

Technocracy: The Hard Road to World Order

A Special Interview With Patrick Wood

By Dr. Joseph Mercola

Dr. Mercola:

Welcome everyone. This is Dr. Mercola, helping you take control of your health. And today we are joined by Patrick Wood who has been essentially devoting a lifetime to seeking to uncover the mystery behind what is controlling most of the craziness that we're seeing, which has been recently exacerbated by this COVID-19 pandemic. So he's the author of a few books, both of which I've read, "The Technocracy Rising," which is the classic. He wrote a few years ago, the "Trojan Horse of Global Transformation." And the more recent one, "Technocracy: The Hard Road to World Order."

Dr. Mercola:

So you might be wondering what technocracy means, and we'll certainly expand on it in a moment, but Patrick is an economist by education. He's a financial analyst and basically a writer and an American constitutionalist. He holds a biblical worldview and has deep historical insights into the modern Jackson sovereignty.

Dr. Mercola:

I was particularly intrigued because my approach is to seek to understand the foundational cause of the problem, and that I think really is a primary contributor to my success in practicing medicine. Because shortly after I became brainwashed and started practicing and using the principles that they teach in medical school, I realized that those were nothing more than symptomatic Band-Aids, and they rarely if ever treated the underlying foundational cause of why people were getting sick. So similarly, and interestingly, it's pretty similar because in many ways that's what started my newsletter over two decades ago now, and to seek to share this information about the underlying causes of disease. Ultimately, at least with respect to health, that many of these symptoms tend to be related to a substitution of the pharmacological drug and related paradigm, to addressing the really important lifestyle changes that need to be engaged in to optimize your health and prevent disease.

Dr. Mercola:

But then you wonder, is there something else? Something beyond the pharmaceutical. And you get this sense that there is. Then when you study it more, you realize that it goes back to the Rockefellers. John D. Rockefeller, who interestingly lived, and passed away, literally a mile and a half from where I currently live in Florida. He and Carnegie started this foundation, which was called the Carnegie [Foundation], which literally transformed medicine over a hundred years ago, 110 years ago, and really got them away from natural lifestyle therapies, more towards pharmacological paradigm.

Dr. Mercola:

So there's a similar process going on with politics and seeking to guide this. And Patrick has done an unbelievable, brilliant exposé and I was just fascinated with his work. When I recently discovered him, I just devoured his two books because they really help you understand what's behind all this.

Dr. Mercola:

So there are two phases we want to go into understanding it and Patrick will just enlighten you enormously. And then, I think, perhaps one of the most important components of the discussion will be,

“What can we do to turn this thing around?” So with all that introduction, welcome so much and thank you for joining us.

Patrick Wood:

I really appreciate the introduction too. That's great. I'm just so glad to be with you. You're so right, our disciplines are very closely related. Not in terms of subject matter, but just in terms of approach. I think that's a really important takeaway for listeners is to don't just confine your view to the microcosm, like what's in front of you. Always try and look for the big picture. That's been my guiding light, I guess in a way, ever since I started back in the late 1970s. And it's led me into very interesting places, I have to say. Interesting research topics and people that I've been able to meet and stuff over time.

Patrick Wood:

But the story continues to unfold, and even today is still unfolding. But once you have the big picture, it's hard to unsee it. Once you see it, it's hard to not see it. It guides everything else you do within your life at that point, and that's really important. It's certainly important in medicine because if a doctor, researcher doesn't really understand the whole picture, how can he understand a little part of the picture when you get right down into some nitty, gritty detail? It's very difficult.

Dr. Mercola:

Yes, indeed. So let's go back to that history. I think it started, if I'm not mistaken by reading your books, with your by-chance meeting of Antony Sutton, who is an author I read 30 years ago. He's written so many books and primarily about the Trilateral Commission. I guess you met him at a conference, just happened by chance to share a meal with him at an event, and you developed a relationship and eventually wound up collaborating. So why don't you describe that in more detail? Who Antony is, so you can really expand on that far better than I can.

Patrick Wood:

Yeah. I know. Look looking back at that today, that's a long time ago. I look back at that as just divine appointment. I don't know how else to explain it. I was from Phoenix, Arizona. Tony Sutton was from Aptos, California. That's a long ways away from me. I never met him, never read any of his books. Didn't have a clue who he was. And here, both of us were attending a gold conference. It was one of the first “gold bug” conferences back in the '70s, and it was down in New Orleans. We both had flown down there and staying at this hotel, horribly overbooked. The conference, they underestimated how people were going to come, just miserable crowds. It got to the little cafe in the hotel, it was so crowded.

Patrick Wood:

At that time of morning, I don't know, it was 6:30, 7 o'clock, I'm not a particularly sociable person that early. But they said, “Continental seating – if you want to get a meal this morning, you're going to sit where we put you.” I thought, “Oh no, I got to sit with some stranger.” Anyway, they sat me down across from Tony Sutton. After a couple of, “Hello, what are you doing here?” we realized we had a common interest, a common story, and that happened to be the Trilateral Commission. I had been studying it from a financial angle as a financial analyst. He had been studying it from more of a political science point of view because he had just been separated from the Hoover Institution at Stanford, and he had been studying that. That was one of the reasons he got separated by the way, is they didn't like him investigating this group. And so we met, started talking and we realized we had a huge story between us.

Patrick Wood:

By the end of that meal, we shook hands and agreed that we would produce at least a newsletter to start revealing our findings to the public. That's how it started. Isn't that crazy? We maintained our relationship. We worked hard together for several years. Produced two books called "Trilaterals Over Washington." I just wanted to, that was creative. Recently republished those books by the way, and they're available on Amazon, as well as my website. That started my career, really, as a young person at that point. Having been mentored by somebody like Antony Sutton, who was a world-class researcher, left indelible marks on my life. I couldn't do what I do today without his coaching, instruction, watching him do things, watching his mind work.

Patrick Wood:

He told me one day, I didn't know this until I had known him for at least six, nine months that he didn't own a TV. I said, "Why don't you own a TV?" He said, "I don't want to pollute my mind. I don't want any of that stuff." He subscribed to about 15 different journals and newspapers. Some of them were scholarly, some were like The New York Times. He would sit down every morning and spend his two or three hours just flipping through the newspapers. Looking for stories in the front page, back page, middle page and classifieds, whatever. He was really intent on keeping his mind focused on his subject, and digging in the right places and stuff. So that's helped me today, just tremendously to do what I do.

Dr. Mercola:

He'd probably have a different strategy today if he was still alive. Because I'm sure rather than looking at the periodicals, he'd be online. He probably wouldn't have a very high, favorable view of The New York Times, who has literally embraced the technocratic viewpoint. We'll engage in that in a moment because I think really, that is what you bring to the table and helping to a lot of us – almost everyone listening to this has heard the word technocracy, but virtually no one understands what it is. So since you've written two books on it, why don't you define it in a way that people will be able to understand it?

Patrick Wood:

Absolutely. I always let the source define itself, and that's appropriate in this case. Technocracy was a movement started back in the 1930s, originally. It was in the heat of the Great Depression, it happened at Columbia University, in particular. Scientists and engineers got together to address the problem of the Depression. It was a really pretty depressing time, the soup lines, the unemployment, natural disasters and so on. It really looked like capitalism and free enterprise was going to die. So these engineers, egotistical as they were, said, "We can do better. We can invent a new economic system from scratch that will solve all the problems of the world essentially, and will really just take us into the future." They called this system technocracy. It was to be a resource-based economic system. Not based on pricing mechanisms, like we understand supply and demand, but rather based on energy.

Patrick Wood:

They actually proposed to use an energy script instead of money, and let energy be the determining factor on what was produced, bought and sold, and consumed, and so on. But being engineers and scientists, in 1938 when this definition came out, which I'm going to read, they had capsulized what they viewed as the scientific method and the scientific approach. It's important to see that today because we see the same subtleties, the same mindsets and the same thinking processes that they had back then. I will contend, that's a very dangerous thing. It's a dangerous thinking process. But here's what they concluded in 1938, themselves. They said, "Technocracy is the science of social engineering. The scientific operation of the entire social mechanism, to produce and distribute goods and services to the entire population."

