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A study sponsored by Mamavation and Environmental Health News found 50% of 32 butter wrappers from 22 brands tested by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency contained fluorine, a PFAS chemical harmful to human health.

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Wrappers from eight brands of butter have detectable levels of total fluorine, an indicator of the group of chemicals known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, according to a new report from Mamavation.

Partnering with Environmental Health News, or EHN.org, the environmental wellness blog and community had 32 wrappers from 22 brands tested by a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-certified lab and found levels of total fluorine ranging from 11 parts per million to 112 ppm in 16 of the wrappers.

Fluorine is a strong indicator of "forever chemicals"— which have been linked to everything from cancer to birth defects to lower vaccine effectiveness.

EHN.org partially funded the testing and Pete Myers, chief scientist of Environmental Health Sciences, which publishes Environmental Health News, reviewed the findings.

The report builds on EHN.org and Mamavation's growing library of consumer products tested for evidence of PFAS, including products such as contact lenses, pasta and tomato sauces, sports bras, tampons, dental floss and electrolytes.

While many are aware of PFAS pollution in water, the testing finds that we're also exposed by the things we wear or eat. You can explore more reporting from our collaboration with Mamavation: "PFAS on our shelves and in our bodies."

Linda S. Birnbaum, scientist emeritus and former director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and National Toxicology Program and scholar at residence at Duke University, told Mamavation of the new findings:

"It's disappointing to see indications of PFAS in butter wrappers. In order to protect the public, PFAS should not be present in food packaging like butter wrappers.

"This is an important issue to tackle in the future in order to protect pregnant women and children from the potential pitfalls of PFAS. I highly recommend the industry fix this problem as soon as possible."

Can PFAS get from packaging into our food?

PFAS have previously been found in food packaging such as pizza boxes, sandwich wrappers, French fry containers and popcorn bags due to their water- and oil-proof qualities.

Terrence Collins, Teresa Heinz professor of green chemistry & director of the Institute for Green Sciences at Carnegie Mellon University, told Mamavation that "the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has known for decades that PFAS compounds in food wraps can migrate into our food."

People who eat more takeout, fast food and pizza often have higher levels of PFAS in their bodies than people who regularly cook at home, according to a 2019 study.

"Those eight out of 22 butter brands still using PFAS found by Mamavation in their wraps should come to terms with the serious PFAS health threats ... and get rid of PFAS compounds altogether in every aspect of their business," Collins added.

What butter brands are PFAS-free?

Mamavation sent 32 butter wrappers from 22 brands for testing and half of the wrappers (from eight of the brands) had indications of PFAS. Some products were tested more than once and the results varied.

These brands had detectable levels of total fluorine: HEB Organic, Kate's, Kerrygold, Kirkland, Maple Hill Organic, Miyokos, Organic Valley and Wegmans.

Mamvation also highlighted brands that had butter wrappers free from PFAS evidence, including 365 Whole Foods, Clover Sonoma, Horizon Organic, Nature's Promise, Straus Family, Trader Joe's and others.

The testing is part of an ongoing effort by Mamavation and EHN.org to identify PFAS in common consumer products. Follow our PFAS testing project with Mamavation at the series landing page.

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Surgeons at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) are using a medical robot to assist with vaginoplasties, or the surgical construction of a vulva and vagina, according to various posts on the organization's website.

OHSU's gender program, urological program and reconstructive urology referral center all boast of a high volume of clients on their respective web pages, and Dr. Blair Peters, a surgeon leading the gender program, boasted that the gender surgery clinic had "the highest volume on the West Coast" and could operate two robot-assisted vaginoplasties daily, according to a recent report from the Manhattan Institute's City Journal. In addition to vaginoplasty, OHSU offers phalloplasty (the surgical construction of a penis), non-binary genital "nullification" surgeries and mastectomies.

The vaginoplasty robot, which City Journal called a "castration machine," allows surgeons to use internal tissue to construct a vagina, replacing or supplementing the more common technique of using existing male genital tissue.

"Robotic surgery is a sophisticated way of doing surgery on the inside of the belly cavity without making a big incision. And that approach allows you to use tissue from the inside of the belly cavity to be part of the

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vagina," an OHSU employee explained in a 2021 video on OHSU's YouTube channel.

"In addition to the traditional penile inversion vaginoplasty, we also offer a robotic approach. In the robotic approach, we create your external genitals in the same way, but I also make an incision above your belly button and one on your hip," OHSU surgeon Dr. Geolani Dy said in the same video. "And through these incisions, I am able to bring in the robotic instruments. Using the robotic instruments, I dissect a space between your bladder and your rectum for your vagina. The robotic approach also allows me to take tissue from the inner lining of your belly called peritoneum. Using the peritoneum, I make the deepest portion of your vagina. The robotic approach may be especially useful for people with limited genital skin."

OHSU surgeon Dr. Blair Peters has discussed vaginoplasties and the use of the surgical robot, including on young patients, in several public interviews. Peters admitted that genital surgeries are performed on adolescents and suggested that medical professionals are still figuring out "what works" in a video published by Manhattan Institute senior fellow Christopher Rufo.

