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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 third day of our Winnipeg hearings of the National Citizens Inquiry as we literally march across Canada. We started in Truro, Nova Scotia. We then went to Toronto. We're now in Winnipeg. Next week, we're going to be in Saskatoon. We're then travelling on to Red Deer. On to Vancouver. Back east to Quebec City. And then finishing in Ottawa.

This has become quite an experience. Somebody said to me this morning, before we started, that this is really the first thing that has happened since the Truckers' Convoy, and very excited about it. Everyone that finds out about this participates, watches. They're finding themselves energized. They're finding that actually the action of participating—learning what happened together and hearing our stories—is strengthening us and healing us. And so, as I did yesterday, I encourage every single one of you to participate by sharing us with your social media. It doesn't matter if you have ten followers on Twitter, for example. Share what we're doing because if we all do this together, if we all share what we're doing, we'll make this happen.

This is our ninth full day of hearing. And I mean, when I say full day, if you've sat through any of these, we sit late. Because we want people to be heard. So we fill each day. We have had one mainstream media attendance to give one little report on us. When even this event, the fact that it's happening, the fact that some citizens have just banded together, came up with this vision of a way to heal the country—of a way to move forward in a positive way—and planned an event that we had no idea how much work and how big it was and how ambitious it was until, white knuckles, we're running our first hearing in Truro. And purely citizen-funded.

It's interesting. We were out for supper with some people yesterday, and they just assumed we have a couple of big funders. And we don't. Literally, we send out email asks to people that have signed our petition. And we have your email address so we can share with you what's going on.

Please, actually go to our website and sign the petition. It legitimizes what we're doing. And then, when we have a need— So we had a need for people who are willing to reach out to social media influencers. For example, we sent an email out asking, "Is there anyone out there that will participate?" It's a way for us to plug you in.

But the point I'm trying to make is this is pure citizen-run and -funded, and it only works because we're all doing this together. So when I'm asking you, "Will you please push us on your social media networks?" we don't have a budget for advertising. We don't have a budget to hire people to do this stuff. We need you to do it.

But amazingly, this is happening, and it's happening in a wonderful way because you are participating. So again, I'm calling on everyone to go sign our petition. I'm calling on everyone to donate. Every set of hearings costs us between \$30,000 and \$35,000, and we have some nail-biting moments paying the bills. This is happening because, thankfully, you are supporting us, and thankfully, you are buying into what we're doing. But we need your continuing support—literally, city-by-city—to just help make this happen.

Now this morning, I wanted to talk about one of your enemies. And to help you appreciate that this truly is one of your enemies— And many who hear this, especially online, might be surprised when I identify one of your key enemies. But first I need you to appreciate that your Achilles' heel is fear.

For those of you who don't know the story of Achilles in Troy, he was just this mighty warrior that no one could defeat. But while he's at Troy fighting against the Trojans, an arrow strikes him in his Achilles' heel. That's why we call it the Achilles' heel.

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And so, he wasn't able to fight, and he was killed.

Your weakness—your weakness—is fear.

So for example, if for those of us in the room, if all of a sudden, we heard screaming outside and a grizzly bear burst through these two doors, fur all standing up on end—we know he's angry. Every single one of us—every single one of us in this room—we're going to run to that door. In fact, we're going to be in such fear. Without thinking, before our conscious mind understands that it's a grizzly bear, our body's already in fight or flight mode, and we are not thinking about anything. We're not fighting a grizzly bear. We're not thinking about anything about flight—every single person in this room. In fact, some of us might get trampled and seriously hurt because the rest of us will be so anxious to get out of that door. So literally, out of our minds.

And we all know that this happens. There's example, after example, after example where people are killed when a crowd is fleeing in fear. Because when we're moved into a state of fear, we are out of our thinking mind, and there's nothing we can do about it. We're literally filled with a drug cocktail. And so, you need to understand you do not have a defence against the physical reaction that occurs when you're in fear. You're not without options, but there is nothing you can do to prevent your body from going into fight or flight mode when you're presented with fear. And using the bear example, it might actually be a couple of hours or it might be a couple of days before you're calmed down.