Patrick Wood:

First off, you'll see that it's the science of social engineering. That ought to be enough to make the hair stand up on the back of your head, because who wants to be scientifically engineered by somebody who you don't know, somebody who doesn't know you, but rather has this idea that they can reform you remake you and as some other image? But most importantly, you see the economic aspect that they had in mind, the scientific operation of the entire social mechanism, that's all the people in society, to produce and distribute goods and services to the entire population.

Patrick Wood:

This was an economic system from the get go, not a political system. And what's really important to see in that, the big takeaway here, is that technocracy viewed politics and politicians as an unnecessary, irrelevant, and even just a stumbling block to getting on down the road with society, with history. They proposed to get rid of all the politicians, just dismiss them. Dismiss the Senate, the Congress, all the elected officials and stuff. They basically wanted to set up an organization chart, like a corporation would have today, where you have the president and you have vice presidents doing different things. Then you have directors over certain departments and so on. And they would just disappear the political system per se, leaving no citizen representation of government. Of course that means, that meant at the time, the Constitution would have been immaterial too. Because that defines the political structure that we're supposed to exist with that.

Patrick Wood:

So this was the genesis of technocracy and technocrats. They just had this crazy idea that they were somehow just a little bit better than everybody else. We can trace the philosophy back to, who is known now, even by the technocrats, as the father of technocracy, a French philosopher from around 1800, his name was Henri de Saint-Simon. He is considered to be the father of scientism, as well as the father of social sciences, as well as the father of transhumanism and technocracy. So he said in one of his essays, "A scientist, my dear friends-" I love it, my dear friends. "A scientist, my dear friends," he's writing to us, "is a man who foresees. It is because science provides the means to predict, that it is useful, and the scientists are superior to all other men." In my opinion, that's a bad way to wake up in the morning, with that kind of an attitude. "I have arrived. I'm here. I'm better than everybody else, and I have the ability to predict the future because Saint-Simon said so."

Patrick Wood:

This is the mindset of technocracy. It was in the 1930s, and it's been in the same mindset ever since. And we can see this type of ego today, and a lot of people in the media currently. We'll talk about some of them, I'm sure.

Dr. Mercola:

Thank you for that framework. I think it's important to understand the history even further and realize that the first country to ever implement technocracy, at least as far as your books explain, is Nazi Germany under Hitler. And so we can expand on that.

Dr. Mercola:

I think to the point where they failed to implement it in the 1930s, and then gradually were successful in 1975. But also explain how technocracy is not Republican or Democrat. It is neither. It's not Marxist or Capitalist. It's just an ideology that's independent of both of those. Why don't you address the comment on Hitler first and how he adopted that, and then progress to the next round.

Patrick Wood:

Technocracy was started in the United States. It was a membership organization. They, at one point at the peak, had over 500,000 card-carrying, dues-paying members in the United States and Canada. Canada was big on technocracy too. And by the way, the head of technocracy in Canada happened to be the grandfather of the person we know today as Elon Musk, who runs SpaceX.

Dr. Mercola:

Oh, that's interesting.

Patrick Wood:

Just connect a little of the whole circle.

Dr. Mercola:

It's interesting, especially in light, as we're recording this, the stock of his company, Tesla, has increased so much that it's now worth more than every American car manufacturer combined, and is worth more than Toyota. Which prior to a few weeks ago, was the leading, the largest, or the least most well-capitalized auto company in the world. So it's just crazy. I mean, his company has exploded.

Patrick Wood:

Yeah. I know. It really is. Well, we might bring him back in a little bit more, but I just thought I would mention that little tidbit.

Dr. Mercola:

Yeah. Because I read his biography and I knew, but I didn't make that connection. Thank you for-

Patrick Wood:

Technocracy started here. They had groups, membership groups, all over the country who met. They had a journal publication called the Technocrat. In Germany at almost the exact same time, an organization was started up over there. They were not organically corrected, to the best of my ability to discern. But, the German edition of Technocracy published mostly in English, sometimes they translated into German, the same articles that appeared in the American counterpart. So at the very least you could call them sister organizations. I think that would be appropriate, but they were birds of [the same] feather and they flocked together. There was a lot of camaraderie. Both groups basically agreed on all the principles of technocracy as an economic system. They had the same attitudes and so on, towards using science to manipulate society.

Patrick Wood:

When Hitler rose, or as he rose to power, he realized that the technocrats, as an organization, would be competitive with him becoming a dictator. So he outlawed the Technocrat party in Germany. At about the same time, Canada, outlawed technocracy in Canada. Not in the United States, but in Canada. For a number of reasons they thought that somehow the two were connected and that technocracy in Canada would be supporting Hitler and whatever, it kind of was a mess. But they were banned in Canada for two years. They finally got it lifted.

Patrick Wood:

During the course of World War II, during Hitler's reign, it was discovered later by historians that these technocrats, who were banned from meeting and stuff, that they were actually very active all during the war. They were the ones who were the statisticians, the mathematicians, the physicists, et cetera, the

engineers for business and so on, who really enabled Hitler's expansion and his dictatorship. That's not to say that they were all in lockstep with his goals, but they had a good time supporting all those things, because they were highly prized by Hitler and his leadership. During the war, they found out also that these technocrats were communicating between the columns of power in Nazi Germany. Hitler was rather paranoid about keeping all of those different areas separate so they would not communicate, but they did communicate during the war.

Patrick Wood:

After the war, this is interesting. When the war was done, Hitler was dead and the Nuremberg trials were straight ahead, a top-secret operation here in the United States, has now been declassified, lots of information, books have been written about it, called Operation Paperclip brought some 1,600 of these, or 1,200, of these top scientists and engineers from Germany back to the United States, sanitized their résumé, and installed them into positions of scientific prowess in the United States, like at the national technology agencies. Well NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), probably NASA is the biggest example of where the rocket scientists went to. Wernher Von Braun, for instance, was one of those people who was brought over under Operation Paperclip.

Patrick Wood:

So the very same people who were helping Hitler do what he did, completely bypassed the Nuremberg trials. Some of them should have been there, I'm sure. But they were brought back to the United States and given high positions of prestige, to continue to practice their science and engineering, a little cracked as it was perhaps, in the United States.

Dr. Mercola:

Thank you for that expansion on that story. Expand also on the fact that this is not a partisan issue at all, it's not Republican or Democrats that's the issue. It's really the underlying force that's driving both parties that most people aren't aware of.

Patrick Wood:

Yes. I'm so glad that you really grasp that. And I know, I can just tell that you really do.

Patrick Wood:

As I said, back in the 1930s, the technocrats of that day wanted to completely dissolve our political system. They wanted, in fact, they openly called on FDR (Franklin D. Roosevelt) to declare himself dictator, so that he could just implement technocracy. He didn't take them up on it. We can thank God for that. We only got the New Deal instead. By comparison, it's much better. They wanted to get rid of all the political system.

Patrick Wood:

When the Trilateral Commission picked up the concept of technocracy in 1973, and that was brought in by its co-founder, Zbigniew Brzezinski, and of course, David Rockefeller was the money behind the whole project. But Brzezinski was a professor at Columbia University. He wrote this book called "Between Two Ages: America's Role in the Technetronic Era." It caught Rockefeller's eye. And so Rockefeller and Brzezinski became like the Beauty and the Beast. They went on to form the Trilateral Commission, which declared from day one, that they wanted to foster a new international economic order. They said that repeatedly in their literature, and this is what got Sutton excited, and me too. "What is this new international economic order you're talking about? What do you mean? We have an economic order. It seems to be working. Why do you want to change everything? What is your idea here?"

Patrick Wood:

Well, we really didn't understand technocracy at the time. Looking back now that I've discovered it, I can see how everything fit together. But the Trilateral Commission took over the administration of Jimmy Carter, almost lock, stock and barrel. Carter was a member himself. Walter Mondale was a member. Brzezinski was a member. At one time, all of the cabinet members, except for one, was a member of the Trilateral Commission. You had over the next few years, 8 out of 10 of the World Bank presidents to get appointed by the U.S., they were members of the Trilateral Commission.

Patrick Wood:

I could go on with this, but the Trilateral Commission moved in and dominated the political structure. Jimmy Carter was a Democrat. Ronald Reagan came in after that, along with George Bush, who is a Republican. And then came George Bush again, as his own presidency. Bush was a member of the Trilateral Commission. Then you had Bill Clinton and Al Gore come in, in the '90s. They were both members of the Trilateral Commission.