Blair Peters, a self-described "queer surgeon" who uses "he/they" pseudo-pronouns, describes using a robot to castrate "puberty suppressed adolescent" boys and transform their penis tissue into an artificial vagina. pic.twitter.com/fZn4CmfL42

— Christopher F. Rufo 🔀 (@realchrisrufo) July 6, 2023

"As a specialty, those of us that do a pretty high volume of genital gender confirming surgery, we've maybe done a couple, a handful of pubertally suppressed adolescents as a field, and nobody's published on it yet," he said. "OHSU is just putting our first series together as we're sort of learning and figuring out what works. But it's really changing things because you don't have enough tissue to line the vaginal canal ... the way that we're dealing with it is by using a robot."

Peters discussed his concerns about the ethics of puberty blockers and genital surgeries for adolescents in another clip that appears to have been pulled from the same interview. Youth who have their puberty medically suppressed may not have enough genital tissue to create a vagina if they pursue vaginoplasty in their late teens, and their usual lack of sexual experience makes it difficult for them to adjust to the daily vaginal dilation that's required as long-term post-operative care.

"Some of the early challenges are getting someone to successfully dilate that's never had to engage with their pelvic floor musculature and is maybe 17, 18 years old. It's hard," he said.

These young patients' lack of sexual experience also makes it difficult to assess the impact of the surgery on their sexual health, according to Peters.

"More often than not there's been almost no genital engagement in terms of self-stimulation or masturbation so then trying to assess things like erogenous outcomes after a surgery when someone's never had an erogenous experience in her life is incredibly difficult, because they don't really have a baseline to compare it to," he said.

A group of nine patients published a letter in 2018 complaining that they experience physical injuries and sexual dysfunction after undergoing genital surgeries at OHSU.

OHSU and Peters did not respond to the Daily Caller News Foundation's requests for comment.

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MyPillow is auctioning off equipment after retailers pull its products

CEO Mike Lindell says annual sales fell \$100 million after several big-box retailers cut ties following his election claims.

By Briana Bierschbach and Brooks Johnson Star Tribune

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MyPillow is auctioning off hundreds of pieces of equipment and subleasing manufacturing space after several shopping networks and major retailers took the company's products off shelves.

The Chaska-based manufacturer recently listed more than 850 "surplus equipment" items on the online auction site K-Bid. Sewing machines, industrial fabric spreaders, forklifts and even desks and chairs are up for auction.

Founder and CEO Mike Lindell said MyPillow has experienced a loss in revenue and the items are no longer needed as the company consolidates its operations.

Major retailers such as Walmart, Bed Bath & Beyond and Slumberland Furniture all said they will no longer sell MyPillow products as Lindell continues to falsely claim that the 2020 election was stolen from former President Donald Trump.

"It was a massive, massive cancellation," Lindell said in a phone interview Monday. "We lost \$100 million from attacks by the box stores, the shopping networks, the shopping channels, all of them did cancel culture on us."

The auction does not appear related to the \$1.3 billion defamation lawsuit targeting both Lindell and MyPillow, which is ongoing in federal court.

Dominion Voting Systems alleges Lindell defamed the company as part of his campaign to paint the 2020 presidential election as "rigged." Dominion makes voting machines and election software.

Lindell has not backed down from his assertions that there was something wrong with the 2020 election and its results. He said he plans to host an event next month detailing a new way to hold elections.

But the ongoing controversy over his claims has forced major shifts in his business. After some shopping networks dropped his products, the company has moved to direct sales, shooting new television commercials and trying to boost its presence through email marketing, radio spots and direct mailing. Provided

Mike Lindell, seen here in a promotional shoot, said MyPillow is losing \$100 million in annual sales.

Lindell said the company is subleasing some of its manufacturing space in Shakopee because the packaging for direct sales is different than what it needed when working with big retailers.

"We kind of needed a building and a half, but now with these moves we're making, we can get it down to our one building," he said.

"If the box stores ever came back we could have it if we needed it, but we don't need that," he added. "It affected a lot of things when you lose that big of a chunk [of revenue]."

The same is true for the equipment he's auctioning off. He said he will need to replace whatever he auctions off if the retailers "ever came back."

There were several months after MyPillow was dropped by retailers when there was "hardly anything" for some workers to do, Lindell said. He shifted employees to work for MyStore, an online marketplace he created. Others moved over to his addiction resource organization, the Lindell Recovery Network.

Most hardware stores, such as Menards, Fleet Farm and Ace, continue to carry MyPillow products, he said. He hasn't had to lay off any employees yet, but some may have left the company after being reassigned new roles, Lindell said.

When asked if the matter of the pending lawsuits has added to the challenges in his business, Lindell said "of course it has."

In April, an arbitration panel ruled that Lindell needed to pay \$5 million to a software forensics expert who disproved several of his election claims in a "Prove Mike Wrong" contest. Lindell has challenged that ruling, calling it "frivolous."

"The \$5 million is the lowest one," he said. "I will be vindicated in every single one."

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Ray Epps, a frequent subject of Fox News segments and a Trump supporter who became the subject of conspiracy claims, is suing Fox News for defamation.

The suit, which was filed in Delaware Superior Court, accuses Fox of "creating and disseminating destructive conspiracy theories" and of recklessly disregarding the truth.

Epps' suit alleges Fox News used Epps as a "scapegoat" after the Jan. 6, 2021, assault on the U.S. Capitol and told "a fantastical story in which Ray Epps — who was a Trump supporter that participated in the protests on January 6th — was an undercover FBI agent and was responsible for the mob that violently broke into the Capitol and interfered with the peaceful transition of power for the first time in this country's history."