Literally, there's a physical reaction. And you need to understand there's nothing you can do about your physical reaction. But mentally—mentally—if you train yourself to identify

that when you go into fear— And literally, it's like the police and the military, they train through drills. You have to train yourself as soon as you start getting afraid to go, "Just wait a second, I need to be aware. I have to keep connection to that thinking part of my brain, regardless about how I feel." And you can train yourself. There are people that will look at the stampede at the door and go, "There's no point in me trying to get through that door right now. Is there another way out?" Or just wait until there's a space. There's people that can do that, and you need to do that.

I think we all appreciate that for the last three years, we have been in a theatre of fear. And I use the word "theatre" with two meanings. Because we literally have been in an information war. And theatre is a term to describe war. When I say we've been in an information war, we have had witness after witness speak about censorship. We've had journalists speak about it. We have had medical people speak about it; doctors being silenced. We have been in a theatre of war, an information war.

But more importantly, we have been in a theatre, a drama. Shakespeare said, "The whole world is a stage." When this topic to speak about came to me this morning at about quarter to eight, and I wrote down the phrase—"the whole world is a theatre"—it occurred to me that these sayings are actually true. The whole world is a theatre, and we're just players on the stage.

We have been through a military-grade psyops operation that has been theatre. We have been watching the news, and it has been theatre. It has been deliberately designed to put us into a state of fear where literally, when you're watching the news, you will have a physical fight and flight response that you have no control over. And unless you have trained yourself to keep connection to your thinking mind, you are not thinking.

It's funny,

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I totally bought into the pandemic before it hit the mainstream news. Before I closed my law practice down last August so that I could participate as a volunteer in this National Citizens Inquiry, I did a fair amount of work with clients that make natural health products. And I had a couple of clients tell me they were having supply chain problems sourcing things from China.

So I start looking. Before it hit our mainstream news, I think China had 600 million people locked down because of this coronavirus. And remember, I'm just coming to this fresh. And this was my thought process, right or wrong: My thought process was, "Wait a second, China is a police state." And surely, they depend on their legitimacy and being able to hold on to power with increasing the living standards of their population. Because we've just actually seen a tremendous increase in their prosperity over the last several decades. And I thought, "They're not going to be locking down 600 million people unless this is a real threat."

So I was afraid before you were afraid. We didn't have to go when people were lining up to buy toilet paper; we didn't have to do that: we had already stocked up. And it wasn't until about 10 days in of the TV coverage when all of a sudden, I started hearing the word vaccine. How could that word come up 10 days in? Because I'm in the drug-approval world, and I knew there's no way they were going to come up with a vaccine.

My wife and I had to make a conscious decision to actually turn off the TV. Because when you're in a global pandemic and the world's falling apart, you're actually glued to the TV. You make a point of watching the six o'clock news. And we were watching it for about a month, even after I thought, "we're being gamed here." But we actually found that we were in such a state of fear—all day, every day—because we were watching TV. So we made a decision: we're just not watching TV, and we turned it off. And I think it took about a month before we kind of felt settled down.

And then, just to give you an example of how good the TV media is at ramping you up. I don't know, maybe it's three and a half, four months ago, we're watching Del Bigtree on "The Highwire." He's talking about, I think it was monkey pox. Remember that they were kind of teasing us with the fear that monkey pox might run through. And so just on his show, he was saying, "Here's how the mainstream media is reporting on it." He maybe played about only five, six minutes of clips of media reporting, much like we've done here, showing six, seven minutes of government announcements on COVID. So I'm watching—for a very short period of time—the mainstream media reporting on monkey pox, and I realized I was afraid. I was legitimately afraid while I was watching this. The amount of money and brain power that goes in to determining how to play on our emotions and create fear when we're watching TV is absolutely tremendous.

Even yesterday, we played two sets of clips that we just had our video guy splice together of news reports from Manitoba, except there was that one Christmas one with Santa Claus and Theresa Tam, and I think everyone in the room will agree with me that it was traumatizing. It was traumatizing to watch old footage of the Manitoba leaders basically announcing lockdowns and restrictions and watching Santa Claus and Theresa Tam encourage children to get vaccinated.

So what we experienced was literally surreal but understand—it was theatre.

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It was deliberately done: the show, the play was deliberately run to put you into a state of fear. And the state of fear that we were in was horrendous.

We've heard in this inquiry about, basically, people in Montreal and old folks' homes literally starving and dying of dehydration because the care workers abandoned them. Can I say that again? In Canada, we experienced old people—that were totally dependent upon us for their care—dying of dehydration and starvation because we were too afraid to care for them. Can you get your head around that, that that is possible? This is how effective the theatre was.

