



How To Recover From The COVID Coup

Description

WORLD : The Western world went through a mental, emotional, physical, and social coup beginning in 2020 because of hyped fear about COVID. That was despite the fact that CDC stats showed in early 2020 that COVID was little threat to anyone and several inexpensive early treatments were available.

So, there was no need for the devastating lockdowns, school closures, PCR tests, social distancing, contact tracing, or mandates of the rushed, poorly-tested, novel, gene-altering, expensive COVID shots.

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Dr. Wolf explains how un-American the US response was to COVID and how dangerous it is to accept that response as a “new normal”. She helps us restore

we took for granted as Americans before 2020.

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The Beauty Myth

The End of America: Letter of Warning to a Young Patriot

Give Me Liberty: A Handbook for American Revolutionaries

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Interview With Dr. Naomi Wolf

“People think democracies die with a sudden shock, and you see Black Shirts or Brownshirts goose-stepping in the streets. That’s not how democracies die. Democracies die through a thousand cuts,” says Naomi Wolf, CEO of DailyClout and author of the new book, “Facing the Beast: Courage, Faith, and Resistance in a New Dark Age.”

“Our Justice Department has been turned against citizens. That’s what happens in an advanced tyranny. People are languishing in prison without due process. That’s what happens in an advanced tyranny,” Ms. Wolf says. So, what has really happened to America, and across Western democracies, over these last few years?

Ms. Wolf: Honestly, ever since the Clinton years, I did not understand why my people, my tribe of liberal elites, to put it reductively, were always cheerleading for China. I remember when it began in the Clinton years.

I was a White House spouse and then a political consultant for Clinton’s reelection campaign and for Vice President Gore’s campaign.

I remember when President Clinton was ushering in the offshoring of everything and preparing working Americans and the industrial belt for this change, basically saying, “You can go back to community college. You can reskill. You can join the service sector.”

I was thinking, “How is this a good idea?”

It was a whole intervention of concepts that were un-American and super Communist into our language like, “Social distancing. Freedom’s a bad idea. You’re selfish if you want human rights or harm reduction.”

I could go on and on about this collectivist interposition of the state as the arbiter of how we communicate with each other, how we touch each other, and how we assemble with each other, all under the guise of public health.

It was really just a straight-up Marxist state. I was stunned to see Western leaders and all my friends, who had the benefit of Ivy League educations and a great deal of sophistication, just fall in with that and embrace it, and not even think, “Wait, this is historically familiar. This doesn’t end well.” I was surprised by that.

I had been well-prepared for this moment because I had written a book called *The End of America* during the Bush Years. I looked at other times and places where democracies were subverted by tyrannies, whether they were on the Left or on the Right.

By looking at Mussolini's Italy, Germany in the '30s, East Germany in the '50s, Chile, and China, I saw that tyrants, whatever their ideology, always take the same 10 steps. There are 10 steps to fascism and it's a map.

By the time you get to Emergency Law, you're at step 10, and it's very difficult to get your democracy back without a fight. Because of that work I was able to quickly recognize that by June of 2020, when Governor Cuomo of New York State said we couldn't assemble with more than six people in our homes, I realized we were under Emergency Law.

That was step 10. I started trying to warn people early on as a result of my recognizing these historical patterns. Because I had done that work warning that America could easily descend into tyranny, I had already broken that seal in my head that this can't happen here. I knew it could.

I make this point at the end of *End of America*, that people think democracies die with a sudden shock and you see black shirts or brown shirts who are protesting in the streets.

That's not how democracies die. More often than not, democracies die through a thousand cuts and perforations. We are the freest country in the world, but that doesn't mean we are healthy, and it doesn't mean we are not in danger.

Just because we have a press doesn't mean we have a free press. We saw that in the last three years. There were so many things people couldn't say in the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal*.

Thank God for our judiciary. Of all our institutions it seems more robust than most, but we can't take that for granted. Our Justice Department has been turned against citizens. That's what happens in an advanced tyranny.

