

## Abstract

### Architecture and Infrastructure of the Great Reset

#### Volume 1

#### The Research Methodology and Approaches to the Great Reset

One of the initial assumptions accepted by the author of the present book is the belief that from the beginning of the 18<sup>th</sup> century the continuous process of social-cultural and political-economic reorganization, restructuring, and redefinition, which Karl Polanyi called “the Great Transformation,” has been taking place. On the eve of the third decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, the term “Great Reset” has gained popularity, mainly due to the well-known books by Klaus Schwab, founder and long-standing chairman of the World Economic Forum. The image that emerges from his books is that of big-scale, fast, and deep changes occurring in recent years. There are strong reasons to believe that the process of creating new global government structures and providing global mechanisms to manage the world affairs is entering a critical phase, while the scale of the transformation justifies the claim that they bring about a civilization-changing effect in the technological, economic, and ideological spheres of the world order.

According to the author, the Great Reset, with its specific genealogy, pertains to the Enlightenment tradition of breaking with the past and aims at creating the social reality as if from the beginning. The Great Reset is the final stage of the process leading to a utopia which proves to be not a better world but, instead, the devastation of the world and of human consciousness, including questioning of the very foundations of reality. In philosophy, the process took the form of the development of the currents of thought which challenge the foundations of the civilizational order (e.g., the critical theory propounded by the Frankfurt School) and of the understanding of an individual (critical theories of the person, e.g., advanced by collaborators of the Tavistock Institute).

The present monograph, the first in a series devoted to the Great Reset, aims to introduce the reader to the problems that emerge as a result of the new rules established to govern the world. The first volume in the series contains a comprehensive presentation of the methodology applied in the study of the civilization components transformed by the Great Reset, while the whole series addresses the most topical and most significant dilemmas of the present time.

The book is published as part of the research project *Architecture and Infrastructure of the Great Reset: A Study of the Transformation towards the Information Civilization* financed by the Polish Ministry Science and Higher Education. The aim of the project, reflected in the series of publications in question, is, among others, to describe the structure and explain the function of the currently emerging global power and administration. Because of the complexity, changeability, and secrecy of global entities and processes, it is necessary to conduct a multi-area study by juxtaposing and comparing data obtained in different fields and drawing conclusions about their connections and interrelations. The main research problem is thus to determine the extents to which the

Great Reset (including its causes and effects) results from, on the one hand, a top-down, monocentric, multi-level, and elitist planning, and, on the other hand, from a grass-root involvement of the masses.

There is an essential difference between expert evaluations of the Great Reset (the present publication purports to be such an evaluation) and manifestoes for the Great Reset. Publications of the former type are guided by the need for knowledge and aim at discovering the *status quo*, manifesto-type texts cater mainly to propaganda needs and are used to persuade the public to accept the transformation. For obvious reasons, official documents are phrased in a characteristic placatory and reassuring language. The manifestoes in question contain numerous references to the good of humanity, world peace, struggle with poverty, sustainable development, emancipation, welfare, equal rights, fraternity, and tolerance. The Great Reset is described as the transformation whose aim is, at the economic level, to make capital generally available, to ensure, at the ideological level, equal access to the benefits of civilization, and to increase the pace of the implementation of the technological progress achievements. The knowledge of the concurrent economic, ideological, and technological dependence, subjugation, and restriction on a global and total scale is less widespread.

A specific style of manifestoes, plans, and policies and the circumstances in which such documents are published make it easier to adopt undercover and unexpected detailed solutions which, in fact, sanction the new system, dubbed “the new order,” of government, property protection, and exercising freedoms. Such a context suggests that such a new order can be imposed in the easiest and fastest way amid most horrible and painful events, such as wars and revolutions, when a change of fortune is universally desired, and plans and projects for reform are expected and thus well received.

The aim of the presented research is to reach behind the façade of official information and documents to reveal the actual course of events, the means used to cause them, and the effects of the Great Reset, i.e., to verify the claim, made by numerous commentators, that the accelerated transformation of the global system of administration and distribution of goods produces negative effects for the majority of the world population, while bringing undeserved and disproportionate benefits to the minority. The issues addressed in this book are seldom investigated in depth, as such research is opposed by the state-controlled or corporation-dependent institutionalized science. To date, the theme of the Great Reset has not been scrutinized so thoroughly, as neither Polish nor international literature offers comprehensive and in-depth analyses of the process.

Global threats, crises and breakdowns, tragedies and disasters, both real and counterfeit, natural and produced by humans, accidental and created intentionally, make the world consolidate and implement new regulation, control, and coordination mechanisms. Such mechanisms gain social and political backing, find technological and economic support, and are given ideological and religious justifications. Fears fueled by threats publicized in the official media hinder the debate on the imposed remedies, which are, in fact, new means of control and coordination on a global scale.