We know it was theatre. We look at our overall death count in 2020 when we had no protection from the vaccine, and our all-cause mortality was really no more significantly different than in a bad influenza season. We did not have to let old people die of dehydration and starvation alone in their rooms, without their diapers changed. In Canada, we didn't have to do that. But the theatre was such a great production that we had no choice because we were all having a physical reaction that disconnected us from our minds.

We had a witness yesterday who runs a security company. It was almost comical because people would be putting these security systems in their homes because they were so afraid of anyone coming to the door and they needed to be secure. It was irrational. His business took off. It was irrational fear.

I forget who—but it might've even been the Honourable Ches Crosbie—had put up a news article with an opinion piece about, “let the unvaccinated people die.” And we all heard about putting unvaccinated people into camps. We all heard, in Canada, about putting unvaccinated people into camps. Were we in Nazi Germany talking about the Jews? Carrying disease and lice? For public health reasons, surely, we need to get them into camps. We were talking about putting unvaccinated Canadians into camps.

The theatre—the theatre—was tremendous, and it was effective.

You've got to think about this as the day goes on and as the weeks go on— What actually happened? And ask yourself, “My God! How can that happen? How can Canadians let old people die of dehydration and starvation? How can Canadians talk about putting other Canadians into camps?”

Because we were afraid, and we're so afraid that the entire nation has post-traumatic stress disorder. Literally. It's why I keep speaking about hatred and our need to forgive each other. Now that we're in a state of post-traumatic stress disorder where it's still difficult for us to empathize with our fellow Canadians, understand that we are more easy to manipulate because we're already on edge. That switch to fight and flight—that fear switch—it's primed. There's a spring on it now. And it's much more easy to be depressed. We are more vulnerable now than we were in the spring of 2020 when this had begun.

And remember when I said earlier—when quoting Shakespeare—that when we hear these historical phrases, they're true. President Roosevelt, one of his fireside chats: “We have nothing to fear but fear itself.” That is not a historical statement. It is true. It literally is a tautology. It's true.

What you have to fear is not COVID.

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What you have to fear is not monkey pox. What you have to fear is not the Russians. What you have to fear is fear itself. What you have to fear is being put into that fight or flight mode. We don't need to get locked down because we're afraid of climate change. We don't need to fear civil unrest, although it is being fomented because we're put into a state of fear. We don't need to fear another pandemic that people like Bill Gates is telling us—assuring us—is coming.

When the theatre continues—and it's still continuing. But when it continues in full force, and listen carefully, you will go into a physical fight and flight mode. You will. You can't stop it. That's why they do it. But you can train yourself to understand that you're doing it and keep that thread of conscious thought to your thinking mind.

You cannot watch the mainstream media. You cannot watch the mainstream media that has put on this theatre. They have, in my opinion, acted criminally. They have been manipulating you. If the media had not put on this theatre—what I call fear porn—this couldn't have happened. Could you imagine if the media had been reporting, “Ah, there's this new virus,” and actually reporting fairly? “Yeah, it might even be worse than one of our bad influenza seasons. We're not sure. We need to be cautious. But let's not be afraid. We've got plans in place. Here's what we're going to do.”

A witness had to back out for personal reasons yesterday. We hope to have him back at a later hearing. But he had been involved in pandemic planning, and he says, “Oh, you know,

what you do with the City of Winnipeg, you just pick a big building; you empty it. Every single COVID patient goes there. You bring your surplus medical people there. And right away— Because you're not sending COVID patients to all the different hospitals, you're sending them to one place. Right away, you'd know, 'Oh, this just affects old people.' Okay. So now we don't have to worry about young people. We're just now able to—"

All that information comes quickly. And he says, "You're not wearing out your mainstream medical system because the doctors and nurses are doing the regular shifts. They're not facing any new threat." So they're not in fear. You can still go for your regular treatments. You're not afraid to go to the emergency ward. And this is just some things. I see people in the audience shaking their heads, like, "Yeah, this makes sense."

Well, what if the mainstream media had said, "Here's our plan; here's how we deal with this." And it wasn't fear, but it was reassuring. Would we have tolerated being locked down? Would it be possible that we would be coerced into taking what truly is an experimental treatment? What if the media had reported fairly?

