"Even after the pandemic faded, this more authoritarian control and oversight of citizens and their activities stuck and even intensified" A May 2010 scenario planning report produced by The Rockefeller Foundation and the Global Business Network envisions the likely creation of a technological police state in response to a deadly worldwide pandemic.

Lock Step: Think tank predicts possible outcome to deadly virus outbreak
The document, entitled *Scenarios for the Future of Technology and International Development*, attempts to wargame different government responses to several potential disasters, while painting the solution as global governance. Page 18 of the document breaks down a fabricated scenario in which the United States refuses to protect its borders and restrict air travel following the outbreak of a new deadly virus.

“In 2012, the pandemic that the world had been anticipating for years finally hit. Unlike 2009’s H1N1, this new influenza strain—originating from wild geese—was extremely virulent and deadly,” the scenario states. “Even the most pandemic-prepared nations were quickly overwhelmed when the virus streaked around the world, infecting nearly 20 percent of the global population and killing 8 million in just seven months, the majority of them healthy young adults.”

Drawing eerily similar circumstances with the current Ebola outbreak, the scenario goes on to detail a botched response by the United States government as large populations throughout Africa are decimated.

“The pandemic blanketed the planet—though disproportionate numbers died in Africa, Southeast Asia, and Central America, where the virus spread like wildfire in the absence of official containment protocols. But even in developed countries, containment was a challenge,” the document reads. “The United States’s initial policy of ‘strongly discouraging’ citizens from flying proved deadly in its leniency, accelerating the spread of the virus not just within the U.S. but across borders.”

Interestingly, the scenario’s author uses the Chinese Communist government as the entity which exhibits the best response, specifically mentioning mandatory quarantines and border protection.

However, a few countries did fare better—China in particular. The Chinese government’s quick imposition and enforcement of mandatory quarantine for all citizens, as well as its instant and near-hermetic sealing off of all borders, saved millions of lives, stopping the spread of the virus far earlier than in other countries and enabling a swifter post-pandemic recovery.

China’s government was not the only one that took extreme measures to protect its citizens from risk and exposure. During the pandemic, national leaders around the world flexed their authority and imposed airtight rules and restrictions, from the mandatory wearing of face masks to body-temperature checks at the entries to communal spaces like train stations and supermarkets.

Necessary and questionable tactics used to stem the tide of the virus remain long after the pandemic, allowing governments to impose “authoritarian” controls under the guise of protecting the public.

“Even after the pandemic faded, this more authoritarian control and oversight of citizens and their
activities stuck and even intensified. In order to protect themselves from the spread of increasingly global problems—from pandemics and transnational terrorism to environmental crises and rising poverty—leaders around the world took a firmer grip on power.”

“At first, the notion of a more controlled world gained wide acceptance and approval. Citizens willingly gave up some of their sovereignty—and their privacy—to more paternalistic states in exchange for greater safety and stability. Citizens were more tolerant, and even eager, for top-down direction and oversight, and national leaders had more latitude to impose order in the ways they saw fit.”

The pandemic was also used to implement long-sought technologies, most notably biometric IDs for citizens.

In developed countries, this heightened oversight took many forms: biometric IDs for all citizens, for example, and tighter regulation of key industries whose stability was deemed vital to national interests. In many developed countries, enforced cooperation with a suite of new regulations and agreements slowly but steadily restored both order and, importantly, economic growth.

Across the developing world, however, the story was different—and much more variable. Top-down authority took different forms in different countries, hinging largely on the capacity, caliber, and intentions of their leaders. In countries with strong and thoughtful leaders, citizens’ overall economic status and quality of life increased. In India, for example, air quality drastically improved after 2016, when the government outlawed high-emitting vehicles.

While fictional, the attempt to predict and plan for major disasters by think tanks and governments alike could very well provide insight into decisions being made currently. Although certain medical protocols are needed, the likelihood for subtle power grabs are dangerous and present.

In regards to the current Ebola crisis, an executive order update by President Obama has caused concern among civil liberties advocates, especially given the President’s otherwise lackluster response.

The executive order, known as the Revised List of Quarantinable Communicable Diseases, allows President Obama to apprehend and detain any American who simply shows signs of any “respiratory illness.”

The dictate becomes even more troublesome in light of the recent admission by Missouri doctor James Lawrenzi, who exclusively told the Alex Jones Show last week that potential-Ebola patients are being “disappeared” from hospitals without notice.

“These patients are disappearing, they’re doing something with the patients and God knows where they’re going,” said the doctor.

Whether the Obama administration’s dismal response is pure ignorance or an attempt to get the public to demand authoritarian control remains to be seen.

Scenarios for the Future of Technology and International Development (Rockefeller Foundation and Global Business Network)

Top Official Contradicts Obama; You Can Catch Ebola From Bus Sweat VIDEO BELOW
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President Barack Obama has strong-armed New York’s Democratic governor and New Jersey’s Republican governor to weaken quarantines on the movement of people who have recently been in Ebola-stricken countries.

“We have let the governors of New York, New Jersey, and other states know that we have concerns with the unintended consequences of policies not grounded in science may have on efforts to combat Ebola at its sources in West Africa,” said a Sunday afternoon White House statement to reporters.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo buckled Sunday afternoon, and announced that travelers could serve their quarantine time at home. New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, retreated late Sunday night, and approved home quarantines. In both states, the home quarantines will be monitored by state health officials.

Obama’s pressure began Friday once Cuomo and Christie jointly revived the practice of isolating and quarantining travelers who may be carrying a communicable disease. The practice was immediately applied to a nurse who had just returned from the Ebola-stricken area, and she was confined to a sealed room in a hospital.