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That's what happens to dissidents in an advanced tyranny. The state targets dissidents..... A real danger to us is the human tendency to normalize.....these changes are happening bit by bit very surgically and incrementally over time....We laugh about the fact that alternative media is more robust than legacy media. But 10 years ago, if I had said to you that this is what America's going to be like, you would have all recoiled in horror, and I hope in disbelief.

I wouldn't say that I understand what happened on January 6th ...what happened on January 6th is so complicated and involves so many people. But I do understand that I was lied to about it by legacy media and that I believed a lot of those lies.... legacy media on the Left; CNN and the *New York Times*, represented the act of citizens entering the capitol as the insurrection.

That was described as an insurrection, as if simply to enter is violating some norm that we had had in America, and that legislation in Congress only took place when the public couldn't be part of it or witness it or enter the space.

That really struck me because I knew historically that hadn't been the case at all. The Capitol is called The People's House and from its very beginning there were public galleries.

There are galleries that were built in order to allow the public to enter and witness the proceedings. In fact, state houses were built that way too, from the 19th Century to the present, with galleries so that people could watch their representatives voting and debating.

Then I asked, "Is that true? Is it an insurrection to walk peacefully into the capitol?" It is not. People are allowed to walk peacefully into the Capitol. That was an important lie because apart from what happened to those people who walked peacefully into the Capitol, that lie allowed the narrative to be propagated—that half of America was violent and sought to overturn our democracy, and that the people who entered the Capitol represented that half of America, violently and unlawfully.

It's also a disturbing and false narrative to promote, because it reinforces this idea that the people have no role in watching their elected officials or observing the vote or entering a public building.

That's what these oligarchs want. They want us to forget that we have the right to enter any public building, and that those records belong to us. Observing the vote belongs to us, and observing counting of the vote belongs to us. That was a false narrative.

There was violence. I just want to take an opportunity to say violence is always wrong, especially in a civic context. But the people who peacefully entered were depicted as violent when they weren't.

That was depicted as violence.....This story that I was told over and over was that people walked into the Capitol and that is itself insurrectionary criminal behavior, even if it's peaceful, and that the President told them to stage an insurrection and there was an insurrection. That story was used to demonize all of Red America.

You may not believe this because you don't hang out with liberals in New York maybe as much as I did. They thoroughly believed what they were told over and over.

As a result of January 6th, as the story was told by CNN that all of Red America was thug-like. All of Red America wanted to overturn our democratic institutions. Anyone who liked or voted for Trump wanted to make war on democracy.

It was an obligation to never talk to Republicans and to stop them in any way possible from ever, even if it meant doing damage to our own processes because they were so dangerous. That's the use to which that story was put.

The other very destructive legacy of the mythmaking on the Left around January 6th is that it's a criminal act to question an election. This really came to the fore with President Trump and his associates answering various charges and having to appear in court for things that we did in 2000 on both sides with impunity, because that was democracy.

The danger of that is the criminalization of questioning and asking if the votes were counted correctly. Is this right? Is there some question about who won the election?

If you criminalize that, then we get to a fake democracy where on election day CNN or the Washington

Post will declare a winner. They will “call” the election, which is a nonsensical term if every vote has not been counted yet.

Any citizen might say, “Hey, wait a minute, all the votes haven’t been counted. People have seen people in Wisconsin dumping votes in a trash bin. I saw that I was given the wrong ballot and my ballot was messed up.”

If you criminalize all those questions, then you don’t even need to overthrow the country, because you’ve already overthrown it. The people who lead it will be the people that CNN or the Washington Post declares are the winners.

That is incredibly dangerous. And everyone’s vote deserves to be counted and counted again if there’s a question until there’s no more doubt.

The targeting of President Trump and his associates for doing things that were entirely legal and appropriate in 2000; having discussions about whether there were other votes to be found in other counties, or finding a legal way to advance this or that, is a terrible precedent.

Overnight during 2020, there was this infusion of Chinese Communist existential underpinning of our society, as opposed to an individualist, capitalist set of assumptions, a post-enlightenment set of assumptions that had been traditionally ours in the West and in America.

That’s one example. In the past, public health authorities were supposed to inform you about what’s out there, give you good information, and then it’s up to you to manage your health, manage your family, manage your assembly, manage your travel, and manage your risk. That’s your decision.