Epps voted for Trump in both 2016 and 2020 and acknowledged being amid the mob outside the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. He said Fox News provided a platform and an audience for claims that Epps was a federal agent "planted as a provocateur to trigger the Capitol violence."

His civil suit makes specific allegations about former Fox News host Tucker Carlson. The suit said, "Fox, and particularly Mr. Carlson, commenced a years-long campaign spreading falsehoods about Epps. Those lies have destroyed Ray's and (his wife's) lives. As Fox recently learned in its litigation against Dominion Voting Systems, its lies have consequences."

After the Capitol riot, Carlson spoke about Epps on his Fox News show over 20 times.

"Ray Epps? He is on video several times encouraging crimes, riots, breaches of the Capitol," Carlson said in one segment.

Epps told Bill Whitaker on CBS' "60 Minutes" earlier this year that he went to the Capitol because he believed the election had been stolen from Trump. On Jan. 5, 2021, the night before the riot, he went to a rally and said, "Tomorrow, we need to go into the Capitol! Into the Capitol!" Trump supporters responded, "What?" And Epps added, "Peacefully!" That was met with cries of "Fed Fed Fed! Fed!" He explained to Whitaker that he meant that there should be peaceful protests at the Capitol, but admits, "I said some stupid things."

On Jan. 6, he was seen in video at the Capitol pulling aside and saying something to one rioter. Conspiracists say he was giving marching orders, because seconds later, the first Capitol police officer went down. Epps told CBS that when he saw the violence, he instead wanted to calm things down. He was never seen committing an act of violence that day or entering the Capitol. He later spoke with the FBI, and in the summer of 2021, the FBI removed his photo from its website.

Carlson took note of the photo's removal. And Trump responded, too: "How about the one guy? Go in, in. Go in! Epps. Get in there! Go! Go! Oo! Nothing happens to him."

Epps said the threats and harassment that followed forced him to sell his ranch outside Phoenix. He and his wife now live in hiding in a 300-square foot recreational vehicle, somewhere in the Rocky Mountains.

The FBI said in a statement to "60 Minutes" in April, "Ray Epps has never been an FBI source or an FBI employee."

Epps reveals in his civil suit that he expects to face criminal charges for his role in the mob at the Capitol. The suit said, "In May 2023, the Department of Justice notified Epps that it would seek to charge him criminally for events on January 6, 2021 – two-and-a-half years later. The relentless attacks by FOX and Mr. Carlson and the resulting political pressure likely resulted in the criminal charges."

In the suit, Epps states he is not a federal agent but had been a loyal Fox News viewer and Trump supporter. His suit alleges, "Had the Department of Justice charged Epps in 2021, Mr. Carlson would have hailed Epps a hero."

Epps' suit seeks a trial and compensatory and punitive damages from Fox.

Requests for comment from Fox and Epps's civil attorneys were not immediately returned.

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Citing specific examples of First Amendment violations, a federal judge on Monday denied a request by the U.S. Department of Justice to pause an injunction barring the Biden administration from a wide range of communications with social media platforms.

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A federal judge on Monday denied a request by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to pause an injunction barring the Biden administration from a wide range of communications with social media platforms.

Judge Terry Doughty of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana Monroe Division rejected the Biden administration's argument that the injunction could hamper the government's law

enforcement efforts online.

He also said the DOJ failed to provide specific examples of how the injunction "would provide grave harm to the American people or our democratic processes."

In a 13-page ruling, Doughty cited several examples of government censorship of online speech, including a Jan. 23, 2021, White House demand for the removal of a tweet by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., chairman on leave of Children's Health Defense.

#HankAaron's tragic death is part of a wave of suspicious deaths among elderly closely following administration of #COVID #vaccines. He received the #Moderna vaccine on Jan. 5 to inspire other Black Americans to get the vaccine. #TheDefenderhttps://t.co/vbuHt22bJz

— Robert F. Kennedy Jr (@RobertKennedyJr) January 22, 2021

Doughty wrote that the plaintiffs:

"are likely to prove that all of the enjoined defendants coerced, significantly encouraged, and/or jointly participated [with] social-media companies to suppress social-media posts by American citizens that expressed opinions that were anti-COVID-19 vaccines, anti-COVID-19 lockdowns, posts that delegitimized or questioned the results of the 2020 election, and other content not subject to any exception to the First Amendment.

"These items are protected free speech and were seemingly censored because of the viewpoints they expressed."

Responding to Monday's ruling, Jim Hoft, founder and editor of The Gateway Pundit and a plaintiff in the lawsuit, wrote, "Judge Doughty is a rock [who] stands firm on the First Amendment."

BREAKING: The federal district court that issued the injunction in Missouri v. Biden just denied the federal government's motions for stay, keeping the injunction in place.

This is another big win, but the fight to end the government's vast censorship enterprise continues on. pic.twitter.com/oEhoRHaVLh

— Eric Schmitt (@Eric_Schmitt) July 10, 2023

'Airtight evidence' feds worked with Big Tech to censor speech

Doughty issued the injunction on July 4 as part of an ongoing lawsuit filed in May 2022 by the attorneys general of Missouri and Louisiana along with several medical experts and journalists, who alleged key Biden administration agencies and officials colluded with social media platforms to censor their views, which ran counter to the government's official COVID-19 narrative.

In that ruling, Doughty said there is "substantial evidence" the government violated the First Amendment by engaging in a large-scale censorship campaign.

