



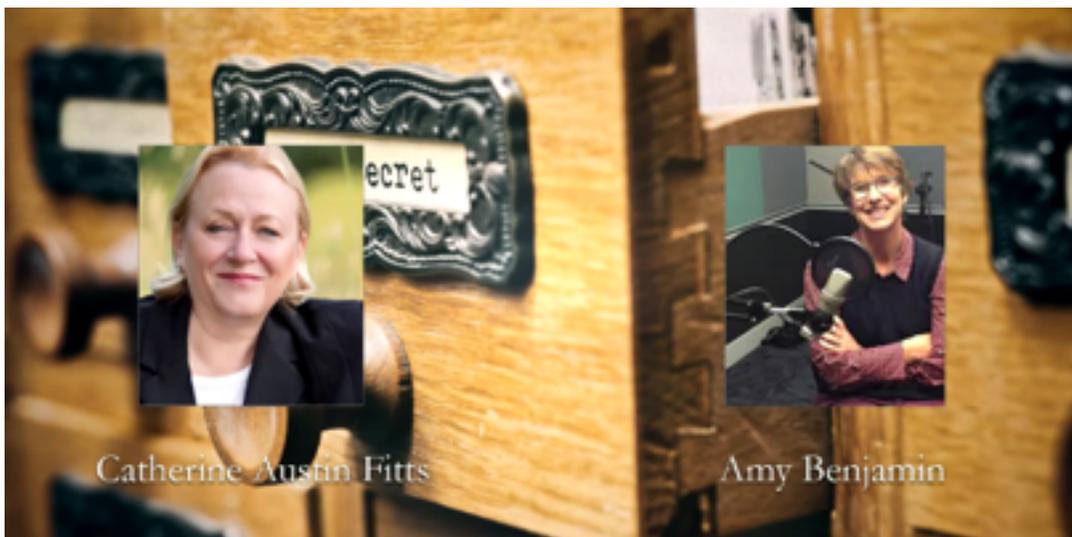
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**C. Austin Fitts:** Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to The Solari Report. This is Catherine Austin Fitts and I'm at the Pullman Hotel in Auckland looking out over the park. It is absolutely gorgeous. I'm with Amy Benjamin who lectures and teaches in Auckland. She hails from San Francisco.

Before I bring her on, I would like to tell you a story. I was talking with Lawrence Wilkerson. He was waxing eloquently about this fabulous article about secrecy that he couldn't tell me about because it was in peer review, and he didn't have permission to share it. He said that it was going to change my life, and so on.

Finally, it came out and I acquired it. It was *The Many Faces of Secrecy* by Amy Benjamin and it's a remarkable work. Amy will tell you that it's written for the academic market, but it gives a remarkable framework of what is happening with secrecy. As you know, I think that secrecy is one of the great destroyers of economic value of our time.

Amy, welcome to The Solari Report. I should also mention that you worked at the Department of Justice.



**Amy Benjamin:** Thank you so much. I hate to admit it, given the person I'm speaking with, but I did work at the Department of Justice for about three and a half years.

**Fitts:** It was a different part of the civil division than the one that was torturing me while you were working there.

**Benjamin:** Well I should hope so!

**Fitts:** You have a personal experience working with the Federal government, so you have a sense of what it's like. So, tell us how you came to write this article.

**Benjamin:** I began to wake up to alternative news sources and alternative historical narratives around 2010. You'll find quite a bit about what I would call 'substantive secrecy' in alternative news sources. So, people who want to talk about the secret space program or secret wars or black budgets and the like, there is a lot about substantive secrecy in alternative news sources.

Substantive secrecy – which is programs, operations, and activities that are secret – generates plenty of controversy with what I would call, the 'normies', which is the normal community that doesn't really want to hear about it. For example, if you say, "The office narrative for 9/11 isn't right, and something quite secretive actually went off that day," you are not going to get very far with many people who listen to mainstream media.



I was very much steeped in substantive secrecy as a result of my exposure to alternative media, and I thought that it might be helpful to ease those controversies if I could explain the modalities by which substantive secrecy can be pulled off and how it can occur. I thought that academics who tend to be very wedded to establishment narratives – for reasons that we can talk about if you want – might be a good transitional concept for them, this notion of the modalities of secrecy.

**Fitts:** Here is why I think that this is very important: If you talk with someone who buys the official narrative and who is very much in the matrix, what they can't fathom is how all of this could be happening and not know it. Therefore, it can't be going on. So, they can't fathom how secrecy is organized, arranged, managed, and produced. That is why I think that this article is so important. You are talking about the how's, and you are providing a framework of how secrecy is engineered. It's the engineering of secrecy.

**Benjamin:** I look at what the procedural mechanism is by which substantive secrecy is pulled off? There is a procedural mechanism in place, and it's a very clever one. I had to get into the minds of the evil social scientists who have arranged this. I laugh when I say that. I do believe in criminal conspiracies; anyone who studies the Nuremberg Trials should believe in criminal conspiracies.

American prosecutors at Nuremberg engineered criminal conspiracy as a charge because we accused the Nazi leadership of criminally conspiring to commit war as a progression and even genocide.

**Fitts:** With American financing.



**Benjamin:** That is all substantive secrecy, but in any event, I firmly believe in criminal conspiracies. I tried to get into the mind of the evil social scientists who would, in a sense, architect this framework. I discovered that procedural secrecy has been put in place, and it looks very different depending on the context. That is what I explored in the article.

**Fitts:** One of the notions that you introduced in the article was describing direct secrecy and indirect secrecy. Introduce us to the concepts of direct versus indirect secrecy.

**Benjamin:** Direct secrecy is a word I used for secrecy that is presented as such explicitly to the public. Think of classified material, top secret stamps, classified Congressional hearings, and such. We are told that the government is withholding information from us, and they consider it to be secret. They will usually invoke some sort of reason of why it seems reasonable such as national security or whatnot. That is direct secrecy.

If you talk to scholars in the US, secrecy scholars focus on direct secrecy. They are looking at classified executive orders, classified FISA Court opinions, and, of course, documents that are withheld on secrecy grounds and that aren't released pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. That is what they focus on.

I realized that there was a realm that the American public really wasn't allowed to see very well – a realm in economic policy relating to our central bank, the Federal Reserve, and the realm of many government activities that has been contracted out to private corporations, ———



and then in the realm of political authority that has been given over to national institutions.

We really can't see much of what goes on in those domains, and the secrecy effect is the same. But it's not engineered pursuant to a claim of a need for secrecy the way that direct secrecy is. That is what I call 'indirect secrecy'.

The secrecy effect is the same. We know very, very little about what goes on in these three contexts, but the secrecy label isn't being put before us per se. Instead, other values are invoked such as the management of the economy and monetary policy and the valiant invoking of technocracy, which you are not allowed to see because, "You would screw it up if you tried to get your hands on it."

**Fitts:** "And you couldn't understand it anyway."

**Benjamin:** "And you wouldn't be able to understand it, so let the wizards of finance manage this for your benefit."

So, they're not invoking secrecy or national security, and there is no top-secret stamp, but they invoke something else as their cover, and that is technocracy. In the case of contracting, "We are going to contract out a great deal of governmental activity – not because we want to keep it secret from you, but because we want to take advantage of the so-called alleged efficiencies in the private sector and the cost savings that would result to the American taxpayer."



But the fact is that when they outsource governmental functions, it is more expensive, and also we can't see what these private contractors are doing for a whole host of reasons.

**Fitts:** Let me just review these because I think that the framework that you give on indirect secrecy is very important. Let's talk about three of them and dive a little deeper.

The first is International institutions, or we could add international trade agreements. So, we have all these different arrangements made – whether it's the INF or the World Bank or things like the European Trade Partnership. Behind all of them are all sorts of activities that then disappear behind non-access to information.

Actually, I should add one that is national. I don't know if you saw the waiver that they gave after they passed all the legislation after the bailouts. The National Security Advisor got a waiver power so he could waive SEC requirements for the big companies.

We have all these corporate-to-corporate secrecies, but one that I really loved that you focused on was this outsourcing and government contracting because an enormous amount of information about what is occurring has simply disappeared down a corporate hole. I would also say that a lot of money and technology has also disappeared down that corporate hole.

**Benjamin:** I think that this was a reaction to the effort of Congress in the 1970's to get to the bottom of some abuses of power in the CIA and the FBI.



I think a decision was made, and I think that George Bush, Sr. was instrumental in this. He saw what was happening – with the CIA being put under scrutiny in the Church hearings and some other hearings in the 1970's – and he realized that he had better get the core covert topic out of the formal structures of government so that it couldn't be placed under the light and the klieg lights. I think that is when outsourcing – especially in intelligence, which is massive – started to really gain momentum.

I think that it was a calculated decision in reaction to post-Watergate Congressional efforts to shed light on what was going on in the national security state.

**Fitts:** There is one story that I want to tell you. When I arrived at HUD as Assistant Secretary, the first thing that I did was read the law related to my position. I wanted to know what my legal authorities and responsibilities were.

**Benjamin:** That is always a very good idea!

**Fitts:** It was a fascinating experience to explore the difference between what I was told I was supposed to do versus the legal authority. I kept finding more legal authorities as I went.

The FHA at the time, had four funds, not two funds. One fund – a large one – was the single-family fund. It was supposed to be run on a self-supporting basis. So, your mortgage insurance premiums have to cover your foreclosures, your defaults, and your operating expenses. Interestingly enough, the fiduciary responsible for the fund is solely vested in the commissioner.



I, the commissioner, am personally responsible for this thing being self-supporting. So, I called in the budget office people. I said, “Where are the accounts? I need to see the financial statements.”

They said, “We have no financial statements.”

I said, “Well, then where are the numbers? I need to see the numbers.”

They said, “The accountants have the numbers, but you can’t talk to them. They report to a different Assistant Secretary.”

So, a process began where I lobbied and got the accounts moved over to report to me, but in the process, I kept trying to inquire and get the data. Even when they moved over, I kept trying to get the data. Much of the data was run by the largest defense contractor in the country who ran all of the information systems and simply refused to give me the data.

Here you have the largest defense contractor in the world running the information and payment systems, and they refused to give me the basic data I needed to do my job.

**Benjamin:** Americans would be astonished to learn how much of their government is conducted by private firms, private hands, and, therefore, how big it is. We have no idea. That ignorance, too, has been engineered.

Congress has no idea because they don’t have the oversight capability. They don’t have oversight capability, of course, over our intelligence services.



They also lack oversight capability over our contractors. So, if you are wondering why there is so much official and quasi-official lawlessness in the United States, it is because Congress doesn't really know what is happening, and they have disabled themselves from knowing what is going on. They haven't put the mechanisms in place to adequately oversee the private activities of people and institutions that have been entrusted with government functions. It's leading to a terrible situation.

**Fitts:** On the contracting outsourcing, I used to call it the 'data beast' because I would say to people, "You see 21 government agencies. I see two or three IT defense contractors sucking up all the data into one integrated operation, which is integrated with the NSA."

**Benjamin:** Which they may or may not share with you!

**Fitts:** In the 1990's we started a little company to teleport data servicing into poor communities where welfare reform was happening because we were discovering that much of the problem in the inner city was because they had children or grandparents, and they had caregiving responsibilities. They couldn't commute downtown, but if you could teleport the data servicing there, you had a highly productive work force.

We were shipping it in, and we did a large study on the extraordinary data servicing needs of the Federal government. What we discovered was the data servicing needs were in the many billions, but they were all collecting data on us – which would not be shared.



**Benjamin:** The astonishing thing that I found was how cagey contractors are in avoiding the reach of FOIA (Freedom of Information Act). So, they figured out, together with their Federal agency counterparts, that as long as an agency official rubber-stamps their proposal, they can probably withhold much of the information that the proposal is based on from FOIA requests. So, there are many machinations and none of this is coincidental.

I'm afraid it appears to be going according to plan. At the very least, if Congress has an interest in open government – which it says that it does – FOIA has to be retooled with teeth to really get the records that these private contractors base their proposals on – their legislative proposals, when they propose rules to agencies, regulations to agencies, and the information on which all of the legislation and sub-legislation is based – to the public.

**Fitts:** Have you ever watched *A Good American*? Friederich Moser made two documentaries about Bill Binney and his whole situation. Binney kept saying at the end, “Look, we don’t need to collect all of this data to catch the terrorists.”

He developed a program that didn’t require collecting and storing all the data with private contractors. I kept saying, “But Bill, the ‘data beasts’ need that data so that they can sell products and insider trades.”

**Benjamin:** I would say that we don’t even need any kind of data collection to get to the terrorists; all we need to do is walk down to Langley and then we’ll find ISIS. You don’t need any surveillance to find the terrorists. You might want to go to Tel Aviv as well.