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Patrick Wood:

What happened here? You see the Democrat, Republican, Democrat, didn't seem to matter. What happened here is that they were after the mechanism, because America was the greatest economic engine in the world at that time. They wanted to get control of the economic engine of the world so that they could manipulate it for their own benefit and convert it or transform it if you will, into ultimately technocracy. Which they saw as it's just going to happen. It's inevitable, they thought.

Patrick Wood:

So the idea of being involved in politics had nothing to do with politics. They even send that back in that day. We're not political, we're economic in nature. We've seen this very same thing float on top of all of the political parties who have come and gone, where they will use that political mechanism to further their own interest but they basically have no interest in the political mechanism as a mechanism. When it is convenient for them to get rid of it, they will jettison it like stage two on a Space Shuttle. They'll just get rid of it and that's going to be the end of it.

Patrick Wood:

People challenged me on this, Dr. Mercola. They say, "How can this be, in this day and age, whatever?" There was a book written a few years ago by a global elite scholar by the name of Parag Khanna. He's of Indian-Asian descent. He's in Singapore, he works for the Lee Kuan Yew School for Public Policy. He's young, he's articulate. The global elite love this guy. He's really quite brilliant. Khanna wrote a book called "Technocracy in America: Rise of the Info-State." That was the title, "Technocracy in America." He flat out said what we ought to do, how America should convert into a technocracy.

Patrick Wood:

He said, "We should do things like dismiss the Senate." That's minor, right? Then he said, "We should turn the constitution over to the Supreme Court. And we should get rid of the Office of the President, have a committee of presidents like they do in Switzerland or China." He goes on with this stuff. Basically he just dismantles our entire political system and throws it out the door. This mindset has never gone away. Politicians are the useful idiots of technocracy. And-

Dr. Mercola:

I think it's important to understand that this has been a very clever and sophisticated strategy and very patient. This is not a rush to power. They're committed to the long-term, which is really a massive contradiction to what most businesses, in the United States perspective, take.

Dr. Mercola:

We're fighting an enemy that has literally spent the last several generations compiling their power base. They've done it progressively over time. They engineer these circumstances that allow them to take more and more power. I think the last great power grab was in the 9/11 tragedy. Where they were able to implement the Patriot Act, which really sacrificed many of our freedoms. They're in the process of doing it now with the current pandemic. Moving us towards an authoritarian tyranny.

Dr. Mercola:

Why don't you comment on their strategy of really committing to the long-term and having this a focus? Because, they've been successful in many other countries of the world implementing their strategies, but they haven't in United States, primarily because of our constitution. We're the biggest barrier worldwide to implementing technocracy. So, they've been really focusing on the United States.

Patrick Wood:

Well, it is. The strategy has been to build infrastructure for their system. I realize that's a term that will mean a lot of things to different people. Maybe we should kind of define it and think it through. Infrastructure is the schematic diagram that makes things work. For instance, we have roads in our country. We have railroads. We have physical roads. We have freeways. We have telecommunications systems. We have telephone lines. We have airports and things that connect everything together.

Patrick Wood:

The concept of infrastructure is basic to any economic system. You have to have some type of infrastructure, so that the whole system will work. And so, today when the government passes a \$2 trillion infrastructure bill, you and I will think, "Oh, finally, we're going to get those potholes fixed on our street or something." In the technocrat mind, in the larger scheme, setting up the infrastructure involves so many more things today than it ever did.

Patrick Wood:

For instance, the infrastructure of technocracy now has to do with anything called "smart." Smart growth, smart cities, smartphones, smart devices, the internet of things that ties everything together, all of the sensors and the cameras and stuff like that. This is the new infrastructure of the digital era. It's all technology-based as well, I might add.

Patrick Wood:

So infrastructure started way back, I mean this was really in their mind, big time back, even when the Trilateral Commission was first started. A case in point, one of the early founding members of the Commission was Casper Weinberger, who happened to be the President of Bechtel Engineering. That's the largest private engineering company in the world. They're huge. They're are private. Nobody knows much about them. But they were part of the Trilateral Commission group.

Patrick Wood:

When Brzezinski brought China back in by wining and dining Chairman Deng [Xiaoping] at the time, he's been credited as the guy who brought China back into the world stage. By the time China was legally allowed to receive Western aid, Western companies coming in, Bechtel engineering had already executed

and completed 18 major infrastructure projects in China. They did this at a time when it was patently illegal to deal with the “enemy,” because they were still our enemy back then. They just simply ignored the law in the United States and they sent their Caterpillar tractors and whatever else over there to China and they helped China build the infrastructure. This was before China even had a dream of becoming what it is today.

Patrick Wood:

They built power plants. They built city infrastructures and stuff like that. And dams and manufacturing, electrical grid things that would connect manufacturing together, this is infrastructure. They have been focusing on infrastructure ever since. And as much as anything, even though the big picture of technocracy is still there. They've always realized that without building this infrastructure, they have nothing. They can get nowhere. They must have it in order to move on down the road.

Patrick Wood:

We've seen this emphasis on infrastructure ever since 1973 in ways that, people hardly can understand anymore, because it's so technological. But the infrastructure is being laid today, including such things as the internet of things, where sensors and everything connect together to feed data back to, who knows, some mainframe somewhere. And cameras to film everything in society and take that back to the computer somewhere. All of the financial transactions, all of the data transactions that you and I do back to some computer somewhere where now artificial intelligence is coming in and sitting on top of it all to make sense of all the data coming in and where the same artificial intelligence programs now are taking that data, working it, getting some sense of meaning out of it, then turning around and issuing things that we should do in response to that. In other words, how it should change us.

Patrick Wood:

This is the science of social engineering. It's engineering by algorithm. They saw this even back in the 1930s, even though there was no such thing as artificial intelligence back then. They realized that science, eventually, would be to the point where their algorithms could be automated to the point where they would be able to replace the political structure, to keep everything in line, to keep everything working. Rule by algorithm. Operation by algorithm.

Patrick Wood:

This is the big predominant thing we see today. What doesn't fit into the algorithm immediately, you'll hear the term "Science says." It's like “Simon says,” when we were kids. You hear, “Science says this or science says that." We should do that thing. Initially, it's just a suggestion. Like Dr. Fauci says, "We should all have vaccines." Or we're going to have a vaccine one day and everybody should get that vaccine for whatever reason is convenient for the day. Maybe for herd immunity or maybe just for making money for Big Pharma companies.

Patrick Wood:

It's a suggestion, initially. Science says, "This is what's good." But then if you look behind what they're doing, it's not just somebody saying, "Science says." Now it's, "Let's figure out a way to give everybody a vaccine passport, so that we can identify who's had it and who's hasn't."

Patrick Wood:

Well, let's get the database going where we can set up a master, fly-no-fly-type of thing, social-credit-type of a thing, where people that are bucking the system, won't be able to participate in all the things in society that other people do, that went along. Got the vaccines and just took the program without

questioning. Now it's being set into, an algorithm is going to do it for us. The algorithm will control everybody, will manipulate everybody. So, it goes from, "Science says" to the algorithm, then it becomes automated. Then they don't have to say "Science says" anymore. They just push the button. The algorithm takes care of it and you get the shot and that's the end of it.

Patrick Wood:

This business of infrastructure is very sophisticated. Today it's called supply chain, by the way. That's a big term you'll hear, too. The supply chain, moving goods and services to get just in the right place, just in time. No warehouse is necessary. Just kind of ship it and it's there exactly the day you need it. This has all been automated as well as part of the infrastructure you see, that they need to implement technocracy, one day.

Dr. Mercola:

I want to tangent off to another author's work, which we'll discuss in a moment. But I wanted to predicate that before that discussion about an understanding I don't think many people fully grasp. You indirectly referenced it. When a lot of the data that's being captured by the sensors or sense of mainframe. Well, it's not a mainframe anymore. They had mainframes in the '70s. Now it's this complex network of computers, primarily using GPUs (graphics processing units) that are using very sophisticated, deep reinforcement learning strategies that are very similar to what AlphaGo did to defeat the world's Go champion that are used to predict behavior.