As part of the July 4 injunction, several federal agencies and top administration officials were temporarily prohibited from working with the companies in ways that are aimed at "urging, encouraging, pressuring, or inducing in any manner for removal, deletion, suppression, or reduction of content containing protected free speech."

These agencies and officials include the DOJ, FBI, U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra, U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy, and White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre.

The July 4 ruling included a carve-out for posts involving criminal activity and threats to national security.

In Monday's decision, Doughty clarified the definition of "protected free speech," as applicable to his July 4 order, as "speech which is protected by the Free Speech Clause of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution in accordance with the jurisprudence of the United States Supreme Court."

He also rejected government claims that the injunction was overbroad:

"Although this Preliminary Injunction involves numerous agencies, it is not as broad as it appears, it only prohibits something the Defendants have no legal right to do — contacting social media companies for the purpose of urging, encouraging, pressuring, or inducing in any manner, the removal, deletion, suppression, or reduction of content containing protected free speech posted on social-media platforms."

The DOJ filed a notice of appeal on July 5, and an instant motion to stay the following day, asking the court to stay the July 4 injunction pending appeal or issue an administrative stay for seven days.

The Biden administration claimed it faced "irreparable harm" with each day the injunction remained in effect.

In response, Missouri and Louisiana, the two states leading the lawsuit, filed a memorandum in opposition to the government's motion on Sunday, writing:

"Evidence in this case overwhelmingly shows that the way the Government supposedly 'prevent[s] grave harm to the American people and our democratic processes' is to pressure and induce social-media platforms to censor disfavored viewpoints on COVID-19, elections, and other core political speech. ...

"In the end, their position is fundamentally defiant toward the Court's judgment. It demonstrates that the Government will continue violating First Amendment rights by censoring core political speech on social media as soon as it can get away with it. The motion to stay should be denied."

In Monday's ruling, Doughty sided with the plaintiffs. CBS News reported that following the decision, the DOJ asked the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit to pause this order pending appeal and requested relief by July 24, claiming:

"The district court issued a universal injunction with sweeping language that could be read to prohibit (among other things) virtually any government communication directed at social-media platforms regarding content moderation ...

"The court's belief that the injunction forbids only unconstitutional conduct, while protecting the government's lawful prerogatives, rested on a fundamentally erroneous conception of the First Amendment, and the court's effort to tailor the injunction through a series of carveouts cured neither the injunction's overbreadth nor its vagueness."

In a statement following the ruling, John Burns, an attorney representing The Gateway Pundit in the lawsuit, said:

"Judge Doughty's brief explaining his reasoning for denying the government's baseless motion to stay appears to also directly respond to the media's attacks on his order preventing the government from censoring speech.

"For example, a common trope from dishonest left-wing media pundits and even law professor analysts, is that there was no evidence that the government censored speech.

"Judge Doughty's order denying the government's request to halt the injunction goes through several examples of airtight evidence showing the feds' deliberate efforts to work with Big Tech to censor speech."

Government sought to 'get around' First Amendment protections

One of the examples cited by Doughty was a Jan. 23, 2021, email to Twitter from Clarke Humphrey, the digital director for the White House COVID-19 response team, requesting the removal of a tweet by Kennedy questioning COVID-19 vaccines. "Twitter files" released in January revealed this effort by the White House to censor Kennedy.

Doughty also cited an April 14, 2021, demand from Rob Flaherty, the deputy assistant to the president and the White House's director of digital strategy, for the removal of a video of Fox News hosts Tucker Carlson and Tomi Lahren questioning COVID-19 vaccines.

Flaherty "demanded immediate answers from Facebook" regarding the video. A few days later, Facebook reduced the Fox hosts' visibility by 50%.

Doughty also cited several meetings Murthy had with social media companies, during which he described purported health misinformation, including posts questioning COVID-19 vaccines, as "poison," and called on social media companies to do more to limit the reach of such content.

And he cited an Oct. 8, 2020, email from Dr. Francis Collins, then-director of the National Institutes of Health, to Dr. Anthony Fauci, saying the Great Barrington Declaration — an open letter expressing "grave concerns about the damaging physical and mental health impacts of the prevailing COVID-19 policies" — needed a "quick and devastating take-down."

Fauci responded with information "debunking" the declaration, shortly before it was censored by social media platforms. The "Twitter files" previously revealed that signatories of the declaration, including Dr. Jay Bhattacharya — a plaintiff in the Missouri v. Biden lawsuit — also were censored by social media platforms.

Doughty also cited examples of federal agencies, such as the FBI and the Cybersecurity Infrastructure Security Agency, working closely and meeting with non-government actors such as the Election Integrity Partnership and the Virality Project — the subject of recent "Twitter files" releases — targeting social media posts questioning the prevailing 2020 election narratives and COVID-19 vaccines.

According to Doughty:

"The Election Integrity Partnership was designed 'to get around unclear legal authorities, including very real First Amendment questions' that would arise if government agencies were to monitor and flag information for censorship on social media."

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The Internet Is Dead. Long Live the Internet. corbettreport.substack.com

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Have you heard the latest?

Canadians are losing their access to online news thanks to a new bill that would make tech companies liable for so much as *linking* to news stories.

French President Macron is mulling a social media shutdown in the name of quelling France's social unrest.

Meta's new "Twitter killer" Threads app is (surprise, surprise!) censoring from day one.

