

Michael McCormick Interview with Naomi Wolf

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forewarning about the 10 steps to Fascism.

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Naomi: I wrote "Give Me Liberty: A Handbook for American Revolutionaries" as a sequel to "The End of America" because when I was traveling around the country warning people of these "10 Steps to Fascism," these 10 steps to a closed society that I saw always are put in place, when a would-be leader...I beg your pardon, a would-be-dictator wants to crush a democracy or close an open society.

Many people rightly saw that what I was saying was true, they saw the signs all around them. Everything from:

Step 1 hyping an internal and external treat that is terrifying,
Step 2 creating a secret prison system outside rule of law where torture takes place
Step 3 creating a paramilitary force not answerable to the people
Step 4 creating a surveillance apparatus

And, they freaked out, understandably as they should, and they said: What do we do? So, I wrote a sequel, which is what do we do. It's like:

First we get terrified; then we get down to work. And, that's "Give Me Liberty". I looked at times and places where citizens were faced with the closing of an open society and who successfully fought back. Because, we are in an emergency and in a crisis today. And, I want to get back to that today, quickly.

And the second thing I did I looked back on the founders, and I don't just mean the well known white men, property holders, but the whole founding generation, ordinary people many of them not named by history: farmers, artisans, washer women, and enslaved African Americans. All of whom had this vision of liberty, and moved it forward and put their lives on the line to make it real.

And I wanted to go back to what are the core principles that America is suppose to give us. Because, we are being manipulated and brain washed so far away from that with fake democracy, fake patriotism.

The last part of the book is a practical how to: we need a battle plan. A coup has taken place, and people need to know how to fight back. The worse thing to happen when there is a coup is confusion. And that is what you see in Pakistan. I was in touch with the democracy activists. They were just like lefties here, just like activists here. They were running around infighting, frantic, bad communications. Yet they were able to push back when they finally organized and realized what had happened. And so Americans are facing a coup as of this morning, as of Oct 1, and confirmed this morning. It's happened.

And, we have almost no time to push back. We have to understand: it is an emergency.

So, in the last 1/3 of the book, it is a practical how to do everything from:
Become your own media Write the opeds Frame the debate Start your own political movements
Organize democracy commando units to put pressure on your representatives.

But, now that the coup is here, rather than looming, I am adding pieces to the battle plan. We've got a movement that you can join at

Myamericaproject.org You can screen a film to terrify people and alert them to the threat, if they don't read books at:

Endofamericamovie.com But, most urgently the most crucial step is to understand the nature of the threat.

And, to act accordingly. So, on Monday, I am going to be posting ramped up how tos: more urgent how tos.

Among them: How to Arrest the President because a Coup has taken place.

Mike: Last we talked things were bad. And, we have seen things getting worse since then, can you summarize the things you find most disturbing.

Naomi: I sure can.

And, I am very sorry to have to be the messenger for this.

But, I am grateful to have your voice and podium because the last time we talked about it, it reached nearly 100,000 people.

And, so people have to listen to this, take it seriously, don't trust me, don't trust you Mike, back it up, look at the research, and then tell everybody you know. We need action. We need Millions of People Rising Up.

First, why should you trust me when I tell you how scared I am.

Last fall, you and I talked Mike, I said within six months, according to the blue print which is always predictive, you are going to start to see ...the definition of terrorism expand so that you are going to see headlines where people who look like ordinary Americans are going to be charged as terrorists. I just met (Ian Becon) the brother of Monica (Becon) a middle class white guy from the midwest, clean shaven, well scrubbed average American Joe, terrified because his sister for protesting has been named as a terrorist and is facing a quarter of a million dollars in legal fees and possibly many years in prison.

I said last fall that you are going to start to see mass arrests within six months. Those mass arrests occurred. They were sweeps of immigrants. They were terrifying. They were processed behind closed doors, behind blacked out windows.

I think that they were practice.

I said you are going to start seeing journalists being arrested. Dozens of journalists were arrested at the RNC including Amy Goodman and Jane Hampshire of Firedoglake. And, we haven't seen a lot of video footage of the RNA because I was chilled to discover that Police exposed the film of protesters, or ruined the recording apparatus of protestors. And so, we posted some chilling footage on the website for our organization ...where you can see the abuse of citizens.

But, the person who got us that footage had to bury it until after he was released from his arrest so he could retrieve it.

