

Mass Formation, Trump Derangement Syndrome, and Covid Hypnosis

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Preface

Right from the beginning of the Covid rollercoaster I wondered about what was motivating the various bad actors who were playing influential roles in the various aspects of the whole phenomenon.

These included many actions representing various degrees of obtrusive, invasive, and even violent incursions on the freedom, liberty, and wellbeing of others. Such things ranging from propaganda and the terrorism of fear mongering to governors locking down states and restricting movement, gathering, and the right to show your face to contact tracing and actually locking people up who are deemed to be possibly contagious.

So I came to these basic categories. There were, of course, politicians who were in on it; not necessarily top level but who knew the endgame and happily played whatever role they were asked to. Then there were people who knew nothing of the endgame but were caught up in the draconian measures being enacted and it was the perfect opportunity for their inner fascist to come out. And then there were those who were driven insane by fear; I suspect both fear of the disease and for politicians fear of doing the wrong thing, becoming unpopular; this making them susceptible to the narrative. (These categories are, of course, not mutually exclusive.)

And then, finally, there were those who were sheep, blindly going along with the whole thing, being easily manipulated by the propaganda. That phenomenon is the basis for this article. How could such a cloud of willful ignorance leading to blind compliance with authority come over so many people.

I was aware from the start that Covid was a mirage, and the push for compliance was a softening up of the populous for a much bigger plan to dominate every aspect of life

with a fully controlled and surveilled future. But how did we get to the point where people had already been prepared to accept the new normal of lawlessness.

First, what is mass formation, then a look at how recent social and political conditions created fertile ground for its development, and in particular how perfectly set up it was for the arrival of the Covid terror campaign.

This is written with an American perspective but I believe there are similarities worldwide.

Mass Formation

So what is mass formation? Mass Formation is a theory developed by Professor Mattias Desmet, a clinical psychologist at Ghent University Belgium. He also has a masters in statistics and noticed that there were masses of people willfully acting in concert on information that clearly made no sense.

According to Desmet, four conditions need to be present to create mass formation:

- There needs to be a number of socially isolated people or people who experience a lack of social bonds.
- There needs to be a number of people who experience a lack of 'sense making' and who are unable to come to sensible conclusions.
- There is a lot of free-floating anxiety in society. Free-floating because there's nothing to connect their anxiety to – no focal point, people are unable to identify what's causing it – and so have no way to deal with it.
- There is a lot of free-floating psychological discontent where people feel their daily lives are lacking any purpose or meaning.

If these conditions exist people are vulnerable to being influenced in such a way that they form en masse a collective; a group bonded by common interests. In fact the commonality of their interests becomes the binding feature. It's like that good feeling being part of a team.

I once had an epiphany of sorts and that was that everybody does what they think gives them power. My brother had just told me about how some loggers, for a demonstration against the environmentalists, drove their trucks around and that seemed so crude to him.

It struck me how perfect it was. That's where they get their power! A person with more faith in the ether might stand quietly with a candle, because that's where they get their power. Or at least, in both cases, where these people think or believe they get their power. I realized that essentially that's what we all do, to some extent all the time;

everything we do, every act. We do what we think gives us our power, brings us our power, leads us to our power.

I think this is kind of what Mattias Desmet is saying. The upshot of his four conditions being met and people needing to act in a way that gives them power is that when people are vulnerable to mass formation they thrive and feel power when acting in accordance with a group.

One more thing. Desmet says around 30% of the population will succumb to mass formations while 30% will not. The remaining 40% will realize something is wrong, but may not understand exactly what, and remain silent. I believe this is a reasonable assessment.

This article's focus is on the psychology of the partisan Democrat. Clearly it is not just the democrats who have been drawn into the current mass formation but the Democrats most hypnotized by the Obama mystique seem to be the most deeply compliant and probably formed a really solid base that responded the most immediately to the messaging.

Obama Denial Syndrome

For Democrats, what I call the Obama Denial Syndrome met the requirements for mass formation to take place. After years of a horrible, outwardly brutal Bush / Cheney administration, under whom all aspects of life were assaulted, here comes Barack Obama. To replace the fully unattractive idiot that was George Bush here is a man who is good looking, has a sense of humor, and was one of the best orators ever. As long as you didn't look under the hood, he fit the bill to be our savior.

And for eight years the vast majority of Democrats did not look under the hood. And the mass formation was so complete that even when Obama did things completely contrary to a good lefty Democrat's sense of right and wrong, it was justified as "I'm sure he had a good reason." Cognitive Dissonance.

Cognitive dissonance is the state of believing one thing (often having an ingrained belief system) and being exposed to information that challenges their beliefs and/or acting against those beliefs with the consequence being some sort of underlying disturbance; the dissonance. People attempt (subconsciously usually) to relieve this tension in different ways, such as by rejecting, explaining away, or avoiding the disturbing information. Or it can be manifested as guilt, or shame, or who knows exactly what, but I feel that it might well have played a role in the blind obsequiousness to Obama in spite of the reality that he was a horrible person responsible for so much death and destruction on the international stage and with his pro-corporate agenda, back at home nothing got better.