And the UK government is considering a proposal to give their NSA equivalent, the GCHQ, unprecedented, sweeping new powers to monitor internet logs in real-time.

Are you noticing a pattern?

Yes, the Internet—the "Information Superhighway" version of the "Internet" that was sold as a digital panacea to a credulous public in the 1990s, that is—is now officially dead.

So what does this mean? And where do we go from here? Today, I'll get to the bottom of the dead internet theory and what conspiracy realists should make of this news.

If you lived through the '90s, congratulations! You had a front row seat to a fundamental transformation of society the likes of which hasn't been seen by any generation since the days of Gutenberg.

Unless you were working at a university or a US government lab, you started the decade utterly ignorant of email and message boards and even the basic rudiments of computer networking. But by the time you were ringing in the millennium, you were (more likely than not) online, sending emails and surfing the web and getting into your first online flame wars.

You lived through the endless talk about the Information Superhighway. You survived the interminable propaganda designed to convince you that the Internet (capital "I" and all, as if cyberspace was some newly discovered foreign country that we were about to colonize) was going to democratize information, give everyone a voice in the conversation in the digital town square and unite us all in peace, harmony and understanding. And you endured ceaseless segments of befuddled TV hosts informing their audiences about URLs and email addresses as if they were reading an encyclopedia entry in a foreign language, carefully intoning every letter, colon and backslash and tittering over how to pronounce the "@" symbol.

It was all a lie, of course. Unbeknownst to the general public at the time, the internet did not spring fully formed from the heads of the Silicon Valley nerds in the 1990s. In fact, its origins go back much further. As we eventually came to learn, the internet *actually* began life as the ARPANET, a US Department of Defense project whose goal, according to the former director of DARPA, "was to exploit new computer technologies to meet the needs of military command and control against nuclear threats, achieve survivable control of US nuclear forces, and improve military tactical and management decision making."

As it turns out, even this "nuclear resistant network" story is a limited hangout. As students of my Mass Media: A History online course will know by now, the ARPANET wasn't just about securing America's nuclear war-fighting capabilities but also about improving Uncle Sam's tools of surveillance and control for counterinsurgency operations. *This* thread of the story—involving characters like psychologist-turned-computer scientist J.C.R. Licklider and his quest to build a tool capable of collecting, storing and analyzing mind-boggling amounts of information on every entity and individual deemed an enemy of the US government—has been largely lost to time.

As Yasha Levine documents in his book on *Surveillance Valley*, however, anti-Vietnam War protesters on US campuses in the 1960s recognized the ARPANET and The Cambridge Project and associated computer

networking research projects for what they were: attempts to find a way to quash dissent against the powersthat-shouldn't-be wherever and whenever that dissent arose.

One 1969 pamphlet on the growing peril of military-funded computer databases noted:

Clearly the ARPA network has practical military implications. While not a weapon of destruction per se, it will contribute a necessary link to a powerful automated military control system.

And another 1960s pamphlet on the looming threat of silicon surveillance observed:

The whole computer set-up and the ARPA computer network will enable the government, for the first time, to consult relevant survey data rapidly enough to be used in policy decisions. The net result of this will be to make Washington's international policeman more effective in suppressing popular movements around the world.

Unsurprisingly, perhaps, public awareness of the perils of digital dictatorship and the mechanized menace of the "Octoputer" (with its technological tracking tendrils snaking their way into every nook and cranny of your life) got lost along the way. By the '90s, people were ready to believe that the digitization of social relations was a boon to humanity and that the world would be better off for it.

Meanwhile, here in the 2020s, the gloss of the (capital "I") Internet fairy tale has long since worn off. And, now that we have long since passed the point of no return on this roller coaster ride into the digital abyss, we are finding that the dream sold to the public three decades ago—the hopium-induced phantasm of Information Superhighways and technological liberation—is now officially dead.

Have you heard of the "dead internet theory"?

In a nutshell, it posits that the Internet of old—the wild and wacky, old-school, capital "I" Internet of human-generated fun and weirdness—died in 2016. Since then, according to adherents of this premise, the majority of everything we encounter online has been bot-generated.

If this theory is correct, then the computer-created content of the dead internet includes not just the obviously inhuman content on the web—the spam that overruns every unmoderated comment section, for instance, or the botnets that flood social media with identically worded propaganda posts—but *everything*: the content itself, the commentary on that content, the "people" we interact with online, even audio podcasts and video vlogs and other seemingly human-generated media.

Whatever one makes of this dead internet theory, it is certainly neither the first nor the last time that the internet has been declared dead.

In 1998, Paul Krugman infamously declared the internet to be a hype-driven fad, boldly predicting it would have no more impact on the economy than the fax machine.

In 2000, Bob O'Keefe, a professor of information management at Brunel University, opined that the "internet is dead" because "young people want mobility and social interaction, not computers."

In 2002, CNET announced the death of the free web (free as in free beer, that is, not free as in free speech).

In 2007, Mark Cuban told us that "the internet's dead" and that "it's over" before contradictorily asserting that "the internet's for old people" because it had become stagnant.

In 2010, Wired confirmed that the web was indeed dead (having been replaced by apps).

In 2015, Vox also pronounced the internet officially dead, a point contested by their MSM brethren over at *The New York Times*, who asserted in 2017 that the internet was merely in the process of dying.

Even the CBC has gotten in on the act (years after everyone else, of course), daring to ask in 2020 if "the dream of an 'open' internet" is in fact dead.

