

These are my notes for Matias Desmet's Mass Formation. Never formed into a proper review.

Four pre-conditions for mass formation

1. Many socially isolated people
2. Lack of "sense making" Life is meaningless. Bullshit jobs.
3. Lots of free floating anxiety – looking for an object on which to focus the anxiety
4. Free-floating psychological discontent. Frustration and aggression.

That's the tinder. What's the spark?

The media provides both

- a focus for the anxiety – a narrative explaining it and
- a strategy to deal with it

Grappling with the Object of Anxiety forms bonds in the battle against it. It gives people a purpose, it now makes sense.

Some historical examples of mass formation:

The Salem witch hunts

The French Jacobins

The Bolsheviks

The Nazis

Mass formation in our times:

Global warming

Antiracism

Why the discussion now?

Matias has been studying this since February 2020. As a statistician didn't make sense. May 2020. But nobody cared. Things were obviously screwy, but nobody wanted to change. Political leaders did not change course and did not consider psychological damage. He knew that there was something else at play besides science and medicine. Psychological factors. Never balanced costs of measures taken vs. losses.

May 2020 – switch to psychological point of view.

August 2020 – realized mass formation

Had been lecturing on it for four years

12:31 in movie. Ripe conditions

25% do not have a close friend. Psych Review

60% have no friend in US – Desmet

No church, no social organization, no Rotary, no scouts etc.

75% of millennials are lonely. social media paradox.

WHO 20% have anxiety disorder.

Huge number of antidepressants.

50% find jobs meaningless. 65% sleepwalking through job.

Free-floating anger and aggression

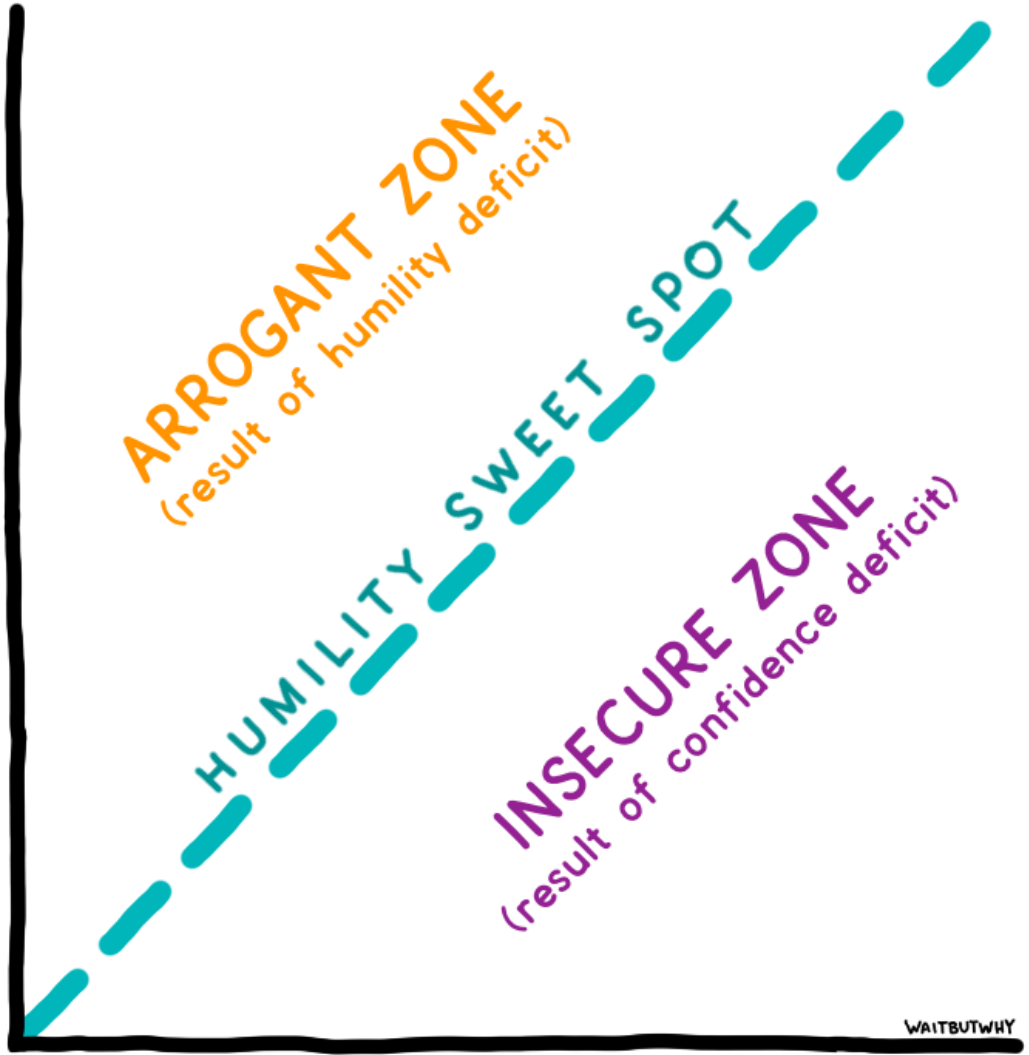
Covid makes no sense - slide of flip-flops

