developing.

That distinction matters.

VKDB is not exactly the same thing as hemophilia or another inherited blood disorder. There are different forms of VKDB, and the risk factors are not all the same. Early VKDB, which can happen within the first 24 hours, is more often associated with maternal factors, such as mothers taking certain medications during pregnancy, including Warfarin, seizure medications, or tuberculosis medications. Classic VKDB occurs in the first week of life and is associated with the baby's low vitamin K intake after birth. Late VKDB occurs later in infancy and is more often connected with issues in the baby, such as chronic malabsorption, liver or biliary problems, cystic fibrosis, persistent diarrhea, or low vitamin K intake.

So this is clearly not as simple as parents are often made to believe. **That is exactly why parents should be included in the discussion.**

Newborns are known to have naturally low vitamin K levels at birth. The common medical explanation is that vitamin K does not pass easily through the placenta, breast milk contains only small amounts of vitamin K, and a newborn's gut bacteria are not yet developed in the same way as an older child or adult.

But just because something is low at birth does not automatically mean it is a mistake. Is it possible that babies are born this way for a reason we have not fully understood? Whether one believes in God, nature, or evolution, the question is still worth asking. **Why are babies naturally born with low vitamin K1 levels?** Is this only a deficiency to be corrected immediately, or could there be a natural purpose that deserves more discussion?

There is certainly risk for many things after a newborn begins adjusting to life outside the mother's body. VKDB is one of the many things for a parent to consider, but **the decision should not be made for them.**

If parents feel the vitamin K1 shot is the right choice for their baby because of a known family history, medical concern, or simply because they feel the benefits outweigh the risks, no one should pressure them not to get it. If they feel the risks outweigh the benefits, no one should pressure them into it either. The point is not to tell every parent what to decide. The point is that **parents should be given full, honest information and allowed to make the decision for themselves.**

That is where the problem begins. Too often, parents are not given a clear, balanced explanation. They may be told only that the shot is routine, safe, and nec-

essary. But informed consent should mean more than that. It should include the purpose of the treatment, the ingredients, the possible risks and side effects, the alternatives, and the possible consequences of declining.

All ingredients should be disclosed without bias toward scaring or reassuring parents. Just tell them clearly what is in the product being offered. Parents should be able to see the exact product monograph or package insert for the vitamin K1 product being used



in their hospital. They should know whether the formulation contains preservatives, benzyl alcohol, propylene glycol, or other excipients. They should also know whether the vitamin itself is synthetic, and what that means in the formulation.

Parents should not have to guess.

Some formulations have contained benzyl alcohol, and benzyl alcohol-preserved medications have been associated with serious reactions in newborns. Other formulations may be preservative-free but still contain other ingredients, such as propylene glycol. **The exact formulation matters, and parents deserve to know which one is being used on their baby.**

There should also be more discussion about delayed cord clamping, breastfeeding, maternal nutrition, and oral vitamin K options. Some parents may want to consider supplementing the breastfeeding mother, improving maternal intake of vitamin K1-rich foods, or using oral vitamin K for the newborn. Parents should also be told that medical authorities generally consider oral vitamin K less effective than the shot—but that still does not mean parents should be denied the information.

Even mothers who do not have enough breast milk should be given helpful ideas and options, not just one option presented as the only acceptable choice.

We also need to be honest about what we do not know. We do not necessarily see negative effects in

children who receive the shot—but are we even looking? Are we asking the right questions? Could there be any connection, in some children, to things like life-long anxiety, difficulty in school, ADD, or other issues that may never be traced back because no one is opening that dialogue? I am not saying we know the answer. **I am saying parents have the right to ask the question.**

A large U.S. study of more than five million newborn records suggests that more parents are declining the vitamin K1 shot. BORN Ontario recently confirmed that hospitals across the province are seeing the same trend. I know several new mothers who have declined the vitamin K1 shot, and I have never heard of any of their babies experiencing negative effects from not receiving it, including my own two grandkids. Personal experience is not the same as scientific proof, of course, but it is part of why many parents want a **more open and respectful conversation.**

What should not happen is coercion.

Parents should not be hounded after an exhausting birth, when they are vulnerable, emotional, and recovering. If they have already made an informed decision before labour begins, that decision should be respected. **The original decision should stand. Leave these parents in peace.**

Parents who decline the shot should also be practical. If you are firm in your decision, keep your baby close and have an advocate with you whenever possible. If the baby needs to go to the ICU, or for tests or procedures where you cannot be present, have your advocate follow the baby and calmly remind staff of your decision.

A simple, respectful reminder may be all that is needed: **"Our baby is not to receive the vitamin K1 shot" or "Our baby has already received an oral dose of vitamin K1."**

Hospital staff are likely doing the best they can, and many are wonderful people who only want to help mothers rest, recover, and keep babies safe. But accidents can happen, especially when tasks are routine. If a chart shows the vitamin K1 shot has not been given, someone may assume it still needs to be given.

That is why calm communication matters. No one should speak disrespectfully to hospital staff. Parents and advocates can simply, kindly, and repeatedly remind staff of what has been decided.

This does not need to become a battle. We can work together as a community, grounded in respect, honesty, and informed consent. **Parents deserve to understand what is being done to their newborn, and they deserve to be heard.**

Routine care may be common, but **consent should still be required.**

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The Child Protection Paradox

How Canada's New Internet Laws Weaponize Vulnerability to Build a Total Surveillance State

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Canada is quietly undergoing a radical legislative re-architecture of its digital infrastructure. Under the emotionally unassailable banner of **protecting children**, the federal government has **fast-tracked a sweeping suite of legislation** through Parliament by **severely curtailing democratic debate**.

While marketed as a benevolent shield against cyberbullies and online predators, a rigorous data analysis of these bills reveals a chilling logical contradiction. These laws do almost nothing to dismantle wealthy institutional predator networks, protect whistleblowers, or fund real-world child welfare. Instead, they **weaponize the vulnerability of children** to establish a **permanent, population-wide digital surveillance ledger** over the entire adult population.

Phase 1: The Social Media Ban as a Trojan Horse for Biometric Tracking

The cornerstone of the government's public relations campaign is the headline-grabbing clause banning children under 16 from social media. It sounds like a straightforward mental health initiative. However, the operational text demands a dark architectural compromise.

To enforce a ban on children, platforms must systematically verify the exact age of **every single user** accessing their networks. Digital anonymity makes this impossible. Therefore, the law explicitly forces platforms to deploy reliable age-verification methods.

In practice, **every Canadian adult** must now submit government-issued identification or undergo an AI-powered facial-estimation scan just to access ordinary social media, cloud storage, or community forums. The child ban is structurally a **Trojan horse**. Its true utility is the **forced elimination of digital anonymity** for the entire adult population, funneling biometric data into third-party verification architectures.

Phase 2: Blanket Mass Surveillance Disguised as Targeted Policing

When challenged on the severe privacy implications of the new legal framework, the state's defence routinely pivots to the tracking of online predators. Yet, the legal mechanisms deployed are explicitly designed for **mass, unwarranted population control** rather than targeted law enforcement.

Instead of requiring police to show probable cause

consolidates enforcement power into **politically insulated, non-elected bodies**.

The government claims to enshrine digital privacy as a fundamental right. The fine print reveals a glaring structural contradiction. The new framework strips the independent Privacy Commissioner of Canada of critical oversight authority over private-sector data, transferring that power to a newly created, **Cabinet-appointed Digital Safety Commission**.

The independent Privacy Commissioner has historically acted as an aggressive Agent of Parliament, frequently taking the government to court to block mass-surveillance overreach. By moving this oversight to a government-appointed Commission, the ruling Cabinet has successfully eliminated an **independent constitutional check**. This ensures that **state-mandated meta-data harvesting faces zero internal friction**.

The Misinformation Loophole and the Protection of Corrupt Elites

Perhaps the most damning evidence that these bills are designed for public control rather than child protection is what they deliberately omit, and who they ultimately protect. True protection for vulnerable children requires smashing the networks of wealthy, institutional, and high-profile predators who use financial and political power to silence their victims.

If child protection were the genuine goal, this legislative suite would include inflexible criminal penalties for executives who cover up abuse, alongside iron-clad, life-altering legal protections for whistleblowers. Instead, the legislation does the exact opposite by handing the state the **absolute power to define what is true**.

Under the new rules, the newly minted, Cabinet-appointed Digital Safety Commission is granted the sweeping authority to dictate the parameters of **misinformation and harmful content**. This creates a dangerous, circular paradox.

