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CHAPTER SIX – IF YOU TELL A LIE BIG ENOUGH AND KEEP REPEATING IT

JUNK SCIENCE: Untested or unproven theories when presented as scientific fact… Faulty scientific data and analysis used to advance special interests and hidden agendas often for financial or political gain. Junk science is commonly found among the cultures of green activists, bureaucrats, politicians, academia, and media.

TABLOID OR YELLOW JOURNALISM: The practice of seeking out sensational news for the purpose of boosting a newspapers circulation. It exploits, distorts or exaggerates news which is luridly or vulgarly sensational such as doomsday “the sky is falling” predictions.

FACTOID: Something fictitious or unsubstantiated that is presented as fact, designed especially to gain publicity and accepted because of constant repetition. Nazi socialist Joseph Goebbels put it this way, “If you tell a lie big enough and keep repeating it, people will eventually come to believe it.”

WHITEWASH: To gloss over or cover up vices, crimes or scandals or to exonerate through biased presentation of data. Example; the Democratic Party’s whitewashing of their racist history to create a politically correct appearance of inclusion, integration, and diversity.

SACRED COW (idiom): A figurative sacred cow is something that is considered immune from question or criticism. In the Gallup Establishment, the Navajo Nation is a sacred cow.

TABOOS: Social customs prohibiting or forbidding certain behaviors, discussions of a particular practice or forbidding association with a particular person, place, or thing.

CENSORSHIP: The suppression of speech, public communication or other information which may be considered objectionable, harmful, sensitive, politically incorrect or inconvenient as determined by governments, media outlets, authorities or other institutions.

FIRST AMENDMENT ATTACKS: Hillary Clinton went so far as to say her goal is to “change the First Amendment, in order to further empower the political class to regulate the quantity, content and timing of political speech about the political class.”

ORWELLIAN: Attitude and policy of government control by propaganda, surveillance, denial of truth, PC misinformation, censorship, and manipulation of the past.

GROUPTHINK: A pattern of thought characterized by self-deception, forced manufacture of consent, and conformity to group values and ethics, done in a way that discourages creativity or individual responsibility.

BANDWAGON EFFECT: A conformity phenomenon. The rate of uptake of beliefs, ideas, fads and trends increases the more that they have already been adopted by others. As more people come to believe in something, others also “hop on the bandwagon” regardless of the underlying evidence.

SHEEPLE: A term that highlights the herd behavior of people by likening them to sheep, a herd animal. The term is used to describe those who voluntarily acquiesce to a suggestion without critical analysis or research.

HERD BEHAVIOR or MOB MENTALITY: Describes how people are influenced by their peers to adopt certain behaviors or follow trends. Unique behavioral characteristics emerge when people are in large groups. The study of mob mentality or crowd hysteria is used to analyze situations that range from problems during evacuations to public gatherings that turn violent.

DUMBING DOWN: The consequence of rewarding the lazy, uneducated, and uninformed. Call it liberalism or socialism, for all its good intentions it produces a dumbed-down society waiting for the government to cure all its ills.

GRUBERING: Pertaining to Obamacare architect-campaigner Jonathan Gruber. Grubering is when politicians or their minions engage in a campaign of exaggeration and outright lies in order to “sell” the public on a particular policy initiative. The justification for grubering is that the public is too “stupid” to understand the topic and, should they be exposed to the true facts, would likely come to the “wrong” conclusion.

STRAW MAN ARGUMENT: An informal fallacy based on mischaracterizations and the misrepresentation of an opponent’s argument and requiring that the audience be ignorant or uninformed of the original argument.

FALSE NARRATIVE: A complete narrative pattern is perceived in a given situation, however it is false or inaccurate information (misinformation). A false narrative may be constructed with false premises, political correctness, straw man fallacies, junk science or intentional deception (disinformation). Common in environmental propaganda campaigns.

PROPAGANDA: Information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view. Propaganda is a powerful weapon used to dehumanize and create hatred toward a supposed enemy by creating a false image in the mind.

INDOCTRINATION: To teach (someone) to fully accept the ideas, opinions, and beliefs of a particular group and to not consider other ideas, opinions, and beliefs.