Dr. Mercola:

And I earlier, within the last year read Shoshana Zuboff book, "The Age of Surveillance Capitalism: The Fight for a Human Future at the New Frontier of Power," and she's from Harvard. And she was actually a student of B.F. Skinner. It occurred to me, she didn't mention directly, but she talked a lot about this prediction behavior and really, Skinner being one of the primary proponents. I mean, he had a teacher before him, but he really took it to the next level. And he was at Harvard and he was actually one of her professors, but my guess is he was part of this technocracy movement. He had to be, I think a lot of it comes from these prestigious universities like Harvard and Stanford. And so she had that history there. Interestingly, I think I read both of your books in less time than it took me to read half of her book. But it's just magnificent. It is literally the most brilliant exposé of the technical development of the capacity to radically increase the surveillance behavior and the technology associated with it. Primarily related to Google in the very early 2000s.

Dr. Mercola:

The first implementation was this ability to predict clicking behavior on ads. That was their first implementation. But as this extended so far beyond that, that we have even other researchers like Robert Epstein, who's also out of Harvard, who shows that now they're they have the ability and have influenced the outcomes of 25% of the elections in the world. So they are manipulating your behavior. And I want to mention that quote now, because one of your early books was very prescient in that I really want to read a quote from this. It says, "In many ways, ideology can be compared to a virus. History is riddled with failed ideas that were forgotten as soon as they were uttered, many virus mutations terminated before they ever had a chance to infect or the victims. What is necessary for a virus to spread is contagion or a medium by which it could be transmitted in order for technocracy to make a resurgence on the world stage. It required a contagion by which societies and social systems could be successfully infected."

Dr. Mercola:

And this was written at least four or five years before the current pandemic. So I thought it was just a brilliant prediction as to how this was going to happen. But I guess the point I'd like you to comment on is

it seems that they're using this massive infrastructure, highly artificially intelligent behavior. And by the way, artificial or the technical infrastructure to create artificial intelligence is being implemented at a rate much higher than Moore's law.

Dr. Mercola:

And I'm sure almost everyone knows what Moore's law is. That was related to the advance in computing capacity of integrated circuits and their costs, which would literally double every 18 months to a year. But artificial intelligence is increasing at a rate much higher than that. So if it's bad now it's going to get worse in the future. And it's the reason that's a concern is that it gives them the ability to become more and more accurate at their predictive behavior and their ability to manipulate behavior because of their predictive power. So the point I wanted to make is it seems I haven't read anywhere, but it seems intuitively obvious that for the last two decades, Google has been compiling data since they're the premier arbiter, I guess not arbiter, but a holder of artificial intelligence knowledge, certainly there's other corporations, but they're the leader.

Dr. Mercola:

I mean, they own DeepMind, which has the best at the best, but the absolute largest number of artificial intelligence scientists. So I'm wondering, it seems like that my guess is that because of their massive surveillance capacity in almost every one of the tools from Android cell phones to the Google search engine, to the Chrome browser, that they've been collecting data for two decades and they know what changes our behavior and my best guess, and this is what I mentioned in your view on, is that they've collected this data and analyzed it and were able to accurately predict that this pandemic. They knew exactly what would cause us to and motivate people to action. And this is what was implemented, and this is what the refining to continue to refine because they've got the infrastructure in place to change behavior.

Patrick Wood:

Well, they do and data is the new oil of the 21st century. We said that for years now, and it's really true. Whoever owns the data, controls the system. And in the last century, it was energy, it was an oil that was the big deal. But today it's the data. And data is more valuable to technocracy than any other commodity that you could conceivably imagine. And Google has been collecting this data, as you said, for a long, long time. They've been analyzing it for a long, long time. And they have a number of techniques now where they can use that data, weaponize it, in a sense, turn it back on us and cause it to modify our behavior. And you see, this is right in line with the scientific social engineering concept you got. It's perfectly in line.

Patrick Wood:

And I've said this for a long time Eric Schmidt, who was the longtime CEO of Google. He then graduated as chairman of Alphabet. He's now out of the company. But several years ago, Eric Schmidt was invited to be a member of the Trilateral Commission. And it comes to what goes around, comes around. And he's now-

Dr. Mercola:

Did he accept, is he a member now?

Patrick Wood:

Oh, yes. Always hobnobbing with the world elite now. And he's also hobnobbing with our government too, to create systems for surveillance and data collection and stuff like that. But Google now has been in

a position to weaponize that data. I just kind of use that term because when whenever it's turned around where people are the target of manipulation, that's a weaponization process, it's manipulating people. Maybe not harming them physically, but it's harming them mentally and getting them to do what they want.

Patrick Wood:

Google does this in several ways. Not only do they condition the feed that you see when you search for a certain term, but also even the type ahead box where you start to type a few letters and it anticipates what you're going to type. And it gives you a list of things and a little dropdown. Things that may just that relate so that you don't have to finish typing. You just click one and you'd go there. Well, this type ahead feature, they figured out, is more valuable than anything else they have because they can – knowing who you are, knowing your history, your browser history and whatever it is you're coming in there for and whatever everybody else is looking for. When you start to type in a search, it will give you the answers that wants you to pick one. It won't give you the ones that you might really be looking for, but it'll give you what they think you should pick.

Patrick Wood:

This has a huge psychological impact on people. Just huge. So for instance, if somebody types in something for alternative medicine or for some particular supplement or whatever, whereas if that supplement was typed, it will say three years ago, even, or five years ago, your name would come up to the top of the list. And you'd see maybe some stories that you authored or maybe the product or something that you developed, then your name would come up. Not today, you've been disappeared. And he said, "Well, you haven't disappeared. You're still there. You haven't done anything different. You're still doing exactly what you did," but Google is treating you as a non-person now. So almost reminds you a little bit of "1984," where Winston worked in the Ministry of Truth and his business half the time was scratching out people from history. They just ceased to exist. Every record, even their birth record was erased and nobody would ever hear that person's name again. If they went to look, they couldn't find him. And then they finally can figure out, "Maybe it was just my imagination. I never really knew somebody like that anyway."

Patrick Wood:

But Google has this power to present information that it wants you to hear or see, and they can manipulate minds and mindsets. It's just amazing. It's so amazing that they even said internally that they believe they have the power to throw that the 2020 election away from Trump because of this very feature. And it's like, well, wait a minute. If any person or organization sets themselves up intentionally to overthrow the government of the United States, I think there's a term for that. It's called sedition. And it might give way to insurrection in hand as well, but that doesn't bother these people.

Patrick Wood:

There's no ethical guide whatsoever that tells them this is wrong and don't do it. They feel this is perfectly normal. They've got the data, they make the rules. It's just like in the last issue, say, whoever has the gold makes the rules and now it's whoever has the data makes the rules. And so they're influencing people and they're nudging people in one direction or another direction. And it's extremely dangerous because those who are susceptible to that kind of manipulation, once they are in that manipulation channel, they can get them to do anything out in the sun. It's like once you hypnotize somebody, you can give them suggestions to do, you know, cluck like a chicken or whatever. But Google kind of has that same power where people, once it gets ahold of a person and really starts messing with their mind, then they can feed all kinds of stuff into it and get them to do all kinds of things they would not have otherwise done.

Dr. Mercola:

But do you believe that this knowledge that was captured by Google that was largely responsible for creating the circumstances that led to the massive government intervention that there no way would have ever been able to get away with, had they not had some understanding of what motivated people? That's what I believe. I believe that really at the core of this was the data that Google has generated and allow them to know very accurately predict exactly what would happen if certain scenarios were implemented.

Patrick Wood:

And that's true for Facebook and Twitter and other entities like that as well. Everybody's kind of like piled on now to this meme. And you can't look at a Mark Zuckerberg and I challenge people to do this. You can't look at a Mark Zuckerberg, you can't look at the head of Twitter. You can't look at-

Dr. Mercola:

Jack Dorsey.

Patrick Wood:

Jack Dorsey. You can't look at Google and say these are communists. You just can't do that. They're technocrats. They marched to a different tune completely and they could care less about the political ideology behind it. What they're doing is they're engineering their view of the future, where mankind should go. And they're the only ones who have that narrative. And part of the proof in that is – and I have to bring this up is – of course everybody's “Oh they're, they're always after conservatives, they're left wing because they always censor conservatives.”