**Fitts:** I think there is no gap from the 1970's on the contracting and outsourcing. It has really created an infrastructure of enormous secrecy and enormous wealth transfer. I keep going back to the economics because that is my beat.

**Benjamin:** Indisputably. Mainstream scholars are beginning to agree on this point that despite all the encomia to private sector efficiency and creativity in the economic realm, the reality is that contracting costs a lot more than having government personnel do the same job. We have to bring these functions back into the government for financial reasons as well as transparency reasons. We're losing out across the board.

It's a shame, it's corrupt, and it's a very corrupt system.

**Fitts:** Let me mention one thing: The reason I wrote *Dillon Read & The Aristocracy of Stock Profits*, which is my online book, was to show the 'merry-go-round'. So, let's say that I have an operation either being done by government or small business. If I take that operation and move it over to a large, publicly-traded stock, I caused the stock to go up from the increased earnings. Then the investors can afford to take some of that capital gains and cycle it back in political contributions.

So, it's 'kind-of this merry-go-round'. It's a cash machine of moving things out of things that are not publicly traded that are publicly traded and driving up the stock market. Everybody feeds off it; it's the trough and it's part of the swamp.

I think that part of getting this changed is dealing with how we get the stock market back in alignment with what is healthy for the overall society. That's part of the problem.



So, let's turn to the one that is most near and dear to my heart, which is the failure to comply. You bring up the whole economic sector. Part of that is monetary policy in the central bank, and part of that is failing to comply with the financial management laws related to government operations.

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How much does that contribute to the absence of transparency?

**Benjamin:** The Federal Reserve, despite its website and the sounds it makes about transparency, is a fairly secretive organization. It has a public persona pertaining to the Board of Governors and the Federal Open Market Committee (the FOMC). People see the Board of Governors, and they see that the Governors are appointed or nominated by the President and approved by the Senate, and they think that it is a public institution. Of course, it's a Federal Reserve system. So, you have to say, "Okay, there is the Board of Governors, but then there are all these Federal Reserve Banks in various Federal Reserve districts, and they are part of the system, too."

In fact, they are not public institutions; they are private corporations owned by the commercial banks – the banks that they regulate in their districts.

**Fitts:** In 2000, I emailed all the public relation heads in all the Federal Reserve Banks, and I asked them two questions: "What percentage of ownership does each member bank have?" So, I asked them for the list of owners and the percentage of ownership, and then I asked: "Who manages your data? What are the IT and data providers that manage your data? And what access do they have to all of your data? What access do your members' banks have to that data?"

They wrote back and said, "We're private banks. That information is confidential."

**Benjamin:** The trouble with these private banks is that each Federal Reserve Bank has a board and a president of the board.



Those presidents sit on the ostensibly public Open Market Committee in Washington DC. So, these are private citizens beholden to commercial banks making the most important monetary policy decisions for the country.

In my view, this is an unconstitutional delegation of power. Why this hasn't been cured by challenging the Supreme Court is anyone's guess, but this is absolutely ridiculous when you think about it. These are private bankers setting monetary policy for the United States. That defeats transparency. Therefore, these obviously can assert their private nature and refuse to disclose a great deal of information.

Then, as I said in the article, even the Board of Governors – as public an entity as that is – is also very bent on keeping its operation secret. We can get into that if you want, but they don't like the public knowing what they decide in their meetings.

**Fitts:** Here is what they say in their meetings, “You should trust us because we turn back all our dividends to Treasury.”

What I will tell you is that, if you look at how much can be siphoned off with the balance sheet games before the dividends get turned over to Treasury, that is a great amount of money, but it is nothing compared to what can be siphoned off if you can control and have access to all that data. We are talking about the greatest insider trading network ever created. Then when you can turn the spigot on and off in combination with that intelligence network.....



**Benjamin:** It's crony capitalism insider trading. That is the reason for the huge growth in income inequality. It's not the one percent pulling themselves up by their bootstraps. It's definitely not. They don't have bootstraps; they have insider information and it's ridiculous.

**Fitts:** The more you understand it, the more you understand how ridiculous it is.

**Benjamin:** The profit-taking is done at the level of the commercial banks that are the shareholders of the FRB. That is where the real profit-taking is. So, the FRB's and the Board of Governors all say, "We turn everything over to the American taxpayer via the Treasury."

Yes, but look how engorged the shareholder banks are as a result of the way that the system has been structured. The thing that I came to resent the most as I got deeper into all this was the incredible efforts made to hoodwink the public on this issue, and this comes from the highest officials who testify in defense of the way that the Federal Reserve has been structured. They say, "The FRB's are good because it represents decentralized power. Each FRB knows its district and can get local data so that banking can serve local needs, and this plays to the very positive connotation of decentralized power that is very powerful in the American mind."

We like our power close, so the public relations would have the FRB's be beacons of local finance. In fact, they are dens of 'private green'. A great deal of propaganda is put out by Fed officials in Washington about how the structure is one of decentralized banking power.



What I think that they have done – and it is very, very clever – is kept the national Fed institutions like the Board of Governors public institutions. They have kept some of the national institutions like the Federal Reserve Banks private. Then to deflect criticism of the private nature of the FRB's, they have built them as engines of decentralized power.

This is very, very clever, and I encountered this kind of branding legerdemain in the international context as well. If you want to talk about that, we may.

**Fitts:** It's very clever because here you have this public board – the Governors. I don't know if you are aware of this, but I was asked to be a governor.

**Benjamin:** You would have been a great one.

**Fitts:** I think I would have gotten myself into plenty of trouble. You have this public board, and they purposely are designed to talk. So, you get numerous people from academia, and they are not looking and thinking transactionally. Then you move many of the transactions into the New York Fed, but they are done by the agent banks.

The implementation of much of the 'funny business' is outsourced to the private banks through the New York Fed, and they have the power of the Exchange Stabilization Fund. So, they have the full authority within this construct of the Federal credit behind a lot of covert activities.



**Benjamin:** The New York Fed should be deemed a criminal organization. I don't think that we should lose much time and that we should go in now.

**Fitts:** It was amusing because during the 1990's and early 2000's I was always getting beat up by this group of 'goldbugs' who would say, "It's all going to crash."

I would say, "No, it's not going to crash."

They're watching the derivatives positions go up and up at JP Morgan. I would say, "Those are not private positions; those are the Federal government positions. They are backed up by the nuclear arsenal."

They just couldn't fathom that, so we would go around and around.

**Benjamin:** I think that your point is very good. I've often heard you say, "You can't fix political problems with financial solutions, but you can, to some extent, fix financial problems with political military solutions."

That is why we invade countries that have want to go off the dollar. It's very effective at keeping people on the dollar.

**Fitts:** It's all about your channel. Whether it's moving the profits into your publicly-traded channel or keeping everybody in your dollar channel, we have a model. All the 'cats' have to get herded into the model where they can be harvested.



**Benjamin:** And I think that there has been some international collusion in this petro-dollar hegemony. The Chinese have gone along with it for decades in return. So, they basically have said, “Yes, you can have your printing press and the dollar. We won’t challenge it. It’s a reserve currency. You can print it and fund all your wars, etc. But in exchange, we get the manufacturing and we will close our market off to your remaining manufacturing.”

So, they have benefitted as well, and the victims have been the middle class.

The Russians and the Chinese and the rest of the world have been real victims of the dollar as a reserve currency, but they have gotten something in return – or at least their leadership and some of their citizens have. There has been a quid pro quo in place, and I think that Trump is challenging that. I think that Trump is definitely trying to undo the quid pro quo as far as it relates to China.

He is saying to China, “Listen, we want some of our manufacturing back, and we want you to open your market to the manufacturing that we still have.”

The Chinese and the Russians are saying in response, “Alright. We can adjust that portion of the quid pro quo, but let’s have the petro-dollar exit the stage now.” So, they have gold-backed yuan and they have more bilateral trade settlement in their own currencies.



I think that is the readjustment of the deal that is probably taking place before our eyes. It would be great if the citizenries of the world could be let in on all of this. It would be great if Trump says, “This was the deal with that was in place, and this is how I’m trying to renegotiate that macro deal.”

In other words, it would be great if we were told something. But all of this is being handled in a very curtailed way regarding what is told to the public as to what is happening.

**Fitts:** It seems complicated. We will get to the media in a moment after we finish economics, but this is where the fake news comes in. Fake news is brilliant at keeping things unnecessarily complex.

We talked about the central bank. Let’s discuss the failure to comply with the financial management laws. The reality is that you can’t do all this ‘crazy stuff’. All of this that they are doing in secret needs to be financed. If you have budgets, and if you simply comply with the Constitutional requirement to appropriate by Congress and then provide disclosure, you can’t do all that. You can’t do trillions of things in secret if you can’t finance it in secret.

Talk a little about the financial management laws.

**Benjamin:** I didn’t really investigate that in my article, but there is a large amount of missing money. Let’s start with the \$21 trillion and the Exchange Stabilization Fund. There are many trillions of dollars that are off books. What Congress appropriates is the minor part of the story.



I think that one very unnerving fact I keep coming back to in thinking about secrecy and misdeeds is how little Congress matters anymore. That would include several things. Does it sign off on wars anymore and military engagements? No. Do its appropriations matter? Not that much. There will be money when it's needed, and it will often be off-books money.

If you do want to talk about the appropriated money – money appropriated by Congress – does Congress keep sufficient track of that money? Arguably not.

Congress, in so many ways, has been belittled, and it has also connived its own diminishment because they are getting paid off.

**Fitts:** It is interesting. When Eisenhower made the Military-Industrial Complex speech, he included Congress in the first draft, and then he cut it out.

**Benjamin:** I think that it was one of the great missed opportunities in history, and one that I wish President Eisenhower came back to answer. I would love to ask him this one question: “You gave that wonderful warning – that shot across the bow. Then you never spoke of it again. How could you abandon us like that? How could you just give us that warning, and then not back it up after you left office with anything that would enable us to meet the threat that you said was rather existential?”

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**Benjamin:** Then when Kennedy died, that died with him. Speaking of the Kennedy assassination, the other missed opportunity was, if you watched the interview of Eisenhower right after the assassination, the press asked him what he thought about it. It is absolutely clear that he knew what happened – reading between the lines of what he said. Truman, a month to the day of Kennedy’s assassination, writes the editorial that appeared very briefly in media outlets that basically didn’t accuse the CIA of being behind the assassination, but it said that the CIA has grown too big for its breeches, and it is beginning to run amuck. “We must reign it in.”

Dulles went to see him and asked him to withdraw it. Both these ex-Presidents knew, and whether they were afraid or whether they were threatened, they would not go public. The Cold War context probably mattered, too, but they both knew.



**Fitts:** Let's bring that back to your article. Joseph Farrell did a series of lectures at the Secret Space Program conferences where he talked about the structural flaw of turning the CIA at the end of World War II into the world's most powerful banker with a hidden system of finance. That was taking all the money that had been seized during the end of the war, and moving it under control of the CIA, and also giving them authority for Area 51 and whatever was going in the black budget.

Basically, by taking this pot of money and giving them the black budget power and authorities, you created something that is a structural financial mechanism destined to rule the world. He focused on it as a structural matter. It was very similar to your article, and his intent was to show why this is not about 'those people are bad' or 'these people are really bad'. But when you create a structure like this, you create something that is non-transparent, non-accountable, and ultimately is bound to go out of control, which is what has happened.

**Benjamin:** That means that if we are going to make any progress, we not only have to learn the secrets, but we have to dismantle the structure. JFK said that he was going to tear the CIA up into 1,000 pieces. I think that he had something like that in mind.

**Fitts:** He had a good idea.

**Benjamin:** He certainly did. There was a paragraph early on in the CIA's development. They were originally conceived as only 'information gathering' and then they began covert ops. They said that came within the agreement of the Congressional delegation in the National Security Act.



I think there is a phrase about, “They are going to gather intelligence and do related things,” and they said, “ ‘Related things’ basically means anything we want it to.”

**Fitts:** Right, including domestically.

**Benjamin:** Yes, and that has all been very covert and very unlawful. They have been operating outside the bounds of the law for a very long time. When they help assassinate a sitting President at almost high noon and get away with it, of course they are going to keep doing these things.

**Fitts:** One of the things that I wanted to mention for subscribers reading this is that we did a very good interview with David Talbot on his book, *The Devil's Chessboard*, which is my favorite book on the Kennedy assassination. You have to get to the end, but Talbot absolutely nails the chain of command and how the governance of project management was really run from a governance standpoint. I would encourage my subscribers that, if you didn't understand what was just said, then I would encourage you to listen to it because it's interesting.