In consequence, contemporary armed conflicts, epidemics, and terrorist acts produce an additional effect of creating an opportunity and provide camouflage to world-scale actions performed behind the scenes of official relationships and declared positions. Such actions consist in regrouping the forces, redirecting the flows, and consolidating the alliances, while being, at the same time, ready to reverse, block or modify them. Spectacular scenes of war, epidemics, and terrorist attacks effectively distract the attention of public opinion from the actual restructuring of the world done in the background.

The present research project also aims to verify the claim that has already been made plausible by the official documents on the Great Reset. The heralded transformation is supposed to follow the formula: from an intentional destabilization in almost every sphere of life towards a future stabilization based on new principles. From the methodological perspective, the author's starting point is the reality of the human being (person), moral subject, able to make fundamental choices leading to good or evil. The assumption that the human being is both the subject of civilization and the object of civilizing makes it possible to position correctly all the components of the civilization that undergoes an unending and accelerating transformation.

To describe the research into the Great Reset, it is necessary to characterize the subject-matter of the study (its scope), the aim of the investigation (the aspect from which the subject-matter is approached), as well as its character (verification methods), and to justify undertaking the research.

The book consists of three chapters. The first chapter provides a detailed characteristic of the study object, the second one discusses the most important research problems, while the third is devoted to the approaches adopted in the project.

Following such a structure, the reader obtains first the information on the methodology applied to clearly identify the subject-matter of the study on the Great Reset, which is both a complex media phenomenon and an already on-going actual project. On the one hand, the Great Reset has been created in the mass media over the past few years, on the other hand, it is part of the global changes that has been taking place for decades or centuries. The Great Reset has a multilevel and multifaceted architecture and a digital and network infrastructure. From the outside, it is manifested in violent transformations in almost all spheres of social life, while from the inside, it is based on stimulated flows of information, innovation, and finance. The evident social, political, economic, and cultural changes are connected to the less apparent ideological, capital-related, and technological interactions. The enormous scope and depth of the revolutionary changes point to their top-down inspiration, artificial coordination, and methodical implementation. Such a belief is justified by the fact that too many changes go too quickly in the same, not accidental and unnatural, direction: towards the global government and world administration, imposed at the cost of and against the expectations of local communities, deprived of their identity and autonomy, and weakening due to the decline of solidarity. The claim that the global phenomena and processes lead to establishing and sanctioning the global power structures and the global administration mechanisms is confirmed by various kinds of proofs. Facts that reveal the essence of the Great Reset include factors leading to direct or indirect limiting or blocking development, well-being, prosperity, stability, independence, and safety in various areas, while documents that testify to the role of the Great Reset are the world agendas, government strategies, non-governmental reports, ideological declarations, press releases, ethical codes, and monographs, as well as legal regulations: domestic, EU, and international. The reality of the Great Reset, in the form of the new world order, is reflected in crises, coups, wars, and pandemics, while the media image of the Great Reset manifests itself through fears, anxiety, illusions, and addictions, all of which are managed by the coordinated, especially financial milieus.

The second chapter discusses the research problems and the key concepts used in the study, i.e., the architecture and infrastructure of the new world order, the civilization-scale Great Reset, globalization, global power and administration, in-

formation-technological determination, components of the civilization undergoing transformation, and global information civilization. The broad scope of the concepts corresponds to their importance, as the author considers the issues addressed in the project as the most topical and significant problems of the present day which are due to affect the future of humanity. The combination of symbolic, economic, and technological factors suggests a justified fear that we are witnesses to the emergence of the most totalitarian mechanisms and centres of control of human behaviour, choices, feelings, and beliefs that have ever been known in history. This has been made possible by the new type of regulation and the unprecedented depth of its penetration into human relationships, as well as the great range of coordination involving sense perceptions and mental projections of individuals unable to anticipate what is coming.

The third chapter presents the different approaches to the Great Reset which lead to different conclusions and evaluations. Consciously or unconsciously accepted initial beliefs, preferences, and cognitive intentions affect the determination of the subject-matter, aim, and methods of the study. Two fundamental approaches to the Great Reset can be distinguished: positivist-scientistic (vertical, analysis-oriented) and classical-philosophical (horizontal, synthesis-oriented). The consequence of the positivist convention in science is the prevailing technological approach to civilization and its global components. In view of the civilizational importance and global range of the studied phenomena and processes, the classical convention, as the foundation of an ethical approach, has been adopted in the study. Accordingly, being civilized is understood not as a quantitative increase in technical skills, but as a qualitative increase in the moral value of human actions.

Addressing ethical issues and adopting an ethical perspective in science is presently unpopular as it demands ethical self-definition. The ethical approach assumes that science is not, and should not be, free from making value judgements; values are also part of the reality the scientist is called to describe and explain. Also, such an approach undermines the dominating scientific convention in which mathematical and natural sciences are considered the only sources of valid knowledge. In addition, the ethical approach reveals disastrous consequences of giving consent to manipulation and dehumanization. Although axiological accents may perplex or alarm, they are methodically considered, or even preferred, throughout the book. It is impossible to be indifferent to values as an axiological interest translates into positive or negative commitment and a value system is reflected in the system of religious, moral, social, and legal obligations that constitute the individual character of a civilization.

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