This is what happens in the Soviet Union, this is what happens in a closed society.

And, then I said that you are going to start to see it being easier for the president to declare martial law, to declare a state of emergency.

And, I said, and I have been saying for months, leading up to the election, you are going to start to see Instability Hyped threats, hyped emergencies, hyped crises. In order to create an atmosphere of urgency To Justify a crackdown.

And, I am sorry to tell you, every single one of those things has come true. And, so I am very sorry to tell you,

But, I feel like, kind of, I don't know, I feel like this is my one chance to alert America.

This morning...I was told about ts last night, and I couldn't believe it--the way you can't believe these things in America, but check it out.

Go to C-Span Go to YouTube Type in: Representative Brad Sherman and Martial Law.

There is a clip on C-Span, which explains a lot, if its true. But, He is a Democratic Representative from 27th District

Sherman Oaks North Ridge California. I have no reason to believe he is insane. And he is Saying In private conversations That the administration

has hyped an atmosphere of crisis Around the bailout. And I believe it Because, look at the language Bush is using.

It is not to stabilize markets. It's: This is an emergency; Be afraid; Its coming to you; It's going to get worse and worse.

This is not FDR language. This is the way you whip up agitated markets. It's not the way you calm them.

Sara Pelan said 20 times, "We are in crisis mode!", "We are in crisis mode!", "We are in crisis mode!"

Rep. Sherman said That in private conversations, He didn't name a subject which makes sense,

sense,

It was very brave of him to do this, he said in private conversations Members have been told If they didn't pass the bailout bill, the market was going to go down A thousand points everyday. And, by Monday he said they would be facing martial law. They were threatened with martial law.

He said several members in private conversations were threatened with martial law, if they didn't do as he said.

Now, why should we take this seriously? This is my other terrible piece of news, but we have to wake up, we have to wake up.

On October 1,

The Brigade of the Third Infantry Division Was deployed In the United States of American for first time since 1807

When a Bright line was placed preventing the military from policing American streets. A military brigade that's 3,000-4,000 soldiers has been brought in to police our streets. Army Times reported it; don't take my word for it Now, why is this terrifying?

Three things

What is the definition of a police state? A police state is when the leader has his own army on the street and his own treasury. Bear with me.

The bailout bill had fine print that gave the president alone a 100 billion dollars in discretionary spending with no oversight.

Who knows what the final bill looks like? We haven't seen the fine print.

But, I am willing to bet you that there is an intervention by the president that gives him more power than he had before in the national economy. You see this always in a police state, the leader intervenes into the national economy and creates a chunk of it that doesn't have adequate oversight or that empowers him further.

The second thing you always see the definition of a police state is troops on the ground in civilian contexts.

Now, why am I terrified by these troops. Why should I not be reassured. Oh, these are our guys. And, it's America.

Here's why: If you look at the history of closing societies, what starts to happen, this happened in Italy in 1920, it happened in

Germany in 1933, what starts to happen, is it will still be a democracy but the president, or the leader, or the furher will start to find a way to deploy military forces at his discretion. Now these soldiers are not answerable to the Congress of the United States.

They are answerable to the President of the United States. He is the Commander in Chief. hat is the chain of command. That is the chain of command.

So, he can send these troops to your home. He can send these troops to outside voting booths. He can send them to protests.

He can send them inside the halls of Congress which is what both Muselini and Hitler did when it was still a Democracy to intimate legislators, as clearly he is starting to intimidate legislat ors.

Bear with me. These troops, their mission according to theArmy Times is rowd control, subduing unruly individuals and responding in a potential emergency. And, I talked to the brother last night here in Seattle of a soldier who is engaged in training exercises with the First Brigade. So, why is it so terrifying that their mission is crowd control. They are going to use the same technologies of crowd control they used in Iraq according to Army Times. That includes Tazers and rubber bullets. Tazers have killed 300 citizens already. And, rubber bullets are so lethal against citizens, that the United Kingdom has withheld their use because they killed so many people in Ireland. ow, subduing unruly individuals that means legally that they can define owever they want. If you are arguing about being purged from voters roles, you are an unruly individual. If you are protesting another stolen election, you are unruly individual. But, even more terrifying than that, you know these are our kids. They are. But first of all, do not be deluded that if someone is of the same nationality as the citizens and soldiers that they will not follow orders.

The Zimbardo's experiments and history show that soldiers follow orders.

