

## MANIFESTO SUMMARY

**The core goal of this manifesto is to prevent mass oppression by public record. (Or at least prevent it from becoming worse).**

Governments have always used records to control people. The phrase “papers please” is one we associate with tyranny. And those without papers are arrested, imprisoned, robbed of their freedom, and perhaps even tortured and killed.

Today we live in a highly permission-dependent society. You need permission to:

- Build a house
- Operate a business (especially a food business)
- Work many jobs such as working as an electrician (through demonstrating qualification with an appropriate professional or trade certification)
- Give financial advice
- Perform a medical procedure
- Drive a car
- Own a gun
- Leave the country
- Enter a country
- Hold a bank account (KYC – and, when paper cash is phased out, this means spend any money at all)
- Publish things on Social Media (Terms of Service)
- Operate an amateur Radio

Some of the regulations that govern how we conduct various activities are there for good reasons – for the sake of public health and safety, such as reducing the risk of dangerous accidents. Nevertheless, it is somewhat disturbing how dependent we are on these permissions to engage in many normal activities we take for granted. If we tried to engage in a number of these activities without the required certification, such as driving without a license, the penalty can be six months in prison. While practising medicine without a licence can be up to 1 year in prison, for a misdemeanour and 8 years for a felony. We often apply for the required permits we need without thinking, and eventually, if we are responsible, law-biding people and devote sufficient effort to understanding responsible practice with sufficient persistence, we get the certifications we need to do the things we want and pursue the livelihood we wish.

In an ideal world, we can see how a well managed certification system could be a good thing and increase public safety. You don't want crazy people speeding on the foot path. You don't want your surgeon, who is about to perform a medical procedure on you, not to know anything about anatomy. You don't want your electrician mis-wiring the house and not putting in a fuse so that the next time there's a power surge, all the electrics get fried and your house burns down.

We can see how a properly managed system of permission and certification could improve the running of society.

But what if the people in charge of society's permissioning and certification system do **not** run it properly? What if they **abuse** it? What if it's not even a person running the certification system, but rather an AI?

In other words, what if the criterion for obtaining the permission to engage in an activity becomes increasingly less correlated with the rationale for requiring that permission is needed to perform the activity? As an example, let's imagine, in some bizarre future world, that in order to become a certified electrician you need to take a 2 week course of intense sensitivity training, a one month intensive course on the history of colonialism and a one month course on feminism, queer studies and their application to household wiring. We want electricians to be qualified and certified because we don't want to get electrocuted, we don't want our house to burn down and we don't want the wiring to get damaged in an expensive way due to electrical surges, getting nibbled by rodents, and the like. But a course on feminism and queer studies has nothing to do with achieving this end.

What if, in some hypothetical future, large moneyed interests capture the regulators of medications and use them to shut out competitors, to maximize profits, rather than cure people, and, effectively, take over the field of medicine? What if, through bribing those responsible for setting medical standards and guidelines, they modify the guidelines to recommend healthcare practitioners use as much of their most expensive drugs as possible, rather than optimizing treatment guidelines to achieve the best health outcome? What if they lobby politicians to pass laws that make it illegal for doctors to veer from their guidelines – even for the sake of improving the patient's health? What if they make it an imprisonable offence for medical practitioners to even question the guidelines? What if, in many cases, following the guidelines causes injury, a deterioration of health and, even, in some cases, death?

Again, we can see why medical guidelines might be desirable to ensure that quacks don't harm people. This, however, assumes **that the guidelines themselves are optimal** – but, what if, at some future point in time, the guidelines aren't? What if the guidelines actually *prevent* medical practitioners from curing their patients?

In general, what if required standards and guidelines for professional practice, which people need to adhere to in order to get permission to practice a regulated activity, cease to be consistent with promoting public health, safety, product affordability or any other public good (such as preventing property damage)?

What if a regulatory system of permissions and certifications, that was initially invented to secure public health and safety and prevent property damage, degenerates into an arbitrary, nonsensical, bizarre game of "Simon says"? Whose only rationale is to force everyone to humiliate themselves and kowtow before the bureaucrats who run it?