It is known what happened. As I told you before, one of the smartest people in our network read it. He called me and said, “Oh my God! This book has really shaken me.”

I said, “Wait a minute, you knew all of this. You knew the establishment and the deep state basically killed Kennedy.”



He said, “Yes. It’s one thing to know it, but it’s another thing to read the details.”

**Benjamin:** It’s just incredible. The fact that a number of those records are still being classified and retained is heinous.

**Fitts:** What did they do to Donald Trump to get him to reclassify everything? Can you guess?

**Benjamin:** I don’t know what is going on there but I think they will be released. National security does not include protecting citizens from disappointment in their government due to the government’s criminality. National security does not include that. I think that some officials justify continued classification by saying, “Look, if we release these material, and American citizens learn that rogue elements of their government killed Kennedy, they will lose faith in governmental institutions, and that poses a national security risk.”

My response is: No, it doesn’t. If you say that, why would we ever expose crime? Why would we? The entire criminal law is backward-looking. Yes, we are going to disturb old things. When you expose criminality, yes, there is always the risk that people are going to be shaken. So what? We need to grow up and demand to know because we can recover our faith in institutions once we know the truth and we clean the institutions up. We will never recover faith if we don’t get that done.

**Fitts:** Let’s talk about some of the obstacles to doing that because I agree with you. One of the obstacles is that for decades now –since the 1949 Act –



– we have a privatization process going on which is uneconomic in my opinion. We have an entire global stock market and bond market which are dependent on corporations continuing to grow.

As they grow, it creates enormous inequality and it shrinks the economic pie from what it could be, but you have tremendous vested interest dependent on it economically.

So, your entire economic model is now dependent on the growth of corporations. I believe that part of this ‘Make America Great Again’ is bringing back a lot of manufacturing and allowing our multi-national corporations to ‘suck up’ and vacuum-clean more earnings domestically because, if you look at foreign markets, they are getting killed. They are getting clocked.

If anything, if you look at the way the current Administration is going, they are moving in the opposite direction of what you and I would want, which is vacuum-cleaning more earnings and ‘sucking’ up more into big corporations and using AI software and robotics to ‘unemploy’ almost everybody - whether you are putting labor out of jobs, or you are putting small business out of business.

**Benjamin:** I will be forthright: I am a big Trump fan. But one of my perennial frustrations with him is that he doesn’t talk plainly to the American people. He talks about bringing manufacturing back. He doesn’t talk about the threat of robotics. He can’t talk about one without the other.



You bring these companies back. You induce them to come back with all sorts of tax cuts and all this, and then you sit by while they institute roboticized factories and put all the workers out of work. We have to have a public discussion about a roboticized labor force and what that means and if we are going to put any limits on it at all.

**Fitts:** Here is what I think: Part of what is happening is, if you are Trump or Mnuchin, it's so much easier to deal with a few big corporate people and get something done and take action. Trump likes big, whereas dealing with thousands of small community banks and thousands of small business is much more organic and fractal. It's very hard to control or do things quickly at a central level.

I'm watching them, and they have this attraction to the 'big guy'. "Let's get the big guys in and do a deal."

I think that is part of the problem.

**Benjamin:** What would the deal be? Would the deal be that you get a much lower tax rate if you agree not to roboticize your factories? At some point that kind of deal has to be on the table. How are people going to be employed if factories are roboticized? That includes fast food restaurants and other businesses.

**Fitts:** There are two issues. What the technology does is one thing, but the other is, if you look at the relationship between large business and small business, large business has been much more successful because it's been subsidized by government – government contracts, government regulation, government enforcement.



The Department of Justice has engineered much of that shift. That has not been economic; it's uneconomic.

What I would like to see is the changes in policies that would allow the market to decide. If the market decides, then small business can get back in the game. There is no reason small business can't get 3D printing, robotics, and do all that.

We were working on a place-based equity model, but you apply place-based equity and you can get the stock market going up with small business. You don't have to do it with large business.

**Benjamin:** If there is a way to allow for robotics and safeguard the well-being of the American work force, there is probably more than one way to do it, and that would be great. That is where the conversation needs to be. Unfortunately, the Trump Administration is nowhere to be found.

**Fitts:** You cannot get to this conversation without facing what we have paid regarding secrecy. What I will tell you is that the one percent are rich because government transferred assets and technology and then used capital controls and disclosure policy to engineer that money. That was theft.

I've heard all the rationales for different aspects of it, but the reality is that you now have a runaway oligarchy that is shrinking the pie. They are getting very rich, but they are shrinking the pie relative to what is possible, and they are creating an inhuman future.



Here is the amazing thing about them, and I have to get on my soap box about this: They don't know. I swear I watched a billionaire venture capitalist stand up and give a speech about how Silicon Valley wanted nothing to do with government because they were private and they created all this value on the private market, and they just didn't want to be involved with government.

**Benjamin:** Are you kidding me?

**Fitts:** No. I'm looking at this man and I'm saying, "You are totally wrong." I don't know if you've ever read Corso's book about the technology transfer and the black budget.

**Benjamin:** Did you ask him if he's heard of DARPA?

**Fitts:** I continued, "So, the government transfers all this technology for free, and then we bring drugs into every black neighborhood in America and finance you with billions of dollars of subsidized capital that have been raised by killing people, and you are going to sit there and tell me that you are a creature of the private market? Are you out of your mind?"

**Benjamin:** Facebook is just one example.

**Fitts:** But he doesn't know! He just doesn't know!

**Benjamin:** What can one say? That is appalling. I learned that DARPA had a project called 'LifeLog' that was intended to get personal data on individual citizens.



LifeLog just sucked it up. They ended this program, and about the next day, Facebook was incorporated. They handed it off to Zuckerberg.

I believe it was called ‘LifeLog’ and it was a DARPA program. They ended it, and literally the next day – or maybe even the same day – Facebook began.

These social media giants are Google and Facebook and the Twitter. They are barely camouflaged creatures of the government. It has a little private sector veneer over it. Basically, when you go on Google or Twitter or Facebook, you are fundamentally logging in with the NSA and the CIA. That is what you are doing. You simply have to repeat that to yourself every single time you upload any personal data, that, “I am handing this over to a government agent. Do I want to do that? Do I even want to be on these platforms? Do I want to do that?”

**Fitts:** I have to tell you a story. I made a terrible mistake when I started my company in Washington. We integrated our telephony with a computer, and we made the mistake of getting the telephony from AT&T. We were a beta site, and we were investing together on how to do it.

I had a wonderful Chief Financial Officer, and I hired far above my pay grade because I wanted to grow, and I figured that that would be the way to grow. He came to me and said, “We have to have a personal system.”

I said, “Nope. I’m not spending all that money on stupid software for personnel. I’m not doing that.”

He said, “We have to have a personnel system.”



Every year we had a bonus process. I said, “For the bonus process this year, what we will do is require every employee to learn HTML. On the intranet, we will have them do a little page for themselves. Then we will link them together. That will be our personnel system, and it will be open to all the employees. They can update it themselves.”

Then the next thing that came out was Facebook, and I said, “Oh, they are going to do it for the whole country,” because their data servicing company was looking at the explosive data servicing requirements that they had if they were going to keep collecting this much information on people. Then they realized, “Oh, we will just have people do it themselves.”

**Benjamin:** This is very frustrating. I’ve always quipped that if I was going to live in a totalitarian society, please let it just be open totalitarian so that I know what I’m up against, and maybe I can fight it. The Nazi regime was terrible, but they made no bones about their brutality, so there was a resistance.

The thing that is so frustrating about the ‘Inverted totalitarianism’, which is Sheldon Wolin’s term, who was an old Princeton guy, is that it is so cleverly masqueraded, and so many people have no idea how controlled they are. That makes resistance so unlikely.

It’s only the people who are suffering in society that are, in a sense, forced by circumstance to wake up and say, “Hey, I think we are living in a slightly totalitarianism society.” Meanwhile, all the other people are entrained to think that they are living in a land of freedom and democracy. It is very frustrating.



**Fitts:** Let's talk about the people who believe they are living in a democracy. Some of them seem to know there is something wrong, but they only want to live their lives. They think that if they play ball, there is the official narrative. As long as they play within the official narrative, they will be left alone.

There is that great movie, *Network*, where he says, "Just leave me alone."

I think that part of it is they know that something is up, but they just want to be left alone and they don't want to take any risk. They are staying inside the official narrative because they don't care about politics.

**Benjamin:** I think that security is more important to most human beings than freedom. As long as people are secure – even in an unjust situation and an unjust scenario – they will keep quiet. Security is so very important to human beings.

As long as you are doing well in the system, you are inclined to go along with the system.

Who has been most hurt by the industrialization and the cost of all the wars in the last 20-30 years? It's the working class, the vets, the former soldiers, and parts of the lower middle class. So, they form the core of the resistance. They are the 'alternativists', the truth seekers, and the truth movement, whereas the people who have been treated well, the upper middle class, the academics, and the like, are really reticent to question the government and its ridiculous stories because they are doing well.



The domain of the people who are doing well is shrinking and shrinking and shrinking as income gets more and more polarized. So, people are going to be forced by their own diminishing lifestyle to wake up. I think that is inevitable. I think that the powers that be know that.

They know that people will begin to wake up when their own circumstances demand that they wake up, and more and more people are waking up because the system is becoming just so economically polarized.

**Fitts:** The Saker joins me on The Solari Report four times a year.

**Benjamin:** I love him! He's wonderful!

**Fitts:** In various conversations that we've had, he keeps talking about how the US military is not economically efficient. What I keep saying to him is, "Saker, that is the plan."

In other words, they are buying everybody. The inefficiency is a way of buying everybody and funding secret programs. Their belief is that as long as you are the reserve currency, you can afford to just print money. You can buy everybody. That can work as long as you can enforce everybody in the system, which brings us back to weaponry and the invisible mysterious arms race – or our 'arms race of mysterious weapons'.

Who has the weapons that can force internationally everybody to stay in the system? The system is becoming progressively less and less economic. New technology is making it more and more economic, but if you look at productivity, it's falling –



– particularly if you look at total productivity, not just corporate productivity.

**Benjamin:** It's a system managed by threat.

**Fitts:** It's managed by force. So, I can make the corporations more and more productive by making the society less and less productive, and I can finance that as long as I have the reserve currency, but it's getting uglier and uglier to keep everybody in the model. So, you need more and more force and that is not productive.

Around and around we are going. It all comes down to the mysterious weapons and what in the world is happening in space. Talk about secrecy! There is no information there.

**Benjamin:** People need to understand that the geopolitics that you talked about in the mainstream press is not the top-level of geopolitics. So, the level that we are hearing about is, for example, Russian and US tensions. But at a higher level than that, Russia and the United States must be cooperating significantly on space issues.

**Fitts:** They are making space deals together!

**Benjamin:** They are making space deals and keeping each other's secrets. The Russians and every other country with a good intelligence service knows that 9/11 was an 'inside job', if you will. They are keeping that secret. Why? What are they getting in return for that secrecy?



This is at a level where we are keeping their secrets, too. Putin might have a couple of false flags on his hands, also. So, at a higher level – beyond the reports that you are getting in the mainstream press, and even in the alternative press – there is a great deal of cooperation going on. Of course, it's all secret, and of course we would all like to know about it. This is the level at which the real decisions are being made.

I really admire Vladimir Putin. I teach international law, and I admire Lavrov.

**Fitts:** You admire having someone who believes in it.

**Benjamin:** I love having someone who believes in it, and I think that Lavrov is the greatest diplomat of his era. I adore these men, and I would be honored to meet them.

The one thing that I would say to them is, “Tell us what is going on, you two. Come on, tell us.”

I will tell you this, I will know that things are bad between Russia and the US – I will know that we are really near nuclear war – when Putin starts dropping secrets about 9/11.

If he starts doing that, I know that he feels real danger. Until I see him dropping the evidence that he has about 9/11, I will continue to believe that we are nowhere near nuclear war – which is a good thing! I want 9/11 truthed, but not at the cost of getting to the brink of a nuclear war.



Until I see Russia dropping secrets of that kind and at that level, I will know that there is still a great deal of cooperation going on. Frankly, we are seeing it now with Iran. When Trump withdrew from the deal, China and Russia, of course, gave their proforma, ‘Oh, you shouldn’t do that,’ but there has been no real opposition for a variety of reasons. There is cooperation there, too.

At a greater higher level than what we are privy to, there is so much happening. The Trump supporters, rather than just clapping and clapping for the man – and I really do like Trump – should begin to ask very pointed and specific questions. “We want to know about this and that and these and those. We want answers. We like you, and we are inclined to trust you, but we want answers to specific questions.”