Some astute observer may have even written "April 10, 2021" on the internet's death certificate in commemoration of the main Corbett Report channel being scrubbed from ThemTube that day. (I mean, I haven't seen anyone *actually* do that, but I'm sure someone could!)

Whichever death certificate you choose to believe, though, it's hardly worth quibbling over the exact date and time of the internet's death at this point.

Anyone who has been paying attention to the rise of the censorship-industrial complex over the past decade, anyone who has seen country after country after country after country after country after country implementing internet shutdowns and great firewalls and internet kill switches to keep their tax cattle from accessing online information detrimental to the powers-that-shouldn't-be, anyone who has seen the push for age verification and digital identification and "driver's licenses" for the internet knows the truth by now: to whatever extent the "Internet" of yore ever existed, it is now well and truly gone.

Heck, I just spent ten minutes searching various search engines with multiple queries to find an article whose *exact headline* I already knew. (And, irony of ironies, that article is about Canada's new online censorship bill).

My friends, it is now beyond doubt that we are no longer living in the utopian era of the Information Superhighway but in the dystopian nightmare of the digital gulag.

The Internet is dead.

But what does it mean that the free and open Internet is dead? After all, the ARPANET was designed to be able to survive and to continue functioning even in the wake of nuclear Armageddon, wasn't it? So how can some meddling governments take the whole thing down?

The most obvious answer is that the clueless masses who began logging on to the internet over the past two decades had no clue about the benefits of decentralization and merely gravitated to the most convenient and popular online spaces. By eschewing the labour of creating their own websites (or even designing their own geocities blog or Myspace page), by forsaking the quest to find new, unexplored corners of the net, they unwittingly recreated the dinosaur media paradigm in the new digital domain.

The parallels are striking: just as there were a handful of TV networks and newspapers and media companies that were able to dictate what almost everyone saw, heard, talked about and thought about on a daily basis in the old dinosaur media paradigm, there are now a handful of social media platforms where people are allowed to create a standardized, cookie-cutter profile and talk about the (fact-checker approved) news of the day.

And, just like that, the wacky, weird, intensely personal web of blogs and fora and message boards became the handful of standardized, soulless, corporate social media sites that dominate the web today.

There's even more to the story, though. The truth is that the Internet of yesteryear became the internet of today through a series of actions designed to make a decentralized, distributed network of information exchange into a centralized network of information control.

In fact, from its earliest beginnings, the ARPANET relied on a single "HOSTS.TXT" file maintained by the Stanford Research Institute to map hostnames to IP addresses. That system eventually developed into the Domain Name System that exists today, turning the inscrutable 77.235.50.111 IP address into the human-readable corbettreport.com.

Of course, most people don't give a moment's thought to the domain name system—how it is managed, who controls it, or why such a centralized directory is needed at all to run a supposedly decentralized network—until their domain is seized by the feds, that is.

Nor do they consider the dangers of relying on one of the few big-name web hosts or content delivery networks to host their web site ... until their hosting is pulled and no one can access their site anymore.

Nor do they ponder the implications for the free, open, decentralized web if everyone relies on a handful of social media platforms run by a handful of Big Tech companies to provide access to their online "friends" ... until their profile is suspended or their account removed for wrongthink.

Of course, as viewers of #SolutionsWatch know, the concept of truly decentralized communication is still alive and well. From Bastyon to Qortal to nostr to Blockchain DNS and many other projects besides, there is no shortage of developers who are working on ways for people to use the internet as it was intended: as a decentralized, distributed network with no middleman capable of stepping into your peer-to-peer information exchange.

Of course, the majority of people don't care about decentralized communication. They're happy to watch videos on YouTube and to share news on Twitter and to post vacation photos to Instagram and to pretend to be Facebook friends with people they haven't seen since grade school and to call all of this "the internet." They don't care about censorship or government surveillance. After all, if something is banned from this or that social media platform, then it's probably Thoughtcrime and deserves to be censored anyway, right?

But beyond the censorship, there's an even sadder story underlying the tale of the death of the internet. It involves the death of the *human* element of the early world wide web, a tragedy that the Dead Internet Theory is gesturing toward in a ham-handedly literal fashion.

Although it's incomprehensible for people growing up in today's depressing, enraging, clickbaity internet environment, the truth is that 30 years ago the world wide web was a fun, zany, lively space for encountering truly unique and idiosyncratic sites of all sorts.

The excitement of finding that group of people who cared as much as you did about stamp collecting or Scandinavian doom metal or 19th century crockery or whatever ridiculously niche topic you happened to be interested in is perhaps indescribable to those habituated to mindlessly scrolling through algorithmically provided feeds of increasingly bot-generated content on the handful of boring corporate social media platforms we're confined to today. Oh, and those twirling "under construction" graphics and flashing, seizure-inducing backgrounds of poorly designed 1990s websites? Humorous as they appear to us in retrospect, they spoke to the human nature of the world wide web back then.

Contrast the off-the-wall individuality of an early 1990s website with the impersonal, inhuman, barren landscape of Facebook or reddit, and you can't help but be left with the feeling that we are slowly being turned into machines ourselves, devoid of personality or individual creativity.

Perhaps, then, it isn't a bad thing that the decentralized networks and platforms that are coming online right now are *not* popular. They are *not* being brought down to the lowest common denominator by the Joe Sixpacks and Jane Soccermoms of the world. Perhaps it's through these new, exciting, experimental technologies that we can finally shed the carapace of the dead internet and rediscover that place of *human* connection that seemed to be at our fingertips lo those many decades ago.