And what if we take this a step further? Imagine a world where things *really went wrong*. In this world, as before, the things you have to do to qualify for the various permissions and licenses are completely unrelated to any rationale for instituting a licensing system (such as having to put on 50 lbs in weight, wear a tutu dress, and tattoo "I Love The Leader" on your forehead to get a driving license). But now, additionally, all your records can be revoked (Driving license, passport, business license, bank account zeroed out, social media account cancelled, etc.) in the event you did anything the regulatory system disapproved of – including criticise the regulatory system. For example, what if an electrician could get his qualification cancelled, and lose his livelihood, because he posted a tweet on twitter saying: "I think the requirement to study feminism, in order to become an electrician, is completely pointless and has nothing to do with my trade." ? What if, by posting the wrong thing on social media, planning permission for your house could be rescinded, in which case the local planning authorities would send someone over with a bulldozer to knock it down? (And the guy driving the bulldozer doesn't question what he's doing for fear the planning authority might send someone over to bulldoze *his* house down if he did).

What if we take this even further? What if, in the future, the administrative civil service jobs that involve processing exams and applications, issuing permissions and certificates, editing permissions and certificates, etc., become fully automated? What if an all-seeing surveillance network of cameras and microphones is rolled out everywhere to spot your every move and listen to your every word? What all this data from the cameras and microphones (along with data from your mobile phones, everything you type on your personal computer, along with a range of other “SMART” equipment that you own that is manufactured with bugging devices to harvest and broadcast your personal data) is all stored in some, central, government-controlled database? What if all this data is then sent to an immensely powerful AI that is programmed to process all your behaviours and develop a personal profile of your attitudes, thoughts, beliefs and actions? What if this AI then analyzes your profile and issues **or revokes** your various permissions based on the extent to which you obey the required code of behaviour, and based on how well your attitudes, thoughts and believe system conforms to a model of the ideal citizen that has been programmed into the AI?

In essence, this is the Chinese Social credit system.

### **Mass surveillance ↔ AI ↔ Permissions issued, or rescinded, based on behaviour**

While other countries may not develop something as all-encompassing as China’s social credit system, the progressive automation of administration in the civil service will likely happen everywhere. Eventually there will likely be fully automated systems, all over the world, that link surveillance data to permissions and certifications. These systems might be rational, and may operate with a light touch, – or they might be, or become, corrupt, bizarre and nonsensical. In other words, something like China’s social credit system (though maybe less extreme) will gradually roll out everywhere – sooner or later.

At some point, when the slightest hint of independence and self-expression causes your record to be sabotaged, and all your permissions revoked, where the only way to keep your permissions is to live a lie and constant express “How wonderful this system of constant all-encompassing surveillance and strict enforcement of nonsensical regulations is”, when the only way to keep your permissions is to harm others from time to time, to condemn those you sympathize with, against your inner conscience, because that’s what the regulations require, at some point you may be driven to say...

... “FUCK THE REGULATIONS! I don’t care if you damage my official record! I don’t give a FUCK about my official record! I don’t even care if you zero out my bank account! I’m going to live my life and do what I want whether I have a permit, license or whatever other bullshit you want to issue me with **OR NOT!!!**” ...

The system will then respond to your rebellious rage by instantly zeroing out your bank (or CBDC) account, cancelling your business license, passport, driver’s license, social media accounts. If you’re employed, your employer will fire you (for fear that his own business license will be revoked), if you’re married, the system will send a message to your wife telling her that, if she continues to associate with you, *her* records and her children’s records will be zeroed out and cancelled. The system then sends the same threatening message to your friends and family – even to your parents.

**And, most importantly, because all these permissions will be presented as “privileges”, rather than rights, the government will argue that the sudden, coordinated withdrawal of all these permissions can be as arbitrary and discretionary as firing someone from a job and can be implemented rapidly without taking you to court, or providing you with any legal defence.**

And then what will you do? You can't buy anything, you can't accept payments or earn any money, your nearest and dearest fear to associate with you. How will you live? How will you eat? Many of the necessary activities of life are now forbidden, as you no longer have a valid permit to engage in them and, if you try, you'll be arrested and fined and/or imprisoned.

