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Former British PM Tony Blair teams up with private tech companies pressuring governments to adopt biometric digital IDs for all humans

Blair has long been a proponent of using technology to create digital slaves in a system of total information awareness. In short, Big Brother.

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An AI-supporting NGO run by former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, along with the CEOs of two of the world's top providers of biometric digital IDs are calling on the new British government to ramp up the country's march toward a forced digital ID for all citizens.

The Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, which advises government leaders worldwide, is also calling for a new global digital ID system powered by artificial intelligence. The institute published a paper in May 2024 titled *Governing in the Age of AI: A New Model to Transform the State*.

According to an article at the website *Biometric Update*, UK Member of Parliament Peter Kyle, the new Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology, is being pressured to speed up the government's implementation of digital IDs.

An open letter from Robin Tombs, CEO of the biometrics firm Yoti, calls on the new UK government to pass legislation requiring digital ID and so-called online safety measures, such as using AI-generated face-scans to verify the age of people online and at retail locations.

A letter on similar themes was addressed to Kyle by executives at another biometrics firm, OIX, who, like Tombs, are suggesting there is an economic benefit that can be gained from a "more mature digital ID ecosystem," according to *Biometric Update*.

Tombs writes in his letter to the UK official:

“This framework would enable UK residents to use digital IDs with the same confidence as paper documents in more situations, which would improve the accessibility of services provided by organizations in the public and private sectors.”

He says demand for digital ID is growing among UK consumers, with more than 4.5 million people downloading one of Yoti’s biometric face-scan apps.

Tombs also noted that the science backing biometric facial age estimation has dramatically increased.

Biometric Update reports that similar arguments in favor of digital IDs are made in a recent commentary co-authored by Yiannis Theodorou, a senior advisor for the promotion of digital ID at the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change. The article was co-authored with executives of iProov, which is yet another private contractor profiting from the global transition from paper to biometric digital ID.

In the article, Tony Blair’s lackey teams up with iProov to make the case for digital ID not just in Britain, but internationally.

Biometric Update writes:

“Their main point, however, is that AI and digital ID can be mutually beneficial.”

This is all setting us up for a world in which AI controls everything. When combined with central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) AI-powered digital ID will control human transactions, all human movements, all human expression, everything will be done under the watchful eye of Big Brother. This has always been the wet dream of globalist power elites, the only thing new is that Big Brother will be powered by AI technology, not a single human dictator as dystopian writers have long imagined.

Biometric Update further explains:

AI chatbots can make using digital ID easier, iProov and the Blair Institute argue. AI and digital ID can be used together to improve personalized and targeted services. Trusted data can inform trustworthy automated decisions, they claim. And automated identity verification and fraud detection can help mitigate cyber-attacks.

The paper recommends governments invest in AI research and development, implement comprehensive frameworks for digital ID, and promote public awareness and education. They should put strong security protocols in place, including AI threat detection and digital identity verification, and prioritize accessibility and inclusion. They should set up

sandboxes and take other steps to encourage innovation, and also foster international collaboration.

“By addressing the challenges of deepfakes, remote transaction manipulation and data protection head on,” the commentary states, “nations can harness digital-ID innovation and AI capabilities responsibly and unlock extensive benefits: personalised education, improved health care, seamless access to services and data-driven policymaking.”

With AI-powered data-driven policymaking, global technocrats will eventually make the case for a world without elected political leaders. With AI data, who needs politicians? Most of them are already mere puppets anyway, making very few of their own decisions. Everything, including the future of all “global citizens,” will be decided by Big Brother’s artificial intelligence. This is the beast system, infused with technology developed with knowledge I believe is inspired from Satanic sources of darkness.

No matter how “safe,” “convenient,” and “trustworthy,” they promise this system will be, we must refuse to become Big Brother’s digital slaves.

Catastrophe for Jewish Students’: Historic Body of University Professors Approves Academic Boycotts

by Dion J. Pierre

The American Association of University Professors (AAUP) has issued a statement in support of academic boycotts, a seismic decision which reverses decades of policy and clears the way for scholar activists to escalate their efforts to purge the university of Zionism and educational partnerships with Israel.

“We ... recognize that the committee’s position opposing academic boycotts has been controversial, contested, and used to compromise academic freedom,” the organization said in a statement issued on Monday. “When faculty members choose to support academic boycotts, they can legitimately seek to protect and advance the academic freedom and fundamental rights of colleagues and students who are living and working under circumstances that violate that freedom and one or more of those rights. In such contexts, academic boycotts are not in themselves violations of academic freedom; rather they can be considered legitimate tactical responses to conditions that are fundamentally incompatible with the mission of higher education.”

