

## **“Mind Wars” – A Comprehensive Study of Mind Control and Surveillance**

A review by Ron Patton

**“Mind Wars: A History of Mind Control, Surveillance, and Social Engineering by the Government, Media, and Secret Societies”** by Marie D. Jones and Larry Flaxman, is a comprehensive and chronological study into the often morbid reality of mind control. Also referred to as behavior modification and brainwashing, the authors closely examined and elaborated on the techniques and methodologies used on individuals and the masses, for the purpose of surreptitiously altering their perceptions, behaviors and actions. From the ancient Egyptians who used slaves to build their vast civilization, to the middle ages with the Inquisition, Crusades and burgeoning secret societies, to the Nazi human experiments and infamous post World War 2 behavior modification program: MKULTRA, and, to the current day use and abuse of electronic weapons, this amazing book covers a wide spectrum of mind control themes in a systematic manner.

The authors did an excellent job of covering a vast amount of information, in a relatively concise and understandable way, especially for the reader with little background into the subject matter. For those more knowledgeable about mind control, they'll find new material about the use of sophisticated electronic technology and it's impact on the brain and body through directed energy weapons. Not only did the authors discuss the malevolent reality of mind control, but also possible ways to offset or mitigate the devastating affects. Moreover, they included a chapter about benevolent mind control for self-empowerment, which is often absent from discussions about this subject matter and provides a nice balance.

I found the introduction of the book to sufficiently lay the foundation of the chapters. Additionally, the preface helped to explain why certain topics had to be briefly discussed; as to not reiterate what has already been written about. The other important aspect was the vastness of the subject matter - the authors had to carefully pick and choose material, relevant to the topics; otherwise, they'd have to write several more books to include the voluminous amount of information. Of course, word count has to be restricted by the publishers, but the authors succeeded at providing a great book that is pretty comprehensive and sets the foundation for further study by anyone who is interested.

Also impressive was the extensive bibliography - books, declassified documents, essays, journals and articles coming from highly credible sources. Again, this allows readers the opportunity to further their own education and research beyond the scope of one book, and is most appreciated.

Chapters include an array of topics, from the basics of how we control other's thoughts, ideas and beliefs to the methods by which we are all being constantly

watched, whether by our own government or corporations eager to keep their finger on the pulse of consumer behavior. From the inner domains of control to the outer, the book takes us into the worlds of government-backed experimentation, cults, ancient torture, modern psychology, social programming and media manipulation, the new era of social networking, electronic harassment of individuals, spy satellites and drones, and even cell phone and cyber spying, and so much more. There is also a chronological order to the book that takes us from the past to the future and all of the frightening possibilities we may be facing in terms of assaults to our minds and our privacy.

I congratulate Marie and Larry for yet another excellent literary masterpiece. As with their prior books, they write objectively as possible by looking at all possible angles while backing up their work with rock-solid references. With painstaking precision and journalistic integrity, they were able to incorporate the myriad of mind control topics into a book like no other. *Mind Wars* is a must read for those with a cerebral penchant in understanding the riveting realm of mind control, and, it's ramifications upon all aspects of society.

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