By allowing a politically appointed body to define misinformation, the government ensures that any exposure of high-level state or corporate corruption can be legally classified as a harmful rumour or fake news, simply on the government's say-so. Tech platforms face catastrophic fines for failing to comply. Consequently, corporate algorithms are legally incentivized to err on the side of **extreme censorship**. If an independent journalist, victim, or celebrity attempts to speak out or blow the whistle on systemic corruption involving powerful figures, automated AI filters will **scrub that exposure from the internet** before it can achieve public momentum.

The public is told to trust the government's definitions. Yet, history shows that the individuals trying to hide institutional corruption are often the exact same people advising the government. By outsourcing censorship to algorithms under the guise of stopping misinformation, the state has built a perfect, automated **immunity shield for the corrupt elite**.

The data across these legislative measures proves these acts are not a fragmented response to digital safety; they are a **closed-loop system of managed sovereignty**.

The strategy relies on a **predictable psychological trick**. Present the public with a deeply emotional, unarguable mandate to **save the children**, then **use that mandate to pass an infrastructure that would otherwise trigger a democratic revolt**. Once the framework is embedded into the bedrock of Canadian law, the reality sets in. The laws do not fund real-world child protection infrastructure, nor do they threaten the corrupt elite.

Instead, they build a society where **every adult is stripped of anonymity, every digital footprint is logged for a year by default**, and the tools to organize, dissent, and speak out against systemic institutional corruption are placed entirely under **state control**. The children were never the target of this legislation; they were simply the shield.

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and obtain a judicial warrant to monitor a specific suspect, the new measures force telecommunications and internet service providers to **mandatorily log and retain the metadata of virtually every Canadian citizen for up to one year**. This ledger tracks every digital connection made, the timestamps and durations of communication, and **real-time physical location data** mapped via cell towers.

Furthermore, the new rules grant the Public Safety Minister the power to issue **secret, undebatable mandates** compelling tech companies to alter their software to install technical intercept protocols. If an individual speaks out, blows the whistle, or tries to expose high-level institutional or corporate corruption, the state already possesses a year-long, uninterrupted map of their entire social, physical, and digital network. This completely bypasses traditional **Charter protections against unreasonable search and seizure**.

Phase 3: The Destruction of the Independent Watchdog

To prevent these dual surveillance capabilities from being checked, the legislative package systematically

Census Questions Face Charter Challenge

By Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms | jccf.ca

The Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms announces that lawyers funded by the Justice Centre have filed an application for judicial review in Federal Court, challenging certain portions of the 2026 long-form census questionnaire, arguing that Canadians are being compelled under threat of penalty to disclose highly personal information that exceeds the lawful scope of the census and violates Charter-protected privacy rights.

The application was filed on behalf of Bradley and Linda Osborne, a married couple from Foothills County, Alberta, whose household was selected to complete the mandatory long-form census. **The application challenges a series of questions requiring disclosure of highly personal information, including health conditions, daily activities, commuting habits, housing circumstances, sexual orientation, and gender identity.**

Under the Statistics Act, Canadians selected for the long-form census must complete the questionnaire and provide accurate information. **Refusing to do so, or knowingly providing false information, may result in a fine of up to \$500 upon summary conviction.**

The application argues that while the Constitution requires a census to be conducted for purposes including democratic representation, some questions included in the 2026 long-form census extend beyond what is necessary to fulfill that constitutional purpose.

The court application seeks declarations that portions of the questionnaire were prescribed beyond the authority granted under the Statistics Act and, alternatively, that requiring Canadians to answer certain

questions infringes sections 7 and 8 of the Charter, protecting liberty and privacy against unreasonable state intrusion.

Constitutional lawyer Hatim Kheir said, *"Canada's census serves an important constitutional function, including ensuring fair democratic representation. But a constitutional requirement to count people does not automatically authorize the state to compel disclosure of intimate details about health, personal identity, daily routines, and private life."*

Mr. Kheir continued, *"Privacy is not a minor administrative concern. The Charter recognizes that personal information goes to individual dignity and liberty. When government compels disclosure of sensitive information under threat of penalty, courts must ask whether that intrusion is actually necessary and proportionate."*

The applicants are not seeking damages or costs. Instead, they seek clarification from the Federal Court on the constitutional limits of mandatory census collection and the protection of personal privacy in an age of growing digital data retention.

The application has been filed in Federal Court and will proceed in accordance with the Court's scheduling process. Supporting affidavit evidence is expected to follow within 30 days of filing.

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Next Generation 911

By Shellie Troy

When we think of 911 we think of the caring, heroic emergency responders in **Police, Fire, Ambulance, and Search and Rescue**. They come when we call; they rush toward danger as we're fleeing it; they care so much for those in crisis that they can jeopardize their own safety. **We hold them in high regard.**

But **analog is ending.** The Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) has mandated that the official decommissioning date for existing 911 services is **2027**, with the services to be replaced by **Next Generation (NG) 911.**¹

Digital Internet Protocol (IP) has begun, and it's a **juggernaut.**

Messaging adroitly sells the upgrades: **"Today, large-scale emergencies—from pandemics to natural disasters—demand faster, highly coordinated, and more precise responses.** With traditional 911 systems, however, public safety infrastructures are often outdated, overwhelmed, and lack the ability to handle modern disaster scenarios with the efficiency needed."²

"As public safety becomes more data-intensive, **NG 911 will be central to improving emergency response speed, accuracy, and situational awareness,** with growth favouring providers that simplify deployments, ensure secure interoperability, and convert expanding data sources into actionable intelligence."³

Selling digital IP to the public takes many forms. Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) recommends "demonstration projects in provinces or regions without existing SDI [Serial Digital Interface] infrastructure to show benefits and gain traction. [Remember COVID messaging about gaining traction for mRNA?] Bundle SDI funding into initiatives with strong public resonance, such as **climate monitoring, emergency services, and wildfire detection.**"

During a recent CBC Radio One broadcast, their "expert" predicted a **"devastating fire season ahead,"** and the reporter added, "The government is currently updating emergency services." Despite most people knowing absolutely nothing about it, corporate marketing is claiming NG 911 is **"what the people demand."**

More like what data capitalism demands. One headline reads, **"Next Generation 911 Opportunity to Exceed \$1.5 Billion in Revenues by 2030 as Public Safety Transforms into a Data-Driven, AI-Enabled Ecosystem."** A fintech blog reports, "NG 911 utilizes more types of data, including from smart devices and data-rich information from a variety of sources such as **vehicle sensors, wearable medical devices, smart home alarms, building sensors and monitoring systems.**" Entrepreneurs talk about creating new revenue streams and data-related services, selling data packages to third parties, and making information subscription-based.

The CRTC's NG 911 Commission declares **Canada is open for business:** "NG 9-1-1 networks should be accessible to all types of entities, to the maximum extent possible." IBM predicts rapid, outstanding growth: "In 2023, the global data monetization market was valued at USD 3.5 billion, and experts project it to reach USD 14.4 billion by 2032, demonstrating a compound annual growth rate of 16.6% from 2024 to 2032."⁴

No wonder "experts" and the "McMedia" keep reporting disasters and predict more of them; **doom merchants are in dire need of dire emergencies—real, imagined, accidental, or contrived.**

The CRTC reports that Canada is partnered with the **Windermere Group**, a global wealth management company located in **Nassau, Bahamas—a tax haven** for those who are not fond of taxes or regulations. Online information about the group is scant, and **member identities are absent.**

Presumably, the group takes its name from Windermere Island, which was once owned by an English Lord and now belongs to **the elite's elite** who covet its pink-sand beaches and lavish mansions, not to mention the privacy and gated security—**only property owners and invited guests allowed.**

Police agencies, military and defence departments—what the CRTC calls the "Coalition of the

Willing"—are heavily represented in NG 911. Carbyne, for instance, is an Israeli-American defence contractor busy buying up American emergency call centers; presumably, the same or similar is quietly happening in Canada. Carbyne "develops advanced emergency communications solutions, focuses on providing **real-time video, location and data transmission** to enhance emergency response systems worldwide."



Public Safety Canada (PSC) and the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) are in **collaborative partnership.** They've "worked with stakeholders to identify priorities for joint work to improve responder communications interoperability." Stakeholders refers to special interest groups, including mobile carriers—**Bell, Rogers, Telus, and many more.**

"Stakeholders" connotes **public-private partnerships (PPPs).** CRTC describes it thus: "high-value data services can be co-developed and financed through **shared risk and return models.**" In PPP plain speak, corporations "donate" to things like daycares and public parks, and McMedia announces their "philanthropy."