Coming amid a bitter debate about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on college campuses and Israel’s war to eradicate Hamas from the Gaza Strip, the statement does not mention the Jewish State specifically. However, its countenancing the anti-Israel boycott, divestment, and sanctions (BDS) movement — whose proponents believe that expelling

Zionism from major cultural institutions is a first step toward Israel's destruction — is clear, higher education watchdog AMCHA Initiative said on Monday.

“The AAUP’s decision to green-light academic BDS and reverse a decades-long policy opposing it is not just a catastrophe for Jewish students and faculty, but for the future of higher education in America,” it said. “By giving license to an academic boycott that encourages faculty to replace genuine scholarship with political activism whose express goal is to destroy the Jewish state and rid US campuses of Zionism and Zionists, the organization that has been setting the standards on academic freedom since 1915 just made a mockery of every single one of its own standards and is unleashing a tsunami of academic antisemitism that will echo the darkest chapters of Jewish history.”

Another higher education group, Faculty Against Antisemitism Movement (FAAM) described the AAUP’s decision as “wrong,” arguing that “academic boycotts contradict core principles of our higher education system — open inquiry, unfettered intellectual exchange, and academic freedom. And they are a core tactic of the BDS movement.”

Founded in 1915 by John Dewey and Arthur Oncken Lovejoy, the AAUP comprises over 370,000 members from higher education institutions across the US. Once regarded as a guardrail preventing the politicization of higher education, it has in recent years been disparaged — by nonprofits such as the National Association of Scholars (NAS), for example — for allegedly becoming a partisan advocacy group for the far left.

Following Hamas’ massacre across southern Israel on Oct. 7, two and a half weeks passed before the AAUP commented on the ensuing conflict between Israel and Hamas, and when it did, the group said nothing about the Palestinian terrorist group’s atrocities, instead discussing the importance of academic freedom. At the time, dozens of professors were denounced for cheering Hamas’ violence and encouraging extreme anti-Zionist demonstrations in which masses of students and faculty called for the elimination of the Jewish state “from the river to the sea,” which is widely considered a call for genocide.

On Tuesday, Peter Wood, author and president of the National Association of Scholars, told The Algemeiner that it was once “indisputably true” that the AAUP was a “leading champion of academic freedom.” However, he added, with its latest statement the organization “finally crossed the line into outright political action — action that reversed one of the AAUP’s long-standing commitments to academic freedom in favor of academic coercion.”

He continued, “The AAUP’s ‘Statement on Academic Boycotts’ should be seen as another benchmark in the progress of academic antisemitism. The AAUP appears to be ready to abandon more than a hundred years of advocating for principled neutrality among faculty to lurch into support for academic boycotts. It is, however, a sly statement and employs finesse to advance its dubious cause ... The campus is a special place, set aside for free intellectual inquiry, and in no way suited to the dynamics of mass

conformity. By opening the door to academic boycotts, the AAUP undermines academic freedom. And by opening that door right now, it offers cover to the antisemites who are using BDS as one of their covers for their campaign to destroy Israel.”

Think tank warns Americans that the federal government has catastrophically failed to prioritise food security for the nation

By Rhoda Wilson on August 17

A Washington, D.C.-based think tank is warning that while China and others are increasing their food stockpile, the US government is turning a blind eye to this integral aspect of national security.

“The US government has not put a major priority on food security or preparedness,” Tommy Waller, president and CEO of the Centre for Security Policy, warned. “Under the Biden administration, the USDA and FEMA have transitioned from a culture of preparedness to priorities of diversity, equity and inclusion – DEI – and climate change.”

The following is from the article ‘DC-based think tank warns US gov’t failing to prioritize food security while China ramps up efforts’ published by LifeSite News.

The United States government and the Chinese Communist Party (“CCP”) see “national security” in two very different ways – and that includes food security.

Historically, the CCP has been known to weaponise its food supply, which it has done against millions of its own citizens, resulting in mass starvation and suffering. But today, it appears the communist government is stockpiling food, indeed, making it a major national security priority for its people. Why?