I mean— "safe and effective; safe and effective; safe and effective." Well, wait a second. The vaccines were exempted from the safe and effective test. In fact, when you read the test that they were approved under, the word "safety" and the word "efficacy" isn't even in there. They didn't have to be proven to be safe and effective. So why would anyone pretend that they were? Why did the media keep telling us this?

The point I'm trying to make is— This could not happen but for the media, but for the theatre. The police state depends on the theatre.

What would have happened in Stalinist Russia if no one watched TV and no one read the newspapers? What would have happened? It would have been different. But none of this could happen without the media. And if we get our institutions back. If initiatives like the National Citizens Inquiry can get Canadians having a dialogue together, to get us working together, to get us peacefully getting our institutions working for us again, I pose the question: Is it possible that a single person

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on the mainstream media's editorial boards, or a single journalist— Is it possible that a single one will escape jail? It's a good question. If we get our institutions working for us again, is it possible that a single one of them will escape jail?

Now, understand as I say this, because I'm just trying to educate you about the fact that when you're put into the fear mode, you have no choice. Understand, they will play this card again. We're not done. They want climate lockdowns; they want 15-minute cities; they want us eating bugs; they want us adopting a digital currency, which we'll have to because "our financial system is falling apart and we're all going to starve and die." It's like collectively, we couldn't come together and figure something out for a while. We need their solution.

But understand, more importantly— Remember, I just asked you the rhetorical question that if we get our institutions back, is it possible that a single journalist that was really carrying misinformation when they were saying, "Oh, this person's spreading misinformation. Dr. McCullough is spreading misinformation. Dr. Malone is spreading misinformation. Oh, you know, if Uncle Bob starts talking about that the virus escaped from



a lab, here's how you defuse him" — If a single one of those can escape from jail if we get our institutions back, I'll be surprised.

But understand: They'll be surprised, too. They know. So you're on the editorial board of a mainstream media company, and if we get our institutions back, you know you're going to jail. They can't stop. They've got to continue with the state now. They have a vested interest. They have a vested interest.

You were their enemy before we started waking up. Because you don't carry out a military grade— And there have been actually Canadian news reports about how we've been put through a military grade psyops: This is what this theatre was; this was the full-meal deal. You don't carry that out against a population unless you consider the population to be your enemy. But now that they're understanding that—if we wake up in time and get our institutions back that they're going to jail—we're really their enemy now. You think about that. We're really their enemy now. And you have to defend yourself.

Don't watch. Educate your circle. And then when they make you afraid—and they will—when they make you afraid, understand it is an attack.

I was dialoguing with a potential witness that chose not to speak at the Winnipeg hearings. We may get this witness to speak at another hearing, and a lot of effort went into trying to get this witness to testify. Listen very carefully to what I'm going to say here.

This witness was afraid of testifying because not just of social repercussions, although that was a very real threat to this witness, but economic repercussions and repercussions against family. Some things have already happened for what this witness has already done. And I'm mindful that some people have actually gone into hiding that we used to hear from regularly on these topics. And so, we were having a discussion and the witness almost wanted me to give them reassurance that speaking would be okay. But I had to say, "Actually, you speaking out is very, very dangerous." But listen to what I said next. I said, "In fact, the only thing, the only thing more dangerous than you speaking out, is you not speaking out."

So we're going to start this morning—and I just can't resist—with some more video clips. And then we're going to move into our first witness, Cassie Schroeder.

David, if I can have you just illustrate for us, basically,

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what I'm talking about with this theatre and what I call fear porn.

[A video of news clips was played outlining vaccine requirements for public employees and proof of vaccination status using a vaccine passport.]

**[Video] Brian Pallister, Former Premier of Manitoba**

I've said it before, I'm going to say it again, and we'll keep saying until everybody does it: Vaccines are our safest and only way out of this pandemic. Vaccines are our protection against the fourth wave. Vaccines are our protection against future lockdowns. Vaccines are how we get our lives back. Thank you to you for your willingness to do your part. Roll up your sleeve not once but twice and protect yourself and protect your fellow Manitobans.

Protect our businesses too, our small business community. Protect our economy and to protect our communities and our healthcare system as well.

