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Fighting the Great Reset With the “Grand Refusal”

It has been quite some time since one would be called a conspiracy theorist for talking about the Great Reset. In June of 2020, the World Economic Forum (WEF) launched the Great Reset initiative, and the WEF website has a whole section about it. Klaus Schwab, the WEF founder and executive chairman, co-authored a book by that name. According to its proponents, the Great Reset is not only real, it is the most viable way to guarantee global peace and prosperity in a post-Covid world. In this interview with *The New American's* Veronika Kyrylenko, former New York University professor and former Marxist Dr. Michael Rectenwald said that that could not be further from the truth. Implementation of the Great Reset, he says, would bring nothing but a dystopian nightmare for everyday people.



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Veronika Kyrylenko and Dr. Michael Rectenwald

The New American: Recently, you tweeted an excerpt of the final interview of Larry MacDonald, the late United States congressman and chairman of The John Birch Society, in which he outlined the agenda of subversive American elites to dissolve national sovereignty and move to one-world government. You posted, “I explore this in depth in my forthcoming book, *The Great Reset and the Struggle for Liberty: Unraveling the Global Agenda*.” Please tell us what made you choose this particular video clip to promote your book.

Dr. Michael Rectenwald: Well, I really appreciated that what he was talking about was the subversive elites, because that’s what I think we’re dealing with. We’re dealing with elites who have us as their objects of subversion. And they not only want to subvert national sovereignty; they want to subvert the economy, they want to subvert basically our entire way of life, and they want to utterly control it. So I thought that tweet was very, very interesting and quite apropos to what I’ve been working with.

TNA: Who are the subversive American elites today, and what do they believe in?

Dr. Rectenwald: I have a whole table of these people in my book. They are people who are members of the World Economic Forum, but also have served in different roles at the UN, and many of them have also been members of different globalist organizations like the Bilderberg Group, the Club of Rome, the Council on Foreign Relations, the Chatham House group, and the Trilateral Commission. So there’s a lot of overlap between these globalist organizations, the UN, and these subversive elites. They are people that have been trained, for example, at the World Economic Forum’s young global leaders, people like Pete Buttigieg. You know, he has definitely been trained as a young global leader. Let’s take a look at some of the world’s leaders. For example, you have [Justin] Trudeau in Canada, you have [Jacinda] Ardern in New Zealand. You have the Netherlands, which is undergoing a great reset of its agricultural



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industry thanks to the participation of the WEF of the Netherlands with the WEF's Food Initiative.

So I mean, they're all over the world. They're stationed in high places. There's a study that I'm citing in my book that studied the responses of governments to the Covid pandemic, and the most draconian responses were undertaken in countries where there was a high concentration of young global leaders. So, they call them NPIs, or non-pharmaceutical interventions. The non-pharmaceutical interventions [in these countries] were the most draconian and strict. That includes, of course, lockdowns, masking and social distancing, and all that. They were the most restrictive in those young global leaders' countries and regions.

TNA: You would expect of the Western leaders, such as those in New Zealand and Western Europe, here in the United States and in Canada, to be more liberal in their responses, but yet, indeed, they were very authoritarian. How do you explain that?

Dr. Rectenwald: Well, how I explain it is that the world is under the grip of leftist totalitarianism. There has been a global revolution of leftist totalitarianism. It's happened all through Europe, and it's happened in the United States. That's what we're dealing with now. This kind of subversion has been underway at least since the 1930s, as The John Birch Society so well researched and documented. They've been attempting it in the United States to try to make us into a collectivist society modeled on the USSR. And now that there's no USSR — isn't it interesting? — the Left has a problem with Russia. So, it's interesting.

As I see it, this is a global elite that has infiltrated states, corporations, NGOs, and, of course, most of the major parties. But what's most surprising, I guess, is the corporate subversion that's going on. And this is due in no small part to the World Economic Forum's corporate public-private partnership strategy.



Embrace your future: "The future is built by us," said Klaus Schwab at the annual WEF Summit in Davos, Switzerland, in May 2022. Left untold was that the future envisioned by the globalists would be a totalitarian nightmare for ordinary people. (AP Images)

TNA: Why is it surprising to you?