Tommy Waller, president and CEO of the Washington, D.C.-based think tank the Centre for Security Policy, says most Americans do not understand that “food security is national security.” And that currently, the safety of American citizens is, indeed, being jeopardised by the US government. The retired Marine Corps lieutenant colonel, in an interview with WND, explained that “at the federal level, our nation has catastrophically failed to prioritise food security while all of our adversaries, both hostile nations and globalists, have had their crosshairs on food for quite a while.”

For example, Waller said, in stark contrast to “having no problem starving its own people,” the Chinese government has an entire agency called the National Food and Strategic Reserves Administration. It is largely responsible for laws and regulations that oversee grain and material reserves of the East Asian country.

In statistics often touted by members of the Chinese regime, Waller said, “China’s grain inventories are so abundant that the stock-to-use ratio is well above the international grain security threshold.”

“The US government has not put a major priority on food security or preparedness,” Waller warned. In contrast to the Chinese regime’s prioritising strategic reserves of food, he told WND, “Under the Biden administration, the USDA and FEMA have transitioned from a culture of preparedness to priorities of diversity, equity and inclusion – DEI – and climate change.”

What’s more, he said, the Biden administration has incentivised many farmers to reprioritise the use of their land away from cultivating it for food production. Through the Conservation Reserve Programme, he explained, “farmers are getting paid more to get their land into the programme as opposed to farming it.” While he conceded there are some benefits to the programme, he also pointed out that farmers are producing less food as a result, and this diminishes America’s food security.

“Less than two per cent of our population produces food for everybody else in this country,” Waller noted. “The average American isn’t prepared to go without food for any duration, so you can see the importance of keeping our farmers farming.”

“Take away farming and you take away food,” he said starkly while warning that the average person is extremely unprepared for shortages of food. “They just take it for granted, and it’s understandable because we’ve always had it very easy in this country,” Waller said, but warning about one scenario in which Americans could find themselves hungry right away: “That number one scenario is a loss of electricity caused by widespread electric grid blackouts.”

Waller’s interest in food security, he said, steadily grew due to his work to secure America’s electric grid. “All of the infrastructure we have is dependent upon electricity,” he said. “When considering the second and third order effects of electric grid outages, you can see how food becomes a very significant item of importance.”

“Most Americans don’t think twice about paying for home insurance, automobile insurance, life insurance, but for whatever reason, they don’t think about food insurance,” Waller told WND. “They don’t think about stocking up.”

While the federal government may be failing to stress the importance of preparedness, Waller attests that food security “is the one area where individual people and their communities could actually enhance national security,” adding that the lack of preparedness is “a fixable problem, if we are smart about our policies and more.”

In a 41-page report, the Centre for Security Policy has published recommendations to bolster food security at the federal, state, local and individual levels. With little action at the federal level, he said, it is important for Americans to do what they can at the state

and local, as well as individual levels.

For example, the Centre, which has a 20-year track record of helping state governments shape policies to bolster national security, is actively supporting numerous lawmakers seeking to outlaw agricultural land from being owned by foreign adversaries. The security-oriented non-profit also promotes the concept of community-supported agriculture and the importance of citizens purchasing their food from local farmers. “By helping sustain their work,” Waller told WND, “it’s going to create more resilience at the community level.”

“Everything the Centre for Security Policy does is for the public interest,” Waller said. “We exist to provide uncompromised analysis, unflinching leadership and unconventional solutions to keep Americans safer,” he explained, adding that “there are no corporations behind what we are doing.” He shared that CSP can also “provide threat briefings at the county level for emergency managers and law enforcement”.

Ultimately, as Waller explained, “Food security is national security, and everyone – from citizens to lawmakers – can do their part to increase both.”

While elections keep the population distracted, America is being bought by oligarchs

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The American government and economy have been compromised by corporate interests and foreign ownership. American land and businesses have been lost to foreign entities, national debt is increasing and the media has been taken over by corporations.

Oligarchs own America.

To regain control from the politicians and corporate interests, Americans must demand transparency, reject cronyism and graft, insist on fair pricing and honest accounting methods, and call a halt to incentive-driven government programmes that prioritise profits over people.

“The politicians are put there to give you the idea that you have freedom of choice. You don’t. You have no choice. You have owners. They own you. They own everything. They own all the important land. They own and control the corporations. They’ve long since bought and paid for the Senate, the Congress, the state houses, the city halls. They got the judges in their back pockets and they own all the big media companies, so they control just about all of the news and information you get to hear ... They spend billions of dollars every year lobbying. Lobbying to get what they want. Well, we know what they

want. They want more for themselves and less for everybody else ... It's called the American Dream, cause you have to be asleep to believe it."—George Carlin

Who owns America?