Americans need to start demanding answers to specific questions. They need to learn how to play that game by asking specific questions. “Do we have a secret space program? Oh, we do? You’re not telling us about it. Why not? Are you cooperating with the Russians at that level? You’re not going to tell us about that either?”

In a sense, it’s demanding to know what we don’t know. You can begin by asking questions about, what I call in the article, ‘Shiloh secrecy’ – “Tell us what we are not being told.”

You have a host of scholars saying that Shiloh secrecy is a wonderful concept. That is when the people know there is a secret that is being withheld, but they are not allowed to know the substance of the secrecy.



Many scholars say that this is a great concept. I would disagree, but they say that if we employ Shiloh secrecy, that means that secrets can be kept by the government, yet the people are not shut out entirely; they at least know that they are not being told.

Let's run with that then. Let's demand to know what we don't know. In Donald Rumsfeld's *Taxonomy* it is the known unknowns. Let's demand to know the known unknowns – a list of them.

**Fitts:** One of the reasons I've focused on the money and the \$21 trillion missing (first it was \$4 trillion, then it was \$8 trillion, then it was \$12 trillion, and now it's \$21 trillion) is because that is the signal there is much more going on here than we know.

**Benjamin:** Yes. That is an objective piece of information.

**Fitts:** What I'm trying to do is put a financial frame around it. The problem with the \$21 trillion is, in one sense, that it is meaningless because all the numbers of the Federal government are meaningless. If you as a financial manager refuse to obey the financial laws for more than 20 years in a row and refuse to produce balanced financial statements or audited financial statements, then all your numbers are meaningless.

If you look at what has been happening with the securities fraud and the other financial frauds, it is possible there is \$21 trillion that has been stolen. That is possible. It doesn't mean it is true, but it is possible.



So, part of that is just getting people to understand something is terribly wrong. This amount of money cannot be missing, and this kind of financial management cannot be happening unless the reality is very, very different than the official reality.

**Benjamin:** I think that people will start listening to you when their pensions fail, when their kids who have graduated from college really can't get any jobs. The time is coming when people will have to be interested in the truth of the situation.

**Fitts:** One of the reasons I stuck with it all these years was because, before the pensions failed, they would bail them out. Think of this as a negotiation. You stole this for that, and you stole that for this so, if you stole this for that and that for this, then you are going to have to put money into this. It's negotiating leverage.

I always figured that it was negotiating leverage to say, "Okay. You're going to have to bail out the pension funds because, if you look at the legal authorities of what you did on these thefts, you owe us another theft for this.

**Benjamin:** I will tell you another group that is going to have to wake up very fast, and that is the 25 million Federal contract labor force losing their jobs when the government actually does go bankrupt. It is already bankrupt, but when we can't print our way out of our problems because of the way the petro-dollar is.



They are going to lose their jobs. They have benefitted from the system, and they haven't asked questions. They are going to lose their taxpayer-funded jobs because the Federal government is going to have to shrink, and then they are going to wake up and have the motive to wake up and, will they be mad. These are intelligent people and, once that hits, that might be what really gets it going.

You talk about 5% needing to lead the way. I think that some of the 5% will come from the ranks of the outsourced Federal workforce who are going to have to wake up fast. I think they will turn viciously on their former masters when they do. I have relatives who are in that category.

**Fitts:** Let's talk to some extent about this. The dollar market share is shrinking. The question is: Does it continue to just shrink and erode? In fact, if we bear trap the emerging markets, we could be going into a period where the dollar was strong for some period of time. But if the market share continues to diminish – and this comes back to our mysterious weapons – then the US government can't buy everybody, whether it's through an inefficient military or something else.

Let me describe something to you and I would like to go into the invention room and describe something. I've talked a lot about this with The Solari Report subscribers. I was at the Aspen Institute and saw an activist get up and give a presentation. This is a person who is going across the country saying that he is running for President on a Libertarian ticket, being anonymously financed with bitcoin.



I don't know how you run for President while you are taking anonymous bitcoin donations. I don't know exactly how that works under the law, but that is what he said.

He said, "Here is my proposal: I become President, I sign an executive order disbanding the US government, and then we round up the remaining assets and auction them off."

I stood up and said, "This is very interesting that you propose this because that is what they did in Russia."

**Benjamin:** Yes. They sold everything off for pennies on the dollar to the oligarchs.

**Fitts:** I continued, "So, when this is done, Goldman Sachs will buy the national parks for \$.10 on the dollar. They are going to love you. This is like Goldman Sachs' 'wet dream'. But let me explain what is going to happen. When you dissolve the Federal government, 50% of the household incomes in every one of the 3,100 counties in America are going to go poof! They are going to have three weeks of food, they may have three weeks of cash, and they can go three weeks without food. That means that within nine weeks you are going to start having a very dramatic die-off."

I said, "They did this in Russia, and 25 million people died. It was a very significant die-off. What you are proposing to do is basically financial genocide."



The man then responded by saying, “Oh, we are all going to have cryptocurrency, and we will all be happy. It will be great. It won’t be a problem. We need to cut back. We need to work with less.”

It was, to some extent, a non-sequitur. He clearly hasn’t bothered to worry about the details of this. There were a number of people in the audience who were depending on their Social Security. The person who was with me stood up and said, “Let me help you get clear with what this guy is saying. They are going to cancel all the Social Security – your Social Security, your mother’s Social Security, your father’s Social Security, your grandfather’s Social Security, and all the Social Security disability payments of all your children. All that is going to be cancelled – baboom!”

It was almost as though they didn’t realize what he was saying. They were still acting like, “It’s going to be groovy because we’ll have bitcoin.”

This other person and I walked out and said, “What is going on?”

I became very concerned. I assume that it is the CIA that is floating this as a trial balloon. We have a midterm election this year, so after 2019 and after the Presidential in 2020, they are looking at doing a radical re-engineering or being prepared to if they lose reserve currency status or it continues to erode.

In other words, we are coming to a tipping point, and they may be up to something.



**Benjamin:** It depends on if you think Trump is controlled by them. I don't know that he will be.

The Federal government – all those private sector Federal contractors – are going to be out of a job. Are they going to be out of a job because the Federal government withdraws into itself, stops delegating to the private sector, brings back the work into the agencies, and shrinks the number of personnel involved so that we don't need this bloated private sector Federal work force? Is that the reason they are going to lose their jobs? I would be an advocate for that.

So, the agencies don't get sold off, and you don't sell off the national parks. You still have a Federal national park agency, but you don't rely on private sector contractors to do it.

**Fitts:** My impression is that the Trump Administration is going the other way. The man who resigned from the VA, David Shulkin, warned that there are very aggressive privatization proposals being done now at VA and more are coming.

**Benjamin:** That is the 'Rape of Russia' scenario. If the Trump Administration is going there, then I'm afraid we are in for some very hard times, just as you've described it. If the Trump Administration wants to cut back on outsourcing in a bid to save money, then I would be all for that. I just don't know where his allegiances are and that is very troublesome.



I don't know if he has had conversations with Putin and Xi about how to finesse the situation. Clearly they are having very high-level discussions about the transition. What are they saying? What is the plan?

There is a plan in place on Trump's side, I'm sure. He is no idiot. What is that plan? I hope that it's not to do the 'Rape of Russia' because that is financial genocide.

**Fitts:** Here is what happens with people like Trump. Trump has no experience in government. People like him get to Washington, and it's an over-complexified system. They get frustrated, and then they decide that the simplest thing is to turn it over to a corporation. I saw that happen abundantly when I was in Washington.

I think that the Trump group will lean towards privatization only because they are going to want speed of execution, and they are thinking that they are going to get it by privatizing.

**Benjamin:** That's a scary thing. I'll tell you what I cling to when I think: Can I continue to hope in the Trump Administration? I cling to the way that he handled North Korea and I was very impressed by that.

You have to admit the way that situation turned around with, "We're going to war, we're going to war. We have a bigger nuclear button," and then suddenly, we were at seemingly miraculously negotiations. Kim Jong's sister and Kim Jong himself and China were involved. There seemed to be real coordination between China and the United States on this issue.



Suddenly, we have a summit and it looks like there is going to be a peace treaty and possible denuclearization and possibly unification.

How did this happen? We don't even have the story, and I was really impressed.

**Fitts:** I would say that weaponry had a lot to do with it, but I think that Trump is a person who stirs the pot. He won't let things sit, and that thing has festered for a long time because he wouldn't let it sit.

One thing that I like about Trump is that he doesn't run away from things; he deals with them. He came in, and had a list of things that he wanted to accomplish. If you look at his performance—we do a report card every quarter—I've never seen a politician who has tried so hard to keep his promises. He is really going at it and is a very hard-working guy and I think that is very good.

The challenge is that you are in a model, and he is only one person.

**Benjamin:** He knows about the 'Rape of Russia'. He has praised Putin for leading his country back from the brink. I would be surprised if he didn't recognize the dangers of privatization of governmental assets because he knows about the 'Rape of Russia'. That is one reason I am holding out hope that we are not going to go down that route.

**Fitts:** Here is what I like about Trump. In fact, I went to a Trump rally in Pennsylvania while he was running. Being from New York, I was not a Trump fan and was very anti-Trump. Then I watched him on the campaign, and was very impressed by his willingness to crack open the secrecy.



If you look at what he said on vaccines; if you look at what he said on Common Core; if you look at what he said on 9/11; and who knows what he said on the ‘birther’ thing; which is an issue I’ve never really followed closely. Again, and again, and again he clearly took a great deal of political risks and personal risks to talk about the truth.

**Benjamin:** And he used it as a weapon during the campaign. When he dropped that tidbit about Ted Cruise’s father being on the streets of New Orleans with Oswald passing out Fidel Castro leaflets, Cruise withdrew within a week of that. That was masterful.

**Fitts:** It was rather funny. My favorite one, of course, is when he told Clinton that if he was President, she would be in prison. I said, “I’m going to give you money.” I went to the computer and made a donation to Trump.

I think that Trump has done more than any person I’ve ever seen in American life since I’ve been an adult. He has done more to open up the conversation and pull down the walls of secrecy. It’s cost him politically; it has cost him a lot.

**Benjamin:** The irony here is that if he really pulls down those walls, it will behoove him politically. People are very hungry for the truth, and I think that he resonated with people on the campaign because he started saying things that sounded like the truth on so many issues. Even on something like climate change. He hasn’t come out and said, “I think it’s a hoax,” but he’s come pretty close.



**Fitts:** I have to tell you that cancelling the Paris Agreement warmed my heart.

**Benjamin:** Of course! People, including people on the left, voted for him because they sensed that he was telling the truth on key issues. I would be surprised if we go down the ‘Rape of Russia’ route while he is in charge. It’s not that it’s impossible. It’s not that it can’t be controlled, but I think that he knows the dangers there.

I said in an interview that Trump reminds me of a manager of a casino. He says to the guests, “Come in. Have a good time. Don’t worry about what is going on in the back rooms. Keep the roulette wheel spinning. Just enjoy yourselves. Is everyone having a good time? Are we all doing well? Great! You don’t really need to know what is going on in the back. I’m in charge; I’ll handle it.”

I think he is somewhat like that casino/hotel manager, and wants to keep his patrons happy. I think the American citizenry are his patrons. Do I know this? No, but my hope is that he keeps the casino going and he handles things behind the scenes.

**Fitts:** I think the election was a serious competition between two factions in the deep state. You basically have the Marines and the military behind Trump, and the Rockefeller contingents on the other side.

**Benjamin:** And the military intelligence are the ones feeding him about Ted Cruise’s father.



**Fitts:** It wouldn't surprise me if Kokesh is coming out of the CIA line. It's a separate line than the Trump one.

Let me mention a couple of things. The Solari group was in Uluru for ten days. Richard Dolan was there and gave an excellent presentation on false flags. I don't know if you've seen his series on false flags on GAIA TV, but it's outstanding. There are five parts that he never published, so we are lobbying Richard to release them so we can see them.

Clearly false flags are accelerating, and they have continued under the Trump Administration. I would say that false flags are one of the most effective techniques I've seen to maintain secrecy. I'm not sure if you wanted to comment on that at all.

**Benjamin:** I've written about 9/11 in the academic context. Obviously, that was a major false flag. When I wrote that article, I went through past false flags that international law has been concerned with such as Japan justifying the invasion on Manchuria, and the Reichstag fire, and the Gleiwitz incident that justified the invasion of Poland in 1939 and, of course, operation Gladio. The European Parliament on November 22, 1990 came out with a resolution admitting in this resolution that terrorist incidents had occurred in Western Europe, and they had been perpetrated by NATO. If you read that resolution, it was absolutely alarming in language, and then it disappeared.



