

"Resistance is Futile - You will be Assimilated"

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The popular science fiction series *Star Trek* features the occasional episode wherein the characters encounter a composite race of space travelers known as the Borg. The Borg have no home world as far as we're told. They exist on cube-shaped craft that will easily outrun our hero's star ships. They possess weapons too terrible to defend against. The Borg achieve technological superiority by wandering through the universe assimilating every race they encounter and converting both the victim's biology and knowledge into what is known as "the collective". Once the inhabitants of a world are successfully integrated into the collective, everything left behind is destroyed.

The Borg concept of perfection is to become an amalgam of every species that ever existed thereby enjoying access to their knowledge and their persons down to the last particle of DNA. Indeed, possession of so much information has provided them with tools for biological assimilation, superior weapons, particularly rapid forms of travel and the ability to merge biological and technological components into a Borg drone. As far as we know the Borg never reproduce, they can only grow by preying upon the resources of others. The Borg never create anything new; they assimilate and exploit the creations of others. One either surrenders to the will of the collective or risks destruction.

Individuality within the Borg community is nearly nonexistent. All members of the collective are linked telepathically to think and act as one - guided from some core imperative with their society's design. In at least one episode I recall, there was an "individual" who could carry on an independent conversation . . . a sort of Borg queen who reasoned with as yet unassimilated characters in the story - trying to convince them of the folly of resistance. One might

extrapolate the existence of a few other individuals within the Borg hierarchy, like the queen, who enjoy the ultimate exercise of individuality and power at the head of the collective.

Individual drones within the collective are interesting . . . unassimilated species may move about within a group of drones who go about their tasks oblivious to the presence of our heroes. However, should drones detect an activity considered hostile to the collective, the unassimilated are either destroyed or assimilated. Further, , there's always a risk that any population can find itself a target for the collective's next wholesale assimilation.

Government is always seeking information. Anyone who has the slightest contact with a government agency may be required to supply information. A recent flap over extra intrusive questions by the census bureau is but a tiny tip of the iceberg. Government is involved in virtually every aspect of our lives and insists on knowing things about our health, ethnicity, what we buy, what we own, how much debt we've acquired, what we earn, where we were born, who our parents are, what organizations we join - the list is endless. Government injects itself into our food chain, the manufacture of virtually every product we purchase, and often insists that we have a license or permission to manufacture, sell or use many legal products. Business in this country is obliged to fill out intrusive forms to satisfy government's desire to publish monthly reports on the state of the collective.

Government acquires and maintains huge information banks on most of what goes on . . . all in the name of serving the people. Knowledge can be a beneficial thing. Information can be power as well. FBI files brought to the White House can have but one purpose . . . to provide some individual the power of force or

fraud over another individual. What is the purpose of the census questionnaire that people found so objectionable? It's no secret. Government spent millions of dollars to distribute the form and advertise its purpose in great detail in printed media and on national TV and radio. In every case, government wants information in order to decide how it distributes money taken from people who earned it and give it to people who didn't earn it. Government never tells us that up to 70% of dollars confiscated for distribution to worthy causes is used to maintain drones who administrate the funds. All carried out under the guise of promoting hundreds if not thousands of "valuable" public works programs.

First, understand that government never adds value to its products offered in the name of public good. Government activities never make a profit . . . every function of government operates at great loss; the value of what comes out is a small fraction of what goes in. Government offers nothing merchantable for which people will pay more than it costs to produce.

Like the Borg, government asserts itself in the lives of species from snail darters to the most affluent of the world's citizens. Recent acts by government on behalf of citizens have included taxpayer financed attacks on our society's strongest, most knowledgeable members which serve only to drive up the cost of goods that taxpayers purchase. Plunder of government raids accrues to a few within the collective who are revered for their ability extract resources for themselves and to support the collective's mission of assimilation.

It's not difficult to identify those who enjoy individuality within the current collective . . . just watch television news and read the paper. Make a note of those who mount attacks, claim exemption from the law or brush the Constitution aside in the name of an overriding emergency or moral imperative.

Most citizens move among government's drones without calling attention to themselves thereby escaping loss of property or liberty. To avoid demonstrably hazardous special attention, citizens are obliged to pay tribute-on-demand to the collective. Expression of individuality within the collective in protest of wrongdoing can have the most severe

consequences. Any form of resistance risks destruction by any of government's agents who have great power to strip an individual of property and liberty. The collective possesses weaponry and battle vehicles capable wreaking great havoc upon any target of its displeasure. Further, it has repeatedly demonstrated a willingness to utilize such force against US citizens.

Seeking truth is given lip service but whistle blowers are almost always suppressed or destroyed. Like the Borg, government passage through the lives of people leaves a trail of pillage ranging from molestation of livelihood to total destruction. Anyone particularly successful in the creation of wealth or knowledge is at-risk for attack by the collective's drones - no matter how compliant they try to be with wishes of the collective.

The only defense against assimilation is knowledge combined with the understanding and will to use it. Government says it wants to improve education but after decades and expending billions of confiscated dollars, there is no sign that government programs have done anything except exacerbate the slide in performance of US students. A few within the collective understand full well that the most potent weapon against assimilation is a knowledgeable voter who truly comprehends the lies about "a better life under the collective." Government assistance for education comes with the price tag of doing things government's way. Teaching the skills of critical, individual thought and quest for the universe's truths is dangerous to the collective's goals. Government assistance is willingly offered only to schools where most teachers and administrators are already assimilated.

Truly educated individuals with initiative don't NEED governing and will resist assimilation. The ignorant, dependent and uninspired cannot survive without the collective and will readily submit to assimilation. When the later become the majority of our populace, the downhill slide begins. We are teetering at the edge right now. The current wave of prosperity offers a means by which anyone who is willing can do well. For most of the ignorant and apathetic the path to independence is education.

Schools are the most universal key to the success of this country. However, if we continue to offer collective-approved curricula delivered by teachers who are already assimilated, resistance will not be possible. For the moment, small enclaves of the resistance are demonstrating exemplary success by educating their children at home. I am concerned for these brave souls. When the collective perceives them for the threat they represent, there will be an autonomic response from within to protect itself in the only way it knows - destroy the threat.

If the Borg are as powerful and irresistible as they seem to be, the very last episode of *Star Trek* will chronicle the assimilation of all life and knowledge which will become stagnant and lifeless - lacking individuality and initiative to make it grow. Nothing of value will remain over which the Borg may exert its awesome power. Everything creative upon which it feeds will have been consumed and it will die.

Unchecked from its present course, government as we know it is also doomed. Hopefully there will be seeds

of individuality and independence from which a new beginning will grow. The cost will be terrible and there is always a danger that small minds with too much power and horrible tools will destroy us all. How long are we willing to wait-and-see before we put knowledgeable, honorable people who **understand** what they know in charge of our destiny?

Government employs half of the nation's workforce. A considerable portion of the populace is already dependent upon government. A substantial membership of the community of educators are already members of the collective. Assimilation is well under way. If we extrapolate current trends into the future, can we foresee anything but total assimilation of every individual into a collective that possess all knowledge and power? An entity that lacks understanding, imagination, initiative, and knowledge to create anything of value? Government would have us believe that "resistance is futile". May I suggest that "compliance is terminal."

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