The Fall of Wikipedia and the Rise of AI

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Before we get to the main topic, I want to thank everyone who donated in the recent fund drive. It was another success and will keep me in spaghetti and cat food for a few more months, as well as keeping the advertisers out of our hair here. We can continue to exist in blissful peace, with only art, science, and real history to inform us.

I also want to comment briefly on the alleged Louvre theft 11 days ago. Many readers are asking me about it, since they can see it doesn't add up. It screams fake from every line. Yes, and that is because it is fake. The most obvious clue is the hydraulic ladder supposedly left up by a construction crew, in the perfect place to allow criminals to enter through a high window. But that is actually a double clue, due to the word *construction*. This construction was the beginning of big and expensive security updates, most of which are still in the future and yet to be fully budgeted. Some were complaining the Louvre didn't need to spend many more millions of taxpayer dollars on security, since they have had state of the art security for decades, already spending more than they need to. Enter this fake event, which conveniently seems to prove otherwise. They want you to believe any bozo that can climb a ladder can steal the crown jewels in just a few minutes, getting away scot-free, so millions need to be spent on upgrades. So the timing of this tells us it is fake without further study. This is what we always see, with fake events quickly spawning big expensive security updates.

Not many people know that was the primary goal of the <u>January 6 event in DC</u>, with the rest just being political frosting. That staged event led to a HUGE increase in security for the Capitol building, with its budget now being about that of a large city like Atlanta. All from your taxes, of course, and completely unnecessary. Just another boondoggle, enriching the usual suspects . . . think Cheneys, Pelosis, etc. They are the ones that brought you all the airport security theater as well, and the huge unnecessary budgets for that, just so you don't forget. They used the huge 911 staged event to sell you that, remember.

But back to Paris. Will they find these crown jewels of Napoleon, or whatever they were? Probably not, since this looks like insurance fraud as well. Somebody probably figured out those jewels were fakes, either being paste or being later creations; or they may have been fakes from the beginning, part of the whole Napoleon theater, which was fake from the foundations. Possibly these crowns and jewels were just part of the costume theater of the time, as we saw with the Nazi uniforms later—which didn't match, weren't consistent, and made no military or other sense. So they were included in this current security theater to get rid of them with some plausible explanation, while ripping off some clueless insurers. The usual: we have seen it many times, see the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum fake heist, which was a similar event.

OK, now onto an article today from Infowars, republishing Jeffrey Tucker's latest opinion piece from the Brownstone Institute entitled "The Rise and Fall of Wikipedia". He reminds you that Wikipedia, after promising to counter institutional control of the media with grassroots involvement, quickly

became a front for the government, academia, CIA, and the big NGOs, being as bad or worse than what it had replaced. But although that is true, it isn't why Jeffrey is on the page today, as we find out in his conclusion. He isn't here to bury Wikipedia, but to praise AI.

Fortunately, the wheels of technology have kept turning. Artificial intelligence dropped in the late Covid period and at least one company, xAI, has devoted itself to providing the best tools to keep the dream of democratized information alive. Grokipedia, even in its first iteration, is already leagues above Wikipedia in balance and range of information sources. As it turns out, machines do a better job than anonymous oligarchs at getting us close to the truth.

Welcome to the post-Wikipedia age. It was fun while it lasted. All hail its deprecation and replacement with something much better.

Really, Jeffrey? Machines do a better job than anonymous oligarchs at getting us close to the truth? How could anyone say that with a straight face, or expect any audience of adults to buy it? But aren't these machines programmed by . . . anonymous oligarchs or their flunkies? anonymous by definition? Wouldn't replacing anonymous human editors with machines just bury accountability and responsibility even deeper, and further hide sources? One of the biggest problems with Wiki was that trackers had been put on edits, showing they had come from CIA or the Pentagon, among other nefarious places. But moving from Wiki to AI will spoil those trackers, unless they find a way to track who is programming specific bots and where they work. AI is actually the perfect way to anonymize everything, hiding all human activity, and therefore shielding it. Turning Jeffrey's "argument" upside down. I say "argument", because Jeffrey suddenly forgets to make any argument once he moves from Wiki to AI, doesn't he? What he says here about AI is no longer an argument, it is just a raw statement, with nothing to back it up. It comes out of nowhere and doesn't even make any basic sense, as I just reminded you. It doesn't even jive with his opinions about Wikipedia, which were justly skeptical of the mainstream and its storylines. But in his conclusion he suddenly becomes a girlish cheerleader for AI, all skepticism going out the window. Why? I don't know, but just by looking at the clues in this article alone, I would guess he is invested in xAI, or has been hired by them.

This should remind you to ask, "Why is Alex Jones republishing this promotion of AI and Grokipedia?" Alex sells himself as a protector of the little guy, but AI is obviously just another face of the deep state he claims to be against. AI promises to be the worst thing that ever happened to the little guy, throwing millions more into poverty and on to the streets by taking their jobs. Far worse than any brown people coming over the borders in that regard. It also promises to drink all their electricity, driving prices way up. It promises to propagandize them like never before, with no way to counter that propaganda. It promises to accelerate their fall into a 1984-style dystopia, but one even darker since it will be the machines strapping you into rat cages, and robot rats eating your eyeballs instead of real rats. So again, tell me why Alex is selling this. AI will not be better than Wiki, it will be a thousand times worse. And in some ways already is. See A<u>I's attacks on me</u>, which started out big and are already accelerating.