Humans are social creatures. We need cooperation to survive and thrive. The specialization which produces all the tools and abundance of food, shelter, warmth and medicine proffered by advanced society, all comes about through cooperation, specialization and trade between many people. Without such trade, living becomes a great deal more difficult. And, if you need an AI-issued permit even to sleep in a house or legally grow your own food without the police arresting you, public record sabotage might literally cause you to waste away to death.

And yet, what is this AI-doing? Just changing some entries in a database! How could changing a few entries in a database have such a catastrophic real-world affect on someone's life???

Here is where we reach our **single most important** conclusion:

**A small elite can only oppress a much larger population by convincing its members to participate in their own oppression.**

**This will initially be achieved through creating a record, or set of records, for each person, which only the elite have the power to edit. These record will be such that their contents will determine whether rest of society treats the person, referred to by the record, well or whether they make said person's life tremendously difficult.**

When the elite zero out your CBDC account, it is ultimately your fellow man who oppresses you by refusing to provide a good or service since you cannot pay him for it. When the elite place you on the No Fly List, it is ultimately the person behind the airport checkout that oppresses you by refusing to allow you to get on that flight, when the elite cancel your driver's licence, it is ultimately the person in the car rental company who oppresses you by refusing to give you a rental car due to your driver's license being invalid.

**The elite can only change the record entry, it is the response from the rest of society to that change in record which causes the real oppression.**

So, by responding to other people's official personal digital records, that can only be edited by the elite, in exactly the way the elite want us to respond, we oppress our fellow men and participate in the elite's system of oppression.

**If everyone ignored the record, then no amount of damage the Social Credit AI inflicted on your record would have the slightest effect on your quality of life.**

Realistically this will never happen. However, even a small support group of people, in an underground network, who cooperate together independently of the system, irrespective of "permissions", will make life infinitely more bearable when compared to complete economic and social isolation from the entirety of humanity. This underground network works together to engage in guerilla gardening, constructing underground (or otherwise camouflaged) shelters with water purification and camouflaged solar panels for energy. They brew beer, they make soap, they even have a cottage industry that builds cooking appliances, washing machines, and very basic computers and radios. They even contain rebel doctors in their ranks that deliver medical care which is superior to the medicine delivered by the corrupt, degenerate, tyrannical system.

Those who live in the underground economy live more Spartan and modest lives than those with successful careers inside the control-grid. But by working together, life is not so bad... and they have the freedom to say and do as they wish, without the constant fear that the Master-AI will suddenly destroy their livelihood and alienate them from their friends and family. They also have some privacy, without living lives where even their tiniest, most subtle thoughts and actions are constantly scrutinized by the Social Credit System.

Mobility is the key word for the underground. In a world where total obedience to the system is demanded, the simple act of utterly disregarding that system while remaining healthy and satisfied is the greatest rebellion. And the simple, straightforward activities of the underground such as:

- Brewing beer
- Growing Vegetables
- Rearing Animals
- Making Soap
- Synthesizing pharmaceuticals and herbal medicine
- Building radios, basic computers, stoves, washing machines, dishwashers and other appliances
- Making shelters
- Etc.,

...all without permits...

...threaten to undermine the monopoly profits of the mega-corps: the highest act of treason. As such, the police are constantly on the move, trying to hunt down the members of the underground economy, and prosecute them for engaging in the productive activities they need to survive and live a reasonable lifestyle without buying anything from the system – or using the banks.

So those evicted from the control grid are constantly on the move, with an intelligence network to alert the underground of any raid planned against their small and mobile communities:

- We Run
- We Hide
- We Survive
- We Organize
- We Support Each Other
- We Remain A Viable Exit Option

So long as the underground remains a viable exit option, then as the system becomes more oppressive and bizarre, more and more people will exit to the underground; first as a trickle, then in droves, starving and weakening the system of participants, shrinking it in size and numbers until what was once a terrible, almost insurmountably oppressive force, becomes empty, small, laughable and unimposing.