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Experts are saying that the fourth wave will be an even greater threat in terms of its numbers of cases than the third. This is why today we're announcing that all frontline provincial employees who work with vulnerable populations must be fully immunized by October the 31st or undergo frequent COVID-19 testing. All designated public sector workers will be required to be fully immunized and provide proof of vaccination or undergo frequent COVID-19 testing in order to ensure the safety of their workplace and the people they serve. As an additional protection measure against the rising Delta variant and a possible fourth wave, we are also announcing today that we are requiring mandatory mask use in all indoor public places. In other words, we're strengthening the value of being vaccinated and the utility of the vax pass in our province.

**[Video] Dr. Brent Roussin, Chief Provincial Public Health Officer (Manitoba)**

Public Health has been advising Manitobans for many months now on the value of being vaccinated. It's the best way to protect yourself, those around you, and our province. So it's in our best interest to keep these COVID numbers down and the best way for that is for us to practice fundamentals, which includes being vaccinated as soon as you're eligible. So those designated employees who are not fully immunized or who cannot provide proof of vaccination must submit to COVID-19 testing regularly. And so, for a full-time employee this could be up to three times per week.

We're recommending that private businesses and organizations follow the Province's lead and consider mandating COVID-19 vaccination for their employees to protect their staff, protect their customers. But I encourage all Manitobans who have not yet done so, book those vaccine appointments. And what we can see in other jurisdictions that this is now a pandemic, largely, of the unvaccinated. And we have to make sure that does not lead to adverse health effects for all Manitobans. We want to protect all Manitobans from the fourth wave.

**[Video] Brian Pallister, Former Premier of Manitoba**

Our vax card's giving every immunized Manitoban the right to travel safely across Canada, and it will now be your passport to doing even more and that will be announced later this week. To all of those who have done this, who have gone and got vaccinated, remember the influence you have around you. Remember the people that are your friends and your family may not have made that choice, and you have the opportunity to encourage them—to educate, to inform, and to motivate. Doing your part to get vaccinated and to encourage others to do it is how we're going to get through this together.

**[Video] Dr. Brent Roussin, Chief Provincial Public Health Officer (Manitoba)**

These new public health orders are being implemented that will require Manitobans to wear masks in indoor public places and that will be effective tomorrow, August 28th. This includes schools across the province. And so, in addition the Province has developed new requirements for individuals to be fully immunized to participate in certain events and activities. These requirements will come into effect by public health order on September 3rd, and these would be for all regions. And this includes requirements to be fully vaccinated to attend indoor and outdoor ticketed sporting events and concerts, indoor theatre, dance, symphony events, restaurants both indoor and outdoor dining, nightclubs

and all other licensed premises, casinos, bingo halls, VLT lounges, movie theatres, fitness centres, gyms and indoor sporting and recreational facilities.

This does exclude youth recreational support, organized indoor group recreational classes and activities and indoor recreational businesses. Children 11 and under who have not been immunized will be able to attend events and activities with fully immunized adults. And again, these orders are here to try to reduce the transmission of the virus as well as to reduce the future need for further lockdowns.

**[Video] Dr. Theresa Tam and Mrs. Claus**

**Dr. Theresa Tam**

Every child in Canada has definitely earned a place on a nice list, their parents and caregivers, too. It's been a tough season with lots of viruses making people sick.

**Mrs. Claus**

Thankfully, Santa and I are feeling as healthy as ever.

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We are both up to date with our vaccinations, including COVID boosters and flu shots.

**Dr. Theresa Tam**

That's so good to hear.

**Mrs. Claus**

I always tell Santa to make a list and check it twice. One, stay up to date on your vaccinations. Two, wear a mask in crowded, indoor places and make sure it fits nice and snug. Three, wash your hands to the tune of, "Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, jingle all the way..."

**Dr. Theresa Tam**

Great advice, great voice, too. Also, you can be sure to stay at home if you're feeling sick. And if you're gathering indoors with other people or elves, open a door or a window for a few minutes at a time to let in some fresh air. The more items you check off the list, the more protected you are.

**Mrs. Claus**

Yes, you can think of it like decorating a tree. You need tinsel, lights, ornaments, and the star on top. The tree is at its best when all the decorations are up and nicely layered.

**Dr. Theresa Tam**

Thanks, Mrs. Claus. Happy Holidays, everyone.

**Shawn Buckley**

If we get our institutions back, I look forward to that last clip, particularly, being played at a couple of the criminal trials.

I will ask if people can just not clap to respect the audience that's online.

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