Scholars came out subsequently and wrote books about Gladio. Of course, they were derided as conspiracy theorists, but that resolution, which I cited in my article, is an objective recognition by the European Parliament in 1990 after a couple of Italian politicians had come out and admitted it. This is an on-the-record resolution basically saying that NATO and, specifically American Military personnel in NATO, are responsible for these acts of terrorism and subversion of democratic institutions in Europe.

False flags have increased because they have been highly successful. Israel is a master of the false flag. Look at the USS Liberty, for example. I believe Israel was 'up to its neck' in 9/11.

The concern for me is: The false flags that have occurred under Trump's watch, I would like to think that he is watching and he is collecting evidence, and that the bad deep state actors are continuing to pull these off.

Brennan is out there doing his thing. I think he is fully operational in whatever cave he lives in, under whatever mountain in Colorado. He could easily be orchestrating all of these false flags. And, of course, you have officials in Europe pulling false flags off in the same tricks in Paris and the same districts in London. So, Trump doesn't need to be acquiescing in these. That is what I am trying to say.

But I do hope the case is that the bad deep state is pulling this off, and he is watching, and he is waiting, and he is biding his time, and he will be busting these false flags.



**Fitts:** It's interesting that both in Charlottesville and the Texas church shootings, he was pushing back. The false flag was clearly designed to get a result, and he was pushing back against the effort. There was obviously significant tension.

I want to bring another thing up. You told me something that I thought was an absolutely 'delicious' piece of information that I hadn't known about the South African Truth & Reconciliation Commission. Could you describe that?

**Benjamin:** False flags, which I'm sure Richard Dolan knows, were a tactic use by the apartheid regime in order to discredit the African National Congress. The apartheid regime would pull off a bombing – say a bombing of a white police station – and the ANC would be blamed as a terrorist organization or equivalent. Evidence would be planted, and that was the way it went for a number of years.

It turned out that these were false flags, and this came out in the Truth & Reconciliation Commission hearings that occurred after the fall of the regime. Some of these cases are documented, and they use the term 'false flag'.

In the report it says, "This was a false flag, and that was a false flag," and they are very conversant with the notion of false flags. They have nothing to lose by admitting the truth. The African community in South Africa was the victim of the false flags, so they called it how it was when they came to power.



**Fitts:** So, what about the EU 1990 document?

**Benjamin:** That came out November 22, which I found quite interesting. Talk about sending a message! I believe it was in 1990, after a few Italian politicians or ex-politicians had gone on the record with rogue elements of security services.

**Fitts:** So that document and the Truth & Reconciliation document are very, very powerful evidence.

**Benjamin:** They are, and they were both in my article, which barely got published. When it was published, it was not coincidentally done so.

**Fitts:** Give us the name again.

**Benjamin:** It was in the *African Journal of International Comparative Law*. Of course, they were amenable to my argument because when you are on the receiving end of violence, you have to deal with reality. Victims mostly are forced to deal with reality. Amongst victims you will find a search for the truth because they want to stop the violence that is being perpetrated against them. People who are not the object of the violence can afford to continue along with their ‘heads in the sand’.

**Fitts:** It’s so dangerous because, if you look at where things are going with digital technology and I’ve talked a great deal about it on The Solari Report- there is a book called *The Half Has Never Been Told* by a Cornell professor, and it’s on the history of the African slave trade and the fundamental economics.



**Benjamin:** I've heard you speak about that.

**Fitts:** I really believe that once you dig down on the reasoning as to how they cancelled the slave trade, they couldn't perfect their collateral. Now they can perfect collateral, and that has frightening implications for where this could all go.

**Benjamin:** We have to unmask the social media companies as outcroppings of the government and the surveillance state. Once we can do that, we can begin to see what they have and get more detail about how they control this.

First, we have to get away from the fiction that these are private companies making it private off their entrepreneurial virtues. That is just a fiction. As my hero of heroes, Jim Garrison – and you are another one of my heroes – went in front of the cameras on NBC around 1968. They actually gave him 30 minutes. I don't know if you've seen that speech but it's breathtaking. He says in a very avuncular way to the American citizens – and remember that this is 1968 –, “Fairy tales are consoling, and they make us feel good, but we have to get away from fairy tales.”

One ‘fairy tale’ is that the tech giants are not outcroppings of the government but rather are private companies doing very well off their own private initiative. That is a fairy tale.

We need to grow up fast. We've had a long run with fairy tales, and we've had a long run because we had the world's printing press and we have had a military that, unfortunately, was willing to go along to get along.



I think that elements of the military are good, but other elements have plainly been bad and corrupted, and they have been bought off.

Military officials will leave the military, and they will sit on boards, and they will join the defense contractors. We have to end that. We need considerably better public corruption laws ending the revolving door. We need a simple law saying that if you leave government service, you can't work for a regulated entity or a defense contractor for ten years after.

**Fitts:** Let me talk about some of the things that you mentioned in the article. One thing that you say, which I think is very important, is the importance of academics taking an interdisciplinary approach. Describe that.

**Benjamin:** Academics, especially as they are coming through the ranks, are advised by senior academics to specialize as quickly as possible to claim their little domain and defend it tenaciously at conferences and in papers, regardless if they are right, because they will be known as a 'so-and-so-ist' and they will be able to get an article published as the leading 'so-and-so-ist'. So, they specialize and they feel very uncomfortable taking a broader view. They are trained to feel uncomfortable taking a broader view, but much is missed when you don't take a broader view.

What do I mean by that? You have secrecy scholars in the United States who rummage around in all of the national security and direct security secrecy, with few exceptions.



There are some notable exceptions, but with few exceptions they will not be researching in the area of the Fed or the central banking system, which is so opaque.

We can talk about the international level of the banking system, such as the ridiculous Bank of International Settlements, which seems to be a fully autonomous entity sitting at the very apex that is completely closed to outside scrutiny and public jurisdiction of any kind and this is ridiculous.

Scholars who study tenaciously the direct secrecy won't be looking at indirect secrecy. Scholars who look at government outsourcing will use words like, "Oh, this is so opaque," and, "We all wear democratic accountability issues," but they won't be comparing what they are finding in the outsourcing context with classified executive orders because that is not their area. These scholars want to defend their area and build a name for themselves in their area. It's depth over breadth.

You have a few scholars looking at the Fed and wondering what is going on here, but they are not going to be looking at the area of direct secrecy and seeing if there are any commonalities or any shared tactics. I am intrigued by the notion of shared tactics because I do believe there are evil genius social scientists engineering this outcome, and I think that they do share tactics.

It's the same with the diffusion of authority about the nation-state into international bodies, trade treaties, etc. People are studying the classified space in the United States. They are not going to be looking at the TPP.



So, I said, “We need to look at all this together and get a general view of the areas that American citizens just aren’t really allowed or able to look at, and then come up with a taxonomy of direct and indirect secrecy that would capture all that.” So that is what I did in the article.

**Fitts:** One thing that I want to make a pitch for is place-based financial statements. If I’m going to hold my legislators accountable, I need to see a source and uses of all money by the area for my political jurisdiction. I need financial statements from my county, or my town, or my whatever. Otherwise, I can’t have a rational conversation with my legislators.

**Benjamin:** I think that would be absolutely outstanding, but when thinking of the macro solutions to all of this – and I don’t put it in the article like this, but I can share it with you now – there has always been this debate: Are you a Hobbesian (Thomas Hobbes) or are you a Lockean (John Locke)? Do you distrust private power more or public power?

Of course, Hobbes thought that private power was the greatest threat because he had lived through English civil wars and he saw the chaos that private armies – futile armies at the time – caused and could wreak, and he saw the chaos that was a result of the beheading the King of England. When he wrote *Leviathan* he said, “The state of nature is the state of war, and the state of hell. The greatest threat is not having a strong public authority.”

His preferred governmental authority was a dictator who would keep the peace, which was the important thing.



If you gave people freedom, they would revert to the state of nature like a state of war. So, he distrusted private power and was in favor of a very strong public power.

About 60 years later, John Locke wrote under very different historical circumstances, and he described the state of nature as, basically, almost like a ‘garden of Eden’. He said that men understand what natural rights are, and they, more or less, respect each other’s natural rights. There are certain inconveniences in the state of nature, however, which necessitate us to enter civil society and erect a government, but we are trading up here. We are in civil society in order to make our lives better and trade up. We have our natural rights, and so if that government violates the natural rights, we have no problem dissolving the government, going back to the state of nature, and deciding on a new government that will better serve our natural rights within society. So, that was a very different model, and that was the one that our Declaration of Independence was based upon.

Growing up and studying politics and history, I always thought whether I was a Hobbesian or a Lockean. I finally came to the conclusion that I’m both. Let me say what I mean by that. I distrust private power when it is concentrated. I distrust it greatly because I think it is abused.

What do I mean by that? I want to bring power back into public institutions. I want to, more or less, strongly diminish governmental contracting. I want to make economic and monetary authorities fully public – none of this FRB element.



And I want to bring authority that has been granted to opaque international institutions back down to the national level, into public institutions.

Once you bring that power and take it out of the private realm and the international realm – which might as well be a private realm – and bring it back into national public institutions, I’ve done the Hobbesian thing. I’ve taken power away from private entities and brought it back to the public. Now I’m going to be Lockean and say, “I really distrust this public power; I have to clean it up and need to make it fully transparent.”

What will that mean? That means that, first of all, we have to have a national conversation about this notion of ‘national security’. Come on! National security just means anything you want it to mean. We have to narrow that term down to make it the exception, not the rule. That would shrink the classified space immensely if we did that, but we have to critically take that on; it can’t be a cover-up for a past wrongdoing, and it can’t be a cover-up for secret technologies either, but that is a different conversation.

You shrink the classified space by taking on this gargantuan concept of national security, and then you have to try to strengthen Congress because that is far more transparent than the executive branch. You have to strengthen the institution of the Congress vis-à-vis the executive branch, and that can be done in several ways, but you also have to know your representative laws. We have to know where the slush funds are and what the mechanisms are for the slush funds. We have to end the revolving door.



We also have to do something to tackle this issue of control files. We have to know our representative. Is there a control file? How would we unearth that because we need to? So many representatives are compromised.

**Fitts:** Some of the things that you need to do are: First of all, you don't pass legislation until you've seen a proforma financial on what the impact of that legislation is. So there has to be enough disclosure of the proforma impact of legislation to assess and discuss it before it's passed. That is step one. Then you run the financial disclosure loop so you can see what is going to be the impact, and you can see what the impact is. Then with the proper financial disclosure, you can see everybody's conflict of interest. That is going to radically diminish the impact that a control file would have. But then you have to find a way to provide safety to an individual.

Rand Paul needs to mow his lawn without getting hit by a neighbor. Frankly, you can't do that – and I hate to say this – unless you reign in the CIA and you reign in the NSA. You essentially reign in the US intelligence agencies from running covert operations and funding covert operations in this country.

Let me refer to something that you said about Bush taking things private. Much of this is going to get switched if you insource again. I think that a lot of the control file operations are run by the corporate infrastructure. When Bush did that outsourcing, he not only outsourced the financial payment systems of the government, but they outsourced the implementation of force.



We have discussed the Treaty of Westphalia, and I was very impressed because there was only one person in the audience who had heard of the Treaty of Westphalia, and that was you.

That infrastructure created private parties who can implement force within a jurisdiction, and the government can't stop them. They are above the law and that is what makes the control files go.

**Benjamin:** Yes, and also citizens need to be educated on what a control file is. Do they exist? Yes, they do. What purposes do they serve? Very nefarious ones. Why is it important to get rid of them? This should be taught in civics in high school. We have no idea of some of these basic concepts that matter so much.

**Fitts:** Let me give you an example. I wrote a letter to Condoleezza Rice on 9/11- I don't know if you've seen it. After she testified before the commission, I called her a liar. UPI picked up on it, and so we circulated it around Washington. It was cc'd to the President and VP Cheney.

From the moment this hit, this thing spread quickly through the internet. For three days, Halliburton was the number one user from my website, and then I was poisoned badly, and it was very dangerous.

Many years later, I went through a detox program, and can't figure out what the poison was. We knew that there were other poisons, and we knew what those were, but we couldn't figure this one out.



Finally, I had a colleague – someone I knew who did covert operations for the Department of Justice – whom I called. I said, “Billy, no hard feelings. Would you mind asking them what it was? I just want to know what it was.”

There is always collaboration at some level. So, he called back a week later, and said, “I’ve checked, and it wasn’t us. We think it was Halliburton.”

