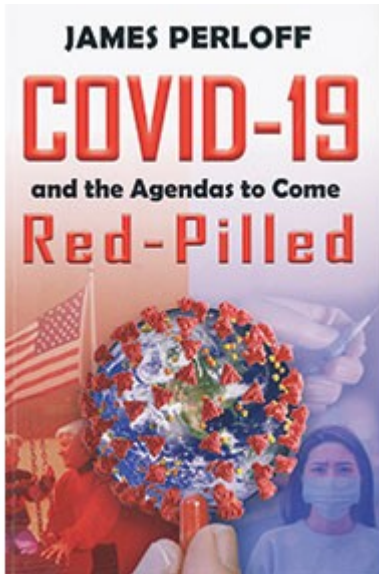




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Policy Choices During COVID-19



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COVID-19 and the Agendas to Come: Red-Pilled, by James Perloff, Burlington, Massachusetts: Refuge Books, 2020, 207 pages, paperback.

Just 14 months ago, life in the United States and in the rest of the world was what we might fondly recall as “normal.” There was no serious talk of a “reset,” no systematic authoritarian purges of ideological foes, no military occupation of the nation’s capital, no dictatorial edicts from state governments decreeing only some workers to be essential and forcing others to stay home.

Then came the coronavirus and with it the rapid onset (one might say onslaught) of Chinese communist-style government lockdowns. Today, that intolerable situation persists, creating a dystopia of the sort only previously imagined by the darkest science fiction.

“The Powers That Be” have worked tirelessly, using the pandemic as leverage to consolidate their control over every aspect of the economy, society, and personal behavior in their effort to “reset” the world to a “new normal.” This effort can be resisted and stopped, and must be, if freedom is to be preserved and government is to be restrained once again by the “chains of the Constitution.” Achieving this, however, means understanding our overlords’ actions and agendas.

As ever, accessing accurate and essential information is needed to build the understanding that is the solid foundation of any effort to restore a measure of sanity to the nation. Unfortunately, in all times and places when or wherever tyranny rises, its first program is to eliminate the spread of critical information. And so it is in the United States in 2020 and 2021: People are “cancelled” for having the temerity to call out the shocking abuses of power that are now witnessed every day. Videos are taken down, Twitter accounts blocked, and books banned.

One of those banned books is *COVID-19 and the Agendas to Come, Red-Pilled* by longtime journalist and author James Perloff.

Perhaps best known for his analysis of what is now generally referred to as the “Deep State” in his 1988 book *The Shadows of Power*, Perloff remains at the height of his power as a writer, able to examine complex issues with clarity and present them with simplicity.



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This may be enough to recommend the book on its own, but the most important aspect of Perloff's latest work is the sheer mass of information compiled. As much of the information presented stems from happenings and motivations early in the pandemic and the associated lockdowns, *COVID-19 and the Agendas to Come, Red Pilled* is a key resource for understanding the early development of the medical tyranny that continues to grip the nation and the world.

As a registered nurse, the author brings an informed medical perspective to the book. Thus, relatively early on, he is able to put the COVID-19 pandemic into perspective, comparing it to other pandemic diseases, notably various strains of the flu. The flu virus, of course, is not the same as the coronavirus, but comparisons can still be made between death rates and policy choices.

Looking back at earlier outbreaks, Perloff writes, "The CDC says the Asian Flu of 1957-58 killed 1.1 million worldwide and 116,000 in the United States, and the 1968 Hong Kong Flu killed one million worldwide and about 100,000 in the U.S."

These are lower numbers than the current pandemic has claimed, but the population of the United States and the world was also much lower in those earlier decades. "Even if we accept the official COVID-19 death totals at face value," Perloff notes, "those older numbers were still greater. Furthermore, since world population was 2.8 billion in 1957 and 3.5 billion in 1968 (compared to 7.8 billion today) the earlier death rates represented a much higher percentage of the population. Yet no one back then dreamed of locking down economies or quarantining the healthy."

With regard to a disease such as COVID, a sensible policy would be to protect the vulnerable, which is well understood to be the elderly, especially those in that demographic cohort who have other complicating conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, or conditions that compromise their immune systems. But that's not what government did. In fact, as Perloff notes, it did just the opposite, contributing to elevated death rates in nursing homes, where the population of the most vulnerable people was to be found.

On this point, Perloff relates the tragic policy pursued by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo. He quotes the *New York Post*, which reported: "Gov. Cuomo doubled down Sunday on the state's controversial directive ordering homes to admit COVID-19 patients."

This tragically irresponsible decision in New York was replicated in other states, and it shouldn't have happened. Perloff recounts an interview between two doctors, Dr. Simone Gold, a board-certified ER physician, and Dr. Dan Wohlgeleitner, a cardiologist trained at the Yale University School of Medicine.

