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## **ABOUT THESE TRANSCRIPTS**

The evidence offered in these transcripts is a true and faithful record of witness testimony given during the National Citizens Inquiry (NCI) hearings. These hearings took place in eight Canadian cities from coast to coast from March through May 2023.

Raw transcripts were initially produced from the audio-video recordings of witness testimony and legal and commissioner questions using Open AI's Whisper speech recognition software. From May to August 2023, a team of volunteers assessed the AI transcripts against the recordings to edit, review, format, and finalize all NCI witness transcripts.

With utmost respect for the witnesses, the volunteers worked to the best of their skills and abilities to ensure that the transcripts would be as clear, accurate, and accessible as possible. Edits were made using the "intelligent verbatim" transcription method, which removes filler words and other throat-clearing, false starts, and repetitions that could distract from the testimony content.

Many testimonies were accompanied by slide show presentations or other exhibits. The NCI team recommends that transcripts be read together with the video recordings and any corresponding exhibits.

We are grateful to all our volunteers for the countless hours committed to this project, and hope that this evidence will prove to be a useful resource for many in future. For a complete library of the over 300 testimonies at the NCI, please visit our website at <https://nationalcitizensinquiry.ca>.

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#### **Shawn Buckley**

Welcome back to the National Citizens Inquiry. For those watching us live online, we apologize that we're a little behind today. We had some exhibits that we had to get arranged for one of our early witnesses.

We welcome everyone back to the final day of our Toronto hearings. Commissioners, my name is Buckley, initial S. I am attending this morning as agent for the Commission Administrator, the Honourable Ches Crosbie.

Before I give my opening remarks I'd just like, for those online, just to share quickly about the National Citizens Inquiry: We are a citizen-organized, a citizen-run, a citizen-funded initiative. We don't have a single large donor. We're doing this all on our own, almost exclusively by volunteers that are attending and participating to make this happen.

And what we want is to start a national dialogue. We want basically the entire nation to share with us in this experience of hearing each other's stories and, through hearing each other and understanding each other, coming together again. Because we've become a very divided nation. We also want to learn from this—learn what happened in a fair and impartial way. And we want to know how to do things better. We anticipate that this will be a tremendously useful experience for us as a nation going forward and we're very proud of what we're doing.

I will ask that you go to our website, National Citizens Inquiry. We have a petition. Please sign it so that you become part of the group that is endorsing this project. And we also ask that you please donate. As I say, we don't have a single large donor. This is all done by donations from people like yourself. And to keep this important initiative going, we need your donations. Now, I'll switch to my opening comments before we start calling witnesses.

Yesterday, I had spoken a little bit about some tactics that are used to influence and control us. And I cautioned you that if you ever start feeling very strong emotions on any topic, that you need to be careful, that likely your mind is closed, which only affects you. It means

you're totally captured if your mind is not open to new information and new ideas so that you can reconsider your position—not necessarily change your position.

Today, I want to talk about perhaps the most important way that populations are manipulated and controlled. And that is when we are manipulated into giving up our personal responsibility for our actions. Now, everyone has a sense of right and wrong: every single person in this room, every single person watching. When I was preparing this morning for this address, I was thinking of C.S. Lewis's book *Mere Christianity*, where at the beginning, he's making the case for the existence of God. One of his points is that every single religion, every single culture, has a moral code. And when you compare them, they are strikingly similar or identical, which is a curious thing. With all the different cultures and all the different religions that, in effect, we have the same moral code. We know right from wrong. Now, that can be used against us.

For instance, we are social creatures. One of the things we fear the most is being excluded from our tribe. I mean, in my age cohort—it might have been different for younger generations—

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we all remember in gym class when they were picking the teams. You didn't want to be picked last because you would feel shameful. We want to have a nice car, a nice house, so that we appear successful and worthy to our peers. This need for social approval is one of the strongest drivers in our lives.

So one of the most terrible things we can do to a person is to shame them publicly. I consider that in most cases to be an act of violence, although you're not actually hitting people. And so right now, especially online, we live in a culture of social shaming. We have this cancel culture where we're so willing to viciously attack people online. But understand we do that because of our sense of right and wrong being turned against us. We will attack somebody because they're wrong. They're morally wrong.

Do you recall the testimony of Tom Marazzo yesterday? So he gets this email from the dean to about 200-plus faculty members informing him and everyone else that these vaccine mandates are coming down. And he responds to this email. And we have it as an exhibit where he's basically explaining, you know, there's some legal problems with this and some other considerations. And perhaps, you know, others should join with me in a conversation about this. And then, one by one, people started, "reply all," "please take me off your email list." And after this went on for a little bit of time, one person piped in and said, "Can you guys just reply directly to Tom so that I don't have to get all of your emails? You're filling up my email box." And somebody else chimed in and said, "No, we need to do this publicly to shame him." And then, one by one, they're all asking him to take them off his email list.