The word at the time was that Cheney used Halliburton for his “personal services”. That is what they call it in contracting. That doesn’t make it true or not, but I suspect that it probably is true. That is a perfect example. You have all these private corporations who can deliver covert ops, and whether it’s the control files or the enforcement, they’ve torn up the Treaty of Westphalia, and that has to be dealt with.

**Benjamin:** You have to insource, i.e. be a Hobbesian, and then you have to shine light on what is insourced and be Lockean, and distrust that public power.

**Fitts:** The NSA has the power to stop all that.

**Benjamin:** The efforts of the 1970’s was going great. Then we had the oil crisis and the terrible economy under Carter and we had the Iran hostages. Everyone got scared, and fear put an end to the desire for truth. It’s the same mechanism of false flags. If you inspire fear, people go for security. Truth is optional.



Everyone hunkered down, and then you had Reagan and Bush and onward. We need to pick up from about 1978. We need to say that was just the beginning. We insource power. We need not investigation like the Church Committee ( United States Senate Select Committee to Study Governmental Operations with Respect to Intelligence Activities ) and Pike Committee , but we need the biggest\_Church - Pike Committees cleansing that wasn't allowed to happen.

You could also talk in this context about the Congressional investigation into Kennedy's assassination. They found that it was probably a conspiracy. That was the final conclusion. They said he was 'probably' killed as a result of a conspiracy, and then it went nowhere. They referred it to DOJ, and it went nowhere.

We need to take up that baton that was dropped around 1978 and say, "This has languished here long enough." But first, we have to insource everything that was outsourced as a result of those efforts in the 1970's because that is when it began.

**Fitts:** Let me bring up something in your article that was near and dear to my heart. It's amazing because you figured out so much, and it is so packed in there. You figured out that government incompetence is a cover story.

I'm always amazed because it has been a cover story for decades, and it constantly works. I can never understand why.



**Benjamin:** It's very effective. Most people want to explain things by incompetence rather than criminality. It's more comforting to think that the people who govern you are incompetent rather than they are psychopaths. It's a story that sells.

How do you know that it's a ruse? You know that it's a ruse because in the direct secrecy context the government says, "Look, we are classifying all this information, but you trust us. We know what we are doing."

So, in the classified security space in the direct secrecy context, they portray themselves as completely competent. But when it suits them, they say, "Oh, we are so incompetent."

For example, in the Federal Reserve context, all of a sudden Congress is 'totally incompetent' to manage monetary policy. It has to be entrusted to these financial wizards who are largely unaccountable. In the case of government outsourcing, "All these lazy, lazy Federal workers can't begin to deliver Federal services in an efficient manner, so we need to outsource." Incompetence!

So, they go back and forth between competency and incompetency, and they change their sails depending on the wind and the context. That is how you know it's a ruse.

**Fitts:** If the general population could somehow understand, or if incompetence stopped working as a ruse, and then terror stopped working as a government marketing technique. If you look at the polls, people and their issue priorities have things pretty squared away.



Then suddenly we have a false flag, and suddenly security is more important, and it has worked.

It's as if, "I'll do whatever you want so long as you don't kill my children," and it works. It has to stop working.

At the end of every quarter we have the top news videos. There was one CNN interview with this woman who was trying to interview people in Charlottesville. There was a wonderful black woman – and I don't know what her name was- who kept saying, "We don't know the facts of what has happened yet. You're saying that, but you're jumping to conclusions because we don't know the facts yet."

She knew, and all of them knew. They all made total sense and the spin wasn't working. It was hysterical to watch because the poor CNN hostess was going around in circles. We are getting smarter.

**Benjamin:** We are getting smarter and we are waking up, but you have to listen and ask yourself, "Does this logically make sense?"

The governmental actors are claiming to be extremely trustworthy and competent in one context – the classified realm of secrecy – and completely incompetent on these other realms. The result of all of this is a great deal of secrecy where I'm not allowed to know anything.

The government is either competent or it's not as a general matter. Have a consistent story and if you can't, that is worrisome.



**Fitts:** The one that I used to say is, “We have hundreds of billions of dollars a year in military budget, and nothing can come across our borders unless it is strictly controlled by the military. But hundreds of millions of dollars’ worth of cocaine can fly back and forth, and they don’t know how that happened.”

**Benjamin:** It’s so obvious when you think about it. People will wake up. Very smart people are waking up.

**Fitts:** I’ve been in the middle of a brouhaha recently over the SES system.

**Benjamin:** I heard about that.

**C. Austin Fitts:** What I believe is, if we are going to insource, we need a strong Mandarin class, and that is the SES system. My experience with the SES system is, as a system design, it’s quite good. That was my experience.

I’m not saying that it’s running perfectly or that you don’t need to clean it up or that there isn’t corruption going on, but if you wipe out the SES system, you can’t insource.

**Benjamin:** And we desperately need to insource. We need to insource and clean up.

**Fitts:** So, I would much rather insource into the SES system as it is now than destroy it. My response to, “The SES system is corrupt. Let’s get rid of it,” is, “No!!”



I believe that is the road to privatization. If you could get rid of the SES system, the one thing standing between you and privatization, then you just rape.

**Benjamin:** We really do need to learn from Russia's experience on this. I know the Libertarians amongst us think that shrinking government to the point of nonexistence is the goal, but you have to keep your Hobbesian balance on this and recognize that economic power in private hands can be extremely dangerous. Of course, it leads to power to acquire the tools of violence, surveillance, murder, etc.

**Fitts:** Do you mind if we take a little time here and dive into this? You so warm my heart every time I talk to you about this.

In many different contexts, I run into this notion that, "Corporations are efficient and government is not efficient. Corporations know how to get things done, and government doesn't know how to get things done. The problem is government. Government has too much power."

There are many different niches and many different types of expertise. Very few people have a clear picture of the extent to which you have a corporate infrastructure that is using government authorities, and regulation, and power, and inside knowledge to do what they need to. They are the data beasts, and it is an entirely private affair. This is the mechanism the government is using, and, of course, their solution to everything is, "Let's give more power and control to the corporations. Let's privatize."

They really don't see the complete game clearly.



**Benjamin:** I'm going to be accused of being a Marxist here, but I think it is the rare corporation that has gotten all its gains as a result of its 'efficiencies', and its 'diligence', and its 'great ideas'. I think that many of our largest corporations have traded on insider knowledge and have traded on favoritism and crony capitalism. In the case of the tech giants, some have gotten their technology straight from DARPA.

So, when people say, "Corporations are the engines of efficiency and progress and the like," you have to question those assumptions. As far as the government goes, what is required for a strong, effective government – although well-cabined within its Constitutional bounds – is a very strong public ethos instilled in the men and women who serve it. You have to have that 'soft power' or that public morality. They need to be schooled in that, and there needs to be a schooling for public servants.

That will not be a fail-safe mechanism against corruption, but it will be a good start. Public servants need to be schooled in service.

**Fitts:** I do want to make a pitch. I think that there are many good corporations, and one thing that most concerns me about what is happening is the fundamentally productive corporations are getting bought up by the unproductive. Anybody who is getting subsidy out of this wheel is getting benefits, and they are using it to compete against or buy up competition.

**Benjamin:** Would you say that Amazon was one of those?



**Fitts:** Amazon scares me to death right now because, once you move 17 intelligence agencies into a cloud controlled and managed by Amazon, and now you move the military in it on a non-competitive basis, you have the basis for re-engineering. The ‘Rape of Russia’ will not be done the way that the ‘Rape of Russia’ was done; it will be done with AI and software.

Once you put all the military and the intelligence into one cloud together – basically with Amazon managing it – you have the basis of high-speed radical engineering of everything in the government.

**Benjamin:** When I think of Amazon, I think of the classic example of an ostensibly private corporation that is anything but. It is ridiculous, and we need to wake up to that fact very quickly. There needs to be a disentanglement of the public sector and the private sector. The private sector needs to remain private. It’s called ‘free market capitalism’, not engineered markets, or crony capitalistic markets, or insider trader-driven markets.

We need an SEC that functions and that actually does criminal referrals. We need so much and the way is there. We have the tools; we’ve just forgotten how to play. We’ve forgotten how to be vigilant. Too many of us have been bought off by a system that has, so far, been ‘good enough’ for us and our individual families to allow us to sleep, but it is shrinking so fast.

**Fitts:** You can’t grapple with something unless you can see it. I think that the power of your article is that you give us a framework to see the secrecy.



**Benjamin:** Oh, I hope so. I hope that people will see from the article the possibilities of substantive secrecy given the indisputable existence of procedural secrecy. So, the mechanisms for substantive secrecy are in place, and they are there for everyone to see, and I have documented it in the article.

If you think, “Oh, I just don’t know about 9/11 being an inside job,” put that aside for a moment and think about what kind of nefarious things could be accomplished if you think of how extensive the classified space is with the special access programs where people have access to these programs that are very few in number. Some of these aren’t even known to the Congress. These are called ‘unacknowledged wave programs’.

Think what could be accomplished in a nefarious way in the context of these kinds of programs, which are completely dark. Think what could be accomplished by ex-office holders who are able to draw on the huge resources of intelligence and military contractors who aren’t subject to any real tangible oversight. Think about that.

The possibility is a very real one that bad things could be engineered. That, hopefully, will at least make you open to some of the arguments that you will find in books by David Ray Griffin about the substantive secrecy of 9/11.

If you only want to supplement your alternative media readings every day, I must confess to being completely mesmerized by this ‘Q Anon’ phenomenon. I am completely mesmerized by it. I don’t know who he/she/it/they are, but this is a person or group that purports to be military intelligence very close to Trump. They drop tidbits, mostly in the form of questions, about a range of matters that has a very awakening effect.



It seems to be very good information. It could be a bored 20-year-old sitting in his basement or mother's garage, but it's very good information.

**Fitts:** We should mention that one of the reasons people find 'Q Anon' intriguing is that at various times Q will drop tidbits that are very prophetic in terms of what happens next. There is a track record that is surprisingly good.

**Benjamin:** They are called 'q proofs' and there are some very good q-tube commentators that I listen to religiously and I am mesmerized.

Do I know Q is close to Trump? No, but that doesn't stop me from tuning in. I came upon Q in early November because one of my favorite YouTubers – a young man – kept mentioning him. I thought, "Who is this person?"

I started reading about him, and I thought, "Oh my goodness! I like what I'm hearing."

There is a great deal of controversy about Q, but you might want to supplement your readings every day by tuning in. More and more people are.

**Fitts:** Periodically I will check in. There is a website that racks up all the Q posts. I think it's [www.QAnon.com](http://www.QAnon.com) or similar, but every week, or two, or three I will see what the latest is because I find it interesting. Clearly, whoever it is – and I think it's a group of people – and whatever they are doing, they are arbitraging.



My world is like Disneyland because there is this whole covert world. There is an entire civilization over here.

**Benjamin:** It's the 'other family'.

**Fitts:** What I was referring to in the speech is that I sometimes liken this – and I did this in a Richard Dolan interview on The Solari Report – to a guy who has two families, and one doesn't know of the other's existence, and he is financing them both from one paycheck and trying to keep it all going.

You have this entire covert world over here, and this whole separate civilization, and then you have the Matrix here. I go back and forth. The fun thing about Q Anon is that it is somebody who is arbitraging the intelligence back and forth. It's like, "Wow! Integration! Let's go!"

If you have had to live with a multiple personality disorder, it's fun because it's integrating. Whether what he is saying is true or not, it's integrated.

**Benjamin:** It's food for thought, it's provocative, and frankly, anything that is provocative these days in the name of truth I will take a look. I would commend that to anyone who is interested and I think it's fascinating.

If I were a sociology student, I would be writing my PhD on this phenomenon because it is absolutely incredible.



I wrote an article earlier on global research about the epistemological politics – how your view of the world depends on where you get your news. Right now, everywhere there is a group following Q. They will go out, and they all know each other, there is a certain corner of Twitter, and they are following Q ravenously. There are Q videos, and Q commentaries, and Q decodes. Then there are the YouTubers. Most of the population is completely unaware of this. The two worlds aren't meeting.

You have one world completely consumed by Q, and it's getting larger and larger by the day, and even the mainstream media has started to try to debunk it – which is very interesting and tells me something about Q Anon. But most of the world is completely unaware.

Sociologically speaking, it doesn't get much weirder than that. It was like in religious times when one small minority of a community was reading a secret bible that the great majority of the community had never even heard of. It's similar to a gnostic text and is, to some extent, what Q represents. Sociologically it is fascinating.

**Fitts:** I have a bit of a problem with the Q group because I am a great believer that too many of them are waiting for the 'great white gods' to come and fix it, and we need to fix it. I find it curious.