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Patrick Wood:

That is not true. They censor a lot of conservatives, but they also censor a lot of non-conservatives for the same reasons because it's issue-based. If you get after, if you start, I don't care who you are, what's your political persuasion is, but if you start writing against vaccines, for instance, or against some type of public misconception, or against things like glyphosate or whatever might be your thing, you'll find yourself just censored just right along with everybody else and your stories will disappear. They'll be shadow-banned. They'll be pushed down the stack where they don't appear in the searches anymore. It doesn't really have to do with a class of people that they're censoring, it has to do with the topics that are being censored. That's the key thing here to understand. One of the key topics today that they are so in love with to get it done is this idea of global manipulation of the pool, of the human pool, to get the medical hooks into your body.

Patrick Wood:

This is social engineering at its extreme, where they're not only just engineering the society around you, the environment around you, but that's not enough. They also want to engineer you personally. This is their mind right now. We've seen evidence of this all over the place, I don't want to go into it and confuse this conversation, but this is where it's going. This is the social engineering, the science of social engineering and you simply are part of, you're one little cog in that whole big picture that they look at.

Dr. Mercola:

So it seems one of their goals, too, that you mentioned is sustainable development. That is ostensibly a good thing and beneficial thing, but why don't you help us understand why ultimately it's not?

Patrick Wood:

Well, that's right. The United Nations (UN) has declared that sustainable development is going to be the new economic system of the future. It's a resource-based economic system. It's based on energy. You see the talk about cap and trade and carbon and stuff all over the place. A couple of years ago, the head of climate change at the UN, Christiana Figueres, gave a press conference in Europe and she said, "This is the first time in the history of mankind that we're setting ourselves the task of intentionally, within a defined period of time, to change the economic development model that has been raining for at least 150 years since the Industrial Revolution." That's a direct quote from her lips. I dedicated a chapter in my book to demonstrate that sustainable development is technocracy from the 1930s. It has all the same markers. It has all the same elements in it. It was brought to the United Nation by members of The Trilateral Commission, by the way, in the first place and the entire doctrine of sustainable development.

Patrick Wood:

The other terms around it, you see if people don't understand that, maybe green economy would be one. Maybe Green New Deal would be something people would kind of identify with. Sustainable development is the United Nations, and they were the contagion that took it to the world, this is their vision for the future for of society, is this sustainable future where they will control all the resources and all the consumption. In other words, they will tell businesses what they're allowed to build and they will tell consumers what they're allowed to consume. Period, end of subject. You don't need to be involved in this. They figure this all out for you in advance.

Patrick Wood:

This is the science of social engineering here. They have the science, you just have to follow and do what they tell you to do. It's very insidious. Of course, they have nice platitudes like we're going to eliminate poverty, we're going to have education for all, we're going to have jobs with dignity and that's all wonderful stuff, but when you get down to the bottom of their so-called sustainable development goals, you see this whole thing of, "Well, all you have to do to get those things is just let us have all the control over the resources and the management of those resources on a global basis."

Dr. Mercola:

Yes, indeed. This is one of their goals. Now, I'm wondering if you could help me understand the creation of The Trilateral Commission, which seems to be behind the implementation of technocracy in the United States. What I don't completely appreciate is the connection to the history prior to it, not necessarily to 1930 history, but even prior to that, because there's these forces that seem to want to control the world. I think many referred to them politely as the International Bankers, and that might extend to the Rothschilds, being the big part of this and collecting much of the world's wealth. And then be beyond them, Rockefeller and JP Morgan and many others. Because you don't mention it in your books, other than Rockefeller in 1975, but clearly there's got to be some history connecting these because their vision and their goals are so aligned. It's difficult to imagine they're not united in some way.

Patrick Wood:

Yes. I titled my latest book, "Technocracy: The Hard Road to World Order." The subtitle there, "The Hard Road to World Order," was actually the title of an article written in 1974. It appeared in Foreign Affairs magazine. Most people don't know this, but if you went back and looked at it, you'd find that article is written by Richard Gardener. He was an academic at the time. Gardner was also one of the original members of The Trilateral Commission. So he was one of their academic members, right, who wrote the papers, kind of like the global warming and the Big Pharma people do. They get the studies paid for and they can make them say whatever. Well, Gardner was one of those academics back then who

supported The Trilateral Commission. Here's what he wrote in that essay that appeared, that I kind of modeled my book after, I figured he deserved a response.

Patrick Wood:

This is what he wrote. He said, "in short, the house of world order would have to be built from the bottom up rather than from the top down. It will look like a great booming, buzzing confusion, to use William James' famous description of reality, but an end run around national sovereignty, eroding it piece by piece, will accomplish much more than the old-fashioned frontal assault." That's a quote. This is packed with stuff. Number one, he talks about the old fashioned frontal assault, which is kind of what you're alluding to. Well, in the past, before that, there had been many so-called frontal assaults to change the system. They'd all failed. They didn't get anywhere. They just tried brute force to do it, and they didn't get anywhere. And National Sovereignty was the big stumbling block basically because Americans held on to The Constitution. So they talk about an end run around national sovereignty, eroding at piece by piece.

Patrick Wood:

Well, isn't that exactly what's happened over the last 45 years? Took them a long time, but they're just about complete with that. And most importantly, it says that building the world order from the top down, which didn't work, the frontal assault, it needed to be built from the bottom up. In other words, from the local grassroots level up. That's exactly what sustainable development has done now on a global basis; they have gone to every local community and seeded those sustainable development ideas into those communities so that they can build the system from the bottom up. That's part of their infrastructure also.

Patrick Wood:

But this article was just an amazing, amazing telltale article back then, Sutton recognizing its importance back then as did I, but now, coming to 2020, I look at this quote, I look at what he said in '74, and I said, "Man, this guy was a visionary," not a prophet, he didn't have a crystal ball, but this was their strategy that they set in play back in-

Dr. Mercola:

My guess is that he wasn't smart enough to figure that out, but he was smart enough to learn from history. And there was a Chinese general, Sun Tzu, wrote the book, "The Art of War," 2,500 years ago, and it sounds like he adopted many of the principles that are encouraged in that book.

Patrick Wood:

Yes.

Dr. Mercola:

It's the same darn strategy. If it worked 2,500 years ago, why wouldn't it work now?

Patrick Wood:

That's right. That's exactly right.

Dr. Mercola:

Yeah. So along those lines, and this is one of, as I've become hopefully wiser as I've grown older, and not taking the lone ranger approach, tried to collaborate with other people and to recognize that it is beyond foolish to not ignore and not adopt strategies that work. They're classic. They're very clever. They're strategic and they're winning. So the counter to this is that the same strategies can be employed by us to

counter this. And we've actually used some of it, and I don't want to discuss it now because we'll give our hand at what we're doing in a broader base because you have to do it stealthily, but we're doing things that have been very, very successful to infiltrate some of their behavior, at least in the medical model. So I'm wondering if you can make recommendations of what the average viewer can do through their own community to prevent the continued and relentless assault of technocracy into our culture.

Patrick Wood:

Right. It is a tough one and it's not always an easy answer, but I believe very strongly that local activism, at this point, is the only way to rebuild our country, if there is going to be any rebuilding at all. Local activism. This is how they got us, was building it from the bottom up. We cannot tear their house down from the top down. It's simply is just not going to happen. They're too powerful.

Dr. Mercola:

And I'll let you go on, but let me just interject here that I think is an important point. That literally obliterates anyone's idea and concept that they think that they're going to vote someone at office it's going to make a difference. It ain't going to happen that way folks. You can vote in whoever you want. It's not going to work. Would you agree with that?

Patrick Wood:

I've said the same thing more than once, I'll tell you. We cannot expect the cavalry to come over the hill like in an old Western, blowing the trumpet, "Yay we're saved, we're saved." There is no national government or any element of national government that's going to save us from these technocrats and technocracy. There's no state government, either. In fact, there's even really no local government the way it stands now, unless that local government gets influenced and populated by people who know better and who are willing to tell these others, "Go away, you don't belong here." This is not the way we're going to run our community, our town, our city, whatever it is, and we have access to those people.