Covid has made people crazy - and mad at each other

Covid makes intelligent people intolerant. Graphic from Cory Zue.

My own history with antidepressants. Same story.

CONVICTION



WAITBUTWHY

KNOWLEDGE



A year ago

Now

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4 conditions need to be present to create Mass-Formation

1) There needs to a lot of socially isolated people or people who experience a lack of social bond 2) People who experience a lack of 'sense making'. Unable to come to sensible conclusions. 3) There is a lot of Free-Floating Anxiety (FFA). Free-Floating because there's nothing to connect their anxiety to. No focal point. Unable to identify what's causing and so no way to deal with it. 4) There's also a lot of Free-Floating Psychological-Discontent. People may experience their daily lives as lacking any purpose or meaning

Free-Floating Anxiety is the most painful psychological phenomena to experience and leads to panic attacks. In this state of unfocused anxiety the mind tries to connect it's anxiety to something, an "Object of Anxiety". The next piece of the puzzle is a strategy to deal with this Object of Anxiety.

So when these pre-conditions are highly present within a population and then the media provide a narrative which indicates a focal-point for this anxiety while at the same time describing a strategy to deal with this object of anxiety then all the anxiety connects to this object of anxiety.

If a large segment of people are willing to follow this strategy to deal with this object of anxiety no matter the cost, then in a second step people start a collective & heroic battle with this Object of Anxiety and in that way a new kind of social bond emerges & with that a new kind of "sense making" or purpose. Suddenly life is all directed towards battling this Object of Anxiety. This creates new sense of connectedness with others in the Mass-Formation.

This sudden and radical switch from the negative state of lack of social-connection to the opposite, a massive increase in social connection leads up to a mental intoxication.

Similar to hypnosis people in this hyper-focused state are narrowly focused. In hypnosis only the hypnotized are focused in this way. The hypnosis expert is not narrowly focused. In Mass-Formation leaders emerge which are even more narrowly focused than the followers.

When people experience this mental intoxication it no longer matters if the narrative is wrong or even blatantly false. What matters is that it leads up to this mental intoxication. This is why they will continue to go along with the narrative.

The resistance to understanding the narrative is false or wrong is driven by the fear of returning to the state of Free-Floating Anxiety and wanting to continue to experience the mental intoxication.

This explains why arguing based on facts will not work. Facts no longer matter to them. Given the facts, they are be unable to come to sensible conclusions, even in their own best interests.

Mass-Formation is also similar to mass-hypnosis in terms of people's willingness to put up with things normally intolerable.

Standard hypnosis is used in place of anesthesia during minor surgeries and the subjects experience no pain as they are being cut into. In Mass-Formation people do not get egotistical at all, rather to the contrary, Mass-Formation focuses the attention so much on one point that you can take everything away from people, their physical well-being, their material well-being and they won't even notice its absence.

In Mass-Formations people become radically intolerant of dissident voices. This person threatens to wake the people up and they get angry when confronted by the initial anxiety and discontent they experience by challenges to the official doctrine.

The crowd direct all their aggression at dissident voices.

At the same time they are radically tolerant of their leaders who pronounce the mainstream narrative. These people can lie and cheat and do everything they want and will always be forgiven by the crowd. All the lying, dishonesty and misbehavior is seen by the crowd as doing it for their own safety.

So knowing the nature of the control mechanisms Mass-Formation exerts what to do to wake them up?

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