**Benjamin:** No adulation but we can get enthusiastic. Trust, but verify. We have to ask pointed, specific questions.

**Fitts:** We have to take action in our own life.



**Benjamin:** I've said a couple of times that we've forgotten how to fight. I'm plagiarizing because that is what Q says, "Fight, fight, fight, but you've forgotten how to play the game."

We have forgotten how to play and we had better wake up.

**Fitts:** If you look at where this is going and if it goes the wrong way, we are toast.

**Benjamin:** This is it. One of the reasons I like Trump is because of what he said in a speech during the campaign. I remember where I was when I heard it. I was in the parking lot of a supermarket and was listening to it on my phone. I stayed in my car for about 30 minutes, and listened to it over and over again. He essentially said in this speech, "There is a cabal. They do not have your best interest at heart. I knew the day would come where we would have to fix this, and this is our last chance. We won't have another."

It was at that moment that I thought, "I can support this man," because he said, "This is our last chance." It was an incredible speech and it was the speech that won me over and gives me hope to this day. Whenever Trump has created chaos here and there, and you have no idea what he stands for, and what he might be ready to do, I return to that speech and listen to it.

**Fitts:** I have to tell you that when I decided to vote for Trump, it wasn't any of Trump's speeches; it was Michael Moore. Michael Moore said, "If Trump was elected, it would be the greatest 'F... You' in Western civilization."



That was when I realized that if you have a system that has a negative return on investment and everything that you have done to try to fix it has failed, you might as well break it. What is the worst that could happen? Trump would break it, and that would be better than nothing.

**Benjamin:** So much better and I think that we do have a chance.

**Fitts:** I believe we have a chance.

Let me get to a conversation that Richard Dolan and I had in Uluru, which I think is most important. Richard argued that he is very concerned the fake news meme is going to grow and grow and grow. So, let's talk about the Solari team and my year. I have to brag about the Solari team because I think that they can continue to plow forward in the worst acid rain being poured on their head.

We've had the site go down under highly suspicious circumstances, and there is a whole story behind that and years of highly suspicious activities happening on our website. We have had AT&T, Google, and Yahoo blocking our mail. We communicated with Google and Yahoo and had it fixed immediately, but to this day AT&T is still blocking.

If you go to our store, it says, "Please do not sign up with an AT&T or related domain email because we can't reach you." They do that without informing. In fact, we had an AT&T person reach out to us and say, "Let us do your website and solve your problems, etc."

We said, "That's great, but in an act of good faith could you unblock us?"



He came back with a statement about their internal system and said, “You’re not blocked.”

I said, “Pal, you have a super-secret blocking system that you don’t have access to.”

AT&T is still blocking us. I published an article about all the things that they were doing to block us and gave a complete explanation. We had a group of subscribers who I was asking to change their email, and I wanted to have a logical explanation of why I was asking them to go to the trouble of changing their email.

I have all of my phones in Hickory Valley run on a local phone system, but it runs on an AT&T cable. Our phones went down for three days, and nobody could tell us why or fix them.

**Benjamin:** It sounds like you are being targeted.

**Fitts:** Really! It goes on and on. People sign up for my Twitter feed, but it doesn’t come through. I will post something to Twitter, and it never is seen.

**Benjamin:** There is tremendous censorship.



**Fitts:** But it's friction warfare. It's not, "We are censoring you." One out of three mail packages doesn't go through unless we have a tracking number on them.

When you talk to everybody in the independent media, they are all dealing with similar issues.

**Benjamin:** They are, and it's terrible.

**Fitts:** Richard fears that what is going to happen is the next wave is going to be fake news. There is a whole thing developing around fake news. If you're fake news, you're not allowed on the social media. There are going to be more and more institutional enforcement against things to be deemed 'fake news'.

**Benjamin:** And now we are living in Nazi Germany. It's awful, and this is one of the greatest threats of our time.

If the tech giants are seen for what they are – an extension of the government – this kind of viewpoint discrimination would be clearly unconstitutional. That is why we have to see them for what they are. They are extensions of the government. This kind of, "You can't post because this is offensive," or, "This is fake," first of all, the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment is the freedom of speech. It's not 'freedom of speech for anything accurate' but it is freedom of speech. The accuracy of what you say is irrelevant to whether you have the right to say it or not; you can spout nonsense, and you have just as much right to spew nonsense.



That doesn't even begin to plumb the question of what nonsense is, and who has the right to say what it is. The moral hazards involved with entrusting anything with the right to say what is true or false are palpable.

This is the greatest threat, and the fairytale or fiction that these are private companies and can decide what or what not to allow is ridiculous. We have to unmask that, and then we can see that these are clear 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment violations.

If these things are allowed to exist at all, they should be regulated like a public utility, as far as I'm concerned.

**Fitts:** You are in New Zealand even though you grew up in America and went to school and law school in America. How do you find the culture there towards free speech compared to the United States? Do you find the culture more supportive of free speech?

**Benjamin:** This is a very controlled society kept on a very tight leash, and they have no clue. New Zealanders are very trusting of their government, and they are very controlled in subtle ways.

The diversity in news runs from A to A-, and the kiwis are none the wiser for it. They think they are getting the news, and they really aren't. The alternative voices are very, very thin. In part, that is because it is a society that thinks it can trust its government, but I think that the government is a Five Eyes government and has its share of collusion in the whole Five Eyes criminality where one Five Eyes government spies on the citizens of another Five Eyes government. That is the purpose of the Five Eyes.



If people in the United States want Trump to be spied on, they get MI6 to do it or they will get the Australians to do it. So that is the purpose of the Five Eyes.

The New Zealand government is right in that system, and the media is very firmly controlled. I was called out on my blog by some mainstream conservative pundit as a conspiracy theorist when I published my article.

**Fitts:** You mean your article, *The Many Faces of Secrecy*?

**Benjamin:** No, for another article titled *9/11 as False Flag: Why International Law Should Dare to Care*. I was going on various TV programs because they liked my take on Trump during the last year and a half. I think I was going on too much for this pundit's comfort. Maybe they were asking me to appear rather than him.

He is a very well-known conservative pundit here, but I can't remember his name. He wrote a blog saying, "I couldn't believe that the Auckland University of Technology sunk to a new low by hiring a conspiracy theorist. Next she will be saying that we didn't go to the moon and that kind of thing."

That was that and I have rarely been asked on since. The message was sent, "We don't really want to hear from her, so don't invite her back."

I was asked to come on Radio New Zealand once, which is the flagship news show. I'll give this anecdote. I went on, had a really nice discussion with this young journalist.



We talked about North Korea, and about Trump, and about the alternative media, and about epistemological politics. It was refreshing.

In the wake of that, I received mail from throughout New Zealand saying, “We loved you. Please go on again. That was so refreshing. We never hear anything of that kind.”

At the end of the conversation with this journalist he said, “I want to have you back on to talk about false flags.”

From time to time, I will send him an email. For example, a few months ago I sent him an email saying, “You might want to look into following Q Anon. Here is the link,” and I never heard back from him.

The press is very mockingbird here and is very controlled. I predict that they will try to roll out the most advanced and deleterious AI, including 5G and all that first because the citizenry is so compliant.

So, if you want to know the most nefarious ways to control a population – cashless society, latest AI, latest this and that – they tend to drop these out in societies such as the Scandinavian countries where the citizenry is very trusting because historically the government has been quite beneficial towards the citizenry.

Then once they flag shipped these prototypical nefarious programs on these very trusting societies, they can say, “Denmark adopted this. What is not to like? Sweden and Norway and New Zealand adopted this.”

Then they will go toward the core – to the citizenries that are armed and very distrustful, like the United States – and they will try to play it there.



**Fitts:** I just spent almost a month in Australia, and now I'm in New Zealand. In America, the people are prey of the government. When I say 'government' I don't mean the SES class; I mean the corporations running the government and the banks running the government. In the United States, I sleep with a semi-automatic because I have 45 minutes before the sheriff can arrive, and I'm in charge.

We have drug gangs operating, and they are dangerous. They are operating in every county in America. So, the reason there is high trust in New Zealand is because there is a reason for high trust on many different issues, which you can't have in the United States.

The United States is in the business of making money killing its citizens very overtly and aggressively.

**Benjamin:** I would say that there is no overt reason for kiwis to distrust their government – no overt reasons.

**Fitts:** Right, but we have many overt reasons to distrust our government.

**Benjamin:** There aren't any overt reasons, but the covert reasons are there and are actually there.

Trying to wake people up in this society is very, very difficult. It goes back to my rule, "If there isn't an incentive to wake up, why even wake up. Sleeping is so much better".



**Fitts:** It is so hard to fathom. We recently published a great interview between Harry Blazer and Elana Freeland about the space fence. It's wonderful because she integrates what is happening with the global spraying, with what is happening with 5G, with what is happening with the Secret Space Program. It is integrating all these different covert aspects in a very holistic, wonderful way.

One thing that we did is put up the Lockheed Martin video – their public version – of the space fence. “It’s wonderful. You’re going to be able to do everything with the internet of things.”

**Benjamin:** Until your brain gets fried in the process.

**Fitts:** You do this comparison of what Elana is saying and what Lockheed Martin is saying, and you need a bungee rope in your head to umbrella them both.

**Benjamin:** People here would not be amenable to what she has to say. Academics here, for example, are very much on the climate change bandwagon, but they won't discuss the possibility of geoengineering. They won't discuss climate change and geoengineering and don't even know about geoengineering. They won't even admit that it exists, but they insist that there is anthropogenic climate change.

They love globalization and are enthralled with the notion of globalization. If you point out that globalization has led to huge world-wide income inequality and endless wars, they look at you with glazed eyes.



I presented a conference on this and said, “Globalization: Goodbye and good riddance.” It’s the most anti-human thing, and yet there are all these human rights lawyers clapping on behalf of globalization. I said, “Do you think that Libya is an example of this? Syria? Much of the Middle East? How can you be in favor of globalization? Look at the havoc it has wrought.”

The human rights people just don’t see it.

**Fitts:** Have you ever watched the Sir James Goldsmith video that I want everyone to watch?

**Benjamin:** Maybe I have.

**Fitts:** I’m going to send it to you.

**Benjamin:** I watch most of the things that you talk about. It’s just hitting a brick wall here because they are quite insulated, and they will be used as the guinea pigs.

I get back to this building that houses the evil social scientists who are planning all this because I think they exist. I believe in criminal conspiracies, and I think that this is a tactic. You pilot programs and use as your guinea pigs, citizens who are, otherwise, non-suspecting because they are more insulated and treated reasonably well.

You choose the Scandinavian countries and New Zealand, and then go from there. I think that is a calculated strategy, and it’s a good one. What can I say? I’d love to interview these people.



First, I would enjoy finding these evil geniuses, and then I would like to analyze them and have a conversation with them.

**Fitts:** I think that I have worked with some of them.

**Benjamin:** It's a goldmine to track them down. First, I want to talk to them, and then I want to imprison them.

**Fitts:** What I've always said is, "No, I don't want to imprison them; I want them to go through Mao's rehabilitation program where they have to work at a Motel 6 cleaning toilets and work as cleaning people for a period of time." So, Hillary Clinton would work there for two years.

**Benjamin:** Exactly, but keep her away from children.

**Fitts:** Then when it's over, she has to write an essay on 'What is a Deplorable?'

**Benjamin:** You and I were talking about this, that as we wake up, the greatest challenge will be to not get angry to the point where we become as polarized as the negative forces which we are battling. We have to stay a bit detached.

One thing that helps with that is always keeping your sense of humor and your sense of empathy. It's hard because I think that we will be uncovering a great deal of evil as we get to the bottom of this.



**Fitts:** One of the things that I most like about your article, *The Many Faces of Secrecy*, is that, not only do you give a framework for secrecy that is very, very useful and very accurate, but it is written very much in a higher mind. It's the best of academia.

What academia is good at is getting out of the trenches and the mud and looking at what is actually happening on here. Let's look at this objectively and dispassionately. That is when you can deal with it.

If you come at me with a group of emotional, angry whatever, I can't deal with that.

**Benjamin:** Thank you for the compliment. It was hard for me to maintain that tone. When I woke up in 2010, I was so appalled that I wrote a play that premiered in London. It was very passionate, and I was a raving lunatic. When I woke up, I was going to everyone I knew saying, "Wake up! Wake up!"

I was one of those annoying truthers. I alienated my family, most of my friends, and people I was with. My children called me a nut. They like me now, but I alienated everyone. After a couple of years of that, around 2015, I said, "Amy, you have just got to calm down."