The 21-day quarantine is long enough to reassure medical officials that the person is not infected.

The two governors moved to protect their state residents after a New York doctor was diagnosed with the lethal Ebola disease. The doctor had been out on the town in New York — taking the subway, going bowling — shortly before he was diagnosed.

The Democratic governors of Illinois and Florida later announced similar curbs.

Christie defended his retreat, by saying that he had intended to allow people to serve their quarantine at home.
“As I said on Friday, we & the @NJDeptofhealth will make those judgements were need be, what the most appropriate location for that is,” he said in a 10:55 p.m. tweet.

“New Jersey is not changing its quarantine protocol. The protocol is clear that a New Jersey resident with no symptoms … but who has come into contact with someone w/ Ebola, such as a health care provider, would be subject to a mandatory quarantine order … and a quarantined at home,” he tweeted. That’s different from his Friday statement, which emphasized the enforced isolation of possible disease-carriers in hospitals.

“Each State Department of Health at JFK and Newark Liberty International Airports will, as permitted under applicable law, make its own determination as to hospitalization, quarantine, and other public health interventions for up to 21 days [and] there will also be a mandatory quarantine for any individual who had direct contact with an individual infected with the Ebola virus while in one of the three West African nations,” he said in a Friday statement.

Obama is taking a political risk by easing Ebola-related travel only one week before the midterm election.

Roughly two-thirds of Americans, and a growing share of GOP and Democratic legislators, favor travel curbs.

On Sunday Oct. 26, Obama increased his campaign against the quarantines, which were first enforced on a nurse who had just returned from aiding Ebola patients in West Africa.

Obama met with his health aides, and then released a White House statement designed to pressure the governors.

“The President underscored that the steps we take must be guided by the best medical science, as informed by our most knowledgeable public health experts,” said the statement.

In his Sunday statement, Obama “emphasized that these [anti-Ebola] measures must recognize that healthcare workers are an indispensable element of our effort to lead the international community to contain and ultimately end this outbreak at its source [in Africa], and should be crafted so as not to unnecessarily discourage those workers from serving,” the statement said.

Obama also “directed his team to formulate policies based on these principles.”
Officials have not announced the new rules, which may trump state authority to protect their own residents from epidemics.

**NJ Governor Christie Folds, Un-Quarantines “Symptom-Free” Nurse After 24 Hours**

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*Christie got a tap on the shoulder*
In a sudden reversal, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said Monday that the state will release the quarantined American nurse who had been confined in a hospital isolation tent upon arrival from West Africa despite showing no signs of Ebola.

As USA Today reports, Kaci Hickox, 33, was the first person pulled aside at Newark Liberty International Airport on Friday under Christie’s new strict mandatory quarantine-for-21-days rules. It appears, as Reuters reports, Christie got a tap on the shoulder as The White House has told states that have imposed mandatory quarantines for some travelers from Ebola-hit West Africa that the policy could impede the fight against the disease. Additionally, in true litigious American style, Hickox plans to sue.

*Christie makes a strong statement last night...*
The quarantined nurse is infuriated…

In a telephone interview with CNN, Hickox, a native Texan who now lives in Maine, said her confinement at University Hospital in Newark was “inhumane” and akin to being in prison. She said she has no symptoms and tested negative for Ebola.

“This is an extreme that is really unacceptable, and I feel like my basic human rights have been violated,” Hickox who said on CNN’s State of the Union.

Christie Folds….

24 hours after making the following statement: “I don’t think when you’re dealing with something as serious as this you can count on a voluntary system.” This is the government’s job.”

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said Monday that the state will release the quarantined American nurse who had been confined in a hospital isolation tent upon arrival from West Africa despite showing no signs of Ebola.

As USA Today reports, Christie writes that Hickox “has thankfully been symptom free for the last 24 hrs. After being evaluated by CDC & her clinicians the patient is being discharged.”

The move came only hours after Christie defended his state’s strict new regulations for medical aids returning from Ebola-stricken West Africa.

Under White House pressure?

The White House has told states that have imposed mandatory quarantines for some travelers from Ebola-hit West Africa that the policy could impede the fight against the disease.

The White House voiced its concern to the governors of New York and New Jersey about the potential impact of quarantine orders, a senior administration official said on Sunday.

“We have let the governors of New York, New Jersey, and other states know that we have concerns with the unintended consequences of policies not grounded in science may have on efforts to combat Ebola at its source in West Africa,” the Obama administration official said in a statement.
Hickox will sue…

Kaci Hickox, a nurse placed in 21-day quarantine in a New Jersey hospital after returning from treating Ebola patients in Sierra Leone, will contest her quarantine in court, her attorney said on Sunday, arguing the order violates her constitutional rights.

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We are sure they have it all under control - they have been preparing for months… and Ebola is so hard to catch.

The White House is working on new guidelines for such health care workers, according to a senior administration official.

The new guidelines are expected to be unveiled in the coming days, the official said. The official added that the administration is consulting with the states as they develop the new rules.

President Obama met Sunday with his Ebola response team, including “Ebola czar” Ron Klain and other public health and national security officials. According to the White House, the president said any measures concerning returning health care workers “should be crafted so as not to unnecessarily discourage those workers from serving.”

Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and United Nations Ambassador Samantha Power said quarantines may discourage health workers from traveling to West Africa to help block the disease at its source.

“If you put everyone in one basket, even people who are clearly no threat, then we have the problem of the disincentive of people that we need,” Fauci said on ABC’s This Week. “Let’s not forget the best way to stop this epidemic and protect America is to stop it in Africa, and you can really help stopping it in Africa if we have our people, our heroes, the health care workers, go there and help us to protect America.”

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