The early internet was pioneered by the misfits, the geeks, the pioneers, the weirdos of all stripes who were willing to go out of their way to create something novel and different. The new internet will be pioneered by them, too. Hope to see you there.

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O.J. Simpson is concealing a shocking secret from the world — he is locked in a secret fight for his life, sources have revealed to RadarOnline.com.

In a bombshell exclusive, RadarOnline.com has learned the 75-year-old accused double murderer and former football legend **survived a brush with death and had a stent placed in his heartduring emergency surgery.**

The device — *designed to keep his arteries clear* — *was fitted by quick-thinking docs who helped him cheat death.*

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On Monday, Grace Helbig, a famous youtuber and comedian, uploaded a video on her Youtube channel sharing her **breast cancer diagnosis**.

Helbig has been posting YouTube videos since 2008 and has gained over 2 million followers since.

Medical professionals expressed to Helbig that she has **triple-positive breast cancer**, and her cancer is **believed to be stage 2A.** She will be undergoing six rounds of chemotherapy, following two surgeries.

Helbig has been reaching out to famous YouTuber Hank Green, who recently announced his cancer diagnosis.

Helbig discussed just how difficult this process will be, alongside how she will cope through the hardships of her diagnosis. "I'm going to need comedy through this process. Comedy, jokes, laughing, that all really helps me process very difficult things. And not from a place of denial or deflection about the reality, but rather from a place of aiding me through the hardship."

Helbig encourages her fanbase to reach out if something doesn't seem right. "And thank God that I listened to that little voice inside of me that finally got the courage to bring it up to her because she also thought it was abnormal. So get those lumps checked! and do not be afraid to ask your doctor what you might think is a stupid question," Helbig expressed.

https://www.curetoday.com/view/grace-helbig-joaquin-castro-announces-cancer-diagnoses-and-more July 6, 2023

Josiah Harrell was set to make his UFC debut at Saturday's UFC 290 event in Las Vegas. Instead, he is off the card after a mandatory pre-fight MRI revealed a rare brain disease. The MRI revealed that Harrell has **a disease called moyamoya**. According to the Mayo Clinic, moyamoya is a rare blood vessel disorder in which the carotid artery in the skull becomes blocked or narrowed.

Harrell's manager says that the fighter will need to have **brain surgery**, and referred to the diagnosis as **a "blessing in disguise" due to how dangerous it would have been for him to fight while dealing with it.**

https://thespun.com/more/mma/ufc-fighters-debut-called-off-due-to-rare-brain-disease July 4, 2023

Image Credit: Anthony Smith's Instagram

Anthony Smith says he got the COVID vaccine to keep his job.

Smith says his mom got the vaccine booster and right after, got sick and went into a coma and later died from a heart issue. He was discussing the recent health issue of Bellator's Chris Lencionithere are more and more heart incidents with younger athletes following the vaccines.

https://middleeasy.com/mma-news/anthony-smith-covid-vaccine-to-keep-his-job/

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Jess Search, a titan of the documentary world and co-founder of the U.K.-headquartered Doc Society, is stepping away after 18 years following **a brain tumor diagnosis**.

The executive revealed her condition in a newsletter post sent to members on Thursday.

"Today I am sharing that I'm currently under the care of a neurosurgeon because like 300,000 others every year around the world, I've been diagnosed with a brain tumour," Search wrote. "I'm stepping back from Doc Society — after 18 years of nonstop creative collaboration, dedicated craft, joyous partying and fierce camaraderie."

https://variety.com/2023/film/global/doc-society-jess-search-brain-tumor-diagnosis-1235662812/ July 5, 2023

TV presenter Fiona Phillips has revealed she has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

The former breakfast TV host said she was told she had the condition 18 months ago after she experienced symptoms of anxiety and brain fog.

Ms Phillips, who is currently taking part in a drug trial that scientists hope could revolutionise treatment of the incurable illness, said she was speaking out about her diagnosis in a bid to end the stigma surrounding Alzheimer's.

The 62-year-old told The Mirror said: **"This disease has ravaged my family and now it has come for me.** [Were others in her family afflicted at so young an age?—MCM] And all over the country there are people of all different ages whose lives are being affected by it – it's heartbreaking.

"I just hope I can help find a cure which might make things better for others in the future." https://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/tv/news/fiona-phillips-alzheimers-dementia-age-b2369538.html

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Hertz pointed to a man who died 10 hours after receiving the second dose of the COVID vaccine. Hertz said the man's death certificate was not correctly coded by the CDC. (Photo provided to Alpha News)

A researcher focused on "the alternative analysis of scientific public policy topics" says he has discovered an error in Minnesota's death certificates related to COVID vaccine information.

Aaron Hertz was a recent guest on the Liz Collin Reports podcast. He writes on Substack.

Out of 25 states where Hertz filed public data requests, just Massachusetts allowed him to see their death certificates during the years of the pandemic. Someone else obtained Minnesota's records and shared them with Hertz and his team for analysis.

"It seemed obvious that there was a disconnect between the facts on the ground and what was being parroted by the establishment," Hertz said of the pandemic. "I remember right at the beginning that they're taking China at their word, which is crazy."

It led to his own search for answers.