That was an act of social shaming because these people believed they were doing right. Now you're never doing right when you're committing an act of hatred. This is done out of hatred and spite. And I view that as a violent act. And those of us listening to Mr. Marazzo yesterday would agree. But I'm using it as an example of how this sense of right and wrong can be turned against us. And we are capable of being manipulated into doing unspeakable evil.

And again, I just prepared this this morning after I woke up. But the examples that came to mind were Rwanda—the genocide in Rwanda. And I mean, that happened in our lifetime. And it is unspeakably evil what happened. Nazi Germany is one that easily comes to mind.

It was unspeakably evil what happened. What about Stalinist Russia, these terror states? Or East Germany at its worst, where once the Stasi files were opened, people were shocked at which friends and family members were reporting them to the secret police. And these people were all manipulated into believing they were doing right.

Now understand that the terror states, the police states, the unspeakable evil that happens: it all depends on your cooperation. The leaders are few. The leaders can't do this. The leaders cannot conduct a police state. It all depends on your cooperation.

Now I'm going to say something really important, and you need to remember it if you're going to have any chance of being free going forward. And what that is, is that you need to understand that you—you are the police state. Let me say that again. You are the police state.

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There can be no police state without your cooperation. And we become the police state because individually, we give up responsibility. We give up our personal responsibility for what we do, for our actions. And it's a well-known concept for those that want to manipulate us.

When I was trying to think of examples this morning, Dostoyevsky came to mind. In his novel, *The Brothers Karamazov*, there's a section with the Grand Inquisitor where Jesus has come back during the time of the Spanish Inquisition and he's having a conversation with the Grand Inquisitor. And the concept comes up that if you can take away from citizens their personal responsibility, you can get them to do anything for you.

A really good example of that is— There's a well-known lecture given by Himmler, the head of the SS. I believe it was before the Night of the Long Knives, to encourage the troops to go and do what he wanted them to do, which was to murder a whole bunch of people. And he literally said to them, "It's not you pulling the trigger, it's me." He was taking away their personal responsibility for the acts that they were being asked to go and commit. And you see, he understood. If he took the responsibility for what they were doing, they would do unspeakable acts that they would not do if they were taking personal responsibility.

It's why in the Nuremberg trials, we had to establish the legal principle that following orders is not an excuse for torture and murder, because we are psychologically wired to do unspeakable things if we are not personally responsible for what we are doing. So if they can take away your personal responsibility, you are controlled.

And we are. In Canada, we are doing unspeakable things. I've already brought up Tom Marazzo in this email shaming that we heard yesterday. What about the video that he showed us about the police pulling veterans? Wounded and decorated veterans, who are telling the police, "We are not acting violently, but we're standing here." As they were legally entitled to do. And we watched one of them basically being pushed to the ground and kicked by the police. And we're allowing this to happen.

What about Mr. Palmer, who testified about the media? He basically told us that the CBC is engaged in propaganda. That the CBC is engaged in deliberately manipulating us to accept vaccines, to basically take a medical treatment that is turning out to be tremendously dangerous. Is that not an act of violence? And yet it is happening even now.



What about Natasha, the person who is mentally traumatized, PTSD, and is physically disabled? Cannot wear masks, she legitimately cannot wear a mask. And this is a lady that used to wear the big masks on the oil fields all the time. And she's taken to the ground by three police officers in Walmart, knowing that she's disabled, while a crowd watches and does nothing. The crowd was the police state. The crowd, you: You are the police state, participating in this social pressure and shaming.

How many people have told us that they've taken the vaccine out of social pressure? How many people have told us that their families and friendships are divided because of social pressure?

What about the evidence that we're hearing? In Truro, where we heard a doctor, he submitted 10 adverse reaction reports as he's required to by law. And instead of those reports being submitted, he's professionally disciplined. And we're hearing at these hearings how adverse reaction reports, which are meant to be an early warning system—They should be bending over backwards to send those to Health Canada and have the media report them so that we can determine whether we need to look into things.

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But they are being deliberately suppressed by several groups: the media, the medical establishment, the government. This is happening today.

What about vaccinating kids? Anyone looking into this even on a cursory basis, you don't need to look at Dr. Deanna McCloud's presentation to know that there's hardly been any testing. And to say that they're safe and effective is just a very difficult thing for anyone to credibly try to assert. And there is zero risk to children. Zero risk. We've heard that evidence. But we're already experiencing significant harm.