Is it the government? The politicians? The corporations? The foreign investors? The American people?

While the Deep State keeps the nation divided and distracted by a presidential election whose outcome is foregone (the police state's stranglehold on power will ensure the continuation of endless wars and out-of-control spending, while disregarding the citizenry's fundamental rights and the rule of law), America is literally being bought and sold right out from under us.

Consider the facts.

We're losing more and more of our land every year to corporations and foreign interests. Foreign ownership of US agricultural land has increased by 66% since 2010. In 2021, it was reported that foreign investors owned approximately 40 million acres of US agricultural land, which is more than the entire state of Iowa. By 2022 that number had grown to 43.4 million acres. The rate at which US farmland is being bought up by foreign interests grew by 2.2 million acres per year from 2015 to 2021. The number of US farm acres owned by foreign entities grew more than 8% (3.4 million acres) in 2022.

We're losing more and more of our businesses every year to foreign corporations and interests. Although China owns a small fraction of foreign-owned US land at 380,000 acres (less than the state of Rhode Island), Chinese companies and investors are also buying up major food companies, commercial and residential real estate, and other businesses. As RetailWire explains, "Currently, many brands started by early American pioneers now wave international flags. This revolution is a direct result of globalisation." The growing list of once-notable American brands that have been sold to foreign corporations includes: US Steel (now Japanese-owned); General Electric (Chinese-owned); Budweiser (Belgium); Burger King (Canada); 7-Eleven (Japan); Jeep, Chrysler, and Dodge (Netherlands); and IBM (China).

We're digging ourselves deeper and deeper into debt, both as a nation and as a populace. Basically, the US government is funding its existence with a credit card, spending money it doesn't have on programs it can't afford. The bulk of that debt has been amassed over the past two decades, thanks in large part to the fiscal shenanigans of four presidents, 10 sessions of Congress and two wars. The national debt (the amount the federal government has borrowed over the years and must pay back) is more than \$34 trillion and will grow another \$19 trillion by 2033. Foreign ownership makes up 29% of the US debt held by the public. Of that amount, reports the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, "52 per cent was held by private foreign investors while foreign governments held the remaining 48 per cent."

The Fourth Estate has been taken over by media conglomerates that prioritise profit over principle. Independent news agencies, which were supposed to act as bulwarks against government propaganda, have been subsumed by a global corporate takeover of newspapers, television and radio. Consequently, a handful of corporations now control most of the media industry and, thus, the information dished out to the public. Likewise, with Facebook and Google having appointed themselves the arbiters of disinformation, we now find ourselves grappling with new levels of corporate censorship by entities with a history of colluding with the government to keep the citizenry mindless, muzzled and in the dark.

Most critically of all, however, the US government, long ago sold to the highest bidders, has become little more than a shell company, a front for corporate interests. Nowhere is this state of affairs more evident than in the manufactured spectacle that is the presidential election. As for members of Congress, long before they're elected, they are trained to dance to the tune of their wealthy benefactors, so much so that they spend two-thirds of their time in office raising money. As Reuters reports, "It also means that lawmakers often spend more time listening to the concerns of the wealthy than anyone else."

In the oligarchy that is the American police state, it clearly doesn't matter who wins the White House, because they all work for the same boss: a Corporate State that has gone global.

So much for living the American dream.

"We the people" have become the new, permanent underclass in America.

We're being forced to shell out money for endless wars that are bleeding us dry; money for surveillance systems to track our movements; money to further militarise our already militarised police; money to allow the government to raid our homes and bank accounts; money to fund schools where our kids learn nothing about freedom and everything about how to comply; and on and on.

This is no way of life.

It's tempting to say that there's little we can do about it, except that's not quite accurate.

There are a few things we can do (demand transparency, reject cronyism and graft, insist on fair pricing and honest accounting methods, call a halt to incentive-driven government programmes that prioritise profits over people), but it will require that "we the people" stop playing politics and stand united against the politicians and corporate interests who have turned our government and economy into a pay-to-play exercise in fascism.

Unfortunately, we've become so invested in identity politics that label us based on our political leanings that we've lost sight of the one label that unites us: we're all Americans.

The-powers-that-be want us to adopt an "us versus them" mindset that keeps us powerless and divided. Yet as I make clear in my book 'Battlefield America: The War on the American People' and in its fictional counterpart 'The Erik Blair Diaries', the only "us versus them" that matters is "we the people" against the Deep State.