Dr. Rectenwald: Well, because it's often thought, at least on the Left, that corporations are going to embrace a free-market ideology, but nothing is further from the truth. They're actually embracing



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leftist, monopolistic ideology, and that really works to their benefit. As I've been pointing out in numerous books and essays, leftist totalitarianism is actually more amenable to monopolist capitalism than free markets. They are not heroes or free-market promoters, but rather monopolists who want, in effect, to have complete control over the economy. They share this monopoly with others in their industries. But there's really a woke cartel that's running the business world today, and that's being driven through stakeholder capitalism, of course.

TNA: Please explain how this cabal of public-private partnerships benefited during the Covid pandemic. French philosopher Voltaire once said that if God didn't exist, we would have invented him. And if Covid didn't exist, they probably would have invented Covid. And it looks like they did. And you know that Klaus Schwab often described it as a window of opportunity, an opportunity that needs to be seized. So, the Covid pandemic definitely played a huge role in the Great Reset.

Dr. Rectenwald: Yes. I mean, if they didn't plan it, surely, they seized the opportunity, as they suggested, to bring about this worldwide change of economic and social order. So the way it's worked [is that] the stakeholder capitalism model is about creating a cartel, a woke cartel that effectively drives other businesses out of business. If you're not a member of the woke cartel, you won't survive. This is being driven through stakeholder capitalism and the mechanism of stakeholder capitalism, which is the ESG score — Environmental, Social and Governance index.

[The object] is not a fairer, greener future, but a future in which you have elite control over industry, government, culture, and everything else, a kind of monopoly, as under socialism. Because socialism is nothing if not a monopoly. That's it. That's really what it boils down to. It's a monopoly over everything. And that's exactly what they want. It's just a different contingent rather than the state itself alone. Now we have a corporate hybrid. A corporate-state hybrid is effectively what's going on. So, what they want is these monopolies. So Covid actually accelerated this drive. They managed to eliminate midsize and small businesses by the millions, driving more capital toward the monopolistic corporations on top, like Amazon, Walmart, Facebook, Apple, and so forth. While Covid crushed these small and midsize businesses, it actually benefited to a great extent these huge corporate monopolists, and it increased their revenues, their profit shares, everything. So Covid effectively drove home what the Great Reset project attempts to undertake.

TNA: Naturally, it's in full swing right now, the Great Reset. But what happens if the globalist forces succeed? What would the life of an average American be like?

Dr. Rectenwald: It would be, well, I'd call it corporate socialism. You have these corporate monopolies and monoliths on top with the state, and then you have everybody else living in actually existing socialism. That is a kind of static hierarchy. You have these controllers on top, and everybody else is basically living under socialism. In effect, they have fairness and equity, but that is merely equality at the bottom, and without any real prospects for upward mobility, for private enterprise, for anything other than, effectively, living on universal basic income or a static income of some sort. And also, what would be in effect, that is the technologies of the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

Now that these people are in place, you need to control them. So, they propose to use digital identities, a central bank, digital currencies, the Internet of Bodies, invasive technologies, and even ingestible and insertable technologies into the body that would not only control and monitor everything about a person, but would also possibly even control their thoughts if they have these brain-cloud interfaces



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effectively implemented. So, it would be a nightmare.

And to put it further, there is also the great die-off that would take place because they're destroying the agricultural industry with the environmental or sustainability goals — you know, the United Nations' 2030 sustainability goals. This is gutting the agricultural industry and will definitely result in reduced crops and, likewise, increased food prices and possibly famines in some parts of the world. I mean, you have the Netherlands, which is going to be losing output by who knows how much. But they're saying that at least 30 percent of farmers will go out of business because they won't be able to abide by these ESG indexes. And so, you'll have a reduction in consumption — less meat, of course. Maybe none. They even want to feed us insects. This is very real. It's all over the World Economic Forum's website. And we see that they're trying to make this glamorous with Nicole Kidman doing an ad for *Vanity Fair*. I mean, this is just a dystopian nightmare, frankly.

TNA: Why do you think the JBS and intellectuals like yourself are called conspiracy theorists for just exposing the dangers associated with this agenda?

Dr. Rectenwald: They've been using "conspiracy theory" rhetoric since the 1950s. But this is one of the tools in their toolbox in order to counter real, valid criticism of what they're doing. As a matter of fact, I think they try to generate what they call conspiracy theories on purpose in order to discredit critics of this agenda. So you had Klaus Schwab at the last annual meeting in May saying things like, we must deal with the Covid crisis, but there are other viruses that we may have on the agenda, and suggesting that they have it on the agenda. And also he said something to the effect that the future does not just happen in the future. We make the future. We make you here in this room, he said. We make the future.