I really did evolve with a different attitude. When I wrote that article, every day I sat down to write I took a deep breath and 'pulled a lot of punches' in that articles. There were some drafts of that article and some sections of that article in draft form that started out very differently from the final version.



But thank you. That is what I was working for, and it took plenty of work. I think it will take a great deal of work for all of us, especially people who are barely waking up. They are going to have to get control of their emotions because being polarized in a positive way is certainly better than being polarized in a negative way. Polarization is our enemy. That is our enemy.

Do you know that lovely Star Trek episode from the original Star Trek where Captain Kirk's ship and crew are fighting the Klingons? It was a negative force that fed off their discord. It goes red and engorged with the blood of their hate towards each other. They finally wake up to that, and they say, "Wait a minute. If we just act friendly towards each other, this alien who is basically feeding off our energy, will not be able to feed off us." Captain Kirk had positive polarization vis-à-vis the Klingons, but even that was feeding a nefarious alien presence. So, we need to recognize that, mounting the barricades and trying to fight as if it were 1789 or we were in the Hunger Games on the side of the protagonist. That is not the way to go.

I have to say that I think that we are being entrained to mount the barricades. That is why the Hunger Games was such a bad movie. We don't want to turn into that protagonist. We don't want to be in the muck physically fighting. That is not who we want to be.

Having righteousness on our side is indispensable, but it's insufficient. We have to rise above combat, and we have to master this mentally. That will require maintaining our capacity for empathy.

**Fitts:** I always say that we have to maintain our state of amusement.



**Benjamin:** Humor is the best weapon.

**Fitts:** I had an absolutely dreadful experience with the *New York Times* when I was in the Bush Administration. Then I had an equally despicable experience with the *Washington Post* in the Clinton Administration while I was in litigation.

What I took away from that was I would never spend another minute on corporate media. I would never talk to them, and I wanted nothing to do with them. They had zero integrity. Whatever pathway I found, what I decided to do was only answer individual people's questions – not communicate directly with people. I don't need some big media; I'll just talk to people.

That ultimately led to The Solari Report and doing what I do. Much of what we have done regarding content is looking for people of integrity who can put one piece of the jigsaw puzzle down and who have integrity.

Everything became about integrity and wherever integrity would lead you. What was unusual was that there were so many great people who kept trying to deal within the system. Gary Webb, for example, kept trying to get back into the major media, and it ultimately killed him.

**Benjamin:** Such a sad story.

**Fitts:** By just following integrity, it turns out that the people who took that strategy got someplace.



So, what I would say to everybody listening or reading this is, “Each one of us in our own life needs to adopt the philosophy of ‘no material omission’. Wherever integrity takes you, it’s like stepping stones. You only step on the stones that have integrity, and you avoid everything that doesn’t have integrity. That will lead you to where you are supposed to be.”

If 5-10% of the people do it, who knows what is going to happen.

**Benjamin:** I think that is true, and the way that I would put it – and how I tried to act in my more recent life – is I never back away from my truth, but I don’t impose it on anyone either. That is a very balanced way to be. Never deny what you know to be true, but don’t antagonize people by insisting on it. That will give you equanimity and peace of mind.

**Fitts:** I also think that that ultimately brings down the edifice of secrecy.

**Benjamin:** Ultimately it does, and people respond to that kind of balanced calmness. I think that is another way of saying what I am trying to say.

When we wake up, we lose our ability to be calm because we tend to be outraged. Don’t lose your ability to be calm. Maintain your calmness. Be happy that you know what you know. That will resonate with people, and they will come and ask you. You won’t have to push your views on them. It resonates, and it has a positive energy.

**Fitts:** I hate to bring it back to Q Anon, but we all have to learn how to play.



**Benjamin:** I love him/her/it/them for that! We've forgotten how to play. That opens up a huge door which is wonderful to talk about and far beyond this conversation that is changing our consciousness, which we are going to need to do. Maybe it's in the context of this ultimate battle that we finally do it – which is to move to more of what some people call a 5D consciousness – where we are able to stand in what is true, and right, and just and yet stay detached at the same time. That is very hard to do. I think that people who are able to do it are not existing in this very heavy 3D realm entirely. They have moved beyond something. You know these people when you meet them.

For me, you are one of them. I am constantly amazed at how calm you stay in your interviews given some of the remarks that are thrown at you. I think that you model that really well.

**Fitts:** I look at the entire universe spiritually. I believe there is no material reason for poverty. There is no material reason for much of the suffering in the world. The minute I understood that the current economic wealth was 1% of what it could be, I've been, to some extent, laughing ever since.

**Benjamin:** It's so ridiculous!

**Fitts:** Yes. Our current situation, when you look at what it could be, is ridiculous. I have always felt like, "How did I get born into this primitive civilization? What is the matter with these people? Don't they know that it doesn't have to be like this?"



It was amazing because we recently stayed ten days in Uluru, which is one of my favorite places on the planet. (You have to go to Uluru.) We had two groups of Solari subscribers who are magnificent and are wonderful people.

It was comical because Richard and Jason had never hung out with a group of 20 Solari Report subscribers, and they didn't know what it was like; I did, so I knew what was going to happen.

It was like living in an advanced human civilization. It's so warm and wonderful. It feeds you in a way you can't imagine and you realize that it can be like this.

**Benjamin:** It can, and that is a consciousness that is beyond what we currently have as a species. Everyone is going to have to make that journey one by one. I think that many are making it.

The way that I see it, you can't be spiritually involved unless you know the truth. The reason I say that is because it's meaningless to say that you are balanced if you don't know what is going on. If you don't know about the evil, if you don't know, for example, about the rape of the country, or the destruction, or the slave markets, or the poisoning of the environment, or the vaccines; if you don't know that, then to say, "I'm evolved. I have a 5D consciousness and I'm balanced," is meaningless.

**Fitts:** You can't clear your fields. Have you ever read that story that I'm always talking about? It's the woman who killed her best friend and married her husband.



**Benjamin:** No, I haven't heard that.

**Fitts:** I'm sorry Solari Report subscribers, you are going to hear this story again.

This is very important because I am a big believer in morphogenic fields and the controlling power of the fields. I was in the city of London at an investment conference. Some investment manager stood up and told this story, and it took me years to find it. I have it up on my website because I had a wonderful client who loved Carl Jung and had all of Jung's books. I said, "You have to find this," and it took us years to find it, but we found it.

Jung had a patient who came to see him. She was very beautifully dressed, and was clearly from the upper echelons of society. She came in and said, "Look, I'm not going to give you my name because I'm only coming once."

Here was her story: She said that as a young woman she had gone to medical school and was a doctor. She had fallen in love with her best friend's husband and couldn't reconcile the tension. Being a doctor, she knew how to murder her best friend, and then proceeded to marry her best friend's husband.

From the moment she murdered her best friend and married the husband, everything went wrong. She had beautiful wolfhounds who all died. She was an accomplished horsewoman, and suddenly the horse bucked and threw her, and she couldn't ride.



She got pregnant right away, and soon after she got pregnant, her husband died. When her daughter was born, her daughter just hated her and as soon as she could, she ran off and she didn't know where her daughter was.

She was completely alone in society, and told Jung that wherever she was, the birds would stop singing. She told him that the birds knew. She came to him in the hopes that by telling him this story, she could somehow confess her sins and clear her field.

People always say, "Why don't you come and rebuild the local financials?" I always tell people that it's not going to work because the field is not cleared. Until you clear the field, the money can never work. It can work from printing, but clearing the field requires truth.

**Benjamin:** And reconciliation requires truth. That's why it's truth and reconciliation. Reconciliation will be the sign of a species that is able to have that empathy field to touch, standing in what is right, but not doing a reign of terror a la 1793. We have to avoid 1793. We have to because that got us nowhere for another two centuries.

**Fitts:** If you look at the level of corruption, it is essentially all of us.

**Benjamin:** Ending the secrecy and getting the truth is step one. Then we have to maintain our wits, our balance, our humor, and our empathy, and move on to reconciliation. That is going to be very hard.

**Fitts:** And we have to institute the structural changes that will create the infrastructure that you need for an advanced civilization.



We need all these different things – whether it's financial systems, or government systems, or all the different things that we have been talking about. You need that infrastructure, and you can't build that infrastructure unless you have the right intention going forward.

**Benjamin:** Speaking of changing the infrastructure, I'm going to mention the Q one last time. I was intrigued because, in the course I'm teaching this semester to law students, there is a great deal of political theory in it. I was going over Locke's ideas, as I always do. He is always in my hip pocket. I showed them the Declaration of Independence, saying, "When the government becomes tyrannical, you have to fight to change its form."

I did that about two weeks ago and last week Q posted that paragraph from the Declaration of Independence. He said just that.

So, he is saying that we need to change our form of government. He's not saying to amend the Constitution – because I agree with you, the Constitution is fine as is.

I don't think that he was saying to change the Constitution. He's saying that the mutant government that has grown since JFK's assassination needs to be overthrown – not the Constitutional framework that it's grown out of, but the mutant government that has perverted the Constitution.

**Fitts:** The thing that is amazing about the US is that we have too many laws, but we have many good laws. I think that the Constitution is a good law and I think that the financial management laws in the Federal government are good.



**Benjamin:** I would say that the Constitution of the United States is exceptional.

Now, when anyone talks about American exceptionalism, that is the one area where I totally agree. Our Constitution, and our Declaration of Independence, and our Bill of Rights are exceptional. Have we lived up to them? Not always. Are we living up to them now? No, not really at all, but those principles are exceptional.

That is what Lincoln said when he said that we were the best hope of earth. He wasn't talking about us personally. We were genociding the Native American Indians at the time; he was talking about our principles.

**Fitts:** If you look at those evil geniuses who set off the room – and I agree that they do – one of their favorite tactics is to say, “Oh, it's not working. We need a new model,” or, “We need a new system. Let's all invent a new model.”

They are very clever at getting people to constantly move towards something that gets them where they want to go with this idea that we need something new.

**Benjamin:** The thing that we always have to remember is that it's ‘We the people.’ That is another thing that Q says all the time, “We the people.” That's it and it starts with us.

This is one of my frustrations of living in a constitutional monarchy. I hate the fact that they have no document that starts, “We the people.”



Their constitutional framework is rooted to this prose of, basically, 1701, and their sovereign is the Queen, not the people.

When you go to the door that says ‘Boss’ in this country, the Queen is behind it, not the people. I think that is so galling and insulting. I say that to my students. “Don’t you want to go to a republic? If you’re the boss, don’t you want the sign on your door to say ‘boss’? Don’t you want that?”

I’ll never give up my US passport for that reason. I will never, ever give it up. And that is ironic because this society is so much gentler than America. Given the way that American society is now, I much prefer living here, but I will never give up my American passport.

**Fitts:** I would say that America is the military for the Anglo-American Alliance. In other words, there is something called the Anglo-American Alliance, and America’s role is to be the military, but it’s not the top of the Anglo-American Alliance. Of course, the question is: Who is? How does the top really work? However, we will save that for another day.

**Benjamin:** That is a conversation that would not be complete unless we brought in Israel, of course, but that is a conversation for another day.

**Fitts:** Oh, what are we going to do with Israel?

**Benjamin:** I think that you and I will probably agree on this. Luckily, because my family is half Jewish, I can be as anti-Israel as I want and as anti-Zionist as I want and not get into any trouble.



**Fitts:** Here is my challenge. I dealt with the Zionists when I was in Washington, and I cannot come up with a logical explanation for their madness. They're nuts! They are absolutely nuts. It is one of the great mysteries of my life. Is it similar to a chemical imbalance?

**Benjamin:** I was very happy when Q said in regards to cleaning things up, "First Saudi Arabia, then the US and Asia, and then Europe." Then on March 10<sup>th</sup> (my birthday) was the drop, and he said, "We are saving Israel for last," and I was happy to hear that.

**Fitts:** Talk about a field!

This has been a fantastic conversation. *The Many Faces of Secrecy* I cannot recommend enough and we will have a link up on the website.

Before we go, is there anything else that you would like to say or communicate?

**Benjamin:** I think we have covered so much, and I am so grateful for you asking me to come on. I'll leave my view with your listeners that if ever there is a time you pay attention – and I'm preaching to the converted on your show, but for the listeners to say to their friends and family, and maybe this is all that you need to say – it is now. Don't feed them any substantive views of any kind. Just say, "Pay attention," and hopefully enough will.

**Fitts:** I always say that if we each do what we can, a mighty army arises.



**Benjamin:** Thank you so much.

**Fitts:** Thank you, this has been terrific. Enjoy New Zealand and if there is anything that The Solari Report team can do to support you, let us know. We are in 'cahoots'.

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