Deals are struck, the government bestows **tax rebates, subsidies and privileges,** and the corporation is given the land on which to build massive **water-guzzling, energy-sucking AI data centres.** Typical of PPPs, taxpayer money disappears, and cost overruns are the norm; corporate law prevents audits. **The public part of the "partnership" is negligible.**

Enter the **World Health Organization (WHO).** A revolutionized emergencies response system perfectly dovetails with the **Pandemic Treaty agenda.** Canada signed on during Justin Trudeau's tenure. WHO expert James Roguski reports that the treaty's clandestine motivation is to **"secure profits from pathogens with pandemic potential."** That ominous phrase means normalization of biolabs, gain-of-function research and biowarfare.

When the WHO decrees **"an emergency of international concern,"** (and you know they're going to) signatory nations will be legally bound to relinquish some rights and sovereignty. Canada's "health management" has had to upgrade **"pandemic readiness."**

New information networks like **NG 911** will hook deeply into local communities and funnel data up the chain of command to WHO authorities. They're called Core Capacities: **prevention, surveillance, reporting, notification, verification, preparedness, response, and collaboration.**^{5 (Annex 1, 1a)}

Integral to a newer, faster, more reliable NG 911 are **GPS and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).** GIS captures, stores, processes, and visualizes geographic information. A booster blog writes, **"GIS is expected to become even more essential in the NG 9-1-1 system as technology advances."**⁶

A GIS map⁷ resembles the military command posts we see in war movies: detailed topography revealing **above-ground and sub-ground infrastructures,** millions of lights like fireflies on a dark night, each light representing every single cell phone signal. **Instantaneous location awareness and assessment.** Currently unavailable and eagerly anticipated, indoor location tracking—soon, they'll be able to look through walls.

All this new technology has enabled **predictive policing (predpol),** the crystal balling of potential crime, among other things. It "uses AI and algorithms to analyze historical data, forecasting when and where

crimes may occur, or identifying individuals likely to be involved in criminal activity. It aims to increase efficiency and prevent crime, but faces criticism for **amplifying racial bias, lacking transparency, and potentially violating privacy,** causing some agencies to pause its use."⁸

Police agencies claim it **"helps identify areas at high risk of emergencies and enables proactive measures**

to be taken." Rachel Levinson-Waldman, a senior counsel at the Brennan Center for Justice: "...community organizations are not actively pushing for predictive policing as a preferred way to serve their neighbourhood or community." Nevertheless, **predpol is already being used here.**

CRTC documents identified **"privacy issues"** only once; it was the last item on a short list and received no attention. Natural Resources Canada identified a few problems. **"Open data policies exist but are inconsistent and unenforced across jurisdictions."** Open data policies are preferable because then all data is exploitable.

"Weak legal mandates" is another problem—or a boon to brandy snifter lawyers. **"Inflexible licensing agreements"** is another problem, meaning invest wisely, you could

be bound to rigid terms, unable to adapt to market changes or modify how intellectual property is used.

"Few agreements address long-term data stewardship" across the many jurisdictions involved, which sounds like **data safety is being sacrificed to data capitalism.**

And this curious item: NRCan identifies the problem of **Indigenous data sovereignty** being overlooked; "existing policy environment does not adequately account for **OCAP principles [Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession over data collection processes, established by First Nations in 1998]** or respect Indigenous communities' right to govern their data." Many questions arise, including: **Is Indigenous data sovereignty a thing? Why don't the rest of us have those rights?**

Cyber espionage will exploit any and all weaknesses in NG 911. In a March presser, Toronto Police Service caught three Chinese operatives [police were only permitted to say "three males with names sounding like those from mainland China"] driving up and down the streets of Markham, Ontario, in vehicles that were carrying invasive technology—**"military-grade hi-tech blaster with a bunch of circuits, a router, and antennas."**

They had the ability to connect to nearby phones and send fraudulent text messages that were professionally engineered, legitimate-looking, and designed to capture **personal information, banking credentials and passwords.** It's called **"smishing."** By the time police discovered the operation, they'd been at it for months and had gathered at least **13 million contacts.**

"When devices are diverted away from legitimate networks," police said, **"it interferes with a person's ability to connect to emergency services."**

Meanwhile, emergency service providers in our communities are busy doing what they always do. Police are trying to keep the global drug cartels at bay. Fire Services are replacing old hydrants and updating water mains; they're training and retaining volunteers. Ambulance personnel are attending fentanyl overdoses and rushing people to hospital emergency wards that are open. Search and Rescue is promoting outdoor safety awareness and honing skillsets in dangerous terrain.

They deserve tools that help them save lives—not systems that quietly turn public safety into another pipeline for data extraction, surveillance, and private profit.

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Why the Modern World Feels Like a Scripted Performance

By Joe Mandigo

Many people today move through their daily lives with a nagging, persistent sense of unreality. Events feel overacted, headlines seem pre-scripted, and social interactions often mirror a predictable screenplay rather than spontaneous human connection. If you have felt that “something is off,” you are not experiencing a delusion; you are noticing the transition from a world of direct experience to a “mediated” reality.

We are no longer living in a reality grounded in what we see, touch, and do. Instead, we reside within a symbolic layer where reality is being replaced, layer-by-layer, by interpretations, avatars, and personality costumes. In this environment, a headline replaces a deep understanding, a political label replaces a complex human being, and symbols become more dominant than the truths they were meant to represent. When symbols rule, truth becomes optional—it only needs to be repeatable, recognizable, and socially enforced.

The goal of this analysis is to unveil the hidden mechanisms of this “simulation.” By identifying the six layers of mediation and conditioning that dictate modern life, we can move from being reactive participants to oriented observers. Once you begin to see the machinery behind the performance, the manipulation stops working. You can stop reacting on cue and begin to reclaim a sense of authentic reality.

Layer One: The Brand as Ownership

The term “brand” is used so ubiquitously in modern discourse that its original, violent meaning has been obscured. The word finds its roots in the Old Norse word *brander*, which literally means “to burn.” Historically, this referred to the practice of burning a permanent mark into livestock so that ownership was obvious and sorting the animals was simple.

In the modern simulation, you are the one being branded. This process has shifted from commercial products to the individuals themselves. We no longer simply buy a product; we buy a “story about ourselves.” Whether it is a commercial brand, a political narrative, or a social movement, these stories are designed to “burn” a mark of ownership into your identity.

This allows the system to engage in “audience segmentation,” knowing exactly what you will defend, what you will buy, and who you will hate. The brand is not your identity; it is a sorting mechanism used by the system to manage its human livestock.

“Brand comes from the old Norse word *brander*, and it means to burn—specifically, it means to burn a permanent mark into livestock so ownership is obvious and sorting animals out is easy. You are being branded by advertisers, political narratives.”

Layer Two: Human Conditioning and the Death of Authenticity

Once the brand is established, the simulation maintains control through Layer Two: Human Conditioning. People are no longer encouraged to learn; they are trained. This training is facilitated through “conditioning signals”—metrics, algorithms, and visibility rewards. In this digital environment, whatever gets rewarded gets repeated, and whatever gets ignored eventually disappears.

To survive in this system, individuals begin to simplify and exaggerate themselves, flattening their com-

plex personalities into something “shareable” and performative. We stop asking, “Is this how I feel?” and start asking, “How will this be received?” This creates a profound psychological rupture. When your external performance consistently fails to match your internal experience, the universal human response is a deep sense of hollowness. This is the death of authenticity, where the “mask” or “personality costume” becomes the only part of the self allowed to exist in public view.



Layer Three: The Collapse of Information into Content

The simulation survives by replacing genuine information with “content.” While these terms are often used interchangeably, they serve opposite functions. Information answers questions and creates understanding. Content is designed to stimulate responses and occupy attention.

The primary function of the endless stream of content in your feed is to prevent silence. Silence is dangerous to the simulation because silence is where thinking happens. By maintaining a state of perpetual urgency and emotional escalation, the engagement cycle ensures that nothing ever truly resolves. Resolution would end the engagement, so the system is designed to keep you in a loop of “participation” that feels like awareness but produces no actual clarity. Everything feels urgent—yet nothing changes.

Layer Four: Identity Control and the Moral Emergency

To prevent a stable identity from forming—which might resist manipulation—the system keeps the public in a constant state of moral emergency. Every week, a new crisis or outrage is prepackaged for consumption, complete with approved language and emotions. This leads to identity fragmentation, in which individuals accept ready-made moral frames because they lack the time to slowly form values through reflection.

