Editorial

Exposing the Really Big Lie

The pattern of lies in the Western media is ubiquitous. Take just a few:

- Russian President Putin's plain talk about NATO imperial aggression against Russia and Western support for Ukrainian neo-Nazis, is dismissed as "paranoia."
- Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff was reelected by a "hair's breadth," they say (actually 3%). When Barack Obama won in 2012 by a similar margin, it was a "mandate."
- Barack Obama lies that you can only get Ebola by "coming into direct contact with the bodily fluids of someone with symptoms"—while serious scientists *know* that we have limited knowledge of this virus, and must carry out a military-style mobilization to stop it now, starting in West Africa.

Every single one of these lies has serious implications. Accepting them can lead to decisions that will result in the destruction of human civilization by war, economic collapse, or pestilence. But they cannot be countered one by one. What must be faced is the really *big lie* underlying them. It is by exposing and challenging that lie, that mankind can escape the current crisis, and build a human future.

The Big Lie is the one that addresses the axioms behind the opinion, axioms about what is the nature of man and of truth. For the Western media, controlled as it is primarily by the Anglo-American establishment, those axioms define mankind as a mere talking animal, who reacts to his immediate experience, and can be controlled by manipulation of his pleasures and pains. Thus the sensational media stories, the touchy-feely interviews, and the blatant appeals to prejudice—all to ensure that the media-consumer never gets to the truth.

To the average person in the trans-Atlantic region today, those axioms mesh all too well with

their experience over the last 50 years, when, in the wake of the British-run assassination of President Kennedy, world control shifted to the British imperial paradigm of monetarism, geopolitics, and dehumanization. This experience is "real," all right, but it was not inevitable. In fact, it is what must be *overturned* by a shift in the axioms of thought, to those coherent with man's real identity as a creative, thinking being.

It has been the unique mission of the LaRouche movement to campaign for precisely this shift in thinking, and it is that mission which defines the purpose of this magazine as well. We demand that you look at the world from the standpoint of human beings who can *make* a future, through discoveries of principle, and in cooperation with their fellow human beings, with whom they share common aims for mankind.

You wil find this approach writ large in the Schiller Institute conference proceedings we cover in this issue. This approach also underlies Lyndon LaRouche's insistence on the importance of the methods of Johannes Kepler and Vladimir Vernadsky, two of the greatest scientists who ever lived. Their discoveries derive from their understanding that mankind is *not* an animal, but a creative being with the capability to discover the higher truths, principles, in an ever more perfect, but never perfected, way.

As LaRouche put it recently, "Vernadsky actually demonstrated in a *living way*, the fact that mankind is not an animal, because mankind's role in the universe is voluntary."

Take that to heart. Mankind is *not* an animal, and we can prove it by our actions: defeating the British Empire, and building a new, just economic order now.

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