**The principle goal of this Manifesto is to outline the steps and strategy required to implement a parallel network (parallel structure), or, indeed, many parallel networks, that can support people that have been ejected from the official surveillance grid – thereby ensuring that the various mishmash of licenses and certificates which we need to get by in normal society doesn't add up, in totality, to a de facto "license to live" or "license to exist" that the system can easily revoke at any time.**

**This Manifesto focusses on support and production, rather than destruction (although defence is mentioned as a passing consideration) as only through focussing on the good, only by focussing on helping those in need, who are ejected from the grid, can the movement become a force of good itself.**

We now get down to the nuts and bolts of the matter. To coordinate an economy you either need:

1. A small, self-sufficient group of people with complementary skills, who are familiar with one another and all know and trust each other
2. A trustworthy recording system (or systems), firstly to facilitate payment, but also to ensure producers are compliant with sensible, rational standards, which guarantee that the quality of their products or services are acceptably high, and also to facilitate a parallel system of professional certification

Sensible regulations exist for a reason. As I said, you don't want your doctor to be a quack with no idea how to treat illness, he might kill you rather than cure you - or your electrician to do a bad job wiring the house, for that matter. If the existing system of regulations has become corrupted, nonsensical and dysfunctional and has morphed from a system designed to protect the health, the environment and property, into a system, hijacked by lobbyists and the rich, to protect corporate profits at the expense of all else, and secure the privileged position of wealthy monopolists and their progeny at the expense of everyone else...

...the answer isn't to do away with all regulations, rather it is to create a parallel system of certification that *does* make sense and truly does protect health, the environment and property as all sensible regulatory systems should.

The parallel system wouldn't mandate any standards that merchants require to sell their products or services to others. Rather, it would mandate that sellers meet standards, guidelines and submit to appropriate inspections, etc., by quality control organizations **in order to carry their certification of approval**. Quality control organizations (perhaps organized through DAOs?) would receive a fee from those whose quality they assure, and, gradually customers would learn which quality control organisations are the most reliable and only buy from merchants certified by them. Merchants would then pay more fees to the quality control organizations whose label will secure them the most customers. All this can be done through free market competition without the requirement for any mandates forbidding people to trade. The act of sensible customers seeking an appropriate certificate of approval from a suitable quality control organization will be sufficient to protect consumer standards. Furthermore, the blockchain even negates the requirement for trademark protection laws, as if the certificate of approval must be issued (say, as an NFT) from a public key representing a particular quality control organization, then it will be impossible to forge approval certificates – or, at least, it would be possible to write a very simple programme to check the public key of the certificate issuing agency to see if any certificate of approval was genuine or fake. The same NFT system could be used to verify educational qualifications in the underground economy (with the public key of the issuing institution also verifying underground university degree NFTs?), job references, or customer reviews.

In principle, one can imagine some “general of the resistance” maintaining a parallel central database of qualifications, an independent ledger of account balances, certificates of approval issued by quality control organizations etc. However, such a general would be an easy target and, in a truly dystopian scenario, would likely get assassinated by the Social Credit surveillance AI, which would probably try to suppress the maintenance of parallel records and would want to control the only system of records that enable people to transact together and trust each other. Such a central



surveillance AI would be sure to eventually find the central database of any “general of the resistance” and sent a SWAT team over to destroy the database and kill the resistance leadership.

This is why it’s crucial to use a **decentralized protocol**, combined with a payment system, to incentivize miners to maintain accurate backup copies of both the payment system and crypto-balances as well as pseudonymised reputational information (qualifications, customer reviews, certificates of approval, etc.) of the various vendors in the underground economy. Where the only thing organizing the whole operation (i.e. paying miners a ‘salary’ to back up a database) is a computer code and not any single human being who can be killed or threatened.

The core of any independent resistance movement must be production (the more fundamentally necessary the good, such as food, the more important it is to be able to produce it), as there are only 3 ways to get what you need in life:

1. Produce it
2. Trade for it
3. Steal it

Since we can assume the underground resistance has been, for the most part, shut out of the official trading system for political reasons, if the resistance cannot produce what they need for themselves then they will turn into nothing more than a band of robbers.

This is why any revolutionary movement that aspires to be primarily peaceful – and a force of good – must centre itself on self-sufficiency and developing the capability to produce the things they need in life as a community.