In this layer, morality shifts from an internal compass to an external display. Signaling replaces moral reasoning. Virtue is no longer a set of lived actions; it becomes a “lapel pin” or a “sticker”—a visible marker used to prove alignment with a group. This performative ethics provides a sense of relief to many by removing personal responsibility. You no longer have to think through or weigh complex ethical issues; you only have to align with the pre-approved script. Because these “costumes” are digital and symbolic, they can be updated remotely by the system, explaining why people can switch radical positions overnight without a single new fact.

Layer Five: Narrative Warfare and the Global

Hero’s Journey

To bypass human logic entirely, the simulation utilizes a “Mythic Structure” that targets our ancient, evolutionary wiring. Complex global issues are distilled into a template known as the Global Hero’s Journey, which assigns three specific, prepackaged roles:

- **The Hero (your side):** The righteous group or “tribe.”
- **The Villain (the other side):** The dehumanized enemy whom you have full permission to hate.
- **The Victim (the justification):** The emotional catalyst that makes the conflict necessary.

Once these roles are assigned, logic is no longer required because archetypes bypass human reasoning. This is how the simulation radicalizes people: not through facts, but through story. This structure turns politics into a “Left versus Right” illusion—two simplified tribes and two emotional markets that keep the audience fighting one another while the actual sources of instability remain unexamined.

“Narratives come with heroes and enemies, moral certainty and urgency, and full-blown permission to hate people. One detail gets amplified, another gets buried, context gets removed—until complexity completely disappears.”

Layer Six: The Theatre of Power

The final layer is the Theatre of Power. This concept posits that modern politics is no longer a system for governance; it is a stage for visibility. Events are engineered as props to maintain engagement. We see this in dramatic televised hearings that, in the source’s blunt estimation, “accomplish jack shit.” We see it in scandals that cycle endlessly without consequence—a primary example being the lack of actual criminals going to jail in the Epstein case.

When politics is treated as theatre, right and wrong are replaced by team loyalty. The audience asks, “Is this our side?” rather than “Is this right?” This numbness we feel toward corruption is not apathy; it is conditioning. The theatre acts as a distraction machine, absorbing public attention and emotional energy through a constant stream of drama that releases nothing of value, ensuring the system’s underlying machinery continues to operate untouched.

Seeing the Machinery

Recognizing the simulation does not make one superior or immune to its effects, but it provides orientation. When you understand the layers—the branding, the conditioning signals, the content loops, the performative morality, and the mythic narratives—the manipulation begins to lose its power.

The world feels “off” because it is covered in a layer of symbolic noise. However, reality was always there, waiting beneath the fake symbols and personality costumes. Once you see the machinery, the performance becomes obvious, and the “scripted” nature of modern life loses its grip on your emotions. The most important step in reclaiming your reality is to ask a difficult question:

Now that you see the layers of the simulation, what part of your “identity” is actually yours, and what part was burned into you?

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Death of the Oshawa Ribfest

The Bureaucratic Starvation of Local Culture

By Robert Paterson

The sudden cancellation of the Oshawa Rotary Ribfest after 25 years isn't just a disappointment for local families who look forward to August weekends at Lakeview Park. It is a loud, flashing warning sign. This loss is a direct symptom of a highly centralized, corporate-minded provincial framework that prioritizes corporate-scale tourism metrics over organic community fabric.

When you look closely at the mechanics behind this collapse, it becomes clear how structural rules create a hostile environment for grassroots culture.

Why The "Defence" of the Grant Rules Fails

To fight a flawed system, you have to understand how it defends itself. Proponents of Ontario's current festival funding frameworks—such as the Experience Ontario program—rely on a rigid spreadsheet logic to protect public funds.

- **The "Economic Return" Defence:** Provincial policymakers argue that tax dollars must act as investment capital, not charity. They prioritize events that draw tourists from more than 40 kilometres away, banking on hotel stays, gas station stops, and provincial sales tax. To a bureaucrat, a local resident attending a hometown festival is just shuffling the same money around the same region.
- **The "Skin in the Game" Rule:** The stringent 50% funding match requirement is defended as a risk-mitigation tool. The province argues that if an event cannot secure half its funding from the private sector, it lacks community viability—and taxpayers shouldn't fully subsidize a sinking ship.

Why This Logic Fails Local Culture

This corporate mindset fundamentally misunderstands the value of social capital. A community festival fosters psychological stability, civic pride, and regional heritage. By forcing a volunteer service club to compete using the same metrics as multi-million-dollar, for-profit music festivals, the province ensures that grassroots culture is systematically starved out.

Too Much Power in Too Few Hands

The current crisis is the result of top-down centralization within the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Gaming. Over the last decade, provincial funding has increasingly shifted toward a centralized meritoc-

racy run by Toronto-based bureaucrats who look at spreadsheets rather than local realities.

This concentration of power means that a handful of ministry officials determine the cultural calendar for the entire province using rigid, algorithmic scoring



Image via Camp31SouthernBBQ on Facebook

systems. Local MPPs are left trying to patch holes by announcing smaller funding pools, but their hands are tied by overarching provincial mandates.

As Ontario's Auditor General previously pointed out, this centralized control doesn't even guarantee efficiency; it creates a system plagued by a lack of standard criteria that fails to adapt to real, on-the-ground needs, resulting in programs that simply don't fit municipal realities.

The "In-Kind" Trap: The Illusion of Support

When the City of Oshawa approves \$30,000 for a community event, it sounds fantastic in a press release. However, this highlights a critical flaw in how local events are funded: The Liquid Capital Illusion.

- **The City's Contribution:** The \$30,000 is almost

entirely "in-kind" support. This means the city waives park rental fees, drops off traffic barricades, or provides municipal staff to clear garbage.

- **The Organizer's Reality:** In-kind support results in zero cash for immediate bills. It does not pay the rising costs of private security, it does not cover skyrocketing insurance premiums, and it does not pay the upfront cash deposits required by musicians and food vendors.

This creates a paradox where volunteer organizations like the Rotary Club are left asset-rich but cash-poor. They are trapped by municipal "funding" that cannot be used to pay the real-world expenses needed to keep a festival alive, ultimately leading to deficits and cancellations.

What Realistically Can Be Done?

To prevent more summer traditions from going dark, the funding model must be decentralized. Power needs to be stripped from Toronto desks and returned to local communities through three structural reforms:

- **Create a "Legacy" Stream:** The Ministry must create a secondary funding stream completely independent of the 40-kilometre tourism rule. If an event has run successfully for more than 10 or 15 years by a registered volunteer service club (Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis), it should qualify for operational sustainability grants, not just "growth" grants.
- **Allow Flexible Capital Conversion:** Municipalities should be given the regulatory freedom by the province to convert a portion of approved "in-kind" budget lines into direct, short-term cash loans or micro-grants for volunteer organizations facing immediate operational deficits.

A **"Volunteer Hours" Valuation:** If the province requires a 50% matching contribution, they should allow volunteer hours to be calculated as financial matching capital. If a Rotary Club contributes thousands of hours of unpaid labour, that sweat equity should be valued at a standard wage rate and counted toward their 50% obligation.

The Reality Check

The loss of the Oshawa Rotary Ribfest is a stark reminder that when culture is managed purely like a business, the community loses its soul. If Queen's Park continues to measure the worth of a festival solely by hotel room bookings rather than regional heritage, the upcoming summers will only get quieter.

An Alaskan Village Cut Off From Its Own Firewood

By Mollie Busby

On March 27, [2026], **cutting firewood to heat my home became illegal.** Not because of anything my husband, Sean, or I did, but because the state of Alaska claimed title to **1.4 million acres surrounding our village overnight**, and our federal subsistence access vanished with it.

We live in Wiseman, 275 miles north of Fairbanks, above the Arctic Circle. **Eleven people live here year-round.** It has been over two months since the initial transfer. They know we can't legally cut firewood, but they've done nothing—and winter is coming.

The state claimed title without creating a **single firewood permit area, a legal access route, or a management plan** that allows residents to harvest what they need to survive. Because of the timing, every Wiseman resident also missed the state's moose draw deadline. Applications closed December 15, three months before any of us knew we'd need one.

Wiseman isn't just a footnote on a land swap. It has been continuously inhabited for more than 120 years, long before Alaska became a state or Anchorage a city. In the 1930s, conservationist Bob Marshall lived here and wrote that this valley was **"the happiest civilization of which I have knowledge."**

Thousands visit every year. Generations before us built a life here without government help. **We never expected government incompetence to make that life impossible.**

Alaska's founders wrote this directly into our con-

stitution: **Forests and renewable resources must be managed as a public trust**, never "subverted through the indifference or avarice of future generations."