Hertz explained that whoever fills out a death certificate puts down the sequence of events of how a person died and if a person had any underlying conditions that contributed to "the overall demise of the patient," he said.

All the death certificates filed with the state are then transmitted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Hertz explained.

"One of the things the CDC does is that they apply official medical codes to all the causes of death, which makes it useful for data purposes or epidemiological purposes. They standardize it by using what's called the ICD, we're on ICD-10, it's a hierarchical system of codes that refer to all manner of medical conditions. What we found was there are a couple of ICD codes that could be used for general adverse events or reactions to a vaccine. So, if a death certificate spells out somewhere as a cause of death vaccine reaction or vaccine side effects, then the death certificate should contain at least one of those ICD codes," Hertz said.

"But what we discovered is the CDC, in nine total Minnesota death certificates where they had explicitly mentioned the COVID vaccine, the CDC only applied one of the ICD codes for vaccine injury to two of them and left it out from the other seven death certificates," Hertz explained.

Hertz pointed to a man who died 10 hours after receiving the second dose of the COVID vaccine. Hertz said the man's death certificate was not correctly coded by the CDC.

"The CDC did not put an ICD code for the second dose of the COVID vaccine that happened 10 hours prior to the guy dropping dead. To me, this highlighted the fraudulent element in omitting the ICD code for COVID vaccine injury," he said.

"I think it's safe to say the CDC's credibility has been irrevocably destroyed at this point," Hertz said of the agency's handling of the pandemic.

"I think it's best if we just abolish it altogether at this point. There's no legitimate need for it beyond rare disease research and they could just transfer to another government agency. They've been politicized, they've been taken over. Once they've folded to the corruption and to the politicization, you can never trust those people ever again," he added.

Alpha News reached out to the CDC with the information from Hertz's research.

The agency did not respond in time for the podcast taping but did send a statement that reads:

"The claim in the blog post that CDC applies ICD-10 codes improperly is incorrect. The ICD-10 codes in question pertain to adverse effects of vaccines, not vaccination per se. Vaccination is not a disease or cause of death, so simple mention of the vaccine or vaccination without mention of adverse effects will not get coded. The blog post actually supports this. The examples in the post for which the adverse effects codes are included are those that mention adverse or side effects of the vaccine. The examples for which the codes are not included do not contain such language."

However, in his latest post in response to the statement, Hertz and his team fired back, saying the statement "defies elementary common sense; is logically incoherent; is inconsistent with the CDC's own standards; asserts a standard that lacks any material justification; and, most importantly, is itself a willful, deliberate misrepresentation of material facts for the purpose of deceiving and misleading the public about the existence and scope of covid vaccine injuries and deaths."

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WHO & Gates Inc announce plans to flood Africa with ultra dangerous malaria "vaccines" dossier.today

The World Health Organization and its partner organization, the Bill Gates-controlled GAVI, announced Wednesday that they will be flooding Africa with 18 million doses of malaria vaccines.

During a Wednesday press conference, WHO director Tedros Adhanom declared that 12 African countries will be receiving 18 million doses of malaria vaccine in the coming months, declaring that climate change is largely responsible for the continuing disease burden in the continent.

While it seems like great news at the surface, considering Africa's continuing malaria epidemic, we've again encountered a situation in which the "cure" appears to be more threatening than the disease itself.

Malaria indeed plagues the African continent. It is reported to be the culprit for the annual deaths of about half a million children in sub Saharan Africa.

And before the mid 20th century, there were few medical means to defeat parasite infestations, other than to improve sanitation and living standards. Today, there are several medications that prevent and treat malaria, but do not provide sterilizing immunity to the disease.

The only malaria "vaccine" that has been rolled out thus far is an injection called Mosquirix (RTS,S/AS01), which is produced by Big Pharma giant GSK.

Mosquirix not only does not provide sterilizing immunity, it requires 4 separate shots, and its supposed preventive effects only lasts a handful of months.

Additionally, the drug is not only seemingly worthless, but uniquely dangerous.

The largest Mosquirix trials produced shockingly poor results, with the vaccine cohort having much worse outcomes than the placebo group. The vaccine group displayed ten times higher risk of meningitis and cerebral malaria, and a **doubling in the risk of death** compared to the placebo group. Even if the shots "work," they do not achieve any temporary or long term sterilizing immunity or significant efficacious benefit, so in no way would it reduce the actual disease burden.

Nonetheless, the notoriously corrupt and captured World Health Organization has given its stamp of approval for the dangerous vaccine, recommending it for at risk youth. They even baselessly claim on the WHO website that for every 200 malaria shots deployed, one child's life will be saved by the "vaccine."

Last year, UNICEF awarded GSK (which, again, is currently the lone supplier of malaria shots) with a \$170 million contract for 18 million doses of its malaria injections (\$9.44 per dose).

Now, Gates inc and its middleman partners have released a white paper detailing their roadmap for the deployment of these shots. They are seeking to establish a system in which 80-100 million shots are injected into the arms of sub Saharan African children on an annual basis by 2030. This would create a malaria vaccine industry in Africa that is poised to rake in close to \$1 billion annually.

There is no evidence that these shots work to prevent malaria, but that hasn't stopped Big Pharma and global "Public Health" institutions from executing its designs upon the African continent.

The news out of Africa is remarkably timed with a continuing series of malaria scare stories coming out of the United States. Not to worry though, the corporate media will be sure to let you know that the Pfizer-backed BioNTech is working on its own malaria vaccine!

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