Dr. Mercola:

Yeah, that's a good point, because let me just expand my comment because it's not quite true. The most important elected official in your entire community is your sheriff. And we've seen that in these recent lockdowns and demonstrations is that the local sheriff is the one who's assigned responsibility of enforcing the tyrannical edicts of the government. And if they choose not to, government has no power. So your local sheriff is the key and I wouldn't be concerned about any other elected official.

Patrick Wood:

That's a good one. And I'll say again, of course you need to elect the right constitutional sheriff to do the job because a lot of sheriffs are simply not. They just don't care about upholding the Constitution that they swore to uphold when they took office. But the concept of who's going to flavor your local government, it's only up to people and in the end of it, and people have gotten so conditioned to always look at somebody much higher than them to solve their problems. This might've been true for a time, I don't know really when, but this simply is not the way the world works. It's not the way our political system was ever designed to work. We're supposed to have local influence and all the people above us who come into elected positions, they all come from the local level.

Patrick Wood:

Originally, somehow they had to be born somewhere. Somebody had to know them. They probably started out with a working, maybe getting elected to some board or something, water board or a school board or whatever. When you have access to those people, that's when you need to educate them, to get to

know them, to find out their strengths and weaknesses, etc. And keep them going in the right direction. But anyway, local activism right now, I fully believe is the only salvation for our country. If there's going to be any rebuilding of the fabric of our country, that's where it has to take place. That means John Q. Citizen is going to have to get off his couch, turn off Fox News, turn off CNN and all that stuff, and actually go out and meet people. Can you, "Oh wait a minute, oh, there's a pandemic."

Patrick Wood:

"Oh, we can't do that." Oh yeah. Well you could go meet people but wear your mask. Well, I can't understand what you're saying, but well, we'll work around those issues later, right? Those are just minor inconveniences to us right now, but local activism is the key to turning this back and it has to happen with us. And city councils have incredible power, like the county sheriff does, your city council has the ability to pass binding resolutions that could just put these people on their head. If they knew what to do, if they would just start, think through the issues, "Hey we're not going to do that here."

Patrick Wood:

There was a city in California, I can't remember the name right now, somebody got to the city council educated every one of them. The city council held a referendum and they passed a binding resolution that says there will be no agency of the city or any other activity of the city that will support Agenda 21 and they banned Agenda 21 from their city. Lock, stock, and barrel. It was just a small city, but I thought, "Yeah!"

Dr. Mercola:

Why don't you tell us what Agenda 21 is? Because, some people may not know what that is.

Patrick Wood:

Well, that's true. I brought it up. Didn't I? Agenda 21 is the keystone document for sustainable development. It was developed in 1992 at the Rio de Janeiro conference of the United Nations, so-called, it was a first Earth Summit, as well as I forget, they call it the IUCN and or something, but it was a big United Nations meeting. And this became the agenda for the 21st century. And the doctrine that came to be known as Agenda 21 came from a book that was written just a few years earlier by Gro Harlem Brundtland.

Patrick Wood:

She chaired the Brundtland Commission for the United nations. And she produced a book called, "Our Common Future." And that book was singularly the book that fueled all the doctrines that went into a Agenda 21. United Nations consider her to be the mother of Agenda 21. Just incidentally, Gro Harlem Brundtland was a member. She chaired the committee and she wrote the book, edited, and wrote most of it. She was a member of The Trilateral Commission. So we know where this doctrine came from. We know where it came from. It's unmistakable, and this was Trilateral policy to feed this Agenda 21 as sustainable development into the United Nations, so it would become contagion to take it to the whole planet. And they have done a very good job at that.

Dr. Mercola:

We're not disparaging the strategy. The strategy was very clever and it's effective. We're disparaging what they're implementing. It's like trying to villainize or demonize a weapon like a gun, I mean, it could be used to save your friends and family or it can used to kill people in homicides, so it depends on the intent.

Patrick Wood:

Yes, exactly. So fast forward, we're dealing with all this Agenda 21, the 2030 Agenda, the sustainable development stuff on local basis over the planet, and we continue to deal with it. And the only way we can get rid of it is to think local, act local, and push it back up to them. Send the signal up the chain that we're simply not going to put up with it, not going to do it. And if enough cities did this in America, it would turn these people on their head and they would all run away, packing their bags at the same time.

Dr. Mercola:

Well that's a brilliant strategy, but in order to implement that, you need to educate the individuals seeking to engage in this process. So what would you recommend to get them up to speed, to have the knowledge base so they can effectively educate those local city council members?

Patrick Wood:

You know, people have a lot of resources available to them, like programs like this, there's a lot of money, you got to be careful with what you watch and don't get off into the weeds with conspiracy theories, but there's a lot of information on the internet and through really good books, you've mentioned a couple, that people can read to begin to understand the issues. But beyond that, when it comes to actually doing something, this is what led me about almost three years ago now to found a nonprofit organization called Citizens for Free Speech. And I did that when I saw the collusion between the Big Tech social media companies to target certain people, to take them out of existence. That really bothered me because it hinted at collusion. And I said, man, if these people are talking to each other, now we're really in trouble. They're acting as a wolf pack, if you will, to hunt us down.

Patrick Wood:

So I started Citizens for Free Speech with the idea that all of this technocrat meme is attacking the First Amendment. First, it's censoring our ability to communicate. It's keeping us from communicating with each other and with our government and with our adversaries in a sense, those who may not agree with us fully, but our ability to communicate has been completely decimated in America. We're so dysfunctional. We're as dysfunctional as the worst dysfunctional family that you could imagine today. Everybody's at everybody else's throat all the time. There's no patience, there's no civil discourse anymore. And I believe that what people really have to learn, if they're going to be local activists, they need to learn how to communicate their ideas.

Patrick Wood:

Once they got ideas, they need to learn how to communicate those ideas to other people. Maybe those people agree with them, maybe they don't, but nevertheless, they need to be able to express their ideas in a way that everybody in the room doesn't get triggered and start hammering on you. This concept of appropriate communication is what restoring the First Amendment, at this point, is all about. And for those who kind of know what the First Amendment is all about, there are five things that are in it that are important to us. One is the free exercise of religion. The governor of California, the health department over there in California, has just decided that people in churches, synagogues, and mosques can't sing because it would spread the virus and so no singing in your church anymore, you can forget that. Well, you might be able to play an organ or something, but that's all.

Patrick Wood:

No singing. Freedom of speech is just shot right now. We've been talking about that, freedom of the press. That's another thing that articles get censored and spiked all the time. The right of people to peaceably assemble. You can't assemble when, when, you know, governors have given you an edict saying no more than 10 people or 50 people can get together in any type of thing, we can't petition the government for redress of grievances. The First Amendment is under an intense attack by these people. That's not by

mistake. That's part of their strategy. Remember what Richard Gardner said, an end run around national sovereignty, that's part of it. Get rid of the First Amendment effectively, and what else do you have? Well, you have the Second Amendment. That's the first thing you see.

Patrick Wood:

I don't even want to talk about the Second Amendment. I support it totally, don't get me wrong, but if we lose the First Amendment, the Second Amendment was put there to take care of the loss of the first. And that's the strategy at this point that the enemy has, those against us, have to break America down. Get rid of the First Amendment, they figure the rest of America will fall into chaos, probably military conflict, armed conflict, and that will make it just right for them to sweep in and take over when people then beg for anybody to put government back together, put the country back together just to make it work, folks. And you could just, personally, I look at it, I could just see this coming, but the idea of supporting and defending the First Amendment is so critical right now. People can get the issues, but if they cannot communicate those issues effectively, what's the point? Why just sit on your couch and know everything there is to know if you have no ability to communicate that to somebody else?

Dr. Mercola:

I agree. So in your books, you mentioned that many of these local politicians may be absolutely unaware that they're following technocracy, they've sort of migrated through whatever means, and that they are not necessarily rigidly committed to those concepts and they just need to be educated. So can you expand on that?

Patrick Wood:

Well, there's a saying in politics, "If you want to get along, you have to go along." That's a lot of peer pressure.

Dr. Mercola:

Yeah.