These same kids, these decent young men and women have been sent to Iraq and they have followed orders that have given them nightmares, and post traumatic stress syndrome.

As a matter of policy they have been charged with torturing.
As a matter of policy they have been charged with intimidating civilians.
As a matter of policy the U.S. military takes hostage wives and husbands of suspected insurgents and holds them and essentially kidnaps them to pressure people to turn themselves in.

As a matter of policy the U.S. military has followed orders to lock up journalists. There are eight journalists in U.S. custody in Iraq.

Now, I am going to close the circle and scare you to death, because I am scared to death. Well, you can say, it's America. It's America. We have civilian law. The President and his lawyers have successfully established a legal claim for the war on terror that the whole world is a battle field. And so, the whole world you can call someone an enemy combatant, and detain them, disappear them, even torture them. If the whole world is a battlefield, and there are troops on the ground in American, how is America not a battlefield, legally. If the whole world is a battlefield and there are troops on the ground in American, how does military law not supersede civilian law?

And closing the circle finally, when Brad Sherman says we have been threatened with martial law, before the First Brigade was deployed that would have been an empty threat because National Guard responds to the Governors and we managed to stop Blackwater by enough people screaming and yelling to keep them from being deployed as the President's army.

The President now has an army. The President now has an army. What is the purpose of having 3,000 to 4,000 soldiers who will do your bidding or else face serious repercussions, to make good, among other things, to make it serious, to be able to threaten our Congress with martial law if they don't do as he says.

And what I want to tell you, if Congress thinks, if this is true, and if Congress thinks they can stop a threat of martial law by caving, you know, they have to look at history. Because the pattern is once you yield, it is exactly like Mussolini, Mussolini did exactly this in 1920 with Parliament. Once you yield to the first threat, instead of arresting the leader who has staged the coup, you see more and more and more serious incursions.

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Mike: You know there was a lot of parallels with the bailout bill that was just passed and the patriot act.

The sense of fear. We have to do something very quickly. The change from the original bill being 4 pages to now close to 500 pages, where you know that our elected representatives did not read that.

Patriot act was rushed through with the same sense of urgency.

They were told they were not patriotic if they did not pass it. I have held the patriot act it weights as much as a newborn baby. It is like 7 pounds. They were given like 6 hours in the middle of the night to read it and pass it.

I think we are going to find that with this bill, as I say if it follows historical pattern, that the president, especially with his personal army now, is in a position that he will be very difficult to be told no to, and that is the definition of a coup.

Mike: It is also interesting that the Army under Rumsfeld had changed its oath recently, so it has a completely new oath that uh

Naomi: The warriors creed, right...is that what you are talking about?

Mike: I believe so and it..

Naomi: The Commander in Chief rather than the constitution...

Mike: The mission, completing the mission is like the top priority.

Naomi: Oh, rather than serving the constitution.

Mike: Yeah, well, it's the first thing mentioned.

Naomi: Yeah.

Mike: So...

Naomi: Wait. But, can we just not stop there.

Naomi: I mean, we have to get out of the habits of thinking in a democracy. We have to understand, that we're thinking...police state.
October 1st the coup took place. October 1, 2008 the coup in America took place. So, we have a small window, a small window to act.
But we have to realize... We have to speed up our reflexes because we are in police state time. We are in Coup Time. We have to think like Pakistanis.
And, we are in an emergency. And, one of the things you have to do...

The only safe thing is to arrest the people who have staged the coup. Now, Congress isn't going to do it: they are intimidated. And, they don't have the powers. The army can't do it unless they go outside the chain of command.
Although, I am very disturbed that I was also told last night that there is an active discussion on military internet discussion boards about whether or not to obey continuity of government orders. I was told this last night. I haven't checked it out for myself.
But, it's another distressing signal.

We have got to get these people arrested, and investigated. We've got to seize their computers.
We've got to keep them from being able to continue what is clearly...an armed insurrection. I mean, this is the definition of treason. It's an insurrection has taken place. It happens to be the Commander in Chief who has done it. But, an armed insurrection has taken place.

We don't have much time.
So, what Vince Bugliosi has very brilliantly pointed out in his book, "The Prosecution of George W. Bush for Murder" is that it is legal, although now that military law is United States law, you know,
the reason to act, before we start getting into these kinds of conflicts, where believe me Civilian law doesn't win.

