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The Matrix is very, very real

There was a trio of movies starring Keanu Reeves called the Matrix. The basic premise of these movies was that we are living in a dream-like 'existence' that was constructed for us by an unseen enemy. The reality was that we were merely living a life totally controlled by that enemy. We had no free will, no communication with any other humans. What we thought of as our 'lives' was simply a computerized construct that was created to keep us docile and controlled.

And, dear readers, the plot is not as far-fetched as many of us seem to think. Around the world, there are billions of people who are living in a dream-like world created by those political elites of all kinds, both left and right. In many countries their control is so total that the people have no chance at self-expression or self-fulfillment. I do not need to list these countries, as we all know who they are. But one, in particular, bears our attention, as what has happened there is precisely what is happening here.

I am speaking of Chile. **This story** is not known by many, even though it happened only a very short time ago. Retold to us by Stephen Moore, the reading will take only minutes. Yet it may help make clear that we are living in very dangerous times.

As Americans, in the wealthiest country in the world, we may not see the dangers approaching. Or perhaps we see them, but simply decide to ignore them because we are comfortable as we are now.

"As we are now." Funny phrase. The left will shortly be introducing their plan to completely "remake America". "As we are now" is quickly disappearing, and is to be replaced entirely. And the Biden administration is telling us today that the cost will be \$5 Trillion. That is money they have to take from us to spend it. \$5 Trillion is \$14,000 from every man, woman and child. I can assure you that \$5 Trillion is only the lead. The full cost will include \$45 Trillion for the Green New Deal, maybe \$60 Trillion for national health care, \$8 Trillion for student debt forgiveness. These figures are what the left has been telling us for the last few years. If all this looks inviting to you, welcome to the matrix. You are trading your freedom for what you hope is a safe, secure life. And it will be, until all that borrowing has to be paid back.

Then you will know the Matrix is a lie. Read the above story about **Chile** and let the similarities sink in. Look at how Chileans live now, and ask yourself if that is how you want your life to play out. Or the life of your kids and grand kids.

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He who gives his freedom for safety, gets neither.

Thomas Jefferson

Where to get knowledge

1. Hillsdale.edu
2. Newsmax.com
3. Oann.com
4. ConventionOfStates.com
5. WesternJournal.com
6. Solari.com
7. TheEpochTimes.com
8. Conservative.org
9. AmericanThinker.com

Humor is the best medicine

The problem isn't guns. It's hearts without God, and homes without discipline

And...

We don't watch CNN for the same reason we don't drink from the toilet.

Further information on the left's destruction of Federalism can be found in [this link](#). There are so many assaults on the things we have held dear, it is hard to decide which is most important. This is a good candidate.

Federalism, and its demise

Federalism is a form of governance that was created by our Constitution of 1789. In it, power is shared between a central government and the various local, state, governments. The 10th Amendment speaks specifically to this sharing. However, the left wants to get rid of Federalism, and make the national government the only one. This would create a Frankenstein monster of immense power.

In order to get where they want to go, the left needs to legislate the many states out of their constitutionally guaranteed powers. HR1 is the most brazen attempt yet to destroy Federalism. Here are a few of its provisions:

1. Gives the federal government authority to administer elections.
2. Limits the ability to challenge H.R. 1 in court
3. Mandates automatic voter registration in all 50 states
4. Mandates no-fault absentee ballots in all states
5. Prevents election officials from removing ineligible voters from registries or confirming the eligibility and qualifications of voters
6. Requires states to obtain approval from the federal government before implementing any changes to voting rules
7. Bans state voter ID laws: States would no longer be allowed to require ID for voting and would be forced to accept signed statements from individuals claiming to verify who they say they are
8. Ensure illegal immigrants can vote
9. Allows same-day voter registration
10. Allows 16-year-olds to register to vote
11. Allows felons to vote
12. Legalizes nationwide mail-in voting, without photo ID
13. Promotes ballot harvesting
14. Requires states to accept ballots 10 days after Election Day

There is a lot more. To get details on what these changes mean, read this story from [The Epoch Times](#). Nearly everything listed above is currently illegal, and for obvious reasons. But if you want to create another Chile, this is the path you have to travel.

Like it or not, we are each being forced to make a choice. And understand this: Not to choose is to choose.

One of your fellow subscribers, an immigrant from Cuba, told me:

"Once we were disarmed, only then we were able to see the real evil of our new leaders."