Interestingly, this overlaps with many of the activities which preppers/survivalists/homesteaders engage in. This makes sense, as preppers are typically preparing for a time when the rest of civilization collapses, and smaller groups must fend for themselves and produce what they need with what they have to hand. If society essentially ejects you, and wipes your record clean, then even if civilization keeps chugging on, from your perspective at least, it may as well have collapsed for all the good it will do you, and much like an end-of-the-world apocalyptic scenario, those who have been ejected from society must, like preppers, use what they have to hand, as best as they can, to produce what they need. The more essential the necessity, the higher the priority it will be to develop the skills required to produce it.

Hopefully the underground economy will be larger, more specialized and, hence, more productive than small groups of people gathering together in the wake of an apocalypse. Nevertheless, the basic principle remains: any economically isolated group of people (whether as a result of civilization collapsing, or as a result of civilization expelling them for their “thought-crimes”) must place the production of the basic necessities of life at the highest level of priority.

There are many fun and frivolous applications for a decentralized protocol, but if you want to avoid becoming a slave in a total surveillance state, *Manifesto For A Fully Decentralized Society* describes the particular decentralized protocol functionalities that are of the highest priority to develop – i.e. the protocols that can effectively coordinate a productive economy of people to produce for their needs in life. The up shot is that, once this is accomplished, no one needs to fear about governments blocking fiat on-ramps and off-ramps as users of cryptocurrency will, as a collective, be able to produce what they need and buy what they need from other crypto users without requiring any fiat at all.

Broadly speaking, *Manifesto For A Fully Decentralized Society* is structured in the following way:

I start by explaining the evolution of the relative freedom and the collection of hard-won Human Rights that western societies have amassed, by the second half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, as well as the whole edifice of governance structures, institutions and checks and balances which our forbearers erected to prevent the return of fascism and protect the rights of their descendents for generations to come.

I introduce the reader to the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*, a promise that the governments 192 countries made to their citizens, to respect their basic rights and freedoms. Indeed, the primary function of the governance structure of modern democracies is to secure these rights and freedoms enshrined in the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*.

It is important to establish a clear standard for what constitutes acceptable governance and leadership to determine whether a system of governance remains acceptable – or whether the relationship between the government and the citizens of a nation has steadily degenerated from one of protection and benevolent guidance into a one of tyranny, cruelty, control and abuse... or even... down to the depravity of torture, mass-murder and genocide.

A people who have no comprehension of how their rulers should behave will accept anything – no matter how cruel, wicked and demeaning. Look at how the people in North Korea live and how they accept starvation, oppression and execution – because they know of nothing else... if we lose sight of any reasonable standards that our leaders should adhere to, then there is nothing that will stop us from some day getting treated like the people of North Korea.

And *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights* is not some fevered, unreasonable utopian dreams of a few unrealistic crackpots. Rather it was the historic standard of human rights drafted by the world's finest legal experts which the leaders of almost every nation on Earth **have already committed** to uphold.

If we fail to hold our leaders to this standard – what do we have left?

It's true that many leaders ignored it in practice, but the world's democracies did, broadly speaking respect most of the rights contained in the Universal Declaration, most of the time and between 1949 and 2000 (prior to 9/11) there was steady progress made with respect to securing people's human rights around the world.

The *Manifesto* then moves on to describe how world leaders have shown less and less respect for the human rights of their citizens in the decades following the second millennium and catalogues a whole slew of blatant Human Rights violations which leaders, of supposedly advanced countries, committed against their citizens in recent decades and, especially, in recent years. And, also, how the system of checks and balances of our institutions, that were erected to ensure that leaders would remain accountable to their citizens, has deteriorated due to:

1. Increased specialisation between different fields of knowledge
2. An increasingly sophisticated understanding of Human Psychology
3. Mass collection of private, personal data
4. An increasingly wealth-obsessed society



5. Debt-based fiat currency
6. The proliferation of undemocratic, supra-national organisations, to manage and regulate an increasingly globalized trade network

(The reason why each trend has undermined democracy is explained in the full manifesto)

The Manifesto then goes on to describe the emerging Social credit system and how it will open up the possibility for inflicting incredibly severe and devastating punishment, in a way that can be imposed arbitrarily in a manner that completely **bypasses the court of law**. The Manifesto also speculates how a small cabal in command of a comprehensive system of mass-surveillance, and total control, could utilize further technological developments to entrench their control even more deeply (such as by inserting microchips into people's brains) and, in general, to mutilate the population on a massive scale by mandating we undertake medical treatments, that rob us of our very humanity, as a condition for not getting our permissions and certificates revoked and our bank account zeroed out.

