YOU CAN'T VACCINATE YOUR WAY TO HEALTH....

Why government eradication programs almost always end in failure.

Part I of a Primer.

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Psst, be careful who sees you read this. You know that anyone who stands up and criticizes government policies, even those who associate with the those daring naysayers, runs the risk of being being branded as falling somewhere between a traitor and a heretic. Saying government eradication programs virtually never work runs counter to conventional wisdom. But, as George Orwell so graphically illustrated in his landmark book "1984", anything repeated often enough passes for the truth after a while. Even bald-faced lies. Many people of Orwell's day assumed he was writing about Communist Russia, after all, it was during the Red-baiting 1950s, but, as he stated later in his life, and as it becomes more and more apparent, he was actually writing about the potential future of England and the United States. Yikes! Since we basically failed to heed his warning we may now be doomed to live in a Big Brother world. These days, anyone who stands up to express his or her constitutional rights can very easily be swept away. The Homeland Security Act is the latest umbrella law that mimics the horrible bad old days of McCarthyism.

Take for example of the block-headed and monolithic approach that just about every government agency takes as the basic approach to any case of suspected "contamination" or "contagion". There are some standard characteristics:

- 1) Round up, quarantine and isolate the suspects. Quite often this includes a security band of innocents who were unlucky enough to be proximate to the suspects. Bummer.
- 2) Mark them in some way to make them identifiable, such as tattoo, armband, or, nowadays, microchip them.
- 3) Devise a "test" to judge the guilty.
- 4) Ideally, exterminate (kill) the contaminated ones as well as those who may have been exposed, or, at the very least, lock the bad guys up and throw away the key.
- 5) Meanwhile, industry is activated (and subsidized) to find a "silver bullet" that will cure the horrible plague.

Thousands of examples abound in modern culture. We are all seeing the last of the majestic American Elms being thrown into the shredders in an attempt to kill the Dutch Elm virus. Sure it kills the patient, but, as Big Brother teaches us, that's the only way to save the patient. When the last elm on earth is safely shredded and buried in the land fill, we will, at last, have won the war against Dutch Elm Disease. Mission Accomplished!

Anyone who has any experience at the hands of those who are ostensibly fighting the War on Cancer may recognize components of the blockhead model. First, the surgeon

will tell the patient we need to isolate the cancer from the body. Sure, it's true that biopsy needles and knives rip into the protective barrier that the body is building, spewing cancer cells willy-nilly but it's all so that scientists in another part of the megahospital can give unpronounceable names to the extracted cells. The radiation army is then summoned to shoot rays into the body to scientifically measure the "enemy". Then the eradication process begins and the radiation and chemical assault rains down on the body. Any "good news" from the mega-billion dollar cancer war comes from manipulation of statistics to show that we really are winning)even though we are losing, losing is winning).

Around the world, sharpshooters and guardsmen have declared war on several animal diseases. Using the blockhead model, a determination is made that the Intruder Alert" alarm has gone off. All it takes is the suspicion of illness in many cases. Immediately the process begins and woe to you if you stand in the way. We are currently seeing the scramble alert approach wherein we have declared simultaneous war on bovine TB, brucellosis, chronic wasting, bovine spongiform encephalopathy, avian flu, just to name a few. No one seems to notice that the number of wars is increasing. Meanwhile, old diseases such as malaria, bubonic plague and polio, earlier losers that were beaten in our previous war campaigns, are now crawling out of the Mission Accomplished trophy room.

In summary, as the current thinking goes, if only we had a better, more efficient, way to line up these contaminated ones, then we could create the model for quicker sorting, marking, judging, and extermination of these bad apples, then we could work on the magic bullets for the rest of us, right? What's happening here?

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PART II- a) If this model is so ineffective, why do we stick to it then? and b) Vaccine manufacturing is a very, very big business.

PART III- Getting out of the box. A truly superior model of what really works to prevent disease.