On March 27, indifference and avarice arrived on our doorstep.

This isn't a bureaucratic mix-up. U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan, Governor Mike Dunleavy, and U.S. Representative Nick Begich have worked



toward this transfer for decades. Senator Murkowski authored the *Alaska Land Transfer Acceleration Act* in 2004. Senator Sullivan was pushing for this quarter as Department of Natural Resources Commissioner before he reached the Senate.

In their 38 years of combined federal service, Sullivan promised the land transfer would "facilitate

opportunity for Alaskans." And Murkowski called it an end to being "deprived of crucial opportunities."

I am an Alaskan who is now deprived of the crucial opportunity of harvesting legal firewood on the land surrounding my village, while my representatives work to facilitate the opportunity for Canadian and Australian mining companies to run a 211-mile industrial haul road through the same landscape. **They can bulldoze, but I can't use my chainsaw to heat my home.**

Representative Begich's office added me to his newsletter instead of returning my calls. Governor Dunleavy vowed to put this corridor to work "for the benefit of all Alaskans," then expressed genuine surprise at protesters when he, Begich, and Interior Secretary Doug Burgum landed in Coldfoot to celebrate last month.

After decades of planning how to profit from this land, **not one elected official stopped to ask about the families who actually live here.**

Our Constitution is clear: **State resources must be managed for the maximum benefit of its people.** And natural resource law must apply equally to all Alaskans.

Wiseman deserved a seat at the table. We deserve to be more than an afterthought. Bob Marshall called this village the happiest civilization he had ever known. I wonder what he'd call politicians who block Alaskans from their woodlot.

This needs to be fixed—ideally when it's not 50 below!

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To British Columbia's MLAs

Will You Look at the Evidence?

By Wayne Llewellyn

I'm not a lawyer, a lobbyist or an organization looking for funding. I'm a volunteer with the National Citizens Inquiry, and I'm writing because I've spent hours listening to sworn testimony that you and your colleagues have been and are being asked to hear.

To this date, no government body has ever been willing to contest any evidence or testimony. The silence speaks for itself.

I'm not asking you to agree with anything. I'm asking you to do the one thing that makes democratic accountability real: look at the evidence.

What I've Heard

Over the course of the NCI hearings, I sat through testimony from British Columbians, your constituents, my neighbours; who swore an oath and told their stories:

- **Healthcare workers** who described being silenced, disciplined, or driven from practice because they questioned treatment protocols that their own clinical judgment told them were wrong.
- **Parents** who lost children to a mental health crisis that lockdowns and school closures deepened and who were told their grief was less important than compliance.
- **Lawyers** who described watching colleagues face Law Society complaints not for incompetence or dis-

honesty, but for representing clients who challenged government policy.

- **Small business owners** who followed every rule they were given and still lost everything—while big-box competitors stayed open under the same public

in elected office, except perhaps two of you that have testified, willing to acknowledge that it exists at all.

Why This Matters Right Now in BC

British Columbia is in the middle of a quiet but profound restructuring of how power works in this province. The *Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act (DRIPA)* and its implementing statutes. The *Anti-Racism Act*. The *Interpretation Act* amendments. The *Health Professions and Occupations Act*. The *Legal Profession Act*.

I'm not writing to debate the merits of any single piece of legislation. I'm writing to point out something that should concern you regardless of your politics:

Every one of these acts concentrates power in regulatory bodies that are not meaningfully accountable to the public and that have already demonstrated a willingness to use that power against people who dissent from official policy.

The College of Physicians and Surgeons can discipline a doctor for "unprofessional conduct" that amounts to nothing more than

disagreeing with a public health directive. The Law Society can pursue a lawyer whose clients challenge government action.

The administrative enforcement mechanisms in the Anti-Racism Act and Interpretation Act don't require

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health logic that shuttered their doors.

None of these people were cross-examined and **not one of their testimonies was challenged under oath**. The government agencies, health authorities and regulatory bodies were invited. They didn't show.

I'm not asking you to take my word for any of this. All testimony is public, the commissioners' report is published and the record exists. What it lacks is anyone

We Already Watched This Happen

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Bill C-12 later became law, carrying forward many border, immigration, and FINTRAC-related measures. But the **\$10,000 cash-ban offence appears to remain in C-2, not C-12**. In other words, the cash ban has not become law—but it has been introduced, tested, and left sitting there for another push.

Fighting money laundering is not controversial. What matters is the direction. **Cash keeps getting squeezed, digital assets are being folded into financial-crime policy, and agencies sharing your financial information keep growing.**

C-8: Secret Orders, Silent Telecoms

Under the new *Critical Cyber Systems Protection Act*, a **federal minister can issue secret orders to telecom providers without prior judicial approval**, including orders critics warn could affect service access, privacy, and encryption. The government says the target is the network, not individuals, and the goal is responding to attacks on hospitals or power grids. But Citizen Lab researchers called the bill's data powers **an unprecedented warrantless authority to collect telecom data and share it across government**, including with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS).

The Canadian Civil Liberties Association said the encryption safeguard added to calm critics does not guarantee encryption stays intact. OpenMedia's executive director put it bluntly: **there is no such thing as a backdoor that exists only for law enforcement.**

The Emergencies Act: We Already Watched This Happen

This is not theoretical. In 2022, the federal government invoked the *Emergencies Act* and **froze bank accounts linked to Freedom Convoy protests, without a conviction or a court order specific to each account**. The courts have since ruled the invocation **unlawful and a violation of Charter rights**, though the government is now asking the Supreme Court to hear an appeal. Whatever you think of the protest, **the precedent stuck**. Your government has already shown it will **cut off financial access to people it deems a problem**, without a court involved beforehand. Every bill since then that expands financial surveillance is built on **a willingness we have already seen in action**.

C-15: Not a Digital Dollar, But Its Foundation

Precision matters more than alarm here. **C-15 does not create a government digital dollar**. The Bank of Canada shelved its digital currency research in 2024

after a public consultation that drew nearly ninety thousand responses, most of which were opposed. What C-15 does is hand the Bank supervisory authority over privately issued stablecoins, requiring every issuer to register on a Bank-maintained list, and creates a new open banking framework for how your financial data moves between institutions. So the digital dollar everyone fears is not in this bill. But the C.D. Howe Institute is already urging the Bank to revisit digital currency development to integrate with this new stablecoin registry, arguing that technical groundwork already exists. **The infrastructure for registered, supervised, and monitorable digital money is being built right now**. The foundation poured today is the one the recommendation describes using tomorrow.

C-18 and C-11: Who Decides What You See

The *Online News Act* required platforms to pay news outlets for linking to their content. Meta's answer was to **block Canadian news entirely on Facebook and Instagram**, and it has remained blocked since, leaving local outlets without a major distribution channel and Canadians with reduced visibility into Parliament's own work. The *Online Streaming Act* handed the CRTC, a regulator built for broadcast television, new authority over what Canadians see on YouTube and other streaming platforms—through discoverability rules that can influence what gets promoted, buried, or pushed into view. Supporting Canadian content is fair, but the mechanism is **a federal regulator with discretion to shape what gets promoted in algorithmic feeds**, a power that did not exist a few years ago.

S-209: The Trojan Horse, In Geist's Own Words

Bill S-209 is sold as a child protection bill, and protecting kids from pornography is something every parent supports. But if a website does not comply with a government notice within 20 days, the agency can obtain a Federal Court order requiring every Canadian internet provider to block that site outright for everyone, not just minors.

Geist, after watching the bill move through committee, called it exactly what it is: **a Trojan horse online harms bill**, using age verification and court-ordered blocking as its real tools. And once those tools exist, the target does not have to stay pornography. **Search engines, social media, and AI services can all be pulled into the same machinery.**

How It All Works Together

None of these bills needs a secret architect for the effect to be real. You say something a regulator decides

crosses a line, and **C-9 plus C-34 give broader grounds to act**. C-22's metadata trail and C-8's telecom powers make it easier to trace where you said it and who heard it. **C-2 and C-12 make it easier to follow your money** and hand what they find to other agencies.

The *Emergencies Act* has already proved that **financial access can be cut off by a political decision alone**. C-15 builds registry rails that a future government could extend further. C-18 and C-11 shape what gets seen online in the first place. S-209, alongside C-34, normalizes the idea that **proving you are not a minor is simply the cost of using the internet**. No single piece needs to be sinister on its own. They only need to keep passing while public attention is elsewhere.

