

Dear past-me,

I just arrived in the year 2030 and my worst fears have become reality. The world has changed. Despite the many obvious flaws in the methodology that was used to assess the severity of the threat, the authorities and the media managed to uphold the questionable narrative that the corona virus posed a serious enough threat to the world to bring the economy to a halt and overstep the boundaries of civil liberty. In the months following the outbreak, we took actions that led to the biggest recession since the great depression. After millions of people lost their jobs as an immediate consequence of the global lockdown itself, several times as many lost their jobs due to the collapsing economy over the following months and years. Today we see more dependence on government aid in the first and third world alike, which allowed governments worldwide to grow in size and power. All across the world, opportunistic leaders and elites used the corona crisis as an excuse to extend their powers. In the last few years they have been increasingly pushing for the establishment of a worldwide citizen monitoring system. People are registered in a global database and "marked" with a tiny chip containing information on vaccination status, which is able to track interactions between people to follow potential spreading patterns of pathogens. At this stage the program is still voluntary, but governments are starting to incrementally increase the incentives for getting chipped. I believe it will slowly become mandatory, simply due to essential services being unavailable to people who don't follow the program. There have also been changes to the social structure. People seem to be more distant today than they used to be, as if part of them became habituated to the prolonged isolation. If I could give you any advise, fight the narrative. Talk to people about stuff like true vs confirmed infections, the dramatically inflated death rate, and immunizations after infection. Maybe you can convince enough that the government is greater long-time threat than this virus is made out to be.