Now, I ask you, if that is true—and everyone in this room believes it to be true—how is it that this is not criminal negligence? Our parents now, they should be asking themselves the questions: Are we committing criminal negligence? Should we be criminally charged and jailed if we vaccinate our children? Doctors and pharmacists should be asking themselves: Are we committing criminal negligence if we vaccinate anyone, but definitely a child, and if we encourage and pressure some parent or caregiver to vaccinate a child? What about the media that is pushing vaccinations on children? Didn't our public health officer, Miss Tam, have a little Christmas call with Santa Claus or Mrs. Claus? Basically, you know, don't get on the naughty list; get vaccinated.

How can this be happening in Canada at this time with what we know? How can public health in every province still be vaccinating children? You know, if it looks like a police state, if it smells like a police state, if it tastes like a police state, maybe it's a police state.

We have just gone through mandatory masking. We have gone through lockdowns. We have gone through social shaming and division like we have never seen before in this country. We have treated unvaccinated people as if they were lepers. We restricted their rights. We shamed them. There was talk about not even allowing them to go for essential services. There were talks in some provinces of criminalizing it so there would actually be penalties on them. There was talk of putting unvaccinated people in camps. And I see people nodding their heads. They heard that, too—in Canada.

But what shames me most about being Canadian is that we have undertaken these actions with more gusto and more support than any other police state that I am aware of. In a lot of

police states—don't tell me in Stalinist Russia or East Germany that the citizens were enthusiastic and supported what was going on. It was quite the contrary. But here we are, doing it with gusto and still in full deception mode.

Our government is not sharing with us the truth. The medical establishment is not sharing with us the truth and the media is not. And this is happening today because we are not taking personal responsibility for our actions. It is happening because we, right now—you—are the police state. You are the ones participating in the actions. It's not the leaders doing this. You are doing this. Media, you are doing this. Journalists, editors, you are doing this. Doctors, pharmacists, every citizen that's shaming and shunning and closing your mind, you are doing this.

And the tactics to get you to do this is to put you in a state of fear, which they've done. And to convince you that this is for the greater good. You see, if you're doing things because it's necessary for the greater good, you're not taking personal responsibility for your actions: "We don't have any choice. This is for the greater good."

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Do you understand what I just said? The greatest danger to us as a society, to a free and democratic nation— Our greatest danger is you not taking personal responsibility for your actions. And if you are convinced that you should be taking actions for the greater good, you have just committed the greatest act of treason that you can because you have abrogated your personal responsibility to the government. It is the tactic that is being used. You are being told, "You are not pulling the trigger; I am pulling the trigger. You do what we tell you to do because it's necessary for the greater good." We cannot succeed as a free nation unless, as citizens, we take personal responsibility for everything we do.

When I was probably about 12, I attended at the public library in Saskatoon and I saw a World War II film that changed my life. It was somewhere in Eastern Europe. It was filmed by a German soldier just filming what that soldier's unit was doing. And what that soldier's unit was doing was, they rounded up a bunch of town folk, lined them up against the wall, and shot them in a firing squad in retribution for partisan attacks. So this was murder of civilian population. There's no sound. And you know on these old black and white movies you got the lines, the whole thing.

And so we see basically these town people being lined up against a wall—like, literally a wall. It wasn't a field; it was a wall. And the soldiers all lined up. You can't hear anything, but you know the order is "raise your rifles." And all the rifles get raised except one. One German soldier did not raise his rifle. And again, there's no sound, but you see the officer walk up and have a conversation with this soldier that refused to raise his rifle. And then I saw something that changed my life. The soldier laid down his rifle and walked to the wall with the villagers. And then the order was given, and the rifles were raised again. And everyone along that wall, including that soldier, was shot.

Now we all know that our nation is changing. We all know that things have now gotten out of our control, and we have a decision to make. You can't avoid it any longer. You can't say, "Oh, I'm going to stick my head in the sand and the world's going to be okay next week, next month, next year." It's decision time. And so the decision you have to make is: Which type of soldier are you going to be? Are you going to be one of the many soldiers that raised their guns and fired because they were ordered to do so? Or, are you going to be that soldier that laid his gun down and walked to the wall?

And I'm sorry that I got emotional, but we are dealing with very serious matters. And this inquiry is dealing with very serious matters. And I guess we've seen a whole bunch of witnesses get emotional, so we have to forgive ourselves also.

We are going to have another day today that changes our lives. We're going to have another day where we have brave Canadians risking retribution for speaking to us. We're going to have some experts give us insight that we didn't have. And so unless the commissioners have any questions or anything to say, I will introduce one of our volunteer lawyers and we'll commence.

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