

## The Herd.

In the human family, billions of humans use words to communicate. Within the humanities, there are, in excess, 7,000 languages being spoken. Within those 7000 languages, there are intelligent and unintelligent people. Unintelligent people are often knowledgeable about crafts, trades, and aspects of life not taught in schools.

When the President, or one of his allies or critics, speaks, we must also ask what's being heard. Were the majority of people who voted even listening to the candidates? Or were their distractions so seductive and life-affirming that they would instead choose a liar, barely qualified to lead because of the misinformation being relayed that was translated into being true?

People who speak multiple languages hear words that are not native to them and translate them to their native language; then, to reply, they reverse the process to the language the other person understands best. But oftentimes, significant meaning is lost in translations.

We never meet super wealthy people. We never meet highly intelligent people. We never meet those who head our banks, the hedge fund leaders some invest their money with, or the generals who run our armed forces. Instead, we meet plebes like ourselves and play the game of who's more intelligent and knows best. This master game uses the information pouring into our minds from the algorithms built into our social media apps, news feeds, and internet browsers. Those who agree bolster those speaking and those who don't agree are shunned, shamed, or ostracized. The same is true for non-wealthy people talking to wealthy people or poor people talking to privileged people with higher educations. Each translates what they know to what they believe the person they're talking to can understand.

We learned words from our social sphere as we grew up. Teachers taught us new words, and our vocabulary grew as we did. Science, law, research, space, mathematics, sports, and academia all produce words, sentences, and paragraphs that only make sense to those in the same fields but can seem like a tossed word salad to others.

Hearing computer talk often confuses people. “Open your browser” was a classic phrase often misunderstood, with a technical person believing everyone knew what a browser was, which frequently caused consternation to those with no idea what a browser was.

New generations bring new meaning to old words and acronyms. However, since people tend to stay within their generation, tribes, or neighborhoods, new rarely affects old unless there’s a reason to reach across multiple groups, generations, or cultures.

Prior generations never believed the government would lie to them. Then, a generation learned that their government had lied to them, and trust was lost. As the internet grew, many believed it would level the educational disparities in the world, and while that did happen, social media applications brought predators, unfettered lies, meanness, and hatred. Social media apps became predators, too, and lied about their hidden algorithms, lack of controls, and built-in agendas used to control their members. Soon, instead of people wondering what other lies were being told, lies became rampant and went unchecked.

Money and power are addictive to rich, power-hungry people and groups, and those people aim their greed at the most gullible people. Even the educated middle and upper middle class are considered uneducated by highly educated people and, therefore, gullible prey by wealthy, power-hungry people. Keeping people in debt is a near-perfect way to keep people controlled. People never own their homes, and if you doubt that statement, try not paying your property taxes. The government's ability to auction your home enhances the effectiveness of its power.

However, those in power know of a trait in their followers that allows them to be controlled.

That trait is defined as anticipatory acceptance, and once people believe the leader's first lie, the second lie is easier to swallow until, finally, everything the leader or his assistants say is true.

Once the "broligarchs", whose fortunes and power never seem to be enough, joined the government, and since those "broligarchs" control all input to the minds and lives of their followers, including the television they watch, social media, banking, taxation, loans, and housing, the herd was finally corralled.

Spies have been deployed within the corral to keep checks on herd members, and those intent on agitation and disruption will be culled from the herd. Convicted criminals, now pardoned and released from prison and who are violently sympathetic to upholding the doctrine of the present government, will be utilized as militias as this government deems appropriate.

The corral is secure. The closest herd is caught. The gate is closed and locked. The herd furthest away will take longer to round up, but they will be too. It's only a matter of time.

AI is already established. Self-driving cars and trucks are already here, too. Science is steeped in AI. Robots perform surgeries while being controlled by AI. Phone systems already answer our calls for assistance, and humans are being displaced at record rates, but since those in control don't want the plebes to know just yet, the reporting is stifled.

The herd will never be allowed out of the corral. Others, still useful because of their money and educational expertise and who are not yet replaceable, will be allowed to roam outside the corral until they are no longer needed, either by those in control or until AI deems them unnecessary.

When they are no longer useful, they will be rounded up and corralled with the others.

Soon, most people will no longer control their lives. Human lives will mainly become empty of purpose, except for those who found, and continue to find, deep meaning in life instead of only and always seeking pleasure.

Luckily, the word corral is only symbolic, and educationally intelligent people will unite with people who learned crafts only applicable to life outside technology. Craft people are deemed uneducated, but the educated and uneducated can pioneer and seek refuge in lifestyles deemed off-grid by others. They will keep doing so, as finding deep meaning in life is natural for them all.

Hopefully, these people will be heard from again.

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