But, as of right now, we are in a position to press our District Attorneys who do have the authority according to Bugliosi to arrest the President.
There is one brave would-be District Attorney who has promised to do that if she is elected. But, we don't have time for that. We have to press our DAs to arrest him now.

Mike: So no promising DAs existing that will stand up to this?
Naomi: We are just sending out the call right now. I mean, Hello, this is news headlines, it's happening in real time. So, I am asking your listeners to forward this video virally and to get these people arrested because they have staged a coup.
Mike: Are you talking about the Brad Sherman video.
Naomi: No, forward this video we are creating right now.
Mike: Oh, got you, got you.
Naomi: Certainly forward the Brad Sherman video as well.

Mike: Well, and, you had mentioned previously some other videos which other website are they at, theendofamericamovie.com

That is where you can download very soon the Users Guide to Bill of Rights Users Guide to the Constitution.
My argument has been that We have been propagandized to forget our rights as citizens in order to make us pliable to this kind of power grab.
(Some other things we can do) Reject homeland security money Call representatives Call city council (this homeland security money is used in)
Training them to make war against citizens. Also, To pay for law suits for those who refuse to fight American citizens.
Homeland Security Money is Ransom money To buy off the rights of American citizens. Most urgently Set up fund to pay legal expense
For soldiers who are persuaded to put down arms. It is now legal for the president to direct soldiers to make war against American citizens because 2007 Authorization Act.

They can be prosecuted if they do not follow the law. want to start a fund to support military families Because, unfortunately this is legal.
Reach out o military families There is a higher patriotism. There is a higher patriotism.
Again, most urgently is to arrest the criminals. That is the most important thing to do. It

is a state of emergency. Not business as usual. There is not going to be an election as usual. If he can declare on October 3 that he can declare martial law, if people don't do what he wants. Why on earth would he hand over power to Barack Obama, the Presidency, the election? That is crazy thinking. That is denial. And, we have to snap out of it. (History of our) Founding generation is Source of my sense of courage. Offers (courage to) people in time of crisis like this. The founding generation Early Americans were facing George the 3rd Mercenaries Doing what the First Brigade ...Policing civilian streets Bursting in homes Terrifying women, Molesting them (Frightening children) Founders knew how Ordinary people rose up again and again. Boston tea party, act of guerrilla theater Very brave Ordinary Americans enraged by this assault on their liberties
First contract in declaration of independence That these citizens took into their hearts You are committed as an American.
African Americans enslaved risked their lives to bring many lawsuits against the legislatures for their freedom.
Rights are universal.

When tyrants loom You have do everything to oppose it. go back to core principles:

1st Principle:

You are not entitled to speak freely; You are obliged to speak freely. Not entitled, but obliged. People are feeling fearful.

2nd Principle:

Rebel continually against injustice and oppression.

3rd Principle:

Ordinary people are supposed to run things.

We've been told again and again leave it to us - to the politicians and the pundits. The constitutional scholars know ordinary people in America are supposed to be the leaders the agents of change, and right now your country needs you- transpartisan right or left your country needs you to see this coup for what it is.

4th Principle:

Cherish rule of law.

Americans cherish the rule of law- we're not supposed to sit idly by when it is subverted and perverted- Why do people all over the world envy us - its not our standard of living - although that's nice, It's how we feel inside because we are so free o we have been because we cherish the rule of law -- judges tend not to be corrupt; the constitution has protected us- that's what people envy- that's going to disappear unless we rise up against this violation of the rule of law.

5th Principle:

America had no established God.

- this is so important - these people are seizing power in the name of a theocracy- I didn't used

to think this is true- not that they are driven by faith but they are using faith as a mobilizing tool- Sarah Palin is going to extend that theocracy - I've written a piece about that- The founders wanted to ensure that this was a country of religious freedom -where you were free in your conscience because they had come from places where religious minorities, Christian minorities, were persecuted by the states. America establishes no God .

6th Principle:

We're supposed to deliberate with our neighbours

- we're the ones who are supposed to be having the debates not the right over here and left over there - we are supposed to be face to face with one another-In town meetings, in city meetings, deliberating, setting the agenda ourselves.

7th Principle:

Liberty is universal.

We cannot maintain an oppressive empire and still be Americans -America is supposed to understand that liberty is a universal human right. We are supposed to divest of an oppressive empire - and become a Republic again and truly send out and support liberty abroad rather than subverting democracies and turning a blind eye to them as citizens .