So, Where Are We Going, Canada?

The government will say, and on some points genuinely believes, that each bill protects someone: Hate crime victims. Children online. Fraud victims. Critical infrastructure. Voters facing foreign interference in elections. Some of those cases are real and deserve to be heard, because pretending the other side has no argument is its own kind of dishonesty.

But protection and control have always worn nearly identical clothing, and the only thing that has ever told them apart is whether power stayed **accountable to people it serves**. Across twelve bills, **accountability keeps getting quietly traded away**.

Ministerial review removed here. A warrant requirement loosened there. A gag order added over here. A retroactive exemption slipped in over there. **None of it loud enough alone to hold a headline for more than a news cycle. All of it loud enough together to change what kind of country this becomes.**

You do not lose freedom all at once. **It gets built away from you, bill by bill**, while you are paying your bills and trusting someone else is watching the door.

The senators who slowed C-4, the lawyers who fought to preserve the religious defence C-9 stripped away, and the privacy advocates still pushing back on C-22 and C-34 right now, none of them waited for permission to pay attention. Neither should the rest of us.

This is not a call to panic. It is a call to wake up, read what is actually being passed in our name, and ask harder questions of people we send to Ottawa. Canada is still ours to shape, but only if enough of us decide, together, that we are done sleepwalking through the **bill-by-bill construction of whatever comes next**, and start choosing the direction on purpose instead.

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When “Normal” Isn’t Healthy

By Dave Stach | [Substack.com/@MeasureTheMatrix](https://www.substack.com/@MeasureTheMatrix)

We live in the anxious wake of a massive global disruption, navigating a post-pandemic reality that has profoundly changed millions of citizens. Look around, and you will see a quiet yet massive epidemic of chronic suffering: people grappling with unprecedented long-haul symptoms, mysterious multi-systemic inflammation, and a staggering rise in post-vaccination side effects. From sudden, debilitating neurological decline and relentless brain fog to severe chronic fatigue and cardiovascular anomalies, **the human body is crying out for help on a scale we have never seen before.**

Yet, when individuals turn to the conventional Canadian healthcare system for answers, they are met with the soul-crushing routine of the ten-minute medical eviction notice. Their lived physical reality is completely gaslit by a hyper-reductionist, pharmaceutical-first model that simply lacks the tools or training to understand what happens when the human cellular matrix is pushed into a state of chronic, hyper-inflammatory defensive posturing.

Have you ever looked closely at your own medical test results and wondered whether they’re actually “normal” or just claimed to be?

To understand how we can get out of this crisis, we have to look to a profound historical disruption that occurred right here in Windsor, Ontario. His name was Dr. Thomas Barnard. Over a career spanning more than forty years, Dr. Barnard treated over thirty thousand patients—a monumental testament to a public that has long been starving for a different approach to human health.

Having practiced medicine in various countries around the world before finally settling in the Windsor-Essex region in the 1990s, he brought a vast, international perspective but was often limited in what he could say and practice on patients due to the restrictive bureaucracy under which all medical practitioners operate. He was a plain-talking, down-to-earth practitioner who actively took his message to the public, frequently appearing on radio shows and YouTube channels to bypass the mainstream gatekeepers.

The Firefighter vs. The Architect of Prevention

The foundational flaw of our current culture is that people have been conditioned to treat health as the mere absence of an emergency. We expect the physician to act like a firefighter, arriving at the eleventh hour to extinguish a raging biological blaze.

Dr. Barnard’s methodology completely inverted this dangerous habit. He poured his energy into true prevention—the daily cultivation of cellular resilience long before an acute crisis takes root. He understood that you cannot heal a living terrain by silencing the person living inside it.

This systemic silencing hits different demographics in different, destructive ways:

The Erasure of Women’s Biology: When women’s cells are depleted, the system expresses a neurological distress signal. Instead of looking at the biochemistry, a reductionist culture frequently mocks these fluctuating moods and emotional fatigue, casually using terms like “bipolar” or “hysterical” as an insulting punchline to dismiss her physical reality.

The Neglect of Men’s Vitality: Conversely, the system treats men as disposable, unfeeling machines. Men are conditioned to ignore their biological distress signals, grinding through severe cardiovascular strain, crushing testosterone drops, and hidden neurological decline until a catastrophic event occurs. When men express fatigue or mental burnout, they are told to just “tough it out,” leaving them isolated and medically abandoned until the firefighting system drops them into a lifetime of synthetic chemical patches.

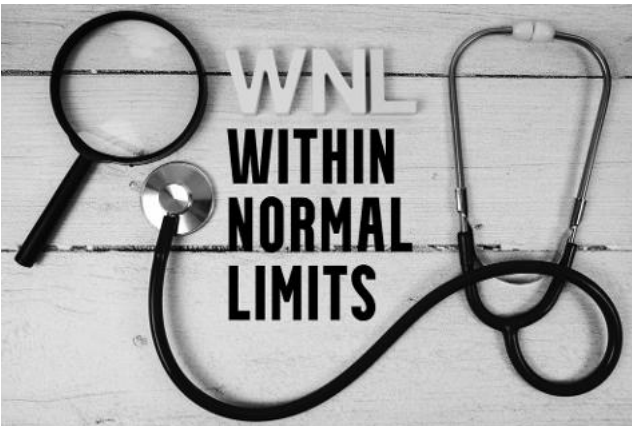
Whether through open mockery or stoic neglect, the result is identical: the patient is separated from the truth of their own biology.

The Engineered Matrix of Confusion and Paid Misdirection

When desperate individuals finally wake up to the failures of conventional medicine, they run straight into an engineered matrix of misdirection. Today, Big Pharma doesn’t just buy commercial slots on legacy media networks—they actively weaponize the internet. Multi-billion-dollar pharmaceutical corporations quietly fund and control slick, big-name “wellness influencers” on social media to build trust, only to systematically mislead and misdirect the public.

Crucially, this wide-ranging alternative medicine complex targets women as the primary healthcare decision-makers in their households. These corpo-

rate-backed marketing campaigns weaponize female needs, selling an infantile notion of nutrition that reduces systemic healing to a superficial lifestyle aesthetic—promoting macro-counting, generic elimination trends, or an exhausting checklist of expensive, unguided health-store supplements. They train the public to frantically chase individual symptoms with random products, ensuring that both men and women remain profoundly confused, financially drained, and



functionally dependent on a broken system.

The Illusion of “Normal” Reference Ranges

Because conventional medicine is designed strictly for reactive fire-fighting and corporate dependency, its diagnostic tools are calibrated exclusively to flag near-fatal emergencies rather than promote optimal vitality. This is perfectly illustrated by Western laboratory “normal” reference ranges, which are calculated using a standard bell curve based on the test results of an already sick, depleted population.

If your doctor says your labs are perfect, but your body says otherwise, you aren’t crazy—you’re just measuring by the wrong standard.

Dr. Barnard looked past these restrictive local boundaries to adopt the optimal reference ranges utilized by other countries. A prime example occurred in the 1980s, when Japan recognized that cognitive health and neurological preservation require blood levels far higher than Western standards care to admit. While the Canadian deficiency cutoff for Vitamin B12 is dangerously low at 148 pmol/L, Japan set its baseline much higher, targeting an optimal range between 900 pmol/L and 1,500 pmol/L.

Medical literature has shown that when Vitamin B12 falls below 500 pmol/L, the brain begins to atrophy and shrink. Yet the reductionist view stops at the diagnosis: they look at the shrinking brain tissue, label it an isolated structural pathology, and throw up their hands. They completely ignore the underlying language of the living terrain. A body crashing beneath these baseline thresholds isn’t just a metric on a page; it screams through singular, agonizing symptoms such as peripheral neuropathy, persistent tinnitus, macrocytic anemia, irreversible spinal cord degeneration, and deep, unremitting panic attacks.

The Missing Biological Elements: What Your Doctor Can’t See

Conventional Western doctors receive almost no formal training in cellular nutrition. Because they are programmed by a pharmaceutical-first paradigm, they are entirely blind to the essential cofactors that keep our cellular engines running—the very cofactors that are systematically depleted by modern viral stressors and spike protein interactions. When a patient presents today with chronic post-pandemic fatigue, a standard doctor rarely checks the deep cellular terrain:

Intracellular Magnesium: Mainstream labs rely

on a standard serum magnesium test, which measures only the 1% of magnesium circulating in the blood. They entirely miss intracellular magnesium levels within the red blood cells, which are vital for over 300 enzymatic reactions, cellular ATP energy production, and calming a hyper-reactive nervous system.