Patrick Wood:

Peer pressure from your colleagues who might serve in the same body, peer pressure from your constituents, peer pressure from your opponent's constituents. You've got a lot of people pushing and pulling all the time, that's just the nature of politics. But a lot of people who just kind of went along to get along, never really understood the issues that they were pursuing or the issues that they were sold. And they still have a moral compass. They still have an ethical compass in their mind that you can appeal to. And you can kind of peg somebody when you're talking to them to find out where they're coming from. Do they really understand anything? Are they open to constitutional ideas? Are they open to really helping the public? Or are they just looking for a way to get rich? And that they're just using their office like that. You could peg people like this pretty easily..

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Patrick Wood:

And those who are open to be educated, man, you just need to zero in on them, and just tell them, "Man, we love you and we want to support you. We'll do research for you. We want to help you do a better job for our community because, man, do we ever need it out here." And many people you'll find are very open, political leaders, are very open to hearing from citizens. And it's unfortunate that over the last 20, 30 years, people have gotten into this mode, "Well, all of our elected people are too unapproachable. I

can't approach them. I can't go talk to them. What would I say? I'm just a little guy out here. I'm nobody." And they bought that line that they have no right or no ability to go and address and communicate and engage, whatever with their local leaders. That's really false.

Patrick Wood:

But my director of training, by the way, at the Citizen for Free Speech, she sums it up like this. She says, "If you don't have a seat at the table, you are what's for dinner."

Dr. Mercola:

That is really good.

Patrick Wood:

And that's true. It's just absolutely true. You have to get a seat at the table. Just get out and mix it up. You'll have fun along the way. And if you got good ideas in your head, go out and share them with people. Maybe they won't buy it from day one, but hey [crosstalk 00:01:16:25].

Dr. Mercola:

Persistence. And it's very clear that if we're going to have any hope of recapturing our country, and there's no guarantee that we will. We may have lost the war at this point. It might be too late. I don't know. But if we have any hope, we have to create an army. And this army is not one that is stocked with ammunition and bullets, but with relationship skills, so we can go out and can do connections on a one-to-one basis.

Patrick Wood:

Yeah. There was a lot of talk today about us already losing the battle. And I hear this a lot. And here's how I respond. I want people to know this. We've had periods in our history where we had no idea that America was going to be able to survive the tests that it was undergoing. We had the Civil War. We had World War I. We had World War II. And I'll tell you, at the beginning of those episodes, there was absolutely no guarantee that America would prevail as a country. And indeed, it looked awfully dim at some points in time where there was no hope. And I'm not saying that's an excuse to think, "Well, somehow we're going to get through this." But here's the attitude that America has had before, and it needs to have it today, I believe as well.

Patrick Wood:

We do not do what we do because we're going to win. We do what we do because it's the right thing to do, period. And you just leave the results. It's out of your hands anyway, generally. But you do what's right, because it's the right thing to do. And if enough Americans figure out, "You know what, let's re-install our moral compass to this country. Let's put our ethical needle back in place where it belongs. And let's start doing the right things in our country because they're the right thing to do, not because it's expedient, convenient or it's going to get us rich or get us benefits from the government or whatever. Let's do what's right because it simply is the right thing to do." And right now, the right thing to do is to engage and push back against this nonsense that we're being inundated with.

Dr. Mercola:

Yeah. Do you think that the technocrats have anticipated this counter and actually have moves to block that? Or do you just think that they're concluding that America is just asleep at the wheel and there's no way there's going to be this type of reaction, response?

Patrick Wood:

Well, there's growing awareness now, I believe, in America that something is drastically wrong. And I sense this awareness from a number of different angles, not just what people say to me. But for instance, the quantity, the number of people who are coming to Technocracy.news to read about technocracy and stuff. The traffic has just increased incredibly. I'm getting more emails and more communication from readers and stuff that, "Wow, I just saw this for the first time. I see what's going on." And I think there's a growing awareness that I have not seen in the last say, 20 to 30 years. This is very encouraging.

Patrick Wood:

The other thing that I say is that people are willing now, who appreciate at least maybe what we're talking about here today, they understand the value now, or maybe the necessity of civil disobedience. And this is a very touchy subject. I don't want to go down the road too much. But we have reached a point where technocracy has pushed us into a corner, to where if we are not civilly disobedient, if you will, to their civil orders, not what we should have, but if we do not resist this and say, "We're not going along with your program," then they will continue to push us into the corner until we simply cannot get out of that corner. The time has come for people to do what they know is right, and to protect themselves first, not to think about the greater good all the time.

Patrick Wood:

I liken this to an airplane when they give you the instruction before the flight, they say, "If the oxygen masks come down, put it on your face first and then help the person next to you." Well, that whole thing has been flip-flopped now. Now it's we have to put the mask on to protect everybody else against us, even if it's detrimental to our own health. Once people see through the pseudoscience of face mask and social distancing, contact tracing and all these mechanisms that are being thrown down at us, once they start to see through the statistical models being totally erroneous, they're beginning to understand we just need to stop this behavior and not obey them.

Patrick Wood:

And my friend, Mary Baker, I referenced a minute ago. She says that we simply must not play the role that they have assigned us to play. Whatever that role is. You may be different for different people. But whatever role they assigned to you, you simply must not play it. And so if that means just saying, "Look, I'm not going to deal with this face mask thing anymore, or I'm going to sing at church. Awesome. Thank you. It's my church. I'll worship that way I want. And we're going to sing." This civil disobedience, I think is ready to sweep the contrary. And that's going to throw a lot of flack back in the face of these technocrats who thought they could get away with it.

Patrick Wood:

California is a good case in point, by the way, I know there are churches over there now that are banding together as a group to defy the governor on controlling the church's behavior and the people's behavior in the pews. They're going to take it – first, they're just going to sing. And secondly, they're going to take it to court and they're going to get Discovery to bear on this whole thing and bring the hammer down on it. That's an appropriate thing. It's civil disobedience, initially. People are just going to have to figure out in the end, "How much are you willing to sacrifice?"

Dr. Mercola:

Yes, there is going to be a sacrifice. And I want to say it needs to be peaceful and respectful. This isn't violent civil disobedience. This is peaceful civil disobedience. And I think it is really an essential integral strategy to be effective at resisting this tyrannical assertion of technocracy and control of our society.

Patrick Wood:

I just [inaudible 01:23:13] to add to, we must restore our Constitution, which is the framework for everything else in our nation. We must restore the effective application of the constitution to our society. And of course, everybody who's against the Constitution is telling us it doesn't matter anymore. It's out to lunch. It's an old document. It's just baloney.

Patrick Wood:

The Department of Justice just recently wrote a statement of interest to support a lawsuit that was lodged by a church in Greenville, South Carolina, against the city of Greenville for discriminating against their church. A great lawsuit. I won't even talk about it, but they had reason to file a lawsuit. Believe me. And the Department of Justice came out with this statement and they filed it with the court. I got a copy of it. Believe me, this will never hit the media, but here's what it says. "There is no pandemic exception, however, to the fundamental liberties the Constitution safeguards," Indeed, 'Individual rights secured by the constitution do not disappear during a public health crisis.' These individual rights, including the protections in the Bill of Rights, made applicable to the states through the Fourteenth Amendment are always in force and restrain government action."

Patrick Wood:

That's a direct quote from this brief just issued by the Department of Justice. And it's like, "Guys. Holy mackerel." The Department of Justice is laying this out. These people have no right to trample on the Constitution, much less the Bill of Rights, much less the First Amendment. They have absolutely no right to do that. And only we, the people, can turn around and say, "You know what? You can't do that," because it's supposed to restrain government action. That's what we need to do here, is restrain these knuckleheads from doing what they're doing to tear the fabric of our country apart.

Dr. Mercola:

Yeah. And I just want to repeat, because I think it's such an important component is that ideally, it's done in conjunction with the cooperation of your local sheriff, who you helped elect because ultimately, that sheriff is going to be there to enforce these radically irrational interventions that the government is recommending. So many governments are not recommending, mostly Democratic states, of course. But nevertheless, many Republican states are doing too. It's nonsensical from the perspective of a scientific justification for the greater good, which it isn't. But it's done in cooperation with the sheriff, because there are many communities who had a cooperating sheriff who refused to enforce those government orders.