Finally, this new American Revolution
Begins psychologically. it begins by taking into our hearts that each of us is called upon
by our founders to stand up for freedom.

And the good news- we have to get the word out- is that historically when millions of
people rise up in time but the time it's past
midnight Now . I used to say it is October of 1931. N o but now I'm going to say it's
February 1933 and everything closed down for good
in April of 1933 in Germany. There is no more time - so we have to understand that when
millions of people rise up together- oppressors
are bullies and bullies are tyrants and historically what happens is they flee, they cave
and they turn each other in. That's why you have
to move aggressively. You have to arrest these people. You have to move into the rest of
the cabal - You have to get a warrant to get
their computers, declare what has happened i.e. that a coup has taken place- and when you
find these people are charged and they're in
custody that's when they start to back off and turn on one another - it happened with the
Stasi and it happened with Joe McCarthy, But
the time is NOW!!

Thank you so much Mike I appreciate you giving me the time to get the word out!

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an update from Naomi Wolf:
Battle Plan Actions:

1. Wake up. Resist the temptation to yield to denial. This is exactly as bad as it sounds. Tell everyone you know. Even our representatives do not understand this. I reported the deployment in Baltimore last week -- the head of the city council had heard nothing about it. A citizen told me tonight that when John Kerry was in Massachusetts a few days ago, when told of the First Brigade's deployment, he said he had not heard of it.
2. Groups like the Center for Constitutional Rights, The National Lawyers Guild and the ACLU are our army now. They are our leadership in the legal fight while we fight in the trenches. We need to at least quintuple their budgets IMMEDIATELY. They need to hire enough brigades of lawyers to get us out of prison and to fight these abuses. Fundraisers for them and write them the biggest checks you can NOW.
3. Form yourselves into Democracy Commando teams of twenty to thirty citizens. I give you the technique in Give Me Liberty. You basically register your friends and set out tactically to support your U.S. representative and let the field office know what you have done so that your voice is as powerful as that of the special interests' and lobbyists.
4. Tell your representatives about the deployment. Bombard your city council members, state representatives and Congress people to pass laws immediately to stop their operation on your streets and to disarm the Homeland-Security-corrupted police forces in your town.
5. Call on your U.S. representatives to overturn the Patriot Act and on your state representatives to do the same to any state Patriot Acts. Demand that city council members ban the use of Tasers, rubber bullets and preemptive arrest. Most urgently, demand that they refuse any additional Homeland Security money. Establish and publicize communities that are refusing Homeland Security money. This has to be as firm as sanctions against South Africa. It is entirely tainted, it is blood money and it is being used to wage war against citizens.
6. Fundraise for ads in your local media to alert people to the threat of Homeland Security money and military deployment. Write op-eds for your local media.
7. Prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi (The Prosecution of George W. Bush for Murder) has written a powerful and carefully argued case for the trial for murder of George Bush. He asserts that any district attorney in the country from whose district a soldier has been killed in Iraq can bring charges. Call your DA and ask that he or she file charges against George Bush for

murder. I argue that a coup has taken place, without the headlines. History shows that only prosecution of such leaders secures society adequately for accountable elections and general stability.

8. Call on Republican voters you know to alert them to the danger. Ask them to bombard their representatives with demands that they form a Patriots' Committee to break ranks with the regime. The Committee must let the attorneys know they will have a bloc of support on the Hill. Ask your Senators and Congressmen to reach out to disaffected CIA State Department and U.S. Military leaders to sign a new Declaration of Independence, a personal commitment to refuse to comply with a rogue government that has deployed U.S. forces at home.

9. Write to military Web sites explaining that troops have been deployed in violation of the principle of posse comitatus -- which has been subverted. Ask family members to request that troops that have been deployed against America lay down their arms and refuse orders. Tell them this is a higher patriotism. Set up a set of funds where citizens -- especially major donors -- of both parties can set up escrow accounts to help military families with the legal prosecutions and other harassment that will follow.

10. Print out copies of the User's Guide to the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights (see www.myamericaproject.org for the documents) and pass them out to everyone you see. While there, sign up with our new mission to witness the vote, to raise money for the lawyers, to organize real protest, to fight this war for liberty.

11. Remember that without liberty we are nothing. Remember that the Founders counted on us to act. Remember that courage is called for in times such as these.