As Wohlgeleitner noted, according to Perloff, it was known as early as February 2020 that the elderly were the population most at risk. "So why did Governor Cuomo and his health commissioner force the nursing homes to take patients?" Dr. Wohlgeleitner asked. "Well, it was part of the overall panic.... The hospitals ... were afraid that they would be overwhelmed." So they wanted to send patients who didn't need intensive treatment somewhere else.

"Well, there were places in New York where they could have sent them: the Javits Center, which had been equipped; the Navy ship *Comfort* had been sent to New York Harbor. Instead they were sent to nursing homes, where it created massive death."

This was "just absolute negligence in terms of decision-making," Wohlgeleitner concluded.

This is where Perloff's experience as a nurse is particularly valuable and unique. "As a registered nurse



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who has worked in multiple acute care hospitals as well as in nursing homes during my career, I can state categorically that most nursing homes lack the staffing, equipment, and training needed to deal with acute infectious illnesses," the author writes.

He continues: "The political decision to send acutely ill COVID patients into nursing homes was the exact opposite of normal protocols. These homes thus became hotspots for rapid spread of the virus among the most vulnerable — the elderly. Compounding the cruelty of the situation, family members were routinely forbidden to visit, meaning these people had to die alone."

Keep in mind that the politicians who made this negligent, tragic, and deadly decision were the same ones who decided the best way to respond to the pandemic was to slaughter Americans' civil liberties. Whether these terrible decisions were the result of incompetence, panic, or derangement, or some combination thereof, the result was the same: a rapid escalation in sickness, death, and tyranny.

If there is a weak spot in this otherwise valuable book, it is where it engages in speculation. A section of the book presents the idea that the rollout of 5G technology is correlated with the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The author draws brief attention, for instance, to one of the strange episodes from the original epicenter of the outbreak in Wuhan, China.

There, "residents, who appeared healthy and were engaged in routine activities, were photographed suddenly dropping dead," the author writes. "This has led some to ask if they were unable to process oxygen due to directed electromagnetic blasts from Wuhan's network of approximately 10,000 5G antennas."

In science, correlation is not causation, and though this is a well-known fundamental logical principle, it nonetheless is a common tripwire for many. There is no known causal mechanism that links 5G and this reported phenomenon. Moreover, other causal mechanisms may be in play. As for 5G, China had over 700,000 5G base stations as of the end of 2020, and plans to install as many as 600,000 more according to *China Daily*. If 5G were causing citizens in Wuhan to suddenly collapse, the rapid expansion of base station installations would seem likely to cause an ever-expanding number of these incidents. That doesn't seem to be happening.

Still, Perloff doesn't take the 5G theory at face value, but presents it primarily as a reporter informing his readers that the theory exists while also describing its basic premise. And he prefaces his discussion of the topic by noting that there is disagreement on the matter. There are, he writes, "responsible people in alternative media who argue against, or at least question, a 5G role."

After reviewing the myriad facts and details that the book relates about the development of the pandemic and the terrible and tyrannical responses to it from government officials, readers may be left feeling disturbed, angry, or even depressed. What can be done about this turn of events? Is there any reason for hope?

Perloff makes the case that there is hope, and ends with a chapter full of examples of people who are standing up to the tyranny visited upon us in the name of public health. He cites many examples, including Catholic Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, evangelical Christian pastor Chuck Baldwin, Fox News host Tucker Carlson, Jon Bolt of *Sky News Australia*, and many others. Since his book was written fairly early in the pandemic, many other names and examples could now be cited as well, including noted scientists and doctors such as Dr. Scott Atlas and Professor John P. A. Ioannidis, to name just two. Nor, in this regard, should the Great Barrington Declaration opposing lockdowns and signed by over



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40,000 medical professionals, 13,000 scientists, and over 700,000 concerned citizens be overlooked.

No book is perfect, and *COVID-19 and the Agendas to Come, Red-Pilled* is no exception to that rule. But it is a very valuable record of the development of our pandemic *annus horribilus* of 2020, and it is necessary reading for those who want to understand how we came to be at the precipice of worldwide tyranny. And that knowledge and understanding is necessary if we are to return to normal and prevent the same mistakes from recurring in the future.



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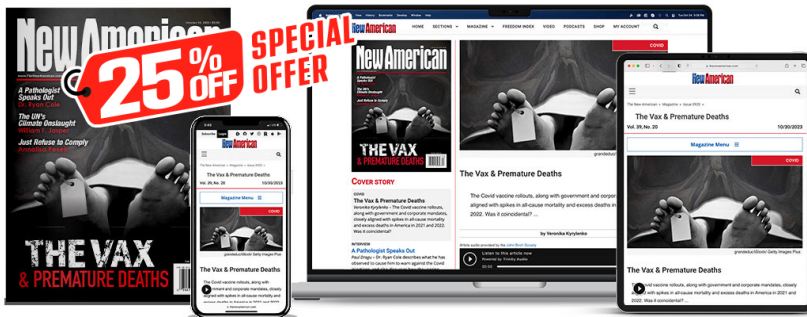
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