So they make these kinds of statements almost, it seems, purposefully, in order to discredit anybody that's going to speak up against this conspiracy theory. Rhetoric has been used since the 1950s, was marshaled by the CIA, but it started with Karl Popper and his book *The Open Society and Its Enemies* and where they started to pooh-pooh and discredit anybody that makes any kind of statement that suggests there's any kind of planned, coordinated efforts on the part of elites to control society. But everything has the earmarks of this all over the place. So, you're right. It's almost impossible for them to deny that this is taking place when they're, in fact, executing it as we speak.

TNA: How do you explain that so many people actually buy this claim that we all will benefit from the Great Reset, and every single person on Earth will be, for example, happy for owning nothing, or for taking an mRNA vaccine every six months or injecting some kind of technology that tracks your every single move and, as you said, even your thoughts? How can people not see that it's just simply evil and that it is about control? It's not about their well-being.

Dr. Rectenwald: Yeah, exactly. What they do with the foot soldiers on the Left is they do several things. One of the things they do is flatter them by telling them that they're in the know and that anybody that thinks differently is nuts, and they're also lesser, they're deplorables or they are other types of downgraded specimens that need to be treated with derision and contempt.

So they manage to keep the Left as their kind of foot soldiers that are actually helping to perpetrate this very Great Reset. They are actually instruments of this, because they use them as kind of like in *The Matrix*. They use them as kind of like those squids that go around looking for the Nebuchadnezzar, and they attack everything. They're programmed to do this, and they're programmed to think that they're in



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the right, and they're also more knowledgeable, more sophisticated, smarter, and better than those that they attack. This is how the elite treats them. They flatter them and they brainwash them, frankly, and get them to act as these kinds of sentinels of surveillance.



Transhumanist technologies: Covid facilitated a fusion of people's physical, digital, and biological identities, which is creating the possibility of unlimited control over virtually all aspects of human life. (EvgeniyShkolenko/iStock/Getty Images Plus)

TNA: The most important question is, which remedies do you propose to counter this well-coordinated, well-funded effort that spans national and international political elites and wealthy corporations?

Dr. Rectenwald: Well, I have in my upcoming book *The Great Reset and the Struggle for Liberty* a nine-point plan for countering the Great Reset. It's not like this is all we can do, but these are definite practical steps.

Well, first of all, you must refuse to use the central bank digital currency. And then you must reject the technologies that they have in mind for our use, for our control, the Internet of Bodies, the installation of devices in your body, the metaverse and transhuman technologies, which are really about turning you into a remote-control subject, refusing this digital identity, which they're going to be trying to issue soon, which is a way of tracking you from cradle to grave.

Keep the free market alive, practice the free market, disengage from these establishment institutions, eliminate your dependence on the state, certainly divest from ESG stocks and electronically traded funds that include ESG index stocks, then get out of ESG reporting, including banks like Bank of America and many others. Almost all of the major banks are on board with stakeholder capitalism and the ESG. Then, put pressure on government representatives to protect national sovereignty and individual rights, to divest from the World Economic Forum so that no money is going to this organization.

[We need to pressure] congressmen and senators to withdraw from the UN and the World Health Organization. Pressure state governors to withdraw their pensions from ESG stocks, including those invested by BlackRock Inc., State Street, and the Vanguard Group, and all these other asset managers that are on board with this Great Reset, with stakeholder capitalism, which amounts to the Great Reset. Encourage the defection of the elites. You know, there have to be some elites who don't go along with this program entirely. Maybe they oppose it for moral, ethical, or economic reasons. Pressure them to



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oppose this.

There are some elites that are on the fence, like Elon Musk and Peter Thiel. It's hard to say where they're really coming from or whether they are enemies like the others. But we can find some, and hopefully get them to defect publicly.

And then, of course, network with like-minded individuals to spread this or related plans and get a body of people to refuse this project. I call it the "Grand Refusal," and I use as the character for this Howard Beale from the movie *Network*. And the slogan was, "We're mad as hell, and we're not going to take this anymore." We need people to refuse this and to demand that it be stopped.



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