A lot of the more horrific speculations on how advanced technology might interact with the excesses of power are just that – baseless speculation unbacked by evidence. Nevertheless, almost everything that relates to the possible future of society will inevitably involve a heavy dose of speculation. Therefore, much like climate scientists speculate about worst case future scenarios involving climate change, in order to avoid and adapt to them, much as military planners consider worst case scenarios involving serious large scale wars to consider what would be needed, in the event they happened, to prevail and emerge victorious, it is rational and prudent for those who care about freedom and human rights to consider worst-case scenarios for the consolidation of totalitarian control in the hands of a small cabal of cruel and power-mad individuals. This is not all that outlandish, as depraved people can, and historically **have** frequently risen to the top of their respective societies, from time to time. So it is prudent to consider the mechanisms that such a cabal might employ to consolidate control, in addition to the strategies that a resistance movement might deploy to prevent, or at least loosen and limit, their consolidation of power.

It is also worth soberly considering just how bad things could get (and historic precedents like North Korea, Nazi Germany, Stalinist Russia, etc., demonstrate, beyond doubt, that when the checks and balances that restrict the concentration of power get compromised things can, and do, get **very bad indeed**) to serve as motivation to put suitable parallel structures (networks) in place, that are capable of resisting further consolidation, before things go past the point of no return.

When forming parallel decentralized structures of people who, through mutual cooperation, can resist the excesses of totalitarian governance, it would be advisable to adhere to the laws of the land whenever doing so is possible without compromising the core objective of resisting total control. But as the system becomes more and more oppressive (assuming it does) the time may come when the laws become so oppressive, that is it impossible to comply to them without letting the government “put on the cuffs” (explained in more detail in the manifesto), thereby making further resistance impossible. So, at some point, those struggling against encroaching tyranny may be faced with a stark choice: give up on your efforts at resistance, or break the law. And, as the system becomes more oppressive and tyrannical, the fate of those who are caught breaking the law will become progressively more harrowing. So, it's critical to keep in mind just how bad things could get in the future, if people choose the easy life now through complying whatever laws the government passes, no matter how unjust or absurd. Avoiding punishment today may bring about slavery tomorrow in a total surveillance society – though, to reiterate, one should find legally compliant ways to build effective parallel structures... whenever doing so is possible...

The *Manifesto* then lays out the capabilities, systems, strategies and organisation that a decentralized network of people would need to develop to achieve de facto sovereign capability.

Only an entity which has sovereign capability can defend its rights against another entity with sovereign capability. Many of these capabilities were briefly outlined earlier in the summary, but the full *Manifesto* goes into greater detail.

Then the matter of the core rights that need to be defended are discussed. As I previously said: any movement of people, concerned about the future erosion of their rights should build up the capability to resist (laid out in the *Manifesto*) using peaceful, legal means, wherever possible. But there are critical key principles which are **vital** to defend, even to the point of acting illegally, if necessary, for which those who aim to remain free simply **cannot** afford to comply with. This section discusses what those core principles are.

The final chapter speculates on the complex relationship that centralized governments, may have with promoters of decentralization (decentralized infrastructure, could in some instances, actually be valuable to the national security of even centralized institutions).

Hopefully this Manifesto summary, will provide the reader with helpful context and, by regarding its overall arc, will allow the reader to better be able to absorb the materials contained within the full *Manifesto* and create a mental model that can order the various sections more effectively within the whole picture.

One final thought:

**Cryptocurrency is not a store of value but a tool for organizing. A “community” that just “hodls” a crypto currency in the hope it will appreciate is worthless, as will any cryptocurrency that said community “hodls.” However, a cryptocurrency that is used by a dynamic community of resourceful producers who possess all the skills they need to produce everything they require in life will be worth more than gold itself.**

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