Like the loggers demonstrating with their trucks, Obama cult members gave up, probably without realizing it, long held ideals (anti-war, anti-corporate beliefs) because they felt the power, while the reality of what Obama was doing was explained away (collectively, and again, subconsciously). In fact I think there is an almost heroic element to how Obama devotees felt. They had won.

Getting juice from the power of the group, people act against their better angels.

Not My President

Then came Trump. Demos were shocked to their bones. Hilary could have kept them in their fairytale land but something went wrong and we got Donald Trump. People were out on the streets marching “not my President!” before he even was in office. Obama committed atrocities in Syria and Libya, bragged about laying more pipeline than any other president, and dropped 26,000 bombs his last year in office, but there were no “not my President” marches.

But the crude wrong end of the political spectrum Trump would never be a legitimate president to them. Trump Derangement Syndrome was born.

Trump Derangement Syndrome had its roots in the Obama Denial Syndrome. The media, getting their orders from on high made Trump out to be a psycho villain. The consensus was there. If you traveled in Democratic circles, there was no question.

Russia-gate was the perfect mechanism. For four years the narrative was driven into the brains of the anti-Trump cult that he was a traitor to the country; this being perfect for feeding the mass formation. Lefties were convinced that they were righteous in their struggle.

The group think was noble; you were a part of something grand in the heroic fight for the soul of the nation against the dark forces. The fact that there wasn't a shred of evidence uncovered in four years of investigating to support the Putin owns Trump narrative was unimportant; simple repetition and consensus among compatriots made it real enough.

The Covid Horror Descends

Then the most intimidating terrifying virus to attack humanity descended on the world.

Now, if someone is yelling “the sky is falling!” loud enough it might make sense to run for cover. But it behooves one to then look out and see if it really is true. Unfortunately the message the Democrats got from their demigods in Congress and the Obama loving, Trump hating media was that the sky was, indeed, falling. No need to investigate. From on

high came the prescribed course of action; what everyone needed to do if we were to pull through.

Certain mantras took hold. We're all in it together. And of course, "trust the science"; this mantra served to support the righteousness of the team effort. Unfortunately it meant trust the King's science or the church's science where suggesting the world was a sphere would get you labeled as a heretic.

So now, with fear added to the already existing mass formation that had unified the Democrats with the idea that they are part of the bigger team of the righteous, the total absorption was complete.

And of course immediately after the onset of Covid a narrative was flooded throughout mainstream media and social media with the call for unity and the need to sacrifice for the greater good. Throw in a little fear to evoke the lizard brain and here we are.

But let's go back a little bit more and take a look at some of the changes in society leading up to the Obama Denial Syndrome and the Trump Derangement Syndrome.

Political Correctness

Even before there was Obama or Trump there was the rise of political correctness in the 21st century. This also laid the groundwork for mass formation. It has become a club, generally again the left, of people who feel righteous about their awareness of the sensitivities of others and almost militantly insist that language must change.

What ever became of sticks and stones? Again it's another subtle assault on the concept of agency. Don't empower yourself and feel above anything you perceive as an insult. Just make everyone behave in a kind of socially sanctioned homogenized fashion.

So, are these developments natural? Is this gnarly situation we are in just the natural growing pains of a shrinking world trying to find itself?

Social Engineering

Maybe not. Maybe there is some social engineering going on. Conspiracy theory? Maybe a little bit but we do know there is a powerful elite, whom it behooves to control society, and that has proactively taken measures to shape society in a way that makes it easier to manipulate. One need only to look at the intentional dumbing down of schooling, and Operation Mockingbird where the CIA proactively used the media to shape the way people view things.

So that is just a tease for the end of this article, not one that will be explored here because it is just too big of a can of worms. But one does have to wonder, as the

oligarchs increase their control over the message the mainstream media and now also social media spreads, how much social engineering has been and is going on.

The Agentic State

To end this article, full circle back to the introduction when I was musing what the motivations were for people at varying positions of authority, the agentic state.

The agentic state is a psychological phenomenon (as demonstrated in studies) that occurs when a person freely takes actions (even quite extreme actions) against another because they are told it is necessary by authority; they will cross lines they wouldn't normally cross if they believe that someone of higher authority is ultimately taking responsibility for it. They are off the hook.

This, I think, explains the actions of some of the governors, doctors, academia. The gods at the CDC and WHO have spoken and basically given radical measures their imprimatur.

In this case the individuals are not only acting senselessly, they are willing to further someone else's agenda; free of any need to investigate whether it's warranted. It fits seamlessly with mass formation.

Again, please read and or download the companion source document, [Sources for the Psychology of the Covid Driven Compliance](#), for links to interviews with Mattias Desmet and more Covid psychology that wasn't in this article.