Patrick Wood:

Yes. And that's a wonderful thing. We happened to be graced out in Arizona here with the presence of Sheriff Richard Mack, who is the-

Dr. Mercola:

He's the ultimate, he's the leader. I want to interview him. He's good. Maybe you can give me his contact information. I've have enormous respect for him.

Patrick Wood:

Yes. And the reason that there are constitutional sheriffs out there, like the ones you referenced are largely there because of his efforts to go out and instruct them on what their rights are as sheriffs to do. Those who accepted, but challenged where they had a threat appear. They said, "Wait a minute. We're not going to do that. We're not the Gestapo out here. We're not going to enforce your phony baloney orders from state level or whatever. We're going to support the Constitution in our county." I tell you, it's just a wonderful breath of fresh air to see a sheriff like that stand up for the people.

Dr. Mercola:

I think Richard is retired now, but he's instrumental in training other active sheriffs. What a magnificently leveraged investment of time, effort and energy because you're not affecting the sheriff, you're putting all their local communities. I'm going to have him on and just get his recommendation. I'd like to support him in any way it can because he's doing such a magnificent job helping the country.

Patrick Wood:

Yes. This is a very important work and he doesn't just speak to sheriffs, by the way. He speaks to other leaders of communities and stuff. He speaks to mayors. He speaks to anybody who's taken an oath of office, especially to uphold and defend and support the Constitution. "If you took an oath to do that, you either need to rescind your oath or you need to follow it. And if you want to follow it, you're not willing to rescind it. Here's how you do that." And he just lays it out for them. It's so clear. It's so easy to understand. He's a great communicator. He's a great motivator. And he captured people. He captivates people when he speaks to them, especially one-on-one.

Dr. Mercola:

Great. Well thank you for that recommendation and I look forward to connecting with him personally. So any other recommendations you have? Why don't you give us the details of your organization you constructed for free speech and your website again, and how people can find out more information about what you're doing?

Patrick Wood:

Absolutely. CitizensforFreeSpeech.org. That's it. That's the website address. You can just go there and check it out and I just encourage you to get on board. There's no charge to join, but we need people to stand together with us who realize that the First Amendment has just got to be restored or everything else is lost. Secondly, too, I just mentioned that we've been distributing a "no face mask" card, plastic card with a lanyard that people can wear around their neck. And I believe me, it works out here in Arizona. I wear it everywhere and I just explain to people in stores and whatever, if they don't like I'm not wearing a mask, I say that I believe this is harmful to my health. And I simply cannot wear a mask.

Patrick Wood:

And by and large nobody's really yelled at me yet. I know some people get yelled at, but I haven't been yelled at yet. And I can walk into stores like Costco and Walmart, wherever, and nobody pays attention to me anymore. We encourage people to get ahold of one of these cards. And if they're concerned about this, wear this card and explain to people what it's all about, that you have the right to choose whether or not you're going to participate in this or not. And if you don't want to choose, this is the terms of you're not participating.

Dr. Mercola:

I just read this morning, an article where the narrative in the mainstream media is they're seeking to push, is they're seeking to identify people who refuse to wear masks with those who are drunk driving or texting while driving. It's an irresponsible social behavior. That's what they're seeking to ingrain in the minds of the public to vilify people.

Patrick Wood:

There's public shaming, the cancel culture, it all comes to bear on this right now. This is part of the communication process that we need to overcome. We need to push this line of thinking back and restore personal individual liberty to America. And I just still haven't met anybody who is kind of on that side.

"Well, you're selfish," whatever. When you talk to them and get right down to them, most of these people have the same values that we have. They just don't understand what their own values are. But when you kind of get them to drill down into it and you ask them a few questions and you get to know them a bit, you know what? Most of them have the same concerns that we have. They just don't know how to express themselves.

Dr. Mercola:

Yeah. They're operating out of fear, A fear engineered by the mainstream media and the propaganda that's driving people's minds because they're failing to follow Antony Sutton's behavior from 50 years ago, which was "turn off the television sets."

Patrick Wood:

I know. People have asked me, "What would Sutton say if he were alive today?" He passed in 2002, by the way. And what I remember of him, if he were alive today, he would have the shortest speech you ever heard. I think he would get up on stage and he was simply say, "I told you so." And he would walk away.

Dr. Mercola:

Yeah. That's British humor for you.

Patrick Wood:

I know. He'll say, "I'm not going to tell you anymore. I told you everything you need to know way back then and you didn't get it."

Dr. Mercola:

Well, I'm so glad you were a student of his and have really embraced the model of helping educate people, help us understand these simple [inaudible 00:01:32:00]. You've given so many pearls today that are really practical, that can make a phenomenal difference if you just listen to and apply and to understand that you can make a difference. It's you individually. It's not the somehow generic you. It's you taking the steps and positive actions if we have any hope of recovering our country and reserving our constitutional rights and freedoms.

Patrick Wood:

That's exactly right. It's up to us, we, people. It's up to us in the end if our country is going to be restored at all, and this has been the case all throughout our history. It was we, people who broke free from England in the first place. A lot of people didn't want to do that back then, but there were enough who did, that said, "We'll stand up and do it." It was we, the people who have fought every war ever since and defended our country and many gave everything they had, including their life to defend what we have today as freedom and liberty.

Patrick Wood:

We can't do any less today. And yes, we do need an army of people, not an army to carry weapons, but an army to carry the message every corner of our country, that what we know to be true, it really is true. And it really does work, and it really is fair, and it really is just, and the rule of law really does mean that we're supposed to apply the law equally to all people in America, regardless of race, color, creed, et cetera, and religion. And we need to put the system back in place effectively and get people away from the radical friends and say, "Guys, you just need to come in from the cold. This is not acceptable."

Dr. Mercola:

Well, it's been such a great privilege and honor connecting with you and I want to thank you for your nearly five decades of work in this area. And it's just a delight. I don't subscribe to any channels, but I view your videos all the time. And I look forward to each one that comes out. It's just a really common sense, level-headed, direct communication and I really admire what you're doing. And what's the name of your YouTube channel? So if people want to get regular doses of you, how would they would do that?

Patrick Wood:

Just Technocracy News and Trends. Search for the word "technocracy." It'll come up.

Dr. Mercola:

Yeah. It'll come up. So it's definitely one that I – I look at all your videos since I found out about you a few weeks ago. It's great. Love it. All right, well, thanks again. You're just doing a great service out there and a really true patriot. So thanks for everything.

Patrick Wood:

Well, I appreciate that. I want to say too, I appreciate your influence and your drive to do what you do. I run into people all the time, literally, and we'd study the health issues quite a bit in our household. And everybody we talked to knows about Dr. Mercola, and you are alive and well in the hearts of America, whether or not Google wants you to be alive and well in their heart or not. Isn't that great?

Dr. Mercola:

It is. Thankfully, I'm actually really quite surprised [[inaudible 01:35:08](#)] 2019 to essentially remove me from the search engines and that we had literally over 20 years to make a dent. I started my website before Google existed. And so we had a chance to penetrate. So we're in the minds and consciousness of a lot of people and we don't need the search engine. The thing that saddens me the most is that it's difficult to reach the new people who are just engaged, not engaged, but exposed to all this propaganda in the news, and unnecessary. But it is what it is. And we've got an army of people and it's just communications like this that will help people to spread the word and engage in the behaviors we need to radically change our cultures.

Patrick Wood:

An army of people who are telling other people one at a time about your website. That's it. That's exactly-

Dr. Mercola:

Well, not my website. It's just the truth. The truth. It's out there because there are so many things. I am such an ardent fan of technology, not technocracy, but technology because it's a weapon. It can be used for good or bad. And the internet is the greatest invention in the history of mankind in my view. And Sutton would have loved it. He did. He passed in 2002, but he really didn't fully experience all the benefits of the even newer technologies that the internet offers. So it's just magnificent if you know where to plug into. And actually, even the last few months, because my feeds have all changed and I'm just engaging and consuming information that I had never even knew existed, like your channel. So it's just magnificent. So anyway, I'm glad that your community knows the work I've been doing so that's good.

Patrick Wood:

Well, I appreciate it. And I really appreciate you having me on today. It's been great. I've followed you for some time as well. And we're birds of [the same] feather, obviously.

Dr. Mercola:

All right, well, you keep up the good work.

Patrick Wood:

Thank you. I will. You too.

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