Active Vitamin D3 and Vitamin K2: Conventional guidelines recommend minimal baseline doses of Vitamin D to prevent rickets, completely ignoring the massive cellular need for Vitamin D3 as a master immune modulator, paired with Vitamin K2 to safely direct calcium out of inflamed tissues and blood vessels.

Trace Minerals (Zinc, Selenium, Manganese): These critical elements are the spark plugs of the cellular matrix. Selenium is essential for the body’s primary cellular antioxidant defence (glutathione) to clear systemic toxins, while zinc regulates the T-cell immune response.

Coenzyme Q10 (CoQ10): Essential for mitochondrial energy production. When modern spike proteins target and damage the mitochondria—leading to the profound, heavy exhaustion so common today—conventional practitioners leave the patient’s cellular engines running on empty.

The modern patient lives under a dangerous superstition: the belief that if it doesn’t show up on a standard blood test, it isn’t real. But blood is the body’s primary transport highway, and the body’s homeostatic mechanisms will actively rob nutrients from its own tissues and cells to keep blood levels looking “normal” for short-term survival. **Your blood looks fine, but your cellular matrix is utterly bankrupt.**

The Botanist Approach: Reclaiming Sovereignty

How do we see what the blood test hides? We look to cellular nutritional symptomatology.

Consider a botanist looking at a wilting plant. The botanist does not diagnose the plant with a behavioural malfunction or a deficiency in a synthetic chemical spray. Instead, they analyze the soil terrain. This is exactly what orthomolecular medicine—a term coined in 1968 by two-time Nobel Prize winner Dr. Linus Pauling—is about. The human body is a dynamic, living biological terrain composed entirely of substances naturally present within us.

Long before a biochemical deficiency prompts a lab report to flag an emergency, your body communicates distress through a highly specific, reliable language of physical symptoms. Subtle eyelid twitching, muscle cramps, waking with a racing heart, persistent brain fog, cold extremities, and white spots on your fingernails are direct structural indicators that your cellular terrain is starving for specific trace minerals and active cofactors.

We do not need to accept the insulting labels or the stoic neglect heaped on us by a reductionist culture too lazy to grasp the complexity of human biology. By shifting your perspective away from reductionist laboratory dogmas and adopting the holistic, botanist approach of orthomolecular science, you can begin to measure, understand, and restore your internal matrix.

Your symptoms are not a malfunction; they are the language of your living terrain, asking for an approach that finally knows how to listen.

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Fourteen Nations, One Script

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Within a few months, Canada, France, the UK, and 11 other nations all decided children under 16 should be banned from social media. **14 nations, 14 governments, 14 legal systems, yet one identical policy arriving at nearly the exact same time.** Forget whether the ban is good. Maybe it is.

My question is deeper. **Why does it look the same everywhere at once?** We are told these governments belong to their peoples; Ottawa is supposed to answer to Canadians, Westminster, to Britons, Paris, to the French. Each is supposed to be steering its own ship, so why the uniformity?

Suppose every nation on its own decided youth and the screen had become a problem. You’d expect multiple strategies with different mechanisms, different thresholds, and different timelines. Because that’s

what self-rule would look like.

But that’s not what happened. **Australia passed a ban in December, and within months, France, Britain, and Canada reached for the exact same one.** The same age line, same enforcement machinery, and same framing about protecting children. Denmark, Greece, Austria, and the rest fell in line behind.

It didn’t spread like independent nations stumbling towards a shared problem; instead, it got implemented like a memo through a head office. **When a dozen supposedly sovereign nations converge on the identical policy in the identical window, the decision clearly wasn’t made in any of those countries.** It must have been handed to them.

The people of the West are not being represented. It feels much more like being administered.

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What Forgiveness Is Not

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Last week, we hosted our monthly Brownstone Institute Supper Club at Sovereignty Ranch. Our guest speaker was Mikki Willis, producer of *Plandemic*, *The Great Awakening* (*Plandemic 3*), and several other films that became touchstones for millions of people trying to make sense of the Covid-19 era.

I expected the conversation to focus on public health, censorship, and the lingering questions many people still have about those years. It did. But what stayed with me most had very little to do with science, politics, or policy. **It was a conversation about forgiveness.**

Mikki spoke candidly about friendships lost during Covid-19, the pain of being misunderstood, and the reality that many of the apologies people hoped for never came. There were moments when emotion caught in his throat as he reflected on people he once loved and trusted. The hurt was still visible, but so was **the peace that had come from refusing to carry that hurt forever.**

One of the most powerful ideas he shared was that what gives a two-dimensional image depth is shadow. Without shadow, there is no contrast, and without contrast, there is no depth. The same is true of life. The difficult moments, the betrayals, the losses, and the disappointments create the depth that allows us to appreciate the full picture. **But we cannot allow the shadows to become the whole picture.** If we focus only on darkness, we lose sight of the beauty, growth, wisdom, and purpose that exist alongside it.

That idea hit me harder than I expected.

Partly because I have watched my own brother and Mikki experience a fracture in their friendship during Covid-19, which was eventually healed. Seeing two people find their way back to one another after time and distance had come between them is powerful. It is a reminder that relationships can survive even serious disagreements **if both people remain willing to do the work.**

Not Another Inquiry

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criminal standards of proof, don't provide juries, and don't offer the procedural protections that Canadians have historically considered fundamental.

Who investigates whether these powers are being abused? Who holds the regulators accountable? Who hears from the people on the receiving end of professional discipline, administrative sanction, and regulatory investigation?

Right now: nobody.

The NCI has heard from some of those people, under oath, on the record and uncontested.

You haven't.

Why I'm Not Asking You to Launch Another Inquiry

I know there's pressure to "do something." The Allison Inquiry at the federal level shows one model: an MP-led hearing, politically structured, with witnesses selected by party staff and findings that—whatever their merits—will always carry the asterisk of having been produced by politicians investigating the system politicians sustain.

BC doesn't need that because **the work has already been done.**

The NCI held hearings in this province, British Columbians testified and their words are in the record. You don't need to spend millions of taxpayer dollars creating a new inquiry that will face the same structural criticism every government-led investigation faces: that government cannot credibly investigate itself.

You just need to receive what already exists.

What I'm Asking

Three things. That's it.

First, invite representatives of the NCI to present the relevant findings and BC-specific testimony before a legislative committee. Let the evidence be heard in a room where it becomes part of the official record of this province.

Second, enter the sworn testimony and commissioners' report into the legislative record so they can

But the conversation touched something even deeper in me.

During Covid-19, I watched businesses I had spent years building disappear. I watched equity vanish. I watched plans I had worked toward for decades collapse in a matter of months. Like many entrepreneurs, I wasn't just losing income. **I was watching pieces of**



my life's work slip away.

I can forgive that. In fact, I believe I have to. **Carrying anger forever is a prison.** At some point, it weighs more on the person carrying it than on the person who caused it.

At the same time, **forgiveness and accountability are not the same thing,** and I think we do ourselves a disservice when we pretend they are.

I do not want to move on as if nothing happened. I do not want to pretend businesses were not destroyed, children were not harmed, families were not divided, and fundamental rights were not restricted. I do not want us to collectively decide that because enough time has passed, the questions no longer matter.

That is what forgiveness is not.

It is not forgetting. It is not pretending the wound never existed. It is not agreeing that what happened was acceptable. **Forgiveness is the decision not to**

be cited, debated, and if anyone is willing, challenged.

Third, summon the regulatory bodies implicated in that testimony. The professional colleges, the Ministry of Health, the Law Society and so on. Let them do under oath what they refused to do when first invited: show up and answer the evidence.

If the testimony is flawed, let them expose it. If the findings are wrong, let them refute them. But let it happen in the light, under oath, on the record. **What I can't accept, what I don't think any citizen should accept, is silence from the powerful and dismissal from the elected.**

What Happens If You Say No

I understand you might not respond to this email. I understand that a volunteer from your riding doesn't carry the weight of a lobbyist, a donor, or a party official. I understand how this works.

But I want you to understand what a non-response means:

It means you've chosen not to hear sworn testimony from your own constituents about the conduct of regulatory bodies operating under laws you enacted. It means you've decided that citizen-led efforts to document what government won't investigate are beneath the dignity of your office. It means you're comfortable leaving uncontested evidence in the public record, not because it was refuted, but because it was ignored.