Suddenly overnight, public health authorities and the president and the businesses that were complying introduced this notion that public health authorities got to manage you. They weren’t going to leave the decision up to you.

They said, “We’re going to decide for you what your risk would be. We will decide for you if you get to say goodbye to your dying loved one in a hospital.” They would manage your risk for you, and the goal was harm reduction.

I remember a loved one at a major university being told that the goal was society’s harm reduction, and I thought, “We have been infiltrated.” That is not the goal of society.

The goal of society is the freedom of every individual to reach his or her potential in an environment of human rights and dignity. But harm reduction is a thoroughly Marxist notion.

Who defines harm? The state. Who defines harm reduction? The state. Yes, that’s a really good example of how Dr. Fauci and other allied health authorities are treating us, not like citizens, but the way subject peoples are treated in communist regimes. They say, “We’ll decide for you. We know what’s best for you.”

In a free society, all you have is persuasion and propaganda, if you like. Although I note that the laws were changed in 2012 to allow Americans to be propagandized, as opposed to our propaganda being directed outward.

But you still have to persuade people in a free society. In a totalitarian society, you no longer have to persuade them. You nudge them or you mandate them. That word mandate has totalitarianism embedded in it.

It's not a law, it's a commandment. We tipped over from persuasion into coercion in the last three years, and that is the marker.

We've crossed the divide between a free society in which we are constantly bombarded with advertisements or seductions or temptations or scary things to get us to change our behavior, but we still have choice and critical thinking.

But it doesn't matter what you think about this injection. You have to have it or you'll lose your livelihood, you can't travel, or your kids can't go to school. That's the line.

Having said that, we've crossed another line too. If you look back at 2021, millions of dollars were going from the CARES Act to influencers on social media, including doctors, to support them, saying things like, "Unvaccinated people don't deserve healthcare.

Unvaccinated people should be restricted to their homes." This happened in Canada, where you shouldn't be allowed to take public transportation.

There was this whipped up level of hatred saying, "I don't care if you die." That was all over social media. There were protocols in place that are being revealed now by publications like yours and independent journalists in which the boards of health gave hospitals murderous treatments.

Patients would be ventilated, patients would be put on Remdesivir, and then patients would die. It has been established there were bonuses given for that. Look at Canada where euthanasia didn't use to be a thing. The West would never consider it.

I was very influenced by a book called I Will Bear Witness by a French literature professor observing Hitler's rise in Germany in the '30s. It's literally almost a journal where day by day he recounts this little closure of opportunity, this moment where his university turned away from him, this moment where his neighbors no longer would greet him on the street, this moment where he had to put on the yellow star, this moment where they moved from their home and someone else occupied it, and then when they moved to shared rooms.

Barbarism and the end of a democracy doesn't come all at once. It comes in these little steps. And I do feel like America lived through and the West lived through something catastrophic for the last three years that will change its nature if we don't witness it and name it for what really happened.

That is part of my goal in writing Facing the Beast.

Mr. Jekielek: I want to finish up on a positive note. I've been thinking about that type of darkness that you describe. The thing that I am incredibly grateful for from this time period is an unbelievable group of people that I've managed to meet along the way that I don't think would've ever happened.

Certainly not this way, but I don't think it would've happened otherwise. It has actually instilled quite a bit of hope in me that of a positive future because there are these people who will lay everything on the

line to seek truth and justice.

Ms. Wolf: Certainly. I totally agree with you. The irony is that my life didn't end when I was ejected from my legacy media perch on the Left. My life really began because I had all these amazing conversations with people who were conservatives, libertarians, and people of faith that I never had before.

I also began a whole range of new friendships that are so inspiring. I will share in your optimism, because what I see happening is the collapse of our institutions, and Facing the Beast traces that.

I see a rising across the country, and maybe even across the West, a new groundswell of people who are unwilling to let the darkness prevail and who are creating new alternative medical systems and new alternative media systems and new alternative educational systems, and really, in our case, rebuilding America from the ground up.

This is a time of test for us, but clearly, you can't be neutral. The better angels have an opportunity to rebuild and really remake this country closer to its ideal as a nation of freedom and justice.

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