You can make that choice. But **I don't think you can defend it to the people who put you in office.**

The Choice Before You

I'm not a political operator and I don't have a strategy. I'm a British Columbian who volunteered my time because I believed, and still believe, that citizens have the right to investigate what their government does, and that elected representatives have the duty to listen when they do.

The testimony exists. The findings are published. The record is uncontested.

The only question is whether you'll look at it.

I live in British Columbia. I vote in British Columbia, and I'm asking.

allow the wound to define the rest of your life. Accountability, on the other hand, is the willingness to honestly examine what happened so that we do not repeat the same mistakes.

We need both. Without forgiveness, we remain trapped in bitterness. Without accountability, we guarantee that history repeats itself.

I am deeply grateful for what Mikki Willis brought to the world during Covid-19. His films gave many people the courage to ask questions when asking questions carried real social and professional consequences. Whether someone agreed or not, he helped create space for conversations that powerful institutions often seemed unwilling to have.

What inspired me most last week, however, was not what he did during Covid-19. It was who he has become since. His willingness to forgive, his willingness to continue searching for truth without becoming consumed by anger, and his willingness to keep showing up and encouraging others to do the same struck me as every bit as important as the films themselves.

One of his films was called *The Great Awakening*. As I listened to

him speak, I found myself thinking that perhaps the awakening was never only about government, media, medicine, or public policy. **Perhaps the deeper awakening is personal.**

Every hardship we experience can either become a wound we live inside forever or a lesson that transforms us. Every betrayal can make us smaller or wiser. Every loss can become an excuse for permanent bitterness or **the fuel for a better future.**

One of the things Mikki reminded us of is that what we see as something that happened to us can become our power. It can become our motivation. It can become the very thing that pushes us toward deeper faith, stronger communities, greater courage, and a clearer understanding of what actually matters.

The shadows are real. They always will be. But they are not the whole picture. If we allow them to be, we surrender the very gifts they came to teach us.

For me, that was the lesson of the evening. **Tell the truth about what happened. Refuse to let bitterness consume you. Forgive not just for those who hurt you, but for yourself. Demand accountability when it is warranted.** Then get up the next morning and keep building.

We don't get to choose all of the shadows that enter our lives. We do get to choose what we do with them. We can spend the rest of our lives staring at the darkness, or we can use it to give the picture depth.

That feels a lot like awakening to me.

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Grounded by The Jab

A Pilot's Story of Survival

By **Tim McAdams**

In November 2021, I was a 59-year-old male who never smoked, didn't drink, and exercised five to six times per week. I was a 40-year career pilot in excellent shape, with no prior medical issues or pre-existing conditions. Doctors later agreed that one of the main reasons I survived the devastating strokes and serious complications that followed—including emergency brain surgery—was my good health.

I did not want or need the risky COVID shot, but I took it after my company threatened to fire me. I was afraid of losing my ability to support my family.

I received my second Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 shot on November 7, 2021.

During the night of November 28, I suffered the first of two strokes. Around 1 a.m., I woke up dizzy, throwing up, and having difficulty moving my legs. My wife took me to a local emergency care hospital, where I was diagnosed with vertigo, given anti-nausea medication, and sent home that morning feeling okay.

The following night, it happened again. We returned to the same emergency hospital, where they did a CT scan of my head and said it was clear, with no sign of a stroke. They had no overnight beds and wanted to send me by ambulance on a two-hour trip to their main hospital for observation.

That didn't make sense to me. We live in the Dallas-Fort Worth area, which is home to dozens of good hospitals. I believe I was a well-insured patient, and they wanted to keep me in their system. I checked out, went home, and my wife called 911.

An ambulance from the local fire department transported me to a larger hospital near my house. There, more tests were done, and the doctor informed me that I had suffered two very rare bilateral cerebellar strokes. I was told I needed to stay in the hospital for observation.

That same evening, I was transferred to another hospital in Fort Worth, Texas, because they had a vascular surgeon on call. The next morning, I collapsed, unable to speak or move. An emergency head CT confirmed that my brain was swelling due to water on the brain. Over the next few days, I was given a solution to reduce the swelling and was closely monitored in the neuro ICU.

On December 4, the solution must have been losing effectiveness, and I was rushed into the operating room for emergency brain surgery. A drain was placed on the side of my head, and I underwent an emergency decompressive craniectomy to relieve the pressure and allow my swelling brain room to expand.

While in the ICU, I developed double pneumonia. After multiple intubations and extubations, I could not breathe on my own. Fearing the breathing tube had been in too long, doctors performed a tracheostomy to protect my airway until I could breathe independently. One of my vocal cords was permanently damaged. Because I also had difficulty swallowing, doctors placed a feeding tube in my stomach.

Once everything was under control, I was transferred to a long-term acute care hospital, where they started getting me out of bed and I gradually improved. It was there that I began to have a clearer understanding of what had happened.

One conversation from that time has stayed with



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me.

Toward the end of my hospital stay, a nurse was adjusting my IV when a doctor came into my room with the results of a recent test. He said the results were unremarkable, and they still had no clear reason for the strokes. I was frustrated and asked him what he thought had caused them.

He asked if anything unusual had happened to me in the previous three months, such as getting hit on the back of the head. I said no—the only thing different in my life was the COVID vaccine. He replied, *“Oh, that would have nothing to do with your strokes,”* and left the room.

The nurse had paused while the doctor was in the room. After he left, she turned to me and said, *“For political reasons, you will never get a doctor associated with this hospital to admit that the COVID vaccine has any negative side effects. I think the COVID vaccine had everything to do with your strokes.”*

She then encouraged me to file a report with VAERS—the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System—an American-based system where doctors, nurses, patients, and families from around the world can report adverse events that happen after vaccination. I had never heard of VAERS before that moment, but when I got out of the hospital, I filed a report.

That is when I started connecting the dots.

I was later transferred to an inpatient rehabilitation hospital. There, I was able to get out of a wheelchair and use a walker. After that came outpatient rehabilitation, where I was finally able to walk again.

I spent the first year after leaving rehab trying to regain my balance, strength, and endurance. Some of it returned. Doctors told me I would likely make progress for about a year, and then my recovery would slow or stop and remain that way for the rest of my life. I stopped improving pretty close to their prediction.

The toll on me and my family has been extensive.

I am now seeing my long-time doctor of more than 20 years for follow-up care. After more than a year of examining me after the strokes and reviewing my medical records, he determined that the COVID-19 vac-

cine caused my strokes. I am intentionally omitting his name because many doctors who have challenged Big Pharma's *“safe and effective”* narrative have had their medical licenses threatened. His diagnosis was written in my medical notes in January 2024.

I was told by many doctors and nurses that I was lucky to survive. Most people who suffer this type of stroke and go through this kind of ordeal don't make it. In total, I spent 80 days in the hospital recovering from two strokes and multiple life-threatening complications, including emergency brain surgery and double pneumonia.

I wasn't expected to live, but I did. I decided to tell my story because I want others to understand what can happen when people are pressured to put an unknown, unproven, and experimental substance into their bodies. If you are lucky enough to survive—and many were not—your life and career can still be permanently altered.

When I was finally released from the hospital, I required a great deal of care. Since she could not work from home, my wife resigned from her job to care for me.

Following extensive rehabilitation, I eventually learned to walk on my own, swallow, and drive a car with restrictions—no night driving, no bad weather, no heavy traffic, and so on. But I could no longer pilot an aircraft. These COVID-19 vaccine injuries caused me to lose the medical certification required to fly.

After a 40-year career, my ability to work as a pilot was gone. With my career ruined and my wife forced to leave her job to care for me, we now survive on a disability payment. We were forced into retirement about six years earlier than planned.

Although we have had to make many adjustments, we are surviving okay. When we see what other vaccine-injured people are dealing with, we view our sacrifices as minor.

I do physical therapy every day in an attempt to regain strength and improve my balance. I also post daily on X, sharing images of myself in the hospital to help others better understand the risks: [@covidjabstroke](https://twitter.com/covidjabstroke).

Our mission now is to raise awareness and help others make informed decisions.

Most days, I think about the horrible COVID-19 mandates that so many people were threatened into accepting without informed consent, and it saddens me.

Beyond what happened to me personally, I believe this raises a serious public-safety issue for pilots.

My former employer did not have authority to regulate pilot medical standards. That authority belongs to the Federal Aviation Administration, which demands the highest level of health from pilots trusted with many lives.

I believe that, by threatening a risky medical treatment for an otherwise healthy pilot—a treatment not required for pilot medical certification or air safety—my employer's actions rendered me physically and legally